



Tips for tourists

For those interested in discovering the Limes in the Netherlands, the following list provides an overview of some interesting touristic tips. The list contains an overview of museums and cycling routes and walking paths along the Dutch Limes.

MUSEUMS

Archeon - Alphen aan den Rijn

In the Archeon theme park, visitors can experience what daily life was really like in Roman times. The buildings in Trajectum ad Rhenum, the Roman city in Archeon, were recreated on the basis of archaeological digs and are all copies of actual historical structures that could once be found in the Netherlands. www.archeon.nl.

National Museum of Antiquities - Leiden

Visit the National Museum of Antiquities (*Rijksmuseum van Oudheden*) to find out and see with your own eyes just how much still remains of the Romans' rule of the Netherlands and which Roman artefacts have since been discovered. www.rmo.nl.

Museum Park Orientalis - Holy Land Foundation

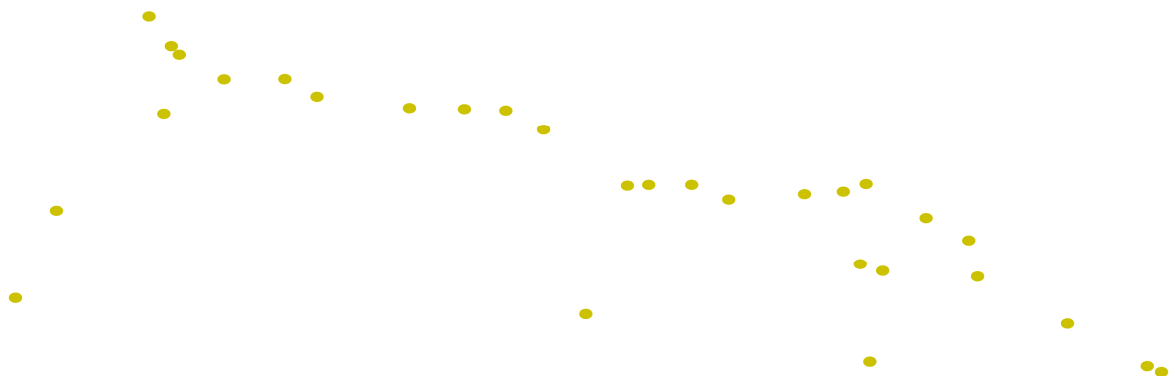
Visit Museum Park Orientalis and explore the Romans' daily life. See how they lived, ate, dressed, worked and find out what a real Roman toilet looked like. Experience the Roman age! www.museumparkorientalis.nl.

Central Museum - Utrecht

All the Roman archaeological finds on display at the Central Museum are directly related to the Roman Limes. They can be found in a newly designed exhibition hall in the museum's attic. www.centraalmuseum.nl.

Museum het Valkhof - Nijmegen

In Museum het Valkhof, beautifully exhibited glass and earthenware, coins, tools, jewellery, utensils and eye-catching computer animations shed light on the everyday lives of Romans in the Netherlands. www.museumhetvalkhof.nl.



CYCLING ROUTES AND WALKING PATHS

Cycling routes

The “Limes cycling route: along the northern border of the Roman Empire” (Sweerman; Uitgeverij Pirola) allows you to trace the Limes by bike, from Katwijk (Netherlands) to Regensburg (Germany).

The cycling route along the Via Romana runs from Nijmegen to the German city of Xanten and is described in the booklet “Via Romana” (Bikeline). For another enjoyable cycling route through historic Nijmegen, you could also try the “Around the Old West” route.

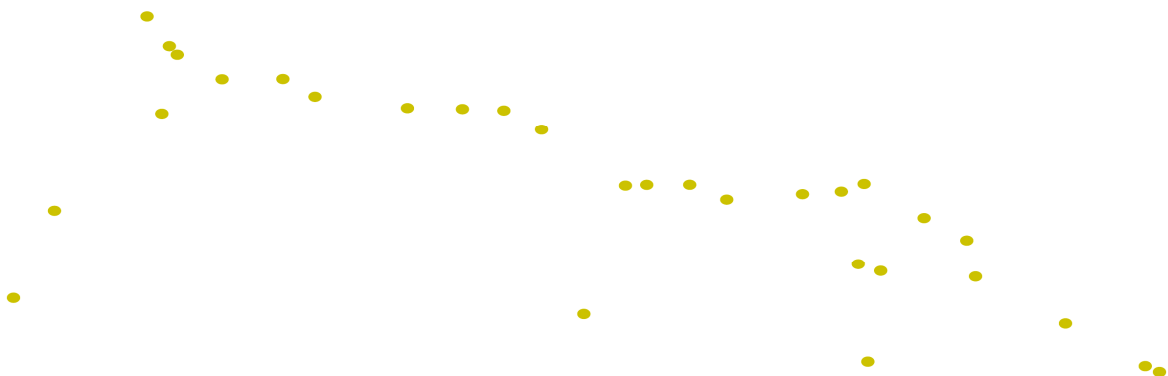
The website accompanying the Teleac television series *In the footsteps of the Romans and Batavians* features various routes through the Limes area. You can choose between a cycling route, car route and public transport route. There are also routes based around special locations in Utrecht, Alphen aan den Rijn and Nijmegen. You can download these routes in Word format (<http://www.teleac.nl/romeinenebataven/route.html>).

There are two cycling routes in the province of Utrecht, from Woerden to Wijk bij Duurstede via the city of Utrecht. The booklet ‘Cycling along the Roman Limes’ with information, overview maps and fun facts is available at the various tourist offices (VVV) in the province of Utrecht.

Audio tour

For an even more intense experience of the Limes, you could also try taking the mp3 tour, available for free download here.

Below, you will find links to two zip files. The first file contains information on the route along the Limes between Woerden and Utrecht, while the second route traces the Limes between Utrecht and Wijk bij Duurstede. Together, the two routes provide a good day trip (if you cycle back again).





Click on www.limes.nl/assets/downloads/lfu2007mp3.zip to open the 20 files of the audio tour for the entire route. Please note! This is a ZIP file that should be downloaded to your computer and extracted with WinZIP (download WinZIP: www.downloads.vnunet.nl/download-winzip/windows/utilities/compressie/211/). You can then save them to your MP3 player (this may take some time).

Click on www.limes.nl/assets/downloads/Route%20Woerden-Utrecht.pdf for the overview of scenic points along the Woerden - Utrecht route that have a special audio fragment. The overview also contains a brief description of both routes. Click on www.limes.nl/assets/downloads/Route%20Utrecht%20-%20Wijk%20bij%20Duurstede.pdf for the Utrecht - Wijk bij Duurstede route.

Walking paths

Visitors to the city of Nijmegen can enjoy various Roman walking and cycling routes such as “Around the Old West” and “Via East”. You can also opt for the “Via Centre” and “In Trajan’s footsteps” (from Nijmegen to Xanten) routes, available from the Nijmegen tourist office and www.nijmegen.nl/archeologie.

In the Over-Betuwe area near Elst, visitors can enjoy two walking routes through the Limes landscape: “In the shadow of the temple” and “The Limes in the Betuwe landscape”. Available from the tourist offices in Arnhem and Nijmegen.

The Nature and Environment Platform in Ermelo have issued a Roman Marching Camp walking route. The entire walking route is well over 6 kilometres long. For more information, visit: www.nmecentrum-ermelo.nl.

