



Route description
for your individual Bike & Barge Tour
through South Holland

Dear Cyclist!

We would like to give you a warm welcome to your trip through South Holland.

You will cycle on an outstanding cycle route network through the flat landscape of the Netherlands. The following route descriptions are merely suggestions, of course, you can also plan the daily stages according to your personal wishes and preferences. Before you start cycling, your tour guide will introduce you to each stage of the day and inform you about local conditions.

We recommend that you download the app „**Fietsknoop**“ prior to your journey. When you start the app, you find it set in Dutch language. Open the **main menu** and navigate to **Mijn instellingen**. Find **Taal instellingen** and choose your **own language**. After closing the screen, Fietsknoop changes its language.

Please mind the mooring places and/or your boat departure times which will be announced by your tour manager. Please note that in case of last minute changes times and places can differ from those indicated here.

Practical information on our selfguided, individual journeys by bike and boat through Holland:

Anyone who would like to explore the Netherlands by bicycle is in good company because also the Dutchmen travel mostly using their own muscle power on two wheels. That is why the country's cycle network feel comfortable for cyclists, exceeding often the width of footpaths and occasionally even of roads.

The large numbers of separate, compulsory **cycle paths (FIETSPAD, FIETSPADEN)**, marked with a **round blue sign** with a white bicycle in the middle, make Holland a paradise for cyclists.



If you encounter such a blue sign with white bicycle, then you have to use the cycle path. In some cases, bicycle lanes are marked with a white bike symbol on the road surface. They are usually separated from the other lanes by either a continuous or a dashed white line. All cyclists are required to use these dedicated cycle paths: so, if such cycle path is available, you must not ride on the road!

There are also so-called “optional“cycle paths, **FIETSPAD or RIJWIELPAD**, marked with small signs with white lettering on black background. It is recommended that cyclists use these optional cycle paths, whereas motor cycles and other motorised vehicles are not allowed.

The **road signposting** is outstanding:

The ANWB, the sister organization of the General German Automobile Association is responsible for this.

On cycling maps these signposts are referred to as so-called **junctions (Junct)**. In many places there are also small white signs with a red bicycle indicating special cycle routes. On small rural roads you will find route markers, approx. 50 cm high, also called “toadstools” because of their shape.



When you cycle into a large town, taking a look at the map is often useful: at the entrance of many towns and cities, you will find large city plans. Just In case you get lost, orientate yourselves following the small signs with the letters VVV (pronounced: VeeVeeVee), which lead you directly to the local tourist agency VVV, where they will be glad to help you.

Some of the most important general traffic rules are:

- always ride on the right and overtake on the left
- fast moving traffic has always right of way over slow moving traffic, except on major roads and on right-of-way crossings
- Straight ahead traffic has always priority over turning traffic on the same road
- Fast moving traffic from right has always priority over traffic approaching from left

Cyclists must also obey the following rules:

- Cyclists may only ride two-abreast if it does not obstruct other traffic
- Cyclists are not allowed on motorways and dual carriageways

- Cycling on pavement is essentially not permitted (it is best to dismount)
- Young children have to be carried in a bicycle child seat with sufficient support for hands, back and feet
- Cycle lights must be turned on during twilight and night hours
- Changes of direction must be indicated by a clearly extended arm

Note: For safety reasons we also recommend that adults wear a cycle helmet.

Nobody is perfect. Distances may change from day to day because of construction work etc.

In addition the junction system is sometimes subject to changes at short notice. It is possible that the description deviates from the local conditions after printing. In such case, we would kindly like to ask you to inform us so that we can optimise our map material for subsequent journeys. We would be very grateful for your suggestions. We wish you a relaxing week and a happy combined bike/boat journey.

Street names, towns, localities and junctions (Jnct) are printed in bold.

The red framed numbers - such as **1** - refer to the corresponding map in the separate map book.

Please use the tour descriptions in combination with the maps.

