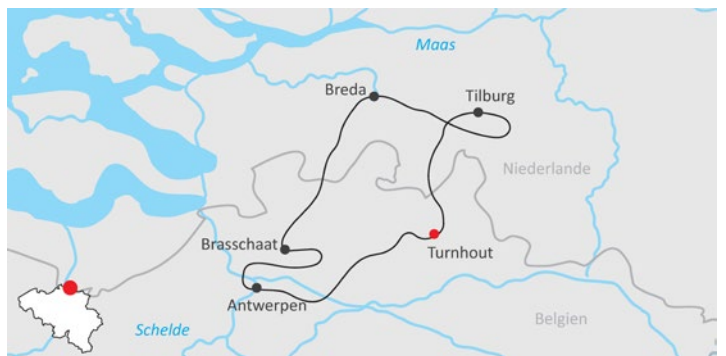
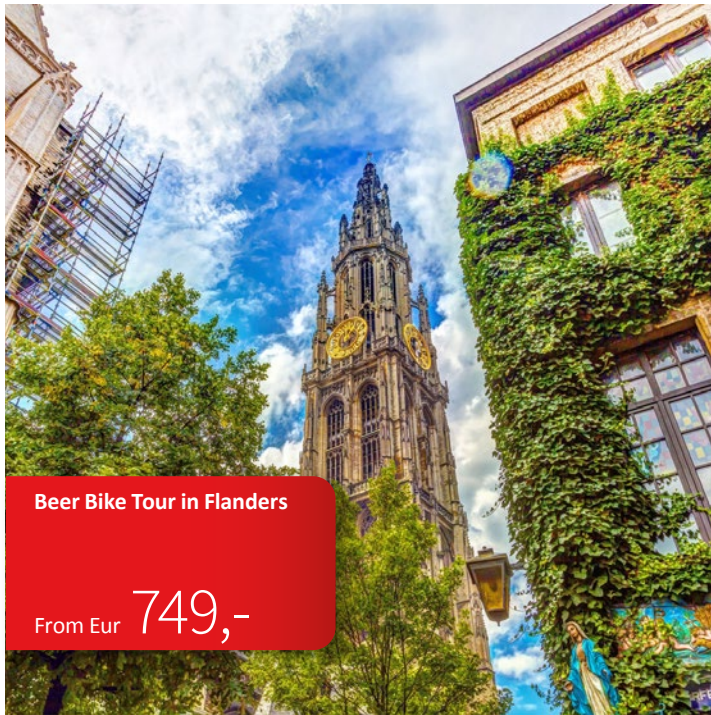


Cycling tour on the Trappist Route

7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS, APPROX. 270 KM
BOOKING CODE: NL-TT6

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●
TOPOGRAPHY ●●●●●



Your tour

On your cycle tour on the Trappist Route, you cycle through the Belgian region of Flanders and the Dutch province of North Brabant. Both regions share a long historical past. The starting and finishing point of your cycle tour on the Trappist Route is the playing card town of Turnhout. Crossing the border, you follow in the footsteps of the Cistercian order. Visit Trappist monasteries, some of which still brew beer today. Only beers from these monasteries can call themselves Trappist beers. And along the way, get to know the Rubens city of Antwerp, recharge your batteries in Breda's Begijnhof and discover Tilburg's classic-modern architectural mix. Enjoy the picturesque landscapes while cycling almost ascent-free on the flat and well-signposted cycle paths.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival to Turnhout
Day 2	Turnhout – Antwerpen, approx. 65 km
Day 3	Antwerpen – Brasschaat, approx. 55 km
Day 4	Brasschaat – Breda, approx. 60 km
Day 5	Breda – Tilburg, approx. 55 km
Day 6	Tilburg – Turnhout, approx. 35 km
Day 7	Individual departure

Travel time

Season A	06.04. – 21.09.
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Arrival Saturday 06.04. – 21.09.2024

Services

- 6 nights with breakfast, national 3* / 4*-level
- 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.)

