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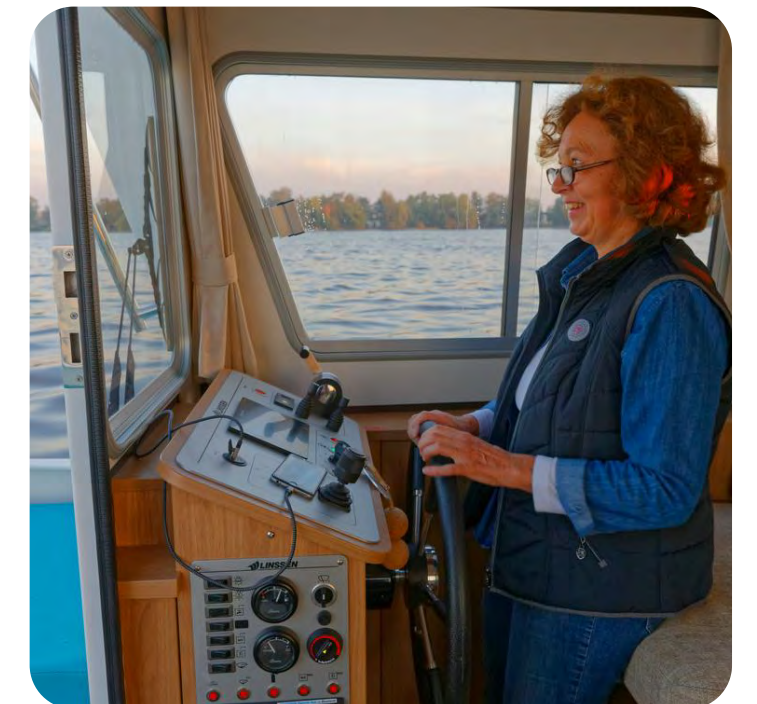
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Ahoy, Captains!



Create your own route and visit places according to your preferences! To help you along, this guide provides you with an idea of the travel times between places along with travel tips, sights to visit and points of interest, so you can steer your Pénichette through Europe to the most beautiful and interesting corners of Holland!



Holland Navigation Instructions

Bridges and Locks



- Each bridge has its own opening hours. Please note that bridges with major roads can also be backed up for a while during the afternoon rush hour. Locaboat is not responsible for opening times or any changes. Clearance of passage can vary in lengths of time, generally no longer than 30 minutes
- Tips are expected in the case of very few bridges, locks located in towns are usually subject to a fee depending on the boat size/length (approx. 3-6 €).
- For up-to-date information on the bridges, a navigation App is recommended in addition to the waterway map (for information on bridge construction work, closures, etc.)
- When crossing bridges, always pay attention to the heights of the bridges! Direct passage without having to operate/open a bridge is only possible in very few cases. Please always pay attention to the water level and the equipment on deck (bimini, bicycles). Usually, the bridges are too low to pass through and passage must be announced either by phone, three horns or by pressing a button on the waiting bollard on the side.
- Commercial ships/boats generally always have the right of way, even on bridges!

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Ports and Moorings

- The Dutch have a profound love for water, so there are countless private properties on the shore. Therefore, recreational captains must moor in ports most of the time. Ports are marked accordingly on the waterway map (blue boat). Club harbors often offer specially designated guest berths and need to register with the harbor master.
- Each port determines its own port fees. A fee of € 1.50 to € 2.50 per boat meter is common. Each port has special service facilities such as shore power connection or fresh water. It is recommended to find a berth by early afternoon at the latest.
- Public and free moorings are marked accordingly with a red symbol (buoy) on the waterway map. An app is now required for this type of mooring. The app can be found under the name **aanuit.net/de**. The app can also be used to pay for water and electricity consumption directly.
- Anchoring is only permitted on lakes during the day, for example for swimming or fishing. Ask the port of departure when you take over if you want to anchor in order to find out the special information. Wild mooring with hammer and stake is only possible in very few places



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Swimming

Swimming is only permitted in the lakes or on the so-called “Plassen” lakes. Swimming in the canals is too dangerous and not recommended due to commercial shipping and large amounts of boat traffic. Directly at the port of departure, the Kagerplassen near Alphen or the Loosdrecht Plassen lakes are particularly suitable for swimming. In Katwijk, the sandy beach can be reached by a 10–15-minute walk from the city harbor. There are other possibilities along the route, such as The Hague - Haarlem. Bringing bicycles is especially recommended for trips to the dunes and the beach.



Speed Limits

Please adhere to the speed limits and pay attention to the traffic signs. In addition to police checks, houseboat owners do not like fast drivers on the water or along the edges of the canals.

