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## *Follow me on my Scenic River Cruise Journey from Amsterdam*

### Day 4: Bruinisse

Arrived about 7 am in Bruinisse. This stop is not in the town centre but near an oyster growing area in which they put out nets to grow oysters called the off bottom or suspended culture method. We had a choice of going to Veere or the Delta Works project. I opted for Veere but we still learned lots about Delta Works on our 45-minute drive. We arrived early in the town of Veere -over 800 years old and once a powerhouse in wool trading, etc. so lots of classic merchant homes. It once had a strategic harbour and had a large Scottish population and thrived in the 13th century, but its harbour has been radically changed and is surrounded by fresh water now as the access to the sea has been modified as part of Delta Works. It is now a sweet town bursting with history including a visit from Napoleon who used its massive church to shelter his horses and troops. Only about 500 residents remain it's a quaint little town- perfect for a tour and a bit of shopping.

Veere is part of Zeeland which suffered catastrophic flooding and loss of life during a Feb 1, 1953 monster storm in which almost 2000 Dutch lost their lives. Led to the Delta Works project over several years which is a massive, world renowned flood protection system which is comprised of 13 locks, dams and storm surge barriers built between 1954- 97 to protect southwest coast from North Sea surges. You can visit Delta Works on another excursion, but it is basically a short visit to one site and you watch a film. I feel with an excellent local guide such as we had you can see Veere and see much of the Delta Works sites as we drive by many dikes, over storm surge sites and saw a lot of evidence of the improvements made so best of both excursions in this excursion to Veere. We saw the most expensive hotel here in which the current Dutch king spent his wedding night! Even the King knows about this truly lovely place.

Back to the ship passing lots of wind turbines along the way. Just in time to take an e bike out for a ride on the many bike paths before supper as we depart for Antwerp at 5 pm

Check back tomorrow for Day 5: **Antwerp**  
Today's Events and Photos from today.



Side and back view of this church in Veere once used by Napoleon to house his horses and troops!  
Below: Sign of Labourer who would unload ships as Veere was a major harbour and the second shows a cannonball imbedded in the wall during the an attack on Antwerp in the late 1500s.







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