

SAIL & BIKE

Holland Tulip Tour · Netherlands

Route

from Zaandam / to Amsterdam

Duration

8 days / 7 nights

Distance

approx.175 km

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Colourful tulip fields, beaches, and picturesque harbour towns of the IJsselmeer

Experience springtime at its most colourful in Holland. Explore Dutch landscapes by bike and from the water by sailing ship on our Sail [&] Bike Holland Tulip Tour. Breathe in the wonderful smell of tulips as we cycle through the countryside and feel the sea breeze as we sail across the Wadden Sea and the IJsselmeer while enjoying the comfort and camaraderie on board the beautiful sailing ship. During this enchanting Sail [&] Bike tour, we discover the famous Keukenhof Gardens, known for its hundreds of thousands of blooming tulips, but we also visit historical cities such as Alkmaar and Enkhuizen, true gems yet undiscovered by mass tourism. As we sail across the IJsselmeer to Enkhuizen and Hoorn, you are welcome to lend a hand with navigation and hoisting the sails under the instruction of the experienced crew.



Zaanse Schans - Amsterdam

1st Day Zaanse Schans - Alkmaar

You are welcome to check in between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., where your crew will welcome with coffee and tea. The ship is docked next to the Zaanse Schans, a unique hamlet where people live and work alongside original houses and windmills built next to the river Zaan. This tiny village is dominated by its operating windmills — the oldest of which was built in 1673 — and these were used for grinding mustard seeds, spices, and paint components; extracting plant oil; and for sawing wood into planks.

2nd Day Alkmaar – Alkmaar (33km/20mi. or 40 km /25 mi)

Today you can discover the beautiful North-Holland Dune reserve. This is a 5,300 hectare large forest- and dune area with its unique landscapes. In these dunes the drinking water for almost the whole province of North-Holland is gained. After a visit to the beach and artists village Bergen you will return to Alkmaar where you can visit the wonderful city center.

3rd Day Alkmaar – Den Helder (aprx. 19 or 33 mi./30 or 53 km)

Today we head out on a cycle tour through the north of Alkmaar and past the most beautiful tulip fields on the way up to the North Sea. The sandy beach here is one of the most wonderful beaches to walk along in the entire country, the perfect spot to feel the wind in your hair or simply to enjoy the view. Close by, and certainly worth a visit, is the artist's village of Bergen. Afterwards, we cycle on through the North-Holland Dune reserve to Den Helder. This piece of land wedged between the North Sea and the IJsselmeer boasts the world's biggest single flowering bulb field. To describe it in one word: spectacular!

4th Day Den Helder – Wadden island of Texel (aprx. 26 – 29 mi./43 – 48 km)

During breakfast, the ship sails to the island of Texel, the largest of the Dutch Wadden Isles. Today there is a choice between a shorter or a longer tour around the island. As we cycle through delightful natural parks, we find more fields of blooming flowers! The signposts lead us through picturesque villages and beautiful landscapes to the “Ecomare” seal sanctuary. At the end of the cycling tour, there is time to enjoy a locally brewed and well-deserved beer during our visit to a small brewery near Oudeschild.

5th Day Oudeschild - Enkhuizen (Sailing day)

Today there is a full day of sailing and relaxing on board to look forward to as we set sail towards Enkhuizen. You are welcome to lend a hand with navigation and the hoisting of the sails. Absolutely no previous sailing experience is required. Otherwise feel free to simply sit back on deck, relax and enjoy the scenery as we sail through the IJsselmeer. During the crossing we enjoy a delicious lunch on board. In the afternoon, we arrive in Enkhuizen, an old city with many centuries of maritime tradition. Here there is plenty of time to explore “the herring city”, which boasts a beautiful old harbour and an old town brimming with history. No dinner is served this evening, allowing you to explore the city and choose where you would like to eat whether that be a picnic meal or one of the wonderful restaurants.

6th Day Enkhuizen – Hoorn / Hoorn – Volendam (aprx. 20 mi./28 km)

In the morning, the ship sails along the coast of the IJsselmeer to the former Dutch East India Company town of Hoorn,

which was one of the world's leading harbours during the 17th century. The afternoon ride leads to Volendam, a small, picturesque fishing harbour on the shores of the IJsselmeer. Along the way, you pass Edam, which is known for its famous red/yellow wax covered Edam cheese. While this charming village is now renowned for cheese, it was once a trading town with a successful ship building industry and a busy port. It is thanks to this that the town's speciality became one of the most popular cheeses in the world: As the cheese doesn't spoil easily, sailors took wheels of Edam on their voyages, trading it for spices and other riches of the East.

