

# **Bike and Boat Holland in Tulip Time**

April 29-May 9, 2009

## **Trip Itinerary:**

Enjoy the enchanting landscapes of Holland-where cycling is a way of life. We'll skirt along winding rivers, bicycle through small villages; tour a working windmill, see fields of tulips, visit dune reserves, majestic castles and medieval towns. This trip features a day visit to Texel Island on the North Sea Coast. Holland in springtime is truly delightful and less crowded.

## **TRIP INCLUDES:**

### **Amsterdam:**

- Round trip direct air to Amsterdam
- 2 nights hotel in Amsterdam for sightseeing
- Free walking tour of Amsterdam
- Meals in Amsterdam on your own

### **Canal Boat:**

- 7 nights / 8 days on floating comfort Dutch boat-hotel. Sleeping quarters in cozy double occupancy rooms with upper-lower berths. All rooms have private bathroom.
- Three meals a day prepared by Chef Els — hearty breakfasts, packed lunch and gourmet dinners. (one dinner is on our own).
- Afternoon snacks and mid-week wine and cheese party.
- Suzie Knable will be the trip host and ride leader on route.
- Bicycle rental — twenty one speed.
- Ride Packet with itinerary and guide map of daily routes



The Feniks provides a comfortable base from which to explore.

The Feniks is a cheery boat with cozy bedrooms appointed with upper and lower berths- a few bedrooms accommodating lower floor beds which are assigned on a first-come basis to couples. Each cabin has a private bathroom. The boat also features a relaxing dining-common area and large sundeck where we will be enjoying our gourmet dinners open to the Dutch scenery.

**Trip Difficulty**

The Netherlands terrain is mostly flat, but can be windy, especially in the northern provinces where we will cycle. So, we recommend this trip for an athletic person or experienced cyclist who can complete the daily mileage under some adverse weather and likes to average 10-12 m.p.h. on flats while enjoying a leisurely trip. **There is no support vehicle on this trip.**

We will average 40 miles a day. The Bike and Barge way of touring follows a "shared experience" philosophy of travel where our group cycles together and maintains a sightseeing pace of about 10-12 m.p.h. on Holland's flat terrain. Of course, our independent and/or faster pace cyclists can feel free to cycle independently and meet up with our group at certain rest areas or sightseeing points along our route.

Because the Dutch see cycling as a true means of transportation, they have developed a special biking infrastructure of clearly marked bike paths directing you to towns, historic points and places of interest.

**Pre-Trip Party**

Information what to pack, pre-trip lodging in Amsterdam, info on traveling abroad, and other important pre-trip details will be provided at the pre-trip party.

**Cost**

**\$2850**

**Payment Schedule:**

Aug-08	\$500
Sep-08	\$500
Oct-08	\$500
Nov-08	\$450
Dec-08	\$450
Jan-09	\$450

**There may be an additional airfare fuel or tax surcharge depending on airfare arrangements due to increasing airline costs. Luggage fees are extra.**

**Trip Insurance:**

**Trip Insurance is not included in the price but is mandatory on international trips.**

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