

De 4 Vaargetijden



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General information

Sailing ports:

Oudenaarde: We expect you in the marina of this cultural city on the Scheldt. 15/07/2022 and after 04/09/2022.

Maasmechelen: this charming village in the region of Maas is the departing point to discover the Campine Canals
After 24/07/2022 - 26/08/2022.

All points of departure are easily accessible by public transportation and offer ample and safe parking space.

On special request (dis-)embarkation can take place from another location. Full information on how to reach our barge comes with the confirmation of your bookings.

Our most Frequently Asked Questions:

Who can join the tours?

Barging is a vacation for all ages: children as well as adults will find plenty of ways to make this their ideal journey. Simply relax on board, or combine the barging with activities like city tours, biking, walking, swimming, fishing, or ... Since the landscape is never the same, our trips are perfectly suited for the less mobile.

Children are warmly welcomed on board. However, it is impossible to add extra beds to our cabins. This means that children will get their own cabin. The discount for children is listed with our prices.

Does the tour leave time for local visits?

The barge will travel approximately 5 hours per day. Every night the ship will be moored very close to an historical city or in a natural surrounding. This means there is plenty of time for your mainland activities, be it visiting a city or a nature walk.

Is there wifi on board?

Our guests have access to mobile WiFi reception on board, subject to network coverage and a reasonable use policy!

What language should we speak?

Both Olga and Maurits are licensed captains and look back on many years on board various ships and are experienced in hosting passengers. Apart from the Dutch language, both are reasonably fluent in English, German and French. They will do their very best to give you an unforgettable stay on board.

Is a travel insurance included in the booking?

No it is recommended to arrange travel insurance that covers your personal risk and possible cancellation of the booking from your side. Ask any travel agency or your insurance agent.

Should I bring towels?

No, you will find towels in your cabin on arrival. These will be replaced midweek during your week's stay.

How can I book a trip?

Those who want to charter the full barge can take a free option on the suggested date. A simple e-mail, fax or phone call is enough. An option will become void if the booking is not confirmed within 14 days. Sending us the reservation form which you find in our brochure, on the Internet, or which we send to you on request secures a booking. You will receive a confirmation of your booking after our receipt of the first pre-payment of 30% of the total price.

Does the barge immediately leave port on the first day?

No we welcome our passengers on the first day around 7pm. You will have plenty of time to unpack, get to know the other passengers and familiarize yourself with the ship. We will at the same time inform you of our safety rules. The barge "de 4 vaargetijden" will leave port on the next day after breakfast.

Must I wash the dishes? Luckily no! We take care of all housekeeping services during the trip. Our guests are only responsible for their own cabin.

Can I bring my favourite beverages?

A full selection of beverages and snacks is available from the honour bar in the living room. Of course we have an excellent selection of Belgian ales and chocolates. Strong alcoholic drinks and special wines are not provided, so feel free to bring your favourite brand.

Can I bring my own bicycle?

There are 8 bicycles carried on board for the use of guests, at no charge. Those who prefer their own gear are welcome to bring it with them.

How should I dress?

There is no need for formal clothing. Leisurewear is probably the most appropriate clothing for the journey. Do not forget comfortable shoes for your mainland activities. As temperature might change from day to day we recommend our guests bring clothing that can be worn in multiple layers. That way you can easily adapt to the weather conditions. Most importantly, bring your sunglasses!



Barge and bike, paradise on the water . . .

Combine barging with bicycle activity for a really unforgettable vacation! We offer special routes to please the active bikers. Combining barging with bicycling is possible on all our tours.

Unpacking is required only once; the barge "De 4 Vaargetijden" will join you at the next stop every day and offer you all facilities! All trips are easy to combine with cycling options. The cycle node network covers almost all of Belgium. These routes are well signposted, making getting lost very unlikely. You decide how long you want your trip to be. Allow for a whole day's cycling at minimum 50km. Guests can of course, stay aboard to the destination point.

Sometimes it is possible to join the barge in the morning, then go biking in the afternoon or complete the whole journey. There is no accompanying guide on the bike tours, so some experience with map navigation is necessary. Especially in Wallonia (route B, B+ and TD) the gradients and hills will put your legs to the test.

On a part of the TD route there is no network of cycling nodes yet. Here map navigation is a must.

The other routes are mostly flatlands, routes C & M, or slightly hilly, route I. Closer to the coast, the influence of the wind is more evident. Throughout route M you can clearly see from the trees that westerly winds prevail here!

The best place to view the picturesque river Old Leie is from the sundeck of "De 4 Vaargetijden".

You won't like to miss this stretch.

The routes A, M, C, E & H let you enjoy this beautiful river.

Bicycles, with more than 5 speeds, and everything you need are provided, panniers, bike-helmet, repair kit etc

But if you prefer your own bike, feel free to bring it along.

