



CityMap made by Groningers
2016 & 2017

GRONINGEN

Learn from the locals, discover their hotspots and feel at home in this awesome and down-to-earth city!

Welcome to Groningen. The city where students, families, scientists and entrepreneurs cycle to work every morning. Where nature goes hand in hand with stunning architecture. Where a fresh cup of coffee or a foaming glass of beer is never far away. Where the bars never close and where you can find a truly challenging job and enjoy a fantastic place to live.

● We are the City of Talent! The average age in Groningen is 34 years old. We are the youngest city in the Netherlands, but do not underestimate us; Groningers have brains. More than 50.000 students, out of 200.000 inhabitants, attend higher education at the university.

● No skyscrapers allowed. The Martinitoren is the pride of Groningen and towers 97 meters above the city. According to law, no building can ever be built higher than the beloved tower.

● This city literally never sleeps. All pubs and bars are within walking distance of each other making it super easy to hop from bar to bar. Groningen's bar and clubs have no official closing time. Go out all night 'til the early morning and get your breakfast at the food market or get a brakke (hangover) brunch on Sunday at Het Concerthuis.

STADJERS BUCKET LIST:

- Rent a bike!
- See a concert at the Venu, Simphon, Dosterpoort or Paradigm
- Visit the market on Saturday
- Eat an eierbal at Friet van Piet
- Shop 'til you drop on Folklingestraat
- Climb the Martini tower
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1 Martinitoren
The locals call this over 500 year old tower "d'olle Griez", which means "the old gray". This fourth highest tower of the Netherlands can be climbed until the third floor. Entrance €3. Buy your ticket and check opening hours at the tourist office.

2 Osteria Da Vinci
Delicious, authentic Sicilian food. Italians often eat pasta as a starter or side dish. Ordering a small portion of pasta here, saves €2. Pizza/pasta: €13 meat/fish: €20. Daily: 17:00 - 23:00.

7 Het Concerthuis
A small slice of Berlin. On Sunday Het Concerthuis treats you to

a brakke (hangover) brunch on Sunday at Het Concerthuis.

● Who are the local world famous heroes? You've probably heard of football hero Arjen Robben or perhaps Aletta Jacobs, who was the first Dutch woman to attend to a university, the University of Groningen. Oh, and no biggie, but this university has produced three Nobel Prize Winners: Frits Zernike, Kamerlingh Onnes and Albert Szent-Györgyi.

● Locals call the city of Groningen "Stad" which literally means city. Citizens of Groningen are called "Stadlers". Convenient, eh?

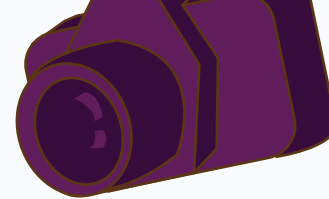
● Be your lovely self! A down-to-earth mentality is the way we roll. Oh, and research has shown that Stadlers are some of the happiest people in the Netherlands; so keep on smiling!

● If you want to greet a Stadler? Say "moi" (pronounce like moy) instead of hello or goodbye.



PICTURE PERFECT
Your Instagram feed should definitely include a photo from the Visserbrug towards the Hoge der A, at the north west side of the city centre! I find it a beautiful part of Groningen. You can sense the rich history of trade in this Hanseatic city. In the foreground are the old sailing ships with historic warehouses and in the background the Akerk. The best time to take a picture is during sunset. The reflection in the water is gorgeous.

ACCORDING TO MARK SEKKUR (34) PHOTOGRAPHER



a brakke (hangover) brunch in a casual atmosphere.
Main dish €7, Lunch €7, Mon to Sat: 10:00 - late, Sun: 10:00 - 12:00.

8 Het Pakhuis
You'll find this golden oldie night spot tucked away in an alley. It's always a good time and you can dance until the early hours. On the first floor you can get dinner. Main dish: €15, Sun to Tue: 17:30 - 22:00, Wed to Sat: 17:30 - 00:00, Bar: Mon to Sat 21:30 - late.

9 Moro
This restaurant with Southern

Mediterranean influences serves up a culinary feast, offering various menu packages such as a High Tea, or in the evening a High Tapas. Main dish: €16, 3 course menu: €29, Daily: 16:00 - 22:00.

10 Café Kult
Café Kult has a warm and alternative atmosphere that gives you the feeling that anything is possible. Every first Tuesday of the month you can play Bingo, have a meal, enjoy a cocktail or smoke a cigarette or a doobie upstairs. Main dish: €12, Bingo ticket: €3 [Every first Tuesday of the month], Tue to Sat: 16:00 - 03:00.

