

Along the Meuse from Maastricht to Sedan

8 days, € 817.5



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Introduction



The International Meuse Route is a bicycle route along the meandering River Meuse (or Maas as it is known in Dutch) between Maastricht in the Netherlands and the French town of Sedan which boasts Europe's largest castle. The route is over 280 km long and incorporates the RAVeL in Belgium and the in France. It is a promise of four days of highly enjoyable cycling through the valley of the River Meuse, past castles, forts and pretty villages, surrounded by breathtaking natural beauty. On our bicycle holiday you will cycle the entire International Meuse Route, staying the night in Liège Namur and Dinant in Belgium and in the picturesque village of Haybes, Charleville-Mézières and Sedan in France.

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Day to Day

Day 1 **Arrival in Maastricht**

Make your own way to Maastricht, the oldest town in the Netherlands.

Day 2 **from Maastricht (NL) to Liege (B)**

36 km

When you're ready, set off on the first leg of your bike tour: from Maastricht to Liège, aka the "fiery city". On the way to Belgium you will follow the River Jeker (which flows into the River Meuse at Maastricht) to the picturesque village of Kanne. Shortly after, take a look at the boats going through the locks at Ternaaien/Lanaye, 225 m long and 25 m wide. From here, follow the RAVeL trail, via the friendly town of Visé, to Liège (or Luik, as it is called in Dutch). The last kilometres take you past tall cranes, rusty boats and old but busy industrial zones.



Day 3 **from Liege (B) to Namur (B)**

74 km

Taking you right through the centre of Liège, the safe cycling path along the Meuse is very pleasant. Next, follow the John Cockerill railway to make your way out of the built-up area of Liège. Follow the signs for RAVeL. Seen up close, the blast furnaces of Seraing are awe-inspiring. If you like decorative glass, opt to stop off at the Val St. Lambert crystal factory shop. Next, ride your bike on quiet back-roads, past typical Walloon villages, never far from the river, towards Huy. Just before Huy, briefly switch to the bike track along the Meuse where the Tihange nuclear reactor is another very striking industrial complex. The Grande Place in Huy is the ideal spot for a lunch break. On the route along the Meuse to Namur, nature gradually prevails over industry.

Day 4 **from Namur (B) to Dinant**

30 km

Follow RAVeL to Dinant. You will pass the village of Wépion, famous for strawberries; and the Gardens of Annevoie, well worth a visit. In Dinant take your time to enjoy the town and riverside cafes.

Day 5 **from Dinant to Haybes**

51 km

Quickly after Dinant, you will reach the lovely Chateau Freyr. Then continue on for several kilometres on the former railway from Hastière to Mariembourg. Cross the border into France and the first town you'll encounter is Givet with its imposing Charlemont citadel. After visiting Givet, set off on the Voie Verte Trans-Ardenne and follow it to Haybes.

Day 6 **from Haybes (F) to Charleville-Mézières (F)**

57 km

Continue all day on Voie Verte Trans-Ardenne, along the Meuse River. One of the day's highlights is a visit to the charming town of Monthermé. Your destination is slightly after Charleville-Mézières, known for its lovely historical town centre.

Day 7 **from Charleville-Mézières (F) to Sedan (B)**

34 km

In September 2015, an extension of the Voie Verte Trans-Ardenne was opened. It now stretches along the Meuse till past the town of Sedan in northern France. Through a picturesque landscape you will cycle to Sedan, famous for its castle, the largest in Europe.

Day 8 **Bustransfer from Sedan to Maastricht**

First enjoy your breakfast and take some time to enjoy Sedan. If booked, you will have a transfer by touringcar (incl. bike and luggage) to Maastricht where your holiday ends.

Please note that if you have reserved **rental bicycles** but are **not returning to Maastricht by private bus**, you will still have to pay for transport and wait for the bus to hand over the bicycles to the driver (early afternoon; the exact time is stated in your travel documents).

If you go home by plane, we recommend to book an extra night in Maastricht at the end. You will arrive in Maastricht somewhere between 17.00 hrs and 19.00 hrs.



Prices, Data, Booking Cat. A

Price pp		€
Double room, breakfast		805.00
Single room, breakfast		1,270.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only		115.00
Rental bike		€
Hybrid		128.00
Premium bike		160.00
E-bike		200.00
Extra services		€
Bike theft insurance	€ 3.00 x 7	21.00
E-bike theft insurance	€ 6.00 x 7	42.00
SGR	per piece	5.00
discount	per piece	-25.00
transferpersonbus	per piece	50.00
Giving back to nature	per piece	5.00

Prices, Data, Booking Cat. B

Price pp		€
Double room, breakfast		850.00
Single room, breakfast		1,315.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only		115.00
Rental bike		€
Hybrid		128.00
Premium bike		160.00
E-bike		200.00
Extra services		€
Bike theft insurance	€ 3.00 x 7	21.00
E-bike theft insurance	€ 6.00 x 7	42.00
SGR	per piece	5.00
discount	per piece	-25.00
transferpersonbus	per piece	50.00
Giving back to nature	per piece	5.00

Practical Info

