

2027

Flanders – A paradise for cyclists

With Bike & Boat from Vilvoorde (Brussels) to Bruges

FLOOR VAN AEMSTEL

- Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights
- Departure and arrival day: Thursday
- Length of cycle tours: approx. 261-270 km
- Character of cycle tours: **guided**
- Difficulty: ●○○○
- Profil: Nearly all cycle tours can be classified as being easy
- Language on board: German/English
- Travel documents: German/English
- Booking Code: BE-FLSBS-08G



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Tour Details

Experience the beauty of Belgium on a fascinating journey through Flanders. Along towpaths beside old canals and through poplar-lined avenues, you cycle at a relaxed pace into ancient villages where beer is still brewed just like in grandfather's time. And those who sample the local village beer in a rustic pub or under the linden trees are met with an approving toast – especially when they arrive by bike. Eventually, you reach Bruges, the “Venice of the North,” with its picturesque alleys and romantic canals. This journey combines culture, history, and indulgence, offering unforgettable impressions in some of Belgium's most beautiful towns.

(All times are subject to change)

Day	Port	Arr.	Dept.
Day 1	Vilvoorde Embarkation		
Day 2	Vilvoorde		10:00
Day 2	Willebroek	13:00	
Day 3	Willebroek		09:00
Day 3	Antwerp	15:15	
Day 4	Antwerp		09:00
Day 4	St Amands	14:15	
Day 5	St Amands		07:00
Day 5	Dendermonde	08:30	09:00
Day 5	Ghent (Merelbeke)	15:00	
Day 6	Ghent (Merelbeke)		07:15
Day 6	Lovendegem	09:00	09:30
Day 6	Bruges	15:00	
Day 7	Bruges		
Day 8	Bruges, Disembarkation		

Day 1: Individual arrival at Vilvoorde (Brussels)

Individual arrival in Vilvoorde, a suburb located about 10 km north of Brussels. The crew warmly welcomes you on board from 4:00 p.m. onwards.

Day 2: Vilvoorde – Willebroek, cycle tour approx. 36 km

From Vilvoorde you start your first cycle tour that leads you to Mechelen – here you will find the remarkable density of more than 300 listed buildings (classified as historical monuments), among them eight churches, all built within an area of only three square kilometres. While your ship is going through the Willebroek-canal, you are cycling through green, soft and hilly landscapes, passing sleepy villages and magnificent country estates until you finally reach Willebroek.

Day 3: Willebroek – Antwerp, cycle tour approx. 46 km

From Willebroek you are cycling over Lier to Antwerp, the world's centre of diamond-processing and your today's destination. Antwerp offers a number of interesting sights such as the richly decorated town hall in renaissance style, the historic Grote Markt, the huge Liebfrauen Cathedral and the medieval Steen Castle.

Day 4: Antwerp – Sint Amands, cycle tour approx. 40 km

Today, your tour leads you up the river Schelde to Hemiksen, and after having cycled a bit upward you are comfortably going to Rupelmonde. At this point, where the river Rupel flows

into the river Schelde, you follow the river until you will reach the historic area of brick burning, where bricks have been produced since the Middle Ages until today. You will then cross the Brussels-Rupel-canal and arrive at Sint Amands.

Day 5: St. Amands – Dendermonde – Ghent (Merelbeke), cycle tour approx. 56 km

In the morning, the journey continues by ship along one of the most beautiful stretches of the River Scheldt to Dendermonde. From there, the cycling tour follows the scenic Scheldt embankment toward your destination for the day. Dendermonde is well worth a visit, especially the Beguinage with its charming local history museum. A coffee break on the picturesque Flemish Grote Markt is an absolute must. Today's destination is Ghent. Explore the beautiful historic center partly by bike, partly on foot. In the Middle Ages, Ghent was the second-largest city after Paris and still retains much of its architectural richness in the city center. Your ship moors overnight just outside Ghent at the Merelbeke lock, a suburb located about 30 minutes by bike from the city center.

Note: If your ship cannot dock in Dendermonde due to the tide, the cycle tour will start in Sint Amands instead. The distance remains the same.

Day 6: Ghent (Merelbeke) – Lovendegem – Bruges, cycle tour approx. 34 km

In the morning you are leaving for Lovendegem. The whole cycle route follows the Gent-Oostende-canal through the wide Flemish plain until you arrive at Bruges “The Venice of the North” is widely known in Europe for its art and museums. Bruges' old town with its number of Grachten (small channels) belongs to the UNESCO world's cultural heritage. Enjoy the bustle activity around the Grote Markt (the big market place) while having a nice tea or coffee.

Day 7: Trip around Bruges to the North Sea, cycle tour approx. 49-58 km

Your last cycle tour will take you at the beginning over Damme, Till Eulenspiegel's place of birth to the seaside. Sandy beaches and a lot of cafés (you have the opportunity to swim in the sea there) will give you the opportunity for a nice rest. After approx. 2 hours you are cycling back to Bruges.

Day 8: Departure from Bruges

After breakfast, disembarkation until 9:00 am and individual journey home.

Travel Dates | Prices | Services

Travel Dates 2027 / Departure Thursday to Thursday

08.07. – 15.07. | 22.07. – 29.07. | 05.08. – 12.08. | 19.08. – 26.08. | 02.09. – 09.09.

