



CITY GUIDE

Arnhem

INCLUDES
HISTORICAL
CITY WALK



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Welcome!

Arnhem is situated in the heart of green surroundings, flanked by the Veluwe region on one side and flood plains and the Betuwe countryside on the other. There is an abundance of proud trees, inviting parks and leafy avenues. No stay is complete without a visit to one of the many museums or major tourist attractions. Arnhem is also the fashion & design capital of the Netherlands. This publication includes a historical city walk that takes you past Arnhem's unique heritage sites, including key locations during the Battle of Arnhem.

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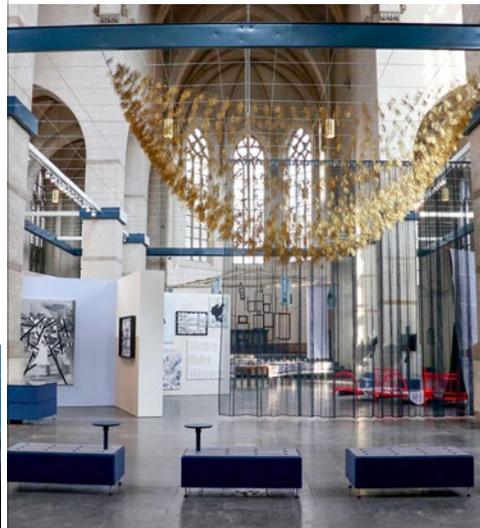
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Hotspots

Arnhem's hotspots are certainly diverse – from its numerous museums to the countless green spaces in and around the city. At the risk of sounding cliché, multifaceted Arnhem really does have something for people of all ages. The combination of the modern urban centre with the city's rich history means there is plenty to explore!

BURGERSZOO.COM A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY

Koninklijke Burgers' Zoo is situated in woodland surroundings on the northern edge of Arnhem. The zoo is divided into several themed areas and ecological displays, each one providing a lifelike depiction of part of the natural world including the unique animals and plants found there. With a tropical rainforest, a desert, a coral reef and more to explore, it's a fun day out for the whole family.



MUSEUMARNHEM.NL ART WITH A CAPITAL 'A'

Visit Museum Arnhem in the Walburgis church! The church is the temporary home of Museum Arnhem's collection of contemporary art and design while the main museum building is closed for renovation and extension. Until the end of 2020, the museum is holding various exhibitions and activities in the church, with a focus on experimenting and current topics.

OPENLUCHTMUSEUM.NL/EN HISTORY IN THE MAKING!

At the Dutch Open Air Museum (Nederlands Openluchtmuseum) you can travel through time over the past two centuries and back to the present day. It is as if the people at the museum have become trapped in history. They are proud of their heritage and will inspire you with their stories. In 2019, the special theme is 'Terribly Tasty'. Would we still eat the things that people used to savour in the olden days? And what would our forefathers think of what we eat today? Gain an insight into the origins of our food and how the past has influenced modern eating habits. Discover the flavours that have made history and get a glimpse of the food of the future!



ROZET.NL BROADEN YOUR VIEW AT ROZET

Rozet is a unique public building that has won several architecture awards. Admission is free. A good place to start your journey of discovery is in the basement at the Heritage Centre ('Erfgoedcentrum'), where you can see, hear, feel and explore Arnhem's history for yourself. Rozet's central staircase leads you past temporary exhibitions and the entrance to one of the Netherlands' most attractive libraries, to the Expo area and the panoramic roof terrace on the fifth floor. When you've seen enough, you can enjoy a drink or bite to eat at Café Memento on the ground floor.



PRISONEXPERIENCE.NL
TENSION AND EXCITEMENT

In a place where very little used to be permitted, nowadays almost anything is possible: guided tours, escape rooms, bachelor parties and even team-building exercises in a building where collusion was previously forbidden. A visit to the former Koepelgevangenis prison is guaranteed to be a thrilling experience!



WATERMUSEUM.NL
WATERY FUN

How many litres of water do you use a day, do you think? Find out all there is to know about water at the Netherlands Water Museum. The museum is housed in an old watermill that formed part of a convent dating from the 15th century. This unique hands-on museum, located in and beneath Sonsbeek Park, guarantees plenty of watery fun for the whole family!



