

2024

Picturesque harbour towns on the IJsselmeer Dunes and North Sea beaches

North of Holland by Bike and Boat from/to Enkhuizen


MS SERENA

ORIGINALREISE

- Trip length: 8 Days / 7 Nights
- Departure and arrival day: Saturday
- Length of cycle tours: approx . 205 – 279 km
- Character of cycle tours: individual, unguided
- Difficulty: ●○○○
- Profile: Nearly all cycle tours can be classified as being easy
- Languages on board: German/English
- Travel documents: German/English
- Booking code: NL-NHSNS-08l



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Tour Details

Flat countryside up to the horizon, windmills, canals (Grachten) and cycling, that are the Netherlands. And there is so much more. Discover the Netherlands in a unique way on an 8-days-journey by bike and boat. Well-built cycle paths as well as wide and extensive waterways guarantee an unforgettable holiday. Throughout the day you are cycling on your own through the beautiful landscapes in Rembrandt's and Van Gogh's country and in the late afternoon your swimming hotel MS SERENA will be at your disposal. And if you don't like to cycle every day, you can stay on board and enjoy the passing countryside.

The Province of the Northern Netherlands: The Dutch province of the North Netherlands is situated on a peninsula between the North Sea and the IJsselmeer (IJssel Sea). The Northern Netherlands were founded due to the separation of the north and south of the Netherlands in 1840. Discover the folklore and tradition in the flat Polderland, on the North Sea and in romantic ports. You are travelling through a former lake and marsh region that has been drained by the help of windmills since the 17th century. Experience varying, typically Dutch Polder-countryside, dunes and North Sea beaches, the North Sea island Texel and many picturesque harbour villages on the coast of the IJsselmeer.

(All times are subject to change)

Day	Port	Arrival	Dept
Day 1	Enkhuizen, Embarkation	16:00 h	
Day 2	Enkhuizen		
Day 3	Enkhuizen		06:30
Day 3	Lemmer	09:00	
Day 4	Lemmer		12:00
Day 4	Stavoren	14:30	15:00
Day 4	Texel	20:00	
Day 5	Texel		17:30
Day 5	Den Helder	20:00	
Day 6	Den Helder		09:15
Day 6	St. Maartensvlotbrug	11:30	12:00
Day 6	Alkmaar	15:00	
Day 7	Alkmaar		07:15
Day 7	Wormerveer	09:30	10:00
Day 7	Hoorn	16:30	
Day 8	Hoorn		06:00
Day 8	Enkhuizen	08:00	Disembark.

1st Day: Individual arrival at Enkhuizen

Check-in on board in the afternoon. Perhaps you take a first short walk through the pretty harbor town with its charming old town.

2nd Day: Cycling from Enkhuizen and back, cycle tour: approx. 29 - 36 km

Today you will discover the pretty harbor town on the banks of the IJsselmeer and its beautiful surroundings. The rich history of the city can still be felt during a walk through the old town with its numerous villas, canals, churches, city walls and ports. Tip: You should visit the Zuiderzee museum.

If you would like to make a day trip to Amsterdam: The Enkhuizen train station is within walking distance of the berth. There are train connections to Amsterdam and back every 30 minutes. Journey time approx. 1 h (ticket not incl.)

3rd Day: Shipping from Enkhuizen to Lemmer – Cycling from Lemmer and back, cycle tour: approx. 33 - 41 km

Today you are shipping over the IJsselmeer to Lemmer. You are starting your roundtrip by bike: over the Oosterzee

Buren to the Tjeukemeer, further to Munnekeburen, then around the Rottige Meente over Scherpenzel and Schoterzijk back to Lemmer with its old part of town and beautiful gable houses. Tip: visit of the largest still-functioning steam pumping station in the world, "Woudagemaal".

4th Day: Cycling from Lemmer to Stavoren, Cycle tour: approx. 32 - 41 km – Shipping from Stavoren to Oudeschild (Island of Texel)

You are going by bike to Sondeler Leien Lake, from there through the woods of Rijsterbos passing the Mokkebank (a birds' reservation) to the Roode Klif at Stavoren. From there you are shipping to Oudeschild on the Island of Texel.

5th Day: Island of Texel - Cycle tour from Oudeschild and back, cycle tour: approx. 29 - 49 km, Shipping from Oudeschild to Den Helder

You are going on a round trip by bike on the biggest North Sea Island of the Netherlands – Texel. There are numerous alternative routes (29/32/47/70 km). About 5:00 pm shipping back to Den Helder.

6th Day: Cycling from Den Helder via Sint Maartensvlotbrug to Alkmaar, cycle tour: approx. 27 to 57 km

In the morning you are cycling through the dunes to Alkmaar. It is possible to board MS SERENA in St. Maartensvlotburg already and ship the rest of the way to Alkmaar. As an alternative, you can also start your cycling tour in St. Maartensvlotburg.

7th Day: Shipping from Alkmaar to Wormerveer – Cycling from Wormerveer to Hoorn, cycle tour: approx. 55 km

In the morning you start from Wormerveer to the open-air museum Zaanse Schans (windmills, ancient Dutch village, cheese factory, etc). After your visit you will continue in the direction of Volendam. On the way you have the opportunity to visit a cheese dairy in Katwoude. Here you can see how Gouda cheese and the traditional Dutch wooden shoes are made. Via Volendam, known as a traditional fishing village with typical authentic cottages, you cycle to Hoorn. For a short visit of the historic old town with its many buildings from the 17th century (e.g. the harbour tower as well as the storage houses at the old quai) you should take some time.