Holland Navigation Instructions

Waterways

- Not all rivers and canals are navigable. This is not only due to the width of the waterways, but also because of the many immobile bridges. For optimal route planning, you should discuss the waterways with our on-site staff and have possible routes drawn so that no trip ends in a dead end.
- Pay particular attention to commercial ships/boats! They always have priority and move very fast so it is quite possible to underestimate their speed.
- Cross large canals with the utmost care and you may proceed directly at full speed. Make sure that no cargo ships can be seen or are far enough away as these cannot brake. A good example is the crossing of the Amsterdam Rhine Canal.
- Please note that from mid-October until mid-April some waterways and bridges are not open or open to a very limited extent. The local port will give you relevant information about your route and show you navigable waterways.



Route Suggestions and Travel Times



Below you will find route suggestions to help you plan your route. Please note that we cannot are not liable for the feasibility or travel times. You are welcome to take these suggestions, adapt them to your preferences and requirements or compile your own route using the travel timetable. The port will be happy to help you with this. The suggested routes are all for a one-week trip. You can find shorter stays from Alphen aan den Rijn and Loosdrecht at the end of the respective route suggestion.

In this guide you will find introductions to different areas and locations in detail for some of the most beautiful, not-to-be-missed sights and places to visit. Exact tour descriptions can be found from page 14 on.

From Loosdrecht to the land of windmills – Northern tour



A popular tour that will take you to the most beautiful corners of Northern Holland! In addition to the lively city of Amsterdam, the journey leads to the far north, past countless windmills. You can determine your stays and travel times yourself. The trip overview will help you here.

The travel time is given from place to place.

For example, the travel time from Loosdrecht to Weesp is 2.5 hours and from Weesp to Muiden 45 minutes. This boat tour description can be found from page 14 on.

Town	Navigation time	Bridges/locks
In the Land of the Windmills		
Loosdrecht		
Weesp	2h30	5 bridges, 1 lock
Muiden	45min	2 bridges
Amsterdam	3h	11 bridges
Uitgeest	3h30	5 bridges
Alkmaar	1h30	
Edam	4h30	8 bridges
Monnickendam	45min	2 bridges
Weesp	6h	6 bridges
Loosdrecht	2h30	5 bridges, 1 lock

From Loosdrecht through the canals to Rembrandt - Southern tour



The southern tour is most popular among leisure captains! It covers nature, cuisine and culture in equal measures, and you can see some of Holland's most beautiful corners from the water. This tour includes Holland's most famous cities like Gouda and Amsterdam, a must for every connoisseur and explorer! Dare to take a boat through the beautiful canal street in Amsterdam, or you can also easily visit the metropolis from Weesp by train. The most famous galleries and museums await you in Amsterdam! This boat tour description can be found from page 19 on.

Town	Navigation time	Bridges/Locks
Via Canal to Rembrandt (Southern tour)		
Loosdrecht		
Utrecht	2h40	5 bridges, 1 lock
Ouderwater	3h40	10 bridges
Gouda	1h50	10 bridges
Woerden	3h45	7 bridges
Uithoorn	2h50	2 bridges, 1 lock
Oouderkerk	1h10	1 bridge
Amsterdam	1h40	1 bridge
Weesp	2h10	9 bridges
Loosdrecht	2h30	5 bridges, 1 lock



