

## Skate & Boat Holland

### Travel program Ijssel Hanseatic Cities & Flevoland



A trip for connoisseurs: During the journey we will stay on the cozy vacation boat, where the skipper and his crew will prepare our meals as we sail through Dutch waters. While we skate or explore Holland's nature and cities by bike, our luggage will travel on the ship to our next destination. Every day, we can decide how many kilometers we want to skate or spend the entire day on the boat.

Over the course of a week, we skate and cycle through the forest and heathland of the Veluwe, along the Ijssel River, and past the newly formed lakes of Flevoland. The trip connects the "old" Holland with the small Hanseatic towns that flourished from 1250 to 1450 and the "new" Holland with Flevoland, where land was reclaimed from the Ijsselmeer in 1950.

#### Day 1 - Amsterdam-Wijk

We meet no later than 1:00 PM on the vacation boat, 1km from Amsterdam Central Station. After the welcome, we start for a longer boat trip to Wijk. Once there, we set off and enjoy a short welcome tour on skates or by bike (16 km).

#### Day 2 - Wijk-Doesburg

The next day, we set off early in the morning by boat to Wageningen. There we strap our inline skates to our feet and roll through the lovely Lower Rhine Valley and on through the Veluwe. Before we get back on board in Arnhem, the inline tour takes us past the Sonsbeek and Zijpendaal parks. Back on board, we enjoy the boat trip to Doesburg and then stroll through our first Hanseatic city (46 km).



### Day 3 - Doesburg-Deventer

From Doesburg we skate along the IJssel to Bronkhorst, the fourth smallest town in Holland. From there we continue to Zutphen, where we disembark and take the boat to Deventer. The city is famous for its delicious, spiced gingerbread (47 km).

### Day 4 - Deventer-Kampen

In the morning, we set off on skates to Wijhe, from where the route continues across the eastern Veluwe region. Later we reach the Hanseatic town of Hattem, which has a rich past with traces still recognizable today. From Hattem we continue by boat to Kampen, the largest Hanseatic city in the Netherlands (53 km).

### Day 5 - Kampen-Harderwijk

After breakfast in Kampen, we skate along the "Randseen" lakes, where we can watch the water sports enthusiasts at work. Around midday we will reach the characteristic fishing town of Elburg. We continue through the forests and moors of the Veluwe to idyllic Harderwijk. There we will spend the night in the historic fishing harbor (58 km).



### Day 6 - Harderwijk-Spakenburg

Today we are rolling through uncharted territory. We cross a bridge to reach South Flevoland, which was only drained in 1968. We enjoy the cycle paths on the dyke and in the spacious forest near Zeewolde. Back on the old land, we cycle along the IJselmeer dyke until we arrive in Spakenburg, a fishing port. This place is known for its traditional costumes (57 km).

### Day 7 - Spakenburg-Amsterdam

In the morning we take the ferry to Flevoland and cycle along the shores of Flevoland and through the parkland near Almere, the largest town on Flevoland. At Muiden with its historic castle, we return to the "old" country and enjoy the last few kilometers on cycle paths to the center of Amsterdam (52km).

### Day 8 - Amsterdam

Breakfast and check-out at 9 AM. Return journey or vacation extension.

