

*Bike & Barge*

# HEART OF THE NETHERLANDS



**September 9 – 18, 2025**

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Mindy Miller & Eric Kuhn

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**Aboard this bike & barge tour, pedal through the historic towns and charming villages of the southern Netherlands. Bike approximately 30 miles per day at a guided comfortable pace through historic Haarlem, Leiden, Delft, Gouda, and Oude Wetering. Visit Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and take in the beach and dunes near The Hague. Along the way, we enjoy a beer tasting in Delft and a canal ride through Amsterdam. After biking, retire to our own private barge to relax and unwind.**



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**Tour Cost**

\$4,495 per person from Grand Rapids, based on double occupancy

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**Mindy Miller & Eric Kuhn**



Mindy Miller (Sales Director at Witte Travel) and Eric Kuhn invite you to bicycle through the heart of the Netherlands. Mindy and Eric have traveled widely and enjoy exploring new destinations with the camaraderie of a Witte group. City High alums with degrees from U of M and GVSU, Mindy and Eric have four daughters between them, a dog, and a cat. These outdoor enthusiasts appreciate experiencing new cultures, landscapes,

and perspectives. They will ensure everyone has a great time, offering suggestions for activities, travel guidance, and the comfort of traveling with Witte. They welcome you for an unforgettable experience!

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## Inclusions:

- Roundtrip air from Grand Rapids
- Motorcoach transportation between the airport and barge
- One night accommodation in Amsterdam at a moderate-first class hotel
- Seven-night accommodation on the *MS Wending*
- Breakfast daily, six lunches, and eight dinners
- Sightseeing in Amsterdam
- E-bike, panniers, helmet, lock, water bottle, and insurance per person
- Cycling guide
- Tips and taxes on all Witte-provided services

## SEPTEMBER 2025

**Tuesday, September 9**

### Depart

Today we meet at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport for our connecting flights to Amsterdam. And we're off! (Meals-in flight)

**Wednesday, September 10**

### Arrive in Amsterdam

Welcome to the Netherlands! After collecting our baggage, we meet our driver and drop off luggage at the hotel. Next, our day is spent exploring Amsterdam. We enjoy a guided tour of the city to get acquainted with the history and culture of the Dutch capital. After savoring an independent lunch, a leisurely afternoon in Amsterdam unfolds; walk the cobblestone streets, take in 17th-century architecture, or visit museums on your own. Perhaps try a stroopwafel – a delicious Dutch delicacy. After we check in to our hotel and freshen up, we gather this evening for a festive, multi-course welcome dinner. (B-in flight, D)

**Thursday, September 11**

### Amsterdam to Haarlem

*10 mi*

This morning, we cruise through Amsterdam's canals, a unique perspective of the city. Afterward, there is time for lunch on our own before we board the *MS Wending* for our voyage through the southern Netherlands. There will be time to get acquainted with the ship, our home for the next seven nights, as we sail from Amsterdam to Spaarndam. Unpack and stow your luggage, enjoy a coffee or tea, and meet our guide, skipper, and crew. In Spaarndam, we disembark and start our first ride. This short 10 mi ride takes us to the beautiful city of Haarlem. Back on board, we enjoy dinner and the rest of the evening at leisure. (B, D)

**Friday, September 12**

### Haarlem to Leiden

*30 mi*

After breakfast we cycle to the "Cruquiussgemaal" (Cruquius Pumping Station): one of three steam-powered pumping stations that drained the Haarlem Lake between 1849 and 1852. The pumping station, now a museum, illustrates the Dutch "battle against water." From this monument, our ride takes us through scenic dunes, past beautiful country estates, through seaside resort towns and fishing villages, and reaching the university town of Leiden. (B, L, D)

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- 1 Kinderdijk
  - 2 Delft
  - 3 Leiden

