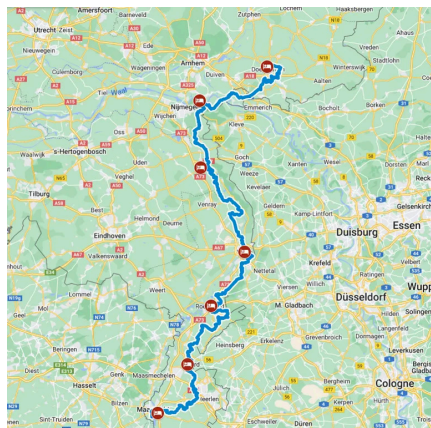


## Cycling The Pieterpad - Part 2

8 days, € 875



### Introduction



#### NEW TOUR 2025

The second section of the 'Pieterfietspad', from the heart of Doetinchem in the Achterhoek to the Pietersberg in Limburg near Maastricht, also follows the renowned Pieterpad wherever possible—the most famous long-distance walking route in the Netherlands. This 580-kilometer route takes you through all the highlights of the (Eastern) Dutch landscape. In this segment, you will explore the last castles of the Achterhoek, the scenic Gelderland river landscape, the North Limburg Maasheggen, and the beautiful hills of South Limburg. The Pieterfietspad is the official cycling variant of the popular Pieterpad. While the Pieterpad connects the most beautiful walking paths, the Pieterfietspad links together stunning cycling routes. So hop on your bike and explore the Netherlands on two wheels!

#### NEW SERVICES

In addition to bike-friendly accommodations, 12/7 availability, luggage transport, etc., we also offer:

The included map set of the Pieter Cycling Route from our partner Stichting Pieterpad (the guidebook and maps are only available in Dutch but you can use the maps for cycling)

All routes and necessary travel information are available in English in our handy and user-friendly navigation app Guibo.

Transfer to the starting point on the last day: see the practical information to find out more

### Day to Day

#### Day 1 **Arrival Doetinchem**

Welcome to Doetinchem, the starting point of the second part of the Pieter Cycling Route. If you arrive early, take the opportunity to relax at a terrace or explore the vibrant city center. In the evening, enjoy a cozy dinner in one of the local restaurants.

#### Day 2 **Doetinchem - Ooij (60 km)**

Begin your journey cycling through the high Bergherbos, then descend after the charming German village of Elten to the Gelderse Poort, a remarkable location where the Rhine has carved its way through the hills. Navigate through the water-rich Osssenwaard and the newly developed, bird-rich nature reserve of Revensweert, leading you to the broad river. A bicycle ferry will take you across to Millingen aan de Rijn. From here you can already see the German border, but after Leuth you turn off to the river Waal which leads you to today's final destination.



### Day 3 **Ooij – Boxmeer (45 km)**

Continue your ride past picturesque farming villages and through the forests of Landgoed Geijsteren, home to the secluded Willibrordus Chapel, a beloved pilgrimage site since the 17th and 18th centuries. You'll also come across the pilgrimage town of Tienray, featuring a replica of the Lourdes grotto. Yes, you have truly arrived in the Catholic south! After visiting the rose town of Lottum, a ferry will take you across to the other side of the Maas. Here, be sure to visit the Chapel of Our Lady of Genooi, the patron saint of nearby Venlo. This historic Hanseatic city, situated at the transition from lowland to hilly terrain, is your destination for the day. Make sure to set aside time for a stroll along the charming Maas Boulevard or through the historic city center.

### Day 4 **Boxmeer – Venlo (56 km)**

Start your journey with a delightful bike ride through the Maasheggen region, the oldest cultural landscape in the Netherlands. Here, you'll find a mosaic of meadows, ancient trees, and hedgerows, where the mayflower and blackthorn bloom abundantly in spring. You cycle past pretty farming villages along the Meuse. The many streams and old Meuse beds like the Sohr contribute to a green and varied landscape. The area around Lottum and Grubbenvorst is known for its rose cultivation and the 'Gekke Maondaags' tradition. A ferry takes you to the other bank of the Meuse. Visit the chapel of Notre-Dame de Genooi, the patron saint of the nearby city of Venlo. This ancient Hanseatic city, located at the transition from lowland to hill country, is today's final destination.

### Day 5 **Venlo – Roermond (42 km)**

Begin today's journey cycling over the Jammerdaalse Heide ("whining heath"), which is said to be named after the lamentations of Caesar's soldiers, who were defeated here by Ambiorix. The ancient clay pits with their steep banks create an eldorado for the rare natterjack toad and the sand martin. The tale of the mad "Moondaagvierder" makes it clear that "you are indeed in Limburg", province of stories. Next, you'll ride along the Prinsendijk, which not only serves as a geological boundary but was also once part of an ancient Roman military road and, in 1944, the German Maas-Roersstellung. After exploring the nature surrounding the meandering Swalm River, you'll reach the impressive Hillenraad Castle. A lovely, winding bike path takes you over the Melickerheide, part of the terrace landscape of National Park de Meinweg, featuring dry dunes and marshy wetlands. The day ends in Roermond, known to many for the Designer Outlet, but it has more to offer than that.