**Please note: Some ferries accept credit cards/girocards only. To pay cash is sometimes not possible.
Please remember to bring your credit cards/girocards.**

Important Phone numbers:

Tourguide: 0049 - 170 99 387 69

Ship/Reception: 0031 - 625 261 065

***In case of an accident with physical injuries please call the European emergency number 112
(without area code from any mobile or stationary phone).***

Day 2: Rotterdam – Dordrecht, approx. 39 km **1**

Your cycle tour starts at the **ship`s mooring place, Boompjeskade**, probably close to the **obelisk statue**, east of the **Erasmus bridge**, between **Jnct 60** and **Jnct 20**.

Cycle alongside the quay to **Jnct 20**, pick up the **cycle way along Boompjeskade** and continue **directly** to **Jnct 21** or cycle from **Jnct 20** along the **Maasboulevard** via **Jnct 68** to **Jnct 21**.

From here, continue to **Jnct 74**, and cycle past the **petrol station** until you reach the crossroads, **Jnct 67**.

Follow the signposts. Cross the **tram tracks** and continue onto the **cycleway Honigerdijk** to reach **Jnct 75**.

Shortly before reaching **Jnct 66**, pass under the **motorway**. Follow the road **Schaardijk** (as it first becomes **IJsseldijk** and then **Nijverheidstraat**), and continue towards **Jnct 65**.

Here turn right and cross the **Algerbrug bridge** in **Capelle aan den IJssel**
(This is the first Dutch storm surge barrier).

After crossing the bridge, turn sharply right onto **Rotterdamseweg** and follow the signposts for **Jnct 70**, here turn left.

At the next junction, (**Watch out:** heavily- trafficked road) turn right and after 50 m cross the road and continue onto **Lekdijk, Jncts 58⇔61**.

Alternatively, turn half-left at **Jnct 58** into **Toepad (violet route)** and follow the route to **Jnct 81** and on to **Jnct 61** (less traffic).

At **Jnct 61** take the **car ferry** to **Kinderdijk, Jnct 31** (the ferry runs regularly, about 1.00 € per person/bike).

After passing the **house sheds**, turn left and reach **Jnct 03**. Here cross the road and you get to the World **Heritage Site of Kinderdijk** with its 19 windmills.

***Tip:** The 19 historic windmills of Kinderdijk are UNESCO World Heritage and are among the most famous tourist attractions in the Netherlands. The mills were used to drain the excess water of the low-lying polders in order to make the land arable. Most of the mills are still inhabited and privately owned. There are three mills that can be visited (for a fee). Public toilet facilities are available. There is the possibility to eat and drink something in the pavilion. And do not forget - Kinderdijk offers fantastic sceneries for pictures in front of the windmills.*

2 Continue your cycle tour via the **Jncts 02 ⇨ 19** up to **Jnct 07**.

Here turn right until you reach the next street, **Jnct 30**.

Then turn left and at the next street turn right again. Carry on to **Jnct 08**.

Here turn right, and continue following the signposts for the **Jncts 09 ⇨ 43 ⇨ 42 ⇨ 41**.
Cross the **motorway bridge to Papendrecht**.

Keep cycling straight on via **Jnct 98** to the **ferry**.

Here take the **Blue Amigo Waterbus** for one stop to **Dordrecht**, approx. every 15 minutes. (about. 2.50 € p. pers./bike. *Please note:* only credit card /girocard payment possible).

You will be informed about the exact mooring place – presumably near the **Jncts 87 ⇨ 14** – during the daily cycle tour briefing.

***Tip:** Dordrecht is Holland`s oldest city and even if it is 20 km southeast of Rotterdam, it is definitely worth a visit. Here, three rivers flow together, and one has a bit the impression of being at the seaside due to the vast waterways around the Old Town. In the quaint Old Town with its pretty historic houses and typical gable facades, you will find many tiny shops, boutiques, galleries and delicatessen.*

Day 3: Dordrecht – Gorinchem, approx. 46 - 53 km **3**

From the ship's mooring place, cycle via the **Jncts 87⇒86⇒11⇒10⇒83⇒44⇒43** to the **ferry** at the **Nieuwe Merwede canal, ferry Kop van Het Land**. The ferry runs regularly.

Ferry fares: approx. 1,20 € p. person/bike.

After crossing the canal, from **Jnct 02**, cycle through the **De Biesbosch National Park**.