SPECIAL TRIPS FOR 2022

As long as corona rules, we will apply the same modified terms and conditions as last year. Very simple: 30% deposit when booking + the rest to be paid as soon as we can be sure that the trip can go ahead, at the latest 1 week before departure. If the trip is not possible because of corona, we will discuss the relocation of the cruise together. For all other reasons to cancel, the normal terms and conditions continue to apply. So also think of a good travel and cancellation insurance!



2022 Schedule for bookings per cabin:

Data	Route	Specification
15/04-24/04	B+	10 days trip starting from Oudenaarde
02/05-06/05	E	Midweek starting from Oudenaarde
06/05-13/05	Birds	Week starting from Oudenaarde
13/05-20/05	C	Week starting from Oudenaarde
20/05-27/05	Beer*	Week starting from Oudenaarde to Bruges
03/06-12/06	B+	10 days trip starting from Oudenaarde
13/06-17/06	E	Midweek starting from Oudenaarde
17/06-26/06	M	10 days trip starting from Oudenaarde
08/07-15/07	Beer*	Week starting from Bruges to Oudenaarde
15/07-24/07	TD O- MM *	10 days from Oudenaarde to Maasmechelen
29/07-07/08	LL	10 days trip from Maasmechelen
08/08-12/08	J	Midweek from Maasmechelen
12/08-21/08	LL	10 days trip from Maasmechelen
22/08-26/08	J	Midweek from Maasmechelen
26/08-04/09	TD MM-O *	10 days from Maasmechelen to Oudenaarde
05/09-09/09	F	Midweek starting from Oudenaarde

*Return to starting point not included



*Something to celebrate?
Surprise somebody with a gift voucher!*



Prices 2022

	per 5 day midweek		per 3 day weekend		per 8 day week	
Group rate (per person)	HB	FB	HB	FB	HB	FB
8 person group; p.p.	540	630	630	730	900	1050
7 person group; p.p.	600	690	705	805	1000	1150
6 person group; p.p.	680	770	800	900	1140	1290
5 person group; p.p.	800	890	930	1030	1330	1480
individual rates	HB	FB	HB	FB	HB	FB
double occupancy; p.p.	590	690	695	805	990	1150
single room; p.p.	720	840	850	980	1200	1400
discount for children -12y.	-55	-100	-65	-115	-90	-165

	per 10 days		per 15 days	
Group rate (per person)	HB	FB	HB	FB
8 person group; p.p.	1150	1370	1850	2090
7 person group; p.p.	1290	1500	2050	2300
6 person group; p.p.	1460	1680	2330	2570
5 person group; p.p.	1710	1930	2710	2950
individual rates	HB	FB	HB	FB
double occupancy; p.p.	1270	1510	2030	2300
single room; p.p.	1550	1840	2480	2800
discount for children -12y.	-110	-225	-205	-325

Prices in € per person

FB: full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner)

HB: half board (breakfast & lunch no dinner)

Free use of: maps, board games, video library, DVD-player,...

Also free: Unlimited coffee & tea, made up bed, towels (bath towel, small towel and facecloth per person), use of bicycles , cycle helmet and cycle pannier.

Children For children up to 12 years the discount is listed in the table above.

Additional discount:

° Tours before 1/04/2022 and after 01/11/2022 receive an additional discount of -5% on the listed prices

° Regular guests are rewarded with -5% additional discount on the 2nd booking, -10% on all following bookings.

° These discounts can not be combined with each other or with the last minute discount of -40%.

Interested in last minute trips at -40%? Let us know, we'll keep you posted!



General Conditions

(non-official translation to English from the Dutch legal version)

RESERVATION, BOOKING AND PAYMENT:

1. The first named person on the booking form signs this form and thereby accepts, also for the other members of the group, these general conditions. The signing person will from here be referred to as "Lodger". 2. Except special conditions, indicated on the booking form and accepted by signature from both lodger and skipper, only the conditions noted as part of the general conditions written here apply. 3. The lodger explicitly recognizes to have read these general conditions, which are an integral part of the agreement. The lodger accepts these conditions without any restrictions. 4. A booking option becomes a definitive booking once the, signed, booking form is sent to the skipper. This must happen within 14 days after the option was requested. After a first payment of 30% of the total amount due, the lodger will receive a confirmation of the booking. The remainder of the price must be paid and received at least six weeks before departure. If the remaining payment is not done, the booking is considered as cancelled. 5. The skipper has the right to deny a booking without the need for reason.

CANCELLATION RULES:

6. The lodger has to inform the skipper immediately in writing if the arrangement needs to be cancelled. In case a trip is cancelled more than 90 days before departure, the cancellation fee is 30% of the price for the arrangement. In all other cases the total sum remains due. It is recommended to cover this risk with a cancellation insurance at an insurance agency of your choice.

