



DISCOVER THE NETHERLANDS



Home to the [Rijksmuseum](#), the [Van Gogh Museum](#), the [Stedelijk Museum](#) and [The Royal Concertgebouw](#), Museumplein is the cultural beating heart of Amsterdam. Recently renovated to a world-class standard, the leafy and architecturally astounding 19th-century district of Oud-Zuid is an art lover's utopia. The open square between the buildings pulses with activity all day, with open-air exhibitions, markets and a large paddling pool to dip your toes into on warmer days. In the winter months, the square transforms with a vast outdoor ice rink

Created in the 17th century to keep the sea at bay, Amsterdam's UNESCO protected canal belt is the quintessential postcard-perfect vision of Amsterdam. It is an unbelievably pretty sight, especially after sundown when the bridges are lit up by fairy lights and the whole area takes on a magical feel. Floating along the canals by guided boat tour is a great way to get under the fabric of the city, and you'll learn lots of fascinating facts along the way – such as why the tilting homes along the canals are known as 'dancing houses'. There are many [different canal cruises](#) on offer, from hop-on-hop-off sightseeing tours to atmospheric candlelit night time cruises with food and wine.

Often cited as Amsterdam's most charming neighbourhood, wandering into the [Jordaan](#) feels like stepping back in time. Originally a working-class area, the Jordaan's narrow streets and quaint buildings now make up one of Amsterdam's most desirable quarters, dotted with independent art galleries, antique shops, courtyard gardens and atmospheric bars and restaurants. Ditch the map and lose yourself in the labyrinth of narrow lanes that sprawl eastwards from Prinsengracht canal known as the [9 Streets](#), one of Amsterdam's most rewarding shopping experiences.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

By train

The fastest and easiest way to get to Amsterdam is by train. They leave about every 10 minutes usually from platform 5 or 7. The main train station is called Amsterdam Centraal

In Amsterdam:

Most sights are within walking distance but Public transport is the best way to get to know the city and visit attractions. Find all information about the right travel product and travel with ease throughout Amsterdam. Plan your trip: 9292.nl/en

Amsterdam Tourist Information: <https://www.iamsterdam.com/nl>

Located at IJ-zijde at Amsterdam Centraal Station hall.



kinderdijk

When you visit [Kinderdijk](#), you step right into the middle of Dutch history. Everything here lies below sea level, so to keep our feet dry, we have been cooperating with the wind and water for centuries. Our windmills and waterways tell the tale of the Low Countries. Travel back in time and experience the story of windmills, water, and willpower in Kinderdijk!!

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

By Waterbus Directly to Kinderdijk

From Rotterdam it is possible to sail directly to Kinderdijk from the Erasmus Bridge with Line 21 . With this route you arrive at the windmills in about half an hour. There are more travel options on the website.

By bus

Rotterdam – Kinderdijk

Line 489: Starting point Rotterdam Kralingse Zoom. About 35 minutes travel time to Kinderdijk Molenkade. Runs twice an hour, seven days a week. From Rotterdam-Center/Rotterdam-Alexander Station you travel with the RET metro line A/B/C to metro station Kralingse Zoom. From Rotterdam-Zuid or Rotterdam Central Station, take RET Tram line 23 to Beverwaard and change at P + R Beverwaard to Line 489.

Address

Nederwaard 1b, 2961 AS Kinderdijk, The Netherlands



giethoorn

Affectionately referred to as the "Venice of the Netherlands," this village's thatched roof farmhouses and wooden arch bridges can be explored via bike lanes or canals—either by boat, or by ice skating during the frozen winter months.

In [Giethoorn](#), a typically Dutch village in Overijssel, you can perfectly see how the Dutch love to live with and on the water. In an environment full of lakes, reed beds and forests lies this picturesque village with its many handsome farms with thatched roofs and characteristic wooden bridges. Giethoorn was established as a settlement of peat harvesters. Peat cutting created ponds and lakes, and people built houses on the islands between them. As a result, access was only possible by bridge or using traditional Giethoorn boats, so-called punters – narrow boats pushed along using a long pole by a punteraar. When you arrive you can explore the village on foot, by bike or by canoe.

By train & bus

Take the train Dutch Railways (NS) at the station Utrecht Centraal.
The journey takes approximately 1 h 25 m. Get off at the Steenwijk.
Take the bus OV Regio IJsselmond at the station Steenwijk, Station.
The journey takes approximately 11 m.
Get off at the Giethoorn, Kerkweg.

How to get around:

When you arrive you can explore the village on foot, by bike or by canoe.



As the seat of the country's parliament and residence of the Dutch royal family, exploring The Hague reveals a wealth of historic monuments, quaint neighbourhoods and hip hangouts. The Hague (or Den Haag in Dutch) also offers both luxury and a laidback attitude: the city has some of the most stunning palaces and museums, but its location on the coast makes it a haven for beach bums and people seeking a retreat that's perfect for taking some time out from the stresses and strains of everyday life.

