

# Delta **pontjes**

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The fun ferries serving  
the Haringvliet

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EDITION



# Deltapontjes



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## Island hopping around the Haringvliet

Heaving on the waves of a passing ship, the ferry waits until the last passenger is on board. But then comes the signal to cast off! The propeller turns at full speed, the water swirls, and the boat slowly begins to move. Screeching seagulls follow in its wake, searching for food.

### Unique experience

Away from the mainland and the hectic pace of the day, enjoy the crossing to the full, the

wind blowing through your hair, the splashing water, gazing at the other side to see if land is in sight - and that's only the beginning...





This latest edition (which is already the 13th) of the Deltapontjes brochure doesn't just include the ferry connections, but is also packed with information about cycling, walking and other tourist tips to make sure you get the most out of your stay.

In addition, the most enjoyable 3 walking and cycling routes are also included, along with the 10 must-see locations in the Hoeksche Waard!

Experience it for yourself. Every connection is unique, no two ferries are the same, and the area across the shore has its own unique features. So come and immerse yourself in the island's atmosphere.

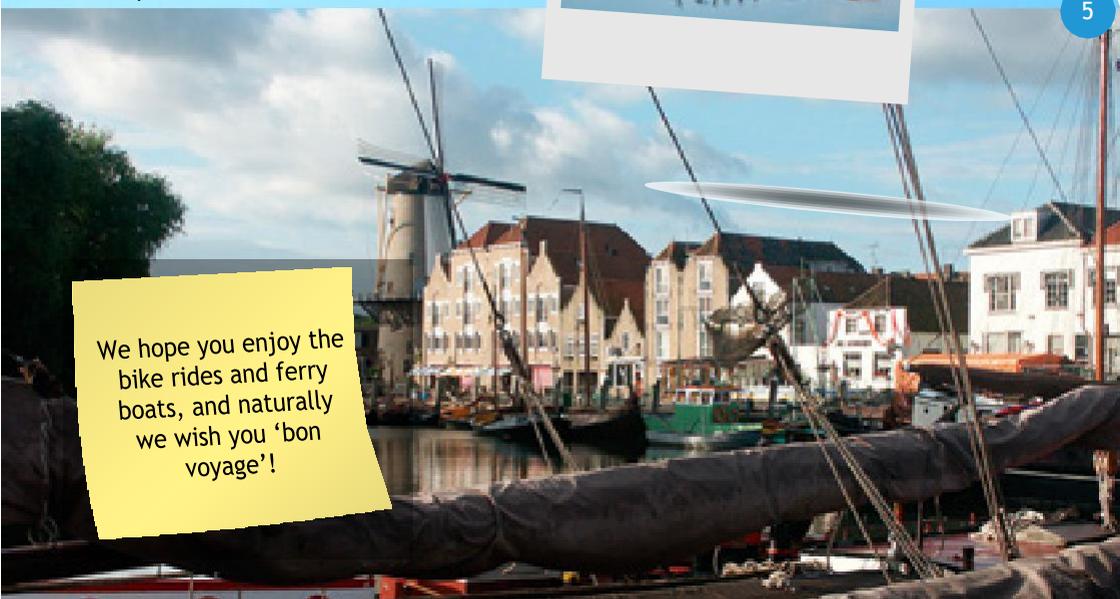
This brochure provides information about the ferry connections in the area. Sailing times may change in the meantime due to unforeseen circumstances. If you want to be certain of the correct times, then check the website of the connection before departure.

At the back of this brochure there are tourist tips for a day out or a longer stay per area. The details of the tourist offices/promotion organisations are also listed here. Almost all areas have a cycling junction system and walking route network. This makes it even easier to discover the attractive areas around the Haringvliet.

For more information about current departure times, download the free app 'transfer springs' or check at: [www.deltapontjes.nl](http://www.deltapontjes.nl).



We hope you enjoy the bike rides and ferry boats, and naturally we wish you 'bon voyage'!



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At the time of printing of this brochure, there was still no certainty of the continuation of the Numansdorp-Willemstad ferry connection.



## Numansdorp - Willemstad

There was a ferry service in operation between Numansdorp and Willemstad as far back as 1898. At that time, the RTM had constructed a tram line from Rotterdam to Numansdorp. From Numansdorp, people could transfer to ferry services to Willemstad and Zijpe (Zeeland).

With the arrival of the Delta Plan, bridges and dams made many ferry connections redundant. The opening of the Haringvliet bridge in 1964 signalled an end to the ferry service to Zijpe. The

ferry service to Willemstad stopped in 1966. The current ferry is a former patrol vessel that once belonged to the German national Waterways and Highways agency. 'De Anna' has capacity for 12 people and 12 bicycles.

### Sailing period

30 April up until and including 25 September 2022.

### Sailing days

May, June and September: Saturdays and Sundays. July and August: Wednesday to Sunday. Extra sailing days: Thursday 26 May (Ascension Day), Friday 27 May and Monday 6 June (Whit Monday).



### Numansdorp departure times

11.00  
12.00  
14.00  
16.00

### Willemstad departure times

11.30  
13.00  
15.00  
17.00

On request, there will be a final crossing from Numansdorp to Willemstad at 17.30 if a minimum of 4 people are looking to board. During busy working days we will run continuously, and not according to schedule.

### Rates

Adults  
Children up to 12 years under supervision

One way	Return
€5.00	€8.00
€2.50	€4.00

**NOTE: No charge for bikes!**  
This ferry will run continuously when demand is high! Card payments accepted.

### Pick-up points

The pick-up points are in Numansdorp at Fort Buitensluis up on the right on top of the dike, and in Willemstad by the pier head opposite the parking lot.

### For more information

**Caroline van Wijngaarden**  
06 - 104 344 74  
[www.veerdienstanna.nl](http://www.veerdienstanna.nl)  
[carwijtje@hotmail.com](mailto:carwijtje@hotmail.com)



*Numansdorp: Various catering establishments in the shopping street.  
Willemstad: Several outdoor cafes and restaurants within the fort*



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## Strijensas - Moerdijk

Strijensas is a picturesque town in the Hoeksche Waard, known for its historic lock, bridge and beacon. Moerdijk is a village located in Brabant on the other side of the Hollandsch Diep strait. Up until 1820, a ferry also sailed between these villages. This was key connection at the time between the South Holland Islands and North Brabant.

Since 2016, captain Jan Blokland has been operating this ferry connection with the Lucretia, a spacious punt from 1973, measuring almost 15 metres. Take a seat and enjoy the beautiful trip across the Hollandsch Diep strait.

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### Sailing days

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Up to 12 people per departure are permitted, and there is room for up to 12 bicycles. The crossing takes approximately 20 minutes. The connection connects to the following cycling network points: 29 (Strijen), and 27 and 37 in the Hoeksche Waard. When coming from Moerdijk, this is junction 39.