DEBLAUWEHOEK.NL
THE TASTE OF TURKEY

As you walk through the centre of Arnhem, you can't miss the bright colour of the restaurant called De Blauwe Hoek ('The Blue Corner') – it certainly lives up to its name! It serves authentic Turkish specialities, and the chefs are eager to give you a true taste of Turkey. It's a culinary experience to remember!



TAPHUYSARNHEM.NL
100 DIFFERENT BEERS ON DRAUGHT!

At Taphuys, it can often be hard to make a decision. With 100 different beers and 80 different wines on tap, there is just so much to choose from! Help yourself to your favourites or enjoy sampling new ones. A fun place to spend time with friends or colleagues. Come and try it!



Roadhouse Arnhem Bar & Kitchen is the latest hotspot to open in Arnhem/Oosterbeek! Based in the terrific location that used to house De Leeren Doedel/Pinoccio, this 'American Roadhouse' serves lunch, drinks and dinner, either inside or on the terrace, and extends a warm welcome to everyone.



The Basement

Kids will have the time of their lives in Roadhouse's basement which includes a children's cinema, a soft-play area for toddlers, a cool air-hockey table and pinball machines. There is a sizable outdoor playground for when the weather is fine, of course. Adults can enjoy a leisurely meal or drinks while the kids amuse themselves.

Convenient

Located at **Amsterdamseweg 467**, just a 5-minute drive from the A12 & A50 motorways, Burgers' Zoo, the Netherlands Open Air Museum, De Hoge Veluwe National Park, Airborne Museum Hartenstein and Sportcentrum Papendal. Including own car park with space for more than 100 cars!

Food & drink

Cool restaurants, unique bars and new concepts: you'll be spoilt for choice in Arnhem. You can spend hours sharing tapas-style meals with friends, discovering new flavours or sampling craft beers or high-quality wines. There are countless bars and restaurants, whether on the lively city squares, tucked away down narrow alleyways or at the water's edge along the Rijnkade quay, not to mention an abundance of pavement cafés where you can while away the time.

BOMBOCAKOFFIEBAR **PORTUGUESE AMBIANCE**

As soon as you set foot inside Bomboca, it is as if you've been transported 2,000km to Portugal. You can literally taste the Portuguese atmosphere thanks to the fresh coffee and delicious pastéis de nata. Check it out for breakfast, lunch or drinks. The sun is always shining at Bomboca!



JANS-ARNHEM.NL **THE BEATING HEART OF ARNHEM**

JANS': the beating heart of Arnhem. You are greeted with contemporary grandeur as soon as you step inside. Stylish and welcoming, JANS' interior design is inspired by the traditional cafés and brasseries of Paris. With its black-and-white tiled floor, comfortable velvet-covered chairs and dining benches, a robust copper bar, ambient lighting, cosy nooks and a large reading table, the overall effect is a modern-day living room where the whole of Arnhem feels right at home. JANS' extends a warm welcome to everyone.



DUDOK.NL

CULTURAL HANGOUT

Dudok is thé haunt in Arnhem, a meeting place for many, including visitors to the city and convivialists, lawyers and creative people, politicians and visitors to the theatre. Housed in a monumental bank building, Dudok Arnhem exudes its grandeur of olden days. We serve an all-day breakfast, the best coffee in city - served with our famous apple pie-, a drink or lunch, a good glass of beer or elaborate dinner. In addition to food and drinks you can enjoy exhibitions, concerts and other cultural events here. Free Wi-Fi and a large reading table also make it a great place to work (or surf

the Internet). As Arnhem's cultural hangout Dudok is a place not to be missed. You are very welcome here!



STAN-CO.NL
TYPICAL ARNHEM HANGOUT

STAN&CO is the perfect place for good company, good food, a (heated) terrace and friends. In a grand former bank building on the Willemsplein square you can meet up with old friends or make new ones in a contemporary and inviting setting. The food ranges from STAN&CROISSANT in the morning to STAN&STEAK in the evening, and you can start your day there with coffee and finish it with your last glass of wine at night. At STAN&CO, you and your friends are assured of a warm welcome, 7 days a week.



