**CYCLE ROUTE**

A scenic tour of Leiden and The Hague

**44.4 KM**

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**Did you know that...?**

- The Academic Building was once the chapel of a convent, which explains the name Noorderebrug (Nuns Bridge). It is now the venue for academic events such as lectures, inaugural lectures and PhD ceremonies.

- About 24,000 students are studying at Leiden University in Leiden.

- Rembrandt enrolled as a literature student in 1627. And that he painted famous Leiden alumni such as Marten Soolmans, Jan Six and Nicolaas Tuin.

- The musical Sølveste'n Oranje is about Erik Hazelhoff Roelevendaal, who studied law at Leiden University and was active in the Resistance during the Second World War.

- Biologists and environmental scientists from Leiden work together with Dunea, the region’s water supply and use conservation agency, to study how best to protect nature in the dunes.

- About 5,000 students are studying at Leiden University’s Campus The Hague.

- Urban Studies is a new English-taught bachelor’s programme at Leiden University in The Hague where students can study current and future urban issues.

- Wijchen is the largest of Leiden University’s premises in The Hague. On the Spanish Steps in Wijchen, there are regular talks by speakers from home and abroad on topical themes.

- Heike Kamerlingh Onnes, professor of physics at Leiden University from 1882 to 1892 and winner of the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1913, is buried at the village church in Voorschoten. In 1908, Leiden was officially the coldest place on earth. That was the year Kamerlingh Onnes managed to create liquid helium.

- Kreken is a Leiden app that tells you all about the history of squatters in Leiden from 1970 to 2010. The app was developed by historians from Leiden.

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**STAR** from Noorderebrug (Nuns Bridge) Leiden.

1. Turn right from the Noorderebrug, cycle past the Herba botanicus and then after 50m turn right across the bridge and then immediately turn left, Rapenburg.

2. At the crossroads, continue straight on, Kort Rapenburg.

3. Turn left over the bridge and then right again, Sassenstraat.

4. Follow the road as it bears left past the bus station.

5. Take the first cycle path on your right in the direction of Wassenaar, through the tunnel.

6. Take the cycle path to the left past the hospital (LUMC).

7. Go straight on at the roundabout, Sandforddreef.

8. Turn right at the end of the road, Wassenaarseweg.

9. Turn left at the roundabout, Rijnseburgseweg.

10. Continue straight on at the traffic lights, Leidsestraatweg.

11. Take the second road on the left, Wilhelminapark.

12. Bear left at the square.

13. Cross over at the end of the road and follow the bike path to the left, Bijlmerveenstraat/Endegeeststraatweg.

14. At the T-junction take the cycle path to the left.

15. Cycle under the A4 and turn left immediately onto the cycle path. If there is a diversion, follow the signs for cyclists until you are back on the route.


17. At the crossroads, turn right in the direction of Valkenburg. Cycle path merges with Tollersvisstraat.

18. Cross the bridge and turn right immediately, Keetshuizweg.

19. At the roundabout turn left towards Wassenaar, Wassenaarseweg.

20. KM.

21. Keep following the cycle path.

22. At the roundabout carry straight on, Katwijkseweg.

23. At the next roundabout cross over and turn right, Wassenaarseweg. Follow De Klip uphill.

24. KM.

25. First cycle path to the left towards Scheveningen.

26. Pass Central Station and cross over at the traffic lights and continue straight on, follow Beuzijdenhoutseweg.

27. At the next crossroads cross over and turn left towards Wassenaar, Laan van Nieuw Bredius.

28. After 300m turn right, follow the cycle path through Haagse Bos towards Wassenaar-Leiden.

29. KM.

30. Keep following this cycle path.

31. KM.

32. Turn right at the end, Leidschevaartweg.

33. Just before the crossroad turn right and go through cycle tunnel towards Leiden.

34. KM.

35. KM.

36. At the third crossroads with traffic lights turn left onto Routlaan and after 20m turn left again in the direction of Voorschoten.

37. Go through the tunnel. Watch out for oncoming traffic! Keep right and at the end of the tunnel turn left towards Voorschoten, Reepshoflaan.

38. KM.

39. KM.

40. KM.

41. After the next tunnel turn left towards Leiden (past de Reepshof). Fancy a coffee? Turn right about 2 km and then after 15m turn right again to Theuws Janssant. Return to the cycle path along the train tracks to continue route.
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Leiden University reached the ripe old age of 444 in 2019! We treasure our place in the heart of Leiden and The Hague – 444 years in Leiden and almost 20 years in The Hague. Good reason to celebrate our 444th anniversary with the residents of these fantastic cities. To celebrate our 444th birthday, we have developed a cycle route of exactly 44.4 km that takes you past the most picturesque spots in Leiden, The Hague and everything in between. Because even if we say so ourselves: it’s rather beautiful here!

If you take a selfie or photo on the route, you can share it with us on social media and tag #444jaar.

The route is also available as a printable PDF on Strava or as a GPS route. For more information and other 444 activities, see: www.universiteitleiden.nl/444/fiets.