### Strijensas departure times

10.00, 11.00, 12.00,  
13.30, 14.30, 15.30,  
16.30, 17.30

### Rates

Adults

Children up to 12 years under supervision

**NOTE: No charge for bikes!**  
This ferry will run continuously  
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payments accepted.

### Pick-up points

**Strijensas:** on the jetty along the path to the beacon

**Moerdijk:** Dorpshaven (village harbour), on the jetty along the path past Den Bels

### Moerdijk departure times

10.30, 11.30, 13.00  
14.00, 15.00, 16.00, 17.00

In the event of bad weather and limited passenger numbers, sailings can be requested (by telephone) from Moerdijk.

### One way

€4.00

Free

### Return

€6.00

Free

### For more information

**Captain Jan Blokland**

06 - 539 348 02

[jansleep@hotmail.nl](mailto:jansleep@hotmail.nl)



*Strijensas: Restaurant / Outdoorcafé De Batterij*

*Moerdijk: Restaurant Kanters*



[www.ontdekstrijensas.nl](http://www.ontdekstrijensas.nl)





## Nieuw-Beijerland – Hekelingen

The ferry service Hekelingen - Nieuw-Beijerland sails along the Spui between the Hoeksche Waard and the island of Voorne-Putten. The Spui was formed in the wake of the storm surge of November 2, 1532. It is the connecting river between the Oude Maas and the Haringvliet. The first crossings on the Spui date back to the end of the 15th century. Even today, the only way to cross the river is by boat.

The connection has been privately run since 1924. In those days, the fare for a person to cross was a mere 5 cents. The current ferry, the fifth in a row, has been sailing since 1997 and bears the name The Queen Jacqueline, named after the owner's wife.

The ferry has an artistic edge, as graphic designer and artist Steinie Boender from Nieuw-Beijerland designed both the colours and the logo for the ferry.

In addition to cyclists and pedestrians, the ferry can also transport cars, and is in operation throughout the entire year.



## Departure times

The Queen Jacqueline sails daily between 05:30 and 23:00.

### Rates

Person

### One way

€0.80

### 10-trip ticket

€6.40

Person with bike

€0.95

€7.60

Person with moped/motorbike

€1.10

€8.80

Car up to 2000 kg (incl. driver)

€1.95

From €15.60

Other rates available on request.

### Pick-up points

**Nieuw-Beijerland:** (from Piershil) past the windmill De Swaen in the direction of the Spui.

**Hekelingen:** via Spijkenisse in the direction of Hekelingen, keep driving straight on until you reach the Spui.



*Hekelingen: Eeterij Klavertje Vier (café)*

### For more information / reservations

**Veerbedrijf Hoorweg B.V.**

0186 - 693 064 / 06 - 538 685 49

[www.thequeenjacqueline.nl](http://www.thequeenjacqueline.nl)

[info@thequeenjacqueline.nl](mailto:info@thequeenjacqueline.nl)





## Rhoon – Oud-Beijerland – Oude Tol – Spijkenisse

The Rhoonsveer ferry connects Oud-Beijerland, Rhoon and Spijkenisse.

In Oud-Beijerland, the ferry even stops at two locations, namely in the town centre, and at the Oude Tol (old toll point). The Rhoonsveer ferry can transport 100 people. This connection over the Spui operates every weekday throughout the entire year. From the second weekend in May up until and including the second weekend in September, there are also crossings at the weekends and public holidays.

### **Klein Profijt**

From the centre, you can explore the picturesque village center of Oud-Beijerland with its many restaurants and shops. You can also walk or cycle to Klein Profijt (an old salmon fishery). This is the location of the nature visitor centre of the Hoekscheewaards Landschap association (HWL).

Sitting in the outdoor area of Klein Profijt, you can enjoy a beautiful view over the Spui with a cup of tea or coffee. The Rhoonsveer ferry also stops at the Oude Tol. The Oude Tol recreation area and the Spuipark are now also easily accessible via the water. The Oude Tol is especially popular place in summer to enjoy the surroundings, the beautiful weather and water, while enjoying a snack and drink. From the Oude Tol, you can either head straight into the Hoeksche Waard, or cross over to the Spijkenisse nature and recreation area De Uitwaayer.

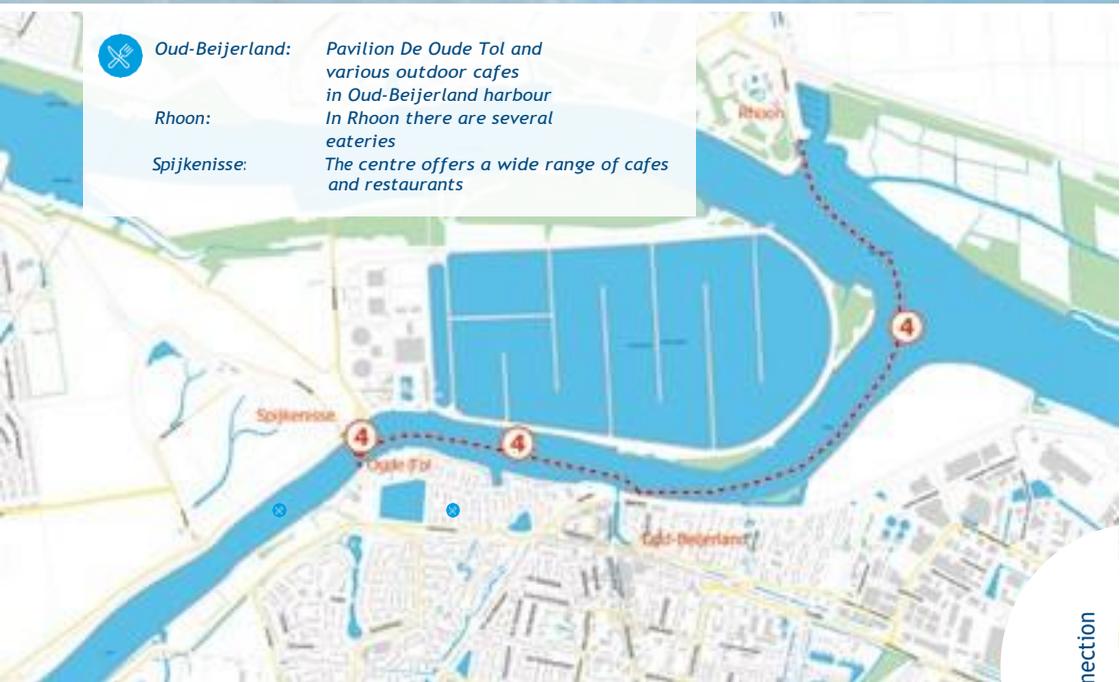
**More information:**  
[www.blueamigo.com/veerdienstrhoon](http://www.blueamigo.com/veerdienstrhoon)  
Ferry captain: 06-553 278 28



**Oud-Beijerland:** Pavilion De Oude Tol and various outdoor cafes in Oud-Beijerland harbour

**Rhoon:** In Rhoon there are several eateries

**Spijkensisse:** The centre offers a wide range of cafes and restaurants



### Sailing period

The Rhoonsveer ferry is operational throughout the year, with the exception of the Christmas holidays.

