

# Summer Camp Week 1, Waterland region

29<sup>th</sup> June- 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017

*The Waterland region just north of Amsterdam is full of the things that make Holland such a great destination. Flat pasture land with dikes, canals, windmills, green-painted houses, wooden shoes and cheese. Because of its proximity to Amsterdam, it is a popular destination for both Dutch and foreign tourists. The first week of your camp will take place in these surroundings, and is themed 'Water'. This program explains a bit further what to expect.*

## **Day 1 – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of June: Welcome to Holland**

The day of your arrival. You'll be picked up at your point of arrival and transported by the organising clubs to your quest house for the week. Later that day there'll be a gathering at the golf course of Purmerend to meet your fellow travelers. You will be asked to briefly introduce yourself. We will explain the program and the rules (do's and don'ts) during this week. The rest of the day is to get acquainted with your host family



## **Day 2 – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of June: Wet and watery**

Today will be filled with water and water games. You'll be picked up from 'home' to first enjoy a sailing trip on an antique fishing vessel on the Gouwe. During this trip there's lots of things to be done to keep the vessel going. Sunny weather provided, there's possibility to swim so take your bathing suit with you! After this you'll be occupied with several games to further get to know the other group members.



**Day 3 – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of July: [Amsterdam it is!](#)**

Your first taste of Amsterdam. You'll be transported to the heart of the old city of Amsterdam. The long canals aligned by historic building make it a beautiful place to visit. Guided by an interactive Ipad game you'll wander criss-cross through the city and will discover the secret spots that make this city so special....



**Day 4 – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July: [Lazy day at the beach](#)**

Time to relax a little and reflect on all the impressions of the previous days with your fellow travelers. This will take place on the wide sandy beaches of Holland; Zandvoort to be precise. Zandvoort is the place to see and be seen as it is the most popular beach of Holland. Next to the laid back aspect of the there'll also be played games together on the beach.



**Day 5 – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of July:** [Can you get out of the escaperoom](#)

This day will be spent in the region above Amsterdam. You'll visit the rural area around the city of Purmerend and learn about all the aspects of wastewater treatment in Holland. After lunch it's time to get locked up in the escape room. Are you clever enough to work your way out of this creepy place? It's a known fact that Holland lies beneath sea-level but how bad or dangerous is that? During an interesting walk through Purmerend you'll discover the answer to that question. In the evening you'll be baking your own famous Dutch pancakes.



**Day 6 – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of July:** [Amsterdam architecture](#)

You start with a visit to Film museum EYE on the IJ, Amsterdam North. Introduction and explanation of the program on the terrace. Look around in the architectural building. Next a visit will be brought to the academy of music and the library of Amsterdam. Wandering in this enormous building of modern architecture with its huge collection of books is a real experience.



Day 7 – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of July: [Bulbs and history](#)

We start the program with a drink at Restaurant Spijkerman – home of Rotary Purmerend Polderland. Then we make a tour through 400 year old World Heritage site De Beemster to picturesque Graft De Rijp, where you can tour flowerbulb nursery Poel.

The day will end with a group BBQ in Zuidoostbeemster, where also your guest parents and other interested Rotarians are invited.

The second host party from Groningen will also attend the BBQ to take you to your next host families afterwards and say goodbye to the Waterland region.



## Summer Camp Week 2, Groningen region

6<sup>th</sup> July – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017



Day 8 – 6<sup>th</sup> of July: [Salty wet pants](#)

This day you'll really get the wind through your hair. You'll be taken to the seashore to hit the water in 300 horsepower RIB boats. This day will also be used to get acquainted to your new host family



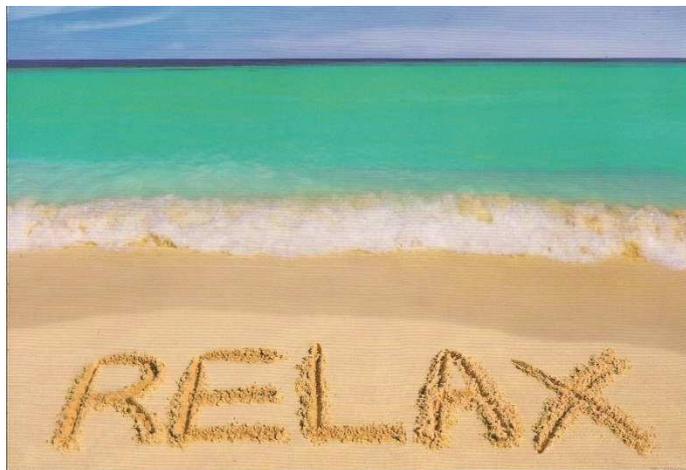
Day 9- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of July: [cycling on Schiermonnikoog](#)

During this day you'll be cycling on the Isle of Schiermonnikoog. This is one of the Isles 'on top of Holland' with the Waddensee in between. You'll enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Isle and be cycling along the fortifications of WWII



Day 10- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of July: [relaxation time](#)

Today is relaxed. By hospitality of your host parents you'll enjoy a day with the family. Perhaps a joint activity with host parents of fellow travelers, possibilities are endless



Day 11- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of July: [Don't tip the canoe](#)

The Winsumerdiep near Schaphalsterzijl is part of the widespread canal system in the Groningen region. Dug out for transportation purposes it's now a perfect way to discover the area by canoe. During the trip you'll be fixing your own lunch by baking your own pancakes.



Day 12- Monday 10 of July: The lake of Paterswolde

This day will be filled with all sorts of fun games and activities along and on the lake of Paterswolde. There's lots of fun things to do in and around this beautiful lake. Take your swimsuit and enjoy!



Day 13- Tuesday 11 of july: [discover the waddensea on foot](#)

Between the northern Isles and the mainland lies the waddensea. A remarkable area which runs dry during the tidal flows. A perfect opportunity to go out there and walk on the bottom of the sea. It's a truly unique experience during which you'll see Holland from a different point of view.



Day 14- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of july: [Is there an artist hidden in you?](#)

The academy of Minerva in Groningen is a college for performing arts. Here you'll get the chance to be an artist yourself whether by painting, claying, making music, etc. A fun day where you'll be challenged to get the best out of yourself of to get out of your comfort zone an do something you've never done before!



Day 15- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of July: [discover Groningen](#)

Groningen is a beautiful province with lots of different sceneries you'll get to see today. By making a tour through the region you'll enjoy the different sceneries and also pay a visit to the fortified village of Bourtange. A beautifully kept village with entirely restored extensive fortifications to keep the enemy out during the old days. These fortifications is a perfect example of defense works in Holland. At Grunostrand is a challenging climbing park where you'll spend some time above ground level. Try and test your monkey skills!



Day 16- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of July: [Discover the city of Groningen](#)

Groningen is to be discovered today. With a vast amount of universities and students it's a cool city. Not to mention the historic and modern buildings which make this city a beautiful place to visit. From the Martini tower in the center you'll have a fantastic view over the skyline of the city. It's not just a day visit. Diner will be enjoyed in a restaurant to later on discover the night live of Groningen



Day 17- Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of July: [no tears please](#)

Today is the last day of your trip to Holland. Therefore there's no program but time to come together, talk the trip through with your fellow travelers and hang out together, and alas, say goodbye to your new friends..



Day 18- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of July: [back home again](#)

Transport is arranged to take you to the point of departure. Say goodbye to your host family, lie back in your seat and think back to your wonderful trip to Holland. See you!

