

Cycling tour in Friesland

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS, APPROX. 275 – 290
BOOKING CODE: NL-LL9

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●
TOPOGRAPHY ●●●●●



Your tour

Situated between the IJsselmeer and the Wadden Sea, you will feel the cosy charm of Fryslân, as it is officially called in West Frisian, at every turn. Between wide meadow and lake landscapes, slightly hilly terrain and many wooded areas, you cycle through small and large towns that have retained their splendour of bygone times. From Harlingen on the Wadden Sea, you can take day trips by ferry to the Wadden Islands of Vlieland and Terschelling.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival in Leeuwarden
Day 2	Leeuwarden – Sneek, approx. 50 km
Day 3	Sneek – Rijs / Stavoren / Oudemirdum, approx. 50 – 60 km
Day 4	Rijs – Makkum, approx. 25 – 35 km
Day 5	Makkum – Harlingen, approx. 50 km
Day 6	Excursion to the island of Vlieland, cycling routes at will + ferry ride
Day 7	Excursion to the island of Terschelling, cycling route at will + ferry ride
Day 8	Harlingen – Dokkum, approx. 60 km
Day 9	Dokkum – Leeuwarden, approx. 30 / 45 km
Day 10	Individual departure

Travel time

Season A	01.04. – 23.09.
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Daily arrival 01.04. – 23.09.2026
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

- 9 nights with breakfast, national 3* / 4*-level
- Ferry ride Harlingen – Terschelling – Harlingen incl. bike
- Ferry ride Harlingen – Vlieland – Harlingen incl. bike
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel, max. 1 piece per person, max. 20 kg / piece
- City tax
- Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)

Basic price per person

Double room	1219,-
Additional fee single room	549,-

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec	319,-
Rental bike (24-gear)	169,-

Exemplary hotel list

Leeuwarden	Westcord WTC Hotel Leeuwarden	https://westcordhotels.nl/hotel/wtc-hotel-leeuwarden/
Sneek	Stadsherberg Sneek	https://www.stadsherbergsneek.nl/nl
Rijs / Stavoren / Oudemirdum	Hotel Jans in Rijs	https://hoteljans.nl//
Makkum	Beach Hotel de Vigilante Makkum	https://www.strandhotelvigilante.nl/
Harlingen	Hotel Anna Casparii Harlingen	https://www.caspariigroup.nl/
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Harlingen	Hotel Anna Casparii Harlingen	https://www.caspariigroup.nl/
Dokkum	Hotel de Abdij Dokkum	https://hoteldeabdijdokkum.nl/
Leeuwarden	Westcord WTC Hotel Leeuwarden	https://westcordhotels.nl/hotel/wtc-hotel-leeuwarden/

Child reduction on basic price

0 - 2 Years	100%
3 - 11 Years	20%
13 - 17 Years	10%

Reduction for children is valid for accommodation in room with two full-paying guests.

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, Dutch, French, Spanish

Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- Twin / double rooms / separate beds are only occasionally available. We treat requests as non-binding customer requests, if above mentioned room types are a booking condition, it must be mentioned as a condition at the time of booking.
- Extra nights: availabilities and prices on request

Equipment of our rental bikes

→ Waterproof pannier

Journey to Leeuwarden

- Nearest airports: Amsterdam, Düsseldorf
- Train station: Leeuwarden

Parking in Leeuwarden

→ Free parking is available at your hotel in Leeuwarden. No reservation possible through Radweg-Reisen.

Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival in Leeuwarden

Your Eleven Cities Tour by bike starts in Leeuwarden, the capital of the Dutch province of Friesland. After checking into your hotel, explore the old town surrounded by canals with its stately town houses. Visit the leaning Oldehove. Like the leaning tower in Pisa, Italy, the unfinished church tower is gradually leaning to one side. Despite the slight tilt, the tower can be visited without any problems. Get in the mood for your cycling vacation with an evening stroll along the canals of Leeuwarden.

Day 2: Leeuwarden – Sneek, approx. 50 km

Your first stage takes you along flat cycle paths to the small town of Boalsert, one of Friesland's eleven towns. The historic town was once built on a three-part terp. Mounds are settlement mounds made of earth. A visit to the Sonnema Berenburg distillery is well worthwhile. Try their famous herbal bitters based on the juniper schnapps Genever. The landmark of your first stage destination Sneek is the water gate, which is unique in the Netherlands. Situated on the Frisian Lake District, the town is popular with recreational boaters and water rats.

