



# ***Province Zeeland***

*Route description for your individual Bike & Barge Tour*



## ***Dear Cyclists!***

We would like to give you a warm welcome to your trip through the Province of Zeeland.

You will cycle on an outstanding cycle route network through the flat landscape of the Netherlands. The following route descriptions are merely suggestions, of course, you can also plan the daily stages according to your personal wishes and preferences. If you do so, please mind the mooring places and/or your boat departure times which will be announced by your tour manager. Please note that in case of last minute changes times and places can differ from those indicated here.

### **Practical information on our unguided, individual journeys by bike and boat through Holland:**

Anyone who would like to explore the Netherlands by bicycle is in good company because also the Dutchmen travel mostly using their own muscle power on two wheels. That is why the country's cycleways feel comfortable for cyclists, exceeding often the width of footpaths and occasionally even of roads.

The large numbers of separate, compulsory **cycle paths (FIETSPAD, FIETSPADEN)**, marked with a round blue sign with a white bicycle in the middle, make Holland a paradise for cyclists.



**If you encounter such a blue sign with white bicycle, then you have to use the cycle path.** In some cases a white bicycle is shown on the road surface. This part is usually separated from the other lanes by a continuous or broken white line. All cyclists are required to use these dedicated cycle paths: so, if such cycle path is available, you must not ride on the road!

There are also so-called "optional" cycle paths, **FIETSPAD or RIJWIELPAD**, marked with small signs with white lettering on black background. It is recommended that cyclists use these optional cycle paths, whereas motor cycles and other motorised vehicles are not allowed.

The **road signposting** is outstanding: The ANWB, the sister organization of the General German Automobile Association is responsible for this.

On cycling maps these signposts are referred to as so-called **junctions (Jnct)**. In many places there are also small white signs with a red bicycle indicating special cycle routes. On small back roads you will find route markers, approx. 50 cm high, also called “toadstools” because of their shape.



When you cycle into a large town, taking a look at the map is often useful: at the entrance of many towns and cities, you will find large city plans. Just in case you get lost, orientate yourselves following the small signs with the letters VVV (pronounced: VeeVeeVee), which lead you directly to the local tourist agency VVV, where they will be glad to help you.

**Some of the most important general traffic rules are:**

- always ride on the right and overtake on the left
- fast moving traffic has always right of way over slow moving traffic, except on major roads and on right - of - way crossings
- Straight ahead traffic has always priority over turning traffic on the same road
- Fast moving traffic from right has always priority over traffic approaching from left

**Cyclists must also obey the following rules:**

- Cyclists may only ride two-abreast if it does not obstruct other traffic
- Cyclists are not allowed on motorways and dual carriageways
- Cycling on pavement is essentially not permitted (it is best to dismount)
- Cycle lights must be turned on during twilight and night hours
- Changes of direction must be indicated by a clearly extended arm

- Young children have to be carried in a bicycle child seat with sufficient support for hands, back and feet

**Note:** For safety reasons we also recommend that adults wear a cycle helmet.

**Street names, towns, localities and junctions (Jnct) are printed in bold.**

The red framed numbers - such as **1** - refer to the corresponding map in the separate map book.

**Nobody is perfect.** Distances may change from day to day because of construction work etc.

Also the junction system is sometimes subject to changes at short notice. It is possible that the description deviates from the local conditions after printing. In such case, we would kindly like to ask you to inform us so that we can optimise our map material for subsequent journeys. We would be very grateful for your suggestions.

We wish you a relaxing week and a happy combined bike/boat journey..

## Day 2: Boat Tour Dordrecht – Willemstad / Cycle Tour Willemstad – Hellevoetsluis, approx. 45 km **1**

While having breakfast, you will arrive at Willemstad, the starting point for your first cycle tour. A short discovery tour or a stroll through the picturesque village is definitely worthwhile. On the tour, you will pass through an agrarian landscape dotted with a few small villages. Take advantage of these places for a rest and bathroom facilities.

