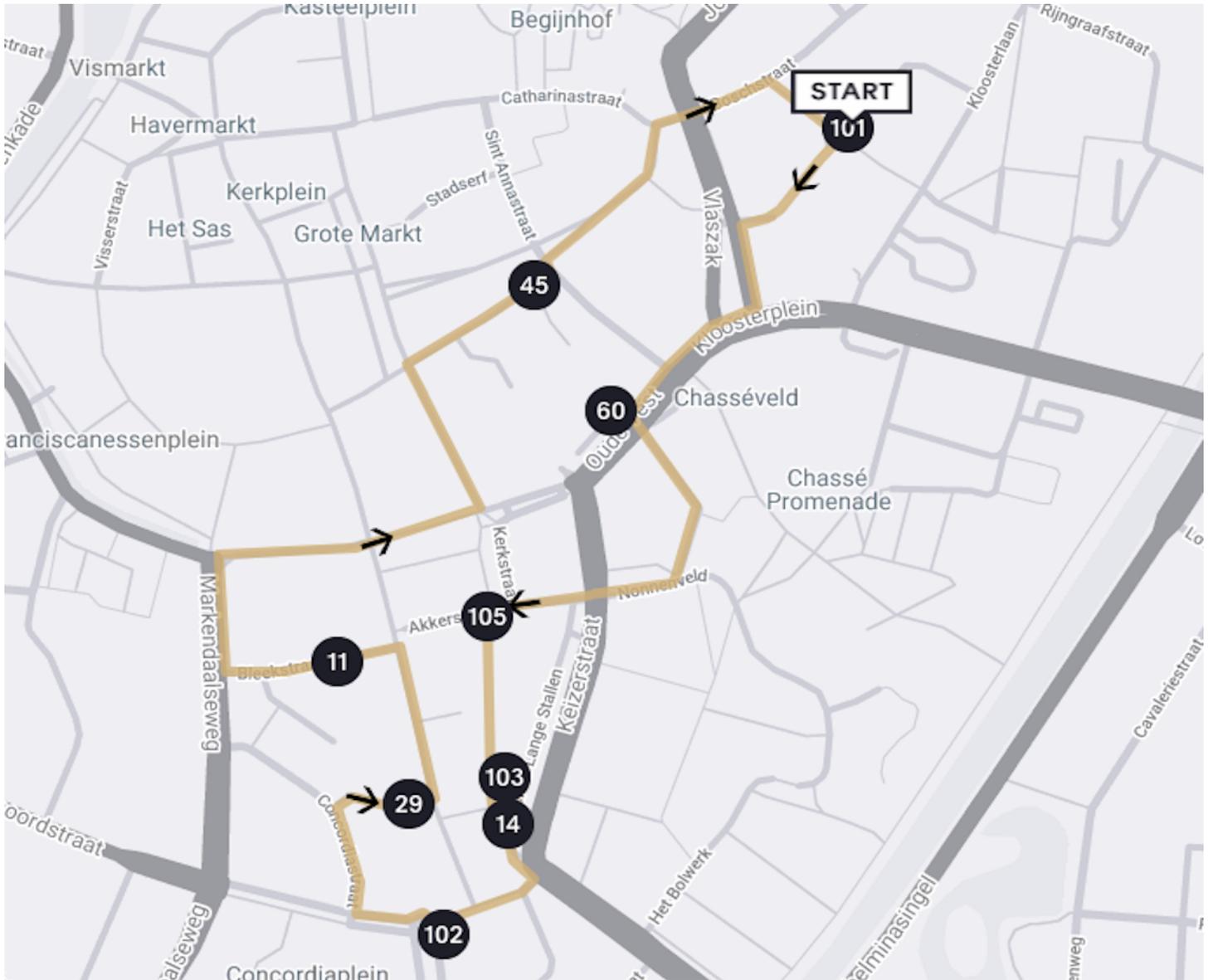


BLIND WALLS



Route

Summer route
9 murals • 3km • city center

Start

Poort van Schoenmakers

GALLERY



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SAM VAN DER WEIJDEN

Poort van Schoenmakers

This mural by Sam van der Weijden refers to the city farm 'Wit Lam'. You can see (amongst other things) Demeter, the goddess of fertility.

In Greek mythology, she is the protector of harvest and agriculture. According to myth, she is responsible for the creation of the season. Her daughter is forced to spend a part of the year with Hades in the underworld. During these months Demeter is depressed and won't allow any crops to grow (winter). When her daughter returns Demeter radiates her happiness over the earth (spring.)



