

## Randstad Holland Tour

9 days, € 1034



### Introduction



A great tour with many attractions! We will cycle through the Randstad, the area between the four biggest cities in the Netherlands: Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague and Utrecht. You will experience the unique charm of each of these cities. Between the cities are picturesque towns and villages. You will spend two days cycling down North Sea coast with its endless sandy beaches and windswept dunes. Tourist attractions and museums are everywhere!

### Day to Day

#### Day 1 **Arrival in Utrecht/Bunnik**

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For availability reasons it's possible you will stay in Bunnik instead of Utrecht.

#### Day 2 **Utrecht/Bunnik - Amsterdam**

**62 km**

Cycle to Amsterdam on the banks of the Rivers Vecht and Amstel. Characteristic for this area are the many stately homes and garden pavilions built by rich Amsterdam merchants in the 17th and 18th Centuries.

#### Day 3 **Amsterdam - Zandvoort/ Noordwijkerhout**

**32 km**

You'll love the elegant city of Haarlem, voted best city for shopping. Remember to look up at the façades of historical buildings and see if you can spot the pretty stepped gables. Our bike route then continues through Zuid-Kennemerland, a colourful area rich in natural beauty. In well known beach resort Zandvoort you will stay the night by the sea. For logistic reasons it's possible you will overnight in Noordwijkerhout instead of Zandvoort. The cycling distance will then be 51 km and the next day 36 km.



**Day 4 Zandvoort/ Noordwijkerhout - Scheveningen****43 km**

Today you'll cycle through the Dune and Bulb Region. The windswept dunes not only protect the hinterland from the sea, but also harbour many species of dune flora and fauna. April is your best bet for visiting colourful bulb fields (daffodils, hyacinths and tulips) just behind the dunes. On the coast, check out the resorts and beaches. Once you reach Scheveningen, you will be spoilt for choice of things to do.

**Day 5 Scheveningen - Rotterdam****64 km**

Cycle south, along the coast through dunes and past seaside resorts. Then pedal east along the New Waterway ship canal, past fishing villages, windmills and jenever distilleries, to Rotterdam.

**Day 6 Rotterdam - Papendrecht****31 km**

Modern Rotterdam offers architecture, art, port tours, a maritime museum and shops galore. The re-developed inner-city harbours are hotspots. Cycle to the village of Kinderdijk, explore the site where 19 windmills have been standing majestically in rows since 1740. They were used to drain excess water out of the low-lying polder up into the River Lek. One of the mills is open to the public. Your destination, Papendrecht, is just a ferry crossing away from one of Holland's oldest towns; Dordrecht. Dordrecht is completely surrounded by rivers. Beautiful bridges take you across the water into the heart of town. Around the harbour you will see many monumental buildings.

**Day 7 Papendrecht - Gorinchem****59 km**

Today you cycle through a part of Biesbosch National Park, one of the few remaining freshwater tidal areas in Europe. The countless islands of marshy willow woods, reed-lands and grasslands are surrounded by creeks and rivers. The place is a resting, foraging and breeding site for water birds. Nature lovers should visit Biesbosch Centre Dordrecht for information on this fascinating area. Before you arrive in Gorinchem you can, if you wish, take a boat trip to visit the interesting Loevestein castle. The town of Woudrichem is definitely worth a visit.

**Day 8 Gorinchem - Utrecht/Bunnik****58 km**

Gorinchems walled town centre has a long turbulent history and over two hundred monuments to remember it by. It used to be big in fishery, markets and trade, but was often plagued by floods and conquerors (the town was the gateway to Holland). In the heart of the city of Utrecht lies the peaceful Oude Gracht (= Old Canal). Its characteristic wharves are unique to Utrecht. Nowadays they are the pleasant setting for waterside cafes. Don't miss the pretty Museum Quarter.

**Day 9 Return Home**

After breakfast in your hotel, you will return home.



## Prices, Data, Booking

### Starting dates:

Daily from April 1 till September 22.

Please note: a minimum stay of 2 nights in a row is required in the hotel in Amsterdam on the following dates (and a higher price will be charged):

March 29th, 30th and 31st 2024

April 20th 2024

April 26th and 27th 2024

May 9, 10th and 11th 2024

May 17th, 18th and 19th 2024

Price pp		€
Double room, breakfast		1,029.00
Single room, breakfast		1,509.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only		80.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only Amsterdam		100.00
Upgrades pp/night		€
Boutique Hotel Karel de Stoute, Gorinchem		25.00
Hotel Mitland - Suite upgrade, Utrecht		40.00
Westcord Art Hotel, Amsterdam		10.00
Surcharge per person		€
Stay in Amsterdam on Saturday		25.00
Stay in Amsterdam from: 17/05/2024 - 19/05/2024		40.00
Rental bike		€
Child bike		88.00
Hybrid		104.00
E-bike		216.00
Extra services		€
Bike Breakdown pass	€ 4.00 x 8	32.00
Child seat	€ 5.00 x 8	40.00
Bike theft insurance	€ 3.00 x 8	24.00
E-bike theft insurance	€ 6.00 x 8	48.00
Extra luggage	€ 5.00 x 8	40.00
Tag-along bike	€ 6.00 x 8	48.00
Child trailer	€ 17.50 x 8	140.00
Bike helmet	per piece	10.00
SGR	per piece	5.00

### Starting point:

Utrecht, Bunnik or Amsterdam



## 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 Mitland \*\*\*\* (Utrecht)**

[www.mitland.nl](http://www.mitland.nl)



### **Westcord Art Hotel \*\*\*/\*\*\*\* (Amsterdam)**

[www.westcordhotels.nl/art-hotel](http://www.westcordhotels.nl/art-hotel)



### **NH Hotel Zandvoort \*\*\*\* (Zandvoort)**

[www.nh-hotels.nl/hotel/nh-zandvoort](http://www.nh-hotels.nl/hotel/nh-zandvoort)

### **Boulevard Hotel \*\*\* (Scheveningen)**

[www.boulevardhotel.nl](http://www.boulevardhotel.nl)

### **ss Rotterdam \*\*\*\* (Rotterdam)**

[www.ssrotterdam.com](http://www.ssrotterdam.com)

### **Leonardo Hotel Papendrecht \*\*\*\* (Papendrecht)**

[www.apollohotels.nl/leonardo-hotel-papendrecht/](http://www.apollohotels.nl/leonardo-hotel-papendrecht/)

### **Hotel Gorinchem \*\*\* (Gorinchem)**

[www.hotelgorinchem.nl](http://www.hotelgorinchem.nl)



## Practical Info



8 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



CS Utrecht



Parking possibilities at the hotel



GPS-tracks available



Any ferry crossings are not included

## Arrival info



Nearest Airport is Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)



The train from Schiphol to Utrecht departs 4 times per hour. Travel time is about 30 minutes. A single ticket costs approx €10- per person excl. bicycle.

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