### Departure times

The ferry is in operation on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, from the second weekend in May up until and including the second weekend in September.

### Rates

	One way	10-trip ticket
Rhoon - Oud-Beijerland	€2.10	€14.70
Rhoon - Spijkensisse / Oude Tol	€2.65	€19.00
Oud-Beijerland - Spijkensisse / Oude Tol	€1.40	€9.50
Spijkensisse - Old Toll	€1.40	€9.50
Ferry round trip	€4.20	



The above prices also apply to crossings with a (motor)bike. Card payments are permitted on the Rhoonsveer ferry. For more information about the timetable, please visit the website [www.blueamigo.nl/veerdienstrhoon](http://www.blueamigo.nl/veerdienstrhoon).

### Pick-up points

**Rhoon:** Oude Maaspad, past the marina

**Oud-Beijerland - centre:** Oostkade harbour (harbour east quay)

**Oud-Beijerland - Oude Tol:** Oude Tol

**Spijkensisse:** De Uitwaayer (Kerkhofsdijk)



## Puttershoek – Zwijndrecht

Every day, this foot passenger ferry takes some 200 students and commuters across the Oude Maas. Passengers can board at Puttershoek in the traditional Dutch café 't Veerhuys'. In Groote Lindt (municipality of Zwijndrecht) the ferry departs from the ARA Hotel. Both eateries have waterfront outdoor seating areas offering views of the Oude Maas.

Every year, more than 50,000 cyclists and walkers use the ferry. Especially for this group, the ferry also operates at weekends during the summer period. The foot passenger ferry has an important task in connecting cycling routes on IJsselmonde and throughout the Hoeksche Waard.

### History

The Puttershoek - Groote Lindt ferry has been in operation for many years, and the route dates back to 1439. The construction of the Barendrecht bridge in 1888 and the introduction of cars diminished the importance of the ferry, and in 2005, the end of this ferry connection seemed very near.

Fortunately however, this was prevented, thanks to the efforts of a number of parties, resulting in the salvation of this centuries-old ferry connection in 2006 after years of uncertainty. And, to this day, the foot passenger ferry is fully operational, and its use has since doubled!



### Departure times

Monday to Friday

Between 06.30 and 08.45

Between 13.00 and 18.00

### The ferry operates on request every 15 minutes according to the following schedule:

Puttershoek departure times

-.00, -.15, -.30, -.45 etc.

Zwijndrecht departure times

-.05, -:20, -.35, -.50 etc.

### Saturday, Sunday and public holidays: from the second weekend in May up until and including the second weekend in September

Between 11.00 and 17.30. Departures every fifteen minutes, the same as on weekdays.



*Puttershoek: Café 't Veerhuys*

*Zwijndrecht: Hotel Ara*

### Period of operation

The Putter ferry service operates all year round, with the exception of the Christmas holidays (central NL region).

### Rates per 1 July 2022

**One way for adults** € 1.95

**One way for children** € 1.25

\*( ages 4 to 11)\*

**20 cruise ticket\*** € 26.00

**20 cruise ticket\*** € 15.50

\*for students up to age 18 years\*

**Tickets are sold on board the ferry service. Above rates also apply to crossings with (motor) bikes. Card payments are accepted on board the Putter ferry service.**

**For more information / reservations:**  
[www.blueamigo.com/veerdienstputter](http://www.blueamigo.com/veerdienstputter)

The captain can be reached during sailing times by telephone at: 06-10885953.



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## Nieuwendijk - Tiengemeten

Board the ferry to Tiengemeten at Nieuwendijk, and experience that wonderful holiday feeling.

Escape the mainland and hectic pace of everyday life. Each day, the service carries pedestrians and cyclists to Tiengemeten.

A visit to the unique island starts in the Natuurmonumenten visitor centre, which provides information, bike rentals or tandem rentals, children's activities, gifts and ice creams. On Tiengemeten you can walk, cycle, enjoy birds and the meadow landscape, visit museums and /or have lunch at Gasterij Tiengemeten or Herberg Tiengemeten.

Children can go wild in OERRR's Natural play area, with the coolest mud slide in The Netherlands! There are also facilities for hosting meetings on the island, or exploring it with a guide.

If you're looking to stay longer, then both the Herberg Tiengemeten inn and the Buitenleven holiday homes offer excellent overnight accommodation options at this special location.

PLEASE NOTE: between 1 April and 1 November, almost everything is open from Tuesday all the way through to Sunday. The nature areas are accessible all year round, as are the toilets and coffee/tea in the visitor centre.

For more information, please visit [www.natuurmonumenten.nl/tiengemeten](http://www.natuurmonumenten.nl/tiengemeten)



### Departure times

From Nieuwendijk, a ferry departs daily for Tiengemeten every hour on the hour between 10.00 and 17.00 from 1 May to 30 September. At weekends, the ferry even sails until 19:00. Between 1 October and 30 April, the last ferry to the island departs every day at 17:00, taking you to the island or back on the mainland in ten minutes. For information on ferry rates and opening hours of all facilities on Tiengemeten, go to: [www.natuurmonumenten.nl/tiengemeten](http://www.natuurmonumenten.nl/tiengemeten)

### Nieuwendijk pick-up point

When coming from Hoeksche Waard follow the signs for Zuid-Beijerland and then Nieuwendijk. Then head for the sign marked Tiengemeten 'veerdienst' (ferry service).

At the pick-up point, there is a large car park belonging to Natuurmonumenten where you can park free of charge.

### Ferry ticket

Buy your ferry ticket(s) online in advance via the Natuurmonumenten website: [www.natuurmonumenten.nl/pont](http://www.natuurmonumenten.nl/pont)

### Address

Nieuwendijk 1,  
3284 KR Zuid-Beijerland

### For more information / reservations

Visitor Center Tiengemeten  
[tiengemeten@natuurmonumenten.nl](mailto:tiengemeten@natuurmonumenten.nl)  
0186-660214





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## Brielse Meer lake

The year 2020 marked the 50-year anniversary of the bicycle/foot ferry connection across the Brielse Meer. As of this season you can cross it in silent mode, because it is now powered electrically, by batteries and solar panels. The pick-up points are on both the north and south sides of the lake. The ferry is also connected to the cycling network points 26 and 27. The Brielse Meer is an elongated lake of 10 km that forms the boundary between Voorne and Europoort, and is a popular water sports spot with many marinas and restaurants. This freshwater lake is a beloved spot for swimming, kayaking and stand-up paddling. Near the pick-up point on the north side of the lake is the Brielle water sports centre. There are (motor) boats for hire here, as well as Sups, kayaks, canoes and other water-related activities.

