



VISIT
FORTIFIED
TOWN OF
HEUSDEN
BRABANT

The fortified town of Heusden

This charming town is certainly worth a visit. Wander through its picturesque streets and alleyways and discover numerous buildings dating back centuries. This historic setting is the home to galleries, speciality shops, friendly restaurants and pavement cafes. There are well equipped harbours for tourists arriving by water and there are lovely views of the town, the river and the surrounding countryside from the ramparts.

The history of Heusden dates back to 1200 when an urban settlement was established beside the River Maas (Meuse). A golden age dawned with the arrival of the fortifications: from the end of the 16th century the garrison town of Heusden was home to thousands of soldiers. Then, mostly as now, the town resembled the 17th century drawings made by the Amsterdam cartographer Joan Blaeu: a fortification surrounded by sturdy earthwork ramparts, bastions, ditches and ravelins. The Second World War inflicted much damage and human suffering. Subsequently the town was fully restored, honouring Heusden with the highest European award, the 'Europa Nostra' prize for restoration.

River Cruises

Thanks to its central and sheltered location on the River Maas, the fortified town of Heusden is much favoured by international river cruise operators. The immediate surroundings lend themselves perfectly to various short and long excursions. Heusden has a landing stage for ships of approximately 110 metres in length and there are electrical hook-ups, water connections and waste water disposal points. Passengers can be in the town centre in no time via steps or via a route for mobility impaired passengers.

Experience the fortified town of Heusden

Discover Heusden with a guided tour and visit a windmill.

Price: € 9,50 p.p. (€ 5,- p.p. without windmill visit)

Capacity: min. 20 - max. 120 people

Duration: 1½ hours

Discover Heusden and surroundings by bike under the supervision of a guide

Price: € 23,50 p.p. including bike and helmet

Capacity: min. 20 - max. 45 people

Duration: 1½ hours

Make typical Brabant worstenbroodjes (sausage rolls) with a bread designer
Includes a tour of the bakery, coffee/tea (2x) with Heusden Cookie and five sausage rolls.

Price: € 19,50 p.p.

Capacity: min. 10 - max. 20 people

Duration: 1¼ hours

Boat trip from 's-Hertogenbosch to Heusden or from Heusden to 's-Hertogenbosch

Price: € 4,50 - € 18,75 p.p.

Capacity: min. 40 - max. 140 people

Duration: 2 hours

The Loonse and Drunense Dunes

This beautiful National Park is located to the south of Heusden. The countryside is very varied with high dunes formed by shifting sand, with heathland, coniferous and deciduous woods, beautiful meadows and pools.

Price of walking tour with guide: € 5,- p.p.

Price of cycle tour with guide: € 23,50 p.p.

including bike and helmet

Capacity: min. 20 - max. 45 people

Duration: 1½ hours

Duration cycle tour: 2 hours