*Willemstad is a small historic city with well-preserved fortifications and with buildings dating back to the 17th and 18th century. This pretty town has two marinas, and the freshly caught fish can be sampled in some restaurants. Thanks to the quiet and secluded setting, it is a wonderful place to relax and to take a break from everyday life.*

Start your cycle tour at the pier. Cross the car park and reach the roundabout. Take the first exit and cycle along **Lantaarndijk**. Pass the marina and cycle onto **Hellegatsweg**. After 2 km, turn left onto **Maltaweg** → **Jnct 29**.

Here turn right onto **Sluispad Noord** and cycle past the log facilities and a small wood.

Cycle via **Jnct 50** and cross the bridge **Haringvliebrug** towards **Jnct 09** (pay attention to possible strong side winds on the bridge). At **Jnct 09**, turn left → **Jnct 08**. Cycle through open fields and past a small marina (with cafeteria and restrooms).

From here, turn right onto **Koninginneweg** and carry on straight → **Jnct 08** → **Jnct 17**. At **Jnct 08**, the signposts for **Jnct 17** are missing; So, please, at the restaurant "**Yummy Yummy**", there is a T-junction where you turn right.

At **Jnct 17**, turn left onto **Tuinweg** and pass through the village of **Zuid-Beijerland**.

While enjoying the green woods and fields, you will cycle over two small rivers, the **Borrekeen** and **Kleine Gat**, towards **Jnct 06**.

At **Jnct 6**, turn left in the direction of **Jnct 05** and **04**. Here the cycle path leads alongside the dike, whereas the road traffic is on top of the dike.

Turn right onto **Oosthoek** and cycle along this road for about 3 km. Turn right onto **Nieuw-Piershilseweg** → **Jnct 02** → **03**, which then becomes **Dorpsgaard**. Follow this way, cross the main road and after a few meters, turn left to continue along **Dorpsgaard**.

At **Wilhelminastraat**, cross the small bridge to reach the village of **Nieuw-Beijerland**.

At the crossroads, turn left onto **Doelweijk** and continue straight on – after a bend to the right the way becomes **Voordoel**. Through quaint back lanes keep cycling straight, and then turn left onto **Tramlijn**. Cross again a small bridge. Turn right onto **Damsteeg** to reach **Jnct 02**.

Follow the road **Spuidijk** → **Jnct 03**. Cycling to the junction, you will pass by a small marina where there is a coffee-restaurant with restroom facilities.

At the junction, turn left onto **Veerstoep** and reach the ferry.

After crossing the river by ferry (0.90 euro), you will find **Jnct 11** on the other side. Leaving the ferry, please turn left immediately and continue cycling along the dike. → **Jnct 76** (watch out: from here pay attention to the many cattle grids along the road).

After approx. 4 km, reach **Jnct 76** and turn left uphill onto **Daan Monsterpad** towards **Jnct 75**.

Cycle directly alongside the **Spui River** and pass by a small marina, at the end of **Krommedijk** turn left.

Continue onto **Zuidoordsedijk** and **Zeedijk** via **Jnct 75** to **Jnct 88**.

**4** At **Jnct 88**, turn left onto **Daan Monsterpad** and cycle for about 3.5 km directly alongside the waterfront to **Jnct 87**.

Turn left and follow the cycle path in the direction of **Jnct 24** and **23**.

Onto **Kanaalweg Westzijde** cycle into the pretty port of **Hellevoetsluis**. Shortly before arriving at **Jnct 23**, you will see the **MS OLYMPIA**, waiting for you at the **Oostkade**.

### Day 3: Hellevoetsluis – Bruinisse, approx. 45 km **5**

After breakfast, you set off for the cycle tour from the historic fortified town of Hellevoetsluis to the fishermen`s village of Bruinisse in Zeeland. Today take your time for a discovery tour through the vast port area of Hellevoetsluis, and take a detour to the old lighthouse in the south part of town- it is well worth it!

