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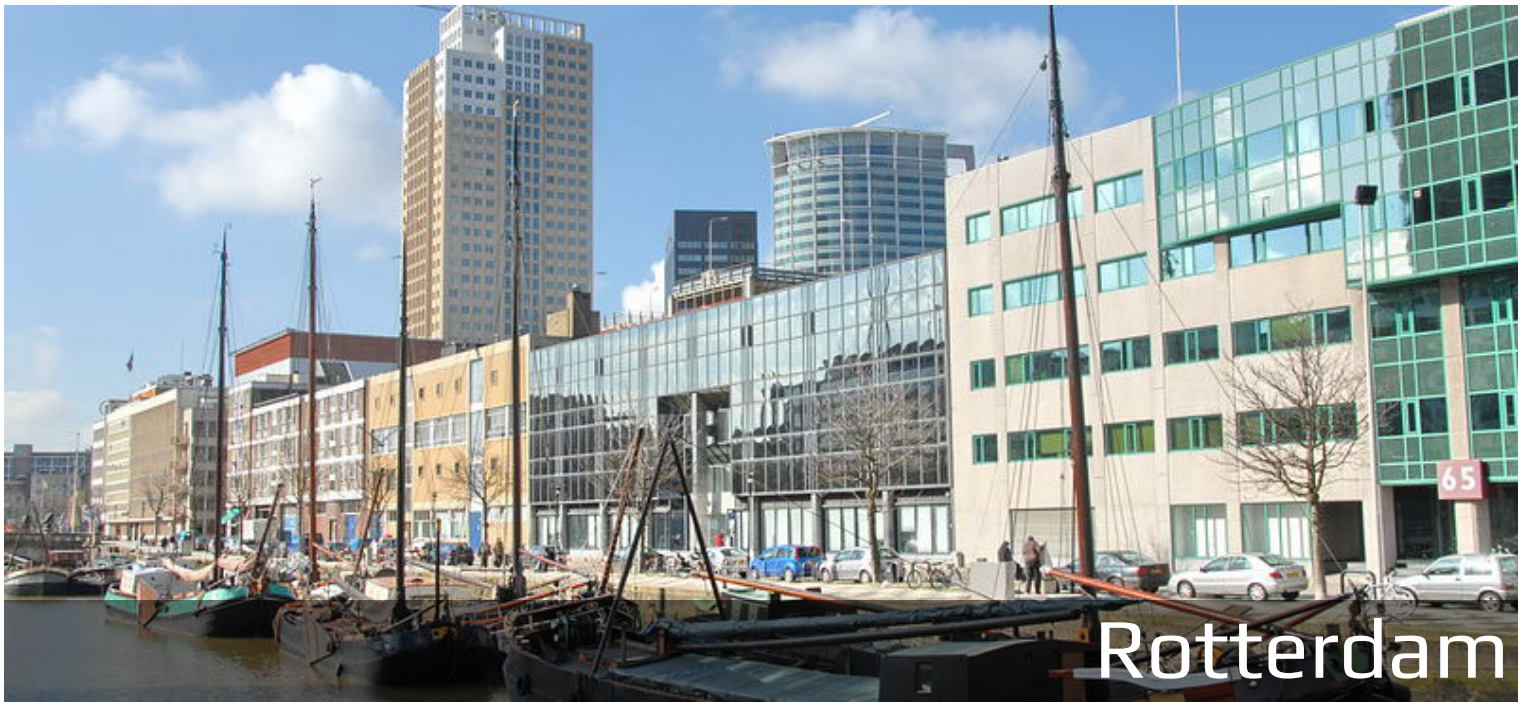

Rotterdam

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The time has come to experience the country's second biggest city. Famous for its status as one of the largest ports in the world, Rotterdam is also a vibrant metropolis and a cultural and economic hotspot with a lot to offer. Enjoy great events, splendid shopping, a wild nightlife and exciting modern architectural delights.

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THE CITY

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For a vibrant and cosmopolitan city getaway, Rotterdam is definitely the place to go. With its reputation for being a mecca for shoppers, having one of the best clubbing scenes in Europe, as well as offering a flurry of cultural activities, this city also boasts exciting modern architecture aplenty. While it is best known for having one of the biggest ports in the world, there is so much more on offer in this bustling city of 600,000.

Located by the River Maas, the city was badly bombed by the German Luftwaffe during World War II, resulting in its city centre being almost completely destroyed. It was rebuilt in the following decades, with an active architectural policy developed in the 1980s, resulting in many daring, innovative and interesting buildings.

Rotterdam, Amsterdam, The Hague, Utrecht and a number of smaller cities in the west of the country are now expanding toward each other to the extent that the entire area is sometimes denoted as a single metropole known as Randstad.

