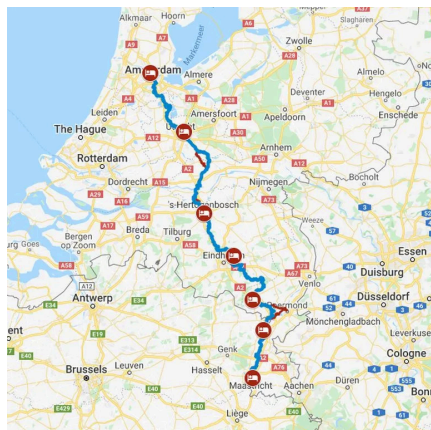


Amsterdam – Maastricht

8 days, € 830



Introduction



A one-way route from Amsterdam to Maastricht. Get a feel for how the light and the scenery change as you journey down past big cities Utrecht and Den Bosch and a spread of different landscapes. Rivers will guide you on your steady south-easterly course: firstly, the River Vecht flanked by posh country houses; then you'll cross the mighty Rhine and Waal into traditionally catholic territory; and finally the River Meuse will lead you to the southernmost point of the country through varied and scenic surroundings. To top off this holiday on an artistic note, visit the village of Nuenen where Vincent van Gogh spent two years; and Maaseik, birthplace of famous Flemish painters Jan and Hubert van Eyck!

Day to Day

Day 1 **Arrival in Amsterdam**

Your holiday kicks off in Amsterdam, a favourite European capital city. With so many attractions and fun things to do at your fingertips, you couldn't wish for a livelier start to your holiday. Try to plan an early arrival so you have time to go for a walk through the city centre. You could easily spend a whole day taking in the characteristic canal houses and beautiful seventeenth-century canals (UNESCO status). Then check out your favourite view of the River Amstel. Do you have time and energy left? Venture into the oldest part of the city, around St. Nicolas' Church, an area better known as the red-light district. Or enjoy the many street performers on Rembrandtplein.

Day 2 **Amsterdam – Utrecht**

61 km

Follow the River Amstel out of town and then cycle along the lovely River Vecht to Utrecht. Typical of this area are the many country estates and fancy country houses with garden tea rooms commissioned by wealthy Amsterdam merchants in the 17th and 18th centuries in order to flee the stench of the city in summertime.

Day 3 **Utrecht – 's Hertogenbosch**

70 km

What a beautiful day! In the morning, pedal through the woods at Driebergen. Then cross a riverine landscape cut by the Rhine, Meuse, Linge and Waal. Along the way, you will pass fortified towns such as Wijk bij Duurstede, Buren and Zaltbommel. At the end of the day wind down in the capital city of Brabant province, Den Bosch. A highlight of this lovely city is Noord-Brabant Museum with works by Van Gogh and Hieronymus Bosch.



Day 4 **'s Hertogenbosch – Nuenen (Van Gogh)**

48 km

Set off on a voyage of discovery through Brabant province. This rural landscape inspired the famous painter Van Gogh in his "dark period". He was fascinated by farmers and the rhythm of their seasons. Find out all about Van Gogh's life and person when you visit Vincentre in Nuenen at the end of the day.

Day 5 **Nuenen – Weert**

61 km

Van Gogh painted a quarter of his oeuvre during the brief time he lived in Nuenen. Follow in his footsteps past places Van Gogh painted such as the church where his father preached, the house where the family lived and an ancient watermill. Then continue through the Brabant countryside to Strabrecht Heath which turns a hazy purple in late July and into August. Near De Peel National Park enter North Limburg province and make your way to Weert.

Day 6 **Weert – Maaseik**

45 km

Enjoy the countryside of Northern Limburg, small-scale agriculture, interspersed with woodlets, ponds and lakes. Stop for coffee and apple pie in the village of Thorn where all the houses are painted white. Follow the Meuse upriver past Itteren and Borgharen. At the end of the day, cross the Meuse into Belgium and stay in Maaseik on the old market square, a prime spot for open-air winers and diners. If you feel up to it, choose the long route via Designer Outlet Roermond (66 km).