*The fortified town of Hellevoetsluis is rich in history. Thanks to its advantageous and strategic position at the Haringvliet, Hellevoetsluis became homeport for the Dutch war fleet in the 17th century. The admiral and folk hero Piet Hein had his home base here. Today the town has six ports with a total of 2,000 mooring places, and is one of the Netherland`s most important water sports centres.*

From the ship, cycle along **Oostkade** up to the bridge **Haerlemmerstraat, Jnct 23**, and cross the bridge.

After the bridge turn left onto **Westkade** towards the lighthouse and past the bathing beach in the direction of **Jnct 22**. After approx. 5 km, pass by the recreational area of "**Poort van Zeeland**".

At **Jnct 22**, continue cycling along Duinweg to **Jnct 21**. Here turn right, and then turn left.

*Tip: Before crossing the Haringvliet sluices, it is well worth to take a detour to the seaside resort of Rockanje with its vast North Sea beaches, which have won several major awards. The beaches are still an insider tip among beach fans.*

*At Jnct 21, cycle straight ahead towards Jnct 20 and Jnct 15, and after 3 km you reach the centre of Rockanje. To get to the beach, keep to the left and follow the signposts for Jnct 14.*

Cycle onto **Haringvlietweg** and cross the **Haringvlietdam** towards **Jnct 64**. Cycle into the port of **Stellendam**. At the roundabout, you reach **Jnct 64**. Go straight across the roundabout and continue towards **Jnct 65**. **6**

Along **Zuiderdiepstraatweg**, cycle into the centre of **Stellendam** (take advantage for a rest and bathroom facilities)), follow the signposts for **Jnct 65**. Pay attention at this roundabout: only after leaving the roundabout, turn left onto **Eendrachtsweg**.

At **Jnct 65**, turn right onto **Voorstraat** and cycle straight ahead to **Jnct 66**.

Follow the signs to **Jnct 71**.

**7** At **Jnct 71** carry on straight for about 3.5 km to reach **Jnct 78**, then continue straight on for another 6 km to reach **Jnct 79**. Watch out: On the way, there is a fork in the road. Do not cycle straight but make a U-Turn and cycle towards the dike, continue alongside the dike with the dike on your left.

Arriving at **Jnct 79**, you will be right in the centre of the small village of **Herkingen** with its huge marina (take advantage for a rest and bathroom facilities).

**8** Cycle along the small river **Paardengat** for approximately 4 km to reach **Jnct 80**. There turn right and follow the cycle path along the dike for about 5 km towards **Jnct 91**.

When you reach the motor traffic dam, pass under it and turn left to pick up the cycle way parallel to the motor traffic dam towards **Jnct 90**.

At **Jnct 90**, cycle straight through the roundabout and afterwards turn right onto **Krammersluis**, then onto **Strandweg** towards **Jnct 67**. Cycle through a small wood and pass a public bathing beach.

Once back on the mainland, you are already in **Bruinisse**. Follow the signposts for **Jnct 66**, cycling through the port area and passing the lovely marina of **Bruinisse**. Already before reaching **Jnct 66**, you see the **MS OLYMPIA** moored at **Vluchthaven Zijpe**.

#### Day 4: Bruinisse – Middelburg, approx. 54 km **9**

Today`s cycle tour leads through many quaint villages, from the mussel village of Bruinisse to the capital of Zeeland, a city with a rich past.

*The mussel is the flagship of the pretty fishermen`s village of Bruinisse, and two museums have been solely dedicated to it. The huge mussel on the harbour platform and the many fisher boats are prove of this. A stroll through the marina in the north of town is a must for every visitor.*

Your cycle tour starts at **Jnct 66** in the port of **Bruinisse**. Follow the signposts for **Jnct 65** in a southwesterly direction.

Cycling directly alongside the water, you will reach **Jnct 65** after approx. 4.5 km, and after another 3.5 km arrive at **Jnct 02**. The way leads partly on top of the dike, sometimes parallel to the dike.

