

More about the Route

The walk begins at the Waterpoort and the Waalkade, where the Hanseatic ships (cogs) once moored. Here you immediately sense the atmosphere of trade and bustle. As soon as you walk into the Waterstraat, you see medieval houses and Renaissance façades with beautiful ornaments that recall the wealthy merchants who lived and worked here.

Unique Renaissance façade

Waterstraat was built in 1540.



The route passes the Sint-Maartenskerk and Huize de Trippen, the house of Jan Gerritszoon Trip. Here you learn more about the life of the merchant family. Finally you walk along the Steigerstraat, once a lively harbour district full of inns and trade. With the Waal and the city walls in the background, you experience the Hanseatic history of Bommel up close.



Markt

The central hub of trade and the inn.

On the Markt you discover beautiful merchant houses with stepped gables, pothuizen (raised semi-basement front rooms) and shutters. They were home and trading place in one, where trade agreements were concluded that reached far beyond Bommel. In the Oliestraat and Lange Strikstraat you pass remnants of city walls, places where mills once stood, and the site of the old mint where the famous 'Bommelaars' were minted.

Jan's house

At Kerkstraat 26, 'Huize de Trippen', Jan lived with his wife and children.



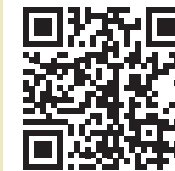
Who is Jan Gerritszoon

An international trader

Jan Gerritszoon Trip (1490-1561) was the son of Gerrit Janszoon Trip, who settled in Bommel from Emmerich in 1495. His father was probably in the clog trade, and his son Jan became a trader and skipper in the flourishing Hanseatic city. Jan built up his livelihood further by leasing the ferry across the Waal, which earned him an important position in local trade.

He married Jeanne Gemart of Bommel, with whom he had several children. His sons and grandsons carried on the trading activities, extending their network to cities such as Dordrecht and Amsterdam. Through marriages with influential families, such as the daughters of the wealthy De Geer family from Liège, the Trips became ever more firmly anchored in international trade.

His descendants laid the foundation for the Trip family's enormous trading empire in the seventeenth century. His grandsons Elias and Jacob settled in Amsterdam and built the Trippenhuis there, a palatial building that still recalls their wealth. And so Jan Gerritszoon was a link between his father's modest beginnings in trade and the later worldwide fame of his descendants.



Walking route Jan Gerritszoon

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Walk through the life of Jan

Merchant in 1542

Jan Gerritszoon Trip (1490-1561), son of Gerrit Janszoon Trip, became a trader and skipper in the flourishing Hanseatic city of Zaltbommel. By leasing the ferry across the Waal, he strengthened his position in local trade.

Source: The impression of Jan is an artificially generated image



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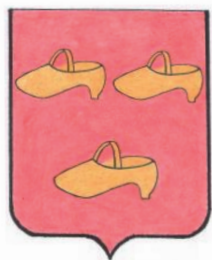
Scan the QR code. On this page you will find detailed information about all the beautiful things you will encounter along the entire route.

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- 8 Markt 4** Workshop and home
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Tower mill

Detail of the map by J. Blaeu, 1649. The tower mill stood on the wall tower near the Maasstraat and the Aert-Robbenstraat and was owned by the Trip family.



Family coat of arms

The Trip family coat of arms. A 'trip' is a wooden clog, with an open instep and a leather strap. This coat of arms was borne by Gerrit Cornelis Trip, who was an alderman of Bommel.



Huize de Trippen

The home of the Trip family during the Hanseatic period at Kerkstraat 26. Drawing: Collection of the Stadskasteel, C. Springer, 1865



Trippenhuis

The Trippenhuis stands in Amsterdam. Two grandsons of Jan Gerritszoon had this city palace built. Its origins lie in Bommel. Source: Collection of the Amsterdam City Archives



Church floor plan

The Trip family grave is marked at the bottom left. Source: Gelders Archief, detail



Bommel stiver

The duit from Zaltbommel was a very stable coin during the Hanseatic period. Source: Collection of the Teylers Museum