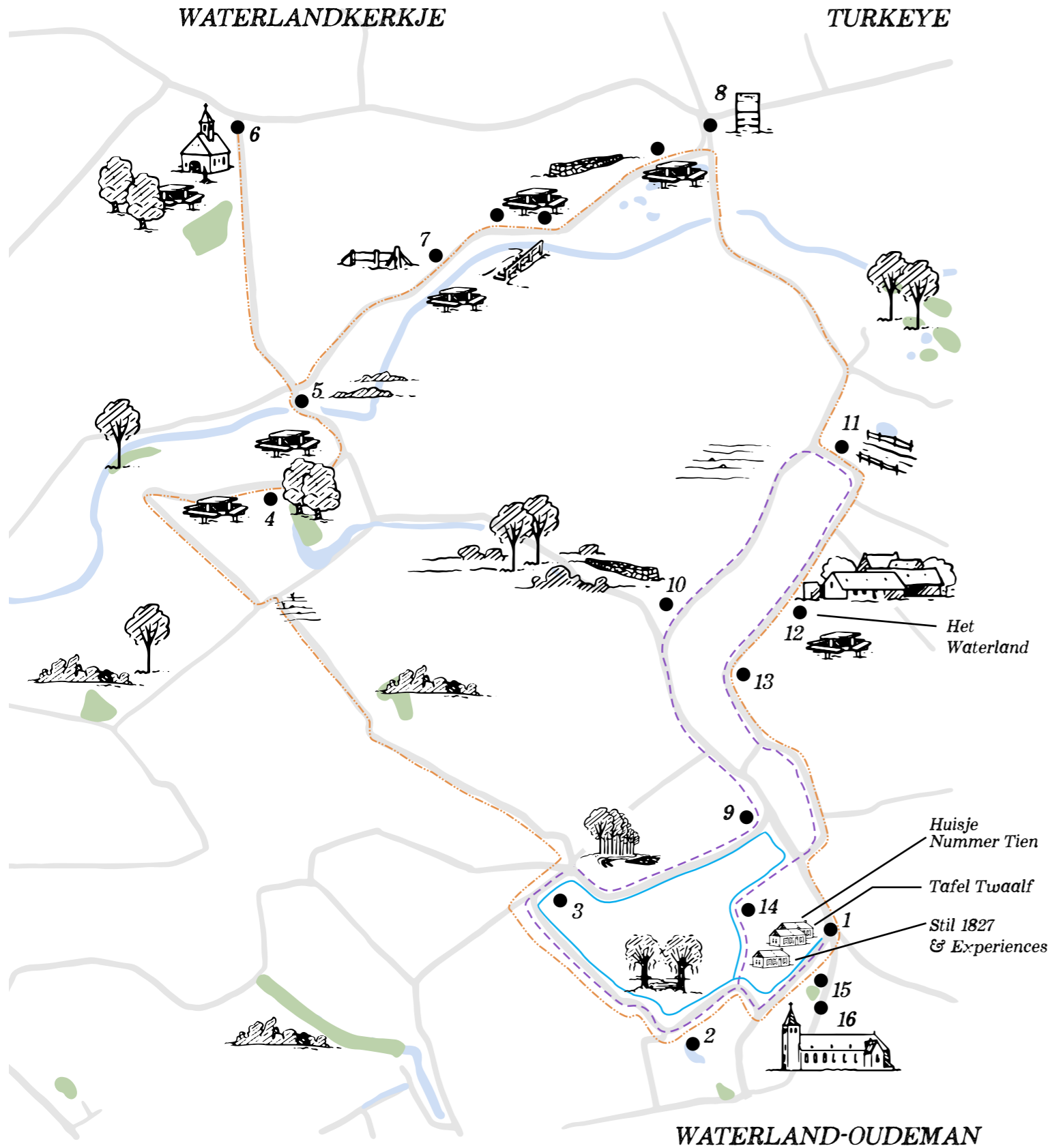


# WATERLAND WANDER WALKS

WATERLANDKERKJE

TURKEYE



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- WATER
- VEGETATION

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- 1** Walk further down **Kerkstraat** and pass a farm on the right, the stables and pasture are for beef cattle. Walk from Kerkstraat to Zeestraat and turn left into Vluchtelingenstraat.
- 2** On your right is 'De Brandkreek hoeve' a farm for pig and horse breeding. The farm is named after the creek Brandkreek on your left (diked in 1711). A bit further on the left is the "Spreeuwenburg" farm.
- 3** Cross the border to the Netherlands. In front is the brandkreek dike, which made the reclamation of the Brandkreek polder possible. Before the dike, turn left for the day trip, turn right for other walks.
- 4** Halfway on this gravel street, de Wildeweg, you will find on your right a gate accessing the beautiful **Molenkreek** with a small pier overlooking the creek; a lovely spot for relaxation or picnic.
- 5** Here you see **De Passageule**, an original sidearm of the tidal inlet Braakman. This river was also playing a major defensive belt against the Spaniards.
- 6** **Waterlandkerkje**: the village was once called "Kerkje" ("small church") by the protestants who built here a small church. 'Bistro In Den Koning', located in a >300 years old building, is a nice place for lunch or coffee & cake.
- 7** **The States-Spanish Lines**: you can see the locations of the 4 original fortifications built in the period of the Eighty Years' war (1568-1648). We recommend climbing up the stairs and discovering yourselves.
- 8** **Turkeye**: a small village with 20 inhabitants once created by 1500 former slaves from the Ottoman empire (the "turks") who were left behind by the Spaniards after having failed to conquer the city of Sluis in 1604.
- 9** Welcome in **Goedleven** or "good life". Turn to the left for the experience walk. Enjoy the panoramic view of the fields around you. When continuing the stroll: turn right in direction of the village.
- 10** At this spot was located the **first church of Het Waterland**. It was strategically placed and later the two border villages: Waterlandkerkje (protestants) and Waterland-Oudeman (catholic) were founded. Turn right onto the Krakeeldijk. Halfway the dike on your right you will see our farm 'Het Waterland'.
- 11** On **Krakeeldijk** you will pass two border posts placed back in 1843 (388 in total). Notice that every post has a number and 2 lions, Belgian and Dutch, each facing the respective country. Afterwards you reach Rovershoek, the name coming from former smuggling activities.
- 12** **Het Waterland**: the family farm; run by our brother Tim. It is a mixed farm specializing in baking wheat, firm boiled potatoes and sugar beets. Premium Belgian blue beef cattle is bred here as well. You can have a rest on our picnic bench.
