

# 1 WEEK 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 laps 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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## 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.

During a tour, the kids will experience exciting adventures such as pole-jumping, building a raft and walking in the swamp. Terherne is a known water sports village thanks to multiple marinas, surfing facilities and many places to fish. In the classic Schepenhaven (hall for ships) you can admire ships from last century and do some shopping.

## Joure

Joure is called a 'vlecke' by Frisian's: a place is something between a village and a city. Joure originated on a favorable point for traffic, especially for the water traffic. De 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 was the most known coffee and thee brand of the country.

Joure also has the Pennings's mill, de 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.

## Langweer

Langweer is a village with a rich history. Characteristic are the linden tree's, the alleys and beautiful facades. The harbour office and the recreation building are both renewed and together they make the marina look even more beautiful than it already was. There is even a canopy where you can BBQ and at the beach they've made a children's play area.

You can also make beautiful bicycle- or hike tours with the entire family.

## Echtenerbrug

Every year they organize the 'Dolle Donderdagen' (crazy Thursdays), during the summer months in Echtenerbrug. On the Thursday nights they organize an event around the bridge or at the water such as: zak slaan (traditional Dutch game), spijkerbroekhangen (traditional Dutch game), canoe races, live music and more.

When the IFKS starts (sailing competition), they also have many activities like a market, music on the water and music in the party hall.

## Lemmer

Lemmer has a big beach with a view over the IJsselmeer. The beach is very popular in the summer days and big events such as Ahoy, Skûtsjesilen (Sailing event) and Glemmer (music event).

Behind the windshields of the neighboring Beach club, you can also enjoy the beautiful sunset on colder summer days.

The must see of Lemmer is the steam pumping station 'Het Woudagemaal'. This is a UNESCO-monument since 1998 and is the biggest still working steam pumping station in the world.

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## **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.

## **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.

## **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!

This map illustrates the Heerenveen region in Friesland, highlighting a specific route marked by a black line. The route begins in the northwest, passing through Heerenveen, and continues through various water bodies and smaller settlements like Sneek and Lemmer. The map also shows a network of roads, including major routes like N392, N394, and N399, and numerous smaller water bodies and lakes. The region is characterized by its extensive water network and the presence of several large lakes, including the Hegeer Mar and the Scharster Mar.