

Netherlands - The Eleven Cities Tour by Bike (2025)
Individual Self-guided
8 days / 7 nights



The peace, the nature and the race amongst the races (The Eleven Cities Tour) have made Friesland extremely popular with ice skaters but certainly also with cyclists. The Eleven Cities Tour owes its name to two men who decided to skate past eleven towns in the winter of 1808, a total distance of 230 kilometres. To prove they really did it, they received the signatures of the owners of cafés or hotels in every town they passed.



Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival in Leeuwarden

Leeuwarden is the main city of Friesland. In this historic town you can admire the small canals and walk through the nice shopping malls. There are also wonderful buildings, like the late gothic 'Waag', and some museums. Interesting museums are the Museum of Nature and the Princessehof.

Day 2: Leeuwarden – Sneek /Ijlst 45 km

The first cycling day brings us to Sneek, a small town that was once surrounded by canals and walls. You can walk through the nice centre and visit the city hall and the Martini church.

Day 3: Sneek/Ijlst - Harich/Balk 50 km

Today, we cycle to Harich, situated near the IJssel lake. We will pass the nice town Sloten, with 700 inhabitants the smallest one along the Eleven Cities tour. Enjoy the nice village Balk, the charming villages and the typical Frisian landscape with the well-known terps!



Day 4: Harich/Balk - Bolsward 51 or 58 km

Bolsward is also a very nice town with picturesque streets, but it is certainly not the only one on this cycling day. Stavoren, nowadays famous among people who enjoy water sports and Workum are worth a visit! These were all trade cities, with beautiful houses from the era of the 'Hanze' cities and nice churches as witnesses of this glorious past.



Day 5: Bolsward - Harlingen/ Franeker 30/45 km

On the route to Harlingen you will pass Makkum, which is known thanks to the pottery. Enjoy your stay in Harlingen, at the 'Waddenzee'.

Day 6: Harlingen/Franeker – Dokkum 60/75 km or 48/63

On the way to Dokkum, we will first pass Franeker. Franeker once had a well-known university. Dokkum is a quite remarkable town, as the streets haven't changed since 1650. This city has always taken care of its architectural treasures. That is why the city has restored its fortifications and its historic walls.

Day 7: Dokkum - Leeuwarden 35 km

On the last cycling day, we go back to the place where we started: Leeuwarden. Along the cycling route, the enchanting Frisian villages Rinsumageest and Burdaard can be visited.

Day 8: Departure after breakfast



Route



Technical Characteristics:

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

Distance: 274 - 293 km

Travel Season: Departures daily from April 12 until September 24



Price per Person: all prices subject to confirmation on booking

| € 645 |
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| € 60 |
| € 230 |
| € 170 |
| € 80 |
| € 160 |
| € 140 |
| € 50 |
| € 15 |
| € 20 |
| € 33 |
| € 70 |
| € 120 |
| -10% |
| -100% |
| -50% |
| -25% |
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Services Included:

- 8 days, 7 nights in 3*/4* hotels, room with Shower/Bath and toilet
- 7 x breakfast buffet
- Luggage transport (1 piece per person up to 20 kg.)
- Local taxes
- Map, tourist information and road descriptions and GPS tracks
- Service hotline (also on weekends)

Not Included:

Personal expenses



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