July 21st - 28th 2018
Bremen - Amsterdam
bike and barge tour
starting northern Germany and afterwards through the Netherlands
with MS Merlijn
Average biking kilometers per day 35 to 55

Saturday, July 21st  Bremen

Embarkation starts at 4PM, welcome drink and information on the tour and cycles. After dinner stroll into the city.

Sunday, July 22nd  Bremen - Vegesack - Oldenburg
During breakfast Merlijn motors to Vegesack.

Here your bike tour will start to Oldenburg, approx. 40 km riding. The tour will lead you along the Weser river, Hunte and Küstenkanal.
Dinner on board and overnight stay in Oldenburg.

**Monday, July 23rd Oldenburg - Leer**

Early start at 6AM as Merlijn motors you on the Küstenkanal for approx. 4 hrs. You will disembark at the Küstenkanal and your bike ride will lead you through the charming landscape along the river Leda (where the Merlijn can’t sail because of its length and draft). The Merlijn and you will meet in the afternoon in Leer. Here we will serve you dinner on board. In the evening stroll through the city of Leer.

**Tuesday, July 24th Leer - Delfzijl - Groningen**

Again early in the mooring the Merlijn starts sailing. Sailing breakfast while we sail to Delfzijl, the time of disembarkation and the start of the bike tour will depend on to the tide. Your bike ride will be good 30 kms from Delfzijl (we have crossed the German-Dutch border this morning while sailing) to Groningen, the capital of the province Groningen. Here you will have dinner at your own expense in one of the many restaurants in this lively city.

**Wednesday, July 25th Groningen - Stroobos - Leeuwarden**

The Merlijn will take you in the morning to Stroobos where the cycling of today starts. Your tour will end in Leeuwarden, the capital of the province Friesland. Again you will have dinner at your own expense, this will be in Leeuwarden.
Thursday, July 26th Leeuwarden - Sneek - Lemmer

After breakfast your cycle tour starts from Leeuwarden to Lemmer, a full day of biking through one of the most pretty provinces of the Netherlands. The route will be approx. 50 km. we stay overnight in Lemmer, dinner on board.

Friday, July 27th Lemmer - Enkhuizen - Volendam - Amsterdam

During breakfast we will take you on the Merlijn across the Ijsselmeer to Enkhuizen. From here you will start cycling approx. 45 kms to Hoorn, Edam and Volendam, all very pretty cities on the Markermeer. In Volendam you will board the Merlijn and together we will sail to our destination Amsterdam. Dinner and last overnight stay on board.

Saturday, July 28th Amsterdam

After breakfast time to say goodbye, disembarkation starts 9AM.
Rate p.p. in a double room: € 1.350

Included:
7 nights’ accommodation, 7 x breakfast, 6 x dinner, 6 x packed lunch, use of a 24-speed bike, bike-bag, towel, your own personal water bottle, use of a helmet - universal size fits everyone, services of a tour guide.

Not included:
1 dinner, travelling to and from the Merlijn, drinks other than mentioned, excursions and entrance fees.

We reserve to ourselves the right of changing schedule and/or program. If -part of - the route is not navigable the captain is entitled to change the schedule for safety reasons. Changes in schedule and program do not give you the right of free cancellation.

Payment: 20% of the price at the time of definite reservation
80% 1 month prior to starting cruise date

Cancellation fee: If the cruise is cancelled
until 6 months prior to starting cruise date 20%
between 6 and 4 months prior to starting cruise date 50%
between 4 and 1 month prior to starting cruise date 80%
between 1 month and 1 day prior to starting cruise date 90%
at the day of starting cruise date or later 100%

We will be happy to inform you about transfers, city hotel reservations, rental of our tandem or electric bikes (€ 25 each per day)