Day 3: Sneek – Rijs / Stavoren / Oudemirdum, approx. 50 – 60 km

Today you cycle to the IJsselmeer on your Eleven Cities Tour. On the way to your stage destination of Rijs, it is worth taking a short detour to Sloten, the smallest town in the Netherlands. Historic buildings and cozy terrace cafés invite you to take an extended break. Not far from

Rijs, you have an undisturbed view of the IJsselmeer. The lake, created by an artificial embankment, is the largest in the Netherlands. Leave your bike at the hotel in Rijs and go for a long walk. Stay until sunset, it's worth it.

Day 4: Rijs – Makkum, approx. 25 – 35 km

Following the coast of the IJsselmeer, you reach the harbor town of Stavoren. The town's landmark - the statue of Frouke fan Starum - is located right by the harbor. Legend has it that a rich merchant's widow wanted to own the most valuable thing there was at the time. When wheat was brought to her, she spurned it... You can find out how the story continues directly at the statue. A few kilometers further north, it is worth taking another break in Hindeloopen. The picturesque old houses and wooden bridges tell of the port town's heyday in the 17th and 18th centuries. You spend the night in Makkum. The town is known for the oldest earthenware factory in the Netherlands.

Day 5: Makkum – Harlingen, approx. 50 km

Shortly after your start in Makkum, you will see the 32-kilometer-long Afsluitdijk on your left. The dam separates the IJsselmeer from the Wadden Sea. First, it's worth stopping in Franeker, another of Friesland's eleven towns. Visit the Eisinga Planetarium. It is said to be the oldest in the world. The harbor town of Harlingen is your destination for today. Discover the old town with its many interesting houses. Don't

miss the pretty town hall and the Grote Kerk, which stands on a hill. You can spend a wonderful evening on Harlingen beach not far from the Stenen Mans, the Stone Man.

Day 6: Excursion to the island of Vlieland, cycling routes at will + ferry ride

What would a cycle tour in Friesland be without a trip to the Wadden Islands? It's off to Vlieland. You can easily reach the car-free island by ferry from Harlingen. There are more than just 26 kilometers of cycle paths on the island. Many high dunes, long sandy beaches and small wooded areas complete the idyllic picture of the smallest West Frisian island. In the only village on the island - Oost-Vlieland - Tromp's Huys is well worth a visit. The oldest house on Vlieland now houses a museum about the island's history. The Vuurboetsduin, a 40-metre-high wooded dune with a lighthouse at the top, is a great place to climb.

Day 7: Excursion to the island of Terschelling, cycling route at will + ferry ride

Enjoy the idyllic peace and tranquillity of another West Frisian Wadden island. From the ferry, the first thing that will catch your eye is the majestic Brandaris lighthouse in the harbor town of West-Terschelling. The 30-kilometre-long and up to 500-metre-wide sandy beach is easy to reach by bike. Sunbathing, the sound of the sea and the best views of the North Sea are guaranteed. For those who like it more active, a mudflat hike is highly recommended. Sturdy footwear is important here! With a bit of luck, you might see a group of sunbathing seals on one of the sandbanks.

Day 8: Harlingen – Dokkum, approx. 60 km

The longest stage of your Eleven Cities Tour by bike today takes you along the green dykes along the Wadden Sea. You cycle slightly inland through the village of Hogebeintum. At around nine meters above sea level, the village lies on the highest mound in the country. The pilgrimage town of Dokkum is your destination for the day. Adorned with characteristic stepped gables, the town exudes a special atmosphere. Legend has it that the water from the Bonifatius spring has a healing effect. We don't know whether beer has a healing effect. Find out and try one of the refreshing hop juices from the Bonifatius brewery. Proost!

Day 9: Dokkum – Leeuwarden, approx. 30 / 45 km

Only a few kilometers lie ahead of you on today's last stage of your Eleven Cities Tour by bike. You cycle back to Leeuwarden through the typical Frisian landscape. Visit the Fries Museum. The largest provincial museum in the Netherlands displays exhibits from the art, culture and history of Friesland. A stroll through the charming Kleine Kerkstraat shopping street is worthwhile, as is a guided boat tour through the Leeuwarden canals.

Day 10: Individual departure

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.