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WELCOME TO BRUGES/AMSTERDAM

Day	Route	Miles
Thursday	Bruges	6.7 Optional
Friday	Bruges to Ghent	36 Miles
Saturday	Ghent to St Amands	31 Miles
Sunday	St Amands to Antwerp	25 Miles
Monday	Kreekrak locks to Dordrecht	20 Miles
Tuesday	Dordrecht to Vreeswijk	35 Miles
Wednesday	Breukelen to Amsterdam	29 Miles
Thursday	- - -	Depart

Each day riding is optional. You can stay on the boat anyday you do not wish to ride. On most days there is also an option to hop on the boat and cut the ride short or hop off and ride from approximately a third to half way.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

BREAKFAST - Between 8:00- 9:00am every day, a buffet breakfast is served. It includes fresh bread, yogurt, muesli, fruit, tomatoes, cucumber, cold meats and cheeses, sweet jams, and chef's delicious "special of the day." There are two coffee/tea machines on board. Coffee and tea is included in your trip and available 24 hours.

LUNCH - During breakfast, you will have the opportunity to prepare and pack your own lunch sandwiches to bring along during the cycling day. Drinks, fruit and other snacks are also provided to include in your packed lunch.

AFTERNOON TEA -When you arrive back onboard after your ride each day, enjoy coffee, tea, lemonade, and a choice of homemade cake. The bar is open to serve you! Enjoy a bit of free time before dinner.

DINNER - Please sit wherever you wish for dinner! Staff serves a 3-course menu daily and the hostess will take your bar order. Special dietary requests should be made ahead of your arrival.

THE BAR & OUTSIDE BEVERAGES - The boat serves a variety of wine, beer, soft drinks, juices, & liquor. The bar is open to serve you. **Drinks will be written down by cabin number and paid for on the last evening or during breakfast on the last morning in cash euros or by credit card.** If you wish to drink a bottle of wine purchased during your ride, a corkage fee applies. Confirm the amount with the hostess. Drinks you bring onboard are not permitted in the lounge, dining room, or other common areas.

ONBOARD INFO

WIFI - Wifi username: Magnifique 2 - Guest and password: welcomewifi. Wi-Fi is unlimited and free to use on board. Please be aware that it is a mobile network and might be slower than a landline network. If you have problems connecting, please ask a crew member to assist you.

SAFETY - There is a safety floor plan in each cabin. Please take a moment to locate your nearest emergency exit and emergency exit route to leave the ship in case of an emergency. There is also an emergency button in the cabin. Take care not to mistake them for a light switch and don't try to test them. Life jackets can be found in your cupboard.

RETURNING AFTER HOURS - If you will return later than 10:30 pm, please remember to bring your key with you. Your cabin key is also the key to the outside door of the ship. Please remember to lock the outside door behind you when you return to the ship after hours.

WATER & TOILET USE - Tap water on the ship is potable and safe to drink! We urge you to be mindful of water use and conserve where you can. Ship toilets can be delicate. Flush only toilet paper and natural waste. Please do not flush sanitary products, paper towels or tissues, or wipes.

HOUSEKEEPING - Your bathroom will be cleaned every day. If you would like to have clean towels, please drop the used ones on the bathroom floor. If you would like additional towels, you can find a wicker basket in the lower deck corridor with clean towels, free to take.

SMOKING Smoking is prohibited in ship cabins, and all other passenger areas on the ship (except for the sun-deck).

TRAFFIC & LOCAL REGULATIONS

BIKE LANES AND SIGNS

Separate cycle lane

- Usually painted red
- Always stay on your right half
- Two abreast only when safe
- They can have two way traffic
- Some may be used by scooters



Cycle lane on the road

- Red painted strip & dashed line
- Single file

Separate two-way cycle lane

Countryside



Town



Cycle on the road

- Keep right
- Single file

Where are you allowed to cycle?	Where are you not allowed to cycle?
 Cycle path	 Road closed in both directions
 Cyclists excluded	 No entry in this direction
 Route for cyclists and mopeds only	 No access for bicycles or non-motor-powered invalid carriage
 Cyclists in both ways	 No access for bicycles, mopeds or invalid carriage
 Cycle path – optional	 Main highway
 Bicycle street	 Footpath

SAFETY FIRST !!!

