

Holland

Easy cruising on friendly waterways



Woudsend, near Sneek



HOLLAND

Regional highlights

Boating is a way of life in Holland, so come on board and discover the best way to see this beautiful country! Make friends with the friendly Dutch nation on the waterways, admire the traditional windmills that border your cruising routes, head off on the waterside cycle routes or moor up in smart new marinas where modern facilities are plentiful and good.

Cruising Notes

To visit Amsterdam, we recommend you moor at Weesp and take one of the frequent trains to the city centre. This takes around 10 minutes. Alternatively, moor at Six Haven Marina behind Amsterdam Central Station.

The Friesland cruising region in North Holland glistens with hundreds of lakes and is perfect for watersports. Locks are left open throughout the summer and lift bridges become a great meeting point for fellow cruisers. For a glimpse of a more traditional way of life, cruise to the numerous villages such as Giethoorn, Elburg, Spakenburg or Muiden - and see some of Holland's best fishing villages. Cruise past fields of tulips and slender 17th century townhouses

to the cosmopolitan and colourful capital of Amsterdam and visit amazing diamond polishing factories, art galleries and museums for some serious culture. Or simply relax at a waterfront bar and watch the colourful world of Amsterdam stroll by. Further afield, the national passion for cycling makes it easy to explore on two wheels, so make sure you hire boats from your base to join in the fun! A network of pretty cycle routes snakes through the flat countryside enabling you to see this beautiful country for miles around.



- Superb watersports facilities
- Amsterdam's cosmopolitan lifestyle
- The great lock at Muiden
- Giethoorn - the 'Little Venice' of Holland

Some cruising ideas to help you choose...

The Capital Cruise

Strand Horst - Amsterdam - Utrecht - Strand Horst

1 Week - Return trip
180kms • 4 locks • 33hrs



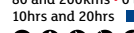
Cruise along the River Vecht and admire the waterfront country houses that line your route. Get some cultural and cosmopolitan fun in Amsterdam. Admire brilliantly cut gems at the famous diamond polishing factories and discover great works by Rembrandt, Vermeer and Ruisdael at the Rijksmuseum. Visit the Rietveld-Schroder house in Utrecht, the first open plan home. Take to the track at the indoor carting course at Huizen or join one of the many walking tours at Spakenburg to learn more about the town. Visit also the towns of Utrecht for amazing nature-watching, recreational and watersports activities and Elburg for a taste of true Dutch culture.



The Lakes & Cities Cruise

Sneek - Grouw - Lemmer - Sneek

1 Week - Return trip
Depending on the route you choose:
80 and 200kms • 0 locks
10hrs and 20hrs



Depending on the route you take, this delightful journey can be done in 10hrs (80kms) or 20hrs (200kms). Cruise to Grouw and explore the sailing base, before moving to Princehof and taking some photographs at the nature reserve. Workum is home to many of painter Jopie Huisman's works, visit the town's museum to take a look. Makkum is celebrated for its pottery, visit the kilns and pick up some unique souvenirs. Bolsward has a picturesque market, great for picking up Dutch specialities perfect for picnics!

The Best of Holland Cruise

Sneek - Loosdrecht - Strand Horst

1 Week - One-way trip
Depending on the route you choose:
160 - 200kms • 4 - 6 locks
160hrs



This superb cruise takes you on a journey from the northern lakelands through to the vibrant cities in the centre of Holland - Amsterdam, Utrecht, with many opportunities to enjoy sailing, sightseeing and shopping en route. Picturesque cottages line the dyke at Workum; soak up the sun beside the great lock at Muiden or explore Muiderslot, an imposing red brick castle, built over 700 years ago. Take your bikes and join a cycle tour of Amsterdam or head to vibrant Utrecht and see the famous Dom Tower or just enjoy its laid-back café culture atmosphere.

“ We have only good things to say about the Dutch people and their beautiful and relaxed country. We were made to feel welcome wherever we went. ”



The Dutch Fleet

Match a boat to your choice of cruise

- Crown Blue Line Fleet
- CONNOISSEUR Fleet

Comfortably sleeping 8+

- Classique, Classique 5, Grand Classique

Comfortably sleeping 6+

- Crusader, Royal Classique
- Elegance

Comfortably sleeping 4+

- Clipper, Consul, Countess, Tamaris
- Caprice

Comfortably sleeping 2+

- Cirrus, Sheba



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