7. Changes of travel dates after the booking has been confirmed, is regarded as cancellation, unless the skipper can fulfil the booking at the new date. 8. In case the skipper has to cancel the trip due to unavailability of the ship, for reasons that are outside the skippers' control, the skipper will help the lodger to his best capacity to find a comparable ship as a replacement. If this proves impossible, the lodger gets a total refund of the sum paid already. No other compensation is paid. 9. The skipper performs to his best capacities to have the trip proceed as planned. He is not liable for trips that are delayed or cancelled due to repair work, strike, inundation, drought or other causes, unless his liability can be proven. 10. The skipper keeps the right to abort the voyage for an individual or the whole group,

if, according to the skipper, this person or group endangers the safety of the ship, the crew or the other passengers, or if the person or group persistently disobeyed the rules or the advice given by the skipper. A trip that is cancelled in such a situation is not refunded.

COMPLAINTS AND CHANGES:

11. The skipper and his crew do their utmost to provide the lodger a carefree vacation. Any complaints about the travel should be reported to the skipper immediately. A complaint must include a written specification of all relevant details that allow the skipper to take proper action. Any complaint has to be received by the owners of the barge within 28 days after the end of the trip. The skipper cannot be made liable for any other forms of complaints. 12. In the unlikely event that a trip has to be changed, the skipper keeps the right to do so. Changes can include: changed route, changed date, changed embarking harbour, changed disembarking harbour, changed region. The skipper will inform the lodger about these changes as soon as possible. 13. In case of disagreement between skipper and lodger, only the court of justice responsible for the territory where the skipper keeps his home address can handle the case. 14. Folders and price-list are prepared with extreme care. The owners cannot be made liable for errors or omissions, nor for late changes in these leaflets. When a new price-list is published it immediately replaces all older versions.

INSURANCES AND PRICE ADAPTATIONS:

15. The ship is assured all-risk. The skippers have a civil liability insurance for claims from any passenger. Neither the passengers' own civil liability, nor his luggage are insured. It is recommended that the lodger takes a travel insurance that covers these risks. In case the lodger did not take such insurance, he frees the skipper of all claims that might occur. Still the skipper will assist the lodger as well as possible, if such a case occurs.

16. Intermediate increase of price for fuel, labour, transportation taxes or civil taxes give the skipper the right to adapt the agreed price for the trip. Before such an adaptation, the price has to increase with at least 2%. No Price increases can take place after the lodger's final payment.

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Bookings form:

You filled this form completely? After signing it, send it to us by regular mail. We would appreciate a phone-call as well!

Name: sex:

First name: Date of birth:

Address:

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Postal: Town:

Country: Phone (daytime):

Phone (evening):

Phone (one day before boarding):

E-mail:

Other passengers:

Name+Firstname:

Date of birth:

Sex:

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Cruise information:

☐ **Week:** start Friday 7 PM end Friday 10 AM

☐ **15-Day:** start 7 PM 1st day end 10 AM 15th day

☐ **Midweek:** start Monday 7 PM end Friday 10 AM

☐ **Combination:**

☐ **Weekend:** start Friday 7 PM end Sunday 9 PM

☐ **Route ID:**

☐ **10-Day:** start 7 PM 1st day end 10 AM 10th day

Meals: ☐ Full board ☐ Half board

Arrival date:/...../..... Departure date:/...../.....

Preferred visits: ☐ city visits ☐ nature ☐ dining ☐ nightlife ☐ other

Preferred activity: ☐ bicycle ☐ walking ☐ fishing ☐ sunbathing ☐ swimming ☐ discoveries ☐ relaxation ☐ others:

Number of bikes wanted:for adults + cycle helmets +for kids

(optional) specific choice for **route/ landing spot:**

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(optional) special **food wishes:**

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(optional) special **events** (birthday, celebration,...):

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Bookings form:

Payment		
List-price x persons =
Children -12 year discount x children =	-
Off season booking *	-5%	-
Second time booking *	-5%	-
Third time booking *	-10%	-
Other discount (Reason.....) *	- %	-
Add. Credit card payment fee	+3%	+
Total:	
"Last minute" discount *	-40%	-
First payment 30%	Due with reservation:
Last payment 70 %	Due six weeks before departure:

* These discounts can not be combined with each other.

☐ Bank transfer KBC (Belgium)

☐ Bank transfer SNS (The Netherlands)

☐ Visa / Mastercard : card number

Card owner Expiry date:

With my signature I declare to have read and understood the general conditions, as well as the specific information about the cruise booked here. I accept these conditions and declare myself bound to respect them.

Location:..... Date:

..... Signature:.....

Remarks :

Have you previously booked barging vacations elsewhere? ☐ on a river-berge ☐ a sae cruise ☐ no

How did you learn about us? ☐ friends ☐ trade show ☐ travel agency ☐ internet

☐ Magazines ☐ facebook ☐ instagram ☐ pinterest ☐ other:.....

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