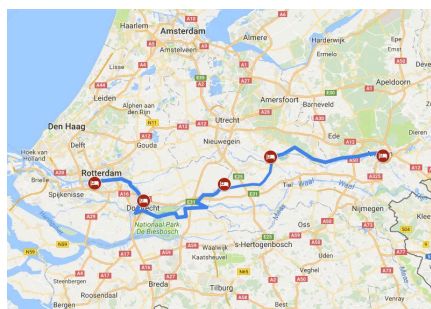


Rhine Cycle Route – from Arnhem to Rotterdam

6 days, € 600



Introduction



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.

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 centre or outside the city at the foot of Veluwezoom National Park (free parking).

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**

50 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 (10 km) that takes you via Vuren and a few ferries to Loevestein Castle and Woudrichem before you take the last ferry to Gorinchem.



Day 4 Gorinchem - Papendrecht/Dordrecht**56 km**

Take your time to explore the historical centre of town 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/Dordrecht - Rotterdam**35 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. At this point, if you are determined to follow the Rhine all the way to where it flows into the North Sea, you could opt to prolong your trip by an extra 30 km and cycle to Hoek of Holland. From Hoek of Holland you can travel back to Rotterdam by train. One of the newest attractions in Rotterdam is the Markthal (market hall).

Day 6 Leave Rotterdam to Return Home

After breakfast in your hotel, your holiday with Dutch Bike Tours will come to an end.

Prices, Data, Booking

Starting dates:

Each Saturday from May 3rd till September 20th.

| Price pp | | € |
|---|-------------|--------|
| Double room, breakfast | | 595.00 |
| Single room, breakfast | | 895.00 |
| Extra night double room, breakfast only | | 80.00 |
| Rental bike | | € |
| Child bike | | 55.00 |
| Hybrid | | 65.00 |
| E-bike | | 140.00 |
| Extra services | | € |
| Child seat | € 1.00 x 5 | 5.00 |
| Bike theft insurance | € 3.00 x 5 | 15.00 |
| E-bike theft insurance | € 6.00 x 5 | 30.00 |
| Tag-along bike | € 10.00 x 5 | 50.00 |
| Child trailer | € 18.00 x 5 | 90.00 |
| Bike helmet | per piece | 10.00 |
| SGR | per piece | 5.00 |
| discount | per piece | -20.00 |

Starting point:

Arnhem



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.



Best Western Hotel Haarhuis
******* (Arnhem)**
www.hotelhaarhuis.nl



Hotel 1851 (Wijk bij Duurstede)
www.hotel1851.nl



Hotel Gorinchem***
(Gorinchem)
<https://hotelgorinchem.nl/>



Leonardo Hotel Papendrecht
****** (Papendrecht)**
www.leonardo-hotels.nl/papendrecht



NH Hotel Atlanta Rotterdam
****** (Rotterdam)**
www.nh-hotels.com/nh-atlanta-rotterdam



Practical Info



5 Nights included



3/4 Star Hotels



Breakfast included, Halfboard optional



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



Arnhem



Parking possibilities at the hotel



Any ferry crossings are not included

Arrival info



Nearest Airports are Flughafen Düsseldorf (DUS) or Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)



The train from Dusseldorf to Arnhem departs 1 time per hour. Travel time is about 1.4 hours. The train from Schiphol to Arnhem departs 4 times per hour. Travel time is a bit more then 1 hour. A single ticket costs approx €19,- per person excl. bicycles.

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