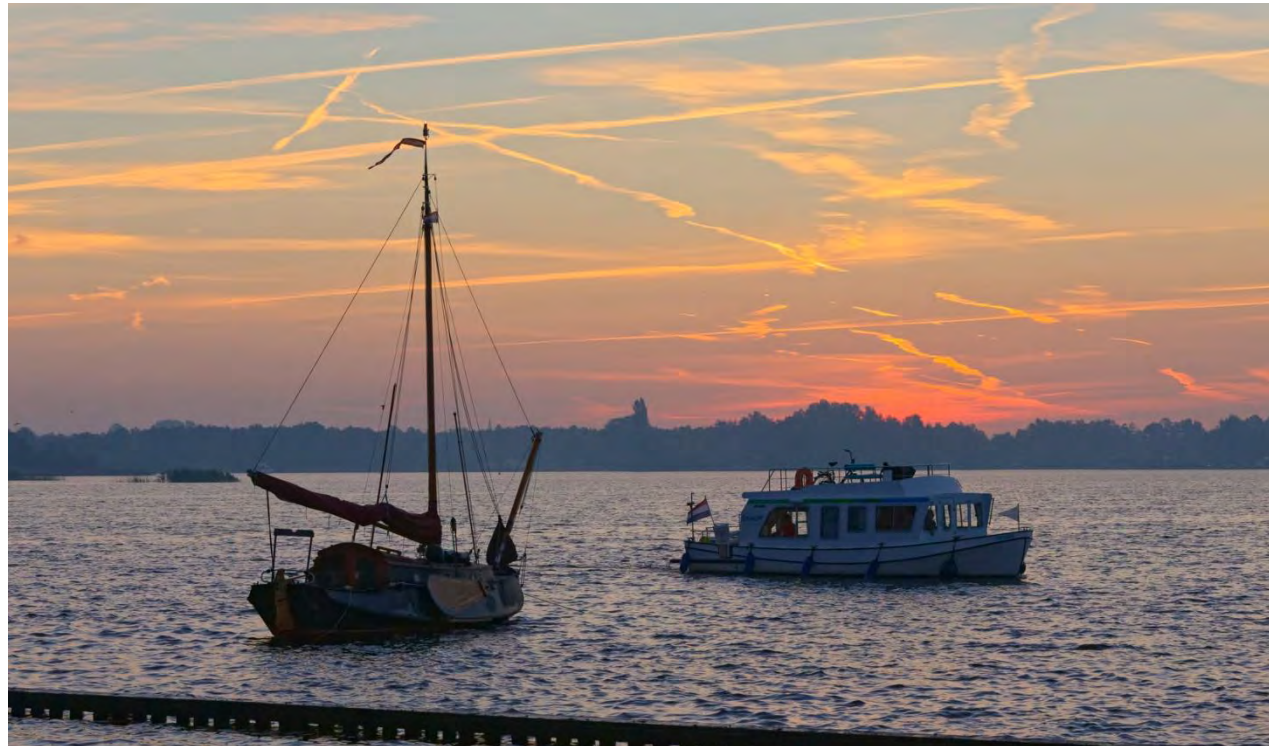
From Alphen aan den Rijn to the major Dutch cities

Do you love city trips and beach holidays? Then this extraordinary canal tour is for you! Here, your boat takes you to the most beautiful cities in the Netherlands, where culture, architecture and nature can all be explored. In the meanwhile, you can also visit the fine sandy beaches in Katwijk or The Hague. As always, we recommended taking your bicycles with you, be it for a trip through the dunes or for exploring the city in proper style. This boat tour description can be found from page 23 on.



Town	Navigation time	Bridges/locks
From Alphen to the major Dutch cities		
Alphen aan den Rijn		
Leiden	2h30	6 bridges
Katwijk	2h30	6 bridges
Den haag	5h30	17 bridges, 1 lock
Delft	2h	7 bridges
Rotterdam	2h	2 bridges

From Alphen to blooming fields and lakes



Discover the most beautiful corners of Holland! From Alphen go directly to the Kagerplassen, a very beautiful lake area. Here you can spend quality time in peaceful nature. The next highlight is Lisse with its famous floral park, the Keukenhof. On the route towards Haarlem, there is plenty of opportunity to cycle through the dunes or to the beach. The loop leads past Amsterdam. If you want, you can take a detour and visit the city or visit the famous windmill park in Zaanstad. On the way back to Alphen, there is passage through two beautiful “Plassen” Lake areas. This boat tour description can be found from page 27 on.

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From Alphen through blooming fields and lakes		
Alphen aan den Rijn		
Lisse	4h	5 bridges
Haarlem	3h30	8 bridges
Zaanstad	4h45	5 bridges, 2 locks
Amsterdam	2h	1 lock
Aalsmeer	5h	11 bridges, 2 locks
Alphen aan den Rijn	2h30	3 bridges

Short History facts

A little History about the Netherlands

The Netherlands once established itself as one of the largest trading powers in the 19th century. Before that, the many rise and falls shaped the development of this beautiful country full of culture. To find out more, flash the code!



The secrets of the Canals

Many cities such as Amsterdam, Delft, Utrecht and Leiden have beautiful canals, waterways and bridges that shape the cityscape. What is pretty to look at today, once had a very important purpose. For more information, flash the code!



Interesting Facts

Dutch Master Artists

Not only were Rembrandt and Van Gogh famous Dutch personalities who contributed to its cultural heritage, many others also shaped the country as we know it today or decisively redefined art history. To find out more, flash the code!



Small cheese lexicon

Holland is famous for cheese a lot of cheese. If you go to a cheese shop or the cheese market in Gouda, for example, you'll quickly realize that Holland is not the #1 cheese exporter for nothing. Edam and Gouda are not the only varieties that are produced here. For more delicious facts, flash the code!