ANNEMAX.NL
FRESH COFFEE



Whether you're looking for good coffee and home-made cake, or prefer a tasty breakfast, high tea or a lingering lunch, you'll find Anne&Max on the corner of Bakkerstraat and Kerkplein. Take your pick from the delicious, organic, freshly made food options and enjoy some of the best coffee around – such as a unique seasonal espresso or a slow coffee (like filter coffee and cafetière). But if you're in a hurry, they serve coffee, sandwiches and salads to go too.

CASPARARNHEM.NL
MULTIFACETED URBAN CAFÉ IN ARNHEM'S FASHION DISTRICT

CASPAR has a stylish interior and a cosy atmosphere. Extra-large cups of coffee, 12 types of beer on draught, a good choice of wines and a wide selection of spirits. They not only brew their own beer at CASPAR, but also work with top-quality ingredients including organic meat and fresh seasonal produce. As a result, the menu changes weekly. CASPAR is open all day long, from early in the morning until late at night!



Nature

In former times many rich people had a country retreat in and around Arnhem, and with good reason: it is home to some of the most beautiful countryside in the Netherlands. Picturesque Sonsbeek Park is very close to the city centre and is a popular place for locals to relax at the weekend. On the outskirts of Arnhem you can find various country estates, with their long beech-lined lanes enhancing today's green countryside while also standing as a reminder of bygone wealthy grandeur.



TIPS FOR ARNHEM'S GREEN SPACES

- Go to the visitors' centre at Molenplaats in Sonsbeek Park, which is the starting point for various walks, such as the new 'Trappetjeswandelung' (Steps Walk). In the Molenschuur shop/café you can buy delicious refreshments or lunch;
- Climb the De Belvédère watchtower and visit the hillside garden ('Steile Tuin'), both in Sonsbeek Park;
- Step back in time in Park Zypendaal, a country estate and manor house dating from 1762. The ornately furnished house is regularly open to the public;
- Take the ferry boat from the Rijnkade quayside to 'Uiterwaardpark Meinerswijk' where you can spend a day exploring the expansive floodplains and marshlands among the free-roaming cattle and horses. You can also take a look at the former Roman fort;
- Visit the 'Stadspark Coehoorn' city park which is on the former site of the 'Kleine Eusebiuskerk' (Small Eusebius Church);
- The neighbourhood known as 'Spijkerkwartier' has lots of public gardens. Visit the water-themed 'Watertuin' with its abundance of water lilies and pond life, or admire the 'Achtertuin' (Back Garden) with hidden views of 19th-century architecture;
- Close to Sonsbeek Park is a surprising public garden where everything and everyone blossoms into life – at 'Stadstuin Kweekland' you can pick your own flowers and vegetables or simply relax at the teahouse;
- From March to December, the Sonsbeek Market is held on every first Sunday of the month. A wide range of unusual products are on sale, both food and non-food items, and the stall-holders are happy to tell you all about them.

Hot to Shop!

Calling all fashionistas! Arnhem is the place to be for the latest trends. Strolling along the main shopping streets in the centre, you will see all the major national and international brands. But for real evidence of Arnhem's reputation as the country's fashion hub you need to head off the beaten track a little. The Klarendal neighbourhood is home to the Fashion District (Het Modekwartier) where fashion designers enthusiastically display their latest creations. And don't miss the 7straatjes area in the Spijkerkwartier neighbourhood either – it's a must-see!



HETCOLOFON.NL BOOKS, MUSIC AND A CAFÉ

Boekhandel Het Colofon spans two floors bursting with new and second-hand books as well as a large collection of classical music. Come and explore the huge range, and you can even enjoy a spot of lunch at the vegetarian/vegan café. Het Colofon is a concept store – everything on display is for sale – and it even has a stage for art and culture. The store is always evolving and will never be truly 'finished'. Come and see for yourself!



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Photo: David Jonathán

MODEKWARTIER.NL TAILOR-MADE CREATIVITY

The Modekwartier area is living proof of Arnhem's role as fashion and design capital of the Netherlands. In this hive of creativity, in the heart of the Klarendal neighbourhood, life revolves around fashion and design as well as art and food. You can expect to find boutiques, workshops, studios, galleries, restaurants and showrooms – so there's no shortage of inspiration.

