



Tulip & Biking Barge Tour Netherlands



April 15-22, 2027

\$2,195* p.p. Dbl Occupancy

Registration & \$300 Deposit Deadline is June 25, 2026

20 people are required for the trip!



Tulip Fields



Elisabeth van Aemstel:



Windmills

The Elisabeth van Aemstel (Formerly Allure) set sail for the first time in 1998. The former owner converted the former inland navigation ship with beautiful lines into a comfortable and friendly passenger ship. The modern, rustic ship has been at home for many years on bike and boat tours on many rivers. Coziness is a top priority on the MS Elisabeth van Aemstel. A total of ten 8 m² cabins are available. All cabins have a shower/WC, safe, hair dryer, and air conditioning.

This will be your home for seven days. During the day you will bike along canals, tulip fields, through small towns and the beautiful country while making stops at sites of general or historic significance. Eventually catching up with the barge at a new mooring.

* Pricing is based on the Euro exchange rate of 1.18 to the US dollar. Change in the exchange rate may affect the price. Airline is not included. Bike rental is additional.

Tour Itinerary:

Day 1: Amsterdam to Oude Wetering, 10 km (6.25 miles)



You are expected to arrive on our barge on Thursday no later than 1.30 PM. The barge needs to leave the mooring place in Amsterdam at 2 PM. It is very important you are on time. The barge can't wait due to the opening hours of bridges and/or locks. Boarding time is between 12.30 PM and 1.30 PM. When you arrive on board the barge, you can put your luggage away in your cabin and then enjoy a cup of coffee or tea. It is also a good moment to become acquainted with the guide, skipper and crew and of course your fellow passengers. During dinner aboard the ship, the program for next day and the global planning of the week are discussed. After dinner the guide will take you on a short ride around Oude Wetering to try out the bikes.

Day 2: Oude Wetering to Gouda, 45 km (28 miles)



From Oude Wetering you will continue your tour over country roads, along river banks and channels through the Green Heart to the city known for its cheese: Gouda. Who thinks of Gouda, not only thinks of cheese, pipes, 'stroopwafels' (treacle-waffle) and pottery, but also of beautiful stained glass windows, a fairy-like town hall and atmospheric canals. Gouda is a beautiful Old Dutch city with a mostly intact city centre. As on most days, after dinner you can take a walk through the city.

Day 3: Gouda to Delft, 40 km (24.75 miles)



From Gouda you cycle past scenic polders via Kinderdijk to Rotterdam. Kinderdijk has the largest group of windmills in the Netherlands. The windmills at Kinderdijk were still actively used until 1950. These days, a large pumping station is responsible for controlling the water level in the polder. After visiting the windmills of Kinderdijk you take the ferry to Rotterdam. In Rotterdam you embark and from there the ship takes you to Delft. Delft, the town famous for its pottery, the 'Delft blue'. The Prinsenhof Museum is housed in the former St Agatha's monastery. In 1572 William of Orange chose the convent as one of his residences. It was from here that he led the revolt against the Spanish tyranny of Holland. He was murdered on the steps of the Prinsenhof on July 10, 1584, by Balthazar Gerards, a Spanish sympathiser. Two bullet holes in the wall of the stairs bear witness to this event.

Day 4: Delft to Leiden, 36/48 km (22.25/29.75 miles)



Today is Sunday, the day on which most Dutch take out their bikes for a ride. From Delft we cycle in the direction of The Hague, through 'het Haagse Bosch', a large park, and past the former Royal Palace 'Huis ten Bosch'. The long tour leads you over tranquil cycle paths through the dunes to Wassenaarse Slag. Here you can see the remains of the Atlantikwall. Five bunkers are connected by nearly 3,000-foot-long brick tunnels. Now the underground network serves as a bat reserve. The route continues through the dunes, to

Katwijk aan Zee, an old fishing village. The old inhabitants of Katwijk still speak their own dialect, 'Kattuks'. Following the course of the Oude Rijn (Old Rhine) river we cycle to Leiden. Leiden boasts 14 museums, including the Rijksmuseum. The ship is moored near the Zijlpoort, a gate that once formed part of the city walls. The shorter route leads you inland after 'Huis den Bosch' and brings you along 'Vlietlanden' a 130-ha big recreational lake to Leiden.

