

## Giethoorn and Surroundings

5 days, € 485



## Introduction



The Kop van Overijssel is a great area for cycling. A wetland area with natural National Park Weerribben Wieden with highlights such as Giethoorn, Zwartsluis and Blokzijl. But also historic Hanseatic cities such as Kampen, Hasselt and Zwolle. Beautiful nature can be found near the moraines at the equally attractive towns of Steenwijk and Vollenhoven. A wonderful cycling holiday with start and finish in the 'Venice of the North', Giethoorn.

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## Day to Day

### Day 1 Arrival in Giethoorn

Make your own way to Giethoorn, also known as "Venice of Holland" or "Venice of the North". After checking into your hotel, what better way to view the village than from the water? So rent a boat (punt, whisper boat, canoe) or - if you don't trust yourself at the helm - go on a guided tour on one of the covered big boats manned by a skipper. The shorter route is through the village; the long route takes you onto the lake and into Weerribben-Wieden National Park.

The best thing about staying the night in Giethoorn is getting up bright and early the next morning to go for a walk with your camera at the ready and the village canal at its most idyllic - before the other tourists arrive!

### Day 2 Giethoorn - Blokzijl

40 km

Set off for the friendly town of Steenwijk, a fine place to stop for a cup of coffee. By the looks of the earthen ramparts and moat that used to protect this town from enemies, Steenwijk has known less peaceful times! Then continue through the countryside past Steenwijkerwold and Oldemarkt to Ossenzijl. Ossenzijl is the northern gateway into Weerribben-Wieden National Park. Here you have two options:

Option 1, the short route 40 km: take the LF22 route right through Weerribben-Wieden and then continue to Kalenberg and finally to your hotel in Muggenbeet, a hamlet next to the village of Blokzijl.

Option 2, the long route 60 km: first take a detour past Slijkenburg and Kuinre back to Ossenzijl; and only then enter the National Park and continue as in Option 1.



**Day 3 Blokzijl - Zwolle****65 km**

In the morning you will visit Blokzijl and Vollenhove. You need to switch on your imagination to understand that these two villages were once seaside towns where fishermen brought in their catch and then sat down to repair their nets! The land to the west of these villages is new land (polder) created in ±1942. Next, follow a stretch of the peaceful Zuiderzee Route (a cycle route that goes all the way around the former sea known as Zuiderzee), and pass through the pleasant villages of Zwartsluis and Genemuiden, hubs for water sports. The highlight of today is the Hansa town of Kampen. Cross the bridge and enjoy the old town centre of this beautiful place. On the banks of the River IJssel, cycle to the city of Zwolle, where you will spend the night.

**Day 4 Zwolle - Giethoorn****50 km**

Leave the bustle of the city behind you and follow the River Vecht and subsequently het Zwarte Water to the lovely town of Hasselt. Take your time to explore: it is worth it. Your route then takes you back to Zwartsluis and then right through the wetland of Weerribben - Wieden National Park all the way back to Giethoorn.

**Day 5 Departure from Giethoorn**

After breakfast, this holiday comes to an end. Make your own way home.

## Prices, Data, Booking

**Starting date:**

In April on Wednesdays to Saturdays, from May to 27 September daily departure

Price pp		€
Double room, breakfast		480.00
Single room, breakfast		700.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only		80.00
Rental bike		€
Child bike		44.00
Hybrid		52.00
E-bike		112.00
Extra services		€
Bike Breakdown pass	€ 4.00 x 4	16.00
Child seat	€ 1.25 x 4	5.00
Bike theft insurance	€ 3.00 x 4	12.00
E-bike theft insurance	€ 6.00 x 4	24.00
Tag-along bike	€ 10.00 x 4	40.00
Child trailer	€ 18.00 x 4	72.00
Bike helmet	per piece	10.00
SGR	per piece	5.00
discount	per piece	-20.00

**Starting point:**

Giethoorn



## 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.



**Hotel de Harmonie \*\*\*\*  
(Giethoorn)**

[www.harmonie-giethoorn.nl](http://www.harmonie-giethoorn.nl)



**Hotel Geertien \*\*\* (Blokzijl)**

[www.geertien.nl](http://www.geertien.nl)



**Hotel Fidder \*\*\* (Zwolle)**

<https://www.hotelfidder.nl/>



## Practical Info



4 Nights included



3/4 star hotels



Breakfast included, Halfboard optional



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



Nearest trainstation is Steenwijk. From here you can take a taxi to Giethoorn. If you come by train you could also start in Zwolle. For more information: [ns.nl/reisplannen](https://www.ns.nl/reisplannen)



Free 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 Steenwijk departs 2 times per hour. Travel time is about 2 hours. A single tickets costs approx €25,- per person excl. bicycle.

For timetables and tickets, go to <https://www.ns.nl/en>. From Steenwijk trainstation you need to take the bus to Giethoorn. This will take about 10 minutes and costs about €2,50 per person. No Bicycles allowd on busses. For timetables and tickets: <https://9292.nl/en>