***Tip:** The natural freshwater delta covers an area of approximately 8000 hectares. The maze of rivers and creeks amazes every nature lover. It once was a wealthy region, characterised by peat extraction, saline and agriculture. However, the big flood of 1421 caused the protecting dikes to break and swamped 16 villages, transforming the area into a vast inland sea. Little by little new land formed due to tidal influences, washed up sediments and agriculture. Today the De Biesbosch is a unique biotope. Reeds, rushes and willows characterise the landscape and offer adequate protection for wild geese, grey herons, white-tailed sea eagles and especially for beavers.*

Continue your tour through the **National Park** via the **Jncts 02 ⇒08 ⇒20⇒19⇒ **4** ⇒17⇒13** to the **ferry Pontje Steur** (*Watch out:* the ferry is only expected to operate from June to September) and cross over to **Jnct 12**.

***Tip:** Worth seeing is the Biesbosch Museum. The environmentally friendly, completely grass-covered island museum offers exhibitions on the national park. Nice museum café. Opening hours from April to October, Mon, Sat, Sun 11:00 - 17:00 h, Tue-Fri 10:00 - 17:00 h.*

Expected from **March to May** and from **September to October**, from **Jnct 13** please cycle northward to the **Jncts 29 ⇒10**, turn right to reach **Jnct 22** and cycle then again southward to **Jnct 12**. In this way you bypass the **ferry** between **Jncts 13⇒12**.

From **Jnct 12**, carry on to the **Jncts 14⇒20⇒25** to **De Schans**, a small suburb of **Werkendam**. Here you decide whether you want to stay on the **red route** or if you prefer to pick up the **violet route**.

5 To follow the **red route**, at **Jnct 25**, turn left in direction of **Jnct 23** in **Werkendam**. Here keep to the right and cycle to **Jnct 80**. Shortly before reaching the **waterway Boven Merwede**, turn right onto the **road Kerkeinde**, which takes you in a **bend** onto the **motorway bridge Merwedbrug** to **Gorinchem**.

Stay on the **cycle path**, keep to the right and reach **Jnct 52**. You are now cycling along the **Nieuwe Wolpherensedijk**. Turn right again, you come to a **roundabout**, here turn right and cross a **little bridge** to **Jnct 23**. Turn right again, and cycle through the **city centre of Gorinchem** past the **Grote Kerk** to **Jnct 50**. Carry on to the **ship`s mooring place**.

Tip: Gorinchem (pronounced and written as „Gorcum“ or „Gorkum“) is the largest authentic fortress city in the Netherlands. Nestled picturesquely between the Merwede and Linge rivers, in Gorinchem the original ramparts with bastions are almost completely intact.

If you decide for the **violet route**, at **Jnct 25**, turn right and cycle along the street **Schans**. After a sharp bend to the right, you reach the **Dijkgraaf Den Dekkerweg**. Cross the **motorway bridge**. On your right hand, you pass the **Fort Altena** and reach **Jnct 40**.

At **Jnct 40**, turn left and cycle via the **Jncts 41⇒78** to **Woudrichem** to the **port** at **Jnct 32**.

Tip: The fortified city of Woudrichem is part of the Old and of the New Dutch Waterline. Standing at the waterside in Woudrichem, you can see the provinces of Zuid-Holland and Gelderland as well as the rivers Maas, Waal and Merwede. The city wall is well worth a stroll, offering views over vast water streams and beautiful urban parks.

At **Jnct 32**, take the **ferry** and cross over to **Gorinchem, Jnct 50**
(runs weekdays during the daytime every hour)

You will be informed about the exact mooring place during the daily cycle route briefing.

Day 4: Gorinchem – Utrecht, approx. 47 km 6

Begin the cycle tour at your **ship`s mooring place**, near **Jnct 50** in **Gorinchem** and follow the **signposts** via the streets **Tolsteeg, Krabsteg, Boerenstraat** and **Krijstraat** to **Jnct 23**.

Continue along **Haarstraat** and **Arkelstraat** to **Jnct 22**, then carry straight ahead up to the **roundabout**. Here take the **third exit** and cycle along **Concordiaweg**.

At **Jnct 53**, turn right onto **Merwedekanaal** (street`s name). The **canal Merwedekanaal** is on your left hand.

