

2022

# Picturesque harbour towns on the IJsselmeer Dunes and North Sea beaches

North of Holland by Bike and Boat from/to Amsterdam

MS SERENA

ORIGINALREISE

- Trip length: 8 Days / 7 Nights
- Departure and arrival day: Saturday
- Length of cycle tours: approx .188 – 257 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-08I



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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. Its capital is Haarlem, the biggest city is Amsterdam. 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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	Amsterdam, Embarkation	15:00 h	17.30
Day 1	Hoorn	20:30	
Day 2	Hoorn		10:00
Day 2	Enkhuizen	13:00	
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		09:30
Day 6	St. Maartensvlotbrug	11:30	12:00
Day 6	Alkmaar	15:00	
Day 7	Alkmaar		11:00
Day 7	Wormerveer	13:00	13:30
Day 7	Amsterdam	16:00	
Day 8	Amsterdam, Disembarkation until 9:00 h		

### 1<sup>st</sup> Day: Individual arrival at Amsterdam, Shipping from Amsterdam to Hoorn

Check-in on board in the afternoon. Maybe you will take some time for exploring the city of Amsterdam and a shopping tour. At 5:30 pm MS SERENA will leave Amsterdam for Hoorn with its historical old part of town.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Day: Cycling from Hoorn to Enkhuizen, cycle tour: approx. 20 - 26 km

Hoorn is an ancient city in which you can still find many buildings dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century (e.g. the Regentur of Westfriesland – today a museum -, the town's scales at the Rodesteen, the harbour tower as well as the storage houses at the old quai). Today you are cycling from Hoorn to Enkhuizen. Tip: you should visit the Zuiderzeemuseum.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Day: Shipping from Enkhuizen to Lemmer – Cycling from Lemmer and back, cycle tour: approx. 32 - 45 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".

### 4<sup>th</sup> Day: Cycling from Lemmer to Stavoren, Cycle tour: approx. 33 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.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Day: Island of Texel - Cycle tour from Oudeschild and back, cycle tour: approx. up to 70 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.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Day: Cycling from Den Helder via Sint Maartensvlotbrug to Alkmaar, cycle tour: approx. 25 to 55 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.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Day: Shipping from Alkmaar to Wormerveer – Cycling from Wormerveer to Amsterdam, cycle tour: approx. 28 km

In the morning you have the opportunity to visit the cheese market in Alkmaar (ca. Apr to Sep). At midday we are shipping to Wormerveer from where you should cycle to the open-air museum Zaanse Schans (windmills, ancient Dutch village, cheese factory, etc.). You are cycling through the recreational area Twiske to Amsterdam. Tip: In the afternoon you should take part in a "Grachtenrundfahrt" (shipping on the channels of Amsterdam in small boats).

### 8<sup>th</sup> Day: Departure from Amsterdam

After breakfast checkout until 9:00 am and we are saying goodbye – have a safe journey.



# Travel Dates | Prices | Services

## Travel Dates 2022 / From Saturday to Saturday

**Season A:** 26MAR – 02Apr | 08Oct – 15Oct

**Season B:** 02Apr – 09Apr | 01Oct – 08Oct

**Season C:** 09Apr – 16Apr | 24Sep – 01Oct

**Season D:** 16Apr – 23Apr | 23Apr – 30Apr | 10Sep – 17Sep | 17Sep – 24Sep

**Season E:** 30Apr – 07May | 07 May – 14May | 14May – 21May | 21May – 28 May | 28 May – 04 June | 04June – 11June  
11June – 18June | 18June – 25June | 25June – 02July | 02July – 09July | 09July – 16July | 16July – 23July  
23July – 30July | 30July – 06Aug | 06 Aug – 13Aug | 13Aug – 20Aug | 20Aug – 27Aug | 27Aug – 03Sep  
03Sep – 10Sep

## Prices per person in Euro

	Main Deck		Promenade Deck
	2-bed cabin	Juniorsuite	2-bed cabin
<b>Saison A</b>	499.-	549.-	649.-
<b>Saison B</b>	599.-	649.-	749.-
<b>Saison C</b>	699.-	749.-	849.-
<b>Saison D</b>	749.-	799.-	89.-
<b>Saison E</b>	849.-	899.-	999.-

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:** € 75.-

**Rental bike fee 8- gear-E-Bike:** € 165.-

### 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. Onboard Selling: UVEX I-VO € 40.- per helmet, limited number

## Services included

- Seven nights in outside cabins with private facilities in the booked cabin category
- Program according to routing from/to Amsterdam
- 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
- Tour guide on board

## Not included

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

## Passenger car parking options in Amsterdam (subject to change, effective March 2021)

For example: Parking Oosterdok [www.parkingcentreamsterdam.com](http://www.parkingcentreamsterdam.com), economy fare approx. € 25.-/24 h or Valet Parking Service (via holiday extras), approx. € xxx.-/week (Rate depends on capacity; application form with your booking confirmation).

# 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 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

*Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, there may be restrictions on board. These are temporary, government-mandated restrictions that may vary regionally. For the safety of all persons present on board, you are obliged to wear a mouth and nose protector and to observe the rules of distance and hygiene. For this purpose, you will receive our ship-specific hygiene concept when booking/inquiring.*

**Embarkation** 3:00 pm to 4:30 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.

