

The Limes



Introduction

The Limes was a military zone, consisting of a road, fortifications and civilian settlements. However, it also served as a trade route, and along the Limes various forms of cultural exchange arose between the indigenous population and Roman army soldiers and their families.



A bird's eye view of a castellum

The Limes has left many traces in our current landscape. These are not limited to visible signs such as Roman walls, burial sites or military artefacts. The Limes had a far more significant influence, serving as the basis for the very first infrastructure system in the Netherlands. The creators of the Limes also brought the country their religion, monetary system, language, alphabet, customs and technology. Their influence can still be felt to this day.



Roman writing tablet from Utrecht

The Limes is part of our everyday lives and deserves special attention. Not just in a museum, but also in other contexts such as the Dutch education system or new housing construction within the Limes area. After all, the Limes is witness to some 400 years of Dutch history and links the Netherlands to all the other countries that once made up the Roman Empire.



The Roman Empire