DO & SEE

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Rotterdam is a beautiful city with architecture, design, art and culture and a very lively and popular during the summer, the city was voted Festival and Event City of the Year for three years in a row! You can also wander around the town, relax at a nice café or at one of the nice parks.

Erasmus Bridge

Rotterdam's answer to Paris' Eiffel Tower and Sydney's Harbour Bridge, the graceful Erasmus Bridge, opened in 1996 and was dubbed the Swan by the locals – definitely one of the city's most famous landmarks.

Subway: Near Leuvehaven Metro Station

The Zoo And Oceanium

For a splendid day out that the entire family is bound to enjoy, head to Rotterdam's famous zoo, where you can explore the nature and animals from different parts of the world, or meet the sharks, penguins, fish and otters at the amazing Oceanium.

Address: Diergarde Blijdorp
Phone: +31 10 443 1495
Internet: www.diergaardeblijdorp.nl

Euromast

At 185 metres high, the Euromast is the highest lookout tower in the Netherlands, and should you – against all odds – get bored of the stunning views, enjoy the attractions of the tower's added Space Tower instead.

Address: Parkhaven 20
Phone: +31 10 436 48 11
Internet: www.Euromast.nl

The Cube Houses

Piet Blom's cube houses are one of Rotterdam's most famous sights, and for the one with an interest in modern architecture, a must!

Address: Overblaak 70
Phone: +31 10 414 2285
Internet: www.kubuswoning.nl

Kunsthal

Not only does this art centre play host to some 25 remarkable exhibitions with widely different themes each year, the architecture of the building is remarkable in its own right, making it well-worth a visit.

Address: Museumpark
Phone: +31 10 44 00 301
Internet: www.kunsthal.nl

Arboretum Trompenburg

The Netherlands is the flower centre of Europe, and to get a flavour of all that bloom it is famous for, head to this lovely park.

Address: Honingerdijk 86
Phone: +31 10 233 0166
Internet: www.trompenburg.nl

The Harbour

When in Rotterdam, you simply cannot miss out on the opportunity to take a Spido boat cruise around this massive harbour, one of the largest in the world.

Address: Spido, Willemsplein 85
Phone: +31 10 275 9988
Internet: www.spido.nl

Museo Marítimo Ría de Bilbao

Featuring half a million maritime objects of all kinds, including ship models, paintings, atlases, instruments, photos and film, what better museum to visit when in this port city.

Address: Leuvehaven 1
Phone: +31 10 413 2680
Internet: www.maritiemmuseum.nl

EATING

Photo: Morten Liebach

Visitors with a culinary interest are spoiled for choice when dining in Rotterdam. The city boasts a wide variety of different restaurants and cuisines, from pubs and reasonably priced eateries to super-trendy and exclusive restaurants, from traditional Dutch dishes to French, Chinese, Moroccan and Turkish cuisine.

Parkheuvel

With a reputation for excellent food and service, this venue is described as the best restaurant in Rotterdam, if not in the entire Netherlands.

Address: Heuvellaan 21
Phone: +31 10 43 60 766
Internet: www.parkheuvel.nl

Bazar

If you fancy a feel of the Orient then head to this busy restaurant, which really deserves its name and offers delicious Mediterranean and Oriental food.

Address: Witte de Withstraat 16
Phone: +31 10 206 5151
Internet: www.hotelbazar.nl

Stroom

Once an old power station, this venue is now a spacious and bright restaurant with a stylish multi-media-themed decor, allowing you to watch the chefs in action.

Address: Lloydstraat 1
Phone: +31 10 221 4060
Internet: www.stroomrotterdam.nl

Wijn of Water

A mouthwatering menu will be handed to you as you take your seat at this experimental and funky venue, located in the Rotterdam harbour.

Address: Loods Celebes 101
Phone: +31 10 477 8454
Internet: www.wijnofwater.nl

In Den Rustwat

Housed in a former inn from 1597, and moved to its current location in 1960, this cosy and romantic restaurant offers splendid food and an extensive wine list, but at a price.

Address: Honingerdijk 96
Phone: +31 10 413 41 10
Internet: www.indenrustwat.nl

Smaak

Spacious restaurant with long tables and a gorgeous interior and a wide variety of mouth-watering food and wines on offer.

Address: Van Vollenhovenstraat 15
Phone: +31 10 436 22 94
Internet: www.restaurantsmaak.nl

Leipzig

Trendy restaurant and bar, situated in Rotterdam's new Luxor Theatre, with stunning views of the River Maas and Erasmus Bridge.