This super fun location is also ideal for clinics, parties, school trips and office outings. There is also an outdoor cafe with a view across the lake, as well as charging points for people with e-bikes. For more information, visit:

[www.watersportcentrumbrielle.nl](http://www.watersportcentrumbrielle.nl)

### Brielle

Brielle is a historic citadel, boasting one of the best preserved fortifications in the Netherlands. It has received kings and queens during its rich history, and the likes of admirals, writers, poets and martyrs were among its inhabitants. The old citadel was once the most famous pilgrimage site in South Holland, and is home to over 300 listed buildings. On April 1, 1572, Brielle was taken by the *Watergeuzen* (sea beggars) which earned it a prominent place within Dutch history.



### Departure times

During the months of April and September on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays and during the months of May to August daily from 9:30 to 18:00.

### Rates: One way

Adults € 1.60  
Children up to 13 years € 1.00

The Geuzenveer ferry is accessible for mobility scooters and wheelchairs (gangway available). Fares include (motor) bikes; an extra trailer costs € 0.50.

### Pick-up points

**North side:** Brielse Veerweg 3  
**South side:** Rochus Meeuwiszoomweg

### More information:

[www.geuzenveer.nl](http://www.geuzenveer.nl) or check our Facebook page.



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## Dintelmond/Dintelsas - Willemstad - Ooltgensplaat - Galathese harbour - Benedensas



This year a ferry will cross the Volkerak twice a day between Brabant and Goeree-Overflakkee. From the upper deck, there is a wonderful view over the water. This ferry service is an excellent opportunity for hikers and cyclists to enjoy the picturesque and lovely villages around the water of the Delta. You can visit Fort Sabina for instance, and be surprised by this 12-hectare verdant fortification from Napoleonic times. From the fort, the ferry crosses the Volkerak to Ooltgensplaat harbour. From the jetty, it's only a few minutes' walk to Fort Prins Frederik or you can alight at the Galathese harbour on the Mariadijk, where there is also a fun outdoor play area.

A cycle path has been created along the entire dike up to Oude-Tonge. But the stop at Benedensas is also worthwhile: from there, explore the beautiful Dintelse Gorzen nature reserve with various walking routes and a bunker from the WWII that now serves as an information point. The Bunkertreppie is an artistic stairway that is utilised as a lookout point.

## Departure point

### 1. Dinteloord

(Sasdiijk 2Y)

Board to the left of Brasserie Overstag

Departure time morning

10.00

Departure time afternoon

14.30

### 2. Willemstad

(Fort Sabina)

Board at the end of Steigerweg road

10.45

15.30

### 3. Ooltgensplaat

(Havendijk 16)

Board on the south side of the harbour canal, inside the lock

11.20

16.00

### 4. Galathese Haven

(Mariadijk 2)

Board at harbour jetty

12.15

16.40

### 5. Benedensas

(Benedensasweg 2-4)

Board the boat outside of the lock

Return to Dinteloord (behind the bunker)

13.15

17.40

return to Dinteloord at 18.45

## Prices

For departure times and prices,  
please visit the website.

## For more information

[www.waterpoort-rondvaarten.nl](http://www.waterpoort-rondvaarten.nl)

Waterpoort captain - 06 - 434 076 38

Bookings - 0167 - 528 023

[info@waterpoort-rondvaarten.nl](mailto:info@waterpoort-rondvaarten.nl)





## Lage Zwaluwe - Werkendamse Biesbosch

Since 2017, this ferry has been sailing between Lage Zwaluwe and the Biesbosch National Park. There is so much to do at De Biesbosch! You can enjoy the abundant natural beauty within the area, but for real adventure you can opt for something sportier.

Experience De Biesbosch from the water, go for a nice walk, with or without an expert guide or forester, or go bird-watching at the crack of dawn. Try fly-fishing with friends, take a canoe trip and stop for a romantic picnic by the waterside, or cycle along the paved paths and enjoy the rugged landscape with the wind blowing through your hair.

From the end of April, between Lage Zwaluwe and the Jacominaplaat in Werkendam, the foot-bicycle ferry 't Leeuwe Veerke will be operational again.

Hikers and cyclists can experience the Biesbosch from Lage Zwaluwe.

The ferry is fully electrically driven by batteries and solar panels.

Foot-bike ferry 't Leeuwe Veerke was added to the recreation company "Poort naar de Biesbosch" fleet in 2020. At the boarding point in Lage Zwaluwe, you will now also find lunchroom Biesla, serving lunch, drinks and dinner.

### Sailing period and days

Due to the uncertainties surrounding Covid, no exact operation period was known at the time of writing, and therefore no information can be communicated regarding specific sailing days. As soon as it is possible to sail again, we will publish this information on our website.

### Sailing times

10.00 - 13.15 / break / 14.00-17.20

17.20 hours: last sailing from Lage Zwaluwe

17.40 hours: last sailing from Werkendam

### Pick-up points

#### Lage Zwaluwe:

Biesboschweg 7 in Lage Zwaluwe

#### Werkendam:

Deeneplaatweg 262 in Werkendam

For information on prices, please visit the website:

[www.Leeuweveerke.nl](http://www.Leeuweveerke.nl)

