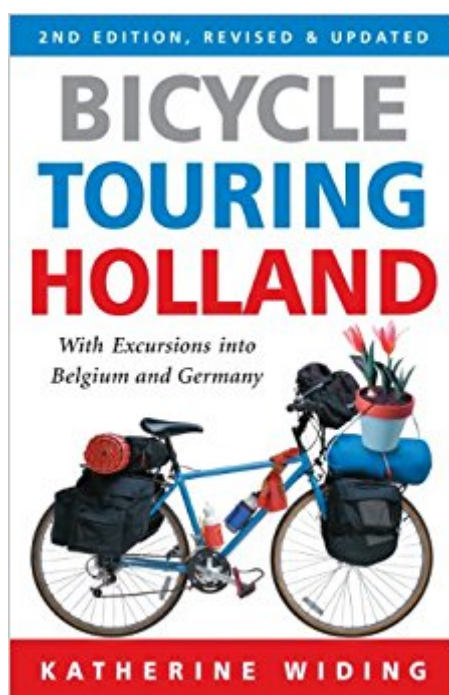


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Bicycle Touring Holland: With Excursions Into Neighboring Belgium And Germany (Cycling Resources)



Synopsis

Holland is probably the world's most popular country for bicycle touring. It is the place where you can get everywhere by bike - just like the Dutch themselves do! This book highlights more than fifty delightful bike tours into every corner of the country and sometimes beyond it into some of the most picturesque destinations in neighbouring Belgium and Germany. Each route is described in detail and is illustrated with 2-colour route maps. This 2nd edition has been revised and updated to reflect the very latest route designations.

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Customer Reviews

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I bought the latest edition of this book prior to our recent cycling trip through Belgium and the Netherlands. I found it most useful for planning and thinking about where to go and what to see in the Netherlands, but for our day-to-day cycling it was almost always just dead weight in the panniers. There is useful background information on cycling in the Netherlands and accommodation options, but in retrospect we could have easily left the book at home. The book is organized as sets of regional "tours" that do either loops or point-to-point rides within a region. If this type of touring is your goal then this book may be what you are looking for. We were not as interested in these types of sightseeing tours however as we were in finding interesting paths from one end of the country to the other to maximize our limited time there. So the value you get from this book will likely depend

on how you plan to see the Netherlands by bike. We found that cycle touring in the Netherlands (and Flanders) is so well-supported by the "Knooppunt" system that all we really needed was a generic guidebook, maps of the Knooppunt routes and a Wi-Fi connection to book hotels. For maps we used the "ANWB Fietsatlas Nederland" (Bicycle atlas showing all numbered routes in the Netherlands) and the regional "ANWB Knooppuntenkaart" (Maps of numbered routes) - both available from .co.uk. One criticism of the format of the tour descriptions in the book is that they are so detailed - with turns and comments every few hundred meters - that I can imagine they must be very difficult to actually follow as it requires an abrupt mental shift to switch between cycling and reading every couple of minutes. (And again, we did not follow them ourselves). Following the Knooppunt routes however is typically a simple matter of plotting the day's set of points, following signs, and using maps to give you a general idea of what to expect next and to get you back on track when you lose the route for whatever reason. If you prefer following written descriptions of routes vs. visual descriptions then again you may find this book useful, but I believe purchasers of the book will also likely want to carry good maps as the maps provided in the book are not very detailed.

I love the book. It provided me with a knowledge of the different places that I decided I wanted to see after I read the book. It gave mileage between towns, how to navigate the signs for bikes in Holland, what to see in different places, costs for rental bikes, where to get them, how to get them fixed if needed and different routes you can take. Also the book furnished a list of things to bring with you and how to pack the items. Everything you could want to know is in that book.

She talk about ALL the details you need, the equipment, the clothes, the type of bike, everything you can or can't imagine, all the traffic signs and the diferent words in Dutch that you can need for you trip. All the routes are very good explained, with a lot of details, road signs, maps. She includes a lot of tips to make more comfortable your plannig and development of your trip. Very good decision if you plan bike trips by reading diferent books

Perfect descriptions and good information. We did a number of the rides as day rides with some minor modifications and for the most part, with no additional maps. Book demystified the idea of biking in the Netherlands and provided good ideas for rides.

Good introduction with useful information. Pages 41 to 271 are spent on specific trips, how far to go

and when to turn left and right.

We are planning a vacation in the Netherlands and want to do several one day bicycle trips on our own. This book is very informative, with good explanations of the bicycle rules, path signage and safety issues. It has many trips highly detailed, with signage, sights along the way, distances from signpost to signpost and so much more. I think it'll be great for us.

It is a good book which gives excellent orientation regarding how you should plan your trip. Descriptions and tips are good. You should note that a complementary map shall be purchase when you arrive to Holland. There are many available in shops. Try to find one with 1:75.000 or 1:100.000 scale that you will be well served. I do recommend this book

Great information and the maps are awesome. i feel ready to ride through Holland and know where I am going and how to get there with ease. I recommed this to book to all cyclists who want to do a tour of Holland, Germany and Belgium. This book will be in my handle bar bag for the entire trip so i can get to it easily!

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