Address: Antoine Platekade 9
Phone: +31 10 290 80 20
Internet: www.leipzig.nl

De Harmonie

Fine dining in a beautiful setting, seafood being a speciality, though meats are also available on the menu. Also, there's outdoor seating available in the summer.

Address: Westersingel 95
Phone: +31 10 436 3610
Internet: www.restaurantdeharmonie.nl

Restaurant Fred

Luxury restaurant with one Michelin star, which shows in the high quality food. Fred Mustert is considering as one of Holland's best chefs for years and is still going strong. Restaurant Fred has a magnificent interior and offers French cuisine.

Address: Honingerdijk 265
Phone: +31 10 212 01 10
Internet: www.restaurantfred.nl

CAFES

Photo: Kevin

Café Rotterdam

With amazing views of the Erasmus Bridge and the river, this café is located in the old departure hall of the Holland America Line, with offerings of food, drinks and hot drinks.

Address: Wilhelminakade 699
Phone: +31 10 290 84 42
Internet: www.caferotterdam.nl

Dudok

Very popular café/restaurant housed in a 1950s building,

which shows in the interior decor. Serving breakfast, lunch, dinner, afternoon tea and drinks.

Address: Meent 88
Phone: +31 433 3102
Internet: www.dudok.nl

Proef

Have breakfast or lunch, or spend teatime here while watching the chefs prepare food for catering – a different and enjoyable experience.

Address: Marinersweg 259
Phone: +31 10 28 07 297
Internet: www.proefrotterdam.nl

De Ijssalon

This café makes its own ice cream with a wide variety of flavours.

Address: Meent 69a
Phone: +31 10 413 35 44
Internet: www.deijssalon.nl

Staal Rotterdam

This is a stylish café and restaurant where you can drink a cup of coffee, eat the dish of the day or just take a relaxing drink. Right on the boulevard, it features a large sunny terrace and is located in the centre of Rotterdam.

Address: Beursplein 33
Phone: +31 10 2132061
Internet: www.staalrotterdam.nl

BARS & NIGHTLIFE

Photo: JeHu68

Rotterdam is well-famed for its dynamic clubbing scene, and it is no surprise that it also has an amazing bar scene where people hang out before hitting the clubs, or chill after a heavy weekend. The Nieuwe Binnenweg area is full of bars where Rotterdam's hip party animals congregate at nights, or head to the Oude Haven or Westelijk Handelsterrein.

In the last few years, Rotterdam has firmly established itself as the clubbing capital of the Netherlands. The city has built up a great reputation as one of the most vibrant clubbing scenes in Europe, evident in its raft of famous DJs and the flurry of bars, nightclubs and dance and house parties.

Maassilo

Maassilo is located in a former grain silo at Massshaven, near the Maas River. They offer house and urban tunes, which are played in three different areas. It is one of the hottest clubs in Rotterdam. Read more about the events on website below.

Address: Maashaven Zuidzijde 1 – 2
Phone: +31 10 476 24 52
Internet: www.maassilo.com

Breakaway

Lively place, popular with the student crowd, that offers cocktails, food, DJs, events and several pool tables.

Address: Karel Doormanstraat 1

Internet: www.breakaway.nl

Rotown

The rising stars of Rotterdam's music scene perform here regularly, making this a popular place to listen to live bands, or simply to have a drink before hitting the clubs.

Address: Nieuwe Binnenweg 17-19
Internet: www.rotown.nl

Dizzy

Live jazz bands perform regularly at this venue, which serves food and drinks at reasonable prices.

Address: Gravendijkwal 127
Internet: www.dizzy.nl

Corso Rotterdam

Housed in an old cinema, with several rooms, the best DJs, cutting-edge music, and a funky crowd that will dance until sunrise.

Address: Kruiskade 22
Internet: www.corsorotterdam.nl

The Thalia Lounge

Massive popular venue housed in an old cinema and spread over five floors, with the music more on the house side.

Address: Kruiskade 31
Internet: www.thaliarotterdam.nl

Gay Palace

With four floors and a funky party-loving crowd, this is Rotterdam's premier gay club, promising you a splendid night out.

Address: Schiedamsesingel 139
Internet: www.gay-palace.nl

Cinema

One of the hippest bars in Rotterdam, Cinema's huge bar and stylish interior attracts a beautiful crowd, the venue also being home to a restaurant and nightclub.

Address: Rodezand 36
Internet: www.cinemarotterdam.nl

Baja Beach Club

This is one of the most popular clubs in The Netherlands with both national and international visitors. It is not just a club, it is a brand, a feeling and a lifestyle. The club gives you a holiday feeling where the entrance consists of an enormous beach ball and the DJs play their music from a speedboat.

