



## Through the Netherlands “South Holland” by Bike & Boat

# MS OLYMPIA 2021



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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 OLYMPIA** 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 Southern Netherlands: You are travelling through the green heart of the Netherlands. Hardly any province is more changing and many-faceted than the Southern Netherlands. Big cities as well as untouched nature are so close to each other. The many waterways offer uncountable opportunities to discover the wonderful landscapes and culture historical highlights of the province "Zuid-Holland". Experience such different cities like Gouda and Schoonhoven and of course Rotterdam, also known as the "Manhattan on the river Maas". **Beautiful landscape of Polderland, the famous windmill row of Kinderdijk** and not to forget the major porcelain manufacture in Delft with its "Delfter Blue".

**Tour details** (All times are subject to change):

Day	Port	Arrival	Departure
Day 1	Amsterdam, Embarkation	17:00	19:00
Day 1	Haarlem	23:00*	
Day 2	Haarlem		11:00
Day 2	Zaandam	14:00	17:00
Day 2	Schoonhoven	23:00	
Day 3	Schoonhoven		10:00
Day 3	Rotterdam	13:00	
Day 4	Rotterdam		
Day 5	Rotterdam		11:00
Day 5	Schoonhoven	14:00	
Day 6	Schoonhoven		10:00
Day 6	Utrecht	13:00	
Day 7	Utrecht		09:00
Day 7	Amsterdam	12:30	
Day 8	Amsterdam Disembarkation until 09:00 Uhr		

### 1st day: Amsterdam - Haarlem

In Amsterdam you check in on board (embarkation is at 5 pm). Departure at 7:00 pm. Arrival in Haarlem around 11 pm (\*If necessary overnight stay at Haarlem lock – then, the next day, in the morning shipping to Haarlem).

### 2nd day: Haarlem – Zaandam, approx. 42 - 45 km. Shipping from Zaandam to Schoonhoven

Haarlem is a charming, typically Dutch town with windmills, canals, drawbridges, small shops, cafés and restaurants. It is worth taking a little walk before you start your first cycle tour to Zaandam. Here you have plenty of time to make a detour to the museum village "Zaanse Schans", an open-air museum (entrance fee not included) which was built to show the Dutch historical heritage.

You can visit an ancient Dutch village, a cheese manufacture, a shipyard, a Dutch wooden shoe manufacture, a museum of bakery, the Zaanse watch museum and the unique colour mill, De Kat. In the afternoon shipping from Zaandam to Schoonhoven.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> day: Schoonhoven – Rotterdam, approx. 45 km

From Schoonhoven, cycle leisurely to the city of Gouda, which is famous for its cheese. When the weather is fine, you may take a detour for a refreshing bath in the lake Reeuwijkse Plassen. Your today's destination is Rotterdam. **Tip:** you should experience the harbour of Rotterdam on an interesting harbour tour.

### 4<sup>th</sup> day: Rotterdam, Day at leisure / Cycle tour from Rotterdam to Delft and back or from Rotterdam via Den Haag to Scheveningen and back, approx. 40 - 70 km

Two options for today's cycling tour: First one will lead you to Delft (**Tip:** visit of the porcelain manufacture), second directly to the governmental seat Den Haag and to the North Sea coastal town and health resort Scheveningen and back. Alternatively, you can also go back to Rotterdam by train (rail and bike is not included, approx. € 15,- p. Pers, not in rush hour between 16:30 h and 18:00 h).

### 5<sup>th</sup> day: Rotterdam to Schoonhoven, approx. 43 km

Cycle tour to Kinderdijk (UNESCO World's Cultural Heritage with 19 windmills in a row) and further to Schoonhoven, known for its silver-making and its enchanting old-town.

### 6<sup>th</sup> day: Schoonhoven to Utrecht, approx. 42 km

Today you are cycling through the beautiful landscape of Polderland to Oudewater (witch's scales) and further on to Utrecht. The Utrecht Dome is one of the most important ones in the Netherlands.

## 7<sup>th</sup> day: Utrecht to Amsterdam, approx. 50 km

Your cycle tour takes you along the small and winding river Vecht through beautiful landscapes. The river Vecht is also known as the “Loire of the Netherlands”. Numerous castles and villas will be seen beside the river. **Tip:** a canal tour is the most beautiful way to get to know the city of Amsterdam.

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

After breakfast checkout until 9:00 am – have a safe journey home.

