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Around IJsselmeer - sportive

Lake IJsselmeer

Trading towns, dreamlike harbors and the peaceful sea.

Once the Dutch separated the frequently wild Zuidersee with a dam from the North Sea. This is how they have created the IJsselmeer. It is a peaceful water and it's beautiful: a paradise for sailors, kite- and windsurfers, which still appears with the charm of the sea. The mostly flat region is not least a paradise for cyclists. The optional seven or eight-day round trip takes you through national parks with some rare animals and plants, through picturesque fishing villages and cities, which have experienced splendid times as commercial metropolises. Amsterdam is one of your destinations on the longer journey. Here you can see too that special mixture of fascinating culture and the charm of the water that characterizes the landscape around the IJsselmeer. Enjoy best conditions for a fantastic cycling holiday.

Netherlands

Easy

6 Days / 5 Nights

Self-guided tour

To the online version

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Itinerary

Day 1 Individual arrival in Harderwijk

Individual arrival in Harderwijk. Your rental bikes (if booked) are in the hotel garage. Discover the medieval Hanseatic city. A walk through the city leads you almost always past the Church of Our Lady (Onze Lieve Vrouwekerk). It is a basilica with a three-part elevation from the 14th and 15th century. You stay one night in Harderwijk.

Day 2 Harderwijk – Amsterdam | approx. 85 km

Look forward to the Arkemheen-Eemland National Park and the wide, flat landscape with its extraordinary vegetation. Black-tailed godwits strut across the moor. You cycle alongside the banks of the Randmeren to Huizen, the twin village on the Eemmeer with costumes and fishing museum. Naarden is a beautiful city in the green Gooi region and one of the best-preserved fortress cities in Europe. It was one of the most important defenses of the New Dutch Waterline, which still amazes people today. On your way, you reach the medieval moated castle "Muidenschloss". Your tour leads you to Amsterdam. Enjoy the historic buildings, the magnificent museums and the cozy atmosphere. Take a tour on the canals, walk through the Vondelpark, visit the floating flower market and shop in the old city center. Amsterdam is really unique! Due to the short stage you have enough time to explore the beautiful city. You stay overnight in Amsterdam.

Day 3 Amsterdam – Enkhuizen | approx. 85 km

After a few kilometers you reach the typical old Dutch town of Monnickendam, a real water city. Enjoy a relaxing bike ride alongside the IJsselmeer to Volendam or Katwoude. Enjoy your breaks in traditional fishing villages, which have a past as thriving commercial cities. Volendam is famous for its costumes and is said to be home of a delicious smoked eel. In Edam, you will soon discover that the town has more to give than the world-famous cheese. Hoorn is a small shopper's paradise with numerous terrace cafes and restaurants to enjoy and rest. The picturesque town of Enkhuizen attracts thousands of tourists every year. Some love it because of its many historic buildings and monuments, others because of its harbor and the optimal water sports facilities. Take a city walk to visit the Zuiderzeemuseum with its replicated old Zuiderzee town. You have an overnight stay in Enkhuizen.

Day 4**Enkhuizen – Giethoorn**

approx. 75 km

On a ferry (not incl.) you cross the waves of the IJsselmeer before you disembark in Stavoren. Discover the nostalgic charm of the oldest of the eleven Frisian cities in the Netherlands. You cycle through the gently sloping and wooded Gaasterland with its cliffs to Lemmer. The cozy center with its many terraces right on the water, the cafes and the many attractions, such as the old lock represent the zest for life in the town. Afterwards you cycle alongside different lakes and canals to the national park "De Weerribben". Not only canoeists love this bog area, which is home of rare plants and animals - due to the variety of canals. One of the jewels of the place Blokzijl is the historic harbor area. It is not surprising that it is a protected heritage. Through the marshy area you cycle to Giethoorn.

Day 5**Giethoorn – Harderwijk**

approx. 80 km

Not so long ago, no cars but ships and punter boats transported people and goods in Giethoorn. Take a round trip with a "Punter" (punt) through this romantic village. After that you cycle alongside the national park "De Wieden". Zwartsluis (Black Lock) took over the role of the transit port for peat in the 18th century. Kampen has a tradition for centuries in the fields of trade and shipping and this is still evident today. Alongside the dam you reach Elburg. You cycle alongside the Veluwemeer and come back to your starting point Harderwijk.

Day 6**Return journey**

After breakfast, individual return or start of your prolongation.

The route

Easy - The path quality is above average. In Holland, there is a two-lane and paved bike path along almost every street.

➤ [Explore the area on Google Maps](#)



Prices and events

Place of arrival: Harderwijk

	Season 1 27.04.2024 - 03.05.2024 Saturday and Sunday	Season 2 04.05.2024 - 31.05.2024 08.09.2024 - 22.09.2024 Saturday and Sunday	Season 3 01.06.2024 - 07.09.2024 Saturday and Sunday
IJsselmeer athletic, 6 days, cat. A, NL-IJRHS-06A			
Base price	639.00	719.00	759.00
Surcharge single room	189.00	189.00	189.00

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Help us to achieve greater sustainability. If you choose to use the digital route book and forgo the printed version you will help us to reduce our environmental impact and we'll give you a discount of 20 Euro per room as a thank you.

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Harderwijk

	Season 1 Apr 27, 2024 - May 3, 2024 Saturday and Sunday	Season 2 May 4, 2024 - May 31, 2024 Sep 8, 2024 - Sep 22, 2024 Saturday and Sunday	Season 3 Jun 1, 2024 - Sep 7, 2024 Saturday and Sunday
Harderwijk			
Double room p.p.	108.00	108.00	108.00
Surcharge single room	64.00	64.00	64.00

Our bookable bikes

	Price
21-gear unisex	89.00

21-gear gents	89.00
7-gear unisex	89.00
Rental bike Premium	159.00
Electric bike	219.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services & Extras

Services

Included:

- 5 nights in hotels as described
- Breakfast
- Digital welcome briefing (German, English)
- Carefully elaborated route
- Detailed travel documents incl. maps, 1x per person (German, English, French)
- Luggage transport
- Navigations-App and GPS-tracks
- Insurance for the rental bike
- 7-day service hotline

Not included:

- Arrival and departure
- All ferries, also the ferry Enkhuizen-Stavoren
- Spa and local taxes
- Parking fees
- Optional visits
- Expenses of personal needs

Extras

Parking information

There are parking spaces free of charge.

Hotels

Accommodation is in well-kept 3- and 4-star hotels, mostly in a central location. All rooms have shower / WC or bath / WC.

Important notes


Further important information according to the package travel law can be found [here!](#)

Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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