### More information:

info@leeuweveerke.nl

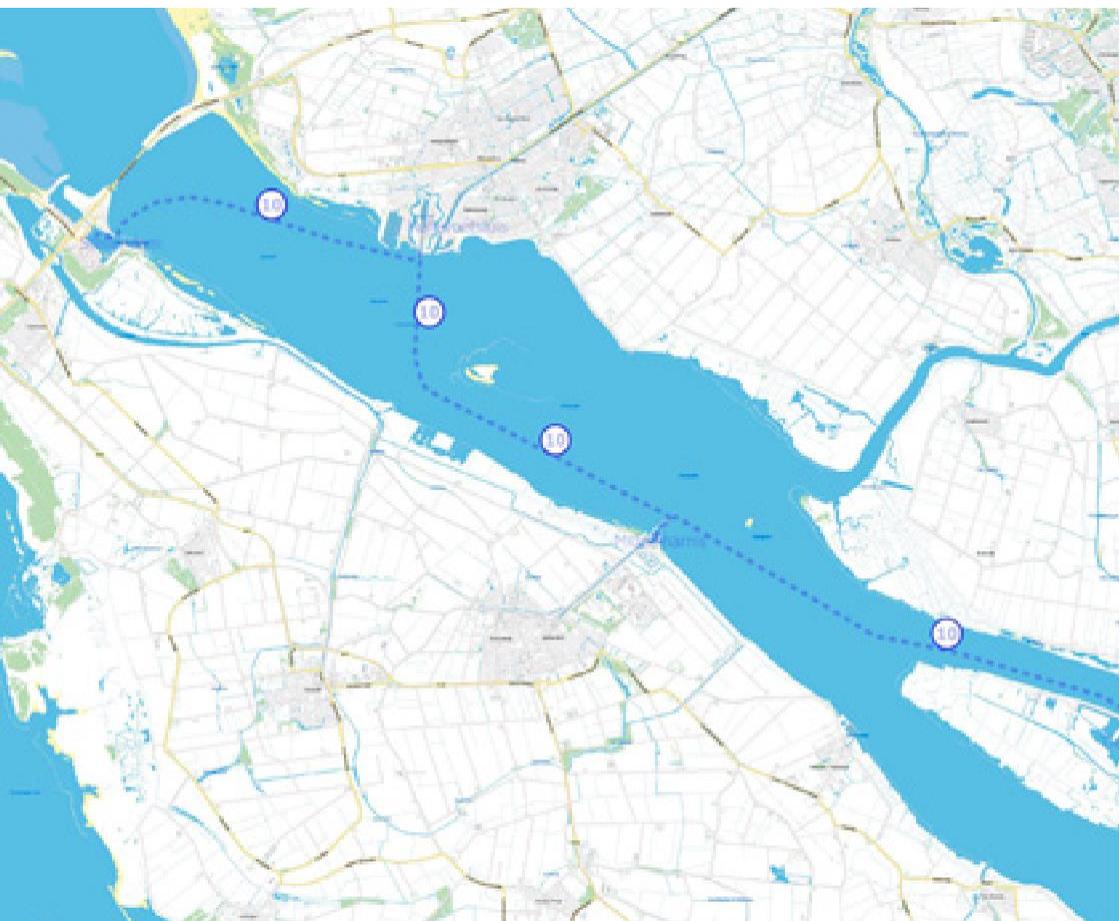
www.Leeuweveerke.nl

Facebook: Poort naar de Biesbosch



## Expedition Haringvliet

In addition to a sailing connection and a personal approach, the Expedition Haringvliet offers the ultimate experience of water and nature. Great for a super fun day out with the whole family!



"At the time of printing this brochure, there was still no clarity about the continuation of the Expedition Haringvliet in 2022".

# Nautical Day in Numansdorp

Sail along on the guard ship "De Volharding" of the scouts over the Hollandsch Diep! On **Saturday 28 May 2022**, Stichting Wachtschip Driestromengroep will provide five free cruises.

## Pick-up point

Village harbour in Numansdorp

## Departures

10:30  
12:00  
13:30  
15:00  
16:30



## Participation

To participate in the cruise, you will need a participation card. These are available free of charge at the information stand in the village harbour. Advance booking can be arranged by sending an email to [wachtschip@driestromengroep.nl](mailto:wachtschip@driestromengroep.nl). Of course, you can also call by using this phone number: **06-54742850**.

The cruise is free, but would you still like to make a donation? If so, there's a donation box on the ship. Any money donated helps support youth work and allowing the guard ship to continue to sail.

## Other information

Up to 50 people per boat trip can be transported, and you join the vessel at your own risk. Children below the age of 16 may only sail under the supervision of an adult.

The boat trip is also accessible for people in wheelchairs. There is a gangway available for riding onto the deck of the ship.



# Haringvliet Destinations

## Hellevoetsluis

The beautiful location on the vast Haringvliet has played a key role in the course of history in Hellevoetsluis. It's not without reason that it is deemed a 'Fortified city on the Haringvliet'.

The fortress, with its ports and defenses, holds an abundance of historic treasures.

Near the ports in Hellevoetsluis, many artifacts from its naval past are on display within the fortress and there are nice outdoor cafes. By bike you can discover the beautiful town of Voorne-Putten along the cycling network.

## Stellendam Hotels

In Stellendam, you will find, among other things, the seal rescue centre A Seal and the restaurant Zoet of Zout, where you can enjoy the beautiful view over the Haringvliet from the outdoor seating area. You can rent bikes in Stellendam and take a trip on the Zuiderdiep with a 'whisper boat' (electric boat) (start/info: 't Wapen van Stellendam, Voorstraat). Three wonderful bike and walking routes start at the TOP in Stellendam in the outer harbour, with destinations such as the nature reserves De Kwade Hoek and Scheelhoek and historic Goedereede. The fish auction in Stellendam hosts guided tours between May and October on Friday mornings, where you can also eat some delicious fish. Register in advance with the VVV Goeree-Overflakkee tourist centre if you wish to take part.



### Stad aan 't Haringvliet

"Stad" or "Stat" means 'place on the water', and in this case it means on the water of the Haringvliet. Stad aan 't Haringvliet has a buzzing village harbour. In addition to this harbour, Stad aan 't Haringvliet also has a large marina, making it an attractive landing point for water sports enthusiasts. To the west of the marina is the sandy beach of Stad aan 't Haringvliet

Like most places on Goeree-Overflakkee, Stad aan 't Haringvliet also has a windmill. The name De Korenaer, built in 1746, indicates that it was originally a flour mill.

### Middelharnis - Sommelsdijk

Middelharnis forms one residential area together with the town of Sommelsdijk. Middelharnis and Sommelsdijk both have a beautiful cultural-historical centre. Sommelsdijk is home to the Goeree-Overflakkee regional museum, which will appeal to people of all ages. The inner harbour of Middelharnis features many trendy catering establishments and the Menheerse shipyard. Middelharnis also boasts plenty of shops.

For more information, visit [www.streekmuseum.nl](http://www.streekmuseum.nl) or [www.dndiek.nl](http://www.dndiek.nl)



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## **Willemstad**

If you're looking to go back in time, then Willemstad is the right place to journey to. 'Willem's city' is one of the most strategically located cities of William of Orange. The connection with the House of Orange is still evident; even today, King Willem-Alexander still bears the title "Lord of Willemstad".

Willemstad is basically one large historical monument, and strolling through it will bring some of the most turbulent eras in Dutch history back to life. The barrels of old cannons leer over the high city walls - but don't worry, they're more of a welcoming committee than a threat!

## **Numansdorp**

In the southern part of the Hoeksche Waard lies the village of Numansdorp, next to the Hollands Diep. This village was founded in 1642 and named after the very first Craftsman Gerard Numan. Stroll through the enjoyable Voorstraat, which has many wonderful little shops, as well as great options for lunch or dinner at its many restaurants. Also worth a visit is Fort Buitensluis. Find out all about this fort, which was founded in 1793/1794, and is located directly on the Hollands Diep.