Other Common Road Signs

- “uitgezonderd” or “m.u.v.” = except



- Yellow detour signs



YIELDING

Bicycle traffic light

- Press button to cross
- Observe the light on YOUR side of the road, not the one across the road!



Shark teeth

- Yield triangles but painted on road
- Teeth point at you? Yield!



SAFETY INFO

You are responsible for your own safety - BRAG assists as much as possible in ensuring a safe ride, however you are in control of your ride and safety. Please read carefully the cue sheets and take note of hazards as you spot them. Hazards are always being created and note we can not warn participants of every potential or existing hazard. Cycling has inherent dangers - take safety seriously!

You must obey all traffic laws and traffic control devices.

Wear a helmet and ensure your gear is properly functioning.

Communicate with other cyclists to keep each other safe - please yell when appropriate car back, car up, rider on, rider off, etc. Communicate about hazards such as RR tracks, pot holes, rumbles, debris in the road, cracks, animals, etc. Do not yell CLEAR as what is clear for you may not be for others.

Visibility - See and be seen, wear bright clothes, reflective clothing and use lights.

Bicycle lanes and shoulders - please use them when possible and safe to do so.

Report dangerous motorists and cyclists.

In the event of rain, the road and road tires can be slick and brakes can slip. Normal conditions may become more hazardous, especially rail road tracks.

In the event of lightning, take appropriate action and exercise caution.

BRAG'S CORNERING SYSTEM

This is a ride, not a race. We encourage you to stop and smell the roses and get a true taste for the fiber and culture of the areas we travel through. We will stay together as a group and ride together. If you would like to ride alone without the group/support, you are more than welcome to, please ensure you have the ride with GPS route on your phone and provisions to make the trip to the boat.

The Cornering System: The ride leader will be in front of everyone in the group. Everytime we turn, or the direction of travel is unclear, they will ask the person behind them to be a "corner". When you are asked to be a corner, pull over to a safe and out of the way area visible to others in our group, and point them in the direction we are traveling. Once the sweep arrives to you, you can hop back in with the group. This ensures no one gets lost and we stay together as one cohesive group. You are more than welcome to pass and catch back up to the front of the line if you are so inclined.

How not to get lost:

1. Stay with the group.
2. Download the Ride with GPS App and have the routes downloaded on your phone.
3. Download offline maps in google maps of the local area in case you need to navigate from off course.

THURSDAY

Welcome to Europe! Today you arrive in Amsterdam and will be transported to Bruges in Belgium to board our home for the week!

10:00am	Board the Bus to Bruges
	Travel from Amsterdam to Bruges
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Boarding the BRAG Boat
2:00pm	Welcome Reception
3:00pm-5:00pm	Walking Tour of Bruges
5:30pm	Bike Fitting - Optional independent 6.7 mile ride around Bruges area
7:00pm	Dinner Onboard the Boat

Today is a long day of travel. No worries if you want to skip the walking tour or the optional bike ride. However please do try to ensure you are comfortable with your bike so we can save time in the morning.

THURSDAY

Bruges, often referred to as the “Venice of the North,” is a charming city in Belgium known for its picturesque canals, medieval architecture, and cobblestone streets. The historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a well-preserved medieval gem that transports visitors back in time. Walking through Bruges, you encounter stunning Gothic buildings, quaint squares, and bustling marketplaces that exude old-world charm. The Belfry of Bruges, with its panoramic views of the city, and the Basilica of the Holy Blood, housing a revered relic, are just two of the many landmarks that captivate visitors.

In addition to its historical allure, Bruges offers a vibrant cultural experience. The city is famous for its artisanal chocolate shops, traditional lace-making, and world-class museums such as the Groeninge museum, which showcases Flemish and Belgian art. Bruges' culinary scene is equally impressive, with cozy cafes and restaurants serving delectable Belgian waffles, mussels, and, of course, a wide variety of local beers. Whether you're gliding along the canals on a boat tour, cycling through scenic paths, or simply savoring the ambiance from a street-side café, Bruges is a city that enchants and delights at every turn.

