



# ***Route description***

*for your individual Bike & Barge Tour*

# ***through North Holland***

## Dear Cyclist!

We would like to give you a warm welcome to your trip through North Holland.

You will cycle on an outstanding cycle route network through the flat landscape of the Netherlands. The following route descriptions are merely suggestions, of course, you can also plan the daily stages according to your personal wishes and preferences. Before you start cycling, your tour guide will introduce you to each stage of the day and inform you about local conditions.

We recommend that you download the app „**Fietsknoop**“ prior to your journey. When you start the app, you find it set in the Dutch language. Open the **main menu** and navigate to **Mijn instellingen**. Find **Taal instellingen** and choose your **own language**. After closing the screen, Fietsknoop changes its language.

Please mind the mooring places and/or your boat departure times which will be announced by your tour guide.

Please note that in case of last minute changes times and places can differ from those indicated here.

### **Practical information on our unguided, individual journeys by bike and boat through Holland:**

Anyone who would like to explore the Netherlands by bicycle is in good company because also the Dutchmen travel mostly using their own muscle power on two wheels. That is why the country`s cycleways feel comfortable for cyclists, exceeding often the width of footpaths and occasionally even of roads.

The large numbers of separate, compulsory **cycle paths (FIETSPAD, FIETSPADEN)**, marked with a round blue sign with a white bicycle in the middle, make Holland a paradise for cyclists.



**If you encounter such a blue sign with white bicycle, then you have to use the cycle path. In some cases, bicycle lanes are marked with a white bike symbol on the road surface. They are usually separated from the other lanes by either a continuous or a dashed white line. All cyclists are required to use these dedicated cycle paths: so, if such cycle path is available, you must not ride on the road!**

There are also so-called “optional“cycle paths, **FIETSPAD or RIJWIELPAD**, marked with small signs with white lettering on black background. It is recommended that cyclists use these optional cycle paths, whereas motor cycles and other motorised vehicles are not allowed.

The **road signposting** is outstanding:

The ANWB, the sister organization of the General German Automobile Association is responsible for this.

On cycling maps these signposts are referred to as so-called **junctions (Jnct)**.

In many places there are also small white signs with a red bicycle indicating special cycle routes.

On small back roads you will find route markers, approx. 50 cm high, also called “toadstools” because of their shape.



When you cycle into a large town, taking a look at the map is often useful: at the entrance of many towns and cities, you will find large city plans. Just In case you get lost, orientate yourselves following the small signs with the letters VVV (pronounced: VeeVeeVee), which lead you directly to the local tourist agency VVV, where they will be glad to help you.

**Some of the most important general traffic rules are:**

- always ride on the right and overtake on the left
- fast moving traffic has always right of way over slow moving traffic, except on major roads and on right-of-way crossings
- Straight ahead traffic has always priority over turning traffic on the same road
- Fast moving traffic from right has always priority over traffic approaching from left

**Cyclists must also obey the following rules:**

- Cyclists may only ride two-abreast if it does not obstruct other traffic
- Cyclists are not allowed on motorways and dual carriageways
- Cycling on pavement is essentially not permitted (it is best to dismount)
- Cycle lights must be turned on during twilight and night hours
- Changes of direction must be indicated by a clearly extended arm
- Young children have to be carried in a bicycle child seat with sufficient support for hands, back and feet

**Note:** For safety reasons we also recommend that adults wear a cycle helmet.

Nobody is perfect. Distances may change from day to day because of construction work etc.

In addition the junction system is sometimes subject to changes at short notice. It is possible that the description deviates from the local conditions after printing.

In such case, we would kindly like to ask you to inform us so that we can optimise our map material for subsequent journeys. We would be very grateful for your suggestions.

We wish you a relaxing week and a happy combined bike/boat journey.

**Street names, towns, localities and junctions (Jnct) are printed in bold.**

The red framed numbers - such as **1** - refer to the corresponding map in the separate map book.