Day 7 **Maaseik – Maastricht**

45 km

This wonderful last leg of the cycling tour follows the LF Maas Route on a southerly course atop the river dike. Pass gravel pits that have naturally filled with water to form lakes. Watch the architecture change as you approach the southern-most border of our country. The final destination of this holiday is the beautiful city of Maastricht where the living is good; and food and wine are celebrated by elegant locals with an innate sense of style. Historical buildings, trendy designer boutiques, grand squares and a busy nightlife: Maastricht is all this and more.

Day 8 **Departure from Maastricht**

From Maastricht, you can take a direct train back to Amsterdam in 2.5 hours (not included).



Prices, Data, Booking

Starting dates:

Start on Monday from the 1st of April until 23rd of September.

No departures on 1st, 8th and 15th July due to André Rieu's concerts in Maastricht.

Please note: a minimum stay of 2 nights in a row is required in the hotel in Amsterdam on the following dates:

March 29th, 30th and 31st 2024

April 20th 2024

April 26th and 27th 2024

May 9, 10th and 11th 2024

May 17th, 18th and 19th 2024

Price pp		€
Double room, breakfast		825.00
Single room, breakfast		1,245.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only		80.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only Amsterdam		100.00
Upgrades pp/night		€
Hotel Mitland - Suite upgrade, Utrecht		40.00
Westcord Art Hotel, Amsterdam		10.00
Surcharge per person		€
Stay in Amsterdam on Saturday		25.00
Stay in Amsterdam from: 26/04/2024 - 27/04/2024 09/05/2024 - 11/05/2024 17/05/2024 - 19/05/2024		40.00
Rental bike		€
Child bike		77.00
Hybrid		91.00
E-bike		189.00
Extra services		€
Bike Breakdown pass	€ 4.00 x 7	28.00
Child seat	€ 5.00 x 7	35.00
Bike theft insurance	€ 3.00 x 7	21.00
E-bike theft insurance	€ 6.00 x 7	42.00
Extra luggage	€ 5.00 x 7	35.00
Tag-along bike	€ 6.00 x 7	42.00
Child trailer	€ 17.50 x 7	122.50
Bike helmet	per piece	10.00
SGR	per piece	5.00

Starting point:

Amsterdam



Accommodation

The hotels and the B&B on this trip have been carefully selected for their location, atmosphere and/or unique services. All rooms are en-suite. A list of the accommodation we work with appears below. If a certain accommodation is unable to confirm due to lack of availability, we will try to request a comparable alternative if possible. When selecting the accommodation, we try to take into account as much as possible a safe and closed bicycle shed. However, we cannot do this with all of them guarantee and this partly depends on the number of bicycles of other guests.



Westcord Art Hotel */****
(Amsterdam)**
www.westcordhotels.nl/art-hotel-amsterdam



Hotel Mitland ** (Utrecht)**
www.mitland.nl



Golden Tulip Hotel Central **
('s Hertogenbosch)**
www.hotel-central.nl



Parkhotel Auberge Vincent *
(Nuenen)**
www.aubergevincent.com

Fletcher Hotel Weert **
(Weert)**
www.fletcherhotelweert.nl

Hotel Van Eyck ** (Maaseik)**
www.hotel-vaneyck.be

Hotel NH Maastricht **
(Maastricht)**
www.nh-hotels.nl/hotel/nh-maastricht



Practical Info



7 Nights included



3/4 Star Hotels



Breakfast included



Detailed roadbooks with maps and tourist information



The possibility of renting our bikes



7-days a week service-hotline



Luggage transport to your next hotel



Amsterdam Sloterdijk / Amsterdam CS



Parking possibilities at the hotel



GPS-tracks available



Any ferry crossings are not included

Arrival info



Nearest Airport is Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)



The train from Schiphol to Amsterdam Sloterdijk departs 6 times per hour. Travel time is about 10 minutes. A single ticket costs approx €4,- per person excl. bicycle.

For timetables and tickets, go to www.ns.nl/en. For bus details, how to reach the hotel, check: www.9292.nl/en.

Maastricht is the final destination of this tour. From there you can take the train back to trainstation Schiphol Airport.