A mix of rising talent and established names, trendsetters and artisans, these creative geniuses form the beating heart of Arnhem's dynamic Modekwartier. Meet the enthusiastic designers face to face, take a peek inside their studios and see just how much care, attention and skill goes into their creations.

Culture

Arnhem is home to the Introdans dance company, Toneelgroep Oostpool theatre company and the Arnhem Philharmonic Orchestra (Het Gelders Orkest). You can catch a live cultural performance in a range of venues, such as Posttheater, GelreDome or various smaller local theatres. A trip to the cinema is the perfect way to end your day in Arnhem, and between them Pathé, Vue and Focus Filmtheater offer something for all tastes.

POSTTHEATER.NL THEATRE OOZING NOSTALGIA

In the centre of Arnhem, situated in the Fashion District just behind Velperpoort railway station, Posttheater oozes the nostalgic atmosphere of yesteryear. It offers a varied programme of both cabaret and stand-up comedy. Posttheater is regarded as the leading cabaret venue in the eastern part of the country, and is popular among established cabaret artists as well as emerging talent.



FOCUSARNHEM.NL A FEAST FOR THE EYES

Focus Filmtheater cinema is located on Audrey Hepburnplein in the shadow of the Eusebius church. In fact, the church tower is visible through the glass roof of the foyer. Open every day and with five screens, the cinema provides a varied mix of the latest releases for kids and adults, documentaries, world cinema, cult films and timeless classics. Besides that, the Focus | Eten + Drinken café/restaurant is open daily from 10:00 until midnight for coffee, lunch, drinks and dinner.



DITISPASARNHEM.NL GIVE A GIFT CARD!

PAS Arnhem is Arnhem's very own gift card. It can be redeemed at a large number of participating shops, restaurants and bars, tourist attractions and cultural organisations throughout the city, including some of the best stores and tastiest restaurants! The gift card is available from VVV Arnhem at Arnhem Central railway station and other outlets. For a complete list of participants, see ditispasarnhem.nl.



MUSIS-ARNHEM.NL ARNHEM'S LEADING MUSIC VENUE

Calling all music lovers! Musis, a true music temple, is also home to 'Het Gelders Orkest' (Arnhem Philharmonic Orchestra). Here, at Arnhem's leading music venue, the programme spans classical music, hip-hop and everything in between. This unique concert hall – the oldest one in the country still used for concerts – combines renaissance architecture with modernity.

In January 2018 Queen Máxima opened the revamped Musis: both the revolutionary, prize-winning Parkzaal auditorium and the Muzenzaal auditorium, where you gain a tangible sense of Arnhem's history along with the music. The acoustics have already received high praise from artists, music lovers and media critics alike. During performances, the sliding glass windows at the rear of the stage offer a view of the green Musis Park beyond, so visitors can experience the 'four seasons' quite literally. On sunny days the windows can be

opened so people can even enjoy the captivating sounds while relaxing in the park! This is unique in Europe and one of only a handful in the whole world, so it's definitely a must-see in Arnhem!

STAGE FOR AND BY THE CITY

Over the years, Stadstheater Arnhem has hosted some of the biggest names and premieres of the best plays, bearing witness to many emotional moments, both moving and hilarious. It exudes more than a century of theatre history, and creates over 250 new memories every season. The large tiered auditorium (Grote Zaal) is fitted with comfortable royal-blue seats, while the smaller hall with its level floor often hosts more experimental, edgy and intimate performances. Arnhem's leading theatre venue offers a varied programme of plays, cabaret, dance, performance art and others types of shows.

> stadstheater-arnhem.nl

Photo: Rob Voss



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HISTORICAL CITY WALK

Duration: approximately 2 hours | 4 km

From VVV Arnhem, head out of the station through the exit marked 'Centrum' and cross over at the pedestrian crossing.

