

Gems of the East

7 days, € 820



Introduction



Are you familiar with the east of the Netherlands? With this holiday we would like to present to you three of our favourite towns: Zutphen, Nijmegen and Doetsburg. All three have attractive old town centres: very old, welcoming and full of culturally interesting things to see. Moreover, the surrounding countryside is well-loved by cyclists for its diversity: leafy country estates, grand mansions, rivers, farmland, woods... Beautiful rural regions such as Rijk van Nijmegen and Montferland offer gentle inclines. Finally, check out the fine hotels we have selected for you and your mind will be made up.

Day to Day

Day 1 **Arrival in the town of Doetinchem**

Make your way to Villa Ruimzicht Hotel in Doetinchem. This rather grand hotel stands in a small park on the edge of town. Doetinchem offers a good choice of shops.

Day 2 **Doetinchem - Nijmegen (Lent)**

54 km

A varied route through the nature reserves Montferland and Ooijpolder, which partly leads through Germany. In Zeddam you will pass the Grafelijke Torenmolen, the oldest working windmill in the Netherlands. Through the forests and grain fields of the Montferland and past Bergh Castle you cycle unnoticed into Germany. From Elten you are heading for the Rhine, a ferry will take you to Millingen aan de Rijn and the Ooijpolder. The moraine of Nijmegen is getting closer and closer over dikes through beautiful floodplains and villages. The hotel is located opposite the center of Nijmegen in Lent on the other side of the river Waal.

Enthusiasts can opt for a longer route of 61 km. This route goes over the Rhine bridge at Emmerich (longest suspension bridge in Germany), along the German Old Rhine (with Germany's historic, oldest steel railway bridge and the former Schenkenschans fortress) to Millingen, after which you follow the standard route through the Ooijpolder to Lent.



Day 3 **Round Tour near Nijmegen**

48 km

Today you can choose from 2 wonderful round trips of 48 km (which can also be combined into one trip of 57 km), which also takes you through the center of Nijmegen. The south-westerly tour goes through the Land van Maas en Waal, straight through the Overasselt and Hatertsevennen nature park with the St. Walrick 'fever' tree for healing and back through the woods below Nijmegen.

The southeastern route is a beautiful but hilly ride through the Rijk van Nijmegen along the Mookerheide, the South Limburg-like Zevendal. A beautiful winding path through Germany takes you to Groesbeek, where the locally well known Zevenheuvelenweg ('seven hill road') to Berg en Dal awaits you. Finally, a fast descent takes you close to the thickest Dutch tree (take a short stroll) and the Ooijpolder. Impressive views of the push moraine accompany you the last bit back to Nijmegen.

Day 4 **Nijmegen (Lent) - Zutphen**

58 km

Today the woods of the Veluwe will be your guide. You will cycle past the city of Arnhem and the lovely village Eerbeek. Spoilt for choice of things to do you will have to pick and choose. What will it be? The famous Burgers Zoo or the Netherlands Open Air Museum? The Airborne Museum about the 1944 Battle of Arnhem or Rosendael Castle in Rozendaal? The woods and heath of the Veluwe are truly a sight to behold when in August the heath blooms. Have a pleasant evening walking through downtown Zutphen's curvy narrow cobbled streets looking up at the many ancient and beautiful houses.

You can shorten your route on a few places to a route between 50 km and 56 km.

Day 5 **A Round Tour of the Surroundings of Zutphen (30 to 57 km)**

32 km

Today you can choose from multiple routes. First you follow the right bank of the IJssel to Gorssel. You take the ferry there and you arrive in a beautiful floodplain area. A café and agricultural museum De Kribbe are nearby. You can continue via the left bank of the IJssel, with Slot Nijenbeek en route, back to Zutphen. Enthusiasts also cycle to the old, Hanseatic city of Deventer in Overijssel or the small town of Bronkhorst. They return to Zutphen via a beautiful bicycle loop.

Day 6 **Zutphen - Doetinchem**

50 km

This is a trip through pastoral countryside, cropfields, pasture and leafy country estates. The village of Almen is home to a small printing press museum. Smedekinck Museum in the pretty village of Zelham is housed in an ancient farmhouse and portrays daily village life through the centuries. Lovely Vorden Castle and gardens are well worth a visit.

Day 7 **Return Home**

After eating your fill at the breakfast buffet, it's time to go home.



Prices, Data, Booking

Starting dates:

Daily from May 1st till September 24.

Price pp		€
Double room, breakfast		815.00
Single room, breakfast		1,145.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only		80.00
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:

Doetinchem (arrival with own car) or Nijmegen Lent (arrival by train)



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 Villa Ruimzicht **
(Doetinchem)**

www.hotelvillaruimzicht.nl



**Van der Valk Hotel Nijmegen-
Lent **** (Lent)**

www.valknijmegen.nl



**Hampshire Hotel - 's Gravenhof
Zutphen **** (Zutphen)**

www.hampshirehotelsgravenhofzutphen.com



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



Doetinchem



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 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.