- 13** Further down **Rovershoek** on your right is a farm specializing in potatoes and onions. Further on your left is a mixed farm specializing in beef cattle as well as potatoes, sugar beets and grains. Continue your way along the dike planted with walnut trees and cross the road.
- 14** Walking down Zeestraat, on your left is the **Jeronimuspolder**. Both of these names remind you of the land reclamation. This happened in 1501, and before then the land around you belonged to the sea.
- 15** Back into **Church Street or Kerkstraat**, on your right the church St. Nicholas, built around 1670 and renovated and expanded in the 18th century. The austere exterior contrasts with the rococo interior; definitely worth a short visit.
- 16** There are 3 farms on **Appelstraatje**: 'Hoeve 't Appelken' is an example of a traditional farm with detached buildings, an orchard and a pond. Further down the road is a farm specializing in potato seedlings, and at the end, a dairy farm 'de Oudemanshoeve'.

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ROUTE 1



ROUTE 2



ROUTE 3

INTERESTED IN A GUIDED TOUR  
OF HET WATERLAND OR A FARM VISIT?

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As a family we are passionate about the region, our produce and how we can connect people with it. We would like to invite you on our unique discovery tours which start in the village of Waterland-Oudeman at Tafel Twaalf, Huisje Nummer Tien or Stil 1827:

**A stroll around the village (4,4 KM – ca. 1 hour):**  
A relaxing stroll which allows you to discover the nature around the village. A perfect walk for a couple, young family or groups of friends who wants to relax and disconnect.

ROUTE 1

**Experience walk from village to farm (8,35 KM – ca. 2 hours):** This walking tour starts in Waterland-Oudeman, where there are still many active farms supplying our food and also creating and maintaining this beautiful landscape. Facts about the uniqueness of the region and especially about the farms will certainly fascinate you. You will also discover which local products are grown here. This is a cross-border hike for young and old, where you cross the border twice. A farm tour at our family farm 'Het Waterland' may be booked upon request.

ROUTE 2

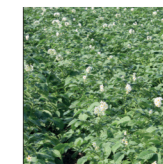
**Cross-border day trip (13,9 km - ca 4-5 hours incl. stops & lunch or one hour by bike):**  
During this trip you will get to know the region and the original glory of 'Waterland' - originally belonging to the sea and which under the leadership of Hiëronymus Lauweryn became the land you will discover today. During the trip you will also learn more about the times of the Spaniards. So do not forget to take your picnic as besides from the peaceful roads there is a lot to discover while having a break at one of the beautiful resting points along the route!

ROUTE 3

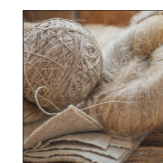
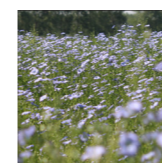
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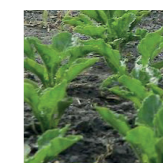
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