You are now on the other side of **Nieuwe Plein**, which until around 1850 had a city wall with a city moat in front of it. Turn right and continue until you reach the first street on your left (**Korte Hoogstraat**), which joins **Korenmarkt** > see 2

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The route is indicated by a orange line on each page. The walking directions are listed above the line, and beneath the line you will find more information about the points of interest (1 to 25) you encounter along the way.



Korenbeurs (see 2)

Turn right and continue along **Luthersestraat**, then cross **Varkensstraat**. Via **Tullekensteeg** you will reach **Rijnstraat**. Turn right > see 3



Korenbeurs, circa 1905 (see 2)



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1. ARNHEM CENTRAL

The Arnhem Central Station building has been described as an architectural gem, and it has won numerous international awards. Ben van Berkel's design is inspired by the rolling hills in and around Arnhem.

2. KORENMARKT

Well-known for its nightlife, this square boasts a wide variety of clubs, bars and restaurants. The surrounding granaries are witnesses to the corn trade in this square, which discontinued in 1914. On the corner of Korenmarkt and Luthersesteeg you see the Lutheran parish's classicist church dating back to 1737. Above the entrance is the relief of a swan, the Lutheran symbol.

3. RIJNSTRAAT

This street is the western part of the old walled city, at the end of which used to be four city gates. The Rijnpoort used to be the west entrance. Another gate ('Velperpoort') used to be on the right-hand side, on the site of the current Velperplein.

The front of number 71 is the front of a building which dates back to the 14th century, the former 'St. Peters Gasthuis'. This property has three large vaulted cellars, a part of which was rented by Charles duke of Gelre in 1527 to store his wine supplies. Nowadays the building is DrieGasthuizen-Groep's head office. It is the oldest and still existing organisation for social (geriatric) care in Arnhem.

Then turn left into **Oude Oeverstraat** > see 4

At the end of **Oude Oeverstraat** you reach a square and the **Rozet building** > see 5

Turn back to **Rijnstraat** via **Kortestraat**, then turn right > see 6



Rozet (see 5)



Zittende Oude Man (see 7)

Keep walking until you reach the crossroads of **Mariëburgstraat** and **Wielakkerstraat**. At this crossroad turn right into **Wielakkerstraat** > see 7

At the end of **Wielakkerstraat** you will reach 'Eiland' to your right. Turn onto Eiland and head towards **Kerkstraat**.

4. HISTORIC CELLARS

• MORE INFO: EXCITINGHISTORY.COM

Underneath many properties in the old city centre lie Historic Cellars. For years these age-old subterranean cellars were left abandoned. In the nineties the council acquired 39 of them in Rijnstraat and connected them with each other. The cellars have been restored to their former glory and were opened to the public in late 2001. The entrance to the cellars is situated in Oude Oeverstraat.

was designed by the two architects Neutelings and Riedijk, who also designed the Netherlands Institute for Sound and Vision, MAS in Antwerp and the city hall in Deventer.

Opposite Rozet lies a gigantic aardvark, a work of art by Florentijn Hofman. This aardvark is a present from Koninklijke Burgers' Zoo to the city centre on the occasion of its 100th anniversary in 2013. Children can play on it to their heart's content.



Aardvark (see 5)

5. ROZET

Since 2013 the Rozet building has been home to the Bibliotheek (Library), the Kunstbedrijf, the Volksuniversiteit (Adult Education Centre) and the Erfgoed Centrum (formerly known as the Historisch Museum Arnhem). The latter tells the history of Arnhem in chronological order. Admission is free of charge. The building

6. DE MORIAAN

'De Moriaan', a house with a late renaissance front, is located on your right at number 41. However, the property proves to be much older and was given a new front, among other things, during a renovation in the 17th century. In the 17th and 18th century it served as a boarding house and as a home for magistrates. Looking up you can see several beautiful old fronts above the 'modern' shops.

7. HET EILAND

Here you see a number of historic buildings, including a Jewish butcher/poulterer and an old alley on your right. You now reach 'Het Eiland'. The first thing you notice is the bronze statue of 'Zittende Oude Man', made in 1977 by Arnhem sculptor Wim Kuyl after the Rheden publican 'Jan van Lankwarden'.

