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Day Trip from Amsterdam: Castles and Gardens in the Gooi and Vecht Region

22 June 2018

Blessed by the sun, we made the most of this very “undutch” day by taking a tour of the beautiful gardens, the picturesque towns, and the historic castles and fortresses that o
Amsterdam

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The counterpoint to this fascinating glimpse into medieval times has been the modern-time, luxurious wealth of the area sail (on that Saturday morning, Queen Beatrix herself had our same idea of enjoying a day in Muiden), and actors & people live.



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Muiden

All the cities we have visited were quiet, elegant, and postcard-pretty, with cute brick houses covered in scented flowers and cobblestone streets shining in the sunshine.

Day Trip from Amsterdam > The Singer Museum in Laren

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Mr. Rudolph told us that back in the early 20th century, Laren was an artist's colony, inhabited by painters who came from all over Europe, and even America. William Singer h who was living inside this beautiful mansion-turned-museum, came from Pittsburg and settled in Laren after falling in love with its unspoiled nature. **William Singer's** painting the cafeteria of the museum, a setup that empowers them with the homey feeling of literally being in the living room of his house.

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We visited the on-going exhibition “**Geschilderde Tuinen**” (“Painted Gardens”), which shows impressionistic works by Claude Monet and Evert Pieters, but it also includes art by J. M. W. Turner, Vincent van Gogh, and others. The exhibition also includes works by artists such as J. M. W. Koch, Charley Toorop, Gustave de Smet, Emil Nolde, Henri le Sidaner, Herman Kruyder, and KeesMaks, all painters who were inspired by gardens.

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Claude Monet at the Singer Karen Museum

With a fine selection of garden paintings by Dutch, Belgian, and French painters from around the 1900s, this exhibition celebrates the reopening of the Singer Sculpture garden.

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Mr. Rudolph was amused by the fact that Piet Oudolf is a painter who uses the earth as his canvas and colors his composition with flowering perennials, shrubs, and trees. The palette. Piet Oudolf is one of the principal exponents of the Dutch Wave, a movement in Dutch gardening culture that is distinguished by its use of perennials and its play with the picture created by his beautiful combinations of plants changes throughout the year.

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Besides being designed by such an important landscape architect, the **Singer Laren Museum's Garden** is also a sculpture garden, with art by Guido Geelen, Judith Pfaeltzer, B. Roosen, Caspar Berger, and Famke van Wijk.

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Sunny, neat, and with every little detail taken care of, the sculpture garden was my favourite part of the museum.

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The picturesque village of Laren is still home to some artists. We visited the studio of the Dutch sculptor **Pépé Gregoire**, who welcomed us in his beautiful mansion, and where the contrasts and the boundless experiments of his art.



His iconic **“Photoscultures”** (uniquely designed stylized sculptures, furnished with a skin of photographic fragments like a kaleidoscopic collage) were scattered all around the

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Scattered inside his atelier, there were the different materials he uses (bronze, aluminium, and more) and all sorts of weird objects and photos that inspire him.

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Things were laid about his atelier randomly but, much like the apparently arbitrary juxtaposition of images in the photo collages that made him famous, the final effect is more parts.

Day Trip from Amsterdam > The Fortified City of Nardeen

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It was the strongest fortress in Europe: Napoleonic troops managed to withstand a sixth-month siege (1813-1814), and the fortress was so impressive that it discouraged a German invasion during WW1.

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But Nardeen is also an elegant city made up of winding, cobbled streets (which are laid out southwest/northeast, so that the prevailing southwest wind would dispel the stenc
cute brick houses covered with scented flowers, and hidden gardens where to rest in the shade.

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The best view over the city is from the tower of the **Grote Kerk**: it was worth every single stone step of the 245 we had to climb to reach the top!

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Day Trip from Amsterdam > Muiden and its UNESCO-listed castle

The fortified town of Muiden dates back to the 10th century, and it is as elegant and quiet as the other cities we visited in the Gooi and Vecht region.

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We strolled along a picturesque harbor, where the characteristic “botters” (an old Dutch type of fishing boat) were bobbing about and the locals were having a coffee on the si the water’s edge, watching all the people in their boats pass by.



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Muiden was once part of an important trade route, and later a strategically important military town used to protect the wealth of Amsterdam, thanks to the oldest and most famous canal in the Netherlands: the [Muiderslot](#).

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Built in a time when “wealth” meant bricks (“brick rich” is an expression in Dutch to indicate an extremely rich person), this medieval castle has a beautiful historical 17th-century reminiscent of the Dutch Renaissance.