Quick fun facts

Famous Landscape Icons

In all, there are over 1000 windmills in the Netherlands. Each is unique in its construction and appearance. During your boat tour you will see many windmills directly from the water. Why are there so many and what purpose do you think they serve? To find out, flash the code!



Holland's preferred means of Transportation

They are everywhere! The purest means of transportation - bicycles! Riding a bike is a way of life here. Join in and explore the area around the canals, lakes and rivers on the myriad of bike paths. For more info, flash the code!



from Loosdrecht to the Land of the Windmills

Vecht River

The Vecht region is a sight in itself. It is also called the green heart of Holland. The river stretches from Utrecht to Muiden in the sea. Countless villas, castles, lakes and forts can be found along the beautiful waterway. You can enjoy all these views from the comfort of your boat.



Loosdrechter Plassen

In addition to a nature reserve, the “Plassen” lakes are also a water sports paradise! The multitude of small sailing ships are impressive. There are many mooring options for boats on the Plassen lakes throughout the small islands. It’s also a perfect spot for a swim.



Weesp

As the first stop, Weesp awaits visitors with a beautiful old town and small charming shops to explore. The first Dutch porcelain was produced here, among other interesting things. Excursions by bike are great here. For example, to the windmill Molen De Vriendschap or the nearby Naardermeer nature reserve are perfect for discovery by bike. From here you can also get to Amsterdam quickly from the nearby train station.



From Loosdrecht to the Land of the Windmills



Muiden

A detour to Muiden is worthwhile! In addition to the charming small town, the UNESCO-heritage site Muider slot moated castle awaits visitors. The castle holds a rich history. In addition, the town is located directly on the IJmeer lake, but unfortunately the IJmeer lake is not navigable with your boat.

For more information, flash the code!



Amsterdam

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From Loosdrecht to the Land of the Windmills

Zaandam

Zaandam is a medium-sized city in the province of North Holland. The city is about 10km from Amsterdam and lies on the river Zaan. The architecture in the city itself is worth seeing. The Czaar Peterhuisje (Tsar Peter House), one of the oldest wooden houses in Holland, is particularly interesting. The city center of Zaandam is quite pleasant for a small shopping trip. The city center has been modernized and is one of the best inner cities in Holland. Also famous is a landmark hotel which consists of 70 houses stacked on top of each other.



Zaanse Schans

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Uitgeest

Uitgeest is located on the Alkmaardemeer Lake, which is known for its water sports and is a local recreation area. Uitgeest is perfect for a stop because you can take a nice bike ride along the coast from here! Here you have a great dune landscape and access to the beach.



From Loosdrecht to the Land of the Windmills

Alkmaar

A detour to beautiful Alkmaar is a must. Boats with outside rudders cannot drive through Alkmaar directly. But there are ports and public landing stages/docks to moor near the town.

There is a lot to see in Alkmaar itself. In addition to the beautiful canals, shops and good restaurants, the cheese museum or the town museum welcome those interested in culture and history. On Fridays there is also a colorful cheese market in town. To find out more, flash the code!



Edam

Edam is an authentic village that lies directly on the IJsselmeer Lake. If you don't know the village personally, just think of the famous Edam cheese. Of course there is also a cheese market here every Wednesday. The cheese warehouses from the 18th century are also worth seeing. In the Edam Museum you can learn a lot about the trade in cheese as well as the shipbuilding and trade that brought the town to prosperity. The Dam of Edam in the heart of town is another highlight with historical intrigue. For more info, flash the code!



From Loosdrecht to the Land of the Windmills

Monnickendam

This historic town lies on the Markermeer Lake and has flourished into an important town, particularly through shipbuilding and trade, which allowed the town to establish a town charter as early as 1355.

A typical old Dutch town still stands here today, which has its own charm filled with many monuments in the center. The only building preserved from the time of the town charter is the play tower, which houses a museum. Enjoy a walk through the beautiful center or partake in one of the many water sports. Please note that it is not permitted to take your boat out to sea.



Short Stays

If you only have a weekend to spend, Amsterdam is obviously the most popular place. However, if you are looking for peace and quiet, you can go to Muiden via Weesp on the weekend. In a mini week you can comfortably travel to Amsterdam and continue onto Amstel and Uithoorn and back.



Amsterdam



Weesp



Loosdrechter Plassen



Returning to port of origin

For trips longer than a week

In 10/11 days you can do this tour with leisurely time for sightseeing and more bike tours. Alternatively, a combination of the tour with the southern tour (on the canals to Rembrandt) is also possible with a 2-week journey. After Edam-Amsterdam, the tour goes to Uithoorn-Alphen-Gouda-Oudewater-Utrecht and ends in Loosdrecht.

