



Netherlands – IJsselmeer Dutch Nostalgia Bicycle Tour (2025)
Individual Self-guided
8 days / 7 nights



Cycling around the IJsselmeer is an extraordinary experience! The lake was formed in the 1930's, after the damming of the former Zuiderzee. Before the 20th century, there were many small but lively villages around the lake where thousands of families lived of fishing. This belongs entirely to the past now. Today, the lake is especially known for its indescribable calm and the beautiful nature. On the banks, you will discover charming villages and towns. Enjoy the views over the water, the green forests and the enchanting Dutch polder landscapes!



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Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival in Nunspeet

Nunspeet is situated in the middle of the beautiful nature of the 'Veluwe'. Around Nunspeet, old farms, green meadow land and wooded banks can be admired. That is why this village is called the 'pearl of the Veluwe'.



Day 2: Nunspeet - Amersfoort 60 km

The first cycling day brings us from Nunspeet over Harderwijk to Amersfoort. A first stop you can make during this tour is in Harderwijk. Harderwijk was a Hanseatic between the 13th and 17th century. Remnants of the once important city are the city walls, the town houses and buildings of the former university and monastery. Amersfoort is a town where history is still alive. Behind the old walls you can walk through the cosy streets where you can also go shopping.

Day 3: Amersfoort – Purmerend 65 km

On the third day, we cycle to Purmerend. On the way to Purmerend a very interesting sight is the Naarden-Vesting, one of the best preserved fortifications in Europe. The landscape is dominated by the ancient bog 'Eemland'. Another highlight during this tour is the beautiful medieval castle Muiderslot. You can visit the interesting exhibition in the castle as well as the lovely gardens.



Day 4: Purmerend – Enkhuizen 65 km

On the way to Enkhuizen, you should really visit Edam, famous for its excellent cheese! From Edam you will cycle to Hoorn. Hoorn calls itself "the pearl of the IJsselmeer". Hoorn was founded in the 12th century. After the establishment of a division of the United East-Indian Company (Verenigde Oostindische Compagnie, abbreviated VOC) in 1602 the town gained international importance. Another place to see is the 'Broeker harbour'. Our destination, Enkhuizen, was a leading port in the 'Golden Century'.



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Day 5: Enkhuizen – Harich//Balk/Lemmer 35 or 40 km

At 8:30 in the morning we take the ferry to Stavoren (luggage and bicycle to be carried yourself on the ferry). The cycling tour will guide us through the typical Frisian landscapes. Stavoren for example has become very popular.

Day 6: Harich/Balk/Lemmer - Zwartsluis 50 or 62 km

Before leaving Lemmer you should definitely visit the only pumping engine driven by a steam engine. The engine can pump up to 6 million m³ water per day. Between Harich/Lemmer and Zwartsluis, we will cycle through the national park 'De Weerribben', an ancient peat moor area. En route you can make a stop in Blokzijl or in Vollenhove. These places are ideal to relax a bit and admire the beautiful town centre. In Zwartsluis, where our hotel is situated, you can visit the former fortress Swartsluys, nowadays the place to be for water sports.



Day 7: Zwartsluis – Nunspeet 52 km

The most noteworthy point of interest on the way to Nunspeet is Kampen, once a Hanseatic city. This city has not less than 500 monuments. A must see in the city are the city gates, the 14th century Sint Nicolaas church and the gothic house. After having passed the small village Noordeinde with its reed covered houses, we are back in the 'Veluwe' landscape, and after another unforgettable cycling trip, we are back in Nunspeet.

Day 8: Departure after breakfast





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Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Profile: Easy and flat, suitable for all cyclists and families. Easy cycling, along a signposted cycling network

Distance: 323 - 340 km

Travel Season: Saturday and Sunday departures from April 27 until September 7
Friday departures from July 4 to August 15



Price per Person: *all prices subject to confirmation on booking*

Double Occupancy B&B	€ 695
High Season Supplement from June 7 until August 17	€ 60
Single Room Surcharge	€ 295
Half Board	€ 265
Bike Rental 7/21 gear with hand brakes, pannier bag, pump, lock and repair kit	€ 80
E-bike (must be booked in advance)	€ 160
Tandem (2 adults or one adult and one child)	€ 140
Child Bike, Trailer	€ 50
Child Seat	€ 15
Bicycle Insurance for Hybrid Bikes	€ 20
Bicycle Insurance for Electric Bikes	€ 33
Reduction for children 0-2 years when sharing with two adults in one room	-100%
Reduction for children 3-6 years when sharing with two adults in one room	-50%
Reduction for children 7-11 years when sharing with two adults in one room	-25%
Reduction for 3 rd person in double room	-10%
Extra Nights Nunspeet Double Occupancy with breakfast	€ 70
Extra Nights Nunspeet Single Occupancy with breakfast	€ 115

Services Included:

- 8 days, 7 nights in 3* and mostly 4* hotels, room with Shower/Bath and toilet
- 7 x breakfast buffet
- Luggage transport (1 piece per person up to 15 kg.)
- Free hotel parking
- Local taxes
- Map, tourist information and road descriptions and GPS tracks
- Service hotline (also on weekends)









Not Included:

- Ferry from Enkhuizen to Stavoren approx. € 25. To be booked and paid in advance. Please note: the guests need to carry their luggage and bicycle themselves on the ferry. The harbour in Enkhuizen is within walking distance (400-700 meters) of the hotel. However for a small fee of € 2.50 (to be paid on the spot) the hotelier is willing to transport the luggage to the harbour. In the harbour of Stavoren, the luggage transporter will take over the luggage and bring these to Harich/Lemmer.
- Personal expenses



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Bikes

Bike	Picture		
Ladies' bike		Child bike	
Gents' bike		Third wheel	
Electric bike		Child seat	
Tandem		Trailer	

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