



**Welcome to the North of the Netherlands
14 – 16 April 2023**

For an interesting program to learn about culture and social history in city and countryside

Servas Netherlands invites you for a visit to the north of the Netherlands for 2 day-program with a good mix of activities: a visit to the city of Groningen with its pretty architecture and a guided boat trip along the canals of this popular student-town. In the afternoon you can visit the market and discover the town on your own.

A complete different feel will be on the second day when you will visit Veenhuizen, the largest Colony of Benevolence founded in 1829 as a social experiment. The Colony is added to the list of World Heritage in 2021. Discover its history and visit the pretty buildings, the museum and the beautiful scenery by a guided tour.

You will stay and dine at the home of a Servashost in Groningen, Friesland or Drenthe.

Friday: meet your Servashost, dine and stay with them

Saturday: visit the city of Groningen.
<https://www.visitgroningen.nl/en/plan-your-visit/tourist-information>.

10 AM We 'll meet and have our coffee together. After which we will go on a short busride to Groningen, where we enjoy the city during a guided boattrip.

In the afternoon you are free to discover Groningen on your own. Servas is providing you with all kind of suggestions of activities and lunch spots.

5 PM Back to your Servashost for dinner and night.

Sunday: visit the village of Veenhuizen, the former Colony of Benevolence.
<https://www.kolonienvanweldadigheid.eu/en/colony/veenhuizen>

10 AM start with coffee/tea after which you will get an explanation (a short film) about the colony and visit the prison museum with an audio tour. .

After a communal lunch you can discover the surroundings by foot or by bike. (audiotour will be provided)

At 4 PM We finish our day with a short get together with a drink.
You can either stay with your host for another night or continue your travels.

Costs € 50,00 per person

This includes: Saturday: coffee/tea +, bus ticket, and boatrip,

Sunday: Coffee/tea +, movie, visit of museum and explanation of

Veenhuizen International Heritage, lunch, audiotour, rental bike and a farewell drink.

We provide 30 places with 12 host-addresses. We ask you to fill in the registration form and questionnaire after which we will make a match between host address and visitors. So you do not need to find a host yourself.

After receiving your subscription and questionnaire you will get a confirmation and the banknumber where you can pay.

Your subscription is valid as soon as we have received your payment.

