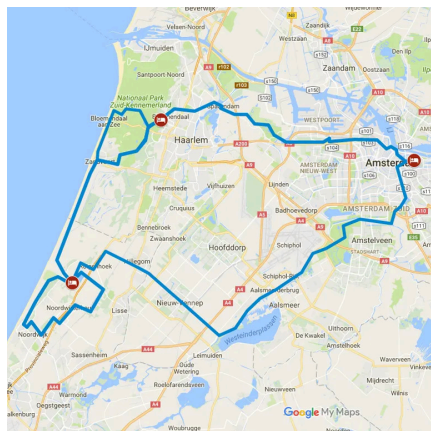


Family budget tour: Beach, dunes and cities

8 days, € 555



Introduction



Save money by staying at Stayokay hostels! This is one of those all-encompassing holidays that deliver excitement and relaxation at the same time. You will enjoy a memorable week in which the best of Holland will file past every day: dunes and beach; historical town centres; calming countryside and windmills. Highlights include Amsterdam, Haarlem and Space Expo. We have planned your accommodation in pleasant Stayokay hostels where you will want for nothing.

Day to Day

Day 1 **Arrival in Haarlem**

The hostel is on the northern outskirts of the city next to a small park called Schoterbos boasting beehives and community vegetable plots and flower gardens. Make your way down to the city centre to see historical Haarlem in its full glory. Museums such as the free archaeology museum for local finds and wonderful old Teijlers Museum for the sciences appeal to children. Don't miss the guided tour of a great big museum windmill called De Adriaan overlooking the river and the city.

Day 2 **Haarlem – Round Tour**

30 km

Via Overveen > Zandvoort > Bloemendaal

Today you can explore the lovely city of Haarlem before setting off for the coast. Everybody knows that this part of Holland is low-lying, even below sea level. So what stops the sea from flooding the land? Along most of the coastline it's the dunes! Sandy dunes, preferably quite wide and hilly and covered in beach grass so the sand doesn't blow away. So as soon as you spot the dunes, you know that the sea can't be far off. Just wait till you see the big sandy beach! You can go hunting for pretty seashells, small crabs and tiny hermit crabs; jump waves; build sand castles etc.

Day 3 **Haarlem – Noordwijk**

28 km

Today you can expect a lovely mix of woods and dunes. Have a pit stop in Zandvoort, a seaside resort, also famous for its circuit park where racing cars compete. Then follow the coastline down to Noordwijk where your hostel stands on the edge of the woods and the dunes.



Day 4 Noordwijk – Round Tour**26 km**

For children who want to know all about space, astronauts, satellites and rockets, this is the day you should visit Space Expo in Noordwijk. Alternatively, cycle in the green countryside around Noordwijk. In April or early May, you may get to see the tulipfields in bloom. In the afternoon, go for a swim or a walk at the beach.

Day 5 Noordwijk – Amsterdam**52 km**

Today's route passes just south of Schiphol airport and then through Amsterdamse Bos woods and along the banks of the river Amstel to Amsterdam.

If you have very young children, you might prefer to cycle to Nieuw Vennep train station and then catch a train to Amsterdam Central Station. From there it's only a short bike ride to the hostel.

Your Stay-Okay hostel is in a quiet neighbourhood in the east of the city. It's only a 15-minute bike ride to down-town Amsterdam. Take your time to explore this world-famous city which guarantees loads to do and see for all ages. Improve your mind at NEMO science centre. Go on a canal cruise. Meet the Dutch in the park. The possibilities are endless.

Day 6 Sightseeing Amsterdam

The centre of Amsterdam is beautiful. But other districts also offer a variety of architecture, culture and lovely parks. Go to Vondel Park, for example, and continue to Museumplein or P.C. Hooftstraat for the biggest fashion and luxury brands. For waterside chilling, check out Oosterdok with a view of (replica) 17th century sailing ship "The Amsterdam". If you want to board the ship, go to the National Maritime Museum and you'll be in for a very interesting afternoon.

Day 7 Amsterdam – Haarlem**27 km**

Via Amsterdam CS > Amsterdam West > Spaarnwoude > Spaarndam to Haarlem

Leave the city and plunge into peaceful, wide-open countryside. The picturesque village of Spaarndam was built around a dam across the River Spaarne where the river emptied into a saltwater bay (this was very long ago – nowadays there is no sea to be found!). The oldest houses are perched on top of the dam. Kolksluis lock, an opening where boats can pass through the dam, is said to be the oldest working shipping lock in Europe (1280). You may be interested to see the monument to the "Little Hero of Haarlem". On Youtube you can find several versions of this folktale for children about a boy who plugged a hole in the dike with his fist and saved the town from flooding.

Day 8 Return Home

After filling up at the breakfast buffet, it's time to pack your bags and make your way home.



Prices, Data, Booking

Daily from April 1 till September 23

ATTENTION: Children from 3 to 12 years get a discount of -35€ on the base price and -70€ on the half board price.

Price pp		€
6 person room, breakfast		550.00
Twin room, breakfast		660.00
Triple room, breakfast		740.00
Quadruple room, breakfast		575.00
5 person room, breakfast		640.00
6 person room, breakfast		550.00
Full board		250.00
Half board		140.00
Lunch		110.00
Rental bike		€
Child bike		98.00
Standard bike		140.00
E-bike		210.00
Extra services		€
Bike Breakdown pass	€ 4.00 x 7	28.00
Child seat	€ 8.00 x 7	56.00
Bike theft insurance	€ 3.00 x 7	21.00
E-bike theft insurance	€ 6.00 x 7	42.00
Extra luggage	€ 5.00 x 7	35.00
Child trailer	€ 20.00 x 7	140.00
Bike helmet	per piece	20.00
Towelservice	per piece	14.00
SGR	per piece	5.00
discount	per piece	-20.00

Starting point:

Haarlem



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.



Stayokay Haarlem (Haarlem)

www.stayokay.com/nl/hostel/haarlem



Stayokay Noordwijk (Noordwijk)

www.stayokay.com/nl/hostel/noordwijk



Stayokay Amsterdam Oost (Zeeburg) (Amsterdam)

www.stayokay.com/nl/hostel/amsterdam-oost



Practical Info

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR STAYOKAY HOSTELS

Haarlem: Upon arrival you will receive bedlinen with which you will make the beds yourselves. Towels are not included, but can be rented through Dutch Bike Tours for €14,- for the entire trip or you can bring your own.

Noordwijk: Upon arrival you will receive bedlinen with which you will make the beds yourselves. Towels are not included, but can be rented through Dutch Bike Tours for €14,- for the entire trip or you can bring your own.

Amsterdam Zeeburg: Upon arrival you will receive bedlinen with which you will make the beds yourselves. Towels are not included, but can be rented through Dutch Bike Tours for €14,- for the entire trip or you can bring your own.



7 Nights included



StayOkay Hostels



Breakfast included, lunch package and Halfboard optional



Detailed roadbooks with maps and tourist information



The possibility of renting our bikes (7-gear bikes)



7-days a week service-hotline



Luggage transport to your next hotel



Haarlem. For more information:
ns.nl/reisplannen



Parking possibilities at the hotel



Any ferry crossings are not included

Arrival info



Nearest Airport is Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)



The train from Schiphol to Bloemendaal departs 2 times per hour. Travel time is about 35 minutes. A single ticket costs approx €7- per person excl. bicycle. From Bloemendaal trainstation you need to take the bus to the Hostel.

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

