2027

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	2-apr	8-apr	7	Dordrecht	Schagen	Tulip expedition --- 'treasure hunt to all the tulip fields of the netherlands'	**A true classic in a new look. Let us take you on a treasure hunt to all tulip fields of the Netherlands!** We won't lose sight of our prey for a second, while at the same time we show you as much of Holland as possible. Ancient cities with rich history like Haarlem, Gouda, Alkmaar or Leiden must be seen. The fight of the Dutch against water of the rivers & sea, the multifunctional use of windmills, the gigantic cheese production, rich shipping history, and all that on wooden clogs, should not be missed. World-famous sights like, UNESCO heritage open-air museum 'Kinderdijk', the floral attraction 'Keukenhof' and characteristic 'Zaanse Schans' you want to experience. **** 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 day.*	B
2	vrijdag	9-apr	15-apr	7	Schagen	Dordrecht			C
3	vrijdag	16-apr	22-apr	7	Dordrecht	Schagen			
4	vrijdag	23-apr	29-apr	7	Schagen	Dordrecht			
5	vrijdag	30-apr	6-mei	7	Dordrecht	Schagen			
6	vrijdag	7-mei	14-mei	8	Amsterdam	Amsterdam	Texel or Hanseatic	Merlijn will choose in a later stadium where she wants to go... the choices are: Holland, Friesland & Texel tour - or - Hanseatic tour of the Netherlands	B
8	zondag	23-mei	2-jun	11	Amsterdam	Brugge	Merlijn's famous Holland & Belgium tour	Bike, Barge and Cruise the most beautiful parts of the Netherlands (Holland) & Belgium, and sample the local cuisine of the two countries along the way by stopping at local bakeries and enjoying two dinners out. From Amsterdam, we'll make our way to Rotterdam, via Weesp and Vreeswijk, picturesque small towns in The Netherlands. View the many windmills and waterways of Kinderdijk, and visit a cheese farm. Experience Dordrecht with plenty of options; Go on a Canoe or hike tour, or explore the culture in one of Holland's oldest cities. Then, we venture on to Belgium, starting in Antwerp, the diamond city and Ghent. We'll end our journey in historic Bruges, the jewel of Flanders. During this trip, Merlijn offers the most variety of all its Bike & Barge cruise routes with many inclusive activities and excursions.	
9	donderdag	3-jun	13-jun	11	Brugge	Amsterdam			B
10	maandag	14-jun	22-jun	9	Amsterdam	Bremen	Authentic Holland & Germany tour	**9-days!** Bike, Barge & Cruise the authentic northern part of Holland and Germany - A combination of stunning landscapes, beautiful lakes & rivers, charming Dutch villages and historic German cities. Visit the charming Dutch harbours of Hoorn & Enkhuizen, inextricably linked to the Dutch East India Company, and experience the 'northern' atmosphere in the provinces of Friesland & Groningen, the rural gems of the Netherlands. You'll traverse the stunning flat landscape on good & solid cycle paths, and cruise the IJsselmeer, Holland's largest lake. Then, it's on to the Weser, a small German river, before visiting the ancient German cities of Leer and Oldenburg. There is an excursion to the Meyer shipyard in Papenburg, a family business where the world's largest cruise ships are built. Visit (or extend your stay in) the city of Bremen, with its outdoor cafes on the 'Schlachte', the boardwalk on the Weser river, the Bremer 'Stadtmusikanten' (town musicians), and stroll through the wonderful narrow streets & famous market places of the unique Bremen 'Schnoorviertel' quarter.	
11	woensdag	23-jun	30-jun	8	Bremen	Wolfsburg	Weser-Hills tour in Germany	Bike, Barge & Cruise along the 'Weser-hills' landscape and the midland canal in Germany - Bike the Weser-Cycling-Route, one of the most popular German cycling routes - Explore the cultural highlights of Hannover & Braunschweich - Follow in Theodor Fontane's footsteps and visit small villages in typical March style - Cruise the Weser river & the Midland canal - Tourists are hard to find - Entrance to the 'Herrenhausen gardens & Autostadt, the home of Volkswagen included - Extend your holiday in Bremen, This 1200 years old Hanseatic city has so much to offer.	A
12	donderdag	1-jul	8-jul	8	Wolfsburg	Berlijn	West meets East Germany tour	**Bike & Culture** your way from west to eastern Germany. Cycle along the cultural Transromanica bike route, and tour Brandenburg. Explore the cultural highlights on offer at Magdeburg, Brandenburg and Potsdam. Follow in Theodor Fontane's footsteps and visit small villages in typical March style. Explore the cradle of the Prussians, and cruise the Midland Canal, the Havel river, and the lakes surrounding Berlin.	
15	zondag	25-jul	1-aug	8	Berlijn	Malchin	Germany & Poland 'Amazone of the North'	***Merlijn's tour guides consider this the most interesting & varied tour that Merlijn offers, expect the unexpected.*** Bike, Barge and Cruise the Amazon of the North, Germany and Poland. Explore the cradle of the Prussians during this tour of former Prussia, and learn more about the former divided nation of Germany. Command your bike through a variety of surfaces, from tarmac to cobblestones, and ride across the sunny isle of Usedom. Cruise through stunning natural areas of the Havel, Oder & Peene rivers, and the Szczecin lagoon. Take a ride in the oldest ship lift in Germany, Niederfinow, and sample the Polish cuisine in Poland's lively city of Szczecin.	
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22	maandag	20-sep	28-sep	9	Mainz	Stuttgart	Rhine & Neckar, Germany's best kept secrets	***9-days!*** Bike, Barge and cruise the mighty Rhine and charming Neckar river. Surrounded by mountains, vineyards and castles you will cycle your way through Germany's best kept secrets. Visit the romantic cities of Mainz, Worms, Heidelberg, Heilbronn and Bad-Wimpfen. Enjoy a wine-tasting session and a guided city tour. ***Merlijn's tour guides scale this tour higher than the well-known and similar trips along the Moselle River. The Neckar River is less known but according to reports; more beautiful, more attractive cycling routes, more nature, more castles and less touristy.***	C
23	woensdag	29-sep	6-okt	8	Stuttgart	Mainz			
24	donderdag	7-okt	15-okt	9	Mainz	Merzig	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 Mainz, as well as the historic Roman cities of Rudesheim & 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.	
25	zaterdag	16-okt	23-okt	8	Merzig	Nancy	Moselle & Saar 3-Countries tour	Bike, Barge & Cruise the beautiful Saar and charming Moselle, touching three countries. Bike along the Moselle river on good bike paths - Enjoy a guided tour in former Roman city Trier - Fall in love with the French countryside - Explore the ancient cities Thionville, Metz & Nancy - Cruise the Saar surrounded by mountains and the Moselle with its vineyards - Taste the wines from Luxembourg while visiting a wine cellar.	B
26	zondag	24-okt	31-okt	8	Nancy	Koblenz	Moselle 3-Countries tour	Bike, Barge & Cruise the charming Moselle, touching three countries. Fall in love with the French countryside & the German cycle paths while cycling along the Moselle river - Taste the wines from Luxembourg while visiting a wine cellar - Explore the ancient French cities Metz & Thionville - Enjoy a guided tour in former Roman city Trier - Visit famous Bernkastel with its magnificent framework houses, 'black cat' city Zell & romantic Cochem - Climb the road to see the stunning castle 'Burg Eltz'.	A