

# The Groningen Highlands

6 days, € 524



## Introduction



Groningen, the far north with endless views over swaying grain fields and fat clay forced into tight rows of potatoes, interrupted here and there by a tree-lined farmhouse. You can see the seawall from afar as a straight line on the horizon. Stately shelters and tiny workers' houses give a glimpse into the near past. Stiff folk but you can rely on it. Of course we also visit Pieterburen and the seals, but it is even better to see them in real life on the boat, on the way to fantastic Schiermonnikoog. First, the enormous diversity of birds and nature in the Lauwersmeer and the Wadden Sea.

## Day to Day

### Day 1 Arrival Groningen

The afternoon and evening are there to discover the cycling city of Groningen, to sit on a terrace at the Vismarkt or to climb the Martini Tower for a fantastic view of the city.

### Day 2 Groningen - Uithuizermeeden

54 km

Today the 'borgen' route is on the program. Shortly after you have left the city, the landscape opens up. Wide views are interrupted by places such as Ten Boer, Stedum and the now famous Loppersum. Rusthoven is the first Borg but is not open due to earthquake damage, unlike Borg Ekenstein just before Appingedam. Then on towards the sea dyke, Roodeschol and the beautiful blue and white tower of Uithuizermeeden. In the last kilometers 2 beautiful Borgen, the Rensumaborg and the Menkemaborg with a nice terrace.

### Day 3 Uithuizermeeden - Anjum

56 km

You wake up in North Groningen, the flat land against the Wadden with a small bulge here and there with some buildings in the landscape, the Wierden. Today's ride takes you further north through open land, along the Zeedijk and with a view of the salt marshes. The LF Wadden route would not be complete without a trip to Noordpolderzijk, the smallest seaport in the Netherlands, and coffee and cake in 't Zielhoes. From Warffum the route goes over the real Hoge Land to Den Andel and Pieterburen, known for the seal sanctuary and start of the Pieterpad. Via Catholic enclave Kloosterburen and Wierde Ulrum, continue towards NP Lauwersmeer. Along the fish auction and the Cleveringsluizen in Friesland for a warm welcome in Anjum. A day of cycling on Schiermonnikoog? Book an extra night here!



**Day 4 Anjum - Zuidhorn****41 km**

To the left the open water of the Lauwersmeer with in the foreground Scottish Highlanders and Konik horses, to the right green meadows with a farm and a church. Water, boats and white sails, you are in Friesland. The Lauwersmeer National Park is almost completely rounded. In the harbor of Zoutkamp in Groningen, you turn to the monumental mound village of Niehove, once voted the most beautiful village in the Netherlands by Elsevier Weekblad. One last gem before you are in Zuidhorn for the evening, the Piloersemaborg, B&B, gastronomic pearl!

**Day 5 Zuidhorn - Groningen****54 km**

The last ride takes you through the Westerkwartier. Sandwiched between Friesland and Drenthe, this small-scale landscape has its own face. Small meadows bordered by characteristic wood canals and a swamp area with raised moors. The villages of Marum, Leek and Peize are slightly elevated on sandy ridges that run from west to east. The trip through this Groningen bocage landscape is varied and takes you back to the city through the Kop van Drenthe and along the Paterswoldse meer.

Back soon? You can also take the train if you are allowed to take the bike for another day in Groningen City. In the evening, have dinner in the city or on the banks of the Paterswoldse lake.

**Day 6 Departure Groningen**

After breakfast you will leave for home.

**Prices, Data, Booking**

<b>Price pp</b>		<b>€</b>
Double room, breakfast		519.00
Single room, breakfast		769.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only		80.00
<b>Rental bike</b>		<b>€</b>
Child bike		50.00
Hybrid		65.00
E-bike		135.00
<b>Extra services</b>		<b>€</b>
Bike Breakdown pass	€ 3.50 x 5	17.50
Child seat	€ 1.00 x 5	5.00
Bike theft insurance	€ 3.00 x 5	15.00
E-bike theft insurance	€ 6.00 x 5	30.00
Tag-along bike	€ 6.00 x 5	30.00
Child trailer	€ 17.50 x 5	87.50
Bike helmet	per piece	10.00
SGR	per piece	5.00



## Accommodation

The hotels and the B&B on this trip have been carefully selected for their location, atmosphere and/or unique services. All rooms are en-suite. A list of the accommodation we work with appears below. If a certain accommodation is unable to confirm due to lack of availability, we will try to request a comparable alternative if possible. When selecting the accommodation, we try to take into account as much as possible a safe and closed bicycle shed. However, we cannot do this with all of them guarantee and this partly depends on the number of bicycles of other guests.



**Flonk Hotel Groningen Zuid \*\*\*\***  
**(Groningen)**  
[hotelgroningenzuid.nl](http://hotelgroningenzuid.nl)



**B&B Lentemaheerd**  
**(Uithuizermeeden)**  
[www.lentemaheerd.nl](http://www.lentemaheerd.nl)



**Hotel Toxopeus (Anjum)**  
Hotel Toxopeus



**Hotel in 't Holt 1654 (Zuidhorn)**  
[www.intholt1654.nl](http://www.intholt1654.nl)



## Practical Info



5 Nights included



3/4 Star hotels



Breakfast included



Detailed roadbooks with maps and tourist information



The possibility of renting our bikes



7-days a week service-hotline



Luggage transport to your next hotel



Groningen



Parking possibilities at the hotel



GPS-tracks available



Any ferry crossings are not included

## Arrival info



Groningen Airport Eelde  
Schiphol Airport is for international traffic the nearest airport.



The train from Schiphol to Groningen departs 2 times per hour. Travel time is about 2,5 hour. A single ticket costs approx €27- per person excl. bicycle.  
For timetables and tickets, go to [www.ns.nl/en](http://www.ns.nl/en). For bus details, how to reach the hotel, check: [www.9292.nl/en](http://www.9292.nl/en).

