



# CountyHike

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Pieterpad - from Vorden to Vierlingsbeek

8 days, € 985



## Introduction



- Landscape: polders, moraine, river dunes & hedgerows
- Lively towns and villages: Vorden, Groesbeek, Gennep & 's-Heerenberg
- Nature reserves: Montferland, Maasduinen, St Jansberg, Duivelsberg...
- Castles: Slangenburg, Vorden & Huis 't Zelle
- Historical sites: 'motte' castle Mergelp, Gennepershuis & Piezenburg

Walk along babbling brooks, through vast forests, and over rolling sand dunes. Start in picturesque Vorden, known for its beautiful castle, and hike through the delightful, characterful Achterhoek. Enjoy the peace in the Montferland forests, historic towns like 's-Heerenberg, and the hospitable villages along the Maas in North Limburg. This part is a fascinating mix of nature, culture, and relaxation and is an indispensable experience for anyone wanting to explore the Netherlands on foot!

## Highlights

- Landscape: Ooypolder, Gelderse Poort, Nijmegen moraine, De Maasduinen, St. Jansberg...
- Lively towns and villages: Vorden, Groesbeek, Gennep & 's-Heerenberg
- Nature reserves: Montferland, De Maasduinen National Park, Sint Jansberg, Duivelsberg...
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## Day to Day

### 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 Vorden - Zelhem (18 km)

Just outside Vorden lies the beautiful, eponymous 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 Zelhem - Braamt (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. Half an hour before you arrive in Braamt, you can call the hotel in Zeddum – they will pick you up in Braamt. Would you prefer to walk? Then it's another 2 km to Zeddum.

**Day 4 Braamt - Millingen a/d Rijn (24 km)**

You can also ask the accommodation in Zeddum to drop you off in Braamt, or walk 2 km back to the trail. 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 Millingen a/d Rijn - Groesbeek (21 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 Groesbeek - 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 'Gennepershuis', 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 Gennep - 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.

## Prices, Data, Booking

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Price pp		€
Single room, breakfast		1,395.00
Double room, breakfast		975.00
Extra services		€
SGR	per piece	5.00
Pieterpad Routebook?	per piece	-19.00
Giving back to nature	per piece	5.00

## Accommodation

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### Where will you stay?

Below you'll find the accommodations included in your journey. Each one has been carefully selected and is well-suited for walkers. All rooms come with a private shower and toilet. If one of the accommodations is fully booked, we will reserve a comparable alternative whenever possible.

### Where will you eat?

Breakfast is included in this trip. You are free to choose where to have dinner each evening — there are always one or more dining options within walking distance. During this trip, you also have the option to book packed lunches in advance.

**Vorden - Hotel Bakker**  
[www.bakkerinvorden.nl](http://www.bakkerinvorden.nl)

**Zelhem - B&B Mooi Zelhem**  
[www.mooizelhem.nl](http://www.mooizelhem.nl)

**Braamt/Zeddam - Hotel Restaurant  
Ruimzicht**  
[www.ruimzicht.com](http://www.ruimzicht.com)

**Millingen aan de Rijn - B&B Villa de  
Pol**  
[www.villadepol.nl](http://www.villadepol.nl)

**Groesbeek - Hotel Restaurant de  
Wolfsberg**  
[www.dewolfsberg.nl](http://www.dewolfsberg.nl)

**Gennep - Hotel de Kroon**  
[www.hoteldekroon.com](http://www.hoteldekroon.com)

**Vierlingsbeek - B&B de Vier Linden**  
[www.devierlinden.nl/bed-breakfast](http://www.devierlinden.nl/bed-breakfast)

## Practical Info

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Overnights in Hotels or B&B's



3/4 Star Hotels



Tourist tax included



Breakfast included, Lunch package optional (can be booked)



App only - including route and points of interest  
Also there are clear markings along the way



Rental bikes are available



7-day service hotline



Luggage transport included



The nearest station to Vorden is trainstation Vorden



There may be parking fees to be paid at the starting location



There are GPS tracks available for this trip



Any ferry crossings are not included