

A Day in the Life: Hidden Gems of Texel Island

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When I'm exploring a new place, I'm motivated by the knowledge that excitement can be found in all the nooks and crannies of an adventure-filled day. Join me for a slice of a day trip touring Texel Island, where I explore the island for the first time and tease out the joys of some of its hidden gems.

Texel Sheep Farm

Texel Island is the largest of the Wadden Sea Islands, a 20-minute ferry ride north of Den Helder. After slicing across fields of late tulip blooms, we arrived at the Texel Sheep Farm. Texel Island, after all, is known for its sheep (who number the human population nearly 1:1!). A tame display of chicks and hamsters in pens and a plethora of sheep-related souvenirs greeted us upon arrival in the reception and gift shop. But the real surprise lay beyond.

Once we opened the doors to the barn at the far end, we entered into a world of free-roaming sheep, roosters, and chickens! Lambing season was in full swing. Many lambs still nestled in with their mothers on soft beds of hay. It was a memorable, fully immersive experience.



De Slufter

The stunning coastal landscape of De Slufter was next on our agenda. From the stairs at the top of windswept dunes, we descended to mudflats below. A spoonbill sifted through a shallow drainage stream for an early lunch. A soft breeze and the rays of the late spring sun enveloped us in a gentle embrace.

It was incredibly peaceful there. We practically had the trails to ourselves: the nearest people were far enough away to look like specks on the horizon. The landscape's pastel hues of blue sky, green beach grass, ecru dunes, and muddy earth blended into a feast for the eyes. It's an artist's dream; the sort of place you could paint over and over again.

Den Burg

Lunch brought us to the town of Den Burg. Colorful shop fronts line narrow streets that radiate from the town's core offering unique Texel offerings like wool sweaters, driftwood wind chimes, and local-made jewelry. Den Burg felt like a breath of fresh air coming from the crowds and bustle of traffic in Amsterdam.

During this day-long getaway, Texel Island's relaxed atmosphere encouraged us to take things a bit slower, to stroll, to observe. Indeed, there was much fun to be had at every encounter with animals, wonder in walking the land, and surprise in discovering small town life.

A Texel itinerary of your choosing

Whether you're looking for kid-friendly activities, inspiration for your next piece of art, or a relaxed atmosphere, Texel Island checks all the boxes. Dutch Tours can customize a unique itinerary for a private tour for you, or you can join a [small-group](#) day trip. Email travel@dutch-tours.com with your tour inquiries.

Let's find joy in adventuring together!

