

Villa Ruimzicht Doetinchem

6 days, **€ 545**



Introduction



This six-day bike holiday is an ideal combination of sporting activity, nature and pure relaxation. In the daytime, roam the Dutch outback. In the evenings, make yourselves at home in a cosy hotel in the welcoming village of Doetinchem. A varied array of shops draws people from miles around. Doetinchem lies in a remote eastern corner of the country in a region known as De Graafschap (The County).

If you want to cycle on the arrival and / or departure day, please request extra days of bicycle rental through the remarks field in the booking form.

Day to Day

Day 1 **Arrival in Doetinchem**

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Day 2 **Graafschap-Zuid Round Tour (going south) 39 - 49km**

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After eating your fill at the breakfast buffet, you will mount your bikes and set off on your first day's cycling. Beautiful Montferland nature reserve is a promise of deciduous woods and gentle hills. Please be aware that not all of the Netherlands is flat. If you book this holiday you will encounter some undulating terrain. Picturesque villages lie hidden in the woods. In summer, fields of wild flowers are fringed by hedgerows teeming with small wildlife. The town of 's Heerenberg is very old and will entice you on a walk of exploration. The earthen wall surrounding the old town centre (Muntwal) is still visible near Kasteel Huis Bergh. This moated castle, over five hundred years old, is open to the public and boasts a collection of medieval paintings, coins, manuscripts and arms. The grounds, called Plantage, also merit a visit.

You can also choose to cycle a longer route of 49 km, which will take you to Germany. This route has an extra loop from Stokkum to Elten and the 'Elter hill', from which you will have an beautiful view of the Rhinebridge and valley near Emmerich.



Day 3 Graafschap-West Round Tour (going west) 56 km**56 km**

You will start off following a quiet bike track on the banks of the River Oude IJssel. Outside hamlet Laag-Keppel stand a watermill and a Frisian polder mill. They used to belong to the estate dominated by splendid Keppel Castle. You can catch a glimpse of it through the trees. It's one of the biggest castles in the Achterhoek region. Next you will reach our cultural highlight of the day: the hanseatic town of Doesburg. In the 13th-17th centuries, 150 merchant guilds across northern Europe were united in the Hanseatic League, a trading alliance. Their main aim was to ensure safe passage for travelling merchants. They also helped each other with information, knowledge and contacts. This network generated income, allowing merchants to invest in culture and architecture which explains why Hansa towns, centuries on, are so attractive to tourists. The River IJssel, which emptied into Zuiderzee sea, counted seven Hansa towns on its banks. Completely surrounded by water, lovingly renovated Doesburg is a picturesque place to spend an unforgettable afternoon. Sights abound: the mustard factory museum, the old town hall, the old weighing house, the Rene Lalique glass museum, and much more! Hansa festivities recur in June. After Doesburg you follow the beautiful IJssel valley to the picturesque town of Bronkhorst, the smallest town in the Netherlands that still has a medieval atmosphere.

Via the charming village of Hoog Keppel and the Kruisbergsche forest you cycle back to Doetinchem.

Day 4 Graafschap-Noord Round Tour (going north) 44-56 km**44 km**

Against a backdrop of ever-changing natural scenery, your day will start by passing through the small village of Zelham. Cycle further through a lovely landscape of meadows, fields, forest areas and estates, interspersed with small towns. The farmland and woodland will never cease to delight you. The village of Hengelo is a nice village for a coffee break. As the sun sets in the evening, put your feet up in your comfortable hotel in Doetinchem.

An alternative, longer route, will take you to Vorden, a village surrounded by beautiful estates, forest and known for Vorden Castle. This route is 56 km in total.

Day 5 Graafschap-Oost Round Tour (going east) 55-65 km**55 km**

It's open countryside all the way. Lush pastures, tidy cropfields, charming old farmhouses with colourful country gardens will have you smiling with pleasure. Your pit stops for the day are the villages of Terborg on the River Oude IJssel and Ulft, near the German border. Via the forest at estate Slangenburgh you will cycle back to Doetinchem.

Today you also have an option for a longer route, which will take you via the Landfort estate to the Castle and Museum Anholt, just across the border in Germany. This is a route of 65 km.

Day 6 Return Home

After breakfast, it's time to go home.



Prices, Data, Booking

Starting dates:

Daily from April 1 till September 25.

Price pp		€
Double room, breakfast		540.00
Single room, breakfast		865.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only		80.00
Rental bike		€
Child bike		77.00
Hybrid		91.00
E-bike		189.00
Extra services		€
Bike Breakdown pass	€ 5.60 x 5	28.00
Child seat	€ 7.00 x 5	35.00
Bike theft insurance	€ 3.00 x 5	15.00
E-bike theft insurance	€ 6.00 x 5	30.00
Tag-along bike	€ 8.40 x 5	42.00
Child trailer	€ 24.50 x 5	122.50
Bike helmet	per piece	10.00
SGR	per piece	5.00

Starting point:

Doetinchem

Accommodation

The hotels and the B&B on this trip have been carefully selected for their location, atmosphere and/or unique services. All rooms are en-suite. A list of the accommodation we work with appears below. If a certain accommodation is unable to confirm due to lack of availability, we will try to request a comparable alternative if possible.

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 Villa Ruimzicht ****
(Doetinchem)

www.hotelvillaruimzicht.nl



Practical Info



5 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



Doetinchem



Parking possibilities at the hotel



GPS-tracks available



Any ferry crossings are not included

Arrival info



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



The train from Dusseldorf to Doetinchem departs 1 time per hour. Travel time is about 2 hours. A single ticket costs approx €30,- per person excl. bicycle.
The train from Schiphol to Doetinchem departs 2 times per hour. Travel time is about 1.45 hour. A single ticket costs approx €23,- per person excl. bicycles.

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

