

2022

Along the Lower Rhine

with Bike and Barge from Rotterdam to Cologne

MS OLYMPIA

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- Trip length: 8 Days / 7 Nights
- Departure and arrival day: Saturday
- Length of cycle tours: approx. 225 - 245 km
- Character: individual, unguided
- Difficulty: ●○○○
- Profile: Most of the stretches are paved or asphalted, and lead alongside the Rhine dikes without any gradients of note. Nearly all cycle tours can be classified as being easy.
- Language on board: German / English
- Travel documents: German / English
- Booking code: NL-RHSRK-08I



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Tour Details

What could be more natural than discovering the beauty of the Lower Rhine by bike? The Lower Rhine Region has one of the most beautiful and largest cycle route networks in Europe. Along high-quality routes, explore the marvellous landscape: this well-developed route leads past river landscape, meadows and fields and offers especially for lovers of nature a relaxed possibility to explore the region. Labyrinths of rivers on the Rhine delta in the Netherlands, quaint little towns and vibrant major cities along the route offer a welcome change and guarantee a relaxed and eventful stay.

(All times are subject to change)

Day	Port	Arr	Dep
1	Rotterdam - Embarkation 3.00 p.m.		
2	Rotterdam		10:00
2	Dordrecht	13:00	
3	Dordrecht		10:00
3	Gorinchem	13:00	
4	Gorinchem		09:00
4	Wijk bij Duurstede	16:00	20:00
4	Rhenen	23:00	
5	Rhenen		10:00
5	Arnhem	13:00	20:00
6	Emmerich	01:00	10:00
6	Xanten	16:00	18:00
7	Düsseldorf	06:00	09:00
7	Cologne	17:00	
8	Cologne – Disembarkation 09.00 a.m.		

Day 1: Arrival to Rotterdam

Embarkation in Rotterdam from 3.00 p.m. – 5.00.p.m. Enjoy your first evening on board or have a stroll through the city of Rotterdam with one of Europe's largest port.

Day 2: Rotterdam – Dordrecht, Cycle Tour approx. 40 km

Cycle first to reach Kinderdijk, boasting the best-known windmills in the Netherlands. The 19 windmills, which date back to the 18th century, are beautifully preserved and are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue the cycle tour and after a short while, you reach today's destination - Dordrecht. The oldest city in the Holland area lies on an island bordered by large rivers and is characterised by numerous historic buildings, city ports and a fantastic atmosphere.

Day 3: Dordrecht – Gorinchem, Cycle Tour, approx. 37 km

For today's cycle trip, leave behind the lively cities and dive into the quietness of nature: pass through the national park of De Biesbosch, an adventurous labyrinth composed of rivers with crystal clear water and small islands. It is one of the few tidal freshwater zones in the world.

Day 4: Gorinchem – Wijk bij Duurstede, Cycle Tour, approx. 50 km / Boat Tour Wijk bij Duurstede - Rhenen

Leave the fortified city of Gorinchem and enjoy a bike ride through unspoilt nature. Follow the River Linge, a tributary of the Rhine, and by reaching today's destination Wijk bij Duurstede. Enjoy an evening Boat Tour to Rhenen.

Day 5: Rhenen – Arnhem, Cycle Tour approx. 30 km / Boat tour Arnhem - Emmerich

You cycle along the Lower Rhine and past the foreshore of the dike. Enjoy your Bike tour through the Betuwe – one of the Netherlands largest fruit-growing regions. A detour to the city centre becomes a trip to bygone times with narrow lanes and picturesque buildings. In the night shipping from Arnhem to Emmerich by passing the Dutch-German border.

Day 6: Emmerich – Xanten, Cycle Tour approx. 31 km / Boat tour Xanten - Düsseldorf

In Emmerich, start for today's bike ride and cycle past the nature reserve of the Reeser Schanz to the Roman city of Xanten. The Archaeological Park is always worth a visit. Explore how the Romans lived and settles down 2000 years ago.

Day 7: Düsseldorf – Cologne, Cycle Tour approx. 55 km

In the morning you will already have reached Düsseldorf from where you start your last cycle tour along the well-developed Rhine cycle path with a particularly attractive section where historic Old Towns and idyllic nature are interspersed with industrial heritage. The towns located directly on the Rhine, often boasting well preserved medieval town walls and towers, are well worth a detour. Eventually reach the Cathedral city of Cologne where the vivid riverbank of the Rhine invites for a stay. Enjoy a cosy evening on board or have a Kölsch, the typical beer from Cologne, in one of the numerous pubs.

Day 8: Departure from Cologne

Disembarkation after breakfast until 09:00 a.m.