FRIDAY

Begin your cycling journey by pedaling through the picturesque Belgium countryside along the Ghent canal, heading towards Ghent. We will have a beautiful and informative boat tour in Ghent. Ghent is one of the larger cities we will stop in, so be sure to explore and look around during your free time. Our boat will dock for the night at a lock, in a suburb of Ghent, Merelbeke.

36 Miles to Ghent then Merelbeke for docking

Coffee & Breakfast
Ride along the canal into Ghent
Stop for Lunch
Explore Ghent by Bike - Some free time to explore Ghent
Canal Boat Tour in Ghent

BRUGES  **32 MILES**  **GHENT**  **4.7 MILES**  **MERELBEKE**

Ghent, a vibrant city in Belgium, offers a captivating blend of history, culture, and modern charm. During the Middle Ages Ghent was the 2nd largest European city, after Paris and is known for its stunning medieval architecture. Ghent boasts an array of picturesque landmarks, including the majestic Gravensteen Castle and the impressive Saint Bavo's Cathedral, home to the world-famous Ghent Altarpiece. The city's historic center is a labyrinth of cobblestone streets, charming squares, and beautiful canal-side views, creating a unique atmosphere that seamlessly merges the past and the present.

In addition to its historical allure, Ghent is a lively cultural hub with a thriving arts scene and a dynamic culinary landscape. The city's numerous museums, such as the Museum of Fine Arts and the Design Museum, offer a glimpse into its rich artistic heritage. Ghent's culinary offerings are equally impressive, with a plethora of restaurants, cafes, and bars serving both traditional Flemish dishes and innovative contemporary cuisine. The city's vibrant nightlife, bustling markets, and year-round festivals further add to its appeal, making Ghent a must-visit destination for travelers seeking a mix of historical beauty and modern vibrancy.

SATURDAY

Prepare for a captivating day as you pedal downstream through a tapestry of landscapes along the ever-changing tidal Schelde River. Your floating hotel will be docked for the night in St. Amands.

Breakfast & Coffee
Ride to Kasteel van Laarne
Cafe stop: Cafe De Fonteyn or St. Huberts
Option to get on boat at 23.5
Dinner Onboard the Boat

St. Amands is a very sleepy town. There is one bar and a shoe store. Tonight is a great night to enjoy the hot tub and get to know your fellow BRAG riders!

MERELBEKE



31.1 MILES

ST AMANDS

Nestled in the charming countryside of Belgium, Kasteel van Laarne is a splendid 14th-century castle that beckons visitors with its enchanting allure and rich history. This medieval fortress, impeccably preserved and beautifully restored, offers a captivating journey through time. The original structure of Kasteel van Laarne dates back to the late 13th century. It was initially constructed as a fortress to protect against invasions and conflicts common during the medieval period. 17th Century: The castle came into the possession of the noble de Ribaucourt family. Under their ownership, Kasteel van Laarne underwent significant renovations, transitioning from a defensive stronghold to a more comfortable and luxurious residence.

Sint-Amands, a quaint village in Belgium's Flanders region, is a hidden gem offering a peaceful retreat along the scenic banks of the Scheldt River. Known for its serene natural beauty, Sint-Amands provides a picturesque setting for leisurely walks, bike rides, and riverfront relaxation. The village's charming atmosphere is complemented by its well-preserved historical buildings, such as the Church of Saint Amandus, which dates back to the 12th century and showcases beautiful Gothic architecture.

SUNDAY

Riding into Antwerp is a great day on the bike! We get to ride along Dams, Levees, and Dikes. We also get to ride under the river, through a pedestrian only tunnel, and up a wooden escalator! Antwerp is the largest city outside of Amsterdam that we'll be visiting. Be sure to walk around and explore.

Breakfast & Coffee
Ride to Antwerp
Explore Antwerp and Church Tour
7:00pm Dinner off boat on your own. Suggestions via whatsapp

Be sure to note that dinner is NOT on the boat tonight.