7th Day Volendam – Keukenhof - Amsterdam(Full day bus excursion)

Today you enjoy a bus ride through spectacular landscapes, the oldest tulip fields in Holland, and to the Keukenhof Gardens. Once here, there is plenty of time to discover the most beautiful bulb park in the world — Keukenhof is where spring becomes a superlative of itself. The gardens are a kaleidoscope of colour with seven million flowering tulips covering a magnificent 80 acre stretch of land featuring both traditional and modern garden design. Besides the tulips there are various hyacinths, daffodils, and many other bright flowers to enjoy. In the afternoon, the bus takes you back to Amsterdam to spend a peaceful night in your floating hotel.

8th Day Amsterdam(Disembarkation)

Your trip ends with a delicious breakfast followed by disembarkation until 9.30 am. Individual trip home or extended stay in Amsterdam.



Mare Fan Fryslan · Premium

Port of Embarkation

from Enkhuizen

Size

62 m x 7.2 m

Capacity

14 cabins, 41 beds

Special Features

Year of construction

1960 – reconstruction 2006

Cabin size

7 - 12 m²

Cabin features

A/C, mirror, porthole, tiled bathroom with an all-in-one shower, washbasin, active ventilation & WC

Beds

12 cabins with ground level twin beds 90 x 200 cm, 1 junior suite with a small sitting niche and a single cabin with a bunk bed, a some with the option of a third bunk available.

Extras

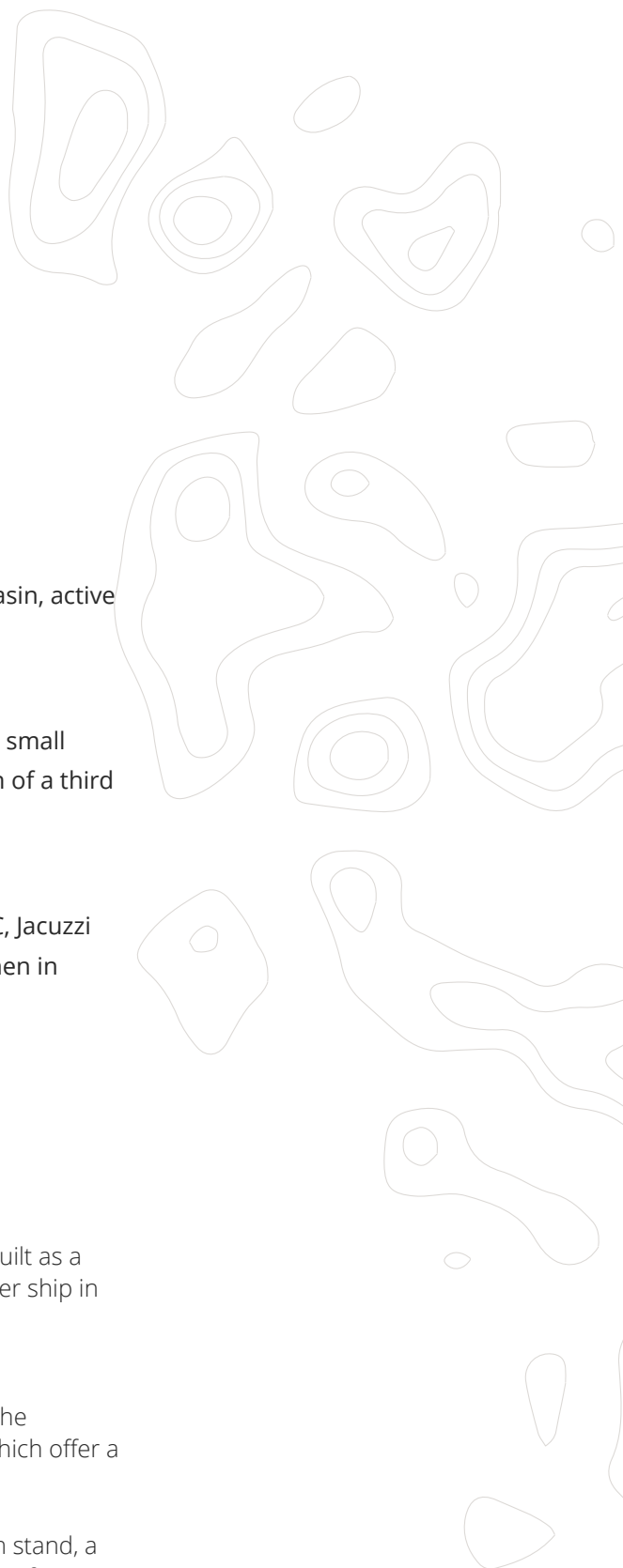
Three-mast schooner with 650 m² sail surface, gracious saloon with A/C, Jacuzzi on deck, outdoor bar, wheelhouse with bar and lounge, gratis Wi-Fi (when in port), fully functional sailing boat

