WoodenBoat Magazine's Maritime Tour to the Netherlands

Hosted by Peter Neill June 16 - 26, 2013



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Your Tour Host, Peter Neill, is past Director of the South Street Seaport Museum, New York, and former President of the Council of American Maritime Museums and the International Congress of Maritime Museums. Presently he is Director, World Ocean Observatory; Chair, Ocean Classroom Foundation; and frequent contributor to WoodenBoat on maritime heritage subjects. He and his wife, Mary Barnes, have been the Group Leaders for prior WoodenBoat travel programs in Norway, Denmark, and The Netherlands.

Sunday, June 16 Depart US

Depart your home city on Delta to Newark Airport to meet up with the rest of your group for Delta # 604 departing at 6:10 pm, with non-stop service to Amsterdam.

Monday, June 17 Arrive Amsterdam - Lemmer - Set Sail L, D

Arrive Amsterdam at 7:50 am. Clear customs and transfer by comfortable motor coach from Amsterdam Airport to Spankenburg to visit the *Botter Yard Museum*.

This afternoon, board the *Wapen fan Fryslan*, the largest two-master schooner in the Netherlands. Enjoy *a welcome reception* as you set sail for the village of Sneek.

Dinner & overnight on board in Sneek.

Tuesday, June 18 Sneek – Stavoren B, L, D

Visit the Palingaak and the shipyard of Pier Piersma, as well as Fries

Scheepvaartmuseum, The Frisian Maritime Museum. The Frisian Maritime Museum is a multifaceted museum about the history of Frisian shipping from the 17th to the 20th century. Highlights include shipping, shipbuilding and the housing and lifestyle of merchants and captains of Sneek and the Frisian Southwest. *Dinner & overnight on board in Stavoren*.

Wednesday, June 19 Stavoren -Oudeschild B, L, D

A stop will be made today to visit one of the milling villages along the coast.

Dinner & overnight on board in Oudeschild.





Thursday, June 20 Den Helder Sailing Festival B, L, D

Sail to Den Helder to enjoy the Maritime Festival, Sail den Helder.



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Sail Den Helder is a unique maritime event filled with ships as well as music, art and entertainment with a maritime theme. Tall ships will assemble at the famous Texel Roads. Enjoy ship visits and meet crew members from around the world, as well as Dutch historical ships, smaller Tall Ships, yachts, steam tugs and more.





This afternoon, the event begins with the Parade of Sails! *Dinner & overnight on board Wapen fan Fryslan in Den Helder.*



Friday, June 21 Den Helder Sailing Festival B, L, D Enjoy Sail Den Helder events and have the opportunity to visit some local museums.

The National Lifeboat Museum features the Dutch lifeboat service through the ages and the safety aspects on the waters are at the center of this museum. Original lifeboats, ship models, scale models, paintings and much more are included.

The Navy Museum highlights the Royal Netherlands Navy and includes weapons, uniforms and the decorations they received in reward. Visit the submarine Tonijn and the minesweeper Abraham Crijnssen and experience the atmosphere of a warship.

Dinner & overnight on board in Den Helder.

Saturday, June 22 Den Helder – Enkhuizen B, L, D Sail to Enkhuizen to visit the Zuiderzee Museum.

This museum features the history, present-day and presents the future of this area. It focuses upon the themes of water, crafts and communities with indoor and outdoor exhibitions. The indoor museum has the largest collection of wooden ships in the Netherlands. These historical wooden ships belong to the most extraordinary items in the museum's collection.

Enjoy dinner at the museum. *Overnight on board in Enkhuizen.*



Sunday, June 23 Enkhuizen – Amsterdam B, L

Sail back to Lemmer. We will say goodbye *to Wapen fan Fryslan,* our lovely accommodation for the past week. Transfer to our Amsterdam Hotel, the *NH Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky*.

The Five Star NH Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky hotel in Amsterdam is located in the very heart of the city, right on the central Dam square near many major tourist and business attractions. Situated in a historical building that dates back to 1865, the hotel combines a traditional feel with the comfort and style of modern conveniences.

Many attractions are within easy walking distance including the Royal Palace, Nieuwe Kerk, Anne Frank House, Van Gogh museum, red-light district, and Heineken Brewery.





Monday, June 24 Amsterdam B

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, visit the *National Maritime Museum* with the group. The remainder of the day at leisure to sightsee on your own - visit the many museums, take a canal tour, visit the Heineken brewery, stroll the quaint streets – there are many options! *Overnight at NH Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky.*

Tuesday, June 25 Amsterdam / Optional visit to Rotterdam B, D

Breakfast at the hotel. Option today - spend the day on your own in Amsterdam, or take an optional trip to Rotterdam by train.

