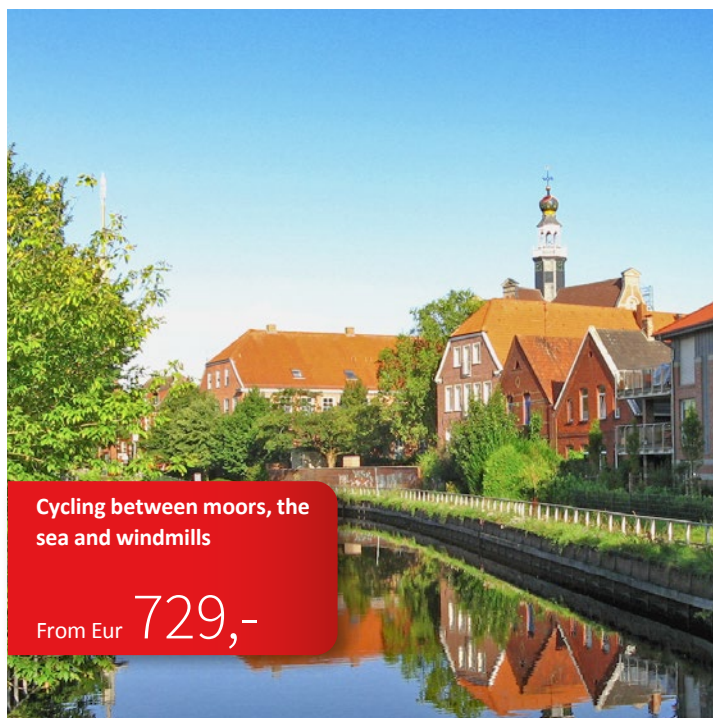


Cycling Tour in Germany and the Netherlands

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 280 KM
BOOKING CODE: NW-FEEE7

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



Your tour

In the North West of Germany, near the North Sea coast and bordering Holland, we have combined two of the most beautiful cycle routes into an impressive circular route: the German Fen route and the Dollart route. These routes lead along mainly flat paths through fertile fen landscapes, past old-fashioned sluices and impressive Saxon farmsteads, through thick forests and heath fields as well as through expansive moorland and bogland regions. The old star-shaped border fortress of Bourtange (16th Century), the most beautiful castle in the Groningen region (Menkemaburg), a bog museum and the Elisabethfehn Canal are all located along the route. The Fen and Dollart cycle path is also suitable for untrained cyclists.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival in Emden
Day 2	Emden – Leer, approx. 35 km + ferry ride
Day 3	Leer – Papenburg, approx. 35 km
Day 4	Papenburg – Stadskanaal, approx. 55 km
Day 5	Stadskanaal – Groningen, approx. 45 km
Day 6	Groningen – Delfzijl, approx. 60 km
Day 7	Delfzijl – Emden, approx. 50 km + ferry ride
Day 8	Individual departure

Travel time

Season A	21.04. – 28.04.	
Season B	05.05. – 12.05.	22.09. – 29.09.
Season C	19.05. – 15.09.	

Arrival Sunday 21.04. – 29.09.2024
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

- 7 nights with breakfast, national 3* / 4*-level
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel, max. 20 kg / piece
- Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)

Not included services

- Ferry ride Delfzijl – Emden, approx. 18 € per person incl. bike
- Ferry ride Petkum – Ditzum, approx. 4 € per person incl. bike
- Citys or visitors tax, if payable

Basic price per person

Doubleroom, Season A	729,-
Doubleroom, Season B	769,-
Doubleroom, Season C	819,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	219,-

Additional night prices per person

Emden DBL / BB	79,-
Emden SGL / BB	119,-

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	259,-
Rental bike (7- / 21-gear)*	99,-
Sporty rental bike (30-gear)*	179,-

*including rental bike insurance

Exemplary hotel list

Emden	Upstalsboom Parkhotel Emden	www.upstalsboom.de
Leer	Best Western Hotel Frisia, Leer	www.bestwestern.de
Papenburg	Hotel Aquamarin, Papenburg	www.hotelaquamarin.de
Stadskanaal	City Hotel Stadskanaal	http://www.hotel-stadskanaal.nl/
Groningen	Hotel De Boegschroef Groningen	http://www.deboegschroef.nl/de
Delfzijl	Hotel De Boegschroef Delfzijl	http://www.deboegschroef.nl/de
Emden	Upstalsboom Parkhotel Emden	www.upstalsboom.de

Child reduction on basic price

0 - 5 Years	100%
6 - 11 Years	50%
12 - 14 Years	25%
15 - 17 Years	10%

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

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English

Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- Please find out about the ferry connections in good time before your arrival: www.dollard-route.de
- 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.

