

Holland Highlights Tour

6 days, € 694



Introduction



Remember Hans Brinker, the Dutch boy who placed a miraculous finger on a hole in the dike to save his country? Can you envision a picture postcard of majestic windmills under a great blue sky? Do you feel a nostalgic longing for all things typically Dutch? The wooden clogs, canals, bicycles, pancakes, tulip fields, polders and traditional costume? It will all come alive before your very eyes on this specially-designed tour! Your trip starts and ends in Amsterdam, allowing ample opportunity to explore the city, monuments and museums. And we've kept the cycling distances short, to give you more time at top tourist attractions such as Zaanse Schans and Volendam.

Day to Day

Day 1 Arrival in Amsterdam

Try to arrange for an early arrival! You'll want an entire day just to wander the 17th-century canal district, gazing up at the beautiful old townhouses and taking in the beauty of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Day 2 Amsterdam - Haarlem/Santpoort

30 km

Get an early start and beat the queues at the Van Gogh or Anne Frank museum. At the end of the morning, say "tot ziens!" to amazing Amsterdam and mount your bike to journey through Kennemerland where a great variety of lovely countryside awaits: vast polders, wild(life) gardens, country estates, woods and beautiful peatland. You will stay the night in the elegant city of Haarlem. The attractive city centre offers a wealth of possibilities for shopping, delving into art and culture, or relaxing in cafes and restaurants.

In April and early May, you have the option of cycling a longer route of ca. 60 km where you can see the tulip fields.

It can happen that we will book a hotel in Santpoort instead of Haarlem, due to availability.

The hotel is located in a manor house with a beautiful park, surrounded by nature, about 7 km outside Haarlem.

Please check the extra price of Landgoed Duin & Kruidberg Hotel in Santpoort in the price overview below. The price includes dinner for this night.



Day 3 Haarlem/Santpoort - Zaandam**37 km**

Start the day in historic Haarlem and get a glimpse of Golden Age painting at the Frans Hals Museum. Or try the exquisite Teylers Museum, the Netherlands' oldest, Open since 1784! At midday, jump back on your bike and ride the banks of the River Spaarne to pretty Spaarndam and the IJdijk. Tiny ancient houses perch atop the dike, high and dry, while others sit safe and snug behind it. Reputedly the oldest lock in the world, Kolksluis is still in working order, standing at its breath-taking location. Pause to honour dear little Hans Brinker, the brave boy who -according to legend- stuck his finger in a hole the dike thus avoiding a great flood and certain doom.

Peddalling onward along the River Zaan you come upon adorable green wooden houses, with white lace curtains in the windows. Several prime windmills stand in gorgeous rows at picture-perfect Zaanse Schans. Stop to take pictures, visit the wooden shoe workshops and find out how to make Dutch cheese. Then take a break and nibble on a well-deserved pancake.

Day 4 Zaandam - Volendam**31 km**

A few cranks of the shaft cover the short stretch to Het T wiske recreational park, a favourite spot for summer get-aways. On hot days, city dwellers flee Amsterdam and cycle out to the lake for a dip. Next, a varied landscape of woods, meadows and lakes accompanies you to Monnickendam and today's cycling route concludes in the festive fishing port of Volendam. Browse decorating boutiques, shop for great finds and relax at an outdoor cafe overlooking the water.

Day 5 Volendam - Amsterdam**35 km**

Volendam's red brick houses and quaint old quarter lead to an intriguing museum depicting the history, culture and folklore of this close-knit community. The permanent exhibit includes inspiring period rooms, traditional costumes and jewellery and a section on eel fishery, complete with model boats. Delight in the art collection with its mind-boggling cigar band mosaics. Circling back to the city via the isle of Marken, you'll be in Amsterdam in time for a bit more sight-seeing.

Day 6 Return Home

Your cycling holiday draws to a close this morning after breakfast and it is time to go home.



Prices, Data, Booking

Starting dates:

Daily from April 1st to September 24th

Please note: a minimum stay of 2 nights in a row is required in the hotel in Amsterdam on the following dates (and a higher price will be charged):

March 29th, 30th and 31st 2024

April 20th 2024

April 26th and 27th 2024

May 9, 10th and 11th 2024

May 17th, 18th and 19th 2024

Price pp		€
Double room, breakfast		689.00
Single room, breakfast		989.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only		80.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only Amsterdam		100.00
Upgrades pp/night		€
Inntel Hotel Zaandam, Zaandam		15.00
Landgoed Duin & Kruidberg, Santpoort		70.00
Westcord Art Hotel, Amsterdam		10.00
Surcharge per person		€
Stay in Amsterdam on Saturday		25.00
Stay in Amsterdam from:		
09/05/2024 - 11/05/2024		40.00
17/05/2024 - 19/05/2024		
Rental bike		€
Child bike		70.00
Standard bike		85.00
E-bike		145.00
Extra services		€
Bike Breakdown pass	€ 4.00 x 5	20.00
Child seat	€ 8.00 x 5	40.00
Bike theft insurance	€ 3.00 x 5	15.00
E-bike theft insurance	€ 6.00 x 5	30.00
Extra luggage	€ 5.00 x 5	25.00
Child trailer	€ 20.00 x 5	100.00
Bike helmet	per piece	20.00
SGR	per piece	5.00

Starting point:

Amsterdam



Accommodation

The hotels and the B&B on this trip have been carefully selected for their location, atmosphere and/or unique services. All rooms are en-suite. A list of the accommodation we work with appears below. If a certain accommodation is unable to confirm due to lack of availability, we will try to request a comparable alternative if possible. 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.



Westcord Art Hotel * /****
(Amsterdam)**

www.westcordhotels.nl/hotel/art



Hotel Lion d'Or ** (Haarlem)**

www.hotelliondor.nl



Best Western Zaan Inn *
(Zaandam)**

www.zaaninn.nl



Hotel Old Dutch * (Volendam)**

www.olddutch.nl



Practical Info



5 Nights included



3/4 Star Hotels



Breakfast included



Detailed roadbooks with maps and tourist information



Rental bikes available



7-days a week service-hotline



Luggage transport to your next hotel



Amsterdam Sloterdijk / Amsterdam CS



Parking available at the hotel



GPS-tracks available



Ferry crossings are not included

Arrival info



The nearest airport is Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)



The train from Schiphol to Amsterdam Sloterdijk departs 6 times per hour. Travel time is about 10 minutes. A single ticket costs approx €4,- per person excl. bicycle.

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

