

# The Vennbahn Cycle Route

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 325 – 345 KM  
BOOKING CODE: NL-VENN7

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



## Your tour

The Vennbahn used to be an important railway connection, after its closure it is one of the longest railway cycling routes in Europe with 125 km! And one of the most beautiful paths anyway: former railway buildings, illuminated tunnels and proud viaducts set the course. Almost silently you roll through the dreamy forest landscapes of the Ardennes and the Eifel. Burg-Reuland and the imperial city of Aachen take you even further back in time.

## Itinerary

<b>Day 1</b>	Individual arrival in Maastricht / 's-Gravenvoeren
<b>Day 2</b>	Maastricht – Eupen, approx. 60 / 50 km
<b>Day 3</b>	Eupen – Sankt Vith, approx. 60 – 70 km
<b>Day 4</b>	Sankt Vith – Clervaux, approx. 50 km or approx. 30 km + train ride
<b>Day 5</b>	Clervaux – Bütgenbach, approx. 65 km
<b>Day 6</b>	Bütgenbach – Aachen, approx. 70 km
<b>Day 7</b>	Aachen – Maastricht / 's-Gravenvoeren, approx. 40 / 50 km
<b>Day 8</b>	Individual departure

## Travel time

<b>Season A</b>	03.05. – 28.06.	01.08. – 20.09.
<b>Season B</b>	04.07. – 26.07.	

Arrival Friday 03.05. – 28.06.2024 and 24.08. – 20.09.2024  
additionally on Thursdays 04.07. – 22.08.2024  
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

## Services

- 7 nights with breakfast, national 3\* / 4\*-level
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel, max. 1 piece per person, max. 20 kg / piece
- Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)

## Not included services

- Train ride Troisvierges – Clervaux, approx. 3 Euro per person incl. bike
- Citys or visitors tax, if payable

## Basic price per person

Doubleroom, Season A	799,-
Doubleroom, Season B	899,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	439,-

## Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec	189,-
Rental bike (21-gear)	119,-

## Exemplary hotel list Standard

Maastricht / 's-Gravenvoeren	Buitenplaats Vaeshartelt Maastricht	<a href="https://www.vaeshartelt.nl/">https://www.vaeshartelt.nl/</a>
	Blanckthys 's-Gravenvoeren	<a href="http://www.blanckthys.be/de">www.blanckthys.be/de</a>
Eupen	Ambassador Bosten Hotel Eupen	<a href="http://www.ambassador-bosten.com">www.ambassador-bosten.com</a>
Sankt Vith	Pip Margraff St. Vith	<a href="http://www.pip.be/home">www.pip.be/home</a>
Clervaux	Koener Clervaux	<a href="http://www.hotelkoener.lu">www.hotelkoener.lu</a>
Bütgenbach	Bütgenbacher Hof	<a href="http://www.hotelbutgenbacherhof.com">www.hotelbutgenbacherhof.com</a>
Aachen	Mercure Hotel am Europaplatz Aachen	<a href="http://www.mercure-aachen-europaplatz.de">www.mercure-aachen-europaplatz.de</a>
Maastricht / 's-Gravenvoeren	Buitenplaats Vaeshartelt Maastricht	<a href="https://www.vaeshartelt.nl/">https://www.vaeshartelt.nl/</a>
	Blanckthys 's-Gravenvoeren	<a href="http://www.blanckthys.be/de">www.blanckthys.be/de</a>

## 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 – Eupen, approx. 60 / 50 km

Your first stage takes you to neighbouring Belgium. The Göhlal Museum in Kelmis is a reminder of a historical feature - the formerly neutral small state of Moresnet. Eupen, situated on the edge of the High Fens-Eifel Nature Park, is your overnight stop today. As the capital of the German-speaking Community, Eupen looks back on a long and eventful history. The Weser Dam, not far from the town, is not only Belgium's most important water reservoir, but also offers a beautiful view of the High Fens from its observation tower.

### Day 3: Eupen – Sankt Vith, approx. 60 – 70 km

You cycle through untouched nature and slightly uphill through the High Fens-Eifel Nature Park. Montenau is worth a stop. In the Montenau ham smokehouse you can watch the production of the original Ardennes ham. From Kalterherberg, the route takes you along the Vennbahn cycle path. Shortly before St. Vith, it is worth making a detour to the village of Recht. The slate mine and its museum are well worth a visit. Today's stage destination, St. Vith, is geographically

located at the interface between the Eifel and the Ardennes. St. Vith's landmark, the Book Tower, still reminds us of the destruction of the town during the Battle of the Bulge.

### Day 4: Sankt Vith – Clervaux, approx. 50 km or approx. 30 km + train ride

After breakfast, you cycle south into the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Along the Vennbahn cycle path you will reach the village of Burg-Reuland. The former castle that gives it its name is one of the largest fortifications in the Eifel. At the Belgian-Luxembourg border, the route takes you high up. After reaching the highest point of the stage at Huldange, enjoy the relaxed descent to Clervaux. Situated in the valley of the river Clerve, the small town is home to the Château de Clervaux, a castle which today houses three museums. Alternatively, you can shorten the route from Troisvierges by train (not included).

### Day 5: Clervaux – Bütgenbach, approx. 65 km

Today your cycling route is more demanding. Across the border triangle of Luxembourg-Belgium-Germany, you will first cycle a few kilometres up and down through the Our valley. Shortly before your destination of the day, Bütgenbach, you will have to reckon with longer ascents. You can easily swim away the strain in the Bütgenbach lake. A short detour to the Bütgenbach dam and a walk through the Herba Sana, one of the largest medicinal herb gardens in Europe, are not to be missed in your overnight destination.

**Day 6: Bütgenbach – Aachen, approx. 70 km**

After breakfast, you will head to Robertville. After taking a short breather at Lac de Robertville, it is worth taking a short diversion to Reinhardstein Castle. The imposing castle is located in the middle of the High Fens and today houses an impressive collection of armour and tapestries. Before you reach the centre of Aachen, take a short break in Kornelimünster. Thanks to its historic centre dating back to the Middle Ages, the village is considered the most picturesque district of Aachen. In Aachen, Germany's westernmost city, the imposing Aachen Cathedral is well worth a visit.

**Day 7: Aachen – Maastricht / 's-Gravenvoeren, approx. 40 / 50 km**

Continue on the Vennbahn cycle path today for your last stage. You leave Aachen and cycle to Vaals, just over the Dutch border. You cycle through picturesque landscapes back to Maastricht. If you stay overnight in 's-Gravenvoeren, you cycle another 15 km from Maastricht.

**Day 8: Individual departure**

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