

Gorinchem, South Holland, Netherlands

One of the Netherlands' best-kept secrets: a perfectly intact 16th-century fortified city at the confluence of the Linge and Merwede rivers, where the ship docks at the historic Water Gate and the entire walled old town is yours on foot.

Pier — direct dock, no tender

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Euro (€) — Netherlands is nearly cashless

Dutch (English widely spoken)

UNESCO World Heritage Waterline

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Buiten de Waterpoort pier; walk through the historic Water Gate directly into the old town

Best For: Rampart walks, historic fortifications, ferry trip to Slot Loevestein castle

Walk to Centre: 3 min to Linge haven harbour; 7–10 min to Grote Markt

Don't Miss: Walking the full star-shaped rampart circuit and the Riveer ferry to Loevestein Castle

Getting around: Taxi €15–€20 · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Walk the Star-Shaped Ramparts** — Gorinchem's 5 km star-shaped earthen fortification walls are almost entirely intact — a rarity in Europe.
- Slot Loevestein Castle** — A 14th-century castle perched at the confluence of the Maas and Waal rivers, famous as the prison from which scholar Hugo de Groot escaped hidden...
- Gorcums Museum & Grote Markt** — The city's main museum sits in the former Town Hall on the central square, covering Gorinchem's history as a fortified trading town and its role in...
- Ferry to Woudrichem** — Cross the river on the Riveer water taxi to Woudrichem (Woerkum), a tiny fortified town directly opposite Gorinchem.
- Windmill Walk & Moat Circuit** — The two historic flour windmills — De Hoop and Nooit Volmaakt — stand on the ramparts and are open when the blue flag flies.

BEST WALKS

- Rampart & Windmill Circuit** 5 km · ~1.5 hrs · Flat · Free — Walk the full star-shaped fortification walls from the Water Gate, past De Hoop and Nooit Volmaakt windmills, along the river panorama, and back through the bastions to...
- Old Town Canal Loop** 2 km · ~45 min · Flat · Free — A short loop through the historic centre: from the Water Gate along the Linge haven canal with its drawbridges and historic boats, up to the Grote Markt and the tilting...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		57°	42°	10d
Jun		71°	56°	11d
Aug		72°	59°	14d
Sep		67°	54°	10d
Oct		60°	49°	14d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:43AM–8:37PM · Jun 5:20AM–10:00PM · Aug 6:25AM–9:02PM · Sep 7:15AM–7:54PM · Oct 8:05AM–6:45PM

