

Cycling tour through the Ardennes

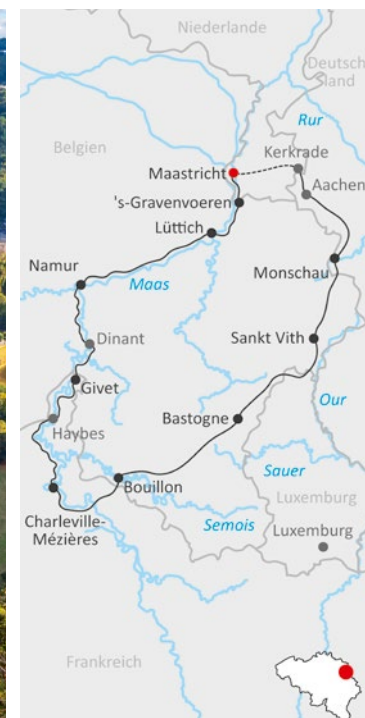
11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS, APPROX. 555 KM
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DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●
TOPOGRAPHY ●●●●●



On two wheels through five countries

From Eur 999,-



Your tour

A wide variety of green tones await you in the Ardennes. The wooded mountains are a great place for cycling! You explore the heart of Europe from Maastricht, where the foundation stone for the European Union was laid. You cycle through the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Luxembourg and Germany. There are so many sites of European history along the route, whether from the imperial era or the last century, that you can hardly stop marvelling.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival in Maastricht / 's-Gravenvoeren
Day 2	Maastricht – Lüttich, approx. 35 / 30 km
Day 3	Lüttich – Namur, approx. 75 km
Day 4	Namur – Givet, approx. 55 km
Day 5	Givet – Charleville-Mézières, approx. 85 km
Day 6	Charleville-Mézières – Bouillon, approx. 50 km
Day 7	Bouillon – Bastogne, approx. 70 km
Day 8	Bastogne – Sankt Vith, approx. 60 km
Day 9	Sankt Vith – Monschau-Rohren, approx. 55 km
Day 10	Monschau – Maastricht / 's-Gravenvoeren, approx. 70 / 80 km + train ride
Day 11	Individual departure

Travel time

Season A	14.05. – 16.07.	30.07. – 03.09.
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Arrival Tuesday 14.05. – 03.09.2024

Services

- 10 nights with breakfast, national 3* / 4*-level
- Train ride Kerkrade – Maastricht incl. bike
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel, max. 1 piece per person, max. 20 kg / piece
- Coffee and homemade fruit cake in Maastricht (day 1) and Cugnon (day 7)
- City tax
- Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)

Basic price per person

Double room	999,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	469,-

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec	219,-
Rental bike (21- / 24-gear)	159,-

Exemplary hotel list Standard

Maastricht / ,s-Gravenvoeren	Buitenplaats Vaeshartelt Maastricht	https://www.vaeshartelt.nl/
	Blanckthys 's-Gravenvoeren	www.blanckthys.be/de
Lüttich	Mercure Hotel Liège City Centre Lüttich	https://all.accor.com/
Namur	Hotel les Tanneurs Namur	https://www.tanneurs.com/
Givet	Hotel les Reflets Jaunes Givet	https://les-reflets-jaunes-hotel-givet.hotel-mix.de/
Charleville-Mézières	Kyriad Charleville Mézières	https://charleville-mezieres.kyriad.com/en-us/
Bouillon	Hotel de la Poste Bouillon	https://www.hotelposte.be/nl/
Bastogne	Hotel Leo at Home Bastogne	https://hotel-leo-at-home-hotel-leo-villa-bastogne.hotel-mix.de/
Sankt Vith	Pip Margraff St. Vith	www.pip.be/home
Monschau-Rohren	Hotel Alt Montjoie Monschau	https://www.alt-montjoie.de/
	Hotel de Lange Man Monschau-Rohren	https://www.langeman.nl/nl/
Maastricht / ,s-Gravenvoeren	Buitenplaats Vaeshartelt Maastricht	https://www.vaeshartelt.nl/
	Blanckthys 's-Gravenvoeren	www.blanckthys.be/de

Child reduction on basic price

Due to the challenging stages, we do not recommend this trip for children.

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, Dutch

Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- Twin / double rooms / separate beds are only occasionally available. We treat requests as non-binding customer requests, if above mentioned room types are a booking condition, it must be mentioned as a condition at the time of booking.
- Extra nights: availabilities and prices on request

Equipment of our rental bikes

→ Waterproof pannier

Journey to Maastricht / ,s-Gravenvoeren

- Nearest airports: Brussels, Düsseldorf, Amsterdam
- Train station: Maastricht

Parking in Maastricht / ,s-Gravenvoeren

→ Parking at the hotel in Maastricht / ,s-Gravenvoeren is free of charge for the duration of the trip. No reservation possible through Radweg-Reisen.

Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival in Maastricht / 's-Gravenvoeren

Welcome to your cycling trip! After checking in at your Maastricht hotel, grab your bike and explore the southernmost city of the Kingdom. Enjoy a magnificent view of the old centre from the three bridges over the Meuse. Stroll through the Bonnefantenmuseum with works of art from different eras and pay a visit to the Basilica of Saint Servatius. You will find atmospheric restaurants and bars on the Vrijthof, one of the city's largest squares. If our accommodation in Maastricht is fully booked, travel to ,s-Gravenvoeren in Belgium.

Day 2: Maastricht – Lüttich, approx. 35 / 30 km

Use the time after breakfast for an extensive city walk. Not far from the right bank of the Meuse is the Bonnefantenmuseum, which will make the heart of any art lover beat faster. Before you get on your bike, you will receive a welcome cup of coffee or tea and Limburg fruit cake (included) at your hotel! Off you go! The first stage of your cycle tour through the Ardennes today takes you to Liège in Belgium. Climb the 374 steps of the Montagne de Bueren staircase, which connects the city centre with an old citadel. A marvellous view of the Meuse and the city will reward you for the steep climb.

Day 3: Lüttich – Namur, approx. 75 km

Today you follow the Meuse in a south-westerly direction. The Grand Place in Huy is the perfect place for an extended break. Watch the hustle and bustle of the town with a good portion of moules-frites before travelling to your overnight stay in Namur. As the capital of Wallonia, Namur can look back on more than a thousand years of history. The citadel on a 190 metre high mountain spur and Saint-Aubain Cathedral are just a few of the interesting witnesses to past eras.

Day 4: Namur – Givet, approx. 55 km

Cycle along the Meuse through the strawberry village of Wépion and the „Gardens of Annevoie“. Then treat yourself to a little stroll through the Ardennes town. According to the writer Victor Hugo, the town is the most beautiful girl on the Meuse. See for yourself! Back on your bike, your route takes you to Hastière. Pay a visit to the impressive Charlemont Fort in Givet, your destination for the day.

Day 5: Givet – Charleville-Mézières, approx. 85 km

Today is all about the Parc naturel régional des Ardennes. The nature park is characterised by forests, meadows, moors, watercourses and rugged rocks - an ideal environment to combine relaxed cycling with lush green nature without any major climbs. Speaking of enjoyment:

climb the Roche à 7 Heures viewpoint above the small town of Monthermé and enjoy the view of the Meuse valley. Your overnight stay today is in Charleville-Mézières

Day 6: Charleville-Mézières – Bouillon, approx. 50 km

A highlight of today's stage is the imposing castle in the centre of the French town of Sedan. The fortress is one of the largest in Europe. In Sedan, you say goodbye to the Meuse and cycle on to Bouillon in Belgium, your destination for today. Before you reach the town, you will have to pedal hard uphill. Your efforts will be rewarded with a descent to Bouillon. We recommend a visit to the medieval castle, which also characterises the townscape here.

Day 7: Bouillon – Bastogne, approx. 70 km

After breakfast, a few climbs await you up to Cugnon. At the Hotel Des Roches, you have the opportunity to take a breather with coffee and cake (included). Refreshed, you cycle uphill again on secluded paths. On the way, you cycle through characteristic little villages. In your overnight stay in Bastogne, many monuments commemorate the Ardennes offensive in the Second World War. The Mardasson Memorial, located just outside the town, is particularly recommended for history buffs.

Day 8: Bastogne – Sankt Vith, approx. 60 km

The Belgian-Luxembourg border is your constant companion on today's cycling stage. It goes up high. A short section through Luxembourg takes you to the highest point of the small Grand Duchy at Huldange. In Huldange you meet the Vennbahn cycle path. The former railway line

was converted into a long-distance cycle path not so long ago. Your overnight stop, the Belgian town of St. Vith, is geographically located at the interface between the Eifel and the Ardennes.

Day 9: Sankt Vith – Monschau-Rohren, approx. 55 km

After breakfast, you cycle northwards today. Before you reach Montenaus, it is worth taking a short diversion to the village of Recht. Visit the local slate mine and museum. Another highlight of the route awaits you at the Montenaus ham smokehouse. Here you can watch the production of the original Ardennes ham. Shortly before your overnight stay in Monschau, you leave the Vennbahn cycle path. Through the Rur valley, you reach the cosy Eifel town with its picture-perfect half-timbered houses and narrow alleyways. Try the Montjoier Dütchen, a sponge cake famous beyond the town's borders.

Day 10: Monschau – Maastricht / 's-Gravenvoeren, approx. 70 / 80 km + train ride

Today you return to the Vennbahn cycle path. Shortly before Aachen, you reach Kornelimünster. Thanks to its historic centre dating back to the Middle Ages, the village is considered the most picturesque part of Aachen. A few kilometres further on, you are already in the centre of Germany's westernmost city, Aachen. The imposing Aachen Cathedral rises up in the centre of the old town and is well worth a visit. You leave Aachen and cycle to Kerkrade, just over the Dutch border. From here, take the train back to Maastricht.

Day 11: Individual departure

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.