ST. AMANDS



25.2 MILES



ANTWERP

Antwerp, Belgium's vibrant port city, is a dazzling blend of historical grandeur and modern dynamism. Known as the diamond capital of the world, Antwerp is home to a thriving diamond district where visitors can marvel at the sparkling gems and learn about the intricate processes of diamond cutting and trading. The city's historic center is equally captivating, featuring stunning architecture like the Cathedral of Our Lady, which houses masterpieces by the renowned painter Peter Paul Rubens. The Grote Markt, with its ornate guild houses and the iconic Brabo Fountain, offers a glimpse into Antwerp's rich mercantile past.

Beyond its historical and commercial significance, Antwerp is a cultural powerhouse with a burgeoning arts scene. The city boasts an impressive array of museums, such as the Royal Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum aan de Stroom (MAS), which showcase everything from classical art to contemporary installations. Antwerp's fashion district, centered around the ModeMuseum (MoMu), reflects its status as a global fashion hub, producing influential designers who have made their mark on the international stage. The city's culinary scene is equally enticing, offering a mix of traditional Belgian dishes and innovative gastronomy in its many cafes, bistros, and Michelin-starred restaurants. With its lively nightlife, bustling shopping streets, and rich cultural offerings, Antwerp is a dynamic destination that captivates visitors with its unique blend of old-world charm and contemporary flair.

MONDAY

This morning, the ship will sail along the Schelde-Rhine Canal and over the huge Kreekrak lock system. Today's bicycle tour starts through the beautiful "Wouwse Plantage" forest to Tholen. Once we arrive in Tholen, we board the ship again and sail to Dordrecht where we dock for the night.

Sailing Breakfast & Coffee
Ride Bikes!
Lunch on the ride
Explore Tholen time permitting
Board the BRAG Boat to sail into Dordrecht
Dinner Onboard the Boat
Evening walk in Dordechct

Tonight we dock on larger water. You may feel some movement in the boat tonight.

ANTWERP RILLAND 20.7 MILES THOLEN DOEDRECHT

Tholen, a charming town in the Netherlands' Zeeland province, is known for its picturesque landscapes and rich maritime heritage. Nestled on an island surrounded by serene waters and lush greenery, Tholen offers an idyllic setting for nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts. The town's historic center, with its well-preserved medieval buildings, cobblestone streets, and quaint canals, exudes a timeless charm. Key landmarks include the Grote Kerk, a beautiful Gothic church, and the historic town hall, both of which provide a glimpse into Tholen's storied past. Tholen's local cuisine, featuring fresh seafood and traditional Dutch dishes, adds to the town's allure, making it a delightful destination for a relaxing getaway.

Dordrecht, the oldest city in the Netherlands, is a treasure trove of history and culture situated at the confluence of three rivers. Known for its beautifully preserved medieval architecture, Dordrecht's historic center is a maze of charming streets, picturesque canals, and impressive landmarks. The Grote Kerk, with its towering Gothic spire, and the historic city hall are among the city's most notable sites, offering a glimpse into its rich architectural heritage. Dordrecht's museums, such as the Dordrechts Museum and the Huis van Gijn, provide fascinating insights into the city's art, history, and daily life in centuries past. Dordrecht boasts a vibrant cultural scene and a lively waterfront. The city's harbor area is bustling with cafes, restaurants, and shops, where visitors can enjoy a leisurely meal while watching the boats pass by.

TUESDAY

Buckle up because today we take a waterbus into the Netherlands and visit 19 UNESCO cultural heritage-listed windmills. Kinderdijk is a real treat and on everyone's highlight reel of the Netherlands. Get your camera ready as we get to tour inside a windmill and ride past some of the best known landmarks in all the Netherlands.