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Travel Dates | Prices | Services

Travel Dates 2022

21.05. – 28.05.2022 | 10.09. – 17.09.2022

Price per Person in EURO

Main Deck		Upper Deck			
2-bed cabin	2-bed cabin single use	2-bed cabin astern*	2-bed cabin	Single cabin	2-bed cabin single use
949.-	1249.-	1049.-	1099.-	1299.-	+50%

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

Supplements

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 helmet. Onboard Selling: UVEX I-VO € 40.00 per helmet, limited number

Services included

- Seven nights in outside cabins with private facilities in the booked cabin category
- Program according to routing
- 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 package for cycle tours or snack on board (non-cyclists), 6x coffee or tea in the afternoon, 7x 3-course-dinner
- Daily meeting for the cycle tours
- Printed instructions and maps for daily individual bike tours (1 per cabin)
- GPS tracks for cycle tours
- Tour guide on board

Not included

Journey way, shuttles, bike rentals, entrance fees and excursions, city maps, ferry fees, travel insurances, parking fees, tips, drinks on board, personal expenses

Car Park facilities

For example "Parkeergarage de Boompjes" Rotterdam

Car park near the docking location (about 10 minutes walking distance), approx. € 28,- every 24 hours (subject to change, effective April 2020)



Ship's description | Remarks

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Built in 1984 | **Cabin refurbishment** 2015/2016 | **Registry** Schweiz | **Length** 88,50 m | **Width** 10,50 m | **Draft** 1,50 m | **Number of Crew** ca. 21 | **Passengers** max. 96

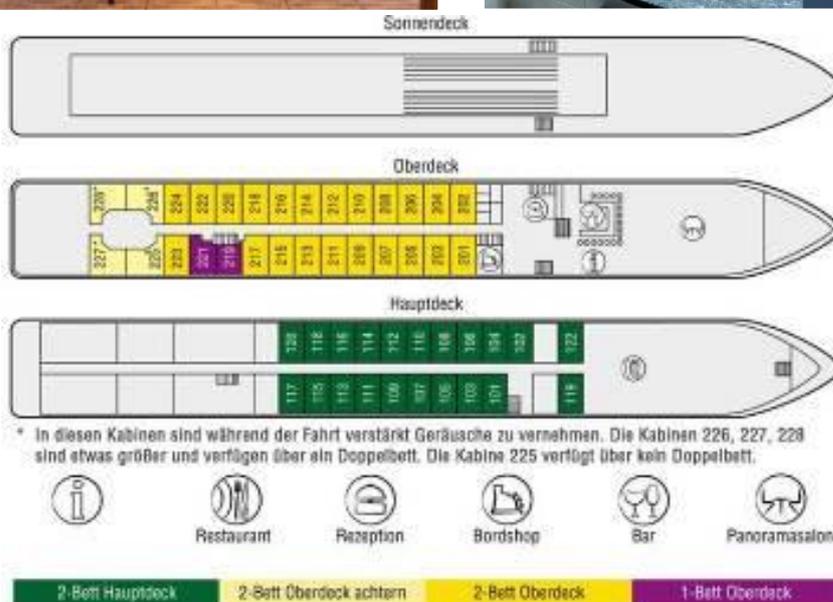
Comfortable and cosy river ship with family environment. The ship was refurbished in 2015/2016. The panoramic salon with bar in gentlemen club-style and the bright and friendly restaurant are waiting for you to pass relaxing hours here. A spacious, partly shaded sun deck and storage space for bicycles.



Cabins 49 outside cabins, comfortable and cosy with en-suite bathroom, hair dryer, telephone, TV, individual air conditioning/heating, fridge and safe.

Main Deck 21x 2-bed-cabins (approx. 11m²), panoramic window (not opening windows)

Upper Deck 22x 2-bed-cabins (approx. 11m²) + four 2-bed-cabins of bigger size at the stern of the ship (= 2-bed-cabins astern: perceptive engine and generator noise when ship is in motion and in locks, approx. 12m², three of them feature twin beds) as well as two single cabins (approx. 9m²). Panoramic windows to be opened.



Important remarks

In order to participate in our journeys, the vaccination or recovery status of all cruise guests have to comply with current government requirements (currently valid are so-called 2G - rules, 2G stands for "geimpft" - vaccinated or "genesen" - recently recovered). Unfortunately, unvaccinated guests or guests without a valid certification of recent recovery from Covid-19 may not participate in our sailings. Government restrictions are changing regularly and rapidly. All cruise guests are required to keep themselves updated about current restrictions in good time prior to departure. All cruise guests are solely responsible for complying with applicable Covid-19 travel regulations. 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 from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. | **Disembarkation** from 9.30 a.m.

Minimum number of participants 75 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)

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 unbeknownst 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.