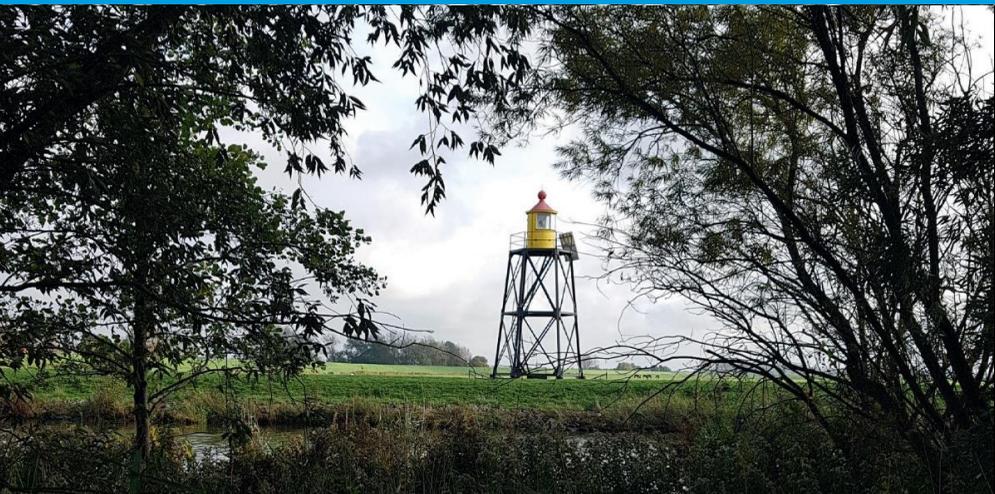


## Nieuwendijk

Nieuwendijk is located on the Haringvliet and is a hamlet comprising just a few streets and some 350 residents. It's part of the municipality of Hoeksche Waard. During the flood of 1953, a large section of Nieuwendijk was badly damaged. Norway came to its aid, and donated 36 Norwegian homes. Almost all of the original houses stood on the dike before the disaster.

After the flood, the new houses were built in the polder. Nieuwendijk is split in two by the West-Binnenhaven. All streets east of this water are named after famous Norwegian people. The streets to the west of this water are named after places in Norway.

Nieuwendijk is the starting point of the ferry to the island of Tiengemeten.



## Tiengemeten

There is a lot to see and experience on Tiengemeten Nature Island. Tiengemeten forms a key link between the Biesbosch and the Voordelta within the dynamic of the Haringvliet: the shallow North Sea before the mouth of the Haringvliet. The creeks on the island are an important habitat for aquatic insects and spawning and growing fish. This in turn attracts numerous birds seeking food here. These days, there are nesting sea eagles, and beavers build their lodges there.

Tiengemeten consists of three areas, each with its own charm and nature. In the eastern part of the island lies the Weemoed (Wistfulness) area, you'll feel as if you're in a 19th century agricultural landscape. In the middle of Tiengemeten lies the area named Weelde (Wealth) comprising reedlands and open swamp landscape, which is heaven for birdwatchers. In the west of the island there are mudflats and swamps. This part is called Wildernis, where the water rules. Enjoy a stroll through this freshwater tidal area, but don't forget your wellington boots.



## Walking in the Hoeksche Waard

Come and discover the polders and banks of the Hoeksche Waard on foot. Enjoy endless views over the farmlands with their historic farmhouses, meandering dikes, grasslands, willow groves and a special tidal wetland. And, with a bit of luck, you might spot a roe deer, beaver, spoonbill or even a white-tailed eagle.

### Walking point network

Since 2018, the Hoeksche Waard features a walking point network of 470 km. The top three are mentioned here, but choosing is no easy task, because there are so many interesting walks to take. The South Holland Island has an incredible diversity. You can determine your own walking route along the way by combining different points, or plan your route in advance via [www.wandelnet.nl](http://www.wandelnet.nl). You can also order/pick up a printed walking route map at various VVV (Tourist offices).

### Heading back in time: Oeverlanden Hollands Diep

Stroll through a primeval Dutch river landscape (Strijensas)

Enjoy the unspoilt natural surroundings, and stroll through the wild reedlands and overgrown willow forests with mysterious pools. Cross the grasslands and encounter Scottish Highlanders. Sit down on a bench and enjoy the view over the Hollandsdiep. You see, there's no chance of getting bored on this trip!

The unique freshwater tide creates a special type of vegetation, and attracts numerous bird species. Halfway through the walk there is a towboat, and in one section of this area you can also wander off the paths. That promises to be a wonderful adventure for all ages, so remember to take along your boots.

## Bird watching: Tiendgorzen nature trail

'The new wilderness' small-scale

The Tiendgorzen was once laid out by humans, but nature has clearly taken over. This special marsh-like area is home to many different bird species. Cows graze there, but the most special inhabitant is probably the rare root vole. The unpaved hiking trail takes you along the Haringvliet on one side, overlooking the island of Tiengemeten. On the other side you walk along the sea dike, where you'll sometimes encounter groups of sheep. The area



is characterized by a strongly fluctuating water level. Just like nature, water rules here, so remember to take along your boots.



## Alone in the world: Korendijkse Slikken

Unique delta formed by ebb  
and flow

In this most western point of the Hoeksche Waard, you will experience the ultimate in tranquility. This is where nature takes

control. It is the place where ebb and flow provide a dynamic network of mudflats, creeks and gullies and varied vegetation. Walk over the winding paths along the reed collars, spot the most beautiful birds from the birdwatching hut, and enjoy the endless view over the Spui and Haringvliet rivers. The nature reserve is an important breeding ground for many different bird species, which is why the walking route is closed from 15 March to 15 July.

## Cycling in the Hoeksche Waard

Discover the unique polder landscape and iconic structures of the Hoeksche Waard by bike. Cycle over winding dikes, creeks and through charming villages. Along the way, you'll pass a number of historic farms, where you can often enjoy local delicacies.

### Cycle junction network

The Hoeksche Waard has 229 kilometers of cycling routes officially, but in the quiet polders you can actually enjoy cycling everywhere. The three best cycling routes are mentioned here. You can also map out your own route via [www.nederlandfietsland.nl](http://www.nederlandfietsland.nl) or get a cycling route map of the Hoeksche Waard at the VVV (Tourist office).

### Hop-on-hop-off: Molen (windmill) route

A wonderful day out

Cycle over authentic winding dikes through the polders and along the water. Along the way you'll come across a number of interesting polder and flour mills that are well worth a visit. Go to [www.molenshoekschewaard.nl](http://www.molenshoekschewaard.nl) for current opening hours. A large part of the cycle route takes you along the Binnenbedijkte Maas. Sit yourself down on one of the benches and revel in the wonderful nature. Or stop at the well-known recreation resort Binnenmaas, with its playground, petting zoo and outdoor pool. Here you can also combine your bike ride with a boat or canoe trip on the Binnenmaas. It promises to be a wonderful day out.