11 Brouwerij Martinus
Martinus brewery is a

family business where Mom and Pop manage the hospitality and a pair of brothers brew beer in this old warehouse. You can have a beer tasting, listen to live music and enjoy delicious food on Fridays and Saturdays. Tip: You can order every beer here in a large or small size. Main dish: €16, Tour: €10, Wed & Thu: 15:00 - 21:00, Fri & Sat: 14:00 - 23:00, Sun: 14:00 - 21:00.

12 Trompsburg
Groningen's love-lock bridge. For the past several years, people have been placing locks on the railing of this monumental bridge. Be sure to watch out; this narrow bridge is also used by cyclist!



13 De Drie Gezusters
This nightclub with many different bars, corridors and staircases is a maze of different bars all intertwined. This collection of bars combined makes the largest café of Europe and falls under the heading 'De Drie'. Sun to Fri: 10:00 - late, Sat: 09:00 - late.

14 Grand Theater
This is a place where stage and production come together. The Grand Theatre works closely with theater and dance companies and offers them rehearsal space and a stage.

15 De Gym
Inside de Gym you'll find the alternative club OOST and the coffee shop Bed. In OOST The DJs ensure a

quality music experience in the styles of house, techno, disco and funk. Coffee shop Bed is the new hangout spot for studying and for hipsters who want to relax. OOST: Fri & Sat 23:00 - 06:00, Bed: Mon to Sun 11:00 - 18:00, On Fridays you can come and enjoy a meal for €3.50.

16 Het Zusje van Andre Dokter
Het Zusje takes 'meat or fish' to the next level. If you want a vegetarian meal, call ahead. Main dish: €25, Tue to Fri: 17:00 - 22:00, Sat: 16:30 - 22:00.

17 Vera
Once a student Association, now an alternative venue that is admired by other Dutch venues and envied for their image, good programming and special band poster designs.

U2 and Nirvana played here before they were famous!

18 Pacific
This Aussie Pub is the international cafe in Groningen. Watch rugby matches on a big screen on Wednesdays and enjoy cheap cocktails and tasty food! Main dish: €17, Tue to Fri: 05:00 - 02:00, Sat: 16:00 - 02:00.

19 Café De Oude Wacht
Another golden oldie. This cafe was opened in 1955 by none other than Freddy Heineken, founder of Heineken beer. Ironically, the new owners have eight beers on tap that are unaffiliated with the brand. They also have 20 types of wine! Main dish: €11, Lunch: €6, Mon & Tue: 11:00 - 00:00, Sun: 11:00 - 23:00, Wed to Sat: 11:00 - late

20 De Singels
These green lanes lined with tall trees give you the feeling that you're strolling through a park. If you're coming from the center on the way to the Groninger Museum, this is a quiet and scenic route to walk, surrounded by stunning villas.

21 Stardust
The best hipster shop Groningen where you can score vintage, remade, and new clothes and accessories.

22 Eetcafé Rozeemoes
Feel like some typically Dutch cuisine called stampot [vegetable mash with potatoes]? Then you're at the right place at the stampot café Rozeemoes. They serve a nutritious, good meal with a good beer. The Groninger 'Rijsttafel' is a nice surprise. Mash pot: €13, Main dish: €15, Sun & Mon: 12:00 - 23:00, Tue: 11:00 - 23:00, Wed to Sat: 11:00 - late

25 Market on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday
Shopping at this market is fun and cozy, especially as the market in Groningen has been chosen as the best in the Netherlands. You'll

29 Hofjes
In the past, "hofjes" were built to house and take care of sick people, the poor and travelers. In Groningen there are around thirty idyllic hofjes, or hidden guest houses. These flowery gardens full of trees and herb gardens are reminiscent of the old days. Many courtyards are freely accessible. At the tourist office you can get a walking route with some nice background information.

30 Buckshot Café
This cafe is proud of their collection of the newest soul, funk and any kind of jazz music you can imagine... Mon to Fri from: 16:00, Fri to Sun from: 14:00.

33 FOLK Concept Store
This is the perfect place to score

EXTRAORDINARY SPOT
I find the Peperstraat to be the bustling heart of Groningen nightlife. People traipsing in and out of pubs and a decibel level that gets higher as it gets later. Cozy! Afterwards, it's wonderful to step into the serenity of the Pepergasthuis 29, a shelter from the madness on the other side of the wall.