You will come to an information board in Dutch language about the sunken village of **Viane**. The village was flooded during the big flood disaster; it was destroyed and never rebuilt.

***Tip:** On the way from Jnct 02 to Jnct 09, there is the „Watersnoodmuseum“ (with restaurant and bathroom facilities) holding information about this national catastrophe. The museum is open daily from 10 am – 5 pm; the entrance fee is 10.50 Euro per adult.*

**10** Passing **Jnct 09**, in the beginning always cycle alongside the dike towards **Jnct 06** und **Jnct 07**.

On the way to **Jnct 07**, cycle through a small bike tunnel and continue onto **Julianastraat**. To the right, you reach **Zierikzee-Centre**.

At the next fork, please cycle straight on, the signpost for **Jnct 07** is missing. Continue cycling towards **Jnct 31**. Before the white drawbridge, at the entrance to the town, turn left. Cycling along **Straalweg**, you arrive at the **Zeelandbrug, Jnct 31**.

***Tip:** Take a detour to the centre of Zierikzee; it is well worth the effort! Rich in history, the town boasts more than 500 heritage-protected buildings. High above the town looms the “fat tower”, you can climb the 276 stairs. From the 14th of July until the 25th of August, every Tuesday, there will be held the „Zierikzee-se Dagen”, a big street market in the old town with a weekly changing motto.*

***Tip:** Before crossing the eight-kilometres- long Zeeland Bridge, enjoy a refreshment stop at “Wendy’s De Zeelandbrug”, a cosy Café-Restaurant with a nice view and reasonable prices. To reach the café, shortly before the bridge, turn left onto Platteweg and cross the car park towards the cafe.*

After crossing the **Zeelandbrug**, at **Jnct 31**, turn right onto **Fietspad Mol-Tol** and cycle via **Jnct 30** into the fishermen’s village of **Colijnsplaat**. Continue towards **Jnct 39**.

***Tip:** During the 1953 flood disaster, in Colijnsplaat a freight ship was dashed against the dike, exactly in the place where the dike was breached, preventing the village from being flooded, and it is still considered a miracle. Where once was the leak, the monument „Houwen jongens“ commemorates the miracle.*

**11** At the village exit, at **Jnct 39**, turn left (past a public beach with restrooms), pass the marina and continue cycling alongside the dike towards **Jnct 22**.

At **Jnct 22** turn right onto **Emelissedijk**, at its end turn left and for the next 3 km follow the signposts for **Jnct 13**.

Continue onto **Keilhoogteweg** and turn right towards **Jnct 12**. You reach the tourist location of **Wissenkerke**.

Through the village, and afterwards, for approx. 3.5 km, cycle straight on towards **Jnct 06**, even when there are no signposts.

At **Jnct 06**, turn left onto **Krommeweg** and carry on towards **Jnct 19**.

**12** After reaching **Jnct 19**, cycle into the former farming village of **Kamperland** with its modern marina.

Cycle through the village towards **Jnct 18**, and at the marina turn right. Then turn left onto **Spuidijk**. Past the port, you reach **Jnct 17**, from here cycle to the ferry, **Jnct 01**.

Take the ferry, which takes you to **Jnct 36** (3.90 Euro, last departure 5:45 pm). **13** After leaving the ferry, turn left and cycle through the village of **Veere** in the direction of **Jnct 34 → 62 → 05**.

Arriving at **Jnct 05**, you will find yourself in the city centre of **Middelburg**. Please follow the signposts for **Jnct 58**, but do not cross the **Stationsbrug**. The **MS OLYMPIA** is moored on the left hand-side before the bridge, at the **Loskade**.