At the **Haarbrug bridge**, turn right onto **Haarweg** and cycle to **Jnct 39** (do not cross the bridge).

Shortly after **Jnct 39** turn left, then immediately right, then immediately left again and cycle onto **Kerkeind** towards **Jnct 54**. Later **Kerkeind** becomes **Schoolstraat**.

Watch out: in Arkel you cycle on **Schoolstraat** in **direction of Jnct 54** only (but do not reach Jnct 54), turn the **first bridge** to the right onto the street **Rietveld** and reach directly **Jnct 37**.

If you miss the turn over the bridge, continue straight to **Jnct 54**, turn **the bridge** to the right, turn immediately **right again** and cycle to **Jnct 37** on the **other side of the canal**.

Continue to **Jnct 36**. Turn left here and continue to **Jnct 35**.

At **Jnct 35** turn left and cross the **small bridge** - now you cycle on the road **Gravinnekade** to **Jnct 56** (*Watch out:* just before reaching **Jnct 56** turn left).

At **Jnct 56** turn right onto **Achterdijk**.

7 The street **Achterdijk** takes a left turn, which you follow. Then carry straight ahead, cross the tracks. You reach **Jnct 59**, on the outskirts of **Leerdam**.

Tip: If you want to make a detour to the city centre of Leerdam (about 1 km away), turn right at Jnct 59 and cycle towards Jnct 57. You go round a roundabout and cross the tracks. Then take the second street to the left (the name of the street is Meent,) and turn immediately right onto Westwal. Cycle straight on, then turn left onto Kerkstraat. The Grote Kerk church is right in front of you. To continue the cycle tour, please go back to Jnct 59.

Tip: Most people think of a cheese variety with big holes and nutty flavour when they hear Leerdam, and yet the city is rather famous for glass manufacturing. Since the 18th century, the city has been a centre for glass production. If you are interested in glass, you should definitely go to visit the glass museum or the glass factory (not open every day, pre-registration required, opening hours under www.nationaalglasmuseum.nl).

Watch out: At **Jnct 59**, **Jnct 39** is not signposted, only **Jnct 58** which follows **Jnct 39**.

At **Jnct 59** you turn left onto a **small road**, then immediately right onto **Bruininxdeelse Kade**, immediately left again onto **Recht va ter Leede**, then right again onto **Loosdorp** and then left again. You are now on **Lichte Kade**.

Continue northward via the **Jncts 39**⇒**58**⇒**30** (**Hei-en Boeicop**) and **Jnct 4**.

At **Jnct 4** turn left, cross the **motorway bridge** and turn right onto **Kruisweg**.

8 You reach **Jnct 54**. Turn left and after crossing the **Merwedekanaal**, **Jnct 5**, turn immediately right onto the **lane Panoven**. Keep cycling **along the canal**, pass **under the motorway**, and cycle to **Jnct 2**, on **Kanaalweg**.

Here turn left, then turn right onto **Voorstraat** towards **Jnct 10**. Cycle through the **city centre of Vianen**, past the **Grote Kerk**.

***Tip:** In the fortified city of Vianen, with its almost 190 listed monuments, history comes alive at every street corner. Have a break in one of the numerous café terraces along Voorstraat.*

Take the **ferry** to cross the **river Lek**. The ferry shuttles across the river regularly.

Having crossed over to **Nieuwegein**, cycle past the **marina** and reach **Jnct 20** on **Lekboulevard**. Here turn left and carry on until you reach **Jnct 25**.

Turn sharply right onto **Liesmonde**.

Always carry on straight, and pass under the **carriageway** to **Jnct 22**.

Turn left onto **Rietput**. You reach **Jnct 23**.

Turn right and cycle around a left-hand bend alongside the **small river Kromme IJssel** to **Jnct 24**. Here turn right into the **small wood** and follow the signposts through the **park Oude Gein**.

At the **end of the park**, cross the **tram tracks**. Take the **underpass** beneath the **carriageway**, then turn half right onto the little street **Vlietwal**. Take the third left onto **Binnenwal**, then turn left again. Cross the **little bridge**, turn immediately right and continue cycling alongside the **canal**.