The magnificent building at number 6 was purpose-built in 1920 as the 'Nieuwe Arnhemsche Courant' office and printer, its architecture reflecting the Amsterdam school style. The original purpose of this property is reflected by the vertical pen and the ink pot to the right of the large window.



Het Eiland (see 7)

Arke Noachstraat is a little further along on your left > [see 8](#)

Walk back, then continue along **Kerkstraat** > [see 9](#)



7straatjes (see 9)

Continue walking. Turn right into **Pastoorstraat**. You will see the **synagogue** on your left-hand side after 30 metres. > [see 10](#)

Walk back, then continue along **Kerkstraat** > [see 11](#)

8. OLDEST COFFEE-HOUSE

On your left-hand side you see Arke Noachstraat. Built around 1850 and allegedly the oldest coffee-house in Arnhem, 'Het Oranje Koffiehuis' lies on the right. The pub was renovated approximately 20 years later and rebuilt in 1926 with elements of the Arnhem school.

street are located near properties number 12 to 15. The back of the originally late mediaeval house at number 9 was used as a Roman Catholic Home for Widows since 1750. Evers (with pigs' heads on the facade) is the oldest remaining butcher's shop. The company was founded in 1800 by the butcher called Taverne.

9. KERKSTRAAT

This is one of the oldest streets in Arnhem. Remains of previous settlements dating back to the 9th – 11th century have been found here. On your right the restored house at number 32 has a late mediaeval gate which used to serve as an entrance to a property once located in Bakkerstraat. Until the 1930s this gate served as an entrance to a city farm in this street. Restored shops with original 19th century shop fronts on either side of the



Oudste Koffiehuis (see 8)

10. SYNAGOGUE

This synagogue on Pastoorstraat dates from 1853. Arnhem's Jewish community is one of the oldest in the Netherlands.

11. PRESICKHAEFFS HUYS

• MORE INFO: EXCITINGHISTORY.COM

To your left at number 19 you see the T-shaped Presickhaeffs Huys, an originally 14th century house with 15th and 18th century stepped gables. The natural stone gate dates back to around 1640. The house was named after the 'Van Presickhaafe' mayors who lived here in the 16th century.



Presickhaeffs Huys (see 11)

Walk to the bottom of the street, then walk around the church and the Focus Filmtheatre on the right > [see 12](#)

Turn left and cross here. You are now at **the Markt square** > [see 13](#)

Continue walking and turn into the street to the right of Provincial House > [see 14](#)



12. EUSEBIUSKERK

• **MORE INFO:** EXCITINGHISTORY.COM

You are now on the Audrey Hepburnplein square. Part of the Jansbeek stream flows past the north side of the church. The Jansbeek, which has its source in Zypendaal, was a major lifeline for Arnhem in bygone times. Ten watermills used it to generate power and many local breweries used the water in the production of beer - which used to be the people's drink. The Jansbeek formerly flowed to the south of the church.

You're now at the late-Gothic St. Eusebius church with its the 93-metre-high tower and impressive glass balcony. This church was built between 1450 and 1540 and was largely destroyed during the Battle of Arnhem in September 1944. The church and tower have been reopened to the public following various restoration projects. A lift was built



inside the tower, taking visitors to a height of 73 metres. Weather permitting, the tower commands a magnificent view of Arnhem and the surrounding area. In 2010 a new restoration was necessary and since then the tower has been scaffolded again, covered with printed fabric. On the ground you can see the outline of this church's predecessor, St. Martin's church.

The Focus Filmtheater cinema relocated to its new home on Audrey Hepburnplein square in 2018. The move and expansion has taken the city's arthouse film offering to the next level while also offering numerous opportunities for other arts.

13. MARKT

The 18th century classicist building on the corner of Turfstraat and the Markt is the former 'Waag' (weighhouse). The market

square, 'Markt', is where the weekly markets are held. Walk to the south of the Markt where you see 'Het Huis der Provincie', a monumental building dating from 1954 which exhibits a large collection of applied art. The property has recently acquired listed building status. In 2017 Provincial House ('Huis der Provincie') is closed for large-scale renovation work.