Mare Fan Fryslan

The Mare fan Fryslan is the epitome of luxury sailing in the Netherlands. Built as a cargo vessel under the name Neptunia, she was later rebuilt as a passenger ship in 2007 and has sailed as a three-mast schooner through Dutch waters with enthusiastic guests on board ever since.

Below deck, you will find the saloon with its great atmosphere along with the comfortable guest cabins. The saloon leads to the wheelhouse and bar, which offer a great view over the front deck and passing landscapes.

The ships' deck offers plenty of seating, an outdoor bar and BBQ, the helm stand, a whirlpool and plenty of storage space for the bicycles. The sails on the Mare fan Fryslan can be operated wither manually or electronically.





Class

Leafde Fan Fryslan · Deluxe

Port of Embarkation

from Enkhuizen

Size

44 m x 7 m

Capacity

12 cabins, 30 beds

Special Features

Year of construction

1962, reconstruction: 2006

Cabin size

9-12 m2

Cabin features

hairdryer, mini safe, tiled bathroom with shower cabin, washbasin and WC

Beds

twin beds at ground level, some with the option of a third bunk available.

Extras

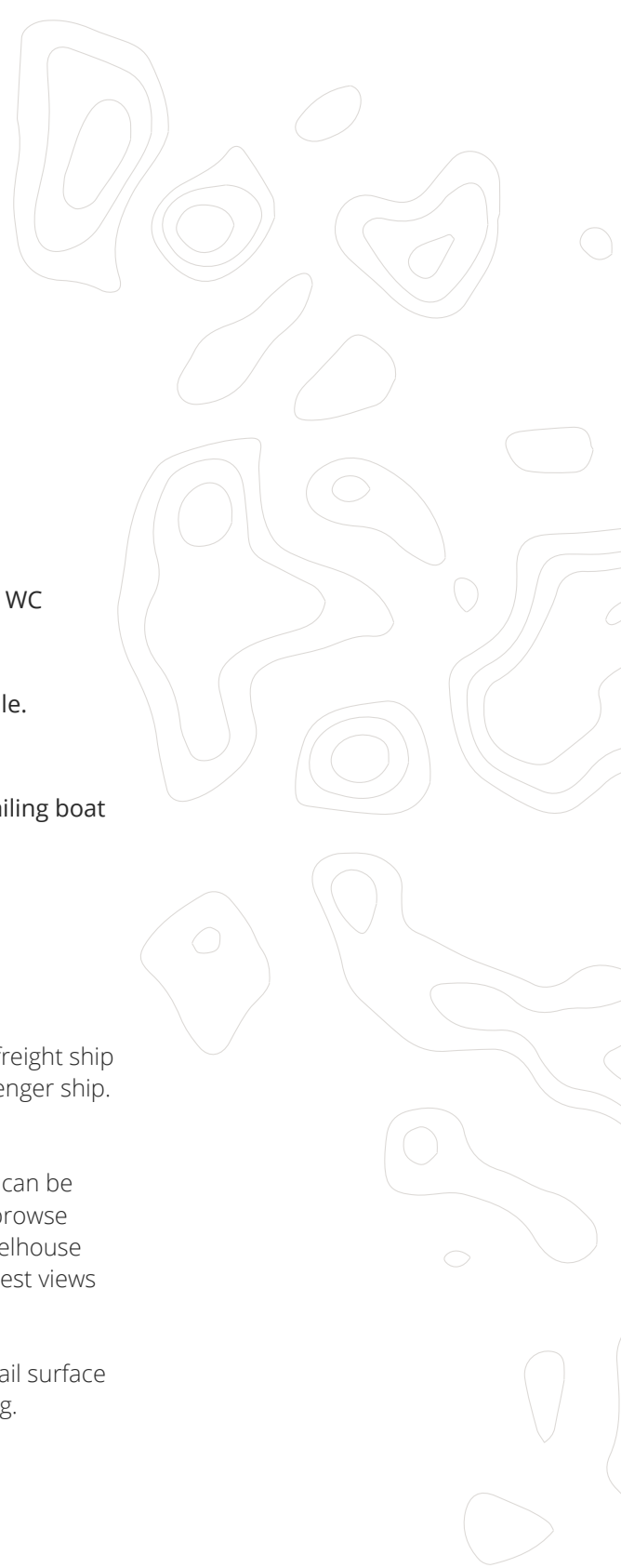
3 masts with sails, Jacuzzi on deck, swimming ladder, fully functional sailing boat