Basic price per person

Double room	749,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	389,-

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec	189,-
Rental bike (24-speed)	99,-

Exemplary hotel list Standard

Turnhout	Turnhout City Hotel	https://www.turnhoutcity-hotel.be/en/rooms
Antwerpen	van der Valk Hotel Antwerpen	https://www.vandervalkantwerpen.be/
Brasschaat	Charmehotel Klokkenhof Brasschaat	https://www.klokkenhof.be/nl/
Breda	Boutique Hotel Het Scheepshuys Breda	https://hetscheepshuys.nl/
Tilburg	Mercure Hotel Tilburg Centrum	https://all.accor.com/
Turnhout	Turnhout City Hotel	https://www.turnhoutcity-hotel.be/en/rooms

Child reduction on basic price

0 - 2 Years	100%
3 - 11 Years	50%
12 - 17 Years	10%

Reduction for children is valid for accommodation in room with two full-paying guests.

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 Turnhout

- Nearest airports: Amsterdam, Brussels
- Train station: Turnhout

Parking in Turnhout

→ The hotel in Turnhout does not have its own parking spaces. You can park in the Merodecenter, approx. 300 meters away, for approx. 3 € per day. Alternatively, you can park for free in the Carrefour parking lot on Nieuwe Kaai (approx. 900 meters away). No reservation possible through Radweg-Reisen.

Travel documents

→ Travel document dispatch to the arrival hotel, hotel list and arrival information in advance by e-mail

Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival to Turnhout

Your cycle tour on the Trappist route starts in the small Belgian town of Turnhout. Situated in the Kempen, a flat sand and heathland landscape, the town is known for its playing card production. After arriving at your hotel, grab your bike and visit the local Nationaal Museum van de Speelkaart. Learn more about the history and production of playing cards. Enjoy a nice Belgian beer near the 12th century moated castle to get you in the perfect mood for your cycle tour along the Trappist route.

Day 2: Turnhout – Antwerpen, approx. 65 km

On the way to your first stage destination of Antwerp, the cycle path first takes you to Malle. In the district of Westmalle, you will reach the first monastery on your cycle tour along the Trappist route. Try one of the beers brewed in the monastery brewery before getting back on the saddle towards Antwerp. Situated on the Scheldt, the city is one of the most important diamond processing centres in the world. The city is the birthplace of the world-famous artist Peter Paul Rubens, in whose city palace you can admire some of his masterpieces. Treat yourself to some Antwerpse Handjes or the sweet creations of local chocolatiers.

Day 3: Antwerpen – Brasschaat, approx. 55 km

Today you cycle through Flemish villages to the Trappist Nazareth Abbey near the village of Brecht. Unfortunately, beer is no longer brewed here. In the abbey shop you have the opportunity to buy soaps,

candles and flags made by the nuns themselves. In Brasschaat, where you will be staying overnight, the several-hectare municipal park with the Kasteel van Brasschaat and extensive gardens await you.

Day 4: Brasschaat – Breda, approx. 60 km

Today you cross the Belgian-Dutch border. A few kilometres further on, you reach Zundert, the birthplace of Vincent van Gogh. Just outside the small town is the third Trappist monastery on your cycle tour. Zundert Trappist beer has been brewed in Maria Toevlucht Abbey since 2013. In your overnight stay in Breda, take a stroll through the Grote Markt, the centre of the old town. Soak up the city's relaxed atmosphere in one of the many cafés. The Begijnhof near the Valkenbergpark is an ideal place to recharge your batteries for the cycling stage to Tilburg the following day.

Day 5: Breda – Tilburg, approx. 55 km

Cycle along the Brabant streams to the idyllic villages of Chaam, Alphen and Hilvarenbeek. The Beekse Bergen Safari Park is well worth a stopover. In the largest wild animal zoo in the Netherlands, you can experience rhinos, giraffes and buffaloes up close. Shortly before your stage destination Tilburg, you will reach the Trappist monastery Onze Lieve Vrouw van Koningshoeven. The world-famous La Trappe speciality beer is brewed here and can be enjoyed in the beer garden. Refreshed, you will soon reach the centre of Tilburg. The city centre is characterised by a mix of historic buildings and modern architecture.

Day 6: Tilburg – Turnhout, approx. 35 km

Just after the city limits of Tilburg, you cycle a few kilometres along the Bel Lijntje, a former railway line that has been converted into a cycle path. You reach Baarle halfway along the route. Due to its chequered history, the national border between the Netherlands and Belgium runs right through the town, sometimes even through the middle of

houses. This gives you the opportunity to easily cross between the two countries in just a few metres. You will have reached your destination of Turnhout after a few kilometres.

Day 7: Individual departure

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