## A varied landscape: De Drie Beijerlanden

From winding dikes to vast arable lands

This route takes you along the 'three Beijerlands' of the Hoeksche Waard: Oud-, Nieuw- and Zuid-Beijerland (old, new, and south). The villages are named after Sabina of Bavaria, the wife of Count Lamoraal of Egmont, founder of Oud-Beijerland in 1559. You'll discover the diversity of the beautiful Hoeksche polder landscape. Cycle over authentic tree-lined dikes, cut through the vast farmlands and along winding creeks. En route, you can encounter different and sights, such as historic farms and mills, and cozy coffee bars and eateries. From the Nieuwendijk, you'll have a beautiful view of the island of Tiengemeten, where you can also enjoy wonderful bike rides.

### Charging points

Did you know that there are various charging points for electric bicycles around the Haringvliet? Look for their location at: [www.fietsnetwerk.nl/fietsoplaadpunten](http://www.fietsnetwerk.nl/fietsoplaadpunten)



## Unparalleled views: Kreekenroute Oost (Creek Route East)

Lovely harbour villages and Dutch prairies

This route starts in the lovely harbour village of Numansdorp, with nice shops and outdoor cafes. Visit the nearby listed structure of Fort Buitensluis, where you can learn everything about the special Hoeksche Waard landscape. Cycle along the beautiful nature of the Oeverlanden Hollands Diep. And just when you think the landscape couldn't get any vaster, you arrive at the Oudeland van Strijen. This meadow bird area is teeming with bird species, and offers unparalleled views for you to enjoy.



## The 10 must-see spots in the Hoeksche Waard!



The Hoeksche Waard has a large number of attractions, and you will encounter many beautiful spots along the cycling and walking routes. Here though are ten lovely locations you wouldn't want to miss.

1

### **Free wilderness:** Tiengemeten

The special experience starts as soon as you board the ferry. Once you alight, you feel like you're in another world, where the landscape switches between lowery fields, marshes and vast rugged tidal areas. Today, nature is in charge, but that was different in past times. Beautiful historic farms testify to the island's agricultural heritage. Tiengemeten offers an interesting mix of nature and (cultural) history. You can enjoy walking and cycling here, there are several museums and a natural play area.

2

### **Village with urban allure:** Oud-Beijerland centre

Oud-Beijerland has a rich history, of which the beautiful Town Hall from 1662 is probably the most famous example. In the centre, you will find a varied range of shops and there is no shortage of delightful eateries: from trendy coffee bars and lunchrooms to high quality restaurants, Oud-Beijerland offers something for everyone.



3

### Playground and amusement park:

Binnenmaas recreation resort



The Binnenmaas recreation resort offers fun for all ages, with a well-organized playground and various

attractions, including electric boats and cars, a go-kart course and bumper boats. Or challenge each other to a game of mini golf. There is also a petting zoo and a large outdoor pool with sunbathing lawn. And if you want to make a trip on the Binnenmaas, you can rent a canoe or pedal boat.

4

### Robust delta nature:

Korendijkse slikken

This nature reserve is valuable and a unique area to the Netherlands. It's the place where the rivers Spui and Haringvliet converge, where fresh and salt water meet, and where there is also a tidal cycle. This dynamic creates a unique and spectacular landscape, attracting not only hikers, but also special animals and plants.

5

### Historical Treasure:

Fort Buitensluis in Numansdorp

Head back into history with a visit to Fort Buitensluis. This listed fort was the setting for a large number of historical events: from the French occupation at the end of the eighteenth century to both WWI and WWII. You can do some nice walking here, and guided tours are possible on request. During special days you can even sail along with a unique landing craft. Enjoy a delicious drink and / or snack on the roof terrace with a beautiful view over the water.

6

## 'The little Biesbosch':

Oeverlanden Hollands Diep

A mysterious slice of nature on the banks of the Hollands Diep. You can walk, cycle, canoe and bird watch here. Characteristic of the area are the freshwater tidal surroundings, similar to the Biesbosch. Nature can really flourish here, which makes for beautiful scenery.

7

## 'Jungle Book':

Klein Profijt

In this visitor center of the association of the Hoekschewaard landscape, you'll learn everything about the special flora and fauna in this area. There is plenty to do for all ages, from a gnome trail to a guided climbing and scrambling tour through the wild willow jungle. Enjoy the magnificent view of the Oude Maas over a cup of coffee.



8

## Village icon:

Bruggetje Strijensas (little Strijensas bridge)

This drawbridge is a landmark for the village of Strijensas. The bridge makes up part of the lock, together with the lift lock, which dates from the second half of the seventeenth century. The bridge connects the Buitendijk with the Sassendijk and represents a seminal link in the development of bridge construction.





## 9 Experience the Middle Ages:

Boerderij (farmhouse) Mariënhof

The Mariënhof is the oldest farmstead in the Hoeksche Waard. The manor house dates from 1559 and the vaulted cellar is from the earlier period of 1550. This is where the Middle Ages come to life, through the two original bedsteads,

an authentic fireplace, and a very rare triptych in the side façade. You can book various tours and arrangements here.

## 10 Back in time: Hoeksche Waard Museum

This is worth visiting for its splendid exterior alone. Museum Hoeksche Waard is located within the monumental farmhouse Oost-Leeuwenstein (17th century) and the stately Hof van Assendelft. Inside you will find the most wonderful (changing) collections, through which you'll discover the history of the Hoeksche Waard, but naturally general exhibitions are also hosted there.

## Voorne-Putten tourist tips

### Voorne-Putten

Voorne-Putten is an island just waiting to be discovered. Cycle along the horizon and make a pit stop at one of the lovely outdoor cafes on the waterfront. Visit the strongholds of Brielle and Hellevoetsluis and cycle through the striking polder landscape. At the bathing resort of Rockanje, you'll find outstretched sandy beaches with lovely beach pavilions, and who knows, you might just spot a seal or white-tailed eagle. Voorne-Putten is an island of contrasts, where space and tranquility are interspersed by the friendly buzz of its village and city centres and various events.

**For more information, go to:**  
[www.opvoorneputten.nl](http://www.opvoorneputten.nl)



### Museums

Bunkers, windmills, ships, maritime history, the island of Voorne-Putten has a rich collection of museums: from the Open-Air Museum 'De Duinhuisjes' located in the dunes, to the impressive Historical Museum Den Brielle, where you're immediately immersed in the 80-Year War. There is also plenty to interest water sea dogs and fire service aficionados in the Jan Blanken Dry Dock and the Nationaal Brandweer (Fire Brigade) Museum Hellevoetsluis.