From Loosdrecht through the canals to Rembrandt



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Fluss Vecht

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Utrecht



The first stop on this exciting boat trip is Utrecht. After floating along the idyllic Vecht river, you are welcomed by a vibrant canal city. If you're out and about with a Classique or a Terrace Pénichette, you can even marvel at the canals, cafes and the old wharf cellars directly from the water. All other types of boats must moor in front of the city in the harbor, as they are not suitable for passage. In addition to stopping to buy souvenirs or visit one of the numerous restaurants, you can also marvel at the famous cathedral or immerse yourself in the world of archeology. In the unique DOM under visitor center, you can experience 2000 years of history. Flash the code for more info!

From Loosdrecht through the canals to Rembrandt

Gouda



Oudewater

This charming town has a special history. This is where the old Witches-Weighhouse stands - especially popular with visitors from all over the world. Here you can find out whether you are a witch or not. Once done, you will receive a certificate as real as the original. The history of the witch hunts from the middle of the 15th century to the late 18th century can be traced here. The town itself is one of the oldest cities in the Netherlands. This is evident from the many preserved, listed buildings. A trip to town is also more than suitable for a little shopping spree or a visit to a restaurant.

To find out more, flash the code!

Gouda cheese region



The famous Gouda cheese does not come directly from the town itself but is produced in the region by 4 communities. This regional association is also known as the Cheese Valley. Not just Gouda, but also many other excellent varieties are produced here. In addition to Gouda, the municipalities of the cheese region also include Woerden, Bodegraven-Reeuwijk and Krimpenerwaard. Gouda was the central marketplace for cheese wheels in the region. Therefore, the cheese has been called "Gouda" ever since.



In addition to being the most famous cheese town in the Netherlands, the town itself has a lot more to offer. Of course, you shouldn't miss the cheese market if you visit the town on Thursdays. If you miss the famous market, there are many cheese shops to choose from to create your own cheese platter. Two buildings particularly stand out in the town. On one hand, the town hall, which has particularly beautiful architecture and is a popular photo opportunity. On the other hand, a visit to the Sint-Jan Church is yet another delight. Here you can experience how the light breaks through the beautiful stained-glass windows. Of course, you can also go shopping and dining here. And don't miss the first fair trade street in the Netherlands!



From Loosdrecht through the canals to Rembrandt

Woerden

Woerden is a picturesque, historic fortified town. The 16th century town museum is worth a visit. Everything about art and history unfolds here, and on the outside, you can also admire a sandstone pillory from 1567. Of course, Woerden is another cheese stronghold. The Kaaspakhuis (cheese packing house) is not to be missed either. Find out everything about the Dutch cultural heritage here. Furthermore, great shops and restaurants await your visit.



Charming River Landscapes

The section of the river between Woerden and Uithoorn is one of the most beautiful stretches. Here you can admire the wonders of nature, rich flora and fauna, as well as small villages or charming houses on the river's edge. Don't forget your binoculars! Soak in the lush greenery until you arrive at the vibrant center of Amsterdam.



Uithoorn

Uithoorn is a small town south of Amsterdam. The center invites you for a stroll. Visit some lovely cafes and just enjoy the atmosphere of small-town charm before heading to Amsterdam for its diverse sights.



From Loosdrecht through the canals to Rembrandt



Ouderkerk

Ouderkerk has existed since the 12th century. The Jewish cemetery featuring elaborate tombstones including human figures and the rectory are worth a visit. The town also boasts a beautiful windmill. Ouderkerk is popular with cyclists, as there is a gorgeous cycle path along the Amstel. You can also go on a bike excursion to the Amsterdam Bos park. During summer, the Ouderkerkplas lake is only 5-10 minutes away by bike - a very popular place to swim. There are also numerous restaurants and cafes along the beautiful Amstel.

Amsterdam

Experience this unique city day or night! You can moor in one of the city ports - Marina Amsterdam or Sixhaven. Visit one of the numerous museums such as the Anne Frank House or the Rijksmuseum and see the impressive works of Rembrandt. A walk through the canals or a visit to the Vondelpark is another highlight that shouldn't be missed. There are plenty of souvenirs and restaurants in the capital of Holland!



Weesp

As the last step, Weesp greets visitors with its beautiful old town and small charming shops. The first Dutch porcelain was produced here, among other things. Excursions by bike are recommended here – for example, to the windmill Molen De Vriendschap or the nearby Naardermeer nature reserve. You can also get to Amsterdam quickly from the nearby train station.