ACCORDING TO JOLIAN GREUTZBERG (54) SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR

37 Eetcafé D'ouwe Brandweer
The name already gives away that this used to be a fire station. Got a hot date? This is the perfect place for a dinner and a movie. For dessert, try the Pyromaniac! 3 course menu + movie ticket: €25, Sun to Thu: 17:00, Fri & Sat: 16:00

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Found literally on the highest street of Groningen: het Hoogstraete. Step inside for a chat at the bar or in the café and enjoy some good food. Tip: during nice weather, the roof terrace and the cozy garden is open! Main dish: €19, Lunch: €8, Tue to Thu & Sun: 16:00 - 22:00, Fri & Sat: 11:30 - 22:00.

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28 Barrel
Groningen's first wine bar. There are at least 15 wines available by the glass but if you'd like a whole bottle, you've got 400 varieties to choose from! Wine tasting: €18, Mon: 19:30 - 23:00, Thu to Sat: 17:00 - 00:00, Sun: 20:00.

31 Prunk Stads & Terrascafé
Prunk has a lovely, extensive lunch and dinner menu. They also have a good hightea. See if you can get a seat on the terrace with the cool kids. Lunch: €8, Main dish: €18, Daily: 10:00 - 00:00.

32 Huis de Beurs
This cafe is in a prime location. Grab a seat on the terrace and be entertained by messy traffic exchanges between cyclists and pedestrians. Weather permitting, you can get lucky on the terrace when the house pianist moves his piano outside to play. Lunch: €8, Main dish: €13, Daily: 9:00 - 22:00.

35 Folklingestraat
This is officially the best street for shopping in the Netherlands! And rightly so as such diverse dining and unique shopping options are nowhere else to be found. Scattered around the street are five hidden symbols referring to the Jewish history of this area. The synagogue is almost all that is left after the World War II. Nowadays you can go here for exhibitions, tours, educational events and concerts.

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This cafe has the best Belgian beers and serves tasty typical Dutch snacks. Beer: €5, Sun to Wed: 3:00 - 02:00, Thu to Sat: 15:00 - 03:00.

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original birthday presents. The owner of this shop is an artist and sells his own creations alongside other products from Groningen.

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This miniature North African market is a hit in Groningen and is known for its large assortment of herbs, fresh vegetables, delicious olives, dolmas and other Mediterranean tapas.

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BEST STREET FOR SHOPPING
Not a fan of curves? Walk a straight line through the Folklingestraat: 35, past the Fish Market to Stoeldraaierstraat and Oude Kijk in 't Jatstraat. You'll find plenty of cool spots there: a cozy hair salon (Kapsnoes), a hipster-barbershop with coffee (De Zwarte Raaf), sweets and desserts (Toet, Toscana), gourmet coffee (++), Black & Bloom, PS), tasty, cheap burgers (Papa Joe's), second-hand furniture (The Compaan, on the end) and the best shop in the Netherlands (2015): Ariola. I'll give you one more tip: find the secret terrace on a side street.

ACCORDING TO FRANK BRANDER (30) URBAN PLANNER

collaboration between architect Fem Koolhaas and photographer Erwin Olaf.

43 Nu50
This interior shop has so much great designer stuff that after two minutes of browsing you'll be thinking of trashing your own interior and redecorating!

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he's on the jury at various barista competitions. Make sure you show up with appetite; their pies and cakes are real treats.

50 De Stadsakker
This shop offers weekly, bi-weekly and monthly fresh vegetable package available for pick-up. Awesome! Because it's locally sourced, the supply can be wide-ranging or limited. It depends on the harvest.

51 Zwanestraat & Kromme Elleboog
The Zwanestraat is a pleasant shopping street with unique shops. Cross the Guldenstraat to the Kromme Elleboog where Bonbon Studio Luca and Leuk & Lekker are located. It's a nice addition to what's found on the Zwanestraat.

52 Academiegebouw
The impressive Academiegebouw is the headquarters for the 30,000 students at the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen. In addition to the Neo-Renaissance style exterior, the interior is beautiful and exceptionally cool.

53 Grand Café-Restaurant Mr. Mofongo
Behind the glass on the first floor are the giant tanks where Mr. Mofongo's booze is distilled. The liquor cabinet of this cocktail bar is so high (7 meters!) that they have a robotic arm to get the drinks down. The menu of the ground floor (breakfast, lunch, tea and dinner) is just as extensive as the world travels Mr. Mofongo makes to provide its customers with the finest products. Main dish: €17, Daily from: 11:00.