Breakfast & Coffee
Ride a short distance to the waterbus
Ride to Kinderdijk
Windmill Tour
Lunch
Ride to Vianen
Dinner Onboard the Boat

DORDRECHT **ALBLASSERDAM** **35.7 MILES** **VIANEN**

Alblasserdam, a picturesque village in the South Holland province of the Netherlands, is a charming destination known for its rich maritime heritage and scenic beauty. Nestled along the banks of the Noord River, Alblasserdam offers visitors a tranquil setting with its quaint streets, traditional Dutch houses, and lush green surroundings. The village is part of the region renowned for its windmills, including the famous Kinderdijk UNESCO World Heritage site, located just a short distance away. These iconic windmills, along with the surrounding polders, create a quintessentially Dutch landscape that is both beautiful and historically significant.

Kinderdijk is more than just a collection of windmills; it is an immersive experience that offers insight into the Netherlands' ongoing battle with water. The visitor center provides educational exhibits and interactive displays that explain the history and functioning of the windmills and the broader water management strategies employed in the region. Special events and seasonal activities, such as guided tours and cultural festivals, enhance the visitor experience, allowing for a deeper appreciation of this remarkable heritage site. With its blend of historical importance, natural beauty, and educational value, Kinderdijk is a must-visit destination for anyone exploring the Netherlands.

WEDNESDAY

Today is Franklin's favorite day of riding. We start by riding over the original Breukelen Bridge. The neighborhoods in the outskirts of Amsterdam, there are many estates that are "Proper Posh". We get to visit a Cheese Farm and do a tour with Helda. Riding into Amsterdam is also fun and we get to see and pass by Rijksmuseum Muiderstot, a beautiful and iconic castle.. Be sure to stay an extra day or two to enjoy the magical city of Amsterdam!

Breakfast & Coffee
Sail to Breukelen
Ride Bikes!
Cheese Farm Tour
Lunch
Ride to Amsterdam
Dinner On board the Boat

VIANEN BREUKELN 29.4 MILES AMSTERDAM

Breukelen, a charming town in the province of Utrecht, Netherlands, is renowned for its picturesque canals, historic buildings, and lush countryside. The town's name is familiar to many because it inspired the name of Brooklyn in New York City. Nestled along the scenic Vecht River, Breukelen offers a delightful blend of natural beauty and rich history. Its charming streets are lined with elegant 17th-century houses, quaint shops, and cozy cafes, creating a tranquil and inviting atmosphere.

One of the highlights today is its connection to the surrounding countryside, which is dotted with grand estates and historic castles. The area is perfect for leisurely bike rides and walks, allowing visitors to explore the beautiful landscapes that have inspired artists and writers for centuries. Notable estates such as Gunterstein and Nijenrode Castle, which now houses the Nyenrode Business University, add a touch of grandeur to the region. These estates, with their manicured gardens and stately architecture, offer a glimpse into the opulent lifestyle of the Dutch aristocracy.

Cheese holds a significant place in Dutch culture and economy, often considered a national treasure. The Netherlands, known for its rich dairy farming heritage, has been producing cheese for over 1,000 years. Iconic varieties like Gouda and Edam are globally renowned, embodying centuries-old traditions and craftsmanship.

THURSDAY

Today concludes our trip in wonderful Amsterdam! Amsterdam, the vibrant capital of the Netherlands, is the perfect culmination of any journey through this enchanting country. Known for its iconic canals, rich history, and artistic heritage, Amsterdam offers a dynamic blend of old-world charm and contemporary flair. As you arrive in the city, you'll be greeted by a picturesque landscape of gabled houses, historic bridges, and bustling waterways that define its unique character.

One of the best ways to explore Amsterdam is by taking a canal cruise, which provides a scenic overview of the city's architectural beauty and historic landmarks. You can glide past notable sites like the Anne Frank House, the Westerkerk, and the stately mansions along the Herengracht. For art enthusiasts, the renowned Museum District is a must-visit, home to the Rijksmuseum, the Van Gogh Museum, and the Stedelijk Museum, each offering world-class collections that span centuries of artistic achievement.

As the day draws to a close, the city's nightlife comes alive with a variety of entertainment options, from lively bars and clubs to intimate concert venues and theaters. Whether you're enjoying a leisurely evening stroll along the illuminated canals or experiencing the vibrant cultural scene, Amsterdam offers a captivating and fitting finale to your Dutch adventure.

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