

Cycling & Sailing tour Frisian Sea & island hopping - "Open Water, beautiful landscape, picturesque harbours"

Large traditional sailing vessel MARE FAN FRYSLÂN: from/to Enkhuzen

Characteristics:

Operator: SE-TOURS GmbH

Participants: from 18 up to 40

Tourtype: individual

Children: yes

Regions: Frisia, Lake Yssel, North Holland, North Sea, Texel

Countries: Netherlands

Benefits:

- Tour and accommodation on board in the booked category
- 8 days /7 nights (Sat/Sat/) from/to Enkhuzen
- Full board (7x breakfast, 6x picnic lunch during bike tours, 7x three course dinner)
- Use of bed linen and towels (change of towels on request)
- regular cleaning of the cabin
- Welcoming drink and -speech on the first evening
- Board tour guide by the crew with daily briefings of the bike tours
- Printed instructions and detailed maps for daily individual bike tours
- Daily coffee and tea between 3 and 4 PM



Additional costs:

- All other costs: on request (bikehire, cabin categories, additional nights, transfers and so on)

Tour description:

Wind and salt on your skin and a feeling of freedom! Sailing trips are something special. It's a little like being a seafaring pioneer discovering the waters... On the MARE FÂN FRYSLAN, one of the most luxurious boats to cruise Lake IJssel and the Wadden Sea, you can experience nature and the elements in their pure state: water, wind and sun. The "Wad" (Dutch for "mud flat"), a nature reserve that is unique in the entire world, stretches across the coast of the North Sea. Here, sand and water alternately dominate with the changing of the tides.

Lined up like the pearls of a necklace, islands small and large protect the shallow waters of the Wadden Sea. On board, you'll be treated to a perfect sailing breeze and a view of the vast expanse of the water, endless dunes and dried-out sand banks. What are you waiting for? Let's cast off!

Description of the MARE FAN FRYSLÂN:

The MARE FAN FRYSLÂN was built in 1960 as a freight ship and was then completely renovated in 2006 and has been used since 2007 as a beautiful, almost extravagant, three-mast schooner on Dutch waters. Facilities: On the lower deck there is a saloon with wooden paneling (air-conditioned), also used as the restaurant. Next to the saloon one can find the wheelhouse fitted with bar, music, video equipment and TV. This room is fitted with large, panoramic windows which offers a breathtaking view over the water. On the lower deck there are 12 comfortable 2-bed cabins (floor area of about 10 qm, 2 floor-level single beds 90 x 200 cm), 1 Premium 2-bed cabin with a small corner sitting area and a flat screen TV (about 12 qm) as well as a 1-bed cabin with bunk beds (floor area of about 7 qm). In all the 2-bed cabins and the Premium 2-bed is it also possible to arrange to have 3 beds - a Pullman bed/fold-down bed. All cabins have a private shower/WC/sink and ventilation system. The wooden upper deck offers adequate seating, an outdoor bar with a draught beer tap and a grill and even a Jacuzzi. The sail can be operated either by hand or electrically. In the harbours there is a Wifi/WLAN connection (free of charge) available throughout the whole ship.

Technical data: Three-masted schooner. Length 62 m. Width 7.20 m. Draught 1.50 m. Sail area 650 m². 27 to 40 passengers. 3 to 4 person crew.

Tour details:

Day 1 (Sat): Arrival and embarkation in Enkhuizen

Individual arrival and embarkation from 4 pm near the beautiful centre of Enkhuizen and close to the railway station. The skipper will join you for an aperitif and explain many things worth knowing about the journey, the ship and also about safety measures to be taken onboard. In the evening you can stroll through the historical centre of Enkhuizen and spend the night onboard in Enkhuizen.

Day 2 (Sun): Enkhuizen - Medemblik - Den Oever bike tour (40 km)

Today the ship sails from Enkhuizen to Den Oever. You can stay on board and sail over the IJsselmeer or you can grab a bike and start your first cycling tour along the IJsselmeer coast through the beautiful polder-landscape via Medemblik up to Den Oever with its fishing harbour. Depending on the weather in the evening the ship will sail across the Wadden Sea to the Island of Texel.

