

## 2 WEEKS ROUTE ● UK

This route is the same as the 1-week route, only in two weeks you can expand with a village or city of your choice such as:

### **Stavoren**

The old harbor of Stavoren is the best part of Stavoren. This is where the old boats lie, you can find ferry going to Enkhuizen and the train from Leeuwarden arrives and leaves from there.

Around the harbor there are some nice cafés and restaurants and a water fountain (fish shaped). This is also where you'll find the special hotel 'De vrouwe van Stavoren'. Behind the hotel is a terrace with four wine barrels where you can stay in overnight.

Many of the boats of the 'Bruine Vloot' (brown fleet) in the old harbor you can rent in. If you want to experience a sail tour on a historical ship, you can book a tour in the old harbor.

### **Makkum**

Makkum has much to offer on facilities for the recreational visitors.

The picturesque center is very cozy, with terraces and restaurants in historical buildings.

You can also book a day arrangement to make a tour through Makkum with a guide, tour including food and a workshop tile painting according to the Majolica-technique. This is the way the 'Hollandse witjes' (Dutch white tiles) are being painted for more than a hundred years. Makkummer aardewerk factory is known for the beautiful pottery.

### **Grou**

Grou is an authentic small village. A hike through the small streets will show how the village is originated around the church. This village has one of the oldest water sports associations of Friesland. Museum 'De Trije Gritenijen' will show you the history of Grou and other surrounding villages. The skyline of Grou from the water is beautiful and looks amazing with the boulevard, parking spaces for boats and the Teahouse. On the dam hikers enjoy the view and fishermen try their luck. In the village itself is a hiking route along the most beautiful historical buildings. The Pikmeer, the modern 'starteiland' (Eiland where sailing competitions start), is the connection with the nature reserve 'De Alde Feanen'.

### **Eernewoude**

Earnewâld is a watersports village between Leeuwarden and Drachten in the middle of the National Park 'De Alde Feanen', a wide natural wetland area in the heart of Friesland.

In comparison to the Frisian lakes in the southwest of Friesland, it is peacefully but also has a lot to offer! Earnewâld has multiple big events during the summer holidays like the annual fair, and one of Friesland's best-known events 'Skûtsjesilen' (sailing competition).

In the summer season there is a large variety of activities for young and old, like walk or bike excursions, learning to sail on a Skûtsje, kids activities, outdoor activities and many more.

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## **Leeuwarden**

Leeuwarden offers many activities and interesting monuments, such as the historical harbor of the Prinsentuin (prince's garden) in the heart of the city. Nearby, in the Museum haven (Museum harbor), there are a lot of special ships like milk boats, fishboats and other beautiful boats. You can also walk around in the historical inner city where you can find a shopping area and terraces. Or take a look at the versatile Frisian museum, with a number of changing exhibitions. For children there is a playground paradise 'Monkeytown' and the animal park 'Aquazoo' just outside Leeuwarden.

## **Harlingen**

Harlingen is located on the 'Waddenzee' and is the only Frisian sea harbor city. Thanks to the glorious nautical past you'll find a rich heritage of facade buildings, warehouses and canals.

Harlingen has the biggest 'Bruine Vloot' (brown fleet) of the Netherlands. This forms the inspiration for many big and small events, in combination with one of a kind shops, food houses, cafes, top restaurants, galleries and terraces.

## **Franeker**

Visit the oldest working planetarium in the world in Franeker.

It is miraculous what Eise Eisinga made in the ceiling of his own living room a few decades ago: an impressive moving model of our solar system. Curious visitors from all over the world come to this planetarium. Because this mini-heaven is something you should visit when you are in Franeker.

Visit this beautiful canal building of this wonderful man in Franeker and reveal the secrets of the modern astronomy.

## **Giethoorn**

Take a boat trip around the sparkling waterways of Giethoorn, a tiny village in the eastern part of the Netherlands. Known for its whimsical vistas, stunning landscapes and cute cottages, Giethoorn makes for a magical day out. Fun fact: the town of 2,600 residents also achieved a coveted spot on Monopoly's 80th birthday edition board. After spending a day in Giethoorn, it won't take you long to figure out why.

Giethoorn is a historic little town in the Netherlands nestled amongst a never-ending series of canals and waterways. The only way to navigate most of the town is by boat. In fact, the postman still delivers mail to local residents by boat to this day. As the main cog in Overijssel's canal system, Giethoorn – just like capital city Amsterdam – has earned the moniker 'Venice of the North'. And just like Venice, you can tour the canals with a seasoned guide.

After the boat trip, you'll have plenty of time to explore the rest of Giethoorn. To take in Giethoorn's skyline with a slightly adventurous twist, set off on a kayak or stand-up paddleboard. Or, take a leisurely stroll along the village bridges, overlooking stunning farmhouses complete with thatched roofs. Browse the charming local stores and pay a visit to Museum De Oude Aarde in the heart of town. The oldest museum in Giethoorn houses all of

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Mother Earth's treasures, including a wonderful collection of minerals and fossils. However you do it, there's an endless array of charm and beauty waiting to be discovered in Giethoorn.

