

Cycling over the Veluwe

6 days, € 500



Introduction



This tour has been designed for cyclists who want to truly live life to the full. During the day, you cycle through beautiful natural scenery and in the evenings you stay at Westcord Hotel de Veluwe in the village of Garderen. For no fewer than six days - what a treat! Westcord Hotel de Veluwe is known for its comfort, culinary qualities and hospitality. Your cycling holiday has never been so comfortable! The routes surprise you with a wealth of natural beauty and interesting sights. You can visit the Hoge Veluwe National Park with the Kröller-Muller museum, the Royal Palace Het Loo or the Hanseatic city of Harderwijk. During your stay, you can choose from 4 different bicycle routes. Each day you will have 3 distances to choose from.

Day to Day

Day 1 **Arrival at Garderen**

Your hotel is situated in a unique part of the Netherlands: the centre of The Veluwe. Today, you have plenty of time to take in the beautiful surroundings. The welcoming village of Garderen is certainly worth a visit.

Day 2 **Route Northern Veluwe**

56 km

Vast forests, purple-colored heather fields, picturesque towns and charming cities: with the Noord Veluwe route you can see it all. You cycle over the Ermelose Heide, a heathland of no less than 343 hectares. You may encounter a shepherd with his sheepfold on the way. The largest sheep herd in Europe is located on the Ermelose heath. The tour goes along the Beekhuizerenzand and the Leuvensebeek through the Leuvenumse Bos to Kasteel Staverden. For centuries the white peacocks of the castle supplied the white feathers for the hats of the Dukes of Gerle. You pass the picturesque towns of Drie, Ermelo, Hierden and Leuvenum. You will also cycle along the beautiful old Hanseatic town of Harderwijk. Anyone who just cycles past this town will regret it. Harderwijk not only has a picturesque inner city, but also has around a hundred national monuments and you can visit the Dolfinarium. Finish your day in a relaxed manner in the sauna or solarium, or with a swim in the hotel's heated outdoor swimming pool, sauna and fitness are closed until further notice due to government regulations. Today you can also opt for a shorter route that does not go through Ermelo, Harderwijk and Hierden (44 km) or a longer tour with a loop across the Beekhuizerzand (60 km).



Day 3 **Route Eastern Veluwe**

48 km

This tour goes largely through and along the royal estate Het Loo, the largest estate in the Netherlands, most owned by the royal family. You also come to their former palace, now a museum with beautiful gardens. You start today with a variety of farmland and heathland and you will pass the Hunneschans, a medieval ring rampart located on the Uddelermeer. After coffee in Elspeet you cycle through the vast forests of the Kroondomein het Loo to the eastern edge of the Veluwe. Thanks to the many streams that flow from the Veluwe towards the IJssel, you will find yourself in a fresh green landscape around the neighborhoods of Wenum and Wiesel. Along the outskirts of Apeldoorn you cycle past the palace Het Loo and the zoo De Apenheul. After Apeldoorn you climb to the high village of Hoog Soeren. Over the heathland at Assel and through the woods at Nieuw-Millegen it goes back to the hotel in Garderen.

Today you can also opt for a shorter route that does not go past Apeldoorn with the palace (38 km) or a longer route that goes past many burial mounds and the Celtic Fields, further you pass through the nice village of Vaassen and you cycle over the former 'de Baronnenlijn' railway line to the beautiful water mill of Wenum (58 km).

Day 4 **Route Southern Veluwe**

53 km

Today you will go to National Park De Hoge Veluwe (ticket park only included) and discover how beautiful unspoilt nature can be. You cycle along the vast heaths and sand dunes and drifts at Kootwijk and Hoog Buurlo. With its two small farms, three residents and two sheep cages, Hoog Buurlo is perhaps the smallest hamlet in the Netherlands. You also pass Radio Kootwijk. This former channel park formed an important communication link between the Netherlands and its colonies in the twentieth century. The concrete main building is nicknamed "The Cathedral of the Veluwe" and clearly has the shape of a sphinx from the air. In Hoenderloo you will get back to civilization for a short while, after which you can enjoy heathland, fens, drifting sand and the forests in the National Park De Hoge Veluwe. In the middle of this beautiful nature area you will find the Kröller-Müller Museum with, among other things, an extensive collection of paintings by Vincent van Gogh and the beautiful sculpture garden. Hunting lodge Sint Hubertus and the underground nature museum Museonder are also worth a visit. Along the western edge of the Veluwe you cycle back through the villages of Otterlo, Harskamp and Stroe.

Today you can also opt for a shorter route and combine this with a walk on the Kootwijkerzand, you will miss De Hoge Veluwe National Park (38 km). The longer option includes a larger part of the De Hoge Veluwe National Park (61 km).

Day 5 **Route Western Veluwe**

54 km

The last day of your cycling holiday take you past the prettiest spots in Western Veluwe. You will cycle through beautiful natural areas on Boeschoten Country Estate and around Voorthuizen and De Appelse Heide. The route will also guide you to recreational area Strand Nulde, great for swimming or lazing on the beach. Your trip continues to Putten and to one of the Netherlands oldest forests: Sprielder Bos, known as "the forest of dancing trees because the trees appear to dance in the mist! Also don't miss haunted Solse Gat valley, where - legend has it - a convent sank into the mud after nuns allied with the witches in the Middle Ages. Then cycle back to Garderen.

Today you can also opt for a shorter route, skipping Voorthuizen and De Appelse Heide (44 km). On the long route you follow the old coast further north after Nulde beach. Via the agricultural area around the old hamlets of Horst and Telgt and past the subtropical swimming pool "Bospad Putten" you will arrive in the Sprielder Bos (62 km).



Day 6 **The Return Journey**

You have cycled the Veluwe Tour. Today your bike holiday draws to a close, but not until you have indulged in a big hearty breakfast for the last time. After breakfast, it is time to go home.

*) You can choose the order yourself in which you want to cycle the day tours.

Prices, Data, Booking

Starting dates:

Daily from April 1 till September 25.

Price pp		€
Double room, breakfast		495.00
Single room, breakfast		770.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only		80.00
Rental bike		€
Child bike		77.00
Hybrid		91.00
E-bike		196.00
Extra services		€
Bike Breakdown pass	€ 5.60 x 5	28.00
Child seat	€ 7.00 x 5	35.00
Bike theft insurance	€ 4.20 x 5	21.00
E-bike theft insurance	€ 8.40 x 5	42.00
Tag-along bike	€ 14.00 x 5	70.00
Child trailer	€ 25.20 x 5	126.00
Bike helmet	per piece	10.00
SGR	per piece	5.00
discount	per piece	-20.00

Starting point:

Garderen

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.



Hotel de Werelt Garderen ****
(Garderen)
www.dewereltgarderen.nl/



Practical Info



5 Nights included



4 Star Hotel



Breakfast included



Detailed roadbooks with maps and tourist information



The possibility of renting our bikes



7-days a week service-hotline



Putten. For more information:
ns.nl/reisplannen



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 Schiphol to Apeldoorn departs 2 times per hour. Travel time is about 1,5 hour. A single ticket costs approx €20,- per person excl. Bicycle.

For timetables and tickets, go to <https://www.ns.nl/en>. From Apeldoorn trainstation you need to take the bus to Garderen. This will take about 30 minutes and costs about €4,50 per person. No Bicycles allowed on busses. For timetables and tickets: www.9292.nl/en.

