

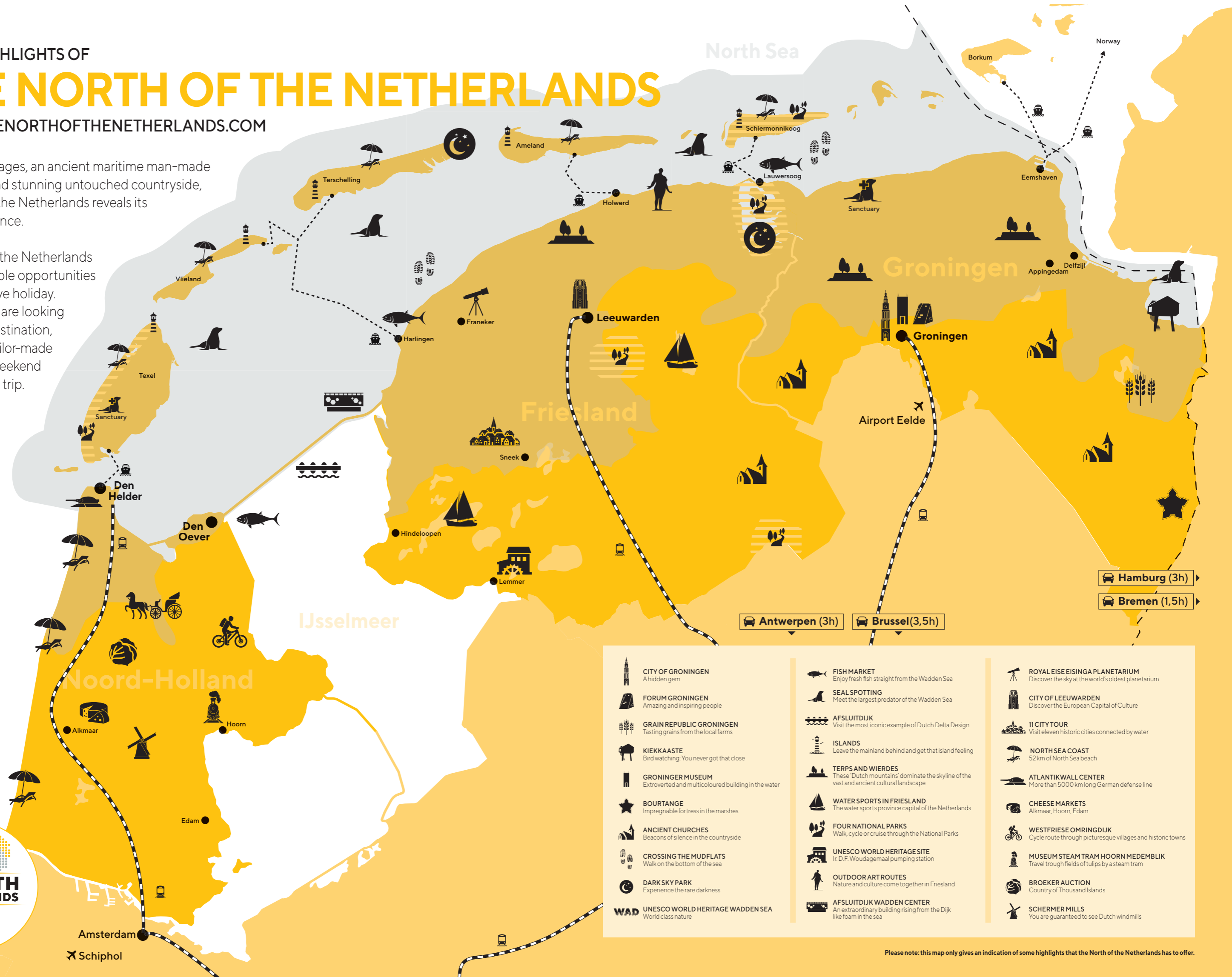
SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF

# THE NORTH OF THE NETHERLANDS

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Charming villages, an ancient maritime man-made landscape, and stunning untouched countryside, the North of the Netherlands reveals its full magnificence.

The North of the Netherlands offers incredible opportunities for an exclusive holiday. Whether you are looking for an eco-destination, allotment, a tailor-made group trip, a weekend break or a day trip.



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Please note: this map only gives an indication of some highlights that the North of the Netherlands has to offer.

## GRONINGEN



### CITY OF GRONINGEN

You can feel the city's energy when walking through the centuries-old streets. This is where oases of peace and quiet blend in seamlessly with lively student spots, hip shops and friendly market squares.



### FORUM GRONINGEN

The Forum focuses on amazing and inspiring people through Storyworld, 5 cinemas, the Smartlab, cafés and restaurants, the city library and the highest terrace in Groningen with a phenomenal view and a rooftop cinema.



### GRAIN REPUBLIC GRONINGEN

This past filled with grains sounds lovely, but is there any place you can go to taste this gold? Well yes, De Graanrepubliek cooperative, which is established in an old steam locomotive shed. In this impressive building, you can enjoy the Groningen bread, beer and much more.



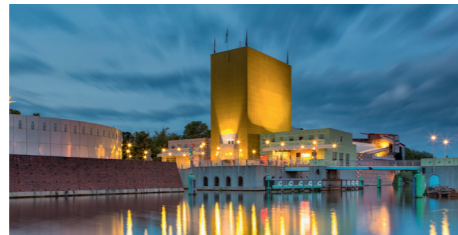
### KIEKKAASTE

Bird watching hut The Kiekkaaste is the only bird watching hut in the Netherlands that is located outside the dikes. From the bird watching hut bird lovers have a beautiful view over the muddy fields of the Dollard.



