

The Netherlands

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Natural Climate Buffers study tour

PROGRAMME



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Venues

[Hotel-Restaurant De Zeegser Duinen](#)
Schipborgerweg 8
9483 TL, Zeegse
The Netherlands

[Hotel Zuiderduin](#)
Zeeweg 52
1931 VL, Egmond aan Zee
The Netherlands

Practical information

Wednesday 18 April

Picking up the participants

08.00 Bus picks up participants at Amsterdal Central Station.

Please note: accommodation for the night of 17 April is the participant's own responsibility.

Natural Climate Buffers study tour DAY 1

Wednesday 18 April

08.00 Bus picks up participants at Amsterdam Central Station and departs to the 'Vreugdehoeve' in Zwolle.

10.00 - 10.30 Welcome with coffee and tea, introduction by Hans Gronert of Natuurmonumenten.
10.30 - 12.00 Vreugderijkerwaard: a floodplain project along the river IJssel, a branch of the river Rhine.
Guided tour Vreugderijkerwaard.

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch at the Vreugdehoeve.
13.00 Departure for the Waterloopbos.

14.00 Arrival at the Waterloopbos, (a cultural heritage), where 20th century hydrological models of water engineering master pieces in many estuaries and rivers are now an integral part of a nature restoration programme, which will be completed with models and displays of nature-based solutions of the 21st century.

14.30 - 15.15 Guided tour of the Waterloopbos.
15.15 Departure for Dwingelerveld.

16.00 - 16.30 Arrival Dwingelerveld Ruinen Natuurmonumenten, welcome by Ruud Kreetz (Natuurmonumenten). National Park Dwingelerveld is a restored moor reserve. Its natural buffer capacity keeps downstream settlements safe and creates a more robust national park.

16.30 - 18.00 Guided tour Dwingelerveld.
18.00 Departure for Hotel-Restaurant De Zeegser Duinen.

19.00 Arrival and check-in Hotel-Restaurant De Zeegser Duinen.

19.30 Dinner & presentation about Ecoshape, 'Building with Nature'.

22.00 Eurococktail.

Natural Climate Buffers study tour DAY 2

Thursday 19 April

07.00 - 08.00	Breakfast
08:00	Departure by bus for 'De Onlanden'. The Onlanden is a water retention project where newly developed marshland nature helped the city of Groningen to keep dry feet. It additionally became a well-loved recreational area for local inhabitants.
08.30 - 09.00	Arrival and welcome by Rombout Bennema.
09.15 - 11.30	Guided cycle tour by Jacob de Bruin.
11.30	Departure for Hallum (lunch in bus).
12:30	Arrival at Hallum. Hallum is a huge tidal sea shore area along the Wadden Sea. Here the salt marsh grows with the rising sea level by natural sedimentation. This nature reserve offers splendid opportunities for the breeding of bird colonies, such as avocets and certain tern species.
12.30 - 13.00	Group met by speaker (It Fryske Gea).
13.00 - 15.00	Guided tour.
15.00	Departure to the Afsluitdijk Wadden Center.
15.45	Arrival / coffee and tea at the Afsluitdijk Wadden Center. The Afsluitdijk is a dike which in 1932 turned an inland sea into western Europe's largest freshwater lake. It disrupted and blocked migration routes of salmon and other diadromous fish. The planned 'fish migration river' will enable fish to safely migrate from salt to fresh water and back. Host and presentations: Wouter van der Heij or Bas Bijl of the Waddenvereniging.
16.00 - 16.30	Guided tour in the information centre.
16.30	Departure for Hotel Zuiderduin.
17.30	Arrival and check-in at Hotel Zuiderduin.
19.00	Dinner.

Natural Climate Buffers study tour DAY 3

In a concluding workshop at a location near the sea side, the possibilities for European funding and twinning-like collaboration will be discussed. This workshop will last approximately half a day, so there is enough time for participants to travel back to their respective destinations.

12.30 - 13.30 Parting lunch.



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