Rembrandt

Rembrandt van Rijn, the great Art master of the Golden Age, created his best works in the last years of his life. Learn more about his life story, talents and world-famous works by flashing the code.



Loosdrecht



From Alphen aan den Rijn to the major Dutch cities



Alphen aan den Rijn

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Leiden

The first stop is Leiden. This city is also a typical Dutch canal city and equally a university city with beautiful mansions. Leiden is the birthplace of Rembrandt. In the city is a castle from the 11th century which also offers a nice view over the city. There are also shopping opportunities and many great restaurants.



Spotlight on Leiden

* Botanical Garden- Hortus Botanicus

This garden was built around 1590 and is therefore the oldest botanical garden in Western Europe. The first large collection of tulips in Europe was here. Today the garden still boasts a renowned collection.



Leiden Market Day

Every Saturday there is a beautiful market in Leiden that you should not miss. There is also a smaller version on Wednesdays. This market is one of the best weekly markets in Holland.



Molenmuseum

If you want to know about Dutch landmarks, The Leiden Molenmuseum is the right place. Here you can discover everything about the construction and history of the mills.



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Den Haag – The Hague

You must visit The Hague! The city is not only the royal capital but is also located directly on the North Sea coast. There are numerous architectural monuments to see, many of which are also important political buildings. For example, the Noordeinde Palace, the Binnenhof, which has been the seat of parliament for 570 years, and of course the international court of justice. The miniature world Madurodam on 18,000 square meters is particularly appealing to children. Art lovers will find themselves in the Mauritshuis. Here you can see, among many others, the masterpiece by Johannes Vermeer, “The girl with the pearl earring”. For more information, flash the code.



★ Spotlight on bike tours ★ through the dunes

From Katwijk there are many beautiful bike paths through a unique dune landscape, whether going to the south towards The Hague or towards the north. A unique experience awaits you! There is information material on the possible bike routes at the tourist information office, online and at the port. But you can also create a route yourself. The bike paths are very well marked. In the spring, the dunes are filled with wild flowers and blooming dog roses, particularly beautiful to look at.



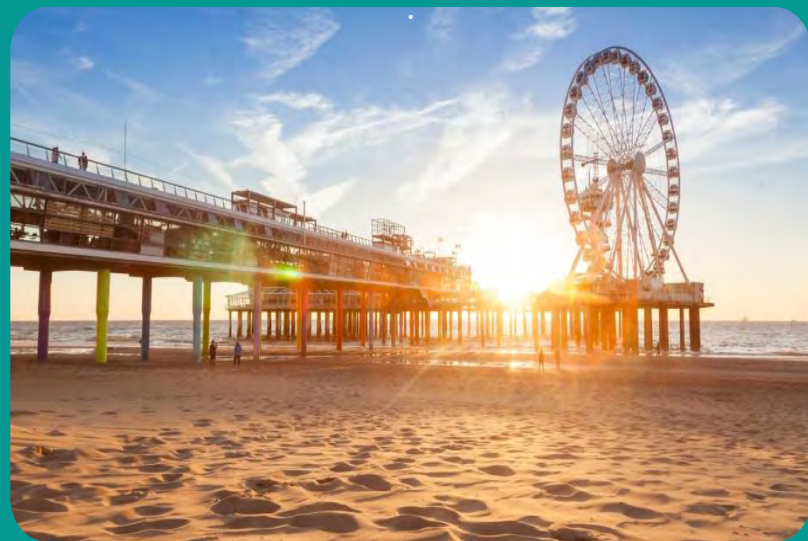
Katwijk

Katwijk is a charming small town on the North Sea and is also very well known as a family seaside resort. You can moor your boat directly in the marina. Here you can also get a town map and an overview of popular bike tours. You should not miss the beautiful, 5 km long white sandy beach and the long promenade. The town's landmarks are the white lighthouse, from which you have a stunning view, and the white church. There is also a local museum that covers the history of fishing.

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Spotlight on an excursion to Scheveningen

From The Hague city center, about 10-15 minutes by public transport, you can access a beautiful sandy beach by the sea. Scheveningen is the largest seaside resort in the Netherlands and has a picturesque pier. In addition to relaxing on the beach and swimming in the sea, you can also admire the 20 works of art depicting characters and scenes from well-known fairy tales. Water sports enthusiasts can also surf and kite surf.



