



RIDING ACROSS GEORGIA SINCE
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BRUGES TO AMSTERDAM 2025

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WELCOME TO BRUGES/AMSTERDAM

Day	Route	Miles
Thursday	Bruges	6.7 Optional
Friday	Bruges to Ghent to Merelbeke	36 Miles
Saturday	Merelbeke to St Amands	31 Miles
Sunday	St Amands to Antwerp	25 Miles
Monday	Kreekrak Loch to Bergen Op Zoom	19 Miles
Tuesday	Bergen Op Zoom to Willemstad to Dordrecht	32 Miles
Wednesday	Dordrecht to Utrecht	36 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
Peters Very Special Beer Tasting

St. Amands is a very sleepy town. There is one bar and a shoe store. Tonight is a

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. local beers.

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 at U Eat Antwerp

Be sure to note that dinner is NOT on the boat tonight but is at U Eat & Sleep Antwerp Nassaustraat 42, 2000 Antwerpen Belgium

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 Bergen Op Zoom.

Sailing Breakfast & Coffee
Ride Bikes!
Lunch on the ride
Explore Bergen Op Zoom prior to Dinner time permitting
Dinner Onboard the Boat
Walking tour of Bergen Op Zoom

ANTWERP LOCK 18.6 MILES BERGEN OP ZOOM

Bergen op Zoom, a picturesque Dutch city near the Belgian border, is a captivating blend of historical depth and cultural vitality. Once a strategic military stronghold, the city features remarkably preserved landmarks such as the Gevangenpoort (Prison Gate) and the elegant Markiezenhof palace—one of the oldest Renaissance city palaces in the Netherlands. Its compact historic center is a delight to explore, with winding cobbled streets, ornate churches, and charming townhouses that reflect its prosperous mercantile past. A thriving arts scene and a rich culinary tradition add to the city's appeal, with cozy cafés, lively markets, and fine restaurants offering regional Brabantine flavors. During Carnival, Bergen op Zoom bursts to life with vibrant parades, music, and deep-rooted traditions that showcase the city's spirited identity.

We'll also bike through Wouwse Plantage, a serene and exclusive enclave surrounded by dense woodlands and elegant estates. This tranquil area is known for its scenic walking and cycling trails, and is home to one of the Netherlands' most prestigious golf clubs. Originally established as a noble estate, Wouwse Plantage retains its refined, pastoral charm, attracting nature lovers, birdwatchers, and those seeking a peaceful escape. Whether you're exploring the stately avenues under a canopy of oak trees or relaxing in a secluded forest setting, Wouwse Plantage offers a harmonious counterpoint to the energy of Bergen op Zoom, enriching the region with a timeless sense of quiet luxury.

TUESDAY

Get ready for a scenic ride as we cycle from Bergen op Zoom through the tranquil countryside toward the star-shaped fortress town of Willemstad. With its charming harbor and historic ramparts, Willemstad is the perfect place to pause and soak in the Dutch heritage. From there, we'll board our barge and cruise to Dordrecht, the oldest city in the Netherlands, where rivers meet and history comes alive. It's a day of smooth cycling, peaceful waterways, and timeless towns.

Breakfast & Coffee
Ride Bikes!
Lunch Along the Way
Short tour around Willemstad
Board Barge and sail to Dordrecht
Dinner Onboard the Boat
Walking tour of Dordrecht

BERGEN OP ZOOM



32 MILES



WILLEMSTAD



DORDRECHT

Willemstad, a picturesque fortified town in the province of North Brabant, is a stunning example of Dutch military architecture and charm. Shaped like a seven-pointed star, this former garrison town was designed by famed military engineer Simon Stevin in the late 16th century and remains remarkably well-preserved. Visitors can stroll along its star-shaped ramparts, cobbled streets, and scenic harbor lined with historic buildings and moored sailboats. At the heart of the town lies the Koepelkerk, a rare octagonal church that stands as a symbol of Willemstad's unique character. With its peaceful atmosphere, waterfront cafes, and rich history, Willemstad offers a serene and scenic escape steeped in Dutch heritage.

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.

WEDNESDAY

Today's ride takes us through the iconic windmill landscape of Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage site that feels like stepping into a postcard. We'll continue through the charming silver town of Schoonhoven, known for its historic silversmiths and quaint streets. Our journey ends in the vibrant city of Utrecht, where medieval architecture, lively canals, and a youthful energy welcome us at day's end.

Breakfast & Coffee
Short ride to Water Bus
Water Bus to Alblasserdam
Ride to Kinderdijk and tour a windmill
Lunch on the ride
Ride to and stop in Schoonhoven
Dinner On board the Boat

DORDRECHT    **ALBLASSERDAM**  **36 MILES**  **UTRECHT**

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.

THURSDAY

As our unforgettable journey from Belgium to the Netherlands comes to a close, we hope you're taking home more than just photos—you're leaving with rich memories, new friendships, and stories from quiet countryside lanes, bustling historic cities, and tranquil waterways. From the charm of Bruges and the vibrant energy of Antwerp to the star-shaped serenity of Willemstad and the postcard-perfect windmills of Kinderdijk, it's been a week full of discovery, delight, and pedal-powered adventure.

We're so grateful you chose to travel with us and share in the magic of this unique cycling experience. Whether it was your first BRAG international trip or one of many, we can't wait to welcome you back. Join us again soon in one of our other breathtaking destinations—perhaps along the sun-soaked cliffs of Portugal, the coastal beauty of Croatia, the lavender-scented roads of France, the laid-back charm of Georgia and Florida's Golden Coast, or the turquoise waters of the Riviera Maya. Until next time, happy riding and safe travels!

LOIRE VALLEY FRANCE

Chateaux & Wine

APRIL 24-30

A person is seen from behind, riding a bicycle on a dirt path. The background shows a large stone bridge with multiple arches spanning a river, surrounded by lush green trees and foliage. The scene is bright and sunny, with a clear blue sky.
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WINTER RIDE LUX

THREE RIDE IN 2026!!!

FEBRUARY 15 - 20

FEBRUARY 22 - 27

MARCH 1 - 6

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AMELIA ISLAND



CROATIAN ISLANDS

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