

MOLENROUTE ● UK

This route takes you along the historical villages and cities and a number of pretty mills that are still working. Mills, driven by water and wind, were an important part of the Frisian business. A number of these monuments are open for viewing.

Sloten Flour mill

Sloten is one of the Frisian 11 cities. 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 the Flourmill from 1755. They still make hand-made flour from wheat in this mill, that can be bought.

Around the mill there is an old cannon. This cannon gets fired every Friday night in the summer at 20.00 hour.

Scharsterbrug Skarrenmill

The mill at Scharsterbrug along the Scharsterrijn was built in 1888. It is a pumping water mill, but it used to work as a flour mill. The Skarren mill is still working and is being operated by a volunteer miller. The mill is accessible through the molenpad (mill path).

Joure The Green mill

When you cruise to the harbor in Joure, you can see Groene molen (the Green mill) on your right hand. This spider head was built around 1800 and worked for 19 hectares land. The best-known mill in Joure is Pennings's mill, the highest mill in Friesland. This mill was built in 1865 in Westzaan as papermill. In 1900 they shipped the mill as a flour mill to Joure.

Joure is called a 'vlecke' by Frisians: a place that is something between a village and a city. Joure originated on a favorable point for traffic, especially for the water traffic. The cozy Midstraat (midstreet), with its beautiful 'Jouster Toer' (tower) and Museum Joure are defiantly worth taking a look. In the museum you will experience that Joure over 250 years ago had the most known coffee and the brand of the country DE.

Langweer Sweachmermill

Langweer is a village with a rich history. Characteristic for Langweer are the old Linden trees, the alleys and the pretty facades. Just outside Langweer, on the Langweerder Wielen, lies the Sweachmermolen, a flour mill and polder mill from 1782. This mill is currently a resort.

IJlst Wood saw mill

A recommendation is to cruise from Heeg to the little city IJlst. IJlst is also one of the Frisian 11 cities. Characteristics are the linden trees and the canal gardens. The working mill 'De Rat' is definitely worth a visit.

