

The Green Heart Tour - 5 days / 4 Nights

The Green Heart is a rural area surrounded by the big cities of Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague and Utrecht. What saved it was its wetland and marshes: poor building ground! Instead, the bogs were used to harvest peat. Today, here is where you'll find the picture book Holland of old: low-lying peat meadows with grazing cattle; vast polders under beautiful skies; lakes, streams and rivers; and pretty villages with monumental farmhouses. You will also stop at a number of attractive towns, including "cheese town" Gouda. Naturally, your bike holiday would not be complete without a visit to amazing Amsterdam!

Day 1. Arrival in Utrecht

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Day 2. Utrecht - Amsterdam 63 km

You will cycle to Amsterdam on the banks of the lovely little River Vecht. Characteristic for this area are the many stately homes and garden pavilions built by rich Amsterdam merchants in the 17th and 18th Centuries. At the end of the day, Amsterdam welcomes you with its 165 romantic inner-city canals, 1281 bridges and more than 600,000 bikes. Amsterdam is a city for exploring. There is so much to see and do, whether you like art, culture, an evening out or just looking around and taking in the spirit of the city. A canal boat tour gives you a better look at the lovely canal houses.

Day 3. Amsterdam - Gouda 80 km

Today is the day you cross the rural Green Heart. On the way, you will come across characteristic old Dutch towns and villages. As you wander around Gouda at the end of the day, don't miss the Gothic town hall (1450); the Weighing House(1667); the romantic inner city canals and the stained glass windows in St. John's Church. If possible, plan your trip so that you can witness the traditional Thursday morning cheese market at the start of Day 4. Gouda is also famous for making candles and syrup waffles (try one hot!).

Would the 80 km be too long for you then you can split this day by booking an extra overnight in Woerden. (30 km and 49 km)

Day 4. Gouda - Utrecht 67 km

The landscape of rivers, polders, lakes, woods, parks and marshy fens makes for a wonderful bike trip. You will see stately homes and castles along the way. The lively centre of the big city of Utrecht will draw you to its peaceful inner city canals and characteristic wharves, unique to Utrecht. Explore the pretty Museum Quarter, or go (window) shopping on some of the quieter shopping streets.

Day 5. Return Home

After breakfast in your hotel, you will return home.



Self-guided cycling tour 5 days / 4 nights

Grade : ●

Everyday departures available between
01.04 to 26.09.2019

Tour Includes:

- ✓ Accommodation in 3*/4* hotels
- ✓ Breakfast buffet or extended breakfast
- ✓ Luggage transfers
- ✓ Detailed route notes and maps
- ✓ GPS tracks
- ✓ Emergency phone support 24/24

Options available:

- ✓ Half board - 3-courses evening meal without wines
- ✓ Bike hire with full equipment
- ✓ GPS navigation system
- ✓ Bike breakdown insurance (22 €/person)

Service Price per Person	Price Euro
Double Room B&B	410,00 €
Double Room HB	536,00 €
Extra Night B&B	77,00 €
Single Room B&B	533,00 €
Single Room HB	662,00 €
21-gear bike	58,00 €
E-Bike	116,00 €
Supplement in Amsterdam 13 – 15. April, 20-21 Mai, 12 - 15 Juni, 12 - 16 Sep.	
Double Room	58,00 €
Single Room	77,00 €

In case of staying overnight in Amsterdam on Saturdays a surcharge applies of € 20,- per person in a double room and € 39,- per person in a single room