

# SLOW TOURS

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Full Itinerary and Tour details for

## Premium 8-day Sail and Bike island-hopping Tour (LFF)



Prices starting from.

**1599 €**

Trip Duration.

**8 days**

Max Passengers.

**25**

Start and Finish.

**Enkhuizen to Enkhuizen**

Activity Level.

**1**

Experience.

**Sail & Bike Tours Europe**

Tour Code.

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## Tour Details and Description

Aboard the only four-masted-schooner in Dutch waters, you will experience pure nature while enjoying water, sun and a stiff breeze on the big inland lake IJsselmeer and the so-called “Wadden Sea”, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage biosphere reserve. During this tour, the tour guides will take you on an exploration of the beautiful and unique Frisian Sea and some of its islands.

Highlights of the tour are the North Sea islands of Texel and Terschelling and their beautiful natural areas, small villages and long sandy beaches that you can explore by bicycle. Highlights on the coasts of the mainland in the provinces of North-Holland and Friesland are a combination of rural areas, small villages and picturesque harbor towns: a true “El Dorado” for cyclists.

### Highlights:

- Pretty harbor towns Enkhuizen & Stavoren
- Incl. visits Ecomare & Planetarium Eise Eisinga
- Texel & Terschelling islands bike trips

### Your Accommodation:

The imposing four-masted schooner, made its maiden voyage in the spring of 2018. The interior of this recently restyled ship can best be described as refined. On the lower deck there are 12 well-equipped twin cabins, 1 smaller twin cabin and 1 junior-suite with two separate beds and 2 single cabin. In two twins a third (bunk) bed can be added, which makes it perfect for a family. On the upper deck there are 4 magnificent suites with a hotel-style bed, a double glass sliding door and a small private balcony. Sumptuous meals are served in the restaurant and the ship's bar is fully stocked; so the salon is the place to be after a day on the pedals. Or on deck, where you can burn some extra calories by helping to hoist the sails.

**Tour Character: Fully Guided Level 1**

Accompanied by a competent, professional and multilingual tour leader, you and the group will visit interesting sights and places on the daily cycling tours. During the bike tour, they will explain the local history and culture behind the things you encounter along the way. You can also choose to ride individually with the help of the Ride with GPS app and cycling map (available on board).

**Important observations for the Sail & Bike program:**

A little bit of adventure is a part of every Sail & Bike tour: the departure and arrival day and the location – Enkhuizen – are a certainty, 100%. For the rest, the planned daily sailing routes are partially dependent on the strength and direction of the winds and – on the Wadden Sea – high and low tide. The skipper decides the best route to be taken day by day, and discusses the options with his guests. The crew does everything in its power to enable the program to run according to plan and to offer you as fascinating, varied and active a week as possible, in which nature and culture play a major part. It is, however, also possible that departure times and the time spent on the water – and even the order of the program itself – may be adjusted. Enjoy the ride and let yourself be led by the elements! Whenever possible, various passages will be undertaken fully rigged and anyone who would like to help the crew to sail and steer the boat is welcome to do so. This is of course absolutely up to you and no sailing experience is necessary.

**Included in the Tour:**

- 8 days/7 nights
- 7 x breakfast
- 5 x packed lunches & 1 x lunch on board
- 6 x 3-course dinner
- Coffee and tea on board
- Welcome drink

- Use of bed linen and towels
- Daily cleaning of the cabin
- Climate-controlled cabin
- Daily briefings
- Fully guided cycling tours (2 tour leaders, 2 groups)
- Cycling map (1 set per cabin)
- GPS tracks
- Use of a helmet
- Use of a waterproof pannier bag
- Biodegradable water bottle
- Fees for ferries
- City walk Medemblik
- Nature museum & seal sanctuary Ecomare
- UNESCO World Heritage Planetarium of Eise Eisinga
- Wi-Fi

**Not included in the tour:**

- 1x Dinner on Terschelling
- Drinks
- Bicycle rental or E-bike rental
- Personal insurances
- Gratuities (at your discretion)
- Entrance fees and excursions (not mentioned under inclusions)
- Transfers to/from the docking place
- Parking fees
- SGR Insolvency protection (mandatory consumer contribution SGR insolvency protection guarantee scheme: € 5 per person)

**Notes:**

- **If you would like a Small Twin Cabin for a discount, please enquire for availability!**
- **Junior Suite (FROM 1849 EUR p.p) or Suite Upper Deck Cabins (FROM 2299 EUR p.p), are available on request!**

- **If you are a single traveller, please enquire for a Single Cabin (FROM 1949 EUR) as they are very limited!**
- Discount Triple cabin: -100€ p.p. (3rd bed is bunk bed, on request)
- All distances are “approximate distances” of recommended bike tours.
- The daily bike tours are individual, conducted at your own pace and without a tour leader. There are daily briefings on board and detailed bicycle maps and route notes are available. GPS tracks will be sent to you 4 weeks before the start date of the tour.
- During the days when 2 bicycle options are possible, you can make a choice for the longer or the shorter option.
- Not all mentioned highlights will be visited during the short bike option.
- In case you prefer a day of rest, you can skip the bike tour and relax on board while cruising to the next town.
- On the arrival day is it possible to bring your luggage on board from 11am (not possible 4th May)
- The planned itinerary is subject to change due to nautical, technical or meteorological reasons and other unforeseen circumstances. If there is low or high water and a route cannot be shipped, the captain reserves the right to change the route in view of your safety (this cannot be accepted as a reason for free withdrawal).