*Please use the tour description together with the route maps.*

**Important telephone numbers**

Reiseleiter: 0049-160 87 54 940

Schiff / Ship: 0031-625 175585

In case of an accident with physical injuries please call the European emergency number 112 (without area code from any mobile or stationary phone).

## 2nd Day: Circular cycle tour Enkhuizen , approx. 30 - 36 km

Enkhuizen is a pretty harbour town on the shore of Lake IJssel, appreciated by many visitors for its well preserved historic centre and its attractive position on the waterside. The Dromedaris Tower, relic of the fortifications and a former lighthouse, is the town's landmark. Make sure you do not miss a visit to one of the many nice, typical cafés located right by the canals.

*Tip: The Zuiderzeemuseum is well worth a visit.*

*You can find a QR code for discounted tickets in the route map booklet on page 31.*

*Tip for all route variants: Remember to take your swimwear with you when the weather is nice. It is also worth making a detour to the small villages. Often you will be attracted by a sign "Koffie met appelgebak".*

**Today you can choose between a shorter and two longer route variants:**

All route variants start at **Jnct 92**.

### **Red route, ca. 36 km**

**1** From the harbor, **Jnct 92**, cycle past the **station** and follow **Stationsweg** and **Havenweg**, then turn left into **Spoorstraat**. After **crossing the bridge** you will arrive at **Jnct 30**.

At **Jnct 30** turn right onto **Dijk** (street name) and follow the road - **Dijk** becomes **Bocht**. You cross the harbor **Oosterhaven** by the **Blauwpoortsbrug**, then you turn left onto **Wierdijk**.

You follow the road direction north - **Wierdijk** becomes **Noorder Wierdijk** and **Van Linschotenstraat** till you reach a small **park/wood**.

Here you turn right onto **Wilheminaplantsoen**, take a **small lane** into the **park** and turn left onto **Groene Wierdijk**, then immediately right and left again.

Your path will take you **further north** to **Jnct 14**, please follow the signs.

You follow the streets **Oosterdijk** and **Waterkeringpad** (the **IJsselmeer** is always on your right) to **Jnct 15** and further to **Jnct 16**. Here you turn left via **Dijkweg** onto **Driehuizen** (streets' names).

You cycle through the fields via **Jnct 52** → **25** till you reach **Jnct 48** in the **center** of the **small town** of **Hoogkarspel**. Not to be overlooked is the almost 50-meter-high water tower.

*Tip: At Jnct 48 there is a café/restaurant and the possibility for a break.*

Continue straight on **Julianastraat** southwards to **Hoogkarspel station** and turn right at the **T-junction**.

Then turn left and cross the **railroad tracks**.

Continue through the **fields** to Jnct **46** in **Hem**.

Turn left here and cycle to **Jnct 47** - now you are back at the **IJsselmeer**.

Via **Jnct 28** and **Jnct 12** you cycle to **Jnct 92** and reach again the **harbour**.

*Tip: It is worth turning off before the entrance to the town to look at the naviduct.*

*To do this, at Jnct 12 follow the signs to Lelystad. After about 1 km you find yourself on the dyke and can inspect the installation opened in 2003.*

At **Jnct 92**, turn right at the **train station** and cycle across the large **parking lot** to the **mooring place** of your ship.

If you want to take a **small detour through the city**, turn right at **Jnct 28**, then take a left turn to the **underpass of the N307**, turn directly left again and follow the signs to **Jnct 27 → 26** and then to **Jnct 30 → 92** (about 5 km).

During the daily briefing, you will be informed about the exact mooring place.

### Violet route, ca. 30 km

Follow the **red route** until you reach **Jnct 25**.

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You cycle through the fields via **Jnct 52 → 25**. **From here you follow the violet route:**

Turn left onto **Weelenpad** and follow this, partly winding path through the fields until you reach **Veilingweg**. Here you turn left and reach **Jnct 13**.

Turn right here and immediately right again to the **parking lot** and follow the path to **Jnct 26**. Turn left here and cycle to **Jnct 30**. Passing the **train station** you cycle via **Spoorstraat, Havenweg** and **Stationsweg to Jnct 92** and further until you reach the ship.