Delft



Delft is the birthplace of the artist Johannes Vermeer, Delft Blue pottery and the traditional Dutch canals. Art enthusiasts can marvel at the Vermeer Center, which focuses on Vermeer's life and works. The connection to the royal family can be seen in many buildings, for example the many churches and the Prinsenhof. Of course, there are also great restaurants here. We recommend to visit the Royal Delft Museum. The museum is in a well-preserved Delft factory building from the 17th century. Here you can learn the history and manufacturing process of the famous hand-painted porcelain works.

Rotterdam

Rotterdam is the last stop on the tour of the major cities in the Netherlands. Please pay attention to the port's navigation instructions and dock outside the city! A modern architecture awaits visitors here, as well as a very diverse city. Visit the Rotterdam market hall. Here you can replenish your supplies, but there are also 15 food shops and 8 restaurants. The building itself is an architectural marvel. Other notable buildings are the cube houses (Kubuswoningen) and the bridges of the city. Marvel at Rotterdam from the Euromast observation tower. Faze upon the huge port complex. For children, a visit to the Rotterdam Zoo is worthwhile. Then a return trip to Alphen via the same route. For more info, flash the code



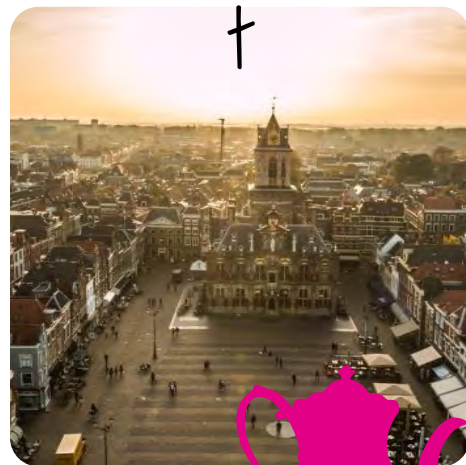
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Long Stays

If you have more than a week to spare, then of course you have more time to explore the cities. It is worthwhile making a detour to the Kagerplassen and the Braassemmermeer, both a nice change after an eventful city tour

Delft



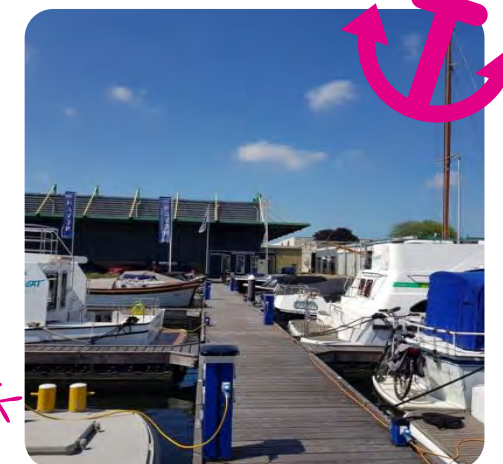
Den Haag



Leiden



Alphen



Short stays

In a short week you can take a tour from Alphen to Sassenheim with a detour to Delft and Leiden. A tour of Leiden, Lisse and Aalsmeer is also possible. A weekend trip to the beach in Katwijk or a visit to Lisse is possible. Please note the opening times of the bridges carefully, as they can differ!

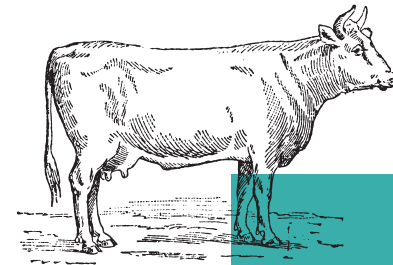
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Alphen aan den Rijn

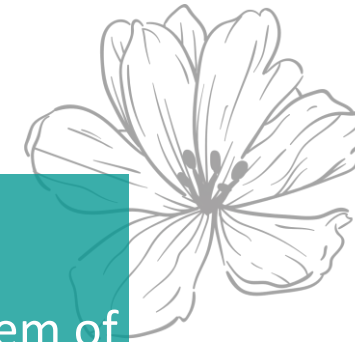
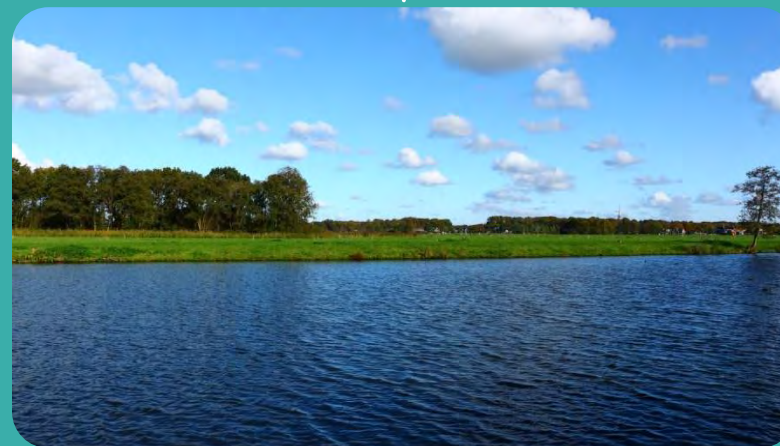


