



Ijsselmeer, Dutch nostalgia

8 days / 7 nights

Cycling around the Ijsselmeer is an extraordinary experience! The right place for nature and silence lovers. The lake was formed in 1932, after the building of the Zuiderzee dam. Before the 20th century, there were many small but lively villages around the lake, where thousands of families lived from fishing. However today, the Ijsselmeer is especially known for its peaceful atmosphere and picturesque landscapes. On the shores of the lake, you will also discover enchanting little villages and towns.

Enjoy the views over the lake, the green forests and the enchanting Dutch polder landscapes!

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - Arriving in Nunspeet

Often called the pearl of the Veluwe, Nunspeet is located at the heart of the Veluwe, one of the most famous and beautiful natural regions in the Netherlands. This little town is surrounded by old traditional farms, pasture lands and tree-shrouded hills.



Day 2 - From Nunspeet to Amersfoort (60 km)

Your first day of cycling starts in Amersfoort, a town where history is very much alive. You will also have the chance to go for a walk in the town's enchanting little streets and to admire its old fortified walls. Amersfoort's souvenir shops and boutiques also make it the ideal place to go shopping.

Distance: 60km.



Day 3 - From Amersfoort to Purmerend (70 km)



Today, you will cycle through landscapes, dominated by the ancient bog of Eemland, and enchanting little villages such as Baarn, Goi or Narden where you will be able to see the town's battlements, which are some of the best preserved fortifications in Europe.

Distance: 70 km.



Day 4 - From Purmerend to Enkhuizen (56 km)

Start the day by cycling through Edam, a town famous for its succulent cheese, and ride to the villages of Volendam and Hoorn, which were strategic maritime locations during the Dutch Golden Age. End today's journey by going to Enkhuizen and the Museum of Zuiderzee.

Distance: 56 km.



Day 5 - From Enkhuizen to Harich/Lemmer (35 or 40 km)

Take a ferry crossing to the Frise region and cycle amidst open landscapes in order to discover the small popular towns of Stavoren, famous for the Eleven Cities Tour invented in 1809 by two men, who decided to ice skate through these eleven towns in the space of one single day!

Distance: 35 or 40 km.



Day 6 - From Harich/Lemmer to Zwartsluis (50 or 62 km)

Pedal your way through the National Park of the Weerribben, an area full of peat and water, before reaching the fortress of Zwartsluis, which is the place to be for water sports in the Netherlands.

Distance: 50 or 62 km.



Day 7 - From Zwartsluis to Nunspeet (52 km)

Head off to Kampen and then to Nunspeet, an old Hanze town with no less than 500 monuments. Then, cycle through the romantic village of Noordeinde, before reaching the beautiful landscapes of the Veluwe and then Nunspeet.

Distance: 52 km.

Day 8 - Nunspeet

End of your tour after breakfast.

Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 535 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Hybrid bike rental : 70 euros per person.

Electric bike rental : 140 euros per person.

Summer supplement 11/06 - 28/08 : 50 euros per person.

Supplement for nights in single bedrooms : 200 euros per person.

Half-board : 185 euros per person.



INCLUDED

7 nights in 3 and 4 stars hotels
7 breakfasts
Bedroom with en-suite bathroom
Swimming pool in Nunspeet, Lemmer and Zwartsluis
Luggage transfers (1 luggage of 20kg/person)
Information package with maps and road-books
Hotline service (including the week-end)
Free car park in the hotel,
Tourist taxes.

NOT INCLUDED

Transport options to the meeting point and from the point of dispersal
Personal travel insurance
Lunches
Ferry crossing from Enkhuizen to Stavoren (17€).
(you must bring your own bikes and luggage on the ferry. The hotel of Enkhuizen is located between 200 and 700 meters from the port. The hotel can help you bringing your luggage directly to the hotel, paying an extra on the spot. At Stavoren harbor, the transportation of your luggage is included)
Evening meals in option (7 dinners - 3 courses)
Bike rental in option

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Easy. Road surface: flat. Distances: from 35 and up to 70km a day.