Leafde Fan Fryslan

The impressive three-mast barkentine, Leafde fan Fryslan, was originally a freight ship on the Baltic Sea. In 2006, it was converted into a luxury three-mast passenger ship. The luxury vessel hosts comfortable guest cabins and a classy interior.

The saloon, in nautical flair, is where the meals are served and beverages can be ordered at the accompanying bar. The on-board library allows guests to browse through a selection of novels, whilst enjoying their favorite drop. The wheelhouse also has a leisurely sofa corner: it is here and on deck that you have the best views over the water.

Sailing enthusiasts won't be disappointed – the Leafde fan Fryslan has a sail surface of 500 m² and everyone is welcome to participate in hoisting and trimming.



Dates, Prices & Services

Included services

- 8-day trip on a tall ship with crew
- 7 nights in a twin cabin with shower/toilet
- Welcome drink
- 7 x breakfast, 5 x packed lunch during bike tours/1 x lunch on board, 6 x dinner/1 x packed dinner
- Daily briefings and daily guided cycling tours
- Short walking tours as described in the itinerary
- Full day bus excursion (incl. Keukenhof gardens)
- Bed linen and towels (change of towels on request); cabin cleaning
- Wi-Fi/WLAN connection available onboard
- Daily complimentary coffee and tea on board
- BBT cycling maps (1 per cabin) + GPS tracks
- Biodegradable water bottle
- Use of a waterproof pannier bag

Not included in the basic tour price

- Journey to/from Amsterdam or Zaanse Schans
- Transfer to/from the ship in Amsterdam or Zaanse Schans
- Parking fee (own car etc.)
- Beverages on board (tally sheet, to be paid to the captain)
- Beach towel for use away from ship (please bring your own if needed)
- Beverages [&] meals ashore
- Entrance fees [&] excursions
- Fees for ferries
- Rental bike or E-bike
- Rental helmet
- Personal (travel) insurances
- Tips for crew and tour guides
- SGR Insolvency protection (5€ per person)

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[SGR Insolvency protection](#) (mandatory consumer contribution SGR insolvency protection guarantee scheme: € 5 per person - will be specified separately on the booking confirmation)

Prices for Additional Optional Services 2025

Surcharge: Double cabin for single use

50% of the basic tour price

Rental bike with pannier

Hybrid bicycle: 91 euro/week
E-bike: 245 euro/week (on request, limited availability)

Limitation of liability (damage) Rental bike

Rental hybrid bike: 14 euro/week
Rental e-bike: 28 euro/week

Rental helmet
(payment with booking)

10 euro per week

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| Onboard space for own bicycle (only a limited number of spaces are available; reservation with booking) | 14 euro per week |
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| Onboard space + charge station for own e-bike (only a limited number of spaces available; reservation with booking) | 28 euro per week |
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| Parking Amsterdam (Valet Parking) | Prices on request |
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Discounts 2025

- Children up to the age of 11 receive a discount of 10% on the cabin price (double occupancy). When travelling with children, we recommend our Multi-Adventure Tours in Greece and Croatia which are specifically curated for families and offer family-friendly pricing.
- If this is your second Islandhopping tour booked directly with us, you will receive our Welcome-back-discount of 3% on the basic tour price.
- If this is your third or more Islandhopping tour booked directly with us, you will receive our Loyalty-discount of 5% on the basic tour price.