### GRONINGER MUSEUM

People in Groningen like to do things that are just a bit different. With each new exhibition, the museum challenges both itself and its visitors to consider visual art from a different perspective.



### BOURTANGE

This defence work was newly finished when the Spaniards showed up at the gate. Be sure to explore the impregnable Groningen fortress that has been restored to its former glory.



### ANCIENT CHURCHES

You are always welcome in any church for a moment of silence. In most of them, you can hear only your own footsteps. You will find the doors already open, or you can ask the neighbours for the key.



### CROSSING THE MUDFLATS

Take a step forward with your right foot to find out your left foot is stuck in the mud. Crossing the mudflats is a magnificent and unforgettable experience.



## WADDEN



### DARK SKY PARK

Go out by yourself or take an excursion to see a starry sky and stars that you have never seen before. On some days, you can even see the northern lights.



### UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE WADDEN SEA

The Wadden Sea is one of the last remaining large tidal areas where the forces of nature are free to do as they please.



### LOCAL PRODUCTS

The Wadden area is full of surprising flavors. Such as delicious oysters, salicornia and of course fresh fish.



### SEAL SPOTTING

They often rest on the sand banks in large numbers, which makes them easy to spot. You can probably already spot them when travelling on the ferry to one of the islands.



### AFSLUITDIJK

This 30-kilometer-long dike, that is actually a dam rather than a dike, closes off the Zuider Zee from the Wadden Sea to protect cities such as Amsterdam.



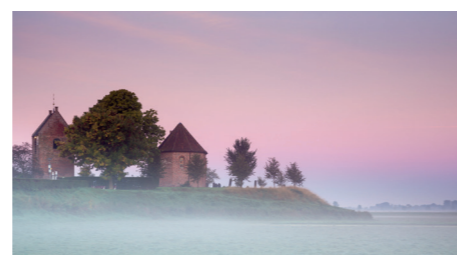
### ISLANDS

In addition to a visit to the beautiful Wadden coast of the mainland, it is also possible to visit one of the charming islands. Take a ferry and get a beautiful view over the Wadden Sea from the deck



### TERPS

The terps were created to provide safe high ground during storm surges, high tides and sea or river flooding. In time some became villages, sometimes even cities, such as Leeuwarden and Dokkum.



## FRIESLAND



### WATER SPORTS IN FRIESLAND

Half of Friesland is made up of water. No wonder it's the water sport province of the Netherlands. In 2020 the Frisians celebrate their centuries-old bond with the water. Come enjoy sailing, rowing, fishing and swimming.



### FOUR NATIONAL PARKS

Nature lovers will never get tired of the four National Parks that Friesland has to offer. Some parks even offer a guide, to take you on an eco-safari.



### UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Ir. D.F. Woudagemaal, the world's oldest pumping station, can be found in Friesland, where the Frisians still use it to prevent their feet from getting wet! In 2020 the Woudagemaal celebrates its 100 year anniversary.



### OUTDOOR ART ROUTES

There's no time to be bored when you follow one of the area's many art routes. Walk along the Wadden coast and discover Sense of Place-, landscape art that decorates more and more of the coastline.



### AFSLUITDIJK WADDEN CENTER

Situated at the Afsluitdijk, nearby Kornwerderzand, stands an extraordinary building rising from the Dijk like foam in the sea: The Afsluitdijk Wadden Center. This Center offers a complete experience about UNESCO World Heritage Wadden Sea.



### ROYAL EISE EISINGA PLANETARIUM

Discover the heavens at the world's oldest planetarium. It was built in 1744 by amateur astronomer Eise Eisinga and is still working to this day. See it in his historic living room.



### CITY OF LEEUWARDEN

The European Capital of Culture 2018 offers everything for a great city break. Museum enthusiasts can visit the Museum of Friesland and the Ceramics Museum. The city is conveniently situated and surrounded by National Parks and beautiful landscapes.



### 11 CITY TOUR

Visit the eleven historic cities connected by water. The clearly visible traces of the rich trading history and the former maritime shipping make them a must-see for every tourist. Every town has its own charm.



## NOORD-HOLLAND



### NORTH SEA COAST

The salty coast of Holland has a wide variety of beaches to see and enjoy. A lot of them have blue flags, which means they are clean and safe.



### ATLANTIKWALL CENTER

Den Helder was part of the Atlantic Wall, which was built by the German occupier in World War II. This more than 5000 km long defense line ran from Norway to Spain. The Atlantic Wall Center is located in the remains of an impressive building from this period.



### CHEESE MARKETS

Taste the flavour of briny polders and happy cows. During the summer, Alkmaar, Hoorn and Edam host cheese markets with old-fashioned cheese trade demonstrations.



### MUSEUM STEAM TRAM HOORN MEDEMBLIK

In the Spring, the train travels through fields of colourful tulips. It will take you through the polder landscape and various cities.



### BROEKER AUCTION

Take a seat on the authentic auction bank at the oldest transit vegetable auction in the world, and watch as the auctioneer sells all kinds of vegetables from the boat.



### WESTFRIESE FOLKLORE MARKET SCHAGEN

Every Thursday in summer, a colourful parade departs in original West Frisian Schaganese regional costumes with their guests across the market. Watch and enjoy as beautiful farm wagons, sjeezen or landauren are pulled along by horses.



### SCHERMER MILLS

You are guaranteed to see Dutch windmills in Schermerhorn! There are many good viewing points throughout the countryside and around the village from which you will see the many mills.

