



Zundert

30 March 1853 – 30 September 1864

19 March 1868 – 30 July 1869

On 30 March 1853, Vincent van Gogh was born in the Noord-Brabant village of Zundert. He was the son of Anna Cornelia Carbentus and Theodorus ('Dorus') van Gogh, who was a minister in the town. Vincent was born exactly one year after his stillborn brother, with the same name. After him, Anna, Theo, Elisabeth, Willemien and Cor were born. Vincent went

to the village school and later received his education at home. In 1864, he went to boarding school in Zevenbergen, where he stayed for two years before moving to Tilburg to study at the HBS secondary school. After leaving the HBS prematurely in 1868, he lived at home in Zundert for another year and a half. He then began his first job as a clerk for

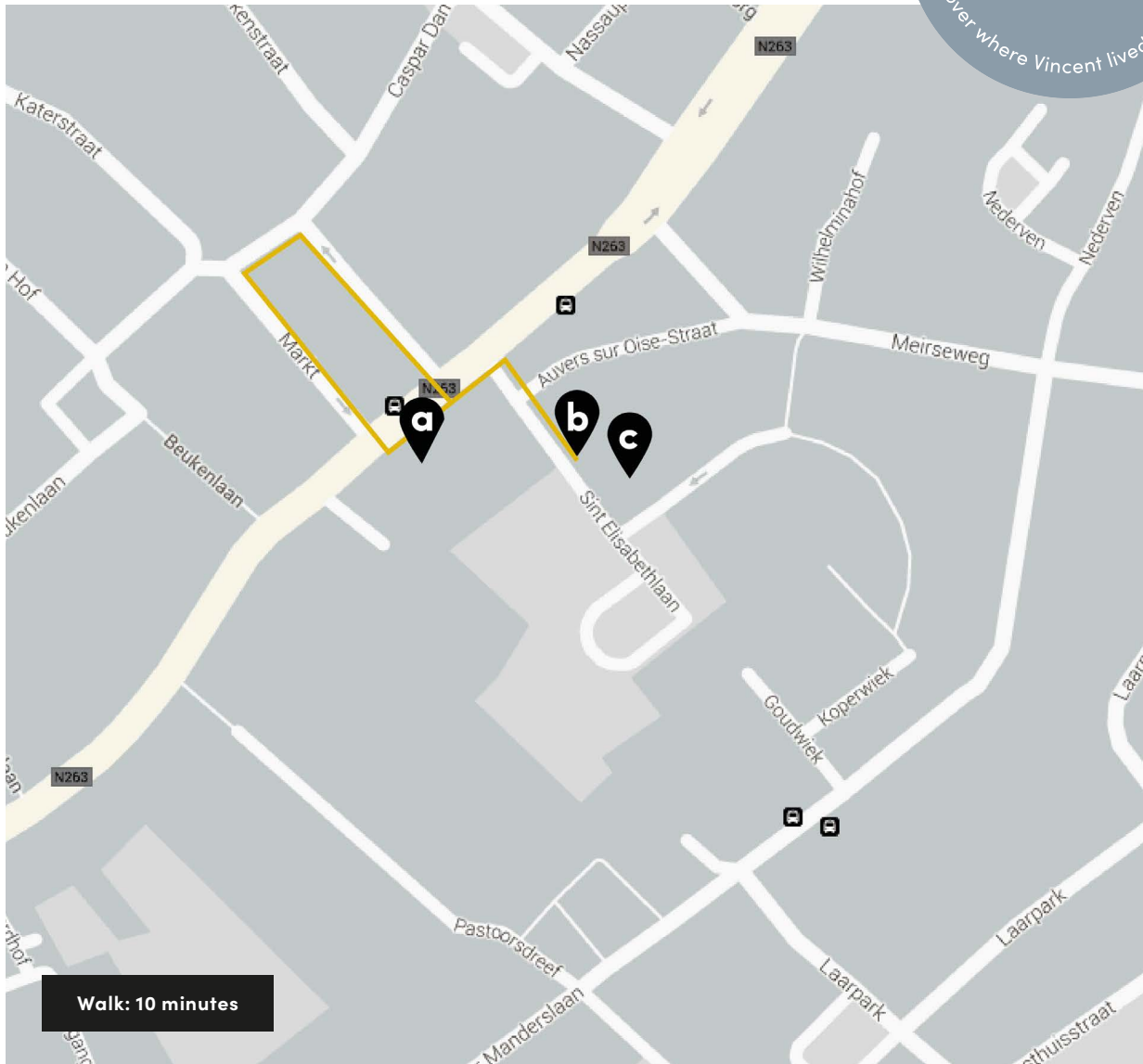
the art dealer Goupil & Cie in The Hague. This marked the start of a wandering life, in which Vincent continued to appreciate Zundert. In 1876, while in Isleworth, England, he sighed: "Oh that Zundert, the thought of it is almost too much at times." [Letter 092]



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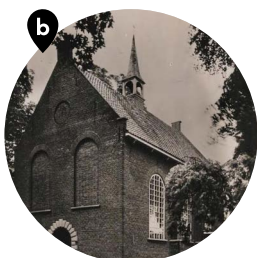
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Parsonage

Address Markt 26

In Zundert, Vincent grew up in the parsonage of the Dutch Reformed Church. The house had a large garden, goats provided milk and there was a dog. Culture, art and music played an important role at home. The children were given a rich education that bore fruit in their later years. Today, the rectory houses a dynamic museum focusing on Vincent's life and work: the Van GoghHuis. The present building was built in 1903 and is therefore not the house in which Vincent grew up. But, it does stand on the same spot as the old parsonage.



Zundert Church

Address Vincent van Goghplein 1

In 1849, Vincent's father was appointed minister in Zundert. From that moment on he preached weekly in the little village church from 1806, which was the home base for a small protestant congregation of 114 people. Vincent was baptised in the church on 24 April 1853. The font is still present in the building. In January 1871, father Van Gogh stopped his work in Zundert and took on a position as preacher in the nearby village of Helvoirt.



Zundert Cemetery

Address Vincent van Goghplein 1

Vincent's stillborn brother, who shared the same name with the artist, is buried in the cemetery next to the village church where father Van Gogh was minister. Vincent's birthday was thus forever linked to the anniversary of his brother's death. The stillborn's tombstone reads: "Vincent van Gogh, 1852, let the children come to me, for theirs is the kingdom of God, Luke 18:16." The Van Goghs tended to a vegetable garden adjacent to the cemetery. Vincent sometimes visited his brother's grave.



Sexton's House

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Beside the church is a small house that was acquired by the Dutch Reformed Church of Zundert in 1862/63 upon the advice of Vincent's father. The building was put to use as the home for the church's sexton. Vincent's father collected the necessary funds and personally contributed ten Dutch guilders. The sexton's house is now an extension of the Van GoghHuis with an artist-in-residence.

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