

STAANDEMASTRROUTE ● UK

This route is called 'Staandemastroute' because it is specially made for high sailing ships which can't sail other routes.

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.

Wergea

Wergea is the village of Afke's Tiental. The family of a famous Dutch book, written by Nienke van Hichtum. The family was a poor Frisian family with ten kids. One of the daughter's was a maid, at Nienke van Hichtum's house. Nienke wrote a story about the father and the life they lived. In the center of Wergea you'll find a statue in memory of them.

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 cozy 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.

Akkrum

Through the very narrow, but centrally located Pikmeer, the route goes on to Akkrum. Akkrum is a very nice village with the necessary shops and terraces at the water. On the water you cruise along the backside of the 'Coopersburg', this building was built to give the poor and elderly people a home. The building was founded by F.H. Kuipers, who emigrated to the U.S. and changed his name into Cooper. The building 'Welgelegen' in Amsterdam style will amaze you. This used to be a home for the wealthy single ladies.

Terherne

Terherne is the village of Hielke and Sietse Klinkhamer. This is where the well-known Dutch children's book 'de Kameleon' (the chameleon) comes to life. You can also look at century old ships, shop in de stores and Schepenhal (hall for ships) in the harbor.

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Leeuwarden and up

You can also cruise the Staandemastroute in northern direction. You will cruise along the 'Prinsentuin' (Prince's garden) to Dokkum via the Dokkumer Ie, which is a famous part of the 'elfstedentocht' (eleven cities tour).