Cover: Amsterdam

**Saturday, September 13**

### Leiden to Delft

*25 mi*

We leave the city heading south, cycling along the Vliet Canal. In Voorschoten we turn westward toward the coastline. At "Wassenaarse Slag" we can take a break on the beach. The route to Delft takes us along the water once again. The old city center is worth seeing. Delft is a well-preserved medieval city with canals, a magnificent town hall, and a royal tomb in the Nieuwe Kerk. (B, L, D)

**Sunday, September 14**

### Delft

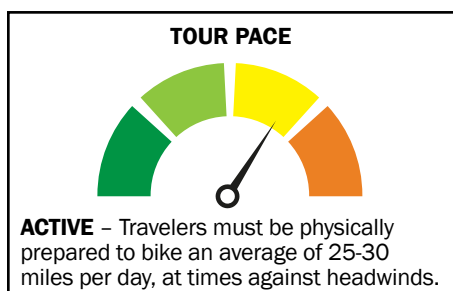
Today we take a break from cycling and choose from a variety of options. Stay in Delft or visit The Hague and/or Rotterdam by public transport. Delft is a beautiful town to explore. When the weather is clear, there is a great view of the southern Netherlands. Rotterdam, the main port of Holland, is a bustling city with many architectural highlights, and interesting museums. The city of The Hague has international character with its wide avenues, parks, stately mansions, and embassies. Tonight we regroup for a local beer at a tasting in Delft. (B, L, D)

**Monday, September 15**

### Delft to Gouda

*25 mi*

The first part of today's route will be on the barge as we sail through Rotterdam. Take in the great views of the skyline as we cruise through Europe's busiest port. We stop in Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to admire the windmills. Then it's time to start cycling again. We ride through the surrounding Alblasserwaard, an area of reclaimed land, admiring its waterways and wetlands. Entering the countryside outside of Gouda, we see the many dairy farms that make this city's famous cheese. Our ride ends in Gouda. (B, L, D)





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**Tuesday, September 16**

## Gouda to Oude Wetering

30 mi

Be sure to eat a hearty breakfast, as today is one of our longest rides. From Gouda, we continue our cycling tour over country roads, banks, and channels to Oude Wetering, a sleepy village between the lakes of Braassemmeer and Westeinderplassen. On the way, we pass the wetlands of Reeuwijkse Plassen north of Gouda and will ride through classic Dutch countryside with many waterways, green pastures, and, of course, some windmills. (B, L, D)

**Wednesday, September 17**

## Oude Wetering to Amsterdam

28 mi

Today we first ride to the village of Uithoorn. An important judicial hub for the Catholic Church in the Middle Ages, the village grew around the courthouse. Around 1885, several fortifications were built around Uithoorn and Oude Wetering and as part of the Defense Line of Amsterdam. This is now a 135 km ring of fortification around Amsterdam that is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. From Uithoorn we start our ride into Amsterdam following the Amstel River. Once in Amsterdam, the rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy independently. There will be a farewell dinner on board tonight. (B, L, D)

**Thursday, September 18**

## Return

After breakfast, we say goodbye to the crew and then transfer back to the airport for our flights home. (B, L-in flight)

**NOTE:** Biking distances are approximate. The itinerary is subject to change due to wind and weather conditions, and other unforeseen circumstances having to do with mooring requirements, etc.

Comfortable touring **e-bicycles are provided** with 24 speeds, hand brakes, pannier bags, lock, bike insurance, and bike helmets. Different frame sizes are available according to height.



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- 1 Gouda
- 2 Amsterdam
- 3 Wending barge
- 4 Twin cabin
- 5 Lounge/dining area
- 6 Twin cabin
- 7 Bikes on the deck



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### About the Barge Wending

The "Wending" is a former freight barge that started a new life in the early nineties as a luxury passenger motor barge.

All cabins have a private bathroom, central heating and air conditioning, 220 voltage outlets, and windows that open. Hair dryers are available on board. With limited storage space in the cabin, suitcases are stored under the bed.

After a long bike ride, relax in the roomy salon. A range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are available for the "après du vélo."

Outside there is a sun deck/deck for the bicycles. Your crew consists of a skipper, a cook, and a sailor/hostess. There is limited WiFi on board.



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