***Tip:** Discover Zeeland's capital Middelburg on a guided walking tour. Boasting many monuments and historical buildings, the city with its many different facets will enchant you. For further information on the excursion, please refer to the cruise management.*

## Day 5: Middelburg – Neeltje Jans – Veere, approx. 35 - 50 km 14

Today`s cycle tour will lead you to Veere, the tourist location on the Veerse Meer. You can choose from two different routes. It does not matter which one you choose, today you will experience the „picture-postcard Holland“:

**Route A, Middelburg – Neeltje Jans – Veere, 35 km, Orange Route, Impressive Delta Works 14**

From the ship, turn left onto Loskade and cycle to the bridge, there turn right onto **Stationsstraat** → **Jnct 05**.

Before the next bridge, turn right onto **Korendijk** towards **Jnct 05**, from here on, the way is signposted again.

At the end of the dike, turn left and cross the **Spijkerbrug**, then turn right and reach **Jnct 05**.

Turn left and follow the signposts for **Jnct 59** and **Jnct 04**. You are now cycling through the outskirts of **Middelburg**.

At **Jnct 04**, continue straight ahead until you reach the street **Ooststraat**, which leads to the right. Pick up this street and follow the signposts to **Jnct 60**.

Turn right and pass under the carriageway towards **Jnct 37** and **Jnct 61**.

***Tip:** At Jnct 37, you pass by the dairy and farm shop "Kaasboerderij Schellach". Here you can sample and buy fresh dairy products and a choice of cheeses from their own production.*

Shortly after the dairy shop, turn left towards **Jnct 33** and carry on straight into the traditional village of **Gapinge**. In the village centre, at the church, turn right and cycle along **Dorpstraat** towards **Jnct 32** up to the next intersection. **15**

At the intersection, turn left onto **Snouck-Hurgronjeweg** and at the small river **Gapingse Watergang**, turn right and follow the signposts for **Jnct 32**.

At **Jnct 32**, turn left and follow the cycle path to **Jnct 31**, and continue to **Jnct 30**. You cycle through the pretty dike village of **Vrouwenpolder**.

***Tipp:** In Vrouwenpolder, during the high season from July to August 2020, every Wednesday from 10am to 7pm, the so-called tourist market takes place (Fort den Haakweg and Dorpsdijk).*

***Tipp:** Turn left at Jnct 30, at the restaurant Duinoord, and cycle onto the beach path through the woodlands to the vast sandy beach. Here take a stroll and a snack in the "Beachclub Lekker" or in "Pavilion Breezand", directly on the beach.*

When you reach **Jnct 30**, turn right and along the cycle path of the **Veerse Gatdam** cross the bridge. Keep on riding for approx. 3 km to **Jnct 03**. **16**

Follow the cycle path in the direction of **Jnct 04** and cycle onto the surge barrier **Oosterscheldekering** to the **Delta Works** on the former working island **Neeltje Jans**. **Pay attention to possible strong winds!**

To get there, cycle straight ahead always following the signposts for **Jnct 70**. Shortly before reaching the **Delta Works**, follow the fork to the right (information sign Fietscafé).

***Tipp:** Neeltje Jans is an artificial, uninhabited island and until the beginning of the construction of the Delta Works, it had just been a sand flat where the Eastern Scheld widened to a North Sea estuary. For the works, the sand flat had been risen and thereby a working island had been created, which had been used during the construction of the huge Eastern Scheld storm surge barrier (Oosterscheldekering).*

**Tip:** *The Delta Works on Neeltje Jans, which are composed of a total of 13 structures, form together the world's greatest storm surge barrier and are well worth a visit. This imposing project, which is also referred to as one of the Seven Wonders of the World, shows, how Dutch people deal with the water. The Delta Park Neeltje Jans offers the possibility to visit a part of the structure from the outside as well as from the inside. For further information, refer to your cruise management.*

**Tip:** *Opposite the Delta Works directly at the Expohaven you will find the restaurant "Proef Zeeland" with the freshest seafood like mussels, oysters and scampi. A must for fish lovers!*

Cycle over the **Eastern Scheld barrier** back to the mainland and to **Jnct 04**. At **Jnct 04**, cycle straight on towards **Jnct 05**.