Always follow the **signposts along the waterside** via the **Jncts 74** ⇒ **9** ⇒ **73** ⇒ **51** to **Utrecht**.

From **Jnct 51** at the **Prins Clausbrug bridge**, keep cycling **along the waterside** towards **Jnct 23** (but do not reach Jnct 23) to the next bridge **De Meernbrug**.

After crossing the **De Meernbrug**, cycle first *in the direction of Jnct 52* to the left, then cycle around a **bend passing underneath the De Meernbrug** back to the **canal**. Continue southwards **alongside the canal** to reach the **ship`s mooring place** on **Rooseveltlaan at the Amsterdam-Rijn-Kanaal**.

If your ship is moored on **Kanaalweg** at the level of the **Sportpark Marco van Basten**, follow the **violet route** to **Jnct 23**. Here cross the **little bridge** to the right and turn back to the **canal** around a **left-hand bend**.

Follow the **canal** until you reach the **big yellow bridge (Hogeweidebrug)**, cross the bridge to the right and continue to the **ship`s mooring place**, near the **Douwe Egberts coffee factory**.

You will be informed about the exact mooring place during the daily cycle route briefing.

Day 5: Utrecht – Schoonhoven, approx. 41 - 52 km **10**

From the **ship`s mooring** on **Rooseveltlaan** at the **Amsterdam-Rijn-Kanaal (red route)** cycle back to the bridge **De Meernbrug** and after **crossing the bridge**, go around a **right-hand bend** to reach **Jnct 23**.

From the **ship`s mooring** on **Kanaalweg (violet route)**, cycle back to the **big yellow bridge**, **cross the bridge** to the left and follow the **winding cycle way** back to the **canal**. Keep cycling **southward along the canal** until you reach **De Meernbrug, Jnct 23**.

After **Jnct 23**, cross the **motorway**, cycle onto **Rijksstraatweg** along the **canal** for some distance, cross the **second bridge after the motorway** and reach **Jnct 01** on **Zandweg**.

Continue cycling alongside the **canal** to **Jnct 76** and on to **Jnct 32⇒36**.

If you would like to visit **Kasteel de Haar (violet route)**, already at **Jnct 32** turn right to **Jnct 56**, then turn right again to reach **Jnct 55**. Turn left, follow the street and **pass under the tracks**, **Jnct 04**.

Follow **the signposts** for the **Jncts 40 ⇒12 ⇒11** to **Kasteel de Haar**.

***Tip:** Kasteel de Haar is the largest castle in the Netherlands and gives the impression of a real fairy-tale castle. It was rebuilt by the famous Dutch architect Pierre Cuypers only in the beginning of the 20th century. Also the marvellous Castle Gardens are well worth a visit, especially in the summertime, when they are in full bloom. Entrance ticket for the castle and the gardens under <https://www.kasteeldehaar.nl/english/> or directly on the spot.*

Then follow the **Jncts 10⇒86⇒75⇒74** in **De Putkop** ⇒**36** to **Harmelen** and you are back on the **red route**.

At **Jnct 36**, in **Harmelen**, continue **southward** to **Jnct 29**. **11** Follow the **Jncts 33⇒46 ⇒94⇒93⇒92** to **Oudewater** (picturesque Old Town and Witches` Weigh House).

Tip: Get weighed on the huge scale in Oudewater, which dates back to 1482, and obtain a personal certificate, as in former times, that proves that you are not a witch.

12 Follow the **signposts** to the **Jncts 14 ⇒34 ⇒12** to **Haastrecht** (on some sections, signposts are few and far between. If there is none, keep cycling straight).

Tip: From the town exit of Hekendorp, you can cycle to Haastrecht directly along the water (violet dotted line). In Haastrecht, cross the bridge to the left and you are at Jnct 12.

Continue to the **Jncts 27⇒95⇒30** to **Vlist** and **13** via **Jncts 11⇒13⇒10** to **Schoonhoven** to the **ship`s mooring place**.

You will be informed about the exact mooring place during the daily cycle route briefing.

Tip: Schoonhoven is known as the Silver City in the Netherlands. In the small fortified city, silver is omnipresent. In the Dutch Silver Museum and in the Noble Craft`s House (Edelambachtshuys), impressive silver collections are exhibited.

