

Stagecoach Tour

7 days, € 694



Introduction



The lovely Stagecoach Route runs through attractive and diverse landscapes. The Posbank, for example, is part of National Park Veluwezoom. It's an area of heath, pine trees and sand drifts. After a hefty climb to the top, enjoy breathtaking views. You'll also visit a riverbank nature reserve as well as a string of pretty towns that used to be members of the Hansa League, a Northern European alliance of trading guilds in the 13th-17th Centuries. You will pass the former Hanseatic towns and cities such as Hattem, Zwolle, Deventer, Zutphen, Harderwijk and Elburg.

Day to Day

Day 1 **Arrival in Ede**

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Day 2 **Ede - Strand Nulde**

56 km

From the hotel you leave Ede and go in the direction of Lunteren. Your first destination is the geographic center of the Netherlands at the Lunterse Goudsberg, where you cycle between woods, heathland, drifting sands and old farmland.

If you opt for the standard (longer) route, you will find the so-called Celtic Fields, just past the drifting sand area Wekeromse Zand. The Celtic Fields are agricultural land from the Iron Age, with a reconstructed farm. Continue the route to the Veluwe region, with a mix of forest, heathland and sand with agricultural villages such as Kootwijk and Garderen in between.

The shorter route of 47 km goes over Barneveld, once the junction of Hanze and Hessenweggen. This route meanders through a varied agricultural landscape interspersed with woods, heaths and peatlands and many hamlets such as Appel.

Your hotel is located near Strand Nulde, a recreation and water sports area on Lake Veluwe, the coast of the former Zuidersea. The hotel's terrace is a lovely place to relax with a drink after today's beautiful bike ride and enjoy the view over the water.



Day 3 Strand Nulde - Zwolle**70 km**

Along the shores of Randmeren lakes you will reach Harderwijk. As you will see by the remnants of its rich past, it used to be an important fishing port and trading town on the coast of the Zuiderzee. How different is its situation today! Ride your bike atop Knardijk dike, with water left and right, onto this "new land". Then make your way along the shore of Lake Veluwe to the beautiful medieval village of Elburg. You'll love this place with its pretty buildings and tranquil ambiance! Today's cycle tour ends in the market town of Zwolle. Surrounded by four rivers, it has always been a traffic junction, attracting traders and travellers. You will find remains of the medieval city wall and other monuments from the days when Zwolle was a member of the Hansa League.

It is possible to shorten the route to 60 km.

Day 4 Zwolle - Deventer**49 km**

This stretch of the bike tour is mainly dominated by the river IJssel and the neighboring small and large towns. You cycle through the so-called IJssel lowlands. On the right eastern bank of the river with its lovely views, you will pass nice places like Wijhe and Olst. The delightful old Hanseatic city of Deventer surpasses them all. In this once mighty city, which is beautifully situated on the IJssel, much of the rich past can still be seen. The city has preserved hundreds of historical buildings, many of them on Brink square. This is where you'll also find a cake shop selling the local delicacy, Deventer Bussink koek, which you might like to sample. Deventer is also famous for its markets, fairs and festivals. There is much to see and do, in short - let yourself be surprised.

Day 5 Deventer - Arnhem**57 km**

The River IJssel will also accompany you on the first part of today's cycle trip. The views are great. Visit the historical town of Zutphen and other pretty towns located on the fringes of National Park Veluwezoom, like Bronckhorst, the smallest town in the Netherlands. It's a truly lovely area. The route then continues, across woodland and heath land, up and over the Posbank which is slightly hilly by our standards. Don't say we didn't warn you!

You can also opt for a long version via Hanseatic City Doesburg, 66 km.

Day 6 Arnhem - Ede**62 km**

Follow the Rhine river along the foot of the Zuid Veluwe hills. Doorwerth Castle is a nice place to visit and enjoy a cup of coffee with cake. A slightly tough climb over the Holleweg takes you via the Duno and Hoog Oorsprong country estates to the Airborne Museum in Oosterbeek, where you will learn everything about the Battle of Arnhem (1944).

You cycle through the hilly, woody country estate Groot Warnsborn. The estate is known for its majestic terrace garden.

Further on, enter Hoge Veluwe National Park. With extensive heaths, beautiful forests and remnants of drifting sand, the Netherlands' oldest national park is a paradise for cyclists. Here you can also visit the excellent art Museum Kröller-Müller, which houses one of the largest van Gogh collections worldwide. An entrance ticket to the park is included in the tour price (excluding museum entrance).

The last part of your journey goes through the De Planken Wambuis nature reserve, which is rich in large game and bird species, and the Ginkelse Heide (heathland), back to Ede.

This route can be shortened by 20 km by skipping the part towards Oosterbeek.

Day 7 Return home

After breakfast in your hotel, you will return home.



Prices, Data, Booking

Starting dates:

Daily from April 1 till September 24.

Price pp		€
Double room, breakfast		689.00
Single room, breakfast		1,019.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only		80.00
Upgrades pp/night		€
Pillows Grand Hotel Ter Borch, Zwolle		50.00
Rental bike		€
Child bike		66.00
Hybrid		78.00
E-bike		168.00
Extra services		€
Bike Breakdown pass	€ 4.00 x 6	24.00
Child seat	€ 5.00 x 6	30.00
Bike theft insurance	€ 3.00 x 6	18.00
E-bike theft insurance	€ 6.00 x 6	36.00
Extra luggage	€ 5.00 x 6	30.00
Tag-along bike	€ 10.00 x 6	60.00
Child trailer	€ 18.00 x 6	108.00
Bike helmet	per piece	10.00
SGR	per piece	5.00
discount	per piece	-20.00

Starting point:

Ede



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.



Parkhotel de Bosrand * (Ede)**

www.debosrand.com



Postillion Hotel Amersfoort Veluwemeer * (Putten)**

www.postillionhotels.com/amersfoort-veluwemeer



Hotel Fidder * (Zwolle)**

<https://www.hotelfidder.nl/>



Postillion Hotel Deventer ** (Deventer)**

www.postillionhotels.com/postillion-hotel-deventer



Hotel Haarhuis * (Arnhem)**

<https://hotelhaarhuis.nl/nl>



Practical Info



6 Nights included



3/4 Star Hotels



Breakfast included



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



Ede-Wageningen



Parking possibilities at the hotel



Any ferry crossings are not included

Arrival info



Nearest Airport is Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)



The train from Schiphol to Ede-Wageningen departs 4 times per hour. Travel time is about 1 hour. A single ticket costs approx €17- per person excl. bicycle.

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

