

AE2015 Technical Tour – OCT20A

Shellfish culture, processing and research Yerseke, in the Zeeland province.

Date: Tuesday, October 20th

Time: 08:30 to 17:30

Cost: 80€ per person, including bus transportation and a very good lunch

Limit: Maximum 50 persons – book early to ensure your place!

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This tour will visit the village of Yerseke, that is the centre of shellfish culture, processing and research, located in the Province of Zeeland. We will go to the mussel auction, a shellfish processing plant, the research facilities of IMARES and to landbased aquaculture facilities.

Time	Activity
08:30	Travel by bus from De Doelen to Yerseke.
10:00 – 10:30	Visit landbased aquaculture facilities at Colijnsplaat.
11:00 – 12:30	Visit to mussel auction Yerseke.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch at De Oesterij
14:00 – 15:00	Visit to shellfish processing plant Yerseke
15:00 – 16:00	Visit Imares research facilities Yerseke
16:00 – 17:30	Return by bus to De Doelen, Rotterdam



Landbased aquaculture facilities Colijnsplaat



Mussel auction at Yerseke



Lunch at de Oesterij



Historic oyster ponds Yerseke



Processing mussels



Research facilities of IMARES.

Detailed description of the Tour:

First we will travel by bus to visit the landbased integrated aquaculture facilities at the borders of the Oosterschelde in the Zeeland province. On this location various new landbased aquaculture initiatives are being developed, including a ragworm farm, salicorn and shellfish culture.

The next stop will be the mussel auction in Yerseke, the center of the Dutch shellfish industry. Mussel supply and demand are met here in public, and the prices are made; this auction is the only one worldwide for mussels. Lunch will be provided at the Oesterij, a unique restaurant and education site, located at the historic oyster rewatering ponds.

The modern way of processing large quantities of mussels will be shown at one of the processing companies in Yerseke. Finally we will bring a visit to the research facilities of the Institute of marine Resources and Ecosystem Studies (IMARES) in Yerseke.

After this visit the bus will return to Rotterdam to arrive in time for the welcome reception at the Doelen conference centre.

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