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The castle is well preserved, almost frozen at a time of feasting on the long oak tables, its glory shown in the family portraits hung on the walls next to crossed swords and coats of arms, and cold nights spent gathering around the cozy hearth.

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We wandered around the Muidderslot Castle as its lords, ladies, peasants, and knights did; climbing the towers and descending the tight spiral staircase into the dungeon.

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We walked through steeply twisted spiral staircases, massive wooden doors, great halls for feasts and, after more stone steps, we were back at the central open-air courtyard in the soft breeze, making me think about how fleeting time is, how soon the present becomes the past, and how the seemingly important things in life becomes irrelevant.

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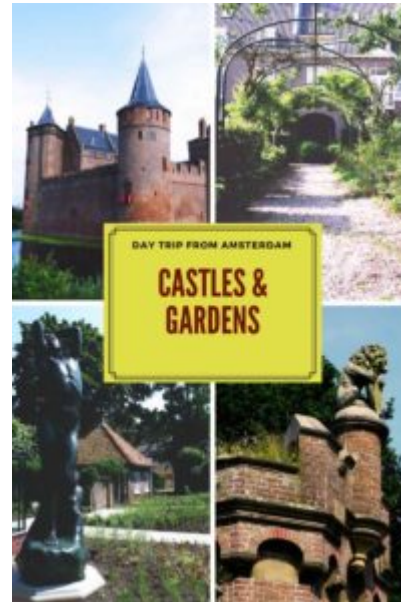
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OR SIGN UP WITH DISQUS **Jennifer Dombrowski** • 2 hours ago

I try to visit as many UNESCO sites as possible when I travel, so I'd definitely be up for the trip to Muiden. Plus the castle looks very photogenic.

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**Janine Thomas** • a day ago

What a great shot of Nardeen . You can see clearly why it would have been easy to protect the city. I would love to visit the castle.

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**Giulia Blocal** Mod → Janine Thomas • 13 hours ago

Well, everything is flat in the Netherlands so for sure they could spot the enemy approaching :)

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**Indrani** • a day ago

The castle has such a fairy tale aura around it. Lots to do around Amsterdam, sadly I could do just a single day tour there.

Singer Laren museum looks so interesting. Great pictures, you have done well with B&W effect too.

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**Giulia Blocal** Mod → Indrani • 13 hours ago

Oh yeah, a true fairy tale!

And thanks, I was afraid of mixing too much (black and white and colors) but I liked both :D

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Carol • 2 days ago

Delightful museum and works of art. But I especially love that brick castlr. It seems to have withstood the test of time!

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The castle is great, very well preserved and full of paintings:

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Claire • 2 days ago

I haven't been to the Netherlands yet, and I didn't realise there was so much to do around Amsterdam. Actually I had no idea there were castles and the Netherlands, but now I need to go and explore for sure. I love Monet's works too so the Singer Museum would be on my list too.

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Giulia Blocal Mod → Claire • 2 days ago

Well, there is a whole country around Amsterdam ;) The Singer Museum is worth a visit, especially in spring / summer where you can also enjoy the garden!

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Amit Sharma • 2 days ago

I've had a quite a few visits to Amsterdam over the years but not really ventured out of the city but I think I need to explore more judging from this post. Laren museum looks quite quirky and a lot of fun but Nardeed really sticks out and love the layout of it. I know what I'll be doing for my next Amsterdam trip.

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Giulia Blocal Mod → Amit Sharma • 2 days ago

Nardeed is lovely, indeed! I really liked to explore the area outside the city, I like to travel off the beaten path and discover places not so crowded.

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Kathleen • 2 days ago

We visited Amsterdam once for about 5 days. There was a lot to do and see, but our kids got a little overwhelmed with some of the things. We decided to take a trip out of the city and asked around. We were directed to Zaanse Schans and it was just what we needed. I think if I had been alone or with friends, I would have been more on my speed. Love the photos from above. They show a whole different perspective.

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Giulia Blocal Mod → Kathleen • 2 days ago

I'm adding Zaanse Schans to my list! I want to explore more of the surrounding area, there are so many nice villages :)

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I have been to Holland several times and longed to see more castles. These look really beautiful and I will keep them in mind for my next visit. Here are reasons to go to Holland, now with more Castles. The layout of Nardeem is stunning.

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Giulia Blocal Mod → Ed and Jenn Coleman • 2 days ago

Yes, there are so many things to see besides Amsterdam (which I love, anyway! So much that I'm moving there after summer!)

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