Day 5: Leiden to Keukenhof



Today you visit the Keukenhof gardens, the most beautiful spring park in the world. An overwhelming blaze of colours of seven million flowering tulips, in a magnificent 80-acres' background of traditional and modern gardening architecture. The many blossoms, the flowering rhododendrons and azaleas are a feast to the eye. The pavilions will surprise you with unique flower shows. And amidst the wealth of colours there are surprising objects of art. This unequalled combination is extremely pleasing to the eye. In the Keukenhof various gardens and gardening styles can be found: the English Landscape Garden, the Historical Garden, the Natural Garden, the Japanese Natural Garden, the Formal Garden and three special colours gardens. Spread throughout the entire park there are approximately eighty sculptures from well-known Dutch artists. There are also several other art objects, such as the collection 'Surprising Tulips'

Day 6: Leiden to Haarlem, 40 km (24.75 miles)



From Leiden you cycle through wonderful flower beds in the direction of Haarlem. In the period of March to May the bulb fields are blooming, starting with daffodils and followed by hyacinths, tulips and lilies. Once in the city of Haarlem you make a short tour through the city to see some typical 'hofjes' (almshouses), old houses around a central courtyard, now usually housing elderly people. These 'hofjes' are definitely worth a

visit. Haarlem, which rendered its name to Harlem, New York, is a lively city with good shopping possibilities. The barge is berthed in the city centre, with a view of St Bavo's Church and with easy access to the Grote Markt with its many outdoor cafés.

Day 7 Haarlem-Amsterdam 40 km (24.75 miles)



From Haarlem you sail to Spaarndam, a picturesque village on the edge of Haarlem, in the direction of Amsterdam. Spaarndam's name comes from the dam built in the Spaarne River to limit the danger of flooding from the sea. Here you can find the statue of Hansje Brinker on the IJdijk. Hansje is a character from an American novel. He was said to have saved the country from flooding by putting his finger in the dike. The Buitenhuizen ferry takes you across the North Sea Canal and from there you cycle to the Zaanse Schans. The Zaanse Schans, with its traditional weatherboard houses, warehouses and windmills may give you the feeling of stepping back into the 17th or 18th century. Yet this is no open-air museum, but a lively neighborhood where people live and work. Among other things a cheese farm, a clog maker and an old bakery can be visited here.

Day 8: Breakfast and departure by 10 AM

Tour Highlights:

- Historic towns Haarlem, Delft, Leiden
- Keukenhof flower gardens
- Windmills of Kinderdijk (World Heritage List)
- Residence The Hague
- Guided Tour

Included:

- 7 nights lodging on the barge
- All meals (breakfast, packed lunch, and 3-course dinner)
- Keukenhof flower garden entrance fee
- Weekly program with guided tour
- Tour Guide tip
- Wi-Fi
- Special diets can be accommodated with arranged 8 weeks in advance and may have a fee associated with it

Not Included:

- Transportation to & from your departure airport
- Airfare to/from Amsterdam**

- Travel insurance
- 24-speed bicycle weekly p.p. rental approximately \$153* (includes handbrakes, bike helmet, pannier bags, lock, water bottle, bike insurance)
- E-bike weekly p.p. rental approximately \$283* (includes handbrakes, bike helmet, pannier bags, lock, water bottle, bike insurance)
- On board drinks from the bar
- Admission tickets to museums
- Transfers from/to airport

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**Airfare is not included because of the various trip extensions people may want.

Highly Recommended Before or After the Tulip Tour:

Amsterdam, the capital of Netherlands, is a very interesting city with the downtown area being built on reclaimed land using pilings and cross braces that create the canals. The canal water level must be maintained at a certain level to preserve the integrity of the foundations.

