

Cycling with Children - Holland South

8 days, € 984



Introduction



This action-packed bicycle holiday has been designed with children in mind. Families will travel at their own pace and along specially selected low-traffic routes, stopping at places kids will love. This family cycling tour offers adventure, variety, and heaps of fun. Read on for more day-to-day information and possibilities.

Day to Day

Day 1 **Arrival in the Town of Zoetermeer**

The hotel is near the centre of Zoetermeer. In neighbouring city The Hague you will find numerous tourist attractions, shops and museums.

Day 2 **Zoetermeer – Scheveningen/The Hague**

31 km

After a big breakfast, the first leg of the tour takes you to the seaside resort of Scheveningen. On the way, you will pass through the surroundings of Wassenaar, a village with leafy surroundings and scattered villas and country houses. Rich town dwellers used to build their summer retreats here. Today, opt to visit Duinrell amusement park. Top attractions include the Dragonfly rollercoaster and a waterslide paradise. Don't forget your swim gear!

For availability reasons it's possible you will stay in The Hague instead of Scheveningen.

Day 3 **Scheveningen/The Hague**

On a summer's day you can paddle in the sea and build sand castles. There are surfing schools located up and down the beach. If the weather takes a turn, SeaLife aquarium or LEGOLAND® Discovery Centre will save the day. On the seafront, there's a fun collection of 23 groups of sculptures called "Fairy Tale Sculptures by the Sea" (free). Beach restaurants cater to all tastes. Why not do as the Dutch do and buy the kids pancakes (pannekoeken); or chips with mayonnaise. Another option is a 10-minute bike ride to Madurodam (Miniature Holland – fascinates younger children!). In the evening, watch the sun set into the sea.



Day 4 Scheveningen/The Hague – Delft**17 km**

Today you will cycle through the city of The Hague to the city of Delft. There's culture in the air! If your kids appreciate the arts you can take them to see quaint Panorama Mesdag or the amazing Escher Museum of optical illusions, both in The Hague. The old part of Delft, with its canals and lovely old buildings, is as charming as can be and the whole family will enjoy a walkabout. The city is known for its blue and white pottery and you can see artists at work in their studios (look next to Nieuwe Kerk church). Visit the university Science Centre (students' own creations) for hands-on activities such as Dike Patrol and designing your own airplane wing. Just outside town is a recreational area with a lake for free swimming: Delftse Hout.

Day 5 Delft – Rotterdam**33 km**

The route continues to Schiedam, a village with a remarkable skyline! Five giant windmills rise up above the houses. Soon after, you'll spot the skyscrapers of Rotterdam. You'll be spoiled for choice of things to do in this modern city. Opt to take a boat tour to explore the port and old and new harbour areas from the water. Climb Euromast for a fabulous view of Rotterdam. For a rainy day: At a ten-minute bike ride from your hotel, Villa Zebra creates interactive visual art exhibitions for children aged 4 - 12. Tonight you're in for a treat because you will stay the night aboard an enormous cruise ship, moored in the centre of the city.

Day 6 Rotterdam

After a hearty international cruise breakfast, you could take a guided tour of the ship (there's a fee!) and get to see the engine room, radio room, chart room and much more. After taking your leave of the cruise ship, board the Waterbus, with your bikes, and decide where you want to go today. If you buy a day card you can get on and off wherever you want. This way, you could visit Blijdorp Zoo; or the famous windmills at Kinderdijk; or cycle through Biesbosch National Park near the town of Dordrecht. Alternatively, the very adventurous might like to go climbing at Fun Forest (age 8+ / 130 cm). You'll need to calculate three hours for safety instructions followed by all six treetop courses. There's a playground for younger children.

Day 7 Rotterdam – Zoetermeer**32 km**

This is your last day of cycling. The route takes you mainly along the River Rotte back to Zoetermeer. It's one of the most scenic in the country. You'll see many mills, locks, marinas and villages.

Day 8 Return Home

Prices, Data, Booking

Starting dates:

Daily from April 1 till September 23.

Price pp		€
Double room, breakfast		979.00
Single room, breakfast		1,504.00
Child		669.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only		80.00
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
SGR	per piece	5.00
discount	per piece	-20.00

Starting point:

Zoetermeer



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.



Golden Tulip Zoetermeer Den Haag ** (Zoetermeer)**

www.zoetermeer-den-haag.goldentulip.com



Boulevard Hotel * (Scheveningen)**

www.boulevardhotel.nl



Westcord Hotel Delft ** (Delft)**

www.westcordhotels.nl/hotel-delft



Westcord SS Rotterdam ** (Rotterdam)**

www.ssrotterdam.nl



Practical Info



7 Nights included



3/4 Star Hotels



Breakfast included



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



Zoetermeer. For more information;
ns.nl/reisplannen



Parking possibilities at the hotel



Any ferry crossings are not included

Arrival info



Nearest Airport are Rotterdam The Hague Airport (RTM) or Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)



The train from Schiphol to Zoetermeer departs 2 times per hour. Travel time is about 1 hour. A single ticket costs approx €12- per person excl. bicycle.
The train from Rotterdam The Hague Airport you should take the metro which departs 4 times per hour. Travel time is about 30 minutes. A single ticket costs approx €3,-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.

