

Netherlands Super Tulip Tour by Bike + Boat

up/to Amsterdam

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Details

Included services:

- 7 nights on board in cabin with private facilities
- full board (breakfast, packed lunch for bike days, dinner)

- coffee & tea on board
- cycling tour guide
- min. 3 city walks with tour guide
- entrance fee Keukenhof and flower auction
- all port, bridges and dock charges
- free WiFi , up to 100 MB limited available in lounge and on deck
- maps and information material per cabin

Day-to-day programm

Tour profile / Level 1

Flat, perfectly built bike-path and side streets, suitable for children.

Day 1: Amsterdam - Haarlem, approx. 15 km

Individual arrival. Embarkation at 02:00 p.m.

The first part of the tour you will sail to Spaarndam – known as the village of Hansje Brinker – and from here we make an easy ride into the beautiful city of Haarlem.

Day 2: Haarlem - Leiden, approx. 45 km

Today's trip leads you through the oldest tulip fields of Holland and along the Keukenhof. Of course you'll have time to admire the most beautiful bulb park in the world (tickets are included in the tour price). Keukenhof is the place where the spring breaks. An overwhelming blaze of colours; seven million flowering tulips in a magnificent 80-acres' background of traditional and modern gardening architecture. You also can admire the various hyacinths, narcisses and many other colourful flowers. You spend the night in Leiden which is Rembrandt's hometown but also Armin van Buuren.

Day 3: Leiden - Kudelstaart, approx. 45 km

Today you continue your tour around the Haarlemmermeer. In case you have a lunchstop at the other side of the bridge in Leimuiden. Imagine that this polder once was the biggest lake in Holland and nicknamed 'the waterwolf'. The cyclerroute leads you through the green heart of Holland, an area characterized by small cycle paths, typical black and white cows and despite the work of mr. Leeghwater, a lot of water. Your destination for today is Kudelstaart: a small town bordered by the Westeinderplassen.

Day 4: Amsterdam - Wormerveer, approx. 45 km

Every morning „Bloemenveiling Aalsmeer“ sets the world price for flowers and plants. As a visitor you can walk over a specially designed gallery to experience the hustle and bustle of demand and supply experience the hustle and bustle lead by the auction clock but also enjoy the gorgeous flowers that are showed in. While flowers and plants start their world tour you will have breakfast while sailing towards Amsterdam. Between the airport Schiphol and the city you disembark to continue your tour by bike along the river Amstel and right into the city. A ferry (don't forget to take a look to the left where you see whale tail shaped building of the eye filmmuseum) brings you to the other side of the river 'IJ'. Here you leave the city behind and continue your tour through lush green polders towards the world famous hamlet of Zaanse Schans. A unique place where people live and work, with original houses and windmills from the river Zaan area.

Day 5: Wormerveer - Alkmaar, approx. 45 km

From Wormerveer you will cycle through the most beautiful dunes of the Netherlands and if weather permits, you may like to swim in the North Sea during your lunch break at the beach. Today's overnight stay is in cheese town Alkmaar. An historic lively city with many small and bigger shops. A little less than 400 heritage sites, canals and harbour dominate the townscape.

Day 6: Alkmaar - Purmerend, approx. 35 km

Today time to cycle into the polder landscape of the Beemster and Purmer, part of a big green polder area. The Beemster Polder, dating from the early 17th century, is an exceptional example of reclaimed land in the Netherlands. It has preserved intact its well-ordered landscape of fields, roads, canals, dykes and settlements, laid out in accordance with classical and Renaissance planning principles. Also time to visit one of the big water mills at the Rijk.

Day 7: Purmerend - Amsterdam, approx. 20 - 35 km

Purmerend lies at the edge of an area called 'Waterland' where roads and water are nearby on the same level.

We visit the nice village of Zunderdorp and Ransdorp. The better cyclists can cycle the long route to Edam and Volendam and if time permits you can cross the lake Gouwe to admire the traditional fisherman's village Marken with its typical wooden houses.

In Amsterdam you can look back at cycling seven days in great variation of typical Dutch landscapes, towns and many highlights.

Day 8: Amsterdam

Embarkation after breakfast. Individual departure.

Important Information:

Due to changing wind and weather conditions as well as organizational requirements we reserve the right to make changes of routing and program.

Prices
