

IJsselmeer sportiv tour

6 days, € 630



Introduction



Especially for the sportive cyclists among us, we arrange a sportive tour! You will cycle along the shores of this ancient sea. As you ride peacefully on quiet roads and bike lanes, you'll pass a variety of interesting towns, monuments and places of interest. This circuit gives you the opportunity to explore the friendly atmosphere of the fishing ports, historical trading towns and small rural villages where we've selected a series of comfortable accommodations. In cooperation with:



Day to Day

Day 1 **Arrival Amsterdam**

There's so much to see and do in Amsterdam. Have you seen the new and improved Rijksmuseum? The Maritime Museum, Van Gogh, Anne Frank...? Pick and choose



Day 2 Amsterdam – Enkhuizen**86 km**

Waterland awaits, with wet meadows, wooden bridges and windswept reeds and rushes.

Waterlandsmuseum "De Speelklok" in the pretty village of Monnickendam explains (in English) the history of this extraordinary cultural landscape. Then cycle up the shore of Lake Markermeer to friendly Volendam. The quaint stone houses in the distinctive heart of the catholic fishing village seem to have been drawn up without an organized street plan. "De Dijk", overlooking the harbour, is lined with souvenir shops, pavement cafes and restaurants.

Then it continues up the coast to Edam, Hoorn and then Enkhuizen. Beautiful buildings are reminders of the prosperous 17th century Golden Age when they were affluent harbour towns, focussed on trade and shipbuilding. For centuries, small, round, salty cheeses produced by dairy farmers in neighbouring polders were shipped out of Edam and exported all over Europe. For six weeks in summer a traditional Wednesday-morning cheese-market is put on for tourists (10.30 -12.30 hrs). If you're into cheese, opt to plan your trip around this Edam spectacle. In Zuiderzee Museum, in Enkhuizen, learn all about the days when ships from villages on the Zuiderzee sailed the seven seas trading in bulbs and spices. The biggest attraction is a re-created Zuiderzee village of old, boasting adorable local architecture.

Day 3 Enkhuizen – Giethoorn**79 km**

In the morning you will cross the IJsselmeer by ferry to the Frisian town of Stavoren. From here you can make a tour of scenic Hindeloopen. Cycling further through the wooded, hilly countryside of Gaasterland, you will reach the portal town of Lemmer. Pass the Lemmer steam pumping station before crossing the Weerribben. This National Park is a unique peat land area with an exceptional wealth of characteristic flora and fauna. Your hotel is in Giethoorn, the spectacularly pretty "Venice of the North", with its myriad arched bridges, boats and thatched farmhouses.

Day 4 Giethoorn – Harderwijk**84 km**

From Giethoorn you will cycle to the Hanseatic city of Kampen, situated on the IJssel river. Via the attractive fortress city of Elburg, and passing many small lakes, you will reach your goal of Harderwijk.

Day 5 Harderwijk – Amsterdam**86 km**

Set those wheels in motion and pedal along the shores of Randmeren lakes. Arkemheen-Eemland is a National Heritage Landscape. The area was surrounded by dikes in the year 1360 to stop crop fields from being flooded. Arkemheen polder is so special because the original lots are still intact. The lots are divided by creeks, remainders of Zuiderzee tidal streams. Some plant species still recall the influence of salt water. Part of the polder is being preserved as a bird habitat for "Natura 2000". The visitors' centre has more information. Should you have an abiding interest in the Age of Steam, you may like to visit steam-driven pumping station Hertog Reijnout. It controlled water levels in the low-lying polder from 1883 till 1983. From here follow the southern shore of the IJsselmeer until you reach Muiden, where you will find the medieval castle of Muiderslot. From here, it is a short ride to Amsterdam, where you will cycle through the city centre. A pleasant cycle along the former estuary brings you to Waterland, with its bird-rich peat meadows, ancient canals and watercourses.

Day 6 Departure Amsterdam

The cycling holiday draws to a close. After breakfast at your hotel, it is time to go home.



Prices, Data, Booking

Departure:

Daily from 1st of April till 26th of September

Please note: a minimum stay of 2 nights in a row is required in the hotel in Amsterdam on the following dates (and a higher price will be charged):

April 18-20 2025

April 25-26 2025

May 29-31 2025

June 6-8 2025

June 21-22 2025

June 24-25 2025

August 29-31 2025

Price pp		€
Double room, breakfast		625.00
Single room, breakfast		900.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only		80.00
Upgrades pp/night		€
Westcord Art Hotel, Amsterdam		10.00
Surcharge per person		€
Stay in Amsterdam on Saturday		25.00
Stay in Amsterdam from: 18/04/2025 - 20/04/2025 25/04/2025 - 26/04/2025 29/05/2025 - 31/05/2025 06/06/2025 - 08/06/2025 21/06/2025 - 22/06/2025 24/06/2025 - 25/06/2025 29/08/2025 - 31/08/2025		40.00
Rental bike		€
Child bike		55.00
Hybrid		65.00
E-bike		140.00
Extra services		€
Bike Breakdown pass	€ 4.00 x 5	20.00
Child seat	€ 1.00 x 5	5.00
Bike theft insurance	€ 3.00 x 5	15.00
E-bike theft insurance	€ 6.00 x 5	30.00
Tag-along bike	€ 10.00 x 5	50.00
Child trailer	€ 18.00 x 5	90.00
Bike helmet	per piece	10.00
SGR	per piece	5.00
discount	per piece	-20.00

Starting point:

Amsterdam



Accommodation

The hotels or B&Bs on this trip have been carefully selected for their location, atmosphere and/or unique services. All rooms are en-suite. A list of the hotels we work with appears below. If a certain accommodation is unable to confirm due to lack of availability, we will request a comparable alternative. When selecting the accommodation, we try to take into account as much as possible a safe and closed bicycle shed. However, we cannot do this with all of them guarantee and this partly depends on the number of bicycles of other guests.



Westcord Art Hotel * /******
(Amsterdam)

www.westcordhotels.nl/art-hotel-amsterdam



Hotel die Port van Cleve ***
(Enkhuizen)

www.deportvancleve.nl



Hotel de Harmonie ****
(Giethoorn)

www.harmonie-giethoorn.nl

Hotel Monopole * (Harderwijk)**

www.hotelmonopole.nl



Practical Info



5 Nights included



3/4 Star Hotels



Breakfast included



Detailed roadbooks with maps and tourist information



The possibility of renting our bikes



7-days a week service-hotline



Luggage transport to your next hotel



Amsterdam Sloterdijk / Amsterdam CS



Parking possibilities at the hote



Any ferry crossings are not included

Arrival info



Nearest Airports nare Flughafen Düsseldorf (DUS) or Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)



The train from Schiphol to Amsterdam Sloterdijk departs 6 times per hour. Travel time is about 10 minutes. A single ticket costs approx €4,- per person excl. bicycle.

For timetables and tickets, go to www.ns.nl/en. For bus details, how to reach the hotel, check: www.9292.nl/en.