During the daily briefing, you will be informed about the exact mooring place.

### Orange route, ca. 36 km

**2** Coming from the **harbor**, at **Jnct 92** turn left onto **Bosmankade** and follow the signs to **Jnct 12 →28**.

Continue on the **Zuiderdijk**, always alongside the water to **Jnct 47 →10**.

At **Jnct 10** turn right onto **Elbaweg** and cycle through the small villages **Venhuizen** and **Hem** to **Jnct 11**.

Here you turn left into **De Hout** street and reach **Jnct 66** at the **golf course Westwoud**.

You turn right onto **Zittend** street and cycle to **Jnct 82** and **83** in **Westwoud**.

Then you underpass expressway **N307** and reach **Jnct 84** in **Zwaagdijk**.

Turn right and cycle to **Jnct 91**.

Turn right again and cycle on **Tolweg** to **Jnct 50 →49**.



Turn left onto **Streekweg** and cycle via **Jnct 48 (Hoogkarspel) → 27 (Bovenkarspel) → Jnct 30** back to **Enkhuizen**.

At **Jnct 30** turn right onto **Spoorstraat**. Cycle via **Havenweg** and **Stationsweg**, passing by the train station to **Jnct 92** and back to your ship.

During the daily briefing, you will be informed about the exact mooring place.

### 3rd Day: Lemmer - Tjeukemeer - Delfstrahuizen - Munnekeburen - Lemmer, approx. 33 - 44 km **3**

While you have breakfast on board, the ship leaves Enkhuizen and sails over the lake IJssel to Lemmer (subject to good weather).

Lemmer is a small town on the Lake IJssel with a historic Old Town and beautiful gable houses. Once the Netherland's largest fishing harbour, the importance of fishing vanished with the building of a closure dyke. Today Lemmer is one of Friesland's most popular water harbour towns and one of the centres of the province of Friesland.

*Tip: Today you have the opportunity to visit world's largest steam-powered pumping station still in operation, Woudagemaal. For further information about the visit, please refer directly to your tour guide.*

Today you can choose between two cycle routes:

**The first part of the tour to Jnct 28 is identical.**

**Red route, ca. 33 km or red-violet route, ca.44 km**

Leave the harbour and turn right onto **Tramhaven** street. Turn left onto **Prinsessekade**, then turn right onto **Nieuwedijk**, and cross the bridge to reach **Jnct 51 → 50**.

Leave the town eastwards, and then pass under the motorway to **Jnct 49**.

*(Mind out: the sign is at the first fork, and it is turned over)*

Continue first onto **Pasveer road and Westeind**, and then continue onto **Beukelaan** until you reach **Oosterzee-Buren Jnct 48**.

Then you cross the **N924** at **Jnct 58** (here you can inform yourself at the Jnct-Board). You now ride on a **crushed seashell cycle path** (looks like a footpath) to **Tjeukemeer** passing **Jncts 59 and 60**.

**Jnct 60** is in the heart of **Echtenerbrug** (Orientation points: the church and the bus stop).

*Tip: It is worth taking a break in the café that is only 250 m away down the street, towards the bridge.*

From **Jnct 60** you cycle to **Jnct 63** and **Jnct 72** towards **Munnekeburen**, then you reach

**4 Jnct 28**. Now follow the **red route** on the map to **Jnct 30 → 26 → 71 → 3 → 67 → 37 → 66 → 49 → 50** and **Jnct 51** back to the **point of departure**.

## Violet route

*Tip: You cycle around the Rottige Meenthe, an enchanting, water-rich nature reserve. The former peat polder is home to numerous animals and plants and, thanks to the good water quality, even otters. Old moor locks, mills and peat houses bear witness to the peat extraction of days gone by. Various hiking and cycling trails lead through the area. It is worth taking a side trip or two.*

To reach **Jnct 28** please follow the **red route** on maps **3** and **4**.