Day 6: Schoonhoven – Gouda – Rotterdam, approx. 42 - 44 km **14**

From **Jnct 10** near the mooring, cycle through **Schoonhoven** to **Jnct 13**.

Keep cycling along the **small river Vlist** to the **Jncts 11⇒30** in **Vlist** and to the **Jncts 95⇒27**, at the entrance of **Haastrecht**.

Cycle through **Haastrecht** to **Jnct 12**, in the **town centre**.

At **Jnct 12**, turn right, cross the bridge and cycle towards **Jnct 34**.

Tip: After crossing the bridge, you can cycle directly along the water to Jnct 51 (violet dotted route)

15 At **Jnct 34**, turn left in the **direction of Gouda**. Then cycle onto **Steinsedijk** and **Goejanverwelledijk** via the **Jnct 35 ⇒ 51** further on towards **Gouda city centre**.

At the end of **Goejanverwelledijk**, cross the street and continue cycling onto the **right-hand cycle way** in the direction of **Jnct 40**.

After the **mill**, turn right onto the street **Oosthaven** and continue to **Jnct 41**, in the **city centre of Gouda**, the **City of Cheese**.

Tip: There is more to Gouda than just cheese and stroopwafels. Gouda is a beautiful historic city with a charming Old Town. Here you find the Waag (Weigh House), the City Hall, and the Sint Jans Church, and you can stroll along the first Fairtrade Street to do some shopping or try some tasty streetfood.

To continue your journey, turn left at **Jnct 41** and then cross the **Hoorbrug bridge**.

Afterwards cycle along the street **Hoge Gouwe**, keeping always alongside the **canal**, crossing the **Pottersbrug bridge**. After the **Pottersbrug**, turn left, then turn left again onto **Prins Hendrikstraat**.

Follow the signposts for **Jnct 29** (Jnct 29 is located on both sides of the **Julianasluis lock**).

After you have crossed **the lock**, cycle always **along the waterside** to **Jnct 23** in **Moordrecht**.

Then you reach **Jnct 05** in **Nieuwerkerk aan den IJssel**. Here you can decide whether you want to continue on the **red route** or you switch to the **violet route**.

16 On the **red route** you almost always cycle directly **along the waterside** to the **Jnct 08** and **Jnct 65** at the **Algerbrug** bridge in **Capelle aan den IJssel** (this is the first Dutch storm surge barrier).

Always along the **waterside**, carry onto **Jnct 66** and you are already in **Rotterdam**.

Pass **under the motorway**, stay at the **waterside** and reach **Jnct 75**.

Cycle for a short while **northward** onto **Nesserdijk** and after the **tram stop of Nesserdijk** turn left onto **Leidingpad** (the tracks are on your left-hand side). You reach **Jnct 67**.

Turn left, **Jnct 74**, and you are on **Maasboulevard**. **Cross the bridge** to reach **Jnct 21** and turn left onto **Oosterkade**. Passing under the **carriageway**, you reach **Boompjeskade**, **Jnct 20**. Cycle to the ship's **mooring place**, near **Erasmusbrug**.

15 If you take the **violet route**, you will cycle through beautiful residential areas with interesting architecture.

From **Jnct 05**, cycle to **Jncts 06** ⇒ **16** ⇒ **07** ⇒ **78** ⇒ **77** along the **Kralingse Plas**, a Rotterdam city lake that is ideal for sunbathing or swimming ⇒ **Jnct 83** and continue along the canal towards **Jnct 84**. Here turn left and continue along the **Rotte river**, which gives Rotterdam its name, until you reach **Jnct 38**. Then continue towards the port and mooring place **Jnct 37** ⇒ **68** ⇒ **20**.

You will be informed about the exact mooring place during the daily cycle route briefing.

Day 7: Rotterdam – Delft, ca. 42 km / Rotterdam – Scheveningen, approx. 77 km **17**

Your cycle tour to **Delft** starts after breakfast.

From the dock, cycle towards the **Erasmus bridge**. Here, at the large crossways, **Jnct 60** is situated.

Carry on along the **main street** until you reach the following **traffic lights junction**, (**still Jnct 60**).