Equipment of our rental bikes

- Bike lock
- Odometer
- Handlebar bag
- Air pump
- Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- Waterproof pannier

Journey to Emden

- Nearest airports: Emden, Borkum, Frankfurt
- Train station: Emden

Parking in Emden

- Public parking garage at the water tower in Emden. Cost: approx. 35 € per week. Free parking in side streets near the hotel. No reservation by Radweg-Reisen possible.

Luggage transport

- Luggage pick-up from 09.00 a.m., delivery to the next hotel by 06.00 p.m. at the latest, labeling of luggage is 1 x for the whole tour. No restriction on the number of pieces of luggage, but max. 20 kg per piece of luggage.

Travel documents

- 1 set (per booked room) consists of: hotel list and voucher, travel information with details on daily stages, short travel guides and route descriptions, maps, luggage tags
- Dispatched up to four weeks before arrival. For short-term bookings, delivery to the start hotel, hotel list and arrival information will be sent by email

Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival in Emden

The town had a bad reputation as pirate stronghold in the middle ages until the pirates were smoked-out by the inhabitants of Hamburg. The industrialisation of the Ruhr Region, for which Emden was and is an important harbour, caused the town to flourish economically. Today the region has first class cultural facilities to offer, such as the art gallery which was donated by Henri Nannen.

Day 2: Emden – Leer, approx. 35 km + ferry ride

Your Fen Tour begins with a short route to Petkum. From here you will take the ferry (not included) and cross over to Ditzum, a pretty little village with a fishing harbour. You will then continue cycling along the Ems towards the old town of Leer, which in the Early Middle Ages was the seat of the Frisian chiefs. The town boasts a beautiful Old Town with Baroque architecture. You will be able to relax in the harbour area.

Day 3: Leer – Papenburg, approx. 35 km

Today you will cycle through the Moormerland region, the heart of the fen landscape with moors, forests and heaths, criss-crossed with countless canals and rivers. Your destination for the day is Papenburg which is home to numerous canals and drawbridges giving it the nickname of the “Venice of the North”. You shouldn’t miss the opportunity to visit the internationally renowned Meyer ship building yard, which constructs impressive cruise liners.

Day 4: Papenburg – Stadskanaal, approx. 55 km

Shortly after setting out today you will reach the Dutch province of Groningen. The star-shaped fortress of Bourtange from the 16th century is worth a visit. Cycling through a fertile fen landscape with prosperous farms and old-fashioned sluices, you will come to your destination for the day Stadskanaal, which was built according to the new Dutch model in the 1960s.

Day 5: Stadskanaal – Groningen, approx. 45 km

Quiet cycle paths through thick forests, heaths and expansive moors and turf regions are typical of the Drenthe province. You will cycle on through idyllic villages to Zuidlaren with its impressive Saxon farmhouses and church in the Late Romanesque style. Passing the Paterswoldsemeer you will come to the significant town of Groningen.

Day 6: Groningen – Delfzijl, approx. 60 km

The town centre of Groningen has been recognised as the most beautiful in the Netherlands. After leaving the town you will once again be surrounded by nature. Menkemaburg Castle in Uithuizen is one of the most beautiful in the province. In the windmills located there, millers will enthusiastically explain every detail of the milling process to

you. You will then cycle along the levee until reaching your destination for the day on the Ems. Don't miss the last chance to enjoy some Dutch hot chocolate.

Day 7: Delfzijl – Emden, approx. 50 km + ferry ride

Today, you cycle from Delfzijl along the Dollart, a bay on the coast, which was formed by a storm tide in the 14th century. Following the coast, you get back to the Ems at Ditzum. Take the Ditzum-Petkum ferry (not included) across the Ems to get to Emden.

Day 8: Individual departure

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