At **Jnct 28**, turn onto **Voetpad** and cycle to **Jnct 35**.

Turn right onto **Veendijk** and cycle along the water until you reach the **N351**.

Turn right here onto **Pieter Stuyvesantweg**, then cross the road at the first opportunity and turn left onto **Lindedijk** and cycle to **Jnct 36**.

Continue along **Lindedijk** to **Jnct 32** and turn right here onto **Marktweg**. Via **Spangahoekweg** and another street crossing of the **N351 (Pieter Stuyvesantweg)** you reach **Jnct 30**.

From **Jnct 30**, follow the **red route** on the maps **4** and **3** on the previous pages.

#### 4th Day: Lemmer – Sondeler Leijn See – Mokkebank – Stavoren, approx. 31 - 41 km

##### 5 Red route, ca. 31 km

To leave the harbour, turn left onto **Plattedijk**.

After about **4 km**, you reach once again **Woudagemaal** (steam-powered pumping station).

From here, the **cycle path** runs alongside the **N 359**, leads over the **Prinses Margrietkanal**, bends gently to the right and after about **1 km**, leaves the road at **Jnct 46**.

Your route continues to **Sondeler Leien Lake, Jnct 45**.

*Tip: Sondeler Leien is a bird sanctuary with a small observation facility.*

Go on towards **Jnct 25** and then to **Nijemirdum**.

*Mind out:* Here the place names are already bi-lingual, i.e. in Friesian and Dutch.

##### 6 Pass by the bell tower/cemetery and at Jnct 24 turn right to Oudemirdum, Jnct 22.

Continue via **Jnct 16**.

A sign shows the way towards **Rijs** to **Jnct 17** (*here even half of the stretch of today is done*).

In the town centre of **Rijs**, at **Jnct 17**, ride straight ahead to **Jnct 14** and turn left towards **Jnct 15**.

Your route takes you through a **forest**.

After leaving the **forest** you reach **Jnct 15** and **Mirnser Klif**. Then turn right towards **Mirns**.

Proceed inland towards **Bakhuizen** to **Jnct 06**.

*Tip: On your left hand you will see the Mokkebank (nature area). Here you can overlook the bird sanctuary area from a Vogelkijkhut (observation hut).*

Carry on towards **Laaxum** to **Jnct 05**.

When the Zuiderzee was still connected directly to the North Sea, this small harbour was a seaharbour. The few inhabitants of Laaxum are proud to be residents of the world's "smallest seaharbour".

After about **2 km**, you will need to change gear as the route leads uphill.

*Tip: About 10 m above the NAP ("Neuer Amsterdamer Peil" or "Amsterdam Ordnance Datum") there is the Roode Klif - a rock monument to the Friesian Freedom Battles from the 14th century.*

Arrival at **Jnct 04**. Looking north, you might already see the masts of the sailing ships in **Stavoren**.

Continue cycling for **approx. 5 km** towards **Jnct 98** in **Stavoren**.

*Mind out: Do not continue to Jnct 98.* The ship moors behind the VVV in the port of Stavoren. Later on you cross over to the North Sea island of Texel.

## **5** Red-violet route, ca. 41 km

Follow the description for the main route (**shown as red line on the map**) leave the harbour, **turn left along the Plattedijk** until **Jnct 46**, and then follow the signposts for **Jnct 45**.

Shortly after **Jnct 45**, turn right onto street **Deledijk** towards **Jnct 44** in **Sloten**.

*Tip: A short detour to the historic old town is well worth the effort. At Jnct 44, just turn right to reach the village of Sloten.*

After **Jnct 44**, turn left onto a street called **Lytse Jerden** and take a large left bend towards **Jnct 32**. Then continue into the **village** of **Balk, Jnct 68** and towards **Jnct 29 → 33** into the village **Harich**.

**7** Via **Jnct 34** you will reach **Jnct 35**.

At **Jnct 35**, turn right onto **Bokkeleane** street. Cycle into the village of **Oudega, Jnct 80**.

