

Bruges - Amsterdam

8 days, € 880



Introduction



We have devised a wonderful cycling holiday that kicks off in Belgium and leads up through the Netherlands to Amsterdam. Recurring themes include historical architecture, pastoral countryside and water vistas. In eight days you will discover a great many delightful places you otherwise wouldn't have chanced upon.

Starting in Bruges, you will go to the following towns: Damme, Sluis, Vlissingen (Flushing), Middelburg, Zierikzee, Willemstad, Dordrecht, Gouda and Amsterdam. They count among the most picturesque towns in the Netherlands and Flanders and are remarkably well-preserved and evocative of centuries past. The route is predominantly rural and passes through a number of nature reserves. Cycling paths are of high quality. We also offer this tour with Amsterdam as the starting point.

Want to see more of Belgium? Ask about the possibilities for extra cycling days starting in Ghent or Antwerp.

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Day to Day

Day 1 Arrival in Bruges, Belgium

Bruges is known as the pearl of Flanders. It's a truly enchanting town that has been welcoming tourists for about 150 years. With most of its medieval architecture intact, it remains exceptionally well preserved and can really give you a sense of times gone by when it was at the centre of the European wool and cloth trade.

Day 2 Bruges - Vlissingen

60 km

After a hearty breakfast, hit the tracks and pedal to the charming little town of Damme on the banks of the Damse Vaart. Then continue to the border and enter Zeeland, a Dutch province marked by light, wind, water and lots of space. It is mostly made up of islands so bridges and ferries will be taking you across the waters as you drift north east. Picture-book towns with ancient houses and cobbled streets are lined up for the coming days. But first you will pass through Zeelandic Flanders with its winding country roads, pollard willows, wet meadows and scattered villages. At the end of the day, hop on a ferry boat to the maritime town of Vlissingen. After dinner, head for the beach to watch the sun set into the sea.



- Day 3 Vlissingen – Zierikzee/Schuddebeurs 42 km**
 Discover the nostalgic splendour of the city of Middelburg. In the 16th and 17th centuries it was one of the most important centres of trade in the Netherlands. Next up, is the charming village of Veere. From 1541 everything that was exported to Holland from Scotland (mainly wool) came ashore in and was distributed from Veere. This contract brought the town not only prosperity but also a very lively Scottish expat community that stayed for 300 years. Walk in their footsteps as you take a tour of the sights. A wander down the narrow streets of Zierikzee is an absolute delight. Quaint little old houses take you back in time to the town's glory days when ships set sail for the Baltic and Mediterranean to sell salt, wool, fish, grain and red dye.
- Day 4 Zierikzee/Schuddebeurs – Willemstad 50 km**
 Enjoying your last day in Zeeland, traverse a patchwork landscape of vast polders, idyllic countryside, rolling dunes and golden sand flats. Round off the day in Willemstad, a fortified town shaped like a seven-point star.
- Day 5 Willemstad – Papendrecht 65 km**
 The result of a major flood in 1421, Biesbosch is one of the few remaining wetland habitats in Europe where the ecosystem has adapted both to saltwater coming in from the sea through tidal creeks, and to freshwater coming down in the rivers. It's an ever-changing labyrinth of creeks and riverlets encompassing countless little islands of willow woods and reeds, a paradise for birds. Pedalling on, you will reach one of the oldest towns in Holland: Dordrecht, completely surrounded by water. The area around the marina is a true gem. This oldest part of town counts over a thousand historical buildings and three nostalgic canals.
- Please note you will only cycle through de Biesbosch park on days that the ferry departs. This ferry does not go daily. If the ferry does not go you follow an alternative route.
- Day 6 Papendrecht – Gouda/Oudewater/Bodegraven 37 km**
 Hit the trail once again and set off for the village of Kinderdijk where nineteen majestic windmills present a unique spectacle. They were used to drain excess water out of the low-lying polder up into the River Lek. As you ride your bike towards Gouda, cruising at about two meters below sea level, enjoy pastoral countryside and wonderful cloudscapes. For centuries, people flocked from far and wide to buy horses, cows, meat, turf, seed, cheese etc, at weekly and annual markets in Gouda. We recommend a stroll around the old part of town to soak up the yesteryear atmosphere. Walk all the way around St. John's church and the market square boasting a 15th-century town hall and a Weighing House ("Waag").
- Day 7 Gouda/Oudewater/Bodegraven – Amsterdam 68 km**
 Plunge into the "Groene Hart" (green heart), a pleasant rural area of low-lying polders with peat meadows and grazing cattle. It's a flat, open, spacious landscape where church spires and windmills touch the horizon and clouds are reflected in lakes and canals. Your bicycle holiday ends in Amsterdam, famous for its gorgeous 400-year-old canal district. This city is brimming with things to see and do. As always, street artists and performers draw crowds on Dam, Leidseplein and Rembrandtplein. A new attraction is "Het Grachtenhuis" (Museum of the Canals). Have you been to the renovated Rijksmuseum and Maritime Museum?
- Would the 80 km be too long for you then you can split this day by booking an extra overnight in Woerden. (30 km and 48 km)
- Day 8 Return Home**
 After breakfast your cycling holiday has come to an end.



Prices, Data, Booking

Starting dates

Daily from April 1 till September 23.

Please note: a minimum stay of 2 nights in a row is required in the hotel in Amsterdam on the following dates (and a higher price will be charged):

April 18-20, 2025

April 25-26, 2025

May 29-31, 2025

June 6-8, 2025

June 21-22, 2025

June 24-25, 2025

August 29-31, 2025

Accommodation



Velotel**** (Bruges)

www.hotelvelotel.com



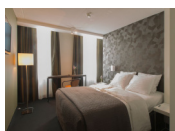
Loskade 45 **** (Middelburg)

www.loskade45.nl



Boutique Hotel Mondragon (Zierikzee)

www.mondragon.nl



Hotel Mauritz (Willemstad)

<https://www.mauritzwillemstad.nl/>



Leonardo Hotel Papendrecht **** (Papendrecht)

www.leonardo-hotels.nl/papendrecht



City Hotel Gouda**** (Gouda)

www.cityhotelgouda.com





WestCord Art Hotel***/***(Amsterdam)

www.westcordhotels.nl/art-hotel-amsterdam/

Practical Info



7 Nights included



3/4 Star Hotels



Breakfast included



Tourist information on all the places of interest



The possibility of renting our bikes



7-days a week service-hotline



Luggage transport to your next hotel



Bruges



Parking possibilities at the hotel



GPS-tracks available



Attention! The ferry crossing from Vlissingen to Breskens must be reserved online in advance via <https://www.westerschelde ferry.nl>



Any ferry crossings are not included