Address: Karel Doormanstraat 10-12
Internet: www.baja.nl

Soho Bar

Soho is a trendy cocktail bar where white is the dominant colour – walls, seating, and bar itself are all white. They also offer an amazing terrace where you can relax in of the low, cosy circle of seats. If you feel little bit hungry, they serve Spanish and Portuguese tapas. The atmosphere is cool and attracts mixed crowed.

Address: Pannekoekstraat 53a
Internet: www.sohobar.nl

SHOPPING

Photo: cuuixsilver

Rotterdam is a shopper's haven, with eight shopping districts, all with a different ambiance and character and varied goods on offer. For example, if you are looking for luxury and the latest in stylish fashion, head to Beursplein, Van Oldenbarneveltstraat and Kruiskade. If you are looking for a more cultural, but still trendy, experience, head to Oude Binnenweg, Nieuwe Binnenweg and Witte de Withstraat. Lijnbaan is the main shopping street.

SLEEPING

Photo: Zhenzation

The Manhattan Hotel Rotterdam

Located in the 149-metres high Millennium Tower in Rotterdam's vibrant city centre, it's the ideal place to spend your stay in the city, with splendid views and excellent service.

Address: Weena 686
Phone: +31 10 430 2000
Internet: www.manhattanhotelrotterdam.com

Golden Tulip Rotterdam Centre

Want to open your eyes in the morning with a view of the river and the stunning Erasmus Bridge? This is the hotel for you, located by the water in the heart of Rotterdam.

Address: Leuvehaven 80
Phone: +31 10 413 4139
Internet: www.goldentuliphotelinntel.com

Hotel Emma

In the heart of Rotterdam, this hotel has all the room facilities you need, as well as a stylish breakfast room and a roof terrace.

Address: Nieuwe Binnenweg 6
Phone: +31 10 436 5533
Internet: www.hotelemma.nl

Maritime Hotel

Located in the centre of Rotterdam in the beautiful district near the waterfront. With 165 rooms, bar, restaurant and lounge, just opposite the Erasmus Bridge.

Address: Willemskade 13
Phone: +31 10 411 9260
Internet: www.maritimehotel.nl

Hotel Baan

A cheap and comfortable stay near the city centre, which can easily be reached by metro or tram. They also provides a breakfast room and a bar.

Address: Rochussenstraat 345
Phone: +31 10 4770 555
Internet: www.hotelbaan.nl

Hotel Bienvenue

Just behind the central station, this hotel offers easy access to all Rotterdam's attractions, bars and restaurants with breakfast buffet available.

Address: Spoorsingel 24
Phone: +31 10 466 9394

Internet: www.hotelbienvenue.nl

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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Airports

Getting to and from Rotterdam Airport, located 8 km northwest of the city, is easy thanks to the number 33 bus service. They are operated by local transport company RET, takes about 20 mins, and which departs every 10 mins from both the airport and Rotterdam Central Station. The local public transport fare in the area applies (€2.70), with tickets available on the bus or at the information desk inside the airport terminal. Taxis are also available from €23.00 to Rotterdam city centre.

Meanwhile, Eindhoven Airport is located some 82 km southeast of Rotterdam, with bus services running from the airport to Eindhoven Central Station, from where you can get a train to Rotterdam Central Station. The total journey time is nearly 2 hours. Taxis are also available outside the terminal.

Internet: www.eindhovenairport.nl, www.ns.nl

Public transport

Traveling around Rotterdam is easy, as the city boasts an extensive public transport network consisting of buses, trains, trams, water taxis and two metro lines, the Calandlijn and the Erasmuslijn. Tickets consists of strip cards, which can be bought at the central station, metro stations, on board trams and buses and at post offices. You have to pay two strips to travel in the city area, which cost €1.60. Three strips, required if you travel to the zone immediately outside the city zone, cost €2.40. A 1-day travel card for the city area costs €6.40, while a 2-day card will set you back €9.60, and a 3-day pass €12.80.

Visit www.ret.nl, or the RET information office in the square outside the Central Station, Stationsplein, for more information.

Taxi

St Job Taxi

Regio Taxi Bongers - RTB

Phone: +31 10 244 02 92
+31 10 8700 322 89

Post

Postkantoor

Address: Coolsingel 42
Opening hours: Open Mon-Thu, 9 am-6 pm Fri, 9 am-7 pm Sat, 9am-1.30 pm Sun closed.
Internet: www.postnl.nl

Emergency Doctors And Dentists

24/7 Doctor in Rotterdam, Tel: +31 10 290 9888

24/7 Dentist, Tel: +31 10 455 2155

24/7 Information line, Tel: +31 900 1515.

Pharmacy

Call the 24/7 information line on +31 900 1515 for information.

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