CARRYING

Luggage transfer by vehicle (1 bag per person 20 kg).

ACCOMMODATION

3 and 4 star-hotels (double or twin bedrooms with private bathroom).

SIZE OF GROUP

From 2.

DEPARTURES

Every Saturday and Sunday from the 30th of April to the 11th of September 2022.

Every Friday as well from the 1st of July to the 12th of August 2022.

DEPARTURE

At your hotel in Nunspeet.

DISPERSION

End of your tour in Nunspeet, on day 8 after breakfast.



HOW TO GET THERE

- Schipol airport (Amsterdam) + Intercity train to Amersfoort + regional train to Nunspeet (1h30).
- Motorway: drive in the direction of Nunspeet. (free parking)
- Train to Nunspeet

EQUIPMENT TO TAKE

ADVISED MATERIAL TO TAKE WITH YOU (non-exhaustive checklist) :

As a good preparation is key to a successful stay, here are a few tips to ensure that your trip takes place in optimal conditions.

BIKES

In order that your stay does not turn into a mechanical training course, it's advisable to carry out a meticulous revision of your bike before going on a tour :

- the tyres are well inflated and in good condition
- cables and chain are in good condition
- the transmission elements are clean and oiled
- there are no leaks in the suspensions
- the wheels are well tightened
- the brakes are in good condition (wear + possible leaks)
- the headset has been checked

And don't forget that anomalies are easier to spot on a cleaned bike...

REPAIR MATERIAL

To avoid mechanical problems, it's better to be far-sighted and always carry the basic equipment of a biker:

- 2 inner tubes (puncture sealant is strongly recommended, or puncture sealant strips)
- a pump
- tire irons
- an inner tube repair kit consisting of patches and glue
- a multi-tool
- a small wrench
- a piece of tire

Also, you can prepare your own toolbox which we transfer with your luggage. You will put in it the following items :

- a brake cable (front and rear)
- a derailleur cable
- a tyre
- one derailleur hanger
- chain oil
- a rag

EQUIPMENT

As you can't judge a book by its cover, cycling slinky shorts won't help you to turn into a cycling champion. However, a



minimum of specific bike equipment will be necessary in order to be comfortable :

- a helmet
- glasses
- suitable shoes (no smooth soles)
- a cycling short or short
- a breathable tee-shirt (try to avoid cotton)

DAY BACKPACK

Because it's unpleasant to ride with a too loaded backpack, it's better to think carefully about the necessary things to bring in the backpack for the day:

- a water bag and/or a flask and/or water cans on the bike (2L/day/person minimum)
- provisions (energy bars, dried fruits...)
- the basic repair material for your bike (see above)
- a windbreaker (waterproof)
- picnic
- a headlamp
- a knife
- sun cream (+ lip protection)
- toilet paper
- a first-aid kit (see below)
- your mobile phone + an external battery
- a rubbish bag

PICNIC

In order to avoid unnecessary waste at picnic time, remember to take with you :

- an airtight box (0.5L) with initials marked on the lid and on the box + wide elastics
- reusable cutlery (fork and pocketknife)

TRAVEL BAG

Your luggage is transferred during the day and you will find it every evening at your hotel. It is preferable that your travel bag contains the following items :

- a sleeping bag liner (stays in gîtes)
- a change of clothes
- a pair of light shoes for the evening
- a large jumper or fleece jacket
- a small toilet bag with a towel

FIRST-AID KIT

Concerning all our guided stays, the instructor has a first aid kit.

However, it is essential to bring your own first aid kit.

Here is a list of the minimum items to take with you:

- disinfectant



- gauze strips
- plaster
- protective cream for the buttocks
- your personal medicines
- micropur pastilles (water disinfectant)
- a survival blanket

A more complete first-aid kit should be formulated with your doctor.