Day 3 (Mo): Texel - round tour from Oudeschild (1 - 65 km)

The island of Texel has a varied scenery and picturesque villages. Explore the largest of the Dutch North Sea islands. on a roundtrip cycling tour. Our tip: Use the well signposted Thijsse-route (about 40 km) and visit some villages, the seal sanctuary station EcoMare and the nice traditional beer brewery.

Day 4 (Tue): island of Texel - island of Terschelling, sailing day (5 - 6 hrs)

Today the ship will sail, when the tide and the weather is good, to the island of Terschelling. You will manoeuvre through the sandbanks of the Wadden Sea and when you are lucky you will see seals lying to rest on a sandbar. In the afternoon the ship will arrive on Terschelling.

Day 5 (Wed): Terschelling: explore the island by bike (1 - 40 km)

Terschelling offers a lot: nature and culture, 70 km cycling tracks and 4 beautiful villages. West-Terschelling is the largest village on the island with nice shops and pubs. The landmark of the island can already be seen well from a distance, the 400 year old lighthouse "Brandaris". Also worth seeing is the heath land "Boschplaat". It captivates with its mud, beaches and dunes. You might even spot a number of ducks, black-winged stilts and large colonies of spoonbills and great black-backed gulls.

Day 6 (Tue): island of Terschelling - island of Vlieland or (alternative) Southwest coast of the Province of Friesland

Today the ship tries to reach the island of Vlieland, which is depending on weather and tide. The smallest island with just one village on it and about 1,100 islanders is car-free and therefore excellent to explore by bike. The beach is just 100 m from the harbour. From the highest point of the island, the dune "Vuurboetsduin", you have a fantastic view over a number of islands, the North Sea and the mudflats. If Vlieland can't be reached there is an alternative: a sailing trip to the south-western part of the Province of Friesland with a roundtrip cycling tour.

Day 7 (Fr): Vlieland or Province of Friesland - sailing back to Enkhuizen

Today we will sail you back to Enkhuizen.

Day 8 (Sat): end of the tour in Enkhuizen

Disembarkation by 09:30 am. A beautiful journey full of new experiences has come to an end.

Important remarks about the Sail & Bike program:

A Sail & Bike tour is like a little bit of adventure: the only thing which is really fixed on this cruise is the departure and arrival harbour Enkhuizen. The sailing routes to be taken depend largely on wind and weather forecast. The skipper will determine from day to day the exact sailing schedule. The skipper and his crew will do everything they can to offer you the program as planned so you can enjoy a fascinating week with a variety of activities, nature and culture, but it is possible that the departure and sailing times and/or the order of the program has to be changed. Enjoy and relax: the elements will lead you! Various parts of the tour will be sailed. The ship of course has a motor as well, so if the winds are unfavorable or even absent, it can still reach the next destination. All distances are "approximate distances" of recommended bike tours. When a guest does not want to cycle one day, she/he can skip the bike tour and relax on board while cruising to the next harbour. Program + details barring changes as a result of nautical, technical or meteorological reasons. The interior of the ship is a non-smoking zone: smoking is only allowed on the sun deck. As a safety measure, a statutory smoking ban applies in all cabins; this means that all cabins and rooms on board are non-smoking areas

- Embarkation: from 16:00 hours to 18:00 hours

- Disembarkation: After breakfast by 09:30 hours

- Bicycles on board: Mostly unisex bicycles with normal mount (ladies model), 7 gears, hand brake and/or pedal brake and pannier bag. E-Bikes are on these tours only available after prior request (by booking) and confirmation and a very limited number possible. Please indicate your body height by booking.

- Language on board: German, English, Dutch

- Cycle tours: The bike tours are individual, at your own pace, without a tour guide, but with daily briefings on board and detailed bicycle maps and directions. The cycling routes are depending on the sail program and with that also of weather and weather expectation. Program changes are therefore barring changes. Nearly all cycle tours can be classified as being easy. All named distances are approximate distances.

- Luggage: we recommend: rainwear, bicycle helmet, sunhat and sneakers.

- Diet: (i.e.: lactosefree, glutenfree) possible on request and for an extra charge. Must be booked at least 14 days prior to departure.

- Travel documents: EU-nationals need a valid passport.

Passenger car parking options in Enkhuizen: Free parking fee (unguarded parking at the NS-train station in Enkhuizen is free), not far from the harbour (subject to change). No reservation possible.

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