Turn left onto the street **Ige Galamawei** towards **Jnct 09**. Continue straight on into the village of **Himmelum** to **Jnct 08**. *Mind out:* At Jnct 09, there is no signpost for Jnct 08.

Pass **Jnct 8** and reach the **Jnct 2 and 3**.

Continue cycling the bike path to **Skarl** and **Jnct 04**. From here it is **about 5 km** towards **Jnct 98** in **Stavoren**. *Mind out:* You will not reach Jnct 98. The ship moors behind the VVV in the port of Stavoren. Later on you cross over to the North Sea island of Texel.

**7** **Red-violet-orange route, ca. 37 km**

From **Jnct 35**:

After **Jnct 35** turn left towards **Jnct 19** und cycle via **Jnct 18 → 17 → 14 → 15 → 06 → 05** towards **Jnct 04**.

Looking North you probably already see the masts of the sailing ships in **Stavoren**.

From here, it is about **5 km** towards **Jnct 98** in **Stavoren**.

*Mind out:* You will not reach Jnct 98. The ship moors behind the VVV in the port of Stavoren.

Later on you cross over to the North Sea island of Texel.

## 5th Day: Circular cycle tour of the island of Texel, ca. 28 - 48 km

On the island of Texel, the ship will be moored in **Oudeschild**. Today can be spent at leisure. You can ride directly to any of the many sightseeing spots or visit them during a circular tour.

The island metropolis **Den Burg** is just as inviting as the many small villages spread all over the island.

*Tip: Rent a TUK TUK for an Adventure Trip on Texel (car driver's licence required, minimum age is 24 years). Also interesting: Visit to the Texel brewery in Schilderweg 214, close to Jnct 42.*

*Or you can visit the seal breeding station at Ecomare (Ruijslaan 92 in De Koog, close to Jnct 17).*

*For further information, please refer to your tour guide.*

**Here are some route suggestions:**

### 8 Thijsseroute - Texel, ca. 28 km

**Jnct 38 → Oudeschild-Harbor → 39 → 40 → 25 → 01 → 06 → 08 → 09 → 10 → 11 → 05 → 15 → 16 → 48 → 50 → 51 → 42 → 39 → Den Burg → 38.**

### 9 Eijerlandroute - Texel, ca. 48 km

**Jnct 38 → Oudeschild-Harbor → 37 → 59 → 57 → 53 → 36 → 35 → 34 → 32 → 31 → 29 → 28 → 27 → 22 → 21 → 20 → 17 → Ecomare → 16 → 48 → 50 → 51 → 42 → 39 → Den Burg → 38.**

### 10 Middle Route - Texel, ca. 35 km

This is a shorter route option that still offers the whole range of the landscape's variety.

**Jnct 38 → Oudeschild-Harbor → 37 → 36 → 35 → 64 → 67 → 27 → De Sluffer → 22 → 21 → 20 → 17 → Ecomare → 16 → 48 → 50 → 51 → 42 → 39 → Den Burg → 38.**

**Dunes Route (70 km)** – not shown in the map

Around the whole island up to the lighthouse in the north.

*Tip: Choose the route according to wind direction.*

To the west – **De Koog**

To the north – **To the Lighthouse**

To the east – **Oosterend**

To the south – **Den Hoorn**

In the early evening crossing to Den Helder.

During the daily briefing, you will be informed about the exact mooring place.

**Please note:** In case the ship cannot land in Texel harbor due to bad weather, your tour guide will be pleased to offer an alternative programme.



## 6th Day: Den Helder - Alkmaar, approx. 27 - 56 km **11**

*In Den Helder you will find your way following the signposts ferry to Texel*

First cycle onto **Zuidstraat** towards the **city centre**.

At the **first traffic light** turn right onto **Weststraat** and continue onto **Molenplein** (bus station).

At the **next traffic light**, **turn left** and cycle to the other side **up onto the dyke**.

On the **waterside** keep left.