### Voornes Duin

The dune area of Voorne is a unique habitat that houses a wide variety of plants and animals. The large dune lakes of the Quackjeswater and Breede Water are teeming with waterfowl, such as colonies of cormorant and spoonbills. In the northern part of the dunes, you can encounter large grazing animals, Exmoor ponies and Galloway cattle. The Tenellapas visitor center has all the necessary information.

### Food, beverages and lodgings

In Voorne-Putten, you can enjoy a drink at one of the hip beach pavilions, sample various culinary tasting delights within the strongholds of Brielle or Hellevoetsluis. If you're looking to stay longer, Voorne-Putten offers an array of quality hotels, delightful B & Bs, holiday parks and fun-packed campsites.



# Goeree-Overflakkee tourist tips

Goeree-Overflakkee is a great starting point for active day trips, such as a day at the beach, cycling or walking trips, or a contemplative stroll. The natural surroundings are unspoilt, and the coastline and beaches are wonderful.

Head into nature, on your own or with a forester, and spot deer, fjord horses, heck cattle or seals. The European bald eagle, spoonbill or great tern can be spotted in the wild, from one of the huts of bird boulevard Hellegatsplaten or from bird observatory TIJ near Stellendam. Children can explore nature playground Atlantia in Middelharnis or Stellebos in Stellendam.



## Taking in local culture

Culture vultures can do that in Middelharnis and Sommelsdijk; two places with a wonderfully historic centre. In the Streek (Regional) Museum in Sommelsdijk you will take a journey through time and the history of Goeree-Overflakkee. Around the harbour basin of Middelharnis, you can stop at an outdoor cafe, or go shopping in Middelharnis. While you are here, you can also visit the historic Menheerse Werf shipyard. In the summer months, there's a boat you can take over to the nature and bird island Bliet, which has been created in the Haringvliet.

## Day out

Any visit to Stellendam wouldn't be complete without a visit to the seal sanctuary A Seal- definitely one for the bucket list - where you can learn more about the habitat of the seals. Another fun-packed family destination is Faunapark Flakkee in Nieuwe-Tonge. This is a beautiful park with various species of animals.

## Beach fun

If you're a fan of the beach and the sea, then Ouddorp and the Brouwersdam will delight you with their broad sandy beaches and a vast dune area! The Brouwersdam is the ultimate spot for windsurfers, foilboarders and kite surfers from all over the world. Experience the water for yourself during a surf clinic or watch as the surfers brave the waves. There are also some great beach bars to stop at.

## Looking to stay overnight?

In addition to beaches and nature, the villages and marinas also have plenty of atmosphere, and Ouddorp and Middelharnis are great for shopping. There are various food and drink locales and accommodation options spread over the island. Whether you want to spend the night near the coast, in the buzz of a village or close to nature, there's something for everyone.

**At the VVV Inspiration Point in Ouddorp, you can find inspiration, information and cycling and walking routes for example. Phone: 0187 - 68 17 89 | [www.visitgo.nl](http://www.visitgo.nl) | [vvv@eilandmarketing.com](mailto:vvv@eilandmarketing.com)**

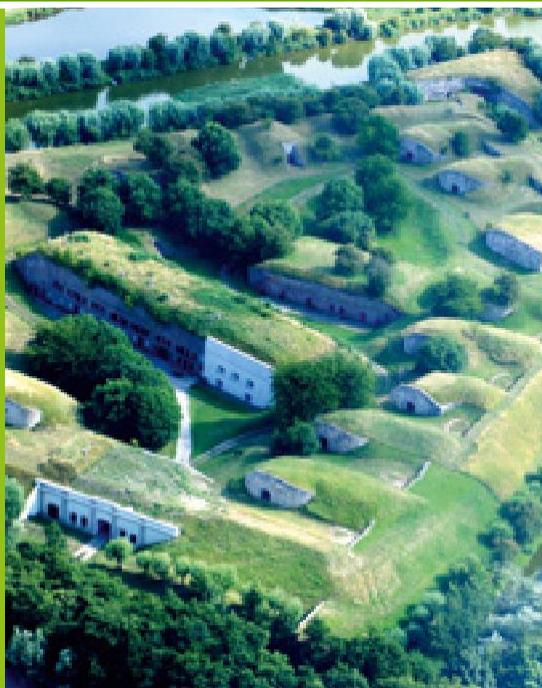
## Tourist Tips West Brabant

*Tourist tips in the Willemstad area:*

### **Fort Sabina**

Fort Sabina is located at the intersections of the North Brabant, South Holland and Zeeland provinces. It's a large stronghold full of atmosphere, and makes up part of the Defence Line of Willemstad within the Zuiderwaterlinie, a major defensive line. Notable features of the fort include the Napoleonic Tour Modèle, subterranean passageways and the large military barracks.

**More information:**  
[www.fortsabina.nl](http://www.fortsabina.nl)



### **Stelling van Willemstad**

Your visit to Willemstad and its walled areas will be like tracing back the footsteps of influential rulers and conquerors. There are cannonballs in the walls, cannons on the quay, as well as city walls, star-shaped dikes, and forts and bunkers to explore. The eventful past of the incredible historic fortified city has more than left its mark. Get acquainted with Dutch

history through visitor centre the Mauritshuis, the former hunting lodge of Prince Maurits from 1623. Amble through the old streets, take a walk over the city walls, or head for the nearby forts. Cap off the day with a drink and a meal at one of the many wonderful eateries. In other words, it's easy to make the most of your visit to the Stelling van Willemstad!



### Fort De Hel

Fort de Hel is also part of the Stelling van Willemstad within the Zuiderwaterlinie, dating back to the 18th century, and built by the French under Napoleon's reign.

### Volkerak locks

A beautiful location to explore during your cycling or walking tour.

### Cycling and walking

There are a number of cycling and walking routes in the Willemstad area, which also has bike rental facilities.

**For more information, go to:**  
[www.routeninbrabant.nl](http://www.routeninbrabant.nl)

Anyone looking to stay overnight will have plenty of accommodation options, such as B&Bs and hotels.

**For more information:**  
[www.vvvmoerdijk.nl](http://www.vvvmoerdijk.nl)



### Moerdijk

The name Moerdijk comes from the word 'moer'. A 'moer' is swampy, marshy soil that incorporates a lot of peat.

In the 17th and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries Moerdijk formed an important link in the North-South connection. Even then, a ferry connection between Strijensas and Moerdijk existed. Moerdijk is especially known for its industry, as well as featuring a number of marinas.

### Benedensas

The countryside surrounding Benedensas is perfect for discovery. Walk among the Scottish Highland cows in the Dintelse Gorzen nature reserve, or meander along the Steenbergse Vliet river by canoe or electric boat. Order a picnic basket to make it the perfect day!

Located within the building named 'Schippershuis' - Bierhuis' is a charming private restaurant with a tea garden, where you can enjoy homemade cakes, high teas, various specialty ales, delicious lunches, and well-presented dinners throughout the year.

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