

Netherlands - Rhine Cycle Route From Arnhem to Rotterdam Bicycle Tour (2025)

6 Days/ 5 Nights

Individual Self-guided



The Rhine Cycle Route is over 1200 km long and traverses many countries. It is described in parts in four Bikeline cycling guides. In our new Rhine Route, we will follow the Bikeline from Arnhem to Rotterdam. It is a varied route past historical places, beautiful fortified towns and typical Dutch polder landscapes. The Rhine cycling route is fully signposted and mostly follows cycle paths. It takes you from Arnhem to historical towns such as Oosterbeek, Wijk bij Duurstede, Buren, Gorinchem and Dordrecht. Possible highlights of the tour include the Airborne Museum Hartestein, Doorwerth Castle, Loevestijn Castle, Biesbosch National Park, the windmills at Kinderdijk and your final destination, Rotterdam, 5th in the top 10 of 'world's top cities' (Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2016).



Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival in Arnhem

The start of this route is in Arnhem, known for the Battle of Arnhem in WWII. Today it boasts a great zoo, a wonderful open-air museum and lovely Sonsbeek Park. Arnhem is a big city located at a stone's throw from two National Parks: Hoge Veluwe and Veluwezoom. In Arnhem you can choose whether to stay at a hotel in the city center or outside the city at the foot of Veluwezoom National Park.

Day 2: Arnhem - Wijk bij Duurstede 63 km

A diverse trip through the woods of Veluwezoom, past a 52 meter high hill called Grebbeberg. Military cemeteries bear witness to the heavy fighting that went on during WWII. In the Netherlands the Rhine divides into numerous rivers that go by different names and now you will follow the Nederrijn (Lower Rhine) to Amerongen Castle surrounded by gardens. Today's destination is Wijk bij Duurstede. Around 800 AD, when it was known as Dorestad, it was the most important Northern European centre of trade. Enjoy



the lovely historical centre and - weather permitting - sit down at a pavement café on the market square.

Day 3: Wijk bij Duurstede – Gorinchem ca. 50-60 km

Wijk bij Duurstede is located at a crossroads of waterways. Cross the Lower-Rhine on Wijkse Veer ferry and head for the Netherlands' number one fruit growing district: Betuwe. Past the historical town of Buren you will reach the Linge River. Follow it to Glass Town Leerdam which boasts a glass museum and a fantastic glass-blowing workshop as well as a crystal factory. After that you have the choice; either follow the Linge to the fortified town of Gorinchem, or an extra loop that takes you via Vuren and a few ferries to Slot Loeverstein and Woudrichem before you take the last ferry to Gorinchem.

Day 4: Gorinchem - Papendrecht ca. 56 km

Take your time to explore the historical centre of Gorinchem. Then catch a ferry to the fortress town of Woudrichem. Next up is Biesbosch National Park, probably unlike any other you've ever been to. 'De Biesbosch' ferry will take you across the Nieuwe Merwede River to the town of Dordrecht. The main attraction here is the lovely old harbour quarter. Finally, a waterbus will take you across the Lower Merwede to the town of Papendrecht.



Day 5: Papendrecht - Rotterdam 39 km

Cycling through Alblasserwaard polder you will reach Kinderdijk. This is a UNESCO world heritage site. The nineteen polder windmills are a major international attraction. Next, the route continues to the city of Rotterdam, your final destination.



Day 6: Departure from Rotterdam

After breakfast in your hotel, your holiday will come to an end.





Route



Technical Characteristics:

Route Profile: This is an easy cycling trip on relatively flat terrain, suitable for people with little or no cycling experience.

Distance: 201 - 223 km

Travel Season: Departures Saturdays between May 1 and September 25



Price per Person in Euros: all prices subject to confirmation on booking

Double occupancy with breakfast	€ 575
Single room supplement	€ 342
Bike Rental 21/24 gear	€ 65
E-bike Rental	€ 149
Extra Night	On request

Accommodation:

Stay in 3 of 4 star hotels with bathroom and toilet.

Included:

- 5 overnight stays in 3 star and 4 star hotels
- Breakfast (buffet)
- Route description and maps
- Guibo Route App
- Daily luggage transfer
- Tourist tax

Not included:

Other meals

If you don't want to receive the printed travel documents (hotel list, vouchers and roadbooks) at the first hotel, you can choose the APP ONLY option, which will only send you theGuibo link (from the link, they can download our Guibo app and have access to your travel information). The App only discount is €20 per room



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