8th Day: Shipping from Hoorn to Enkhuizen

Early in the morning shipping to Enkhuizen. Checkout until 9:00 am and we are saying goodbye – have a safe journey.



Travel Dates | Prices | Services

Travel Dates 2024 / From Saturday to Saturday

Season A: 23Mar – 30Mar | 30Mar – 06Apr | 05Oct – 12Oct

Season B: 06Apr – 13Apr | 13Apr – 20Apr | 21Sep – 05Oct | 28Sep – 05Oct

Season C: 20Apr – 27Apr | 27Apr – 04May | 07Sep – 14Sep | 14Sep – 21Sep

Season D: 04 May – 11May | 11May – 18May | 18May – 25May | 25May – 01June | 01June – 08June

08June – 15June | 15June – 22June | 22June – 29June | 29June – 06July | 06July – 13July | 13July – 20July

20July – 27July | 27July – 03Aug | 03 Aug – 10Aug | 10Aug – 17Aug | 17Aug – 24Aug | 24Aug – 31Aug

31Aug – 07Sep

Prices per person in Euro

	Main Deck		Promenade Deck
	2-bed cabin	Juniorsuite	2-bed cabin
Saison A	699.-	749.-	849.-
Saison B	799.-	849.-	949.-
Saison C	899.-	949.-	1.049.-
Saison D	1.049.-	1.099.-	1.199.-

Single cabin (1 x Promenade Deck, 2 x Main Deck) with no extra charge

(Please indicate by the booking "1-Bed without supplement" – otherwise we try to reconfirm a two-bed cabin for single use).

Supplements

2-bed cabin for single use: 50% (limited quantity)

Rental bike fee 7-gear-Unisex: € 89.-

Rental bike fee 8-gear-E-Bike: € 199.-

Bring your own bike / own E-bike: € 29.- (on request only, limited number)

Bikes:

- 7-gear-Unisex-trekking bikes und 8-gear-E-Bikes (brand: Velo de Ville - special SE-Tours edition)
- With hand brake and pedal brake or hand brakes only (subject to availability, please indicate as a non-binding customer request by the booking)
- Pannier bag and rental bike insurance included.
- E-Bikes on a limited number only
- Please indicate your body height by the booking

Travel safe and secure with SE-Tours:

We recommend to wear a bike helmet. Please bring your own bike helmet (no onboard selling).

Services included

- Seven nights in outside cabins with private facilities in the booked cabin category
- Program according to routing from/to Enkhuizen
- All charges for harbours, bridges and locks
- Room cleaning every day, changing of towels and bed cloths as necessary
- Welcome-Drink
- Full board consisting of 7x breakfast, 6x lunch snack on board (non-cyclists) or lunch package for cycle tours, 6x coffee or tea in the afternoon, 7x 3-course-dinner
- Daily meeting for the cycle tours
- Printed instructions and detailed maps for daily individual bike tours (1 per cabin)
- GPS tracks
- Onboard tour guide

Not included

Journey to and from Enkhuizen, shuttles, bike rentals, entrance fees and excursions, city maps, ferry fees, travel insurances, parking fees, tips, drinks on board.

Passenger car parking options in Enkhuizen (subject to change)

Free parking at the train station in Enkhuizen, located directly at the harbour, within walking distance of the berth.

No reservation possible.

Ship's description | Remarks

MS SERENA

Registry Netherlands | Length 90 m | Width 9,90 m | Draft 1,70 m | Number of Crew ca. 10 | Passengers max. 99

A comfortable river boat with restaurant (**traditional food**) and bar (air-conditioned). There is a partly roofed sundeck with seats and store place for the bicycles. On the whole MS SERENA comprises 33 cabins on the Main Deck and 18 cabins on the Promenade Deck with two-bed-cabins (approx. 8-9 sqm) with two single beds. The two Junior-Suites (approx. 12 sqm) on the Main Deck have a grandlit (lying surface 1,40 x 2,00 m). There are in total 3 single cabins (2 on the Main Deck and 1 on the Promenade Deck, 6 sqm). All cabins have windows that can be opened on both decks, shower/WC, colour TV and ventilation.



Important remarks

Embarkation From 4:00 pm |

Disembarkation until 09:00 am.

Minimum number of participants 50 guests (must have been reached within 21 days prior to departure)

To bring your own bike On request only – due to lack of space on sun deck

Excursions We offer a small excursion program, that can be booked directly on board at the cruise director only. You will get a brief description together with your travel documents. Depending on the number of participants some excursions could be carried out in 2 languages (German/ English).

Luggage We recommend: rainwear, bicycle helmet, sunhat and sneakers.

Schedule and program changes Basically, we reserve the right to make changes of routing and program. If there is low or high water and a route cannot be shipped, the captain reserves the right to change the route in view of your safety (this cannot be accepted as a reason for free withdrawal). Same applies to previously unknown administrative orders of lock or bridge repairs.

Travel documents EU-citizens (without special situations like dual citizenship, main residence abroad or a limited-validity passport) are required to have a valid passport or ID-card, not expiring within six (6) months of the return of your cruise. We kindly ask non-EU citizens, EU-nationals with multiple citizenship or anybody who has to respect special legal entry requirements for the country to visit, to inform about visa and entry documents at the competent embassy.

This trip is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility.

We recommend that you take out a **travel health insurance with repatriation coverage as well as baggage, accident and travel cancellation insurances.**

