

## ***Bike and Barge post-RADECS 2009***

19-26 September 2009

Tour: Bruges to Amsterdam.

Price for the charter: Euro 8.750 (with a maximum of 12 passengers)

Euro 730 per person (\$1,130 US as of 5 Jun 2008)

Charter Company: **Cycletours Holland**  
[www.cycletours.com](http://www.cycletours.com)

Included in the price:

- 7 nights (bedclothes and towels)
- All meals (breakfast and dinner on board, and packed lunch)
- Coffee and tea on board

**NOT** included in the price:

- 24-speed bicycle Euro 52,50 per week per bicycle (\$82 US)
- (multi-lingual) guide Euro 900 per week (\$1400 US to be split by cyclists or we do it ourselves as an option)
- Bicycle insurance Euro 15,= per week per bicycle
- Travel risk insurance/cancellation insurance
- Entrance fees museums.

Name of the ship: **Zwaan** Category **Comfort DeLuxe**

Maximum of 12 passengers (6x double cabins – Note: 3 of the cabins can fit 3 people). A very comfortable and tastefully furnished 5-star ship/cabins with a special salon and bar; cabins have twin beds (can be placed side by side) and air-conditioning; daily cleaning service; breakfast buffet, 4-course dinner. Alcoholic beverages are extra.



## Typical Trip Description

The trip starts in the beautiful and richly decorated Bruges. You cycle beside the canal to Ghent, a bubbling entertainment town, famous for its different kinds of beer. These two Belgian cities experienced their golden age long before the emergence of the Dutch as a trading nation. This is clearly evident in the architecture and paintings of the Flemish school.

After this rich Flanders, you leave Belgium and enter The Netherlands. You encounter a mixture of landscapes, wide views over broad waters, impressive cloudscapes and here and there a sleepy village. On the way a rich history passes you: the Triangle of Forts with Gorinchem, Slot Loevenstein and Woudrichem. In Gorinchem you can still see the walls of the old fortified town. If you have the chance, visit Slot Loevenstein, one of the beautiful medieval castles of The Netherlands. Woudrichem is the third fortified town.

Via Vianen you cycle along the Vecht river back to Amsterdam. The Vecht has many large and monumental country houses, built in the Golden Age by the rich people of Amsterdam. Alternate events other than biking can be set up as well for non-cyclists.

### Typical route from day to day with bike distances in (km)

sat Bruges, embarkation at 4 PM near Buiten Kathelijnevest, round tour 15  
sun Bruges – Ghent 52  
mon Ghent – Goes 42; or sailing to Hansweerd and biking to Goes 46  
tue Goes – Willemstad 75; or off board in Zierikzee 53  
wed Willemstad – Gorinchem 48  
thu Gorinchem – Vianen 51  
fri Vianen – by boat to Breukelen then biking to Amsterdam 48  
sat Amsterdam, debarkation before 10 AM near Central Station



Tour options for extra time and hotels in Amsterdam or Bruges are available through Cyletours.

Please e-mail Ken LaBel ([ken.label@nasa.gov](mailto:ken.label@nasa.gov)) NLT 10 Jul 2008 to reserve your spot(s). Deposits will be due 30 Nov 2008 and the remainder 6 weeks prior to cruise.