



**Netherlands- IJsselmeer round trip by bike (2025)**

**8 Days/ 7 Nights or 7 Days/ 6 Nights**

**Individual Self Guided**



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.

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## **Day by Day**

### **Day 1 Arrival in Harderwijk**

Individual arrival in Harderwijk. The 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 – Bussum/Naarden/surroundings**

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. You stay overnight in Bussum/Naarden/surrounding. (about 50-55 km)

### **Day 3 Bussum/Naarden/surroundings – Amsterdam**

During your tour alongside the IJsselmeer, you reach the medieval moated castle "Muidenschloss". Your way 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. (about 30 km)

**If you cycle the "7 days / 6 nights" tour, day 3 is cancelled. You cycle directly to Volendam/Katwoude/Hoorn proximity and stay overnight there. (about 55-70 km)**

### **Day 4 Amsterdam – Volendam/surroundings**

After a few kilometers you reach the typical old Dutch town of Monnickendam, a real water city. Enjoy a relaxing bike ride along the IJsselmeer to Volendam, Katwoude or Hoorn. 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. You stay overnight in Volendam/Katwoude or Hoorn. (about 30-52 km)

### **Day 5 Volendam/ surroundings – Enkhuizen**

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. (about 25-46 km)

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### **Day 6 Enkhuizen –Lemmer**

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 or the proximity. 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. You stay overnight in Lemmer. (about 40 km)

### **Day 7 Lemmer–Kampen/surroundings or Zwartsluis**

You cycle through 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. The natural landscape De Wieden borders on the Weerribben. Together they form the largest contiguous flat moor in Western Europe. 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. In this Hanseatic city, you will see more than 500 monuments, including the Sint Nicolaaskerk, the Gothic Huis, the city gates and a replica of the medieval merchant ship 'De Kamper Hanze Kogge'. You stay overnight in Kampen. (about 48-65 km)

### **Day 8 Kampen/ surroundings or Zwartsluis – Harderwijk und return journey**

Cycling alongside the dam you reach Elburg. The traditional sailing ships, which are originally called "Botte", were formerly used for fishing. On your journey alongside the Veluwemeer you come back to your starting point: Harderwijk. Here you start your individual return journey or the prolongation. No more accommodation in Harderwijk, optionally you can book additional nights. (about 45-58 km km)





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## Route



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

## Parking information

Cat. A: There are parking spaces free of charge, no reservation possible

Cat. B: Near the hotel is a parking space approx. € 8,- per day, no reservation possible.

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## Arrival by plane

Airport: Amsterdam Schiphol and by train to Harderwijk, approx. 1 h 20 minutes

## Dates

**Arrival dates every Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 26.04. – 21.09.25**

- Season 1: 26.04.-08.05.
- Season 2: 09.05.-22.05. | 14.09.-21.09.
- Season 3: 23.05.-13.09.
- Additional dates available for groups of 4 or more

## Price

**Price per person in Euros- all prices subject to confirmation on booking**

	Category A	Category B
<b>8 Day Tour</b>		
Basic price per person in double room/ breakfast season 1	899,-	839,-
Basic price per person in double room/ breakfast season 2	989,-	919,-
Basic price per person in double room/ breakfast season 3	1039,-	969,-
Single room supplement	469,-	439,-
Rental bike (with 21- or 7-gearshift)	99,-	99,-
Rental bike Premium (with 30-gearshift)	169,-	169,-
E_bike	269	269
<b>7 Day Tour</b>		
Basic price per person in double room/ breakfast season 1	799,-	739,-
Basic price per person in double room/ breakfast season 2	879,-	829,-
Basic price per person in double room/ breakfast season 3	929,-	869,-
Single room supplement	349,-	319,-
Rental bike (with 21- or 7-gearshift)	95,-	95,-
Rental bike Premium (with 30-gearshift)	165,-	165,-
E_bike	249	249
Additional nights	On request	On request

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### **Included**

- 6 or 7 nights in hotels as described
- Breakfast
- Digital welcome briefing (German, English)
- Carefully elaborated route
- Detailed travel documents incl. maps, 1x per room (German, English, French)
- Navigations-App and GPS-tracks
- Luggage transport
- Insurance for 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.

### **Bikes**

#### **7-gear touring bike**

- Gear hub with coaster brake
- Exclusive production by Velo de Ville for Rückenwind.
- Excellent bicycle with a Shimano 7-gear Nexus hub with coaster brake.

#### **24-gear touring bike**

- Deraillieur gears with freewheel
- Exclusive production by Velo de Ville
- Excellent bike with Shimano 24-speed Acera deraillieur gears with freewheel.

#### **30-gear bike premium**

- Deraillieur gears with freewheel
- Exclusive production by Velo de Ville
- Excellent bike with Shimano 30-gear Deore/XT deraillieur with freewheel, RST 60 mm suspension fork and hydraulic disc brakes. Equipped with an aluminium hybrid type.

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**Unisex-Electric bike 8-gear**

- Hub gear with pedal brake
- Exclusive production by Velo de Ville for Rückenwind.
- High-quality electric bike with a Shimano 8-gear Nexus hub with coaster brake, Bosch activeline plus motor 500 Wh battery.

***This is a partner tour***

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