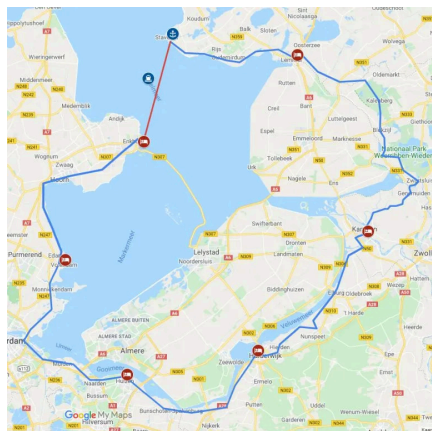


IJsselmeer Tour without Afsluitdijk

8 days, € 854



Introduction



For 8 days, 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.

This trip is operated by:



Day to Day

Day 1 **Arrival Huizen**

Free parking at the hotel, no reservation required. The hotel is in the old harbour and is situated directly at the IJsselmeer. The centre of Huizen is not very far and a visit to this old fishing town is highly recommended. Huizen is close to the border of the "Goois Nature Park" a beautiful forest and heathland.

Day 2 **Huizen – Volendam**

57 km

On your first day of cycling you will 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 3 **Volendam – Enkhuizen**

52 km

Today's peaceful route, past farmhouses and windmills, 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. 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.



Day 4 Enkhuizen–Lemmer / by boat**31 km**

On day 4 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 Oudemirdum. Your hotel can be found either on the Brink or a little further on in the port town of Lemmer.

Extra option:

It is possible to book an extra night in Giethoorn, trip will be one day longer then and guests will cycle from Lemmer towards Giethoorn and the day after from Giethoorn to Kampen.

Day 5 Lemmer – Kampen**63 km**

After a well-deserved night's rest, you will 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. Via Blokzijl, Zwartsluis and Genemuid you will reach Kampen.

Day 6 Kampen – Harderwijk**43 km**

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

Day 7 Harderwijk – Huizen**49 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.

Day 8 Return Home

After breakfast in your hotel, you will return home.



Prices, Data, Booking Cat. A

Price pp		€
Double room, breakfast		849.00
Single room, breakfast		1,234.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only		80.00
Rental bike		€
Child bike		55.00
Hybrid		65.00
E-bike		140.00
Extra services		€
Bike Breakdown pass	€ 2.86 x 7	20.00
Child seat	€ 0.71 x 7	4.95
Bike theft insurance	€ 2.14 x 7	15.00
E-bike theft insurance	€ 4.29 x 7	30.05
Tag-along bike	€ 7.14 x 7	50.00
Child trailer	€ 12.86 x 7	90.00
Bike helmet	per piece	10.00
SGR	per piece	5.00

Prices, Data, Booking Cat. B

Price pp		€
Double room, breakfast		819.00
Single room, breakfast		1,184.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only		80.00
Rental bike		€
Child bike		55.00
Hybrid		65.00
E-bike		140.00
Extra services		€
Bike Breakdown pass	€ 2.86 x 7	20.00
Child seat	€ 0.71 x 7	4.95
Bike theft insurance	€ 2.14 x 7	15.00
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Child trailer	€ 12.86 x 7	90.00
Bike helmet	per piece	10.00
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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.

Category A:



Fletcher Hotel Nautisch Kwartier ** (Huizen)**
www.hotelnautischkwartier.nl



Hotel Old Dutch * (Volendam)**
www.olddutch.nl



Hotel de Koepoort** (Enkhuizen)**
www.hoteldekoepoort.com



Hotel It Heechhus* (Lemmer)**
www.hotellemmer.nl

Boetiekhôtel Kampen** (Kampen)**
www.hotelkampen.nl

Best Western Hotel Baars** (Harderwijk)**
www.hotelbaars.nl

Category B:

Fletcher Hotel Nautisch Kwartier ** (Huizen)**
www.hotelnautischkwartier.nl



Hotel Old Dutch * (Volendam)**

www.olddutch.nl

Hotel Port van Cleve*
(Enkhuizen)**

www.deportvancleve.nl

Sporthotel Iselmar**
(Lemmer)**

www.iselmar.nl

Hotel van Dijk (Kampen)

www.hotelvandijk.nl

Hotel Monopole* (Harderwijk)**

www.hotelmonopole.nl



Practical Info



7 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



Naarden-Bussum



Parking possibilities at the hotel



Ticket for the Ferry Enkhuizen-Stavoren included

Arrival info



Nearest airport is Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)



The train from Schiphol to Naarden-Bussum departs 4 times per hour. Travel time is about 40 minutes. A single ticket costs approx €7,- per person excl. bicycle.
For timetables and tickets, go to www.ns.nl/en. From Naarden-Bussum you should take the bus to Huizen. This is about 20 minutes and will cost about €2,50 per person.
For timetables and tickets: www.9292.nl/en.