Below is a short list of sites to see:

A few of them are: See Google www.visitacity.com for more sites and a map

1. Rijksmuseum
2. Van Gogh Museum
3. Anne Frank House
4. Museum of the Canals
5. Albert Cuyp Market (Behind the Heineken Experience building)

Hotels:

1. Doubletree (near Central Station (train, trams, and buses)
2. Ibis Amsterdam Centre Stopera (near the barge location)
3. Pension Homeland (vintage hotel near the barge)
4. Highlander Hotel (near Central Station)
5. Hotel NH Amsterdam (near museums)
6. Avenue Hotel (near Central Station)
7. Prinsen Hotel (near center city)

Terms and Conditions

- Person signing up for the trip is responsible for the entire cost unless a substitute person is found.
- Name changes after ticketing will incur a minimum fee of \$150.00 per change.
- Uller's Outdoor and CycleTours are not liable for any airline issues.
- Barge departure will not be delayed due to airline delays.
- It will be the individual's responsibility to catch up with the barge.
- Please note that the charter rates are based on the current fuel price. Should the fuel price increase more than 5% (reference date January 2026), then we need to ask a supplement. Even for reservations already made.
- Uller's Outdoor and CycleTours will not be held responsible for passports that are not current or for any action taken by airline to preclude travel because the passport expires within 6 months of travel.
- No Shows, late arrivals and early checkouts will be charged for the full amount of the reservation.
- Tour is quoted based on 20 passengers. If the group size changes the trip cost per person may increase or tour canceled.
- The person signing up for the tour agrees that Uller's Outdoor and CycleTours are to be held harmless in matters regarding damage to property occupied or used by the individual. The person signing up may be asked to make a credit card available to be used as a guarantee for their individual incidentals/damages, or any charges incurred by said individual.
- It is the responsibility of each individual participant to pay for incidentals that they incur.
- **NO REFUNDS** will be given for changes made by trip participant after trip departure.
- Exchange rate fluctuations: Trip cost is based on an exchange rate of \$1.18 USD to 1 Euro. If the rate changes adjustments may need to be made.
- **TRIP CANCELLATION/INTERRUPTION INSURANCE:** Trip cancellation insurance is available and is highly recommended. The premium depends on the amount of coverage desired and is based on the tour cost as indicated and will cover all non-refundable amounts in the event of a covered cancellation or trip interruption up to the amount of coverage selected. Please see the link below to sign-up for insurance. <http://www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=48424>
- **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: ALL U. S. CITIZENS PARTICIPATING IN THIS TOUR PROGRAM ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A VALID U. S. PASSPORT VALID FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS BEYOND THE RETURN DATE OF THE TOUR. ANY NON-U. S. CITIZENS PARTICIPATING IN THIS TOUR MUST CHECK WITH THE APPROPRIATE CONSULATE FOR ALL COUNTRIES BEING VISITED AND TRANSITED, TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE MET ALL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS. IT IS THE PARTICIPANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BE SURE THAT ALL PROPER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS ARE MET AND THAT THEY HAVE ALL THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY. THE AIRLINES WILL NOT LET YOU BOARD THE AIRCRAFT IF YOUR PASSPORT IS EXPIRED OR WILL BE EXPIRING WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF YOUR SCHEDULED RETURN FLIGHT.**
- **PERSONAL PROPERTY, LUGGAGE DAMAGE, ETC.:** Personal property, including luggage, is at the owner's risk unless insured. Damage or theft of such items during travel and handling does not fall under the responsibility of the Tour Operator nor Uller's Outdoor. It is expected that normal handling can, and sometimes will, cause damage to luggage and or personal affects. The insurance can cover such loss and it is again suggested that all participants be advised of the benefits of enrolling in the Trip Cancellation Insurance program. Please see insurance website for details.

Enclosed is my (our) \$300.00** per person deposit(s) for the April 15-22, 2027 Tulip & Biking Barge Tour.
Return this portion with your deposit. Credit cards will be charged 4% fee.

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Planned Ski Days _____

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My signature below confirms that I have read and fully understand the Cancellation & Refund Policy.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Payment	Due Date	Amount Due Per Person
First/Deposit	June 25, 2026	\$300.00
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