## MS OLYMPIA:

Comfortable and cosy river ship with family environment. The ship was refurbished in 2015/2016. The panoramic salon with bar in gentlemen club-style and the bright and friendly restaurant are waiting for you to pass relaxing hours here. A spacious, partly shaded sun deck and storage space for bicycles. A total of 49 comfortable outside cabins for a max. of 96 guests. Main deck: 21 two-bed-cabins (about 11 qm). Upper deck: 22 two-bed-cabins (about 11 qm), 4 cabins of bigger size at the stern of the ship (12 qm, 3 of which feature twin beds; during the trip increased noise perception) as well as two single cabins about 9 qm). All cabins boast en-suite bathroom, hair dryer, telephone, TV, individual air conditioning/heating, fridge, safe und large panoramic window. On the Upper deck, cabins feature opening windows.

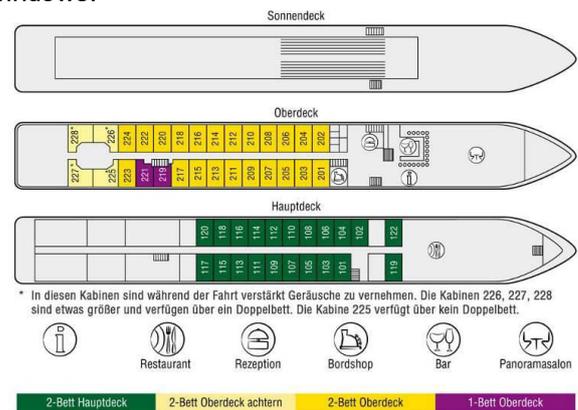
### Technical Details:

Length 88.50 m. Width 10.50 m.

Draught 1.30 m. Capacity max. 96 passengers.

Flag Switzerland. Built 1984.

Refurbished 2015/2016. Crew ca. 21



### 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.**

Your journey to and from Amsterdam will be individual. • 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). • The interior of the ship is a non-smoking zone: smoking is only allowed on the sun deck. As a safety measure, a statutory smoking ban applies in all cabins; this means that all cabins and rooms on board are non-smoking areas. • **Embarkation: 5-6:30 pm** • **Disembarkation:** after breakfast at 9 am. • **Bicycles on board:** 7 gears unisex trekking bicycles with normal mount (ladies' model) and 8 gears E-Bikes with normal mount (ladies' model). Brand: Velo de Ville (special production for SE-Tours). Each with hand brake, coaster breaking hubs *or* freewheel hubs (subject to availability - please indicate as non-binding customer request when booking) and pannier bag. E-bikes are available after prior request and at limited number only. **Please indicate your body height when you book.** • **To bring your own bike:** on request only – due to lack of space on sundeck. • **Languages on board:** German, English • **Cycle tours:** all distances are “approximate distances” of recommended bike tours. When a guest does not want to cycle one day, she/he can skip the bike tour and relax on board while cruising to the next harbour. The bike tours are individual, at your own pace, without a tour guide, but with daily briefings on board and detailed bicycle maps and directions. Nearly all cycle tours can be classified as being easy. • **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. • **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.**

## Travel dates 2021:

Season C: 11Sep-18Sep / 18Sep-25Sep

Season D: 04Sep-11Sep

Season E: 07 Aug-14Aug / 14Aug-21Aug

## Prices per person in Euro:

Travel dates from Saturday to Saturday	Season C	Season D	Season E
2-bed-cabin main deck	699.-	749.-	849.-
2-bed-cabin upper deck astern*	799.-	849.-	949.-
2-bed-cabin upper deck	849.-	899.-	999.-
Single cabin upper deck	1.199.-	1.279.-	1.399.-
2-bed-cabin main deck for single use	1.049.-	1.124.-	1.274.-

\*Cabins at rear of the ship; perceptive engine and generator noise (when ship is in motion and in locks)

€ 75.- **Unisex trekking bicycle** 7-gear, hand brake and pedal brake *or* hand brakes only (subject to availability, please indicate as non-binding customer request when booking), pannier bag and rental bike insurance

€ 165. **E-Bike** (advance reservation, limited number) 8-gear, hand brake and pedal brake *or* hand brakes only (subject to availability, please indicate as non-binding customer request when booking), pannier bag and rental bike insurance

## Services included:

- Seven nights in outside cabins with private facilities in the booked cabin category
- Programme 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 rental, 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):

For example: Parking Oosterdok [www.parkingcentreamsterdam.com](http://www.parkingcentreamsterdam.com), economy fare approx. € 20.-/24 h *or* Valet Parking Service (via holiday extras), approx. € 150.-/week (Rate depends on capacity; application form with your booking confirmation).

## Reservations:

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