### Day 6 **Roermond – Sittard (53 km)**

You cycle back from Roermond along the Roer valley to the Pieterpad. At Herkenbosch, you cross the winding Roer River and make your way to Montfort with its impressive medieval castle ruins. The route continues its way through the so-called Green Waist of Limburg ("Smallest piece of the Netherlands"). The varied area east of Susteren consists of deciduous forest, grassland and fields. An important link in the ecological chain is the IJzerenbosch. Among other things, you will find flower carpets of wood anemones, spotted arum and slender primrose. The most special resident is the tree frog. After this forest, you take a trip across the German border, before the stage ends at the old monasteries in Sittard's city center.

### Day 7 **Sittard – Maastricht (50 km)**

The last leg of your journey takes you through the rolling green hills of Limburg, featuring fast-flowing streams, marl caves, limestone houses, and quaint chapels or crosses scattered throughout. The day begins with the challenge of climbing Kollenberg, the northernmost foothill of the Ardennes. A steep ascent with seven "footfalls" leads you to the highest point, where you'll find the 17th-century Sint Rosakapelle. Pause at Castle Gerlach to admire the sculpture garden and enjoy a coffee at Burgemeester Quix in the monastery courtyard. Between Rothem and Geulhem, you'll cycle along the edge of the charming Geuldal. Ride along the brand-new "Groene Loper," flanked by over two thousand linden trees, into the heart of Maastricht, home to more than 1,650 monuments. The route winds through beautiful old streets, but it's definitely worth taking some time to explore on foot at the end of this cycling day. Before that, head to Pieterberg, a plateau nestled between the valleys of the Maas and Jeker. Here, a panoramic viewpoint marks the end of your "Pieterfietspad."

### Day 8 **Depart from Maastricht**

After Breakfast, Your cycling journey comes to an end. We hope you've enjoyed every moment of your cycling adventure and created lasting memories along the way.



# Prices, Data, Booking

**Starting dates:**

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday from April until end of September

Price pp		€
Double room, breakfast		870.00
Single room, breakfast		1,290.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only		80.00
Rental bike		€
Child bike		88.00
Hybrid		104.00
E-bike		224.00
Extra services		€
Bike helmet	per piece	10.00
SGR	per piece	5.00
transferpersonbus	per piece	90.00



## Accommodation

The hotels or B&Bs on this trip have been carefully selected for their location, atmosphere and/or unique services. All rooms are en-suite. A list of the hotels we work with appears below. If a certain accommodation is unable to confirm due to lack of availability, we will request a comparable alternative. 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.



**Doetinchem - Villa Ruimzicht\*\*\*\***

[www.hotelvillaruimzicht.nl](http://www.hotelvillaruimzicht.nl)



**Boxmeer, Hotel 't Vertrek\*\*\*\***

[www.tvertrek.nl](http://www.tvertrek.nl)



**Venlo - Theaterhotel Venlo\*\*\*\***

[www.theaterhotelvenlo.nl](http://www.theaterhotelvenlo.nl)



**Roermond - Hotel Roermond\*\*\*\***

[www.hotelroermond.nl](http://www.hotelroermond.nl)



**Sittard - Merici Hotel\*\*\*\***

[www.mericihotel.nl](http://www.mericihotel.nl)



**Maastricht - Crowne Plaza Maastricht\*\*\*\***

[www.centrumhotelmaastricht.nl](http://www.centrumhotelmaastricht.nl)



**Ooij - Oortjeshekken**

[www.oortjeshekken.nl](http://www.oortjeshekken.nl)



## Practical Info



7 nights included



3/4 Star Hotels



Breakfast included



Set of Pieterfietspad maps (in Dutch only) and the use of the Guibo App for navigation and information (in English)



Possibility of renting bikes



7-days a week service-hotline



Luggage transport to your next hotel



Doetinchem. For more information:  
[ns.nl/reisplannen](https://www.ns.nl/reisplannen)



Free parking options Doetinchem



For this trip, route information is only available through our navigation app. You will not receive any travel information or route information on paper, with the exception of the official (Dutch) map of the Pieterpad.



ferry crossings are not included

## Arrival info



Nearest Airport is Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)



The train from Schiphol to Doetinchem departs twice per hour. The travel time is approximately 2 hours. A one-way trip costs approximately € 25,- per person excluding a bike. You need to change trains once in Arnhem. (besides this connection there are 2 other connections per hour with changing trains in Utrecht and Arnhem)

For timetables and tickets, visit [www.ns.nl](https://www.ns.nl). For bus details and how to reach the hotel, click here: [www.9292.nl](https://www.9292.nl).