54 Spaak: Koffie en Koers
A hipster mecca where the craft of brewing good coffee is taken seriously and you can marvel at beautiful bicycles, parts, accessories and read some cycling literature. Tue, Wed, Fri to Sun: 9:30 - 18:00, Thu: 9:30 - 21:00.

48 De Soepwinkel
Every day this shop has four different soups for eat-in or take-away. Are you a fan of the soups and want to learn to make them yourself? De Soepwinkel gives away their secrets during their workshops. Soup: €5.

55 Café De Drie Uiljies
On Saturday evening the tables are pushed aside to transform a portion of the bar into a dance floor. The cafe has no closing time. On a sunny day you can hang out and enjoy your garden. Sun to Thu: 16:00 - 00:00, Fri & Sat: 14:00 - 00:00.

AAIERBAL!

The eierbal is very popular among the "Stadlers" and is a part of our cultural heritage. We call them 'aierbal' which is pronounced as eye-ball.

An eierbal? What is that?
An eierbal is an vegetarian snack which consists of a hard-boiled egg wrapped with regout. The ball is then breaded and fried.

Students in Groningen organised "The Big Groninger Eierbal Test". In 2016 the eierbal from Kwalitaria Jolie won with a score of 8.3. The biggest eierbal came from Friet van Piet. **65** The regout and breadcrumb coated ostrich egg had a circumference of 44 cm! At this snack bar they not only have eierballen, but also feierballen. As you've probably already guessed, this ball is spicy!
Want to taste one? You can find a cafeteria at each "eierbal" - symbol on the map!

GET AROUND

The easiest way to get around is on foot. The city is very compact and walkable. From the central station it's a 10 to 15 minute walk to the Grote Markt. Don't want to walk? Take the bicycle rickshaw. Fietstaxi Yvette. www.fietstaxiyyette.nl

If you want to go further away, then take a bike. Within no time you can reach everywhere in the city. Both the city and the surrounding area have a wide network of bike paths.
You can find a bike rental place on the map.

Don't feel like cycling? Take public transportation (Openbaar Vervoer/OV). Groningen has three stations: Hoofdstation (Central Station), Groningen Noord, and Europapark. As a tourist you can purchase a disposable chip card. Remember to check-in and check-out when entering or exiting the train or bus. You can plan your journey through www.9292.nl. Purchase a chipcart at a supermarket, hoofdstation (vending machine) or bookshop.



EXPLORE SOME MORE...

Want to take a day trip but still stay close to Groningen? Take the boat to the Island of Schiermonnikoog or visit a fortress in Bourtange to experience the Middle Ages. More tips can be found here: <http://toerisme.groningen.nl/visit>

TOURISM OFFICE

Here they answer (almost) all questions you can imagine about Groningen. We dare you to try to stump them! Mon: 12:00 - 18:00. Tue to Fri: 9:30 - 18:00. Sat: 10:00 - 17:00. Sun: 12:00 - 16:00.

Tip: get here your half-price, super last-minute tickets to shows and concerts (weekends only, from Friday 12:00). Or order them online via www.uit.groningen.nl/last-minutes

GOOD TO KNOW



Dinner is before 22:00



Lunch is usually before 15:00

• Most shops are closed on Monday morning.
• More info via www.tourism.groningen.nl.



In case of emergency please call 112. Not an emergency but you still need the police? Call 0900-8844.

NOTHING TOPS
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The north of Groningen



LOCAL TIP!

THE TASTE OF GRONINGEN

You haven't truly been to Groningen if you've not tasted the local snack, the eierbal! While you are here you should definitely treat yourself one at a snack-corner or cafeteria. As a can-always-eat person I prefer them after a few drinks.

ACCORDING TO ELLEN BECK (30) DESIGNER

WHAT'S ON?

Wondering what there is to do in the coming days? Check www.citytrip.groningen.nl, uit.groningen.nl (Dutch) or use the free and easy to find (Dutch) flyer 'Uitloper', which is your guide to a weekly program of concerts, theater, exhibitions and movies.



BEST LIVE PERFORMANCES

Tiny, quirky and intimate. That's my description of Saturdays between 23:00 - 1:00 at Atelier II sole in Cantina Haddingestraat 16. In this atelier from Antonella and Leonardo, there's an improvisational jazz performance every Saturday. You can hear many types of music from all different cultures and the wine flows freely. Be sure not to come with big groups and try not to talk too much about it so we can hold on to the uniqueness of this gem!