Alternatively, cycle north towards the **Zeedok lock** on **Het Nieuwe Diep** (street's name) to **Jnct 01** and cross the **Havenplein** towards **Jnct 03**.

At **Jnct 03**, take a large right turn behind the **hotel** onto **Zeepromenade**.

Keep close to the **water's edge (approx. 5 km)** until you see the **lighthouse**. You reach **Jnct 05**. The best orientation-sign is the "**Nordzeeroute LF1a**".

*Tip: Before reaching Jnct 05, you will pass Fort Kijkduin. Napoleon brought 3600 prisoners of war with him on his visit in 1811. Those prisoners dug the hole in the dunes where the fort was built. North Holland craftsmen were employed to build the fort. Restored in 1996, it is well worth a visit.*

Carry on through the dunes to **Jnct 08 → 94**.

To your left you will see polder land with the towns of **De Zandlooper** and **Julianadorp**.

Proceed uphill through the dunes via **Jnct 12 → **12** → 26 to Callantsoog**.

By now you will have cycled 18 km and will be able to see vast tulip fields (in spring only).

*Tip: You can get off your bicycles at one of the beaches, and have a bath in the sea or take a walk along the beach.*

After another **3 km** you pass the **Dutch Energy Research Centre** and you will soon reach **Sint Martenszee → Jnct 31 → 37**.

You have now been cycling for 25 km. Decide whether to carry on or rejoin the ship around noon and end the tour with a boat ride.

In order to do so, you ride a **further 1 km inland** to **Jnct 38**, then **you** reach a small **bridge** and turn left.

**After approx 300 m** board the ship at **Sint Martensvlotbrug** (please ask your tour guide in advance about exact sailing time and location of the ship's mooring place).

**For all, who wants to continue cycling:**

At **Jnct 37**, there is a **roundabout** → take the **first exit to the right** into the **dune landscape** towards **Jnct 33**.

Follow the signs of the bicycle route **LF1a**.

After **approx. 500 m**, there will be another signpost for **Jnct 33**, → here **turn left**. Cycle downhill onto a crushed seashell path.

There will be a signpost for **Jnct 39**, follow this one.

*Tip: Shortly before Jnct 33, there is a Flood Control Information Centre. Here you can have a short break.*

**13** Afterwards, cycle up onto **the dyke** until you reach **Jnct 20**.

At this point (see also the information board) you can choose between two different routes through the dunes:

Those, who are in a hurry, can take the short route via Bergen to **Alkmaar: Jncts 21 → 47 → 48 → 49 (red line on the map)**.

The more gentle riders can travel through **Bergen aan Zee: Jncts 46 → 08 → 07 → 49**, a route leading directly to the sea **(violet line on the map)**.

From **Jnct 49** follow the signs to **Jnct 71** and leave **Bergen**.

At the **roundabout keep left**.

You will pass through a **green area** and will see the **Alkmaar golf course** on the left.

Further on, you pass under the **expressway N9 on the outskirts of Alkmaar**.

After another **450 m**, you reach a main road (**Helderseweg**), which runs parallel to the **Noordhollandskanaal** (North Holland Canal).

**Before** you reach the canal, turn right, cycle beside the road and **parallel to the canal** into the **city center** (the canal is on your left side) . *Mind out: you will not reach Jnct 71.*

Automatically you arrive at the **Kanaalkade**, where you will see the ship. During the daily briefing, you will be informed about the exact mooring place. The ship remains moored overnight in **Alkmaar**.

### 7th Day: Wormerveer - Hoorn, approx. 55 km **14**

In the morning you continue by boat on the Noordhollandkanaal southwards through the polderland until you reach the Alkmaardermeer at Akerslot. By ship you leave the Alkmaardermeer. After passing the small towns of West- and Oostknollendam, you are on the river Zaan.

You leave the ship with your bike at **Wormerveer**. *Mind out: High traffic!*

Depending on the mooring place, you might have to cross the **Zaanbrug bridge**. Ride **along the canal** to **Jnct 92**, then follow the signs to **Jnct 94** and you arrive at the **Museum of Zaanse Schans at Jnct 73**. Here you will have plenty of time to walk around and meander through the village.

