Veere – The Netherlands

The Dutch South-West Delta stands out for her untouched nature. An ideal place to relax, whilst being close to cities like Rotterdam, The Hague and Antwerp. Here you can easily spot seals, porpoises, deer, flamingo’s, white tailed eagles and lots of other birds and animals.

The beaches at the North Sea and the marina’s at the Haringvliet, Grevelingen, Oosterschelde and the lake Veere are well known for their clean and bright water and high standard accomodations. Divers can swim to their heart’s delight at the Grevelingen and Oosterschelde and spot the rich underwater wildlife. It is a natural, green and sustainable destination. But you will also find lots of restaurants, many cosy and historical towns and villages, remains of the rich maritime history and lot’s of accommodations to stay over.

The South-West Delta attracts lots of families, kiters, nature lovers, cyclists, hikers and lovers of watersport.

Veere is part of the Island of Walcheren and connected with Schouwen-Duiveland by the famous Oosterscheldekrering, an open dam which can be closed in case of very high tides. Especially designed and constructed to preserve the very high nature values of the Oosterschelde and now also used for tidal energy. With her long sandy beaches, nice coastal villages and the historical town of Veere the municipality is best described by a mix of adventurous and skittish at the coastal areas and authentic and tranquil in the inshores.

The attention for health and well-being is the reason why Veere applies for the so-called “Bad-status” like cities in Germany. That’s why Veere is a very popular destination for German guests. Because of the extra ordinary high natural values the European Commission has indicated large areas of the Dutch Delta as protected for Natura 2000, for instance the coastal area with its natural beaches and dunes, National Parc Oosterschelde, Tureluur, lake Grevelingen and Haringvliet.

Important measures are taken to preserve and enhance the natural values of flora and fauna, like creating locks to enhance the quality of the salt water, the migration of eel for the pairing season and creating new marshes and shallows for birds, seals and salty flora.

In close cooperation with the regional and national government the four municipalities invest in a climate-robust and sustainable-robust eco-system to enhance the quality of the water and the natural values of a dynamic estuariaal tidal environment by creating more dynamic locks in the Delta works. In the meantime the tide will be used to gain sustainable energy to reduce CO2-emission. These innovations can be used as inspiration to cope with sea-level rise in the many low-tide Delta’s in the world and alter threats into chances for creating sustainable-robust eco-systems.

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