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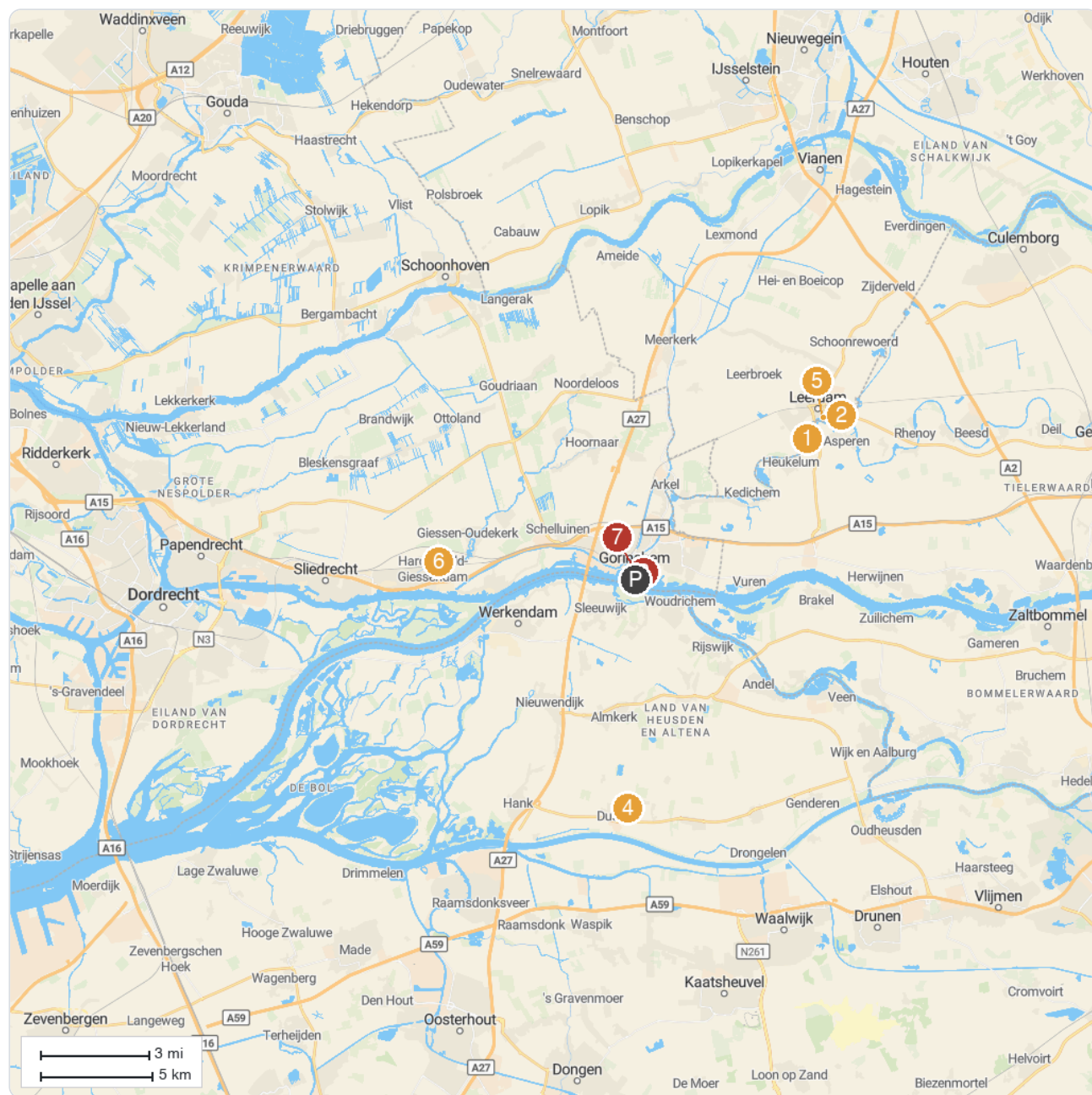
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear good walking shoes. The old town is cobblestone throughout — comfortable flat shoes make a big difference.
- Watch for cyclists. The Netherlands gives bikes absolute right of way. Look before you step onto red-painted cycle paths.
- Cashless is king. The Netherlands is nearly fully card-based. Tap-to-pay works everywhere; some small stalls take cash too. Euros only.
- Book the Riveer ferry early. The Loevestein Castle ferry is popular on ship days. Buy tickets at the yellow machine at the jetty right beside the dock.
- Try the local specialties. Gorcumse Zoute Bollen (salty puff pastry balls) and kibbeling (battered fish) are must-tries at market stalls and cafés near the Linge haven.
- Sunday shop closures. Many smaller shops close on Sundays. Restaurants, cafés, and main attractions (including Loevestein) remain open.

Gorinchem, South Holland, Netherlands — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1** Nationaal Glasmuseum See Dutch glass art and history.
- 2** Aqua Zoo Leerdam A zoo featuring aquatic animals.
- 3** Dalempoort Historic city gate, part of Gorinchem's fortifications.
- 4** Castle Dussen Medieval moated castle with a rich history.
- 5** The Glassworks Watch glassblowers create beautiful art and objects.
- 6** Museum De Koperen Knop Rural museum showcasing regional history and crafts.
- 7** Gorcums Museum Discover Gorinchem's local history and art.
- P** Cruise port / terminal