Ride always straight on and follow the signposts for **Jnct 06**. Carry on straight towards **Jnct 19** and cycle once again into the farming village of **Kamperland**.

Pass through the village in the direction of **Jnct 18**, at the marina turn right, and then turn left onto **Spuidijk**. Past the port, continue to **Jnct 17** and cycle to the ferry, **Jnct 01**.

Take the bike ferry in the direction of **Jnct 36** (3.90 Euro, last departure at 5:45pm). After leaving the ferry, turn left, pass through the city gate and follow the cycle path towards **Jnct 34** (but do not approach the junction). After approx. 500 metres, passing by the large car park, you see the **MS OLYMPIA** moored at the **Kanaalweg Westzijde**.

**Route B, Middelburg – Veere, ca. 50 km, Violet Route,  
For Beach Fans and Active Cyclists** **14**

Set off for your cycle tour at the **Loskade** and onto **Blauwedijk**, ride alongside the canal to the **Schroebrug**. Then cross the big intersection to reach **Jnct 38**.

Turn right onto **Vlissings Jaagpad**, cycle along the gracht and follow the signposts for **Jnct 56** for about 1.5 km.

Little by little, you leave the town. From **Jnct 56**, keep cycling straight onto **Brewweg** to **Jnct 53** and **Jnct 09**.

At **Jnct 09**, turn left towards **Jnct 08**. Cycle straight through the roundabout and reach shortly before the village centre of **Koudekerke Jnct 08**.

***Tipp:** Koudekerke is a typical nucleated village: a village, in which the streets cluster in a ring around a central church. When 17th century Middelburg flourished as a harbour and trade hub, several wealthy families had built manor houses as summer residences outside Koudekerke: The houses „Der Boede“ and „Ter Hooge“ bear witness of these times. In addition, Koudekerke was part of the Atlantic Wall during World War II, many bunkers and an anti-tank ditch remind us of those times.*

From **Jnct 08**, cycle always straight on into the centre, passing by the church on your left hand and through the village in direction of **Jnct 06** and **Jnct 80**.

You have now reached the small coastal village of **Dishoek**, located behind the huge dunes at the coast of Walcheren. Before you continue, the vast sandy beach is well worth a short detour. To get there, at **Jnct 80**, turn right towards **Jnct 44**, through the woodlands and at the restaurant "Hof Aan Zee", turn left onto **Strandweg**. The cycle path leads you directly to the beach.

Cycle back through the woodlands, to the restaurant and there turn left. Pick up the cycle path next to the car park → **Jnct 44**.

***Tipp:** Shortly before Jnct 44, there is a way to the left (opposite the entrance of the campsite) that leads to the dunes and to the beach, including breathtaking view. However, you have to climb the stairs to get to the top of the dunes (please lock your bike).*

Cycle straight on → **Jnct 42** → **Jnct 40** and pass through the vivid village of **Zoutelande**, the seafront promenade invites you to take a stroll and relax. **15**

Follow the signposts for **Jnct 10** and **Jnct 14**. You cycle along well-paved cycle paths that lead through the dunes, onto relaxing forest trails or along the dike, always within sight of the sea.

Past the charming dike village of **Westkapelle** with its two striking lighthouses (Tip: well worth a visit), cycle alongside the coast into the seaside resort of **Domburg (Jnct 14)** with its famous sandy beach and pretty village centre. You might want to spend some time here.

Continue onto **Domburgsweg** and onto forest paths towards → **Jnct 16** → **Jnct 27** → **Jnct 30**. **16**

***Tip:** At the large campsite between Jnct 27 and Jnct 30, on the right hand side, there is the gorgeous dairy farm shop and café "Landwinkel Schorre", and it is well worth a visit. The family-run shop offers fruit from their own orchards, homemade bread and much else.*

***Tip:** Turn left at Jnct 30, at the restaurant Duinoord, and cycle onto the beach path through the woodlands to the vast sandy beach. Here you can take a stroll and have a snack in the "Beachclub Lekker" or in the "Pavilion Breezand", directly on the beach.*

From **Jnct 30** cycle in the direction of **Jnct 31** and pass through the pretty dike village of **Vrouwenpolder**.