**Arrival/parking/departure:**

- Parking behind the NS-train station in Enkhuizen is free, but can be very crowded

**If you would like to rent a bike (105 EUR) or E-bike (273 EUR), please contact our office when booking: [sales@slowtours.com](mailto:sales@slowtours.com)**

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## Itinerary

### Day 1

Enkhuizen Embarkation and check-in where the crew will welcome you onboard is from 2pm near the beautiful centre of Enkhuizen and close to the railway station. After unpacking your luggage the skipper will join you for an aperitif before giving you a rundown of what to expect on the journey, details about the ship and also about safety measures to be taken on board. In the evening take a stroll through the historical centre of Enkhuizen, a quaint town that was the home of the Dutch merchant fleet during the Golden Age of The Netherlands. Enjoy your first night onboard in Enkhuizen on the western bank of the lake IJsselmeer.



## Day 2

Enkhuizen – Medemblik 24km or 37km | sailing  
Medemblik – Den Oever – Texel Today you can cycle the first leg of the trip along the IJsselmeer coast through the beautiful polder landscape to Medemblik. After the cycling tour, the ship will sail further to Den Oever. Depending on the weather in the evening the ship will take the lock and sail across the Wadden Sea (part of the North Sea) to the island of Texel.

## Day 3

Texel, roundtrip from/to Oudeschild 43km or 49km  
The island of Texel is a cyclist's dream destination with its varied scenery, well-signposted cycle tracks and picturesque villages. Our suggestion is to complete a round trip cycling tour of the largest of the Dutch North Sea islands that takes you via a number of villages, the seal sanctuary station "Ecomare" and a traditional beer brewery near the harbour of Oudeschild.

## Day 4

Texel – Terschelling | sailing about 5 – 6 hrs Today you will enjoy sailing on your ship, when the tide and the weather are right, to the island of Terschelling. As you sail your way through the sandbanks of the Wadden Sea, keep a lookout for seals on the sandbars. In the afternoon the ship will arrive on Terschelling island, which features a number of picturesque villages situated between the polder and sand dunes along its 30km expanse. While sailing you will enjoy an extensive lunch on board. No dinner will be served tonight, to enable you to explore the island, but you can make yourself a picnic meal or try one of the beautiful restaurants at Terschelling (not incl.).

## Day 5

Terschelling roundtrip | cycling distance of your choice | sailing Terschelling – Harlingen While the previous day was all about sailing, today is all about cycling. Terschelling has plenty to offer cycle tourists: nature and culture, 70km of cycling tracks and 4 beautiful villages. West Terschelling is the largest village on the island and features a number of lovely shops and pubs. The standout landmark on the island is the 400-year-old lighthouse "Brandaris" that can be seen from well off in the distance. Also worth visiting is the heathland of "Boschplaat" which will captivate you with its mud, beaches and dunes. You might even spot ducks, black-winged stilts, large colonies of spoonbills and great black-backed gulls. After a day of cycling, you can relax in comfort once you have arrived on board. In the late afternoon the ship will cross the Wadden Sea sail to Harlingen, the most important harbour city of the province of Friesland.

## Day 6

Harlingen – Franeker – Makkum 48km or 58km Via Franeker, with the famous planetarium of Eise Eisinga, you cycle through the beautiful wide Frisian countryside along several rural villages to the small harbour of Makkum on the eastern bank of the lake IJsselmeer. If you take the long cycling trip, you will also visit Bolsward, one of the Eleven Frisian Cities.

## Day 7

Makkum – Stavoren 32km or 49km | sailing to Enkhuizen From Makkum you will cycle to Stavoren. The short tour leads you via the old trading town of Hindeloopen. This local art of painting a type of traditional decorative painting is quite famous. Apart from this, you'll find the First Frisian Museum of Ice Skating in Hindeloopen. The long tour runs along several Frisian lakes and shows you a different type of landscape. From Stavoren the ship will set sail to cross the IJsselmeer to Enkhuizen in the late afternoon.

## Day 8

Enkhuizen End of your tour: Disembarkation after breakfast until 9.30am. The planned itinerary is subject to change due to nautical, technical or meteorological reasons and other unforeseen circumstances. If there is low or high water and a route cannot be shipped, the captain reserves the right to change the route in view of your safety (this cannot be accepted as a reason for free withdrawal).

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#### TIME BECOMES A FRIEND

Yes, you'll see and do many wonderful things, but at a relaxed, easy pace that invites conversation and reflection.



#### DISTINCTIVE QUALITY

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#### PEACE OF MIND

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