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SAIL & BIKE

Holland Tulip Tour · Netherlands

Route
from Amsterdam / to Amsterdam

Duration
8 days / 7 nights

Distance
146 - 172 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. Breath 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.


Vlieland
WADDENZEE
Texel
Oudeschild
Noorderhaaks
Den Helder
IJSSELMEER
Den Oever
Noord - Holland
St. Maartensvlotbrug
Medemblik
Enkhuizen
Hoorn
Alkmaar
Friesland
MARKERMEER
Edam
Volendam
Zaanse Schans
Zaandam
Lelystad Airport (LEY)
Flevoland
Amsterdam
Keukenhof
Amsterdam Airport (AMS)

Amsterdam - Volendam - Alkmaar - Amsterdam
 (Wapen/Leafde fan Fryslan)

1st Day Amsterdam (Embarkation) - Volendam

You are welcome to check in on board between 1 pm and 2 pm, where your crew will welcome you with coffee and tea. At 2.30 pm, the ship leaves the harbor. While the ship sails to Volendam, your tour leader will stoke your anticipation by telling you about the tour, the cycling and safety procedures. Upon arrival, you will have the option to take a little test ride. After enjoying a delicious dinner on board, the tour leader will take you on a walk through Volendam, a small and picturesque fishing harbor on the shores of the IJsselmeer.

2nd Day Volendam – Hoorn (aprx. 15 mi./24 km) - Enkhuizen

On this first cycling day, a tasty breakfast will be followed by a bike tour to Hoorn, the former Dutch East India Company town, which was, in the 17 century, one of the the world's most important harbors. Along the way, you will pass Edam, which is known for its famous Edam cheese, covered in red or yellow wax. While this adorable village is now renowned for cheese, it was once an industrial shipyard and port. That's why, in the 17th century, the town's specialty became one of the most popular cheeses in the world. Sailors took wheels of Edam on their voyages – the cheese doesn't spoil easily and could be traded for spices and other riches of the East. Later in the afternoon you will join the ship for an afternoon sail to Enkhuizen, an old city with many centuries of maritime tradition. You can spend some time exploring here - "the herring city" boasts a beautiful old harbor and an old town full of history.

3rd Day Enkhuizen – Oudeschild (Sailing day)

Today your ship will set sail to the harbor of Oudeschild on the island of Texel. You may lend a hand during navigation and hoisting the sails. Previous sailing experience is not at all necessary. Of course, you are also very welcome to just relax and enjoy the sailing and scenery as you navigate the IJsselmeer. While sailing you will enjoy an extensive lunch on board. In the afternoon, the ship will arrive in Oudeschild on the island of Texel, the largest of the Dutch Wadden Isles. No dinner will be served tonight, to enable you to explore the harbor. You can make yourself a picnic meal or try one of the nice restaurants of Oudeschild.

4th Day Oudeschild – Den Helder – Island Texel (29 mi./43 km or 26 mi/48 km)

Today you can choose to cycle a shorter route or to take a longer tour around the island. You will cycle through delightful natural parks, and through fields of blooming flowers! The signposts will lead you through picturesque villages and landscapes, and even to the Ecomare seal sanctuary. At the end of your cycling tour, you can enjoy a locally-brewed, well-deserved beer during a visit to the small brewery near Oudeschild.In the late afternoon, the ship will take you back to the mainland, to the port of Den Helder.

5th Day Den Helder – St. Maartensvlotburg – Alkmaar (19 mi./32 km or 32 mi./53 km)

The first part of your bike tour leads through the northern part of the province of North Holland. This piece of land wedged between the North Sea and the IJsselmeer boasts the world's single biggest flowering bulb field. In one word: spectacular! But also closerto Alkmaar you will find the most beautiful tulip fields on your way to the North Sea. The sandy beach here is one of the most wonderful to walk along in the entire Netherlands the perfect spot for feeling the wind in your hair or simply enjoying the view. Close by —and certainly worth a visit — is the artist's village of Bergen. The ship will be waiting for you in the historical city center of Alkmaar. This town is well known as a Dutch cheese city.

As you wander through the streets, you'll be amazed by the beauty of Alkmaar's old town, with its well-preserved 17th-century buildings and narrow, winding canals.