***Tip:** During the high season, from July to August 2020, every Wednesday from 10am to 7pm, the so-called tourist market takes place in the centre of Vrouwenpolder (Fort den Haakweg and Dorpsdijk).*

You have arrived at **Jnct 31**; as you continue cycling straight on towards **Jnct 32**, you are getting closer to **Veere**. Past **Jnct 32** and the marina, cycle in the direction of **Jnct 36** into the port of **Veere**.

At **Jnct 36**, turn right and follow the cycle path towards **Jnct 34** (but do not approach **Jnct 34**). After approx. 500 metres, passing by the big car park, you see the **MS OLYMPIA** moored at the **Kanaalweg Westzijde**.

*Tip: In the evening, take the opportunity to discover Veere. The once mighty Veere (in former times, fully loaded ships from Scotland moored here) is today a marvellous tourist town. From the ship, the impressive church Grote Kerk is in a few minutes walking distance and just a few metres away, there is Nanny's Candy Shop („snoepwinkel"), one of the most beautiful shops in the town with an eye-catching pink facade. Here you can choose among 100 different Old Dutch candies.*

### Day 6: Round tour Veere / boat tour Veere – Dordrecht, approx. 40 km **17**

Today you will have another opportunity to explore the picturesque, typical Dutch landscape on the peninsula of Walcheren, around the cities of Veere and Middelburg. Alternatively, you may also choose to cycle one of yesterday's routes, or just part of one.

Start at the pier, turn left towards **Jnct 34** and cycle through the small village of **Zanddijk**.

Continue towards **Jnct 62**, **Jnct 61** and **Jnct 37**.

*Tip: At Jnct 37, you reach the dairy and farm shop "Kaasboerderij Schellach". Here you can sample and buy fresh dairy products and a choice of cheeses from their own production.*

Continue straight on to reach **Jnct 60**. Shortly afterwards, in the village of **Brigdamme**, turn right and keep cycling until you reach the village of **Sint-Laurens**.

In the village, turn left onto **Boudaenlaan** and cycle straight on to **Jnct 54**, here turn right.

After approx. 500 m, turn left onto **Ossenbergweg** and follow the cycle path towards **Jnct 21**. Here turn left, and reach the characteristic Zeeland village of **Grijpskerke**.

***Tipp:** In the village centre, on Gasthuisstraat, you will find the cosy café "Eetcafé in de Gouwe Gheiht", directly at the market square - in fine weather, you can sit on the terrace. Just follow the signs for "Fiets-café".*

To continue your bike tour, cycle out of the village in the direction of **Jnct 51** and **Jnct 47**, and shortly afterwards turn left onto **Mariekerke** towards **Jnct 46**.

***Tipp:** Shortly before reaching Jnct 46, on your ride hand-side, you reach the dairy "Mariekerke" with farm shop. Here you can buy different kinds of self-made sheep`s or cow`s milk cheese, Zeeland vine, mustard and bonbons and many other regional products. On the terrace, take some refreshments, perhaps a coffee and a cheese sandwich, to prepare for the for the remaining stretch.*

At **Jnct 46**, turn left and cycle for 3 km towards **Jnct 43**. Here turn right to reach **Jnct 12** and **Jnct 11**.

At **Jnct 11**, turn right towards **Jnct 13** and **Jnct 15**.

***Tipp:** It is well worth to take a detour to the seaside resort of Domburg, with its wide sandy beaches and a picturesque town centre. You really should go, if you didn`t go yesterday! To reach Domburg, turn left at Jnct 13, and cycle towards Jnct 14.*

Continue cycling for another 4.4 km in the direction of **Jnct 20**. You have reached the tourist location of **Ostkapelle**. Here you will find numerous nice cafes and restaurants where you can stop for a break.