14. SABELSPOORT

• **MORE INFO:** EXCITINGHISTORY.COM

On the right lies the mediaeval Sabelpoort, the only city gate left after the demolition of the city walls in the 19th century. After a series of restorations it was connected with 'Het Huis der Provincie' and as such now serves a representative purpose.

Airborne at the Bridge (see 15)



Continue through the **Sabelspoort** gate and then cross the road to 'Airborne at the Bridge' > **see 15**

Continue towards the **Rijnbrug** (Rhine bridge). There is an information panel at **Jacob Groenwoudplantsoen**. Walk back to **Markt** and continue back towards the church. After crossing over **Turfstraat**, turn right > **see 16**

Carry straight on towards **Walburgis church** > **see 17**

Duivelshuis (see 16)



Walburgiskerk (see 17)



15. BRIDGE TOO FAR

• **MORE INFO:** LIBERATIONROUTE.COM

Now you see the Rhine in front of you. The Rhine Bridge is on your left. This is the historic 'Bridge Too Far'. You are now where the Allied Forces tried to reclaim the bridge from the Germans in 1944.

The Battle for Arnhem, which was battled out on the banks of the Rhine in 1944, was part of Operation Market Garden. It was the code name for a large offensive which aimed to advance from liberated Belgium straight to the middle of the Netherlands and then turn off towards Germany. The aim was to have the bridge conquered. However, the German forces proved to be too strong. Market Garden had failed, Arnhem was a 'bridge too far'. Much of the old city centre was destroyed. After the battle all Arnhem residents had to leave the city on orders from the German authorities.

Subsequently Arnhem was systematically looted by the German army. Arnhem had turned into a 'ghost city'.

The resistance monument in the Jacob Groenwoudplantsoen park in front of you comes from the rear facade of the Musis concert venue. The monument is designed by Jouke Hoogland and poet Jos Pauw. The text translates as 'Most people remain silent, only a few take action', which captures the essence of the resistance movement. The Rijnkade quayside is also home to the new Airborne at

John Frostbrug (see 15)



the Bridge Information Centre about the Battle of Arnhem.

16. DUIVELSHUIS

• **MORE INFO:** EXCITINGHISTORY.COM

On your left-hand side you see the 'Duivelshuis'. Its origins date back to the 15th century. Duke Charles of Gelre bought it in 1518. It is also known as Maarten van Rossum's house, who owned it in the 16th century. Maarten van Rossem had the property renovated with a front designed after the latest architectural fashion. This style became later known as 'Renaissance'. Van Rossem also had the building decorated with numerous statues. The satyrs on the front were soon considered to be devils by the Arnhem residents. This is probably how the property took the name Devil's House. It has housed the Arnhem mayors' study since 1830.

17. WALBURGISKERK

• **MORE INFO:** EXCITINGHISTORY.COM

The oldest church in Arnhem, de 'Walburgisbasiliek', is an early gothic triple nave pseudo-basilica built between 1391 and 1423. The pentagon choir was added following a restoration in the first half of the 19th century. Through the centuries this church has had many purposes. Originally a Roman-Catholic church, it was used for several worldly ends following the Reformation in Arnhem in 1579, such as an arms depot, horse stables, a military prison and an army warehouse. Like many other buildings in the area this church was severely damaged in September 1944. Its reconstruction took four years – from 1946 to 1950.

Walk past the church and continue along **Turfstraat/Walburgstraat**. Cross over when you reach **Beekstraat**, bear right and then turn right at the end and pass under the roundabout. You are now at **Airborneplein** > see 18

Head back through the tunnel and then turn right > see 19

Continue walking straight ahead. On your right-hand side you can see **Musis Park** and the **Lauwersgracht** moat (now a lake) with the municipal bell in the middle > see 20

Musispark (see 20)



Keep walking until you reach **Musispark**, exit the park on the left-hand side and cross the road. Then turn right towards **Velperplein**. From **Velperplein**, turn left into the shopping street (**Roggestraat**).

