

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...
- 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...
- 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...

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...
- 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...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	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	
Apr	57°	42°	10d	Euro (€) — Netherlands is nearly cashless	
Jun	71°	56°	11d		
Aug	72°	59°	14d		
Sep	67°	54°	10d		
Oct	60°	49°	14d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear good walking shoes. The old town is cobblestone throughout — comfortable flat shoes make a big difference.

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