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Kagerplassen

The Kagerplassen are a beautiful system of lakes in a tranquil environment which are also a water sports paradise! Here you will find many species of birds nesting in the network of reed ditches, canals, islands and low land polders. Every island here has its own proper windmill. With the nearby Braassemermeer, this region has the largest number of windmills in the whole of the Netherlands! Some villages in the region even date from Roman times.



Lisse and Keukenhof

Not far from the coast is the beautiful town of Lisse. Thanks to the favorable climate and soil in the coastal area, the cultivation of flower bulbs brought prosperity to this town in the Golden Age. Today, flower bulbs are still exported all over the world. If you want to stretch your feet a bit or do a little bike tour, then you can head towards the sea and dunes or towards Haarlem. A visit to Keukenhof in the Spring is a must!



From Alphen through blooming fields and lakes

Haarlem



Haarlem is a typical Dutch canal city with style. In addition to the countless shopping opportunities, there is also a lot to see. A visit to the "Grote Markt" is worthwhile. This is the central square of the city, which is surrounded by many historical monuments such as the town hall. In Haarlem there are a total of 21 typical Dutch Hofjes. These are small historical inner courtyards that are surrounded by small houses, boasting one of the oldest in the country. The Teylers Museum for Art and Science should not be missed for the many joys of art and culture. For more info, flash the code.

Highlight on Zaanse Schans

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Aalsmeer

Aalsmeer is the city of flowers par excellence! There is a multitude of flower attractions throughout the year.

The world's largest flower auction happens here. Flowers and blossoms from all over the world are traded. There are also museums and festivals in the theme of flowers. For example; the Floral Art Museum. If you are going by boat in mid-June, you should pay a visit to the Flower Festival. FloriWorld is an interactive museum full of flowers, surrounded by images and sounds.



From Alphen through blooming fields and lakes

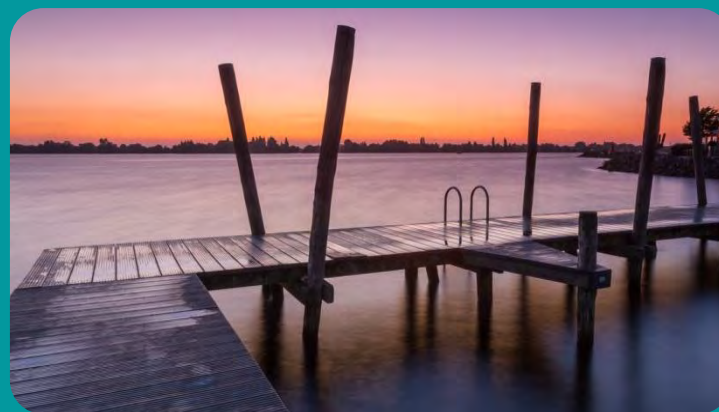


Highlight on Westeinderplassen

After visiting Aalsmeer you can take your boat to the Westeinderplassen.

This is a huge area of water with ponds and trenches. It's perfect for cooling off or one of the many possible water sports. Nature lovers will find many species of birds as well as rare plants and fish species here.

On the banks there are beautiful marinas and beaches that invite you to stay.



Braassemermeer



Before you return to Alphen, you cross the Braassemermeer, another water sports recreation area. There is a village on the west and east bank and a nature reserve in the south. In addition to water sports, there are beautiful cycling and hiking trails around the lake. The Braassem route is highly recommended.

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The boat can be dropped off
between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Long trips

Traveling for longer than a week? Depending on the daily trip time, you can either plan to spend more time on individual highlights or stay longer in any location of your choice. It is also worth making a detour to Katwijk to go to the beautiful beach or to take a great bike ride through the dune landscape. With 2-week trips you can extend the detour north to see the land of windmills near Zaanstad.



Short Stays

If you only have a few days to spare, you can shorten this tour. The main visit would be the beautiful Plassen area and Lisse with its flower park. On a weekend you can go from Kagerplassen to Lisse and back again.



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Access to Alphen base (600 m).