

Route & Relax



South Limburg

Families with older kids (8-12)

Accommodations

[Green Resort Mooi Bemelen](#) – free parking

[EuroParcs Poort van Maastricht](#) – free parking

Essentials

[Lidl](#)

[PLUS Quaedvlieg Amby](#)

Pharmacy

[BENU Apotheek Amby](#)

About this trip

A simple 3-day South Limburg break for families with older kids. The main outing is built around one big attraction instead of several smaller stops, which keeps the day stronger and easier to manage. Best for families who want a clear plan with minimal overplanning.

Day 1 – Arrival day

Utrecht → [Valkenburg](#)
184 km, ~ 2h20min

No break needed

Activity

Check in
Short stroll around accommodation
Dinner

Food

Simple food near the accommodation

Day 2 – Wild Day Out

Short drive to Kerkrade

Parking

[Parking GaiaZOO P1 - paid](#)

Activity

Breakfast

Drive to Kerkrade

[GaiaZOO, Kerkrade](#) – paid

Lunch inside the zoo

Snack break

Dinner

Food

Lunch

[PampaLodge](#)

[SavannaLodge](#)

Dinner

[Restaurant Acacia](#) – inside the zoo

[Happy Italy Kerkrade](#)

*Walking best moment: **Walking happens naturally inside the zoo***

*Backup: **Do a shorter zoo route and focus on favorite zones***

*Notes: **One big attraction works better than two rushed stops***

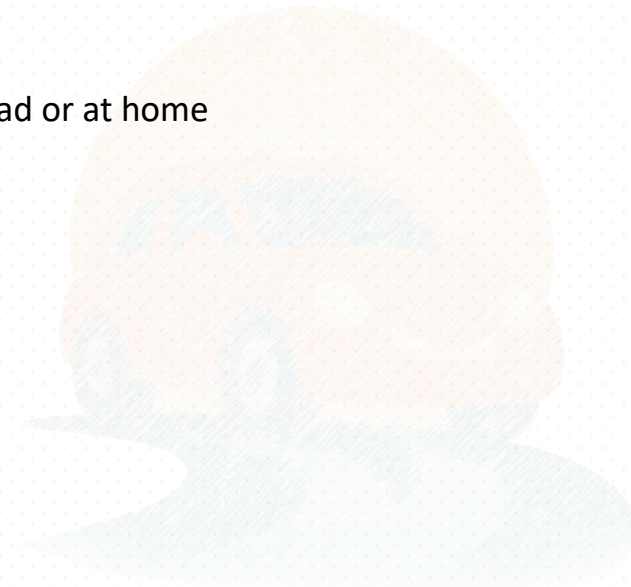
Day 3 Return day

Valkenburg → Utrecht
184 km, ~ 2h20min

No break needed

Activity

Breakfast
Check-out
Short Valkenburg center walk
Coffee / small snack
Drive home
Late lunch on the road or at home



Good to know

GaiaZOO is large, so expect plenty of walking during the day

Parking is straightforward, but arriving earlier gives the smoothest start

On this trip, one full zoo day works better than trying to combine two major attractions