One of the first things many visitors plan to do in any new city is tour its museums. In The Hague, these aren't your typical stuffy galleries – instead the city's amazing venues showcase history, art and culture from The Hague itself, as well as from around the Netherlands and even other parts of the world. The most famous museum in The Hague is het Mauritshuis. Highlights include portraits by Rubens, several stunning pieces by Rembrandt, and – perhaps most famous of all – three wonderful canvases by Vermeer, *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, *Diana and her Nymphs* and *View of Delft*.

After strolling around in the city you can visit the beaches in Scheveningen. As the most popular seaside resort in the Netherlands, rain or shine, Scheveningen really does have something for everyone. As soon as the sun breaks through the clouds, the wide sandy beach attracts swimmers and sunbathers in swathes. Finish the day with dinner at one of the many restaurants on the boulevard next to the beach.

How to get to The Hague:

The easiest way to travel from Utrecht to The Hague is by train. A direct train leaves every 15 minutes and takes about 38 minutes.

How to get around in The Hague

Once you've arrived at The Hague, travelling around the city is straightforward and convenient. The city centre is just a 10-minute walk from either railway station, and you can also rent an OV-bike, a convenient bike rental, at multiple locations in The Hague.

How to get from The Hague to Scheveningen

It takes about 15-20 minutes to cycle from the city centre of The Hague to the beach. You could also take public transport. The tram journey time between The Hague and Scheveningen is around 11 min and covers a distance of around 3 km. You can take tramline 1, 5 or 9. For the most recent information check 9292.nl

hoge veluwe



If you want to escape the city life of Utrecht, you could consider visiting Hoge Veluwe National Park. This park is one of the largest in Holland, and within its 13,343 acres, counts rare wildlife, some of the most iconic buildings in the Netherlands, and the Kröller-Müller museum, which showcases a collection of nineteenth and twentieth century art in addition to the largest private collection of Van Goghs. Zoom around on a free white bike—the park has 1,800 available bicycles for rent.

If you want to combine nature and art you can visit the Kröller-Müller museum. Here you will find the world's finest Vincent van Gogh collection and enjoy masterpieces by modern masters such as Claude Monet, Georges Seurat, Pablo Picasso and Piet Mondriaan. The museum is a treasure trove of De Stijl and futurism, and will surprise you with presentations of contemporary artists.

In the sculpture garden, you will stroll past works by Barbara Hepworth, Jean Dubuffet, Marta Pan and others. Afterwards you can take a free bike and explore the beautiful nature of Hoge Veluwe.

How to get to Hoge Veluwe

It takes a little over an hour to travel to the National Park by public transport. Take the train from Utrecht Centraal to Ede-Wageningen Station, from here, take bus 108 to Otterlo. There, change to bus 106 to Hoenderloo. The bus stops near the Visitor Centre and the Kröller-Müller Museum. For the most recent information and best layovers check 9292.nl.

How to get around in National Park Hoge Veluwe

You can take one of the free white bikes displayed all over the National Park. Or you can stroll around on foot.

<https://www.hogeveluwe.nl/>



rotterdam

Rotterdam has one of the largest ports in the world, but it is also the second largest city in the Netherlands and has a lot to offer to visiting tourists. Rotterdam, a city with a rich history, has a population over 600 thousand and is densely inhabited. Whether you're interested in shopping, architecture, art or an adventurous nightlife, Rotterdam has it all.

Although a city built on trade it still has a good amount of interesting parks and spaces, for those wishing to gain some peace and quiet. The city also has a good selection of museums and art galleries for those looking for culture. including the fascinating Maritime Museum and the Wereldmuseum that houses an interesting and eclectic collection of art from all over the world.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

How to get to Rotterdam

The easiest way to travel from Utrecht to Rotterdam is by train. A direct train leaves every 15 minutes from Utrecht Centraal and takes 37 minutes.

How to get around in Rotterdam

The most obvious way of getting around any Dutch city is by bike of course, but Rotterdam also offers many other forms of public transport, such as the bus, metro and even a water taxi.

<https://rotterdam.info>



volendam

There is plenty to do all year round in Volendam, Holland's best-known fishing village. Take a look in the handsome old harbour full of old Dutch ships and take a boat trip to Marken. Have your photograph taken wearing traditional Volendam clothing and try some fish at De Dijk, take the Volendam-Marken express to the village of Marken or learn about the history and folklore of Volendam in one of its museums, such as Volendams Museum or the Cheese Factory Volendam.

Want to enjoy some kibbeling (deep-fried cod) or a smoked eel? Volendam is the most famous fishing village in Holland. Where else will you face the challenge to try raw herring? Enjoy the view of the fishing and other boats coming and going in the small harbor. Whilst enjoying a drink on a terrace, of course!

How to get to Volendam:

The easiest way to travel from Utrecht to Volendam is by public transport. The train from Utrecht Centraal to Amsterdam Centraal (every 10 minutes).

From here take EBS Bus 316 to Volendam (every 10-20 minutes). For the most recent information and best layovers check 9292.nl.

<https://www.vvedamvolendam.nl>