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P.WINKEL

Fietsenstalling Oude Vest

Cycling and walking have topped the list of most popular leisure activities for years now.

Perhaps the most successful cyclist from the South of the Netherlands is Frits Pirard. This painting, made by P. Winkel, was made to honor the impressive career of Pirard. The artwork contains several references to the cycling career of Pirard.



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ISAKOV

Akkerstraat 16

A lot of people visit a church when they're on vacation somewhere. These vacationers are often looking for the 'wow' effect, at least more so than a search for god or worship, the architecture of the building, or simply for a cool place to stretch their legs. Everyone has a reason to visit a church.

Unfortunately, the church in this mural does not exist anymore. This church, known as 'De Onze Lieve Vrouwekerk', or 'Maria Hemelvaartkerk', was built in the 19th century and was demolished in 1967, in spite of the vocal protests of local residents.



ROB EN ROBIN

Mols Parking

With the introduction of modern means of transportation, it has become a lot easier for the average Joe to take a vacation. France, Germany, Spain, and Italy are some of our (the Dutch) favorite places to go on holiday.

Rob en Robin captured the tight space, crowdedness and automobiles in a striking design. Although Mols Parking has gone through some big changes, it's still a busy place with a lot of cars and not much room to play.

The mural also includes an animation that can be seen through Augmented Reality during our (walking) tours



ILSE WEISFELT

Achter de Lange Stallen

Cycling holidays originated in England in the 19th century. Rich people cycled from one hotel to the next on their 'vélocipèdes', a bicycle with a large wheel at the front, and a small wheel at the back. Suitcases and any servant were sent ahead. Around 1880, the bicycle came on the market with two identical wheels and a luggage carrier. This made travel easier and people could bring their own things.

Ilse Weisfelt is an illustrator and makes colourful and cartoonish works in which funny scenes with animals and people play a central role.



DADARA

Nieuwe Ginnekenstraat 1

In The Netherlands, we have daylight savings (the practice of advancing clocks during warmer months so that darkness falls later each day according to the clock). In a couple of months, wintertime will start again and we can sleep one hour longer. But where does this regulation actually come from?

The first to introduce daylight savings were the Germans. During the Second World War, the Netherlands had to adapt to the German time system. After the war, the Netherlands returned to its old system. The 1977 oil crisis brought back daylight saving time. Recently the discussion has arisen about abolishing

daylight savings.

A study showed that the preference is to maintain daylight saving time. The European Parliament also wants to get rid of the 2 different times. However, changing the clock is not going to change for the time being.

So wait and see (loading...).



STUDIO KRATJE BEELD

Doelsteeg

The mural shows students from the former craft school. The students are really looking forward to the summer vacation while they are hard at work assembling a dragon. But how did the summer vacation come to be?

19th-century educational policymakers thought a long summer vacation was a good idea. The students could use a good rest, while teachers also needed some time to relax and prepare for the new school year.

In addition, teaching in (extremely) warm weather was (and still is) no fun and the warm weather regularly caused epidemics in a school. A holiday offered the solution.

For this reason, countries with a warm summer climate still have a long summer holiday. For example, Iran, Italy, Egypt, Greece, and the United States have about 3 months of vacation. While countries with mild summers, including the Netherlands, have "only" a month of holiday.



AKACORLEONE

Bleekstraat

This mural is an interpretation of modern consumer society. Especially during the holidays and on vacation we are inclined to buying a lot of souvenirs and junk to haul back home.

Pedro Campiche started out as a notorious graffiti writer and is now the man behind AKAcorleone. In his work colours, typography, characters and forms blend together to eye-catching compositions. The mural consist a hidden painting of Kruella d'Enfer. She helped with the execution of this piece in 2015. After 5 days of painting in the cold the mural was not yet completed. She decided to complete the last piece in secret with his spray cans.



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JUKKA HAKANEN

St. Janstraat

Like many edible products, fruit needs sunlight to grow. In this contemporary interpretation of a 'still life', you can see the fruits of a mulberry tree. The fruits are red/black and look a lot like a raspberry. The trees can be found in the garden of the nearby Nieuwe Veste cultural center.

Since a young age, drawing and painting have been natural forms of expression for Jukka Hakanen. Growing up in Turku he developed his interest in graffiti. Since 2000 he's made many murals in Finland and abroad.