

2009 Dutch (NL2) Summer Tour

Organized by RC Zuidlaren- Anloo and RC Assen and RC Breda west.:

Period: 27th June till 11th of July 2009.

Age 16-18, at time of arrival not younger than 16 and not older than 18.
group of maximum 16,

Conditions: be able to swim and bike.

Theme: "Water water everywhere" and "from sand to water".



The first days you will stay in Zuidlaren and Anloo. We will take you around small villages with pre historic mortuary monuments like the "hunebedden" in a beautiful landscape, with forests, moors and lakes. You will stay with Dutch families at their homes. You will have much opportunity to meet the Dutch culture and exchange your own culture with each other. We will go biking, swimming and canoeing. All activities are assisted by Rotarian members or there family relations. You visit the largest city of the north of Holland, Groningen, which has e very modern museum of art, designed by the famous architects Mendini, Philippe Starck and Coop Himmelb(l)au. In the afternoon you have time to go shopping or to sit on a terrace with many other foreign students who populate the academicity



The second part of the first week you will stay in Assen, a city in the neighbourhood of Groningen and Zuidlaren, the main city of Drenthe.

The transfer to RC Assen takes place in Groningen, in "Café de Sleutel": one of the nicest cafés in Groningen, that is situated in a monumental building of more then 350 years old (a former brewery). You will have dinner over there, but before eating you will have to prepare your own meal, at least, you have to assist the cook preparing your meal in the cooking-studio of "Café de Sleutel". Take a look around on the website www.cafedesleutel.nl

The next days, you will stay with your hosts and deliberate with them what to do that morning.

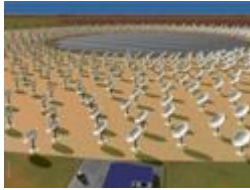


You go to the southwest area of the province of Drenthe. There you will make a tour through the beautiful countryside and pay a visit to the National park Dwingelderveld. Of course by bike. On a normal bike or perhaps by an antique motorbike: a Solex, which is a bike with a very small en simple



motor. Maximum speed about 25 km/hour!

After the adventure in the open air you will pay a visit to the astronomical institute Astron. (Netherlands Institute for Radio Astronomy) There you will hear about the largest telescope in the world and see in what way scientists try to discover the black holes in space, new galaxies or a cosmic universe. See their website www.astron.nl



then, you will descend to earth again and have a barbecue, together with the members of Rotary Assen in the so called "Bospub". A nice and very informal restaurant in the forest.



The On Friday again a very attractive and varied programme. In the morning you will pay a visit to the memorial center Camp Westerbork. An impressive memory of the second world war. Then we hope to arrange a lunch at the head office of the Dutch Oil Company (NAM) in Assen. This enterprise is responsible for the winning of oil and earth gas and can give a interesting 3D-view in our underground.



<http://www.nam.nl/home/Framework?siteId=nam-en>

After that visit we will take you outside again: Sailing on the "Zuidlaarder meer", a lake near Zuidlaren or maybe, we will go and play "Boerengolf" : Farmers golf, a funny way of playing golf by hitting a football with a wooden shoe on a stick, while walking through meadows where normally cows are grazing.



In the evening you will, hopefully, enjoy a special meal with one of our Rotary members at home.

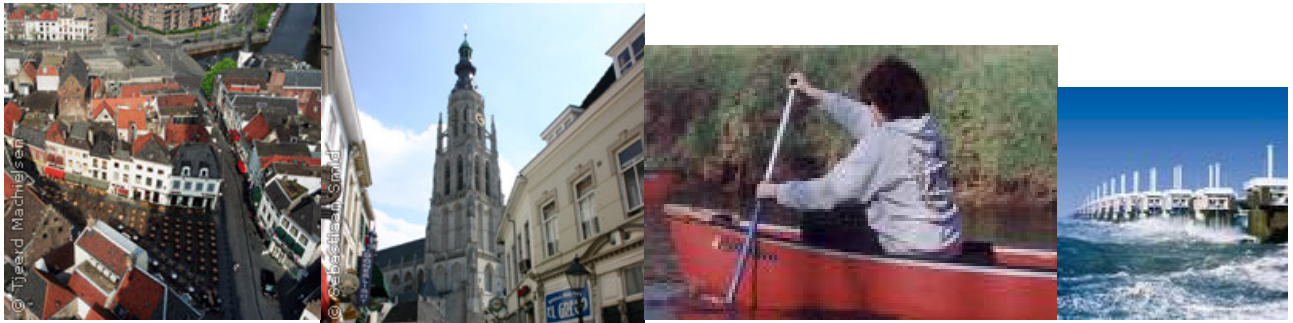
Farewell Assen!
Saturday 4 July 2009



Transfer to RC Breda
Second week. Breda

A sparkling and historical city in North Brabant with a cheerful personality, that's Breda! The combination of its rich history and numerous present-day activities makes Breda an inspiring city. Over the years Breda has grown into a city with around 160.000 inhabitants. A big city, but her cosy city centre, centered around the "Grote Markt" with its numerous cafes and restaurants, makes it well-organized and pleasant to be in. Breda is situated strategically between two main European ports, Antwerp in

Belgium and Rotterdam, making it an ideal location for undertaking a variety of interesting daytrips and activities.



During the week participants will be offered a varied programme which is based on the underlying theme of water. We will go canoeing in the Biesbosch, the only freshwater tidal delta in western Europe – a challenge to find your way through the winding creeks and reed covered islands! We will visit Neeltje Jans, so that you can see for yourself how the Dutch manage to keep their feet dry despite the fact that 50% of the Netherlands lies below sea level. Weather permitting, we will spend a day at the beach enjoying the sandy dunes and rugged seas of the Netherlands. Visits to the cities of Antwerp and Rotterdam are included in the program. Of course there will be sufficient free time to allow you to explore and get to know the friendly city of Breda. With its many young people Breda is an easy-going, relaxed place to be. We look forward to welcoming you to Breda!!

Transport - if you travel:

by air -arrival at and departure from Amsterdam/Schiphol Airport

by train - arrival and departure at Amsterdam Central Station or Utrecht CS and ***by***

bus - arrival and departure at Amsterdam or Utrecht Central station **Rotarians** will

meet you where you will arrive and ***bring*** you from where you will depart

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