

2027

“Fietsen” through Flanders

With Bike & Barge from Bruges to Vilvoorde (Brussels)

FLOOR VAN AEMSTEL (formerly Liza Marleen)

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- Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights
- Departure and arrival day: Thursday
- Length of cycle tours: approx. 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-FLSBG-08G



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Tour Details

Discover the enchanting beauty of Belgium on an unforgettable journey. This tour takes you through some of the country's most impressive cities, each with its own unique charm and historical richness.

Your journey begins in the medieval city of Bruges, often referred to as the "Venice of the North." Stroll through the picturesque streets, admire the well-preserved historic buildings and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of the many canals. Following well-maintained cycling paths, you'll reach Antwerp, the city of diamonds and fashion. Here, you'll find a fascinating blend of historical heritage and modern life. Visit the magnificent cathedral, explore the trendy fashion district and experience the vibrant art scene. The crowning finale of your trip is the capital, Brussels. This metropolis captivates with its diversity and cosmopolitan flair. From the majestic Grand Place to the impressive art museums and the political institutions of the European Union, Brussels offers something for everyone. Indulge in the culinary delights and immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of this fascinating city. This journey from Bruges to Antwerp to Brussels is a perfect combination of history, culture, and enjoyment – a true highlight for every traveller.

(All times are subject to change)

Day	Port	Arr.	Dept.
Day 1	Bruges, Embarkation		
Day 2	Bruges		
Day 3	Bruges		07:15
Day 3	Moerbrugge	08:00	09:30
Day 3	Ghent (Merelbeke)	15:00	
Day 4	Ghent (Merelbeke)		10:00
Day 4	St. Amands	18:00	
Day 5	St. Amands		09:00
Day 5	Antwerp	15:15	
Day 6	Antwerp		08:00
Day 6	Willebroek	14:00	
Day 7	Willebroek		09:30
Day 7	Vilvoorde	12:30	
Day 8	Vilvoorde/Brussels, Disembarkation		

through the wide Flemish plain to Ghent. In the Middle Ages Ghent was the second largest city after Paris and has preserved its architectural wealth in the historic city centre until today. Your ship will dock for the night in Merelbeke (at the lock), a suburb of Ghent and approx. 30 cycling minutes to the city centre.

Day 4: Ghent (Merelbeke) – Sint Amands, cycle tour approx. 57 km

After breakfast, you will leave the city of Ghent and head first to Dendermonde. Worth seeing: the Beguinage with its lovely local history museum. A must: a coffee break on the beautiful Grote Markt. You continue cycling to Sint Amands, following the idyllic, winding course of the River Scheldt.

Day 5: Sint Amands – Temse – Antwerp, cycle tour approx. 40 km

In Sint Amands you start today's cycle tour. You are passing the water tower and cross the Brussels-Rupel-canal. After that you are cycling through a historic area of brick burning, where bricks have been produced since the Middle Ages until today. Then you follow the river Rupel until you come to the river Schelde. From Rupelmonde you are comfortably cycling towards Hemiksem, then down the river Schelde 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 6: Antwerp – Willebroek, cycle tour approx. 46 km

After breakfast you are starting your bike tour, passing the suburban of Antwerp with their beautiful exclusive residential area via Lier along the river Nete to Willebroek where your ship is already waiting for you.

Day 7: Willebroek – Mechelen – Vilvoorde, cycle tour approx. 36 km

While your ship is going through the Willebroek canal today, your last cycle tour is leading you through green, soft and hilly landscapes over Mechelen to Vilvoorde. In Mechelen, 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. From there, the journey continues to Vilvoorde, a charming suburb located about 10 km north of Brussels. Tip: You can reach Brussels by public transport in around 30 minutes. Use the afternoon to explore this fascinating city on your own – known for its diversity and cosmopolitan flair. (Distance from the mooring location to Vilvoorde train station: approx. 2 km. Train ticket to Brussels: approx. €4 per person.)

Day 8: Departure from Vilvoorde

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

Day 1: Arrival in Bruges

Individual arrival in Bruges. Embarkation at 4:00 pm. Take some time to discover the interesting city of 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 2: Trip around Bruges, cycle tour approx. 49-58 km

The cycling tour leads through the small town of Damme (known as the "birthplace" of Till Eulenspiegel) and Groot Ter Doest, with its impressive Ter Doest Abbey, to Lissewege – often called "the most beautiful village in Flanders." Whitewashed houses line both sides of a small canal and cluster around the imposing village church. Afterwards, the route continues directly to the coast. A long sandy beach and numerous cafés invite you to linger. After a stay of around 2 hours, return to Bruges.

Day 3: Bruges – Moerbrugge – Ghent (Merelbeke), cycle tour approx. 50 km

During breakfast your boat is shipping to Moerbrugge. The whole cycle route follows the Ghent-Oostende-Canal

Travel Dates | Prices | Services

Travel Dates 2027 / Departure Thursday to Thursday

01.07. – 08.07. | 15.07. – 22.07. | 29.07. – 05.08. | 12.08. – 19.08. | 26.08. – 02.09.

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

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Services included

- Seven nights in outside cabins with private facilities in the booked cabin category
- Program 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 Bruges (subject to change)

Guarded parking areas at the main station (Stationsplein), approx. 7 € per day. Online reservation possible: <https://www.visit-bruges.be/en/plan-your-visit/parking-bruges/centrum-station-car-park>

Transfer by taxi from Stationsplein to ship berth approx. 10-20 €. Return transfer by train from Brussels to Bruges approx. 18 € per person. Distance to the mooring location approx. 800 m. Transfer to the landing stage by taxi, approx. €10–20.

Please note: The return transfer from Vilvoorde back to Bruges must be organized individually. Train journey takes about 1.5 hours and costs approx. €20 per person. Tickets can be booked, for example, via Belgian Train: <https://www.belgiantrain.be/en?journey=0> (Vilvoorde train station is located approx. 2 km from the mooring location.)



Ship's description | Remarks

FLOOR VAN AEMSTEL

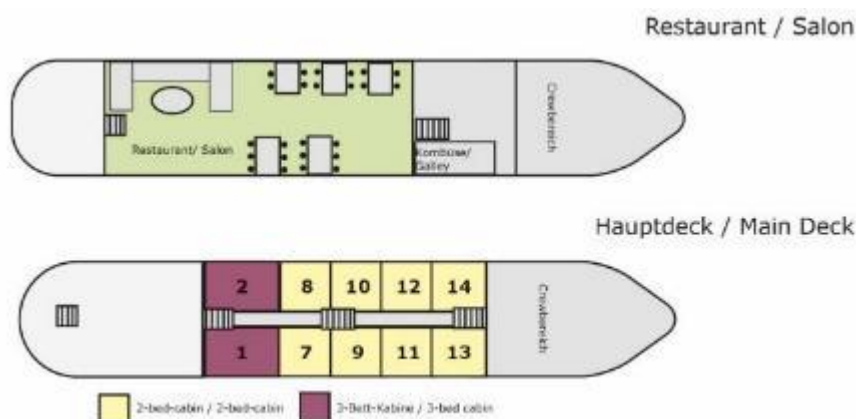
Built in 1997-1998 | **Registry** Netherlands | **Length** 38 m | **Width** 6,6 m | **Draft** 1,80 m | **Crew** 3 | **Passengers** max. 22

Between 1997/1998, 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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