

Holland – Amsterdam to Odoorn



Trip Summary

Beyond the quaint canals of Amsterdam, Holland's pristine northern territories open their arms with irresistible wonders and charm. Cycle on well-marked bicycle paths along the Zuiderzee, past windmills, through forests and emerald green pastures, to remote hamlets and cobblestone villages. Along the way, flowers greet us at every turn. We know you'll enjoy this easygoing bicycle tour in what we consider our homeland!

Itinerary

Day 1: Amsterdam / Haarlem

We meet in the morning in Amsterdam • After a short transfer out of town, start biking near Haarlem • Get ready for an incredible bike ride along the coast • Manicured bike paths lead the way through cresting dunes and lively beach resorts, then wind through some of the loveliest neighborhoods in all of Holland • There's also the possibility to visit the Keukenhof tulip fields in the spring • Tonight, enjoy a special welcome dinner with the rest of the group *(D) Overnight at Hotel Lion d'Or*

Day 2: Enkhuizen

Start biking in De Rijp, a colorful town with green gabled houses and a long whaling heritage • After visiting a working windmill, cycle over canals and wooden drawbridges to sea-faring towns like Schermerhorn and Hoorn • For lunch, enjoy local fare at a cafe in Hoorn • Spend tonight near the picture-perfect harbor of Enkhuizen • *(B, L, D) Overnight at Hotel Suydersee*

Day 3: Lemmer

Board the ferry to Stavoren, then bicycle along Lake IJsselmeer on small roads and dikes to the old port of Hindeloopen • It's the perfect chance to learn a bit of history and visit charming towns steeped in tradition • Settle for the night overlooking the yachts of Lemmer • Take advantage of a night on your own to explore the town center • *(B) Overnight at Hotel Iselmar*

Day 4: Staphorst

Today's carefree bike ride leads through forests and watery landscapes highlighted by a visit to Giethoorn • Known as the Venice of Holland, it is a wonderful canal-laced village with thatched houses and humpback bridges • This evening we'll stay at the grand Kasteel de Havixhorst • *(B, L, D) Overnight at Chateau de Havixhorst*

Day 5: Odoorn

Start the day greeting hundreds of storks and peacocks at a bird sanctuary on the grounds of your hotel • Then spin along forested bicycle paths through dreamy hamlets tucked deep in the woods • Visit the craft village in Orvelte before continuing on to peaceful Odoorn and our cozy hotel • Tonight in Odoorn, enjoy a dinner of savory Dutch pancakes • *(B, L, D) Overnight at Hotel De Hunzebergen*

Day 6: Odoorn

Today's ride travels on dramatic moors dappled with purple heather and dotted with prehistoric stone beds • Later, head over to the outdoor market in Emmen and visit its outstanding, prize-winning zoo • Then follow fertile pastures and dense woodlands to the thatched village of Eext • Back in Odoorn, share memories of the trip as everyone enjoys a farewell dinner together • *(B, D) Overnight at Hotel De Hunzebergen*



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Day 7: Amsterdam

Enjoy breakfast before your guide transfers you to Amsterdam for your departure home • The two and a half hour shuttle will give you plenty of time to relax and reflect on your trip before heading home • (B)

**Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.*

Activities

Cycling:

Day 1 bicycle mileage options: 17 / 29

Day 2 bicycle mileage options: 15 / 31

Day 3 bicycle mileage options: 26 / 36 / 39

Day 4 bicycle mileage options: 35 / 40 / 50

Day 5 bicycle mileage options: 28 / 40

Day 6 bicycle mileage options: 17 / 27

Discovery:

We'll show you how to pick up a raw herring by its tail and eat it the Dutch way. Don't miss the smoked eel either, as this is one of the most delicious tasting fish. Visit a 17th century working windmill in Schermerhorn. Did you know that 40% of the country lies below sea level? In early spring, our visit to the famous Keukenhof garden offers a tulip tour like no other, with six million bulbs in flower. See and experience for yourself the incredible infrastructure the Dutch built for the cycling community.

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They take the time to explain the local history and daily sightseeing and route options. Each route has been carefully planned to include options to please each traveler's interests. Austin Adventures guides are available to help you select the distance that's right for you and to offer advice and assistance as you desire.

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Distinctive Accommodations

Night 1: Hotel Lion d'Or

Located in the heart of the fascinating medieval city of Haarlem, Hotel Lion d'Or combines service, style and comfort with rich history. Established around 1810, this 4-star hotel offers modern appointments with up-to-date amenities, plus a bar and brasserie.

Night 2: Hotel Suydersee

A delightful oasis for relaxation and ideal location for escaping from busy cities, Hotel Suydersee is right in the center of a typical historic harbor town and has been recently remodeled. You'll be near the famous outdoor Zuiderzee museum, the polder land for biking, old canals for sport fishing and canoeing, and the largest lake of Holland for sailing and surfing.

Night 3: Hotel Iselmar

A modern hotel overlooking the marina, Hotel Iselmar offers luxury, relaxation and superb cuisine. At the hotel's restaurant, you'll savor French-Mediterranean cuisine as you take in splendid views over the yachting boats. The hotel offers spacious rooms, four bowling alleys, two racket-ball (squash) courts, an indoor pool, sauna and Turkish steam bath.

Night 4: Chateau de Havixhorst

An excellent, quiet and luxurious hotel, Chateau De Havixhorst offers eight enormous suites elegantly furnished with bath and separate shower. The hotel's restaurant serves outstanding food and the wine cellar offers a huge choice of excellent wines.

Nights 5 & 6: De Hunzebergen

Amidst woodlands and heath fields you can find the luxurious 4-star Fletcher Hotel-Restaurant De Hunzebergen. The rooms are decorated in a stylish, contemporary way and offer a view of the park or the driveway. True relaxation is achieved in the state of the art Beauty & Wellness center. Take a swim in the pool (indoor and outdoor), visit the sauna or relax in the Turkish steam bath and spa bath. A fitness room and a tennis court are also available. The hotel has four bowling lanes. Culinary delights are in abundance in the restaurant Hunzebergen. Weather permitting; dinner is also served on the beautiful terrace.

Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.



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Arrival & Departures

Prior to the trip, arrive at your own convenience in Amsterdam. On Day 1, we meet you in the lobby of Sir Albert Hotel in Amsterdam at 8:30 a.m. After a briefing and a short transfer to Haarlem, the cycling begins. After breakfast on Day 7, we take you to the airport, train station, or the hotel of your choice in Amsterdam (2.5 hour transfer).

Trip Price

\$2,898 (\$480 single supplement)

Trip Length

7 days/6 nights

2020 Dates

April 12 – 18

April 19 – 25

April 26 – May 2

May 31 – June 5

June 21 – 27

July 26 – August 1

September 13 - 19

Host City

Amsterdam, Netherlands (AMS)

Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

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bike paths, windmills, and charm*

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$500 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800-575-1540

Phone: 406-655-4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- Meals as listed in detailed daily itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Any necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, water bottle, luggage tags and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local partner and expert gratuities and national park entrance and permit fees.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides.
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.



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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement." If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you. If you book 90 days before the trip and we cannot find you a suitable roommate, we will take care of the single supplement. **some restrictions may apply*

Minimum Age

The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.