6th Day Alkmaar – Zaandam (apprx. 29 mi./47 km)

In the morning, the bike tour takes you to Egmond and Limmen, right through the colorful tulip fields. Be sure to take a break along the way at the Hortus Bulborum museum garden. Rare and historic bulb flowers are preserved here. Admire over 4,000 tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, and other special flowers in full bloom! The next destination is Zaanse Schans. People still work and live in the traditional houses and windmills of this unique open-air museum on the Zaan River. The museum village is dominated by its windmills, the oldest of which was built in 1673. The mills were used to grind mustard seeds, spices, and color pigments; to press vegetable oil; and as sawmills. Stroll through the grounds and visit the clock museum, the old corner store, the clog maker, and the cheese factory. You'll also find your boat docked here.

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

Today a beautiful bus ride leads you through the oldest tulip fields of Holland to the famous Keukenhof Gardens. You will have plenty of time to discover the most beautiful bulb park in the world — Keukenhof is the place where spring springs. It features an overwhelming blaze of colors: seven million flowering tulips in a magnificent 80-acre setting of traditional and modern gardening architecture. You also can admire various hyacinths, daffodils, and many other vibrant flowers.
In the afternoon the bus will bring you back to Amsterdam to spend a restful night here 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 Zaanse Schans or 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.



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, Leafe 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.



Wapen Fan Fryslan ·

Port of Embarkation
from Enkhuizen
Size
55 m x 7.2 m
Capacity
12 cabins, 36 beds

Special Features

Year of construction
1965 – reconstructed 2003

Cabin size
10 m²

Cabin features
Shower cabin, washbasin, WC and port holes

Beds
twin beds at ground level (90 x 200 cm) which can be pushed together on request, a third bunk is possible in every cabin.

Extras
two masts with 550 m² sail surface, Jacuzzi on deck, swimming ladder, wheelhouse with bar and lounge, sun recliners, a shaded area on deck with tables and chairs, fully functional sailing boat

Wapen Fan Fryslan

The Wapen fan Fryslan is the biggest two-mast schooner in the Netherlands. It was built in 1965 as a freight vessel for salt and baptized, Twente Lek. In 2003 it was carefully rebuilt into the passenger boat, Wapen fan Fryslan, and has been sailing in Dutch waters with enthusiastic guests on board ever since.

The cabins are comfortable and the spacious saloon welcoming. On deck you will find a spacious wheelhouse in which you will not only find the ships wheel but also a well-stocked bar. The best view over the water can be enjoyed here. A second helm stand is located outside at the stern; also accompanied by an outdoor bar.

An especially unique experience on board is the setting of the 8 giant sails which make up a total sail surface of 550 m². The crew are pleased when eager guests help with the setting and trimming thereof.

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 2027

Surcharge: Double cabin for single use	50% of the basic tour price
Rental bike with pannier	Hybrid bicycle: 98 euro/week E-bike: 273 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

Onboard space for own bicycle (only a limited number of spaces are available; reservation with booking)	14 euro per week
Onboard space + charge station for own e-bike (only a limited number of spaces available; reservation with booking)	35 euro per week
Parking Amsterdam (Valet Parking)	Prices on request

Discounts 2027

- 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
02.04.2027 – 09.04.2027	Wapen fan Fryslân	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	1.469,00 €
28.03.2027 – 04.04.2027	Leafde fan Fryslân	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	1.369,00 €
17.04.2027 – 24.04.2027	Mare fan Fryslân	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	1.649,00 €
03.04.2027 – 10.04.2027	Mare fan Fryslân	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	1.469,00 €
24.04.2027 – 01.05.2027	Mare fan Fryslân	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	1.649,00 €
11.04.2027 – 18.04.2027	Leafde fan Fryslân	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	1.499,00 €
18.04.2027 – 25.04.2027	Leafde fan Fryslân	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	1.499,00 €
25.04.2027 – 02.05.2027	Leafde fan Fryslân	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	1.499,00 €
01.05.2027 – 08.05.2027	Mare fan Fryslân	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	1.649,00 €
09.04.2027 – 16.04.2027	Wapen fan Fryslân	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	1.649,00 €
10.04.2027 – 17.04.2027	Mare fan Fryslân	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	1.649,00 €
04.04.2027 – 11.04.2027	Leafde fan Fryslân	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	Amsterdam, Pontsteiger	1.369,00 €

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