*Tip: Are you interested in the Netherlands of the 17th and 18th centuries? If so, visit the Zaanse Schans. You get the feeling of being in an open-air museum. However, ordinary people actually live and work in the authentic wooden houses and beautiful mills. Visit the clog maker, the pewter caster, the cheese dairy or one of the artisan mills. In restaurants and cafes you can taste original Dutch delicacies. Nice souvenirs are also available. The entrance to the area is free. Entrance fees will be charged for various museums and workshops.*

From **Jnct 73** the route continues via **Leegwaterweg** towards **Jnct 50 (Zuiderweg)**.

Continue through the **fields** to **Jnct 33** in **Purmerend**. Here turn right, **cross the canal** and continue straight ahead to **Jnct 32** at the **station**.

**15** Continue straight ahead until you come to a **large intersection**. Here cross the road at the **traffic lights** and then turn right onto **Riksiapad**. You will reach **Jnct 35**.

Here turn right onto **Mandelapad**, then take a **big left bend** to cross the **Mandelabrug**. Shortly after you will reach **Jnct 31**.

Continue through the city to **Jnct 30 →29**.

Via **Jnct 18→3 →56** you arrive at **Monnickendam**.

At **Jnct 56** cross the bridge to the left. You arrive at **Katwoude**.

*Tip: When you have crossed the bridge, you will arrive at Irene Hoeve's "Clogs and Cheese" (Hoogedijk 1 in Katwoude). At the cheese dairy and clog workshop you can watch how clogs are made and get information about cheese making and of course you can buy nice souvenirs in the shop. The entrance is free.*

**16** You continue cycling, alongside the **IJsselmeer** to **Volendam, Jnct 99**.

*Tip: Volendam is the most famous "fishing village" in the Netherlands. Around the cozy harbor you find many cafés/restaurants where you can enjoy fresh fish.*

Via the **Jnct 98 →97** you arrive at **Edam**.

*Tip: Edam cheese is known since the golden age. The small, often red cheese balls are exported all over the world. But Edam is more than cheese. Here you will also find beautiful shopping streets and cozy café terraces. Edam is smaller and a bit quieter than Volendam. Maybe you just follow a canal and look left and right into the small alleys?*

**17** You continue cycling **alongside the coast** via **Jnct 64** in **Warder** and further to **Jnct 83 →37** in **Schardam** and **18** then on to **Jnct 36** in **Scharwoude**.

Please also follow the signs **LF Zuiderzeeroute**.

**19** You continue to follow the signs **LF Zuiderzeeroute** via **Jnct 58 →59** to **Hoorn**.

At **Jnct 59** you cycle straight ahead, then turn the first street (**Achterom**) to the right and follow the signs *in direction of Jnct 62 (You will not reach Jnct 62)* to the **harbor on the small island of Oostereiland** in **Hoorn**.

**At the corner of Korenmarkt/Oude Doelenkade** do not turn left to **Jnct 62**, but rather turn right and cross the **Hoge Brug bridge**. Then turn left and cycle via **Veerenskade** and **Hoofd** (streets' names) to **the berth of your ship** on the island of **Oostereiland** in **Hoorn**.

*Tip: Fancy a cozy harbor, a museum or a nice café terrace? The historic city of Hoorn is located directly on the Markermeer. Discover old warehouses and many impressive buildings from the Golden Age.*

*Tip: In 1662, the artificial island of Oostereiland was created. During the time of East India Company houses and warehouses were built on the island. The navy was also stationed here for quite a long time. However, the small island is known mainly for its prison, which was still in operation until 2003. In 2012 everything was renovated and the buildings on the island are now used as a cinema, museum, hotel (the old cells are now hotel rooms), offices, apartments and restaurants.*

During the daily briefing, you will be informed about the exact mooring place.

*Your notes*



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