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Merlijn
THE MAGIC OF WATER

Bike, Barge and Cruise your way across Europe!

Nr.	Embark	Start	End	Days	Departure	Arrival	Tourname	Rivers/Area/Highlights	
1	vrijdag	3-apr	9-apr	7	Dordrecht	Schagen	**Tulip expedition** ---------- 'treasure hunt to all the tulip fields of the netherlands'	**a true classic in a new look: Program to follow!** But for sure; Kinderdijk windmills, Gouda and it's cheese, floral attraction Keukenhof, open air museum Zaanse Schans.	A
2	vrijdag	10-apr	16-apr	7	Schagen	Dordrecht			B
3	vrijdag	17-apr	23-apr	7	Dordrecht	Schagen			C
4	vrijdag	24-apr	30-apr	7	Schagen	Dordrecht		** Note: April 27th will be king's day in the netherlands. A great celebration where there are many activities and everyone dresses in the color orange! You can see it as a festival. If you are planning a vacation, remember that hotels in the Netherlands can fill up quickly around this weekend.*	
5	vrijdag	1-mei	7-mei	7	Dordrecht	Schagen			
6	vrijdag	8-mei	16-mei	9	Amsterdam	Cologne	Authentic Netherlands & the mighty father Rhine	**9-days!** Bike, Barge & Cruise along the authentic eastern part of the Netherlands, with its river IJssel, old fishing villages and traditional agricultural landscapes. Just stop at the local bakery to have a good coffee (the Dutch love their coffees!). Pass the border to Germany for which passports are long gone and taste the atmosphere of Germany with its magnificent Rhine River, Europe's busiest transport corridor where function with picturesque is the starting point. Taste Dutch cuisine during a dinner on land and visit a castle during one of the cycling tours, Experience the German culture during your bike tours and in Germany's oldest cities Düsseldorf and Cologne.	B
7	zondag	17-mei	25-mei	9	Cologne	Saarburg	Rhine, Moselle & Saar 3-river tour in Germany	**9-days!** Bike, Barge & Cruise the Mighty 'father' Rhine, the ever-romantic Moselle, and beautiful rivers of the Saar. Explore the city of Cologne/Mainz, as well as the historic Roman cities of Rudesheim, Andernach & Trier. You will then head to the charming 'black cat' town of Zell, explore the famous Bernkastel and Little Venice Saarburg. The journey continues as you survey the splendour of the Rhine, the Moselle with its swathes of vineyards, and the Saar, surrounded by mountains. Bike along these rivers and enjoy a wine-tasting session at the famous 'Storck' winery.	
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9	woensdag	10-jun	17-jun	8	Frankfurt	Bamberg	Romantic trip along wooden half-timbered houses and beer gardens	**Back in program!** This cruise offers you the most cruising and biking mileage of any trip Merlijn offers. Bike, Barge and Cruise along the charming Bavarian Main River. Be amazed by the metropolis that is Frankfurt, the meandering streets and alleyways of romantic Miltenberg, as well as Aschaffenburg and the beautiful baroque city of Würzburg. Bike along the river named 'Main', surrounded by mountains and vineyards. Designated bike paths will lead you through old city centres, restored half-timber houses, Gothic & Baroque buildings, and cosy little towns. Ending in Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage site.	
10	donderdag	18-jun	25-jun	8	Bamberg	Passau	Bavarian Danube tour in Germany	**One of the newest tours Merlijn offers!** Bike, Barge and Cruise along the famous Blue Danube. You will explore Germany's best-known province Bavaria while biking the classical cycle routes 'Altmühl, Regnitz & Donau radweg', and get to sample traditional German cuisine by stopping at local bakeries and dining out one evening. There are small picturesque villages along the way, as well as the splendid natural scenery of the Altmühl valley and Danube River. Learn more about this province, shaped by King Ludwig I of Bavaria and influenced by Austrian architectural styles. Cruise along the Main-Danube canal and sail the Danube River from its earliest navigable point. Be amazed by the town of Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the lively university city of Nürnberg.	
11	vrijdag	26-jun	3-jul	8	Passau	Vienna	Blue Danube tour of Germany & Austria	**Merlijn offers first small-scale bike cruises on the Danube since 2022!** Bike, Barge, Hike and Cruise along the famous Blue Danube. Immerse yourself in Austrian culture, and enjoy all this country has to offer. Take the classic 'Donau Radweg' cycle route along the River Danube in the north of Austria and let the view of the beautiful mountains energize you. Sample traditional Austrian cuisine by stopping at local bakeries and enjoying an evening dinner out on your own. A good mix of cycling and cruising allows you to enjoy the Blue Danube to the full. Take a day off from cycling and go on a hike. Enjoy included excursions such as a guided tour of the blockbuster Abbey of Melk, and a tasting session of local wines in the Wachau area.	B
12	zaterdag	4-jul	10-jul	7	Vienna	Budapest	Blue Danube 3-country tour of Austria, Slovakia & Hungary	**Merlijn's newest tour, program to follow!**	C
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13	vrijdag	17-jul	24-jul	8	Budapest	Vienna		**Merlijn's newest tour, program to follow!**	
14	zaterdag	25-jul	31-jul	7	Vienna	Budapest		**Merlijn's newest tour, program to follow!**	
15	zaterdag	1-aug	8-aug	8	Budapest	Vienna		**Merlijn's newest tour, program to follow!**	
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19	donderdag	10-sep	18-sep	9	Mainz	Stuttgart	Rhine & Neckar, Germany's best kept secrets	Bike, Barge and cruise the mighty Rhine and charming Neckar river. Surrounded by mountains, vineyards and castles you will cycle your way thru Germany's best kept secrets - Visit the romantic cities of Mainz - Worms - Heidelberg - Heilbronn. Included excursion to the vineyards of Nierstein and a wine-tasting.	C
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