Leave the town onto **Brouwerijstraat**, past the huge camp site, in the direction of **Jnct 22** and **Jnct 23**.

At **Jnct 23**, turn left to reach **Jnct 24**, which is in the middle of the typical Dutch village of **Serooskerke**.

Leave the village onto **Vrouwenpolderseweg** towards **Jnct 25**. Carry on straight to **Jnct 31** and **Jnct 32**, past the marina, and reach the mooring place of the **MS OLYMPIA**.

In the evening, during dinner, the ship sets sail for **Dordrecht**.

## Day 7: Dordrecht – Rotterdam, approx. 40 km 18

Your last cycle tour begins in the city of Dordrecht and leads over Kinderdijk into the buzzing metropolis of Rotterdam, the second largest city of the Netherlands.

**Tipp:** *Dordrecht, the oldest city in Holland, boasts of a charming historic inner city port and a unique architecture. In the city centre with its approx. 1.000 historic buildings, the medieval atmosphere can still be sensed.*

From the mooring, turn right towards **Jnct 87**, which is at the ferry dock on **Merwekade**.

Cross the river taking the **Waterbus** in the direction of **Jnct 98**, to **Papendrecht**.

After leaving the ferry, you will see a **green sign LF2b (Landesfietspad = nationwide cycle path)**, which you follow. Shortly after the sign, you reach **Jnct 98**.

Continue cycling straight on, crossing the motorway bridge, to **Jnct 41**. From here on, the landscape changes and gets more rural, you leave the hustle and bustle of the city behind. At **Jnct 41**, turn left → **Jnct 42**, turn right and cycle along the river "**De Ablas**" and through the village of **Oud-Ablas**, over the little bridge in the direction of → **Jnct 43**, → **Jnct 09**, → **Jnct 08**.  Watch out: only few signposts along the route!

19 From **Jnct 08**, continue cycling through flat marshland to **Jnct 07**, and after the small river turn left. Cycle for approx. 5 km alongside the river, then cross it and reach **Jnct 19**. Cycle now through **Kinderdijk**.

***Tip:** Kinderdijk is a small village that boasts the Netherlands' most famous wind mills. Here you find 19 well preserved mills dating from the 18th century, listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site. A must stop to take photos! The wind mills are among the most famous tourist destinations in the Netherlands. The visit of the mills is free. The tickets for the inside visit of the museums mill, you will get at the entrance of the cycleway.*

Your route leads alongside the mills via **Jnct 02** and **Jnct 03** to **Jnct 31**.

At **Jnct 31**, there is the ferry dock **Veerdienst Kinderdijk**. Take the ferry (ticket fee circa 1 €) and cross the river "**Lek**" in the direction of **Jnct 61** to **Krimpen aan de Lek**.

Reaching the other bank, at **Jnct 61**, turn left onto **Dorpsstraat** towards **Jnct 58**. This is a road without cycleway, please pay attention!

**Alternative route:** At **Jnct 61** cycle straight ahead and follow the signs to **Jnct 81**. You will pass through a residential area for a short time and you will reach extensive polder landscapes. At **Knpt 81** continue straight ahead follow the signs to **Knpt 58**.

**20** From **Jnct 58**, cycle for a short while through the industrial area and the suburbs of **Rotterdam** to **Jnct 70**. Here, on your left, you will already see the **Algerbrug**. Cross the bridge to reach **Jnct 65**.

After crossing the bridge, at **Jnct 65**, turn left and keep cycling alongside the river "**Hollanse IJssel**" to **Jnct 66** and **Jnct 75**.

Past the residential area, you reach **Jnct 67**, turn left to **Jnct 74**. Already from afar, you can see the **Erasmus Bridge**.

Continue in the direction of **Jnct 68**, and onto **Boompjeskade** cycle towards **Jnct 60** (without reaching the junction). Here the **MS OLYMPIA** will already be waiting for you.









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