

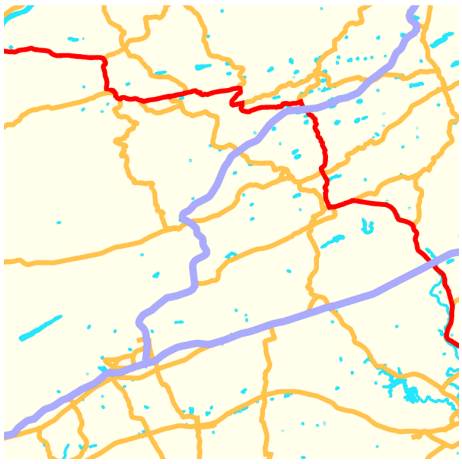
SUMMER SPRING & AUTUMN

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8 days, PRICE FROM *€ 946*



A new itinerary that takes you to the discovery of surprising and lesser-known corners of the Netherlands, blending history, nature, and charming villages. The journey begins in **Coevorden**, an ancient fortified city with a medieval past tied to knights and the battles between the Dutch and the bishops of Utrecht. From here, the route winds through **Overijssel**, a region rich in diverse landscapes: from the rolling hills and heaths of the **Sallandse Heuvelrug**, where deer and rare birds find refuge, to the bucolic tranquility of **Twente**, an idyllic countryside dotted with windmills, traditional farms, and dense forests.

A perfect journey for both seasoned walkers and those taking their first steps into the world of slow travel.

Route

Day 1 Arrival Coevorden

Travel to Coevorden station on your own and check in at your accommodation. If you still have energy after traveling, definitely take a walk through the park.

Day 2 Coevorden - Hardenberg, 19 km

Leaving Coevorden, known as the ‘goose city,’ you step into the serene beauty of the Poort van Drenthe, a striking natural gateway marked by an impressive stone artwork. Crossing from Drenthe into the province of Overijssel, the trail follows the tranquil valley of the Overijsselse Vecht river, a lifeline for the region’s rich landscapes.

In Gramsbergen, take a moment to admire the charming historic center, where beautifully restored houses line the streets, and the bronze statue of the ‘Pieterpad’ walkers pays tribute to those who traverse this famous route. The journey continues through the hamlet of Ane and the England Forest, a lush woodland nestled in an ancient meander of the Vecht. Finally, you reach Hardenberg, a peaceful riverside town where you can relax and reflect on the day's walk.

Day 3 Hardenberg - Ommen, 21,5 km

On the trail, first walk along the **'Molengoot'**, an old course of the river Vecht, where the landscape tells stories of the river’s past. Enjoy the natural beauty of the **Rheezermaten**, a protected nature reserve where wetlands and meadows create a haven for wildlife.

Then visit the beautiful village of **Rheeze**, its history stretching back to the Middle Ages. This well-preserved village offers a glimpse into the past with its traditional Saxon farmhouses and picturesque setting.

Continue through the peaceful **Hardenberg forest**, where shaded paths lead you along the banks of the rivers **Vecht** and **Beneden-Regge**. The route takes you over the scenic **Junne estate**, with its rolling fields and ancient woodlands, before reaching the lively town of **Ommen**, where the day's walk ends with a welcoming atmosphere and plenty of charm.

Day 4 Ommen - Hellendoorn, 20 km

The Pieterpad continues through the Vecht and **Beneden-Regge** basins, a hilly part of **Overijssel**. This is evident from the Ommerland watchtower at the top the **Besthemerberg (112 ft)**. Climb the tower and enjoy the beautiful view over the Vecht valley! Other **Dutch 'mountains'** on the route include the Archemerberg (256 ft) and the adjacent Lemelerberg (144 ft). In this undulating landscape, pass the **'Fat Stone'** boulder and walk along the juniper bushes on the Lemelerberg. Admire the monumental 'Lion' in Park 1813 and reach Hellendoorn via the wooded Eelerberg estate.

Day 5 Hellendoorn - Holten, 15,5 km

Today, traverse the **Sallandse Heuvelrug**, a striking moraine stretching from **Ommen** to **Holten**. This is **Overijssel** at its highest, where rolling hills are blanketed by vast forests and sweeping heathlands, offering a landscape unlike any other in the Netherlands.

Following the path over the **Hellendoornse Berg**, head towards **'t Ravijn**, where you can admire the intriguing **'Stardust'** artwork, installed as a tribute to a brief yet fascinating gold rush that once took place here.

Take a moment to reflect at the solemn **Twilhaar forced labor camp** monument, a powerful reminder of history hidden within these peaceful surroundings. Continue your walk, taking in breathtaking panoramas from the summits of **Haarlerberg** and **Holterberg**. The journey then leads through the serene **Noetselenberg estate**, before reaching the welcoming village of **Holten**, where your day's adventure concludes.

Day 6 Holten - Laren, 15 km

Leave **Holten** behind and step into the charming hamlet of **Beuseberg**, situated on the outskirts of the Overijsselse moraine. Follow a majestic **beech-lined lane** near the tranquil **Schipbeek brook**, crossing its waters to enter **Gelderland's Achterhoek**, a region known for its picturesque farmsteads and rolling countryside.

Along the way, make time for a visit to the exquisite **Verwolde Manor**, an elegant estate surrounded by lush gardens and home to a delightful **tea garden**, perfect for a restful pause. Here, you'll also find the legendary **'Dikke Boom'** (Fat Tree), the largest oak tree in the Netherlands, a silent witness to centuries of history.

Continuing on, just before reaching **Laren**, you'll pass by **De Binnenhof**, a distinguished **18th-century rectory** that was later expanded into a graceful **19th-century villa**. This historic landmark adds yet another layer of charm to this scenic and culturally rich journey.

Day 7 Laren - Vorden, 16 km

The day begins with a peaceful walk through **Groot Dochteren**, a charming hamlet known for its scattered farmsteads and serene countryside. Crossing both the **Twente Canal** and the **Berkel River**, you'll make your way toward the **Velhorst Estate**, where a stunning viewpoint offers sweeping vistas over the tranquil **Kienveen** nature reserve.

Continue your journey through a vast expanse of **heathland**, where towering conifer forests—planted in the early 20th century—create an enchanting woodland atmosphere. As you walk, the landscape gradually reveals the grandeur of **Het Enzerinck**, a stately **neoclassical manor** built in 1826, standing proudly amidst its elegant surroundings.

Your destination today is **Vorden**, but if time and energy permit, consider a short detour to the magnificent **Hanseatic city of Zutphen**, just a quick **9-minute train ride** away. Its medieval charm, historic architecture, and vibrant atmosphere make it well worth the visit!

Day 8 Departure Vorden

After breakfast, this part of the Pieterpad ends here for you.

Practical info

Included

What is included

- 7 Nights in double room in ** hotels/guesthouses with breakfast
- maps and detailed description of the itinerary
- Medical and luggage travel insurance
- 24h phone assistance
- luggage transfer
- city tax

What is not included

- Transfers to the starting location and from the arriving location of the tour
- lunches and dinners, if not otherwise stated
- visits and entrance fees - tips
- personal expense
- everything that is not mentioned in the "What is included" section.
- Optional Services

These services can be added to the ones included in the base price of the tour:

- Single room supplement
- Packed lunch
- luggage transfer
- cancellation insurance
- Parking
- Ferry fees
- extra meals