Price per Person in EURO including e-bike rental:

2-bed cabin	3-bed cabin	3-bed cabin booked as a 2-bed-cabin
1,399.-	1,099.-	1,599.-

Supplements

2-bed cabin for single use: 50% (max. 2 cabins per departure)

Bring your own bike / own E-bike: not possible

Bikes:

- 8-gear-E-Bikes (brand: Velo de Ville - special SE-Tours edition)
- With hand brake only, freewheel bikes
- Pannier bag and rental bike insurance included
- 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
- Programme according to travel itinerary
- All charges for ports, bridges and locks are included
- Rental fee for e-bike (8 gears)
- Change of linens and towels on demand
- Welcome-drink
- Full board: 7x breakfast, 6x packed lunch for cycle tours, 7x 3-course dinner
- Coffee, Tea and Water on board
- Instructed tour guide on the guided cycle tours + Daily meeting for the cycle tours
- Digital travel documents via GUIBO-App incl. GPX tracks for bike tours
- Tour guide on board

Not included

Arrival and departure, parking fees and shuttles, local visitor's tax may apply during cycle tours, entrance fees and excursions, city maps, ferry fees, travel insurances, tips, drinks on board and personal expenses.

Passenger car parking options in Vilvoorde (subject to change):

Unsupervised parking near Vilvoorde train station (approx. 2 km from the mooring location): *Luchthavenlaan 2, 1800 Vilvoorde, Belgium*

or the "Parking Indigo Vilvoorde Grote Markte" parking garage (about 800 m from the dock): *Grote Markt 100, 1800 Vilvoorde (Belgium)*. The underground parking garage is open 24/7, has video surveillance and offers direct access to Vilvoorde's city centre. The daily rate is approximately € 10. For more information, visit: <https://www.indigo-neo.lu/en/parkings/29424/parking-grote-markt-vilvoorde>

Alternatively supervised parking at Gare du Nord train station in Brussels, approx. 10 km from the mooring location. Open 24 hours and monitored. Cost: approx. €20 per day, approx. €30 per day on weekends.

More information available at: <https://www.interparking.be/en/find-parking/BrabantGareduNord/>

Please note: The return transfer from Bruges to Vilvoorde/Brussels must be organized individually.

The train ride takes about 1.5 hours and costs approx. €20 per person. Tickets can be booked via Belgian Train:

<https://www.belgiantrain.be/en?journey=0>



Ship's description | Remarks

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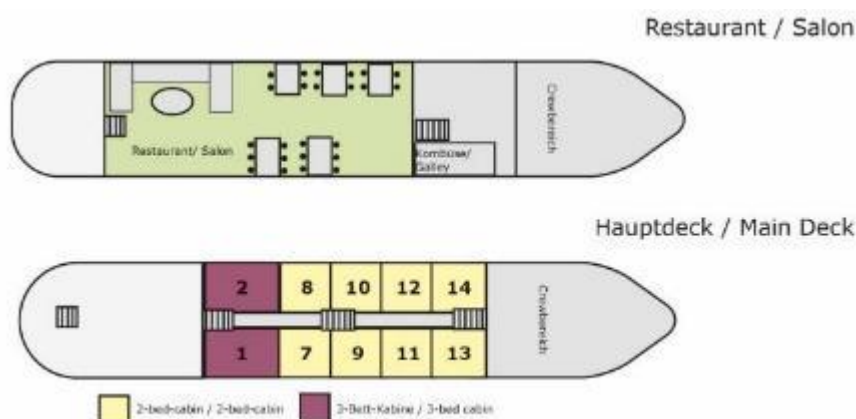
Built in 1997-1998 | **Registry** Netherlands | **Length** 38 m | **Width** 6,6 m | **Draft** 1,80 m | **Crew** 3 | **Passengers** max. 22

Between 1997/1998, the Floor van Aemstel was newly constructed from a dismantled casco of a freight lugger, a common type of ship in the beginning of the 20th century. The refurbishing and conversion to a passenger ship was made in 2015/2016. The ship features a tastefully decorated saloon/restaurant with a huge, cosy sitting area, TV and stereo equipment and a small bar. The lower sun deck offers storage space for the bicycles; on the upper sun deck (steep stairs) there are sitting areas for the passengers.



Cabins

Eight 2-bed-cabins (about 10 m²) and two bigger 3-bed-cabins (15 m²), which can be booked also as twin cabins. All cabins are outside cabins with en-suite facilities. All are equipped with hair dryer and air-conditioning. The windows cannot be opened.



Important remarks

Embarkation from 4:00 p.m. | **Disembarkation** until 09:00 a.m.

Minimum number of participants 18 persons until 21 days prior to departure

To bring your own bike Due to limited space on the sun deck, it is not possible to bring your own bicycle on board.

Schedule and program changes Schedule and program changes are generally reserved. For example, if a section of the route cannot be sailed due to low or high water levels or adverse weather conditions, the captain reserves the right to change the itinerary for your safety. This does not constitute a valid reason for a free cancellation. The same applies to lock and/or bridge repairs ordered by authorities without prior notice.

Notes Please be aware that a cruise ship is not only your hotel but also a machine, working with engine power also during the night. Especially crossing locks and bridges - and the preparation work - may cause noise. If you are sensitive, please bring your own ear plugs. Lock passages may involve disruptions and cannot be avoided.

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