You are now in the **Land van de Markt**. Turn left into **Bovenbeekstraat** and past 'De Dansende Nar' ('The Dancing Jester') by Hans Bayens. This statue was presented to the city by 'De Onganse' in 1975 on the occasion of the 22th anniversary of this carnival society > see 21

Continue straight ahead along **Bovenbeekstraat**, then turn left into **Ruiterstraat**. Pass the old buildings until you reach **Jansplein** > see 22

18. AIRBORNE MONUMENT

The Airborne monument commemorating 17 September 1944 stands in the centre of the square. It is a column from the former Palace of Justice. The column was damaged in the war and is a protected National Monument.

Airborne Monument (see 18)



19. WAALSE KERKJE

Behind the City Theatre ('Stadstheater') dating from 1937 stands the Waalse Kerkje chapel built in 1404 as part of a nunnery that stood on the Koningsplein square at that

time. The chapel suffered severe damage in 1944 and was restored in 1951. The current facade is contemporary 'Delftse School' design and the balcony was added during the restoration work.

20. MUSISPARK

Back in the days when Arnhem was a fortified city, part of the wall stood here. Most moats were filled in with the rubble from the city wall. The Lauwersgracht lake is the last visible remains of the moat system. The municipal bell is rung every year on 17 September in way of thanks for the municipality. The Musis concert venue is situated on the edge of the park.

21. ORPHANAGE

At number 21 you see the former Historisch Museum. This property is a great example of

an 18th century mansion, built in 1758 and unique in Arnhem because of the original Louis XV style (rococo), which is recognisable by the completely symmetrical construction, the fairly austere exterior and the lavishly decorated interior. From 1844 to 1920 the Burgerweeshuis (orphanage) was housed here, a name it has kept since.

22. JANSPLEIN

On your left you see the former post office. Completed in 1889, this neo-gothic and originally symmetrical building with strong influences from the so-called Hanseatic Gothic was designed by government architect C.H. Peters. Above the left entrance glazed and terracotta reliefs have been added and above the windows squatting terracotta monkeys gave the building its nickname Monkey Cliff. The first protestant church in Arnhem, the neo-classicist 'dome church' in the centre

of the square was built in 1837 on the site cleared after the demolition of the remains of the St Janskerk (church) and the Comman-derij van St. Jan. Until 1940 the church also served as Regimentskerk van de Gele Ridders (Regimental Church of the Yellow Riders) who were quartered in the nearby Willemskazerne (barracks) until then.

Koepelkerk (see 22)



Walk a little way until you reach **Jansplaats**. Here you see some very old houses > [see 23](#)

Turn right into **Jansstraat** > [see 24](#)



Jansplaats (see 23)

Continue until **Willemsplein**. Prior to the Second World War, the **Willemskazerne** barracks stood here > [see 25](#)

You have reached the end of the historical city walk.



23. JANSPLAATS

At number 28 with its 19th century front and lower facade you can see the remains of a mediaeval house inside. Number 29 has an 18th century Dutch gable and the cellar is believed to date back to the 15th century.

The statue of 'Charles of Gelre' was made in 1940 by Ab Dieckerhof and Joop Hekman. It was put here by the Karel van Gelrestichting, which gave it to the council in 1949. Cobble stones in the heart of the square outline the city pump that used to be here.

24. DE WILDEMAN

High up at number 31 you see a gable statue known as 'de Wildeman'. Its history is unknown. De Wildeman is a mythological depiction of Hercules, symbolising strength.

De Wildeman used to be the patron of the building it was attached to. Even before 1550 this property used to be a house, probably an inn in Jansstraat called De Wildeman.

25. WILLEMSPLEIN SQUARE

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Prior to the airborne landings on 17 September 1944, various German bases and barracks were bombed, including the Willemskazerne barracks in Arnhem. The former site of the Willemskazerne barracks is now called Gele Rijders Plein in reference to the Dutch Horse Artillery Corps ('Yellow Riders') then stationed at the barracks. Looking diagonally across Willemsplein, on the right-hand side, you will see the Vesta building, designed in neoclassical style and dating from 1930.

Across the square you see Luxor Live. The theatre is housed in a monumental building built in Art Deco style by Belgian architect Diehl in 1915-1916. In its day Luxor was a very luxurious building with all the latest technology. It also used to be one of the first cinemas in the Netherlands.

Gilde City Walk Arnhem

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Vesta gebouw (see 25)

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