ACCORDING TO NINA WIJNMAALEN (35) VISUAL ARTIST

LOCAL TIP!

66 Pubquizen

It's especially common among students and a very popular activity while drinking beer: with a team of friends, compete against other teams by answering questions about music, sports, art, current affairs and topography. The one in de Toeter and is organized in Dutch and English, and you can also wrack your brain at de Doos, het Catshuys, de Pels and de Oude Schans.

67 The Pool

This Mediterranean restaurant situated in The Student Hotel has trendy styling, creative cocktails and tapas-style dishes. Breakfast: €8. Lunch: €8. Main dish: €13. Mon to Thu: 07:00 - 22:00. Fri to Sat: 7:00 - 23:00. Sun: 8:00 - 22:00.

68 Brasserie De Garage

A new hotspot with a terrace, lunch, bar food and snacks. Lunch: €5. Mon to Sat: 11:00 - 23:00.

69 Simplan

Whether you like rock, rap or dance, you'll find your fix here. This venue has two rooms and a cozy little cafe where each month a new artist exhibits his or her work. Prices and opening hours vary per performance, concert or festival.

60 Le Maronnier

When you enter this tiny, hidden restaurant, you'll feel like you're on vacation in France. A French wine pairs perfectly with the relaxed atmosphere. Main dish €19 Thu to Sun 18:00-21:30. Tweede Hunzestraat 33.

61 Eetcafé de Padang

It looks like a pub, but you'll quickly change your mind when you step inside and smell the delicious Moroccan cuisine! Oven Dishes: €15. Grilled dishes: €16. Tajine: €16. Fish: €18. daily: 16:00 - 00:00. Padangstraat 3.

62 Noord Nederlands Toneel (NNT) & Noord Nederlands Orkest (NNO)

Groningen takes pride in having two amazing

cultural groups, The NNT and the NNO. The NNT is known for their socially critical pieces that can leave you with a feeling of hope as you walk out at the end of the show. The North Dutch Orchestra [NNO] is known for their surprising and original compositions and collaborations.

63 Outdoor Gym & Playground

Outdoor games for young and old! Want to play sports for free between the old warehouses and the water? Head over to the Urban Gym Oosterkade. There's a children's playground, an urban gym and basketball court!

64 Paradigm

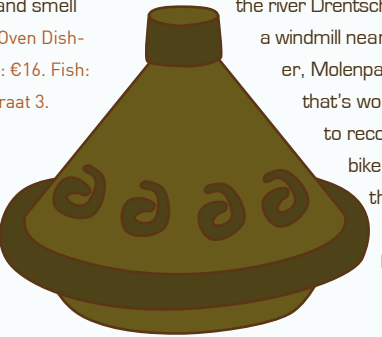
This techno factory is the best underground club in the BeNeLux and has the atmosphere and allure of an obscure Berlin club. This vibe will in 2017 be brought forth at their new location at the old sugar plant area called the Suikerunierrein. Helsinkistraat 6, Groningen.

65 Friet van Piet

There definitely is a difference in the quality of fries and Piet's are fantastic. This snack bar has been around for 40 years and wins awards on a regular basis, including "Best cafeteria of Groningen in 2014" as well as a sustainability award. Fries with meat: €7. Fries: €3. Snacks: €2. Tue to Fri: 11:00 - 23:00. Sat & Sun: 12:00 - 21:30.

66 Hoornsedijk

The Hoornsedijk is one of the most beautiful parts of Southern Groningen. There's a long, winding path that follows the original path of the river Drentsche Aa. There's a windmill nearby (De Helper, Molendpad, Haren) that's wonderful place to recover from a bike ride around the Paterswoldsemeer (see bike ride).

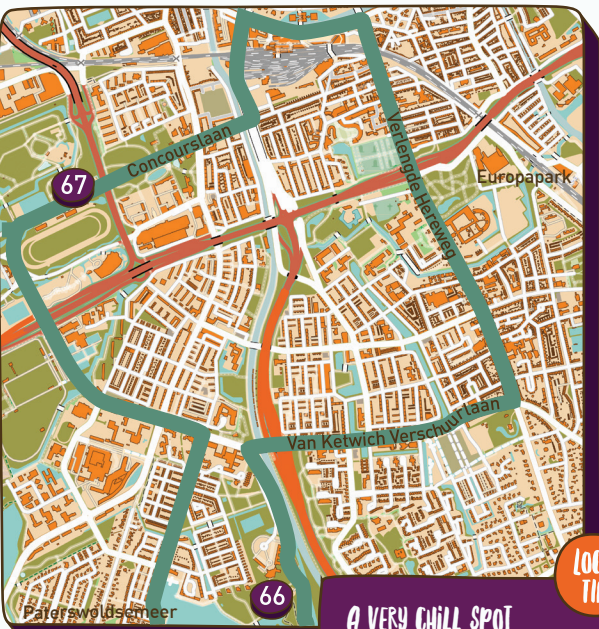


CITY SURROUNDING

See Eat Nightlife Shop

Bike rent Eierbal hotspot Supermarket

YOUR OWN NOTES...