Rotterdam was founded in the mid- 13th century after a dam had been constructed in the River Rotte on the site of the present Hoogstraat. Rotterdam received municipal rights in 1340. Over the centuries Rotterdam grew from a fishing village into an international center of trade, transport, industry and distribution. At the beginning of the Second World War, on 14 May 1940, virtually the entire city center was devastated by a German bombardment. This explains why scarcely any pre-war buildings have remained in this part of Rotterdam. After the war, reconstruction of what had been destroyed was given the highest priority. Now, many years later, a new, modern city center has risen from the ashes. The avant-garde architecture is famous at home and abroad.

Here, we'll visit the *Rotterdam Maritime Museum*, fittingly located at the end of the Coolsingel, where the city center meets the Maas River. This was once the site of Rotterdam's first manmade harbor and historically one of the city's busiest. The area is now called Rotterdam Water City. The ground floor of the museum is devoted to educational displays dealing with ships, waterways, navigation and harbor activities past and present.



MUSEUM SHIP "BUFFEL"

The beautiful 19th century turret ship "Buffel," restored to its original style, is moored alongside the museum. Built in 1868 in Scotland, this Dutch Royal Navy war ship houses models, machines and other material related to steam power and iron ship construction. In addition, it has been outfitted to explain Dutch Naval history and to show how sailors lived in the second half of the 19th century.

Return by train to Amsterdam.

Your Farewell dinner this evening is at the historic *Ship Chandler's Warehouse*.

History of the Ship Chandler's Warehouse

In the historic heart of Amsterdam, built between two canals, you will find Ship Chandlers Warehouse. This house is strongly related with the 17th century in which Holland was a powerful sea going nation.

Ship Chandlers Warehouse still breathes the magical atmosphere of this Golden century.

1624 is the date engraved on a stone in the cellars, but since then the house has been altered many times.

The shop opened its doors during the seventeenth century and served victuals and beverages for the sea going ships. The captains could order and taste the samples downstairs, upstairs in the warehouse the goods were neatly arranged and brought to the ships by small boats. The harbor was practically in front of the door at that time. The shop is one of the very scarce 17th century interiors in the Netherlands were authentic details can still be seen.

Overnight at NH Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky.

Wednesday, June 26 Depart Amsterdam B
Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to the airport for return flight to the US.
Depart pm Delta #35 at 1:10 pm, arriving Newark at 3:45 pm.
Connect to your flights to your home city.

Tour cost:

\$ 5607 per person, double occupancy *Please inquire regarding single occupancy.*

Tour cost includes:

- Roundtrip economy class air on Delta Airlines from Newark to Amsterdam, including carrier imposed international surcharge and taxes of \$612.33 per person. (Borton Overseas will book your connecting flight to/from Newark and advise the additional airfare for this as part of your international ticket you do not need to buy a separate ticket for your connecting flight.)
- Seven days and six nights on board Wapen fan Fryslan in twin berth with private facilities.
- Three nights' accommodation in Amsterdam at NH Grand Hotel Kransapolsky.
- Breakfast daily, lunches and dinners as specified B = Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner. (All meals and drinks, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, while sailing. Farewell dinner at Ship Chandler's Warehouse includes unlimited drinks during dinner)
- Transfers, sightseeing while sailing, entrance to National Maritime Museum, Amsterdam, optional day trip to Rotterdam including train and entrance.
- Basic travel insurance which includes trip delay/missed connection, baggage and baggage delay, emergency accident & sickness medical expense, emergency medical evacuation/repatriation, 24 AD&D. (Option to upgrade to full travel insurance including trip cancellation for a supplement. Amount is determined by total trip cost)
- Services of Tour Host, Peter Neill.





Wapen fan Fryslan

With its 55 meters of length, the Wapen fan Fryslan is the largest two-master schooner in the Netherlands. On board of this marvelous five-star ship you will experience a luxurious and comfortable atmosphere. The helm and the wooden deck are the ship's showpieces.

On deck there is a large pilothouse, which is equipped with a helm, a stylish bar, seating area and panorama windows. The outside deck has an outdoor cafe with draught beer taps and a second helm, allowing the ship to be navigated from outside as well.

On the middle deck there is room to enjoy a lovely meal outdoors. The sundeck offers plenty of seating including comfortable deckchairs. It has a versatile yet stylish interior. The dayroom is characterized by its luxurious appearance and flexible furnishing.

The spacious cabins have been furnished with two separate box spring beds that can easily be transformed into a double bed. Each cabin has its own shower, toilet and washbasin to make your trip extra comfortable.

History

In 1965 the sailing ship Wapen fan Fryslân was launched as a freight ship. It transported all kinds of freight throughout the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium. In 2003 the ship was totally renovated. The

result is a beautiful, luxurious charter ship, which was launched in April of 2004.

Ship Information

Shipper Erik van Aken
Ship type Schooner
Length 55 meter
Width 7,2 meter
Depth 1,55 meter

Number of sails 4

Sail surface 550 square meter

Luxury with 24 passengers *****
Heated cabins 12
Showers 12
Toilets 14

230 volts in cabins whether moored or sailing