Here turn left towards **Jnct 17**, and continue towards **Jnct 58** beside the park. You pass by the **Euromast (radar tower)** and reach **Jnct 14**.

Please stick to the **cycleway on the left-hand side of the road** until you reach **Jnct 59**.

Across the street, you will see a **freestanding windmill**.

Here at the **traffic lights** cross the street.

Then turn half-left towards **Jnct 71**. From here, cycle alongside the **Albrechtskade** to **Jnct 87** and then to **Jnct 12**.

Here, there are **three orientation points**. On the right, a **large mosque**, then the **prison** (a large, orange clad building complex) and on the left the **Van Nelle factory**.

18 Continue along the **canal** and through the „**front gardens**“ of a **small row of houses** until you reach **Jnct 02**.

At the end of the row of houses, turn right onto **Delftshavenseweg**.

From there cycle onto **Overschiese Dorpstraat** to **Jnct 03**.

Then follow the signposts for **Jncts 70⇒80⇒64**. Cross the **bascule bridge** and turn right.

Cycle **alongside the canal** via **Jncts 58 ⇨ 57 ⇨ 01 ⇨ 52** and **51** and you will finally reach the **centre of Delft**.

There is also the option to return by train (Rail & Bike, not inclusive). It is possible to take a bicycle on almost all trains (except ICE). However, there are restrictions during weekday rush hours, before 9 am and from 4:30 to 6:00 pm

For the return journey to Rotterdam cycle through the junctions in reverse order:

Jncts 51 ⇨ 52 ⇨ 01 ⇨ 57 ⇨ 58 ⇨ 64 ⇨ 80 ⇨ 70 ⇨ 03 ⇨ 02

17 12 ⇨ 87 ⇨ 71 ⇨ 59 ⇨ 14 ⇨ 58 ⇨ 17 ⇨ 60 to the **mooring place**.

19 *Proceed your way from Delft to Scheveningen*

Please note: When you cycle to Scheveningen, you do not have the time to visit Delft and Rotterdam.

From city centre of Delft Jnct 51 follow

Jncts 50 ⇨ 45 ⇨ 68 ⇨ 44 ⇨ 28 ⇨ 31 ⇨ 29 ⇨ 37 ⇨ 36 ⇨ 39.

For the return route to Delft ride through the junctions in reverse order:

Jncts 39 ⇨ 36 ⇨ 37 ⇨ 29 ⇨ 31 ⇨ 28 ⇨ 44 ⇨ 71 ⇨ 70 ⇨ 61 ⇨ 62 ⇨ 50 ⇨ 51 ⇨ 52

For continuation of the route to Rotterdam please see map **18** + **17**.

Tip: The harbor cruise in Rotterdam is scheduled to start at 5:00 pm.

Alternative Routes

Day 5: Alternative Route Utrecht – Vianen, approx. 48 - 59 km
Continued from page 14 / map 11 starting in Oudewater Jct 92

11 Via **Jncts 94⇒93 ⇒92** you reach Oudewater' city center (picturesque Old Town and Witches Weigh House)

Tip: Get weighed on the huge scale in Oudewater, which dates back to 1482, and obtain a personal certificate, as in former times, that proves that you are not a witch.

A-1 Continue towards **Jct 91 (Havenstraat)**. Here you turn right over the **bridge (Cosijnbrug)**. You are now on the **IJsselve** street. Cycle again straight ahead for a bit and turn left onto **Utrechtsestraatweg** and reach **Jct 48**.

Follow the **signposts** to **Jct 54 (Polsbroekerdam)** and towards the **Jncts 55 ⇒(Lopik) ⇒87⇒14**. **A-2** From **Jct 14** follow **Lekdijk** to **Jct 86 (Jaarsveld)⇒09 ⇒25 ⇒20** to **Nieuwegein** to reach the **ferry** across the **Lek** to **Vianen**.

The ferry shuttles across the river regularly.

After the ferry crossing you cycle on **Buitenstad** to **Jct 10**. Here turn left onto **Zomerdijk** and reach **Jct 11**. Then you continue *in direction* of **Jct 02** (you do not reach Jct 02).

At the next **roundabout** turn left onto **Julianabrug**.