Dates

| Date | Accommodation | Start City | End City | Base Price |
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| 29.03.2026 – 05.04.2026 | Leafde fan Fryslân | Amsterdam, Pontsteiger | Amsterdam, Pontsteiger | 1.539,00 € |
| 05.04.2026 – 12.04.2026 | Leafde fan Fryslân | Amsterdam, Pontsteiger | Amsterdam, Pontsteiger | 1.339,00 € |
| 04.04.2026 – 11.04.2026 | Mare fan Fryslân | Amsterdam, Pontsteiger | Amsterdam, Pontsteiger | 1.389,00 € |
| 11.04.2026 – 18.04.2026 | Mare fan Fryslân | Amsterdam, Pontsteiger | Amsterdam, Pontsteiger | 1.539,00 € |
| 04.04.2026 – 11.04.2026 | Wapen fan Fryslân | Amsterdam, Pontsteiger | Amsterdam, Pontsteiger | 1.389,00 € |
| 02.05.2026 – 09.05.2026 | Mare fan Fryslân | Amsterdam, Pontsteiger | Amsterdam, Pontsteiger | 1.539,00 € |

Arrival

Port of Embarkation

Your embarkation harbour will vary between Amsterdam and Zaanse Schans, dependig on the direction of the tour. Please check your booking confirmation for the harbour relevant to your tour.

Embarkation takes place between 1 pm and 2 pm and a welcome tea or coffee from the crew. The ship leaves the harbour at 2.30 pm.

Please do not forget to bring your passport or ID-card.

Arrival by plane

The best international airport to use for this trip is Schiphol. Amsterdam Schipol Airport (AMS) is accessible from virtually all major airports in Europe.

Your flight can be organized as soon as we have confirmed that your tour is taking place.

From the airport to the harbour

It's very easy to find public transport at Schiphol Airport with the train, buses and taxis just a 3-minute walk from the terminal. Simply collect your bags, head to the arrival's hall, and follow the signs. Trains run regularly and only take about 20 minutes from the airport to Amsterdam Centraal. You can buy a ticket in the central arrival hall at the airport.

From the central station to the harbour

The ship's location at Pontsteiger is situated about 1.2 mi./2 km from the Central Station. You can catch a bus from the Centraal Station to the ship's location (approx. 4 minutes). To do so you must get on City Bus 48 (GVB) from Centraal Station (exit: IJ-side), direction Houthavens.

Then get off at bus stop Houtmankade. From here it is a 5-minute walk to the ship. On Saturdays, the busses depart every 15 minutes. The price is around 3 € (one way). You can buy a 1-hour ticket from the driver.

Arrival by car

Address for Navigation System:

Pontsteiger, 1013 AH Amsterdam, Netherlands

If you are planning on travelling to Amsterdam by car, be sure to organise a safe parking place for the week.

The best and easiest way to organise a secure parking place is to make a reservation with us (in cooperation with our partner Boat Bike Tours). The benefits of doing so are a guaranteed and secure parking spot at a favourable rate. Furthermore, the parking place is close to the ship so you will not need to use public transport or taxi to return to the ship after parking.

Parking recommendations in Amsterdam

A – Valet Parking – Centralparking.nl

Only available with reservation in advance. For payment, please follow the instructions mentioned in the confirmation. Price: 145 € – 8 days (as off 2019).

How does the Centralparking Parking Service work?

- Drive to the ship, where you will meet the Valet Parking driver. They will help you with your luggage.
- The driver will take your car to the covered parking lot with 24/7 camera surveillance.
- On day of departure, your car will be waiting for you at the harbour near the ship so that you can drive home immediately after disembarkation.

B – Parking Centrum Oosterdok

Centrum Oosterdok is the cheapest long-term possibility for parking in the centre of Amsterdam. This parking garage is only accessible for cars with a maximum height of 2.10 m.

Parking Centrum Oosterdok offers a total of 1,355 parking spots in a brand new, clean building with video surveillance and is situated close to Amsterdam Centraal Station. The rate for long-term parking is 20 € per 24 hours. You pay between 140 to 160 € per week (depending on the time of your arrival/departure).

Address for navigation:

Oosterdoksstraat 150, 1011 DK, Amsterdam