The Maas Cycle Route

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 290 KM BOOKING CODE: NL-MM7







Your tour

The Maas Cycle Tour connects France, Belgium and the Netherlands. On well-maintained and almost gradient-free cycle paths, you accompany the Meuse from one of the oldest cities in the Netherlands – Maastricht – to Sedan, steeped in history. You cycle through a varied landscape. Accompanied by cosy villages and towns, you will experience the international flair of this river full of contrasts. Cycle through the unspoilt nature, the vast forests and the gentle hills of the Ardennes, try the Couque de Dinant and climb the Montagne de Bueren in Liège. Whether experienced or not, the Maas Cycle Route offers you pure variety – in the heart of Europe.

Itinerary

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Day 1	Individual arrival in Maastricht
Day 2	Maastricht – Lüttich, approx. 35 / 30 km
Day 3	Lüttich – Namur, approx. 75 km
Day 4	Namur – Dinant / Anhée, approx. 30 km
Day 5	Dinant – Haybes, approx. 50 / 60 km
Day 6	Haybes – Charleville-Mézières, approx. 60 km
Day 7	Charleville-Mézières – Sedan, approx. 35 km
Day 8	Transfer Sedan – Maastricht and individual departure

Travel time

Season A	06.05.	20.05.	03.06.
	17.06.	01.07.	15.07.
	29.07.	12.08.	26.08.
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Arrival Monday 06.05. – 09.09.2024 The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

- \rightarrow 7 nights with breakfast, national 2* / 3*-level (Cat B)
- → 7 nights with breakfast, national 3* / 4*-level (Cat A)
- → Luggage transport from hotel to hotel, max. 1 piece per person, max. 20 kg / piece
- → City tax
- → Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- → Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. 08.00 p.m.)
- → Transfer Sedan Maastricht incl. bike

Basic price per person	Category B	Category A
Double room	749,-	789,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	369,-	369,-

Additional night prices per person	Category B	Category A
Maastricht DBL / BB	85,-	85,-
Maastricht SGL / BB	129,-	129,-

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E-bike / Pedelec	179,-
Rental bike (21-gear)	119.–

Exemplary hotel list Category A

Maastricht	Buitenplaats Vaeshartelt Maastricht	https://www.vaeshartelt.nl/
Lüttich	Mercure Hotel Liége City Centre Lüttich	https://all.accor.com/
Namur	Hotel les Tanneurs Namur	https://www.tanneurs.com/
Dinant / Anhée	Ibis Dinant	https://all.accor.com/
Haybes	Le Clos Joli Haybes	https://www.clos-joli-haybes.fr/
Charleville-Mézières	Kyriad Charleville Mézières	https://charleville-mezieres.kyriad.com/en-us/
Sedan	Hôtel le Château Fort Sedan	https://hotel-lechateaufort.fr/

Exemplary hotel list Category B

Maastricht	Buitenplaats Vaeshartelt Maastricht	https://www.vaeshartelt.nl/
Lüttich	Ibis Liège Guillemins Lüttich	https://all.accor.com/
Namur	Ibis Namur Centre	https://all.accor.com/
Dinant / Anhée	Hôtel les Jadins de la Molignée Anhée	https://jardins.molignee.com/
Haybes	Le Saint Hubert Haybes	https://www.logishotels.com/fr/hotel/ logis-hotel-saint-hubert-1061?partid=1535
Charleville-Mézières	Kyriad Charleville Mézières	https://charleville-mezieres.kyriad.com/en-us/
Sedan	Le Saint Michel Sedan	http://www.le-saint-michel.fr/de/

Child reduction on basic price

Since family rooms are not available on this trip, the children's discount cannot be offered.

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.

Equipment of our rental bikes

→ Waterproof pannier

Journey to Maastricht

- → Nearest airports: Maastricht Aachen
- → Train station: Maastricht

Parking in Maastricht

→ Public parking garages or paid parking at the hotel, cost approx. 12 – 20 € per day. No reservation by Radweg-Reisen possible.

Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival in Maastricht

Welcome to your cycle tour! After checking in at your hotel in Maastricht, grab your bike and explore the southernmost city in the kingdom. Enjoy a magnificent view of the old city center 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 St. Servatius. Atmospheric restaurants and bars can be found on the Vrijthof, one of the city's largest squares.

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 - Dinant / Anhée, approx. 30 km

You follow the meandering Meuse as far as Annevoie. A worthwhile place for a break. The water gardens surprise visitors with an extraordinary variety of contrasts. Today's stage destination is Dinant, the beautiful girl on the Meuse, as the writer Victor Hugo once described the town. From the citadel above the town, you can enjoy a beautiful view over the Meuse valley. It can be reached on foot and by cable car. Try one of the town's specialties, the couque de Dinant. This sweet but very hard pastry is considered the forerunner of the Aachen Printen.

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Day 5: Dinant - Haybes, approx. 50 / 60 km

Along the banks of the Meuse, you cycle along an old railroad line that has been converted into a cycle path. A break in Freyr is worthwhile. The Château de Freyr, which was originally a castle, and its lush gardens delight visitors with fountains, old orange trees and labyrinthine arcades. Towards the afternoon, you cross the French-Belgian border before reaching your destination for today, the French town of Haybes.

Day 6: Haybes - Charleville-Mézières, approx. 60 km

You cycle through the Parc naturel régional des Ardennes with almost no inclines. The densely wooded region with its many meadows, moors, watercourses and rugged cliffs will impress you. Enjoy the lush green nature of this varied landscape. You will reach Monthermé about halfway along the route. Take a detour to the Roche à 7 Heures viewpoint. The view of the Meuse valley will reward you for your efforts. Your overnight stop is Villers-Semeuse, located just outside Charleville Mézières. The capital of the Ardennes department is known

for its regular international puppet festival. The Rimbaud Museum, housed in an old mill, tells its visitors about the work of the town's most famous son, the writer Arthur Rimbaud. If you are interested in the history and traditions of the Ardennes, the Musée de l'Ardenne on Place Ducale is the place to go.

Day 7: Charleville-Mézières - Sedan, approx. 35 km

The final stage takes you along the meanders of the river, through small, pretty villages, until you reach your overnight stay in Sedan. Sedan is home to one of the largest fortifications in Europe. The imposing complex gives you an impression of the medieval life of princes and servants in a castle.

Day 8: Transfer Sedan - Maastricht and individual departure

Return journey to Maastricht by coach in the afternoon (your bikes and luggage are also transported). After arrival in Maastricht (approx. 17.00 hrs) individual departure or extension.

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