



#### CLASSIC ROUTES SUMMER

type :	Caminos Self-Guided
level :	
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code:	NL48001

## Pieterpad: Stage 3, Vorden to Vierlingsbeek - Netherlands

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8 days, PRICE FROM € 770



Walk along **bubbling streams, through enchanting forests, and along rolling sand dunes**. This stage begins in Vorden, a picturesque town known for its beautiful castle, then crosses the charming **Achterhoek**; immerse yourself in the **forests of Montferland**, the historic towns like 's-Heerenberg, and the cozy villages along the Maas River in North Limburg.

This part of the route offers an interesting combination of **nature, culture, and relaxation**, and is a must-experience for anyone wanting to explore the Netherlands on foot!

## Route

### Day 1 Arrival Vorden

After arriving at your accommodation, you can still visit Vorden Castle. There is also the option to take a train to the center of Zutphen, which is definitely worth it!

### Day 2 From Vorden to Zelhem, 18 km

Just outside Vorden lies the beautiful castle. Beyond that, across the Vorden brook, you are halfway along the Pieterpad and find the monument of the two female path's designers. Continue through the varied landscape of the Kieftskamp estate and head through the small village of Linde towards manor 't Zelle. This monumental estate, once a farm, is now a recreation park. Before reaching Zelhem, walk through the now forested 't Zand, once a large shifting sand area.

### Day 3 From Zelhem to Braamt / Zeddam, 20 km

First, walk through the beautiful landscape of the Heidenhoek. Here stands the stately Silo Tower, also known as the 'Cathedral'. The next notable point is Slangenburg castle, inhabited and rebuilt by various castle lords since the 14th century and now a guest house. Further on, cross the Oude IJssel, an important river for the iron industry in the 18th century. Pass the Waalse water and continue towards Braamt. You will know you have arrived when you stand face to face with the nice windmill of Braamt. After this, you will continue walking towards your accommodation.

#### Day 4 From Braamt / Zeddam to Millingen a/d Rijn, 24 km

Here, in the eastern part of the province of Gelderland, right on the German border, lies the beautiful Montferland region. A hilly forest area with magnificent views. Walk through the Bergher forest and over the Hulzenberg, a hill (272 ft) where an observation tower offers expansive views over the area. You might encounter people without shoes; after all, you are on a so-called barefoot path! Continue through Hoch-Elten and enter the watery river land of the 'Gelderse Poort'. Arrive in the former border post Tolkamer on the river Waal, where you take the ferry to Millingen a/d Rijn.

#### Day 5 From Millingen a/d Rijn to Groesbeek, 20.5 km

The day begins in the so-called 'Duffelt'. Walking through this river polder, just before the village of Leuth, pass the Plezenburg, a striking terp farm from 1810. Continue along the Wylerberg lake and climb the Duivelsberg. This 249 ft high hill is part of the Nijmegen moraine, formed in the last ice age. At the top, find the remains of the 'motte' castle Mergelp, dating back to the 11th century. Enjoy a splendid view over the Ooypolder and the Waal's floodplains. Walk further through the rolling hills of the Nederrijk estate, finally arriving in the wine village of Groesbeek.

#### Day 6 From Groesbeek to Gennep, 15 km

Via the Groesbeek forest, leave the province of Gelderland and enter Limburg. Walk through a beautiful forest area, conquering the Sint Jansberg. In this lovely nature reserve, follow winding paths through the hills, passing lakes, ponds, and hedge-surrounded meadows. Pass Milsbeek, once famous for its pottery. Just before the town of Gennep, at the spot where the Niers and Maas rivers meet, lies the 'Genneperhuis', a fortress that was once impregnable for centuries. In Gennep, admire the Martinus tower, the Mosaic square, and the old market, surrounded by beautiful historic buildings.

#### Day 7 From Gennep to Vierlingsbeek, 20 km

Leave Gennep via the dike along the Niers and head towards the Heijen forest. Enjoy the natural beauty of the Maasduinen National Park, shaped by water, wind, and human activity. The park forms the longest continuous ribbon of river dunes in the Netherlands. During a delightful walk, pass the Quin, one of many large, reflective ponds. Rest in Afferden while waiting for the ferry to cross the Maas. Once on the other side, you are in the province Brabant, where you reach your destination, Vierlingsbeek, via the Groeningen hills.

#### Day 8 Departure - Vierlingsbeek

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

## Practical info

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## Included

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### What is included

- 7 Nights in double room in \*\* hotels 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
- luggage transfer
- cancellation insurance
- Parking
- Ferry fees
- extra meals