After crossing the bridge, turn right at the **roundabout** onto **Jan Blankenweg** (street's name) and arrive at the ship.

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At the **roundabout** turn left onto **Julianabrug** and cross the bridge. At the **next roundabout** turn right and cycle along **Jnct 11**⇒**10** to the ferry across the Lek.

The ferry shuttles across the river regularly.

You reach **Nieuwegein** on **the other side of the river**. You pass the **marina** and reach **Jnct 20** on **Lekboulevard**. Turn left here and continue to **Jnct 25**.

At **Jnct 25** turn right onto **Liesmonde** street and go straight on to **Jnct 22**.

Then follow **Jncts 23**⇒**24** ⇒ **80** ⇒**81** ⇒**82** ⇒**83** to **Jsselstein**.

Continue through pretty little settlements **Jnct 84 (Benschop)** ⇒**54 (Polsbroek)** to **Vlist Jnct 11** and **Jnct 30**.

A-4 Continue via **Jncts 95** ⇒**27** ⇒**12** ⇒**34** to **Haastrecht**.

***Tip:** After passing Jnct 12, cross the Ophaalbrug in the direction of Jnct 34. After crossing the bridge, you can cycle alongside the water until Jnct 51 (violet dotted line).*

At **Jnct 34**, turn left in the direction of **Gouda**. Then cycle onto **Steinsedijk** and **Goejanverwelledijk** via the **Jncts 35** ⇒ **51** further on towards **Gouda city centre**.

At the end of **Goejanverwelledijk**, cross the street and continue cycling onto the **right-hand cycle way** in the direction of **Jnct 40**.

After the **mill**, turn right onto the street **Oosthaven** and continue to **Jnct 41**, in the **city centre of Gouda**, the **City of Cheese**. At **Jnct 41**, turn left and then cross the **Hoorbrug**.

***Tip:** There is more to Gouda than just cheese and stroopwafels. Gouda is a beautiful historic city with a charming Old Town. Here you find the Waag (Weigh House), the City Hall, and the Sint Jans Church, and you can stroll along the first Fairtrade Street to do some shopping or try some tasty streetfood.*

Afterwards cycle along the small street **Hoge Gouwe**, keeping always alongside the **canal**, crossing the **bridge Pottersbrug**. After the **Pottersbrug**, turn left, then turn left again onto **Prins Hendrikstraat**.

Follow the signposts for **Jnct 29** (**Jnct 29** is located on both sides of the Julianasluis lock).

Continue the tour **crossing the lock** and then cycle always **along the waterside** to **Jnct 23** in **Moordrecht**.

Then you reach **Jnct 05** in **Nieuwerkerk aan den IJssel**. Here you can decide whether you want to continue on the **red route** or you switch to the **violet route**.

A-5 On the **red route** you almost always cycle directly **along the waterside** to the **Jnct 08** and **Jnct 65** at the **Algerbrug** bridge in **Capelle aan den IJssel** (this is the first Dutch storm surge barrier).

Always along the **waterside**, carry onto **Jnct 66** and you are already in **Rotterdam**.

Pass **under the motorway**, stay at the **waterside** and reach **Jnct 75**.

Cycle for a short while **northward** onto **Nesserdijk** and after the **tram stop of Nesserdijk** turn left onto **Leidingpad** (the tracks are on your left-hand side). You reach **Jnct 67**.

Turn left, **Jnct 74**, and you reach **Maasboulevard**. **Cross the bridge** to reach **Jnct 21** and turn left onto **Oosterkade**. Passing under the **carriageway**, you reach **Boompjeskade, Jnct 20**. Cycle to the ship`s **mooring place**, near **Erasmusbrug**.

A4 If you take the **violet route**, you will cycle through beautiful residential areas with interesting architecture.

From **Jnct 05**, cycle to **Jncts 06 ⇨07⇨A5⇨78⇨77⇨83** along the **Kralingse Plas**, a Rotterdam city lake that is ideal for sunbathing or swimming and continue along the canal towards **Jnct 84**. Here turn left and continue along the **Rotte river**, which gives Rotterdam its name, until you reach **Jnct 38**. Then continue towards the port and mooring place **Jnct 37⇨68⇨20**.

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