The south of Groningen (part of Bike Ride Tour 1)

LOCAL TIP!

A VERY CHILL SPOT

You know what I do when I have a date or want to relax on a nice summer day? I'll get a bottle of wine, tapas and some candles and take my date on the carrier of my bike to the Paterswoldsemeer, look for one of the jetties by the witten 66 and surprise her with a fantastic evening! It's also super fun to do with your friends!

WITH LOVE FROM GIJS MARSMAN (36) FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

A CITY WALK

This tour begins at one of the prettiest churches in Groningen; the medieval Der Aa-kerk. From there, it takes you down one of the nicest streets in the city, de Oude Kijk in 't Jatstraat. Check out the Neo-Renaissance Academiegebouw al Broerplein; the main building of Rijksuniversiteit Groningen. This historic university ranks among the top 100 in the world!



Walk to the Kijk in 't Jatbrug for an exceptional view of the Noorderhaven. Through the beautiful Guyotplein and Nieuwe Kerk, which is surrounded by a quaint park full of impressive trees. The Kleine and Grote Appelstraat will lead you through the heart of the spirited Hortusbuurt, a 17th century neighborhood full of courtyards and 'hofjes' which **29** previously housed the sick and elderly. Today it's a lively student area and the location of several faculties of the university.

The end of the Grote Appelstraat brings you to the very lovely Noorderplantsoen **73**, a popular park where thousands of Stadlers come to barbecue and relax on the lawn during the long, warm summer evenings.

Via vibrant districts, with a monumental twist!

• Walking time: 45 minutes (without a break)
• Distance: 3 kilometers

NO. 1 BIKE CITY IN THE WORLD!



Nowhere in the world is cycling as popular as in Groningen. Cycling is in our DNA. Each Groninger owns at least one bicycle. Thus, as many as 61% of all trips into the city are made by bike. That's unique in the world!

Groningen is very bicycle-friendly, this means that bike traffic moves quickly. There are rain sensors on some traffic lights that give cyclists priority during a rainstorm, bike highways are being built and there are intersections where cyclists have green light at the same time. It seems chaotic; but a closer look reveals that it works excellently. The busiest bike path is the Korreweg; every day it's used by as many as 15,000 cyclists.



The Hoofdstation of Groningen is the best place to see the bicycle craze of Groningen. In the immediate vicinity of the station is space for a total of 10,000 bikes. Secured bicycle storage areas are found everywhere in the city. Convenient, because sometimes bikes get stolen.

If you're really a cycling fanatic, don't miss Spaak **54**, the cool, new bicycle café Groningen. And, of course, rent a bike **60** and ride the 20 km cycling tour around the Paterswoldsemeer!

A BIKE RIDE

Enjoy the beauty of Groningen's south side with a 20 kilometer bike tour! Use this link: www.cityoftalent.nl/bikeroute to open the guided route in Google Maps and navigate by using your smartphone. Check the icons for more information about the hotspots and tasteful tips for lunch.



A sneak preview: your journey begins at the Hoofdstation of Groningen; one of the most exquisite station halls in all of Europe. From there, you head over to the beautiful Stadspark.

From this park you can follow two routes. We recommend them both! Route 1 goes via the extraordinary architecture of the Wall House #2 and the Hoomseplas, the most popular recreational lake in Groningen. Route 2 visits the Onlanden nature reserve, which introduces you to a large wetland area rich in bird life.

After lunch, next stop is at the south side of the Paterswoldsemeer. Take a peek to the north for a lovely view of the Groningen skyline. Cycle back via the east side of the lake via a picturesque route. A good moment to flop down and open up that bottle of wine at the windmill De Helper.



Take a ride around the Paterswoldsemeer!

• Cycling time: 1 hour and 15 minutes. (without a break)
• Distance: 20 kilometer
Tip! Bring a picnic blanket, a bottle of wine and something to nibble on.