

# MIDWEEK ROUTE ● UK

## **Koudum**

Koudum is a really cozy village, with a lot of accommodation and recreation options. Because this village is central in the National Landscape of Southwest Friesland, close to the lakes and forest, it is the perfect place to start your watersports holiday or to do hike and bike tours. Koudum also has a few shops and a number of places to eat.

When you visit Koudum in the summer season, you should definitely try our delicious green beans (Koudumer beantsjes). This is a Koudumer specialty.

## **Workum**

With the IJsselmeer on one side and the Friese meren on the other, there are plenty opportunities to enjoy the water. You can sail, kitesurf, windsurf, canoe, fish, swim or just relax on the beach.

Shopping in Workum is far from boring and predictable. The city stands out because of the variety of bigger and smaller shops with their own character and offers. There are no big brands, but there are many surprising boutiques.

## **Bolsward**

Bolsward. Not the biggest city, but a gem. A city to fall in love with. Wandering around along the canals, many monuments and through the lovely park. Stop and admire the graceful city hall that according to many is the most beautiful of the Netherlands.

You can also visit the small family business Bierbrouwerij Us Heit (beer brewery, our father). Us Heit brews eight different special beers in Bolsward. It is natural pure beer with character. During a visit to the brewery, you will get acquainted with how they brew and stoke their beer. After the tour you can enjoy one of the beers in the tasting rooms or on the terrace next to their own hop garden.

## **IJlst**

IJlst is one of the smallest 11-cities in Friesland. Characteristic are the linden tree's and the overtuinen (gardens on the water). The still working wood saw mill 'De Rat' is absolutely worth a visit.

## **Sneek**

A must see in Sneek is 'de Waterpoort' (the Watergate) this is the ancient entry for Sneek. Just like the other cities, Sneek has a lot to offer when it comes to activities. The railway museum (for model trains) and 'het Scheepvaartmuseum' (ancient shipping museum in Sneek) are highly recommended. Besides that, holiday resort 'De Potten' is the ideal place for every age, with a water playground for the little ones and a water ski facility for the older kids. And for the parents and teenagers, Sneek is the shopping centre of the region and has a multiple terraces and restaurants.

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## **Woudsend**

Walk in at wood saw mill 'De Jager' or take a look at the SKS-skûtsje (sailing ship), the pride and joy of Woudsend. In the village itself is an old flourmill 'Het Lam', that is still working. At this mill you are allowed to look inside the mill or purchase some hand-made products.

## **Sloten**

You can still find parts of Sloten's history in the current image of the city. The center is dominated by monumental merchant houses, decorated with beautiful facades. The quays are paved with stones and the old linden trees complete this picturesque picture.

Next to one of the Watergates is a Flourmill from 1755. They still make hand-made flour from wheat in this mill, that you can purchase. Around the mill there is an old cannon. This cannon gets fired every Friday night in the summer at 20.00 hour.

## **Heeg**

In Heeg you can easily dock your ship in the center for an ice cream on one of the terraces. Also, a very fun way to discover Heeg is per canoe!

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