

summerschool **UTRECHT**



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Climb the Dom Tower

Being 112m and 32cm (369 ft) in height, the Dom Tower is the tallest church tower in the Netherlands.

The highest viewpoint is at 95 m (312 ft). From this platform you have a magnificent panoramic view of the city of Utrecht and its surroundings. During the climb the guide will pause at various levels in the tower for a brief explanation of the tower's history.

You are only allowed to climb the Dom Tower under the supervision of a guide. The guided tour of the Dom Tower will commence inside the Tourist Information Office (VVV) at the Domplein 9-10. Entrance tickets to the tower are sold inside the Tourist Information Office. Guided tours will be conducted in both Dutch and English if necessary.

Website: <https://www.domtoren.nl>



Dom Church

The gothic Dom Church was built as a cathedral for the bishop of Utrecht and dedicated to St. Maarten.

The interior with many lavishly decorated tombs is impressive. The Dom church draws many people daily for a guided tour or a moment of silence and peace. The free Saturday afternoon concerts (3.30 pm) have been a household word in Utrecht for over thirty years.

Website: www.domkerk.nl

MUSEUMS

Centraal Museum

The Centraal Museum is your gateway to art and culture from the world of Utrecht. From Rietveld to the Utrecht Caravaggists, from Dick Bruna to Moesman and from Viktor & Rolf to the centuries-old Utrecht ship. The museum has been housed in this medieval cloister on the Nicolaaskerkhof since 1921 and currently consists of an eclectic collection of buildings with a large courtyard at their centre. It's a lovely place to wander through hallways and stairwells, and where you can be surprised by the various exhibitions.

Skip the queue and order your tickets online. You will receive your ticket by email and showing it on your smartphone at the entrance of the museum is sufficient.

Website: <https://www.centraalmuseum.nl>





Sonnenborgh Museum and Observatory

Explore the secrets of the bastion Sonnenborgh or climb the steps to the star cupolas, where telescopes bring the universe and stars really up close. At the historic 19th-century observatory, scientists deciphered the composition of the sun and made the first weather forecasts. Climb the stairs to the observatory and wonder at the starry heavens on an Star Viewing Night. Learn all about the unique building, the stars overhead and the weather in one of the exhibitions, tours or lectures.

Unearth the secrets of Sonnenborgh. Look for cannon emplacements behind the extremely thick walls of the 16th-century fortification.

Website: <https://www.sonnenborgh.nl/english>



TOURS

Free Walking Tour

Make the most out of your stay and join one of the Free Walking Tours in Utrecht. During 2 hours local guides will take you on a journey through Utrecht and tell you about the history, hidden gems and give you tips on where to go next in this beautiful city!

This tour is for free and everyone can join! If you enjoyed the tour and the guide did an awesome job, you can decide what it was worth to you and show your appreciation with a tip/donation. This way the guides are eager to educate and entertain you on the best possible way and the quality of the free walking tour gets better and better.

Website: <https://freewalkingtourutrecht.com/>



Street Art Walking Route (on your own)

Utrecht is full with amazing murals. You will find the most beautiful works during your walk or bike ride in the city center and in the neighborhoods. Walk along the 9 most unique murals in Utrecht with a route provided in the link below:

Website: <https://www.discover-utrecht.com/route/67841/street-art-walking-route>



City Boat Trip (Rederij Schuttevaer)

Utrecht is most beautiful from the water, so come aboard and enjoy the beautiful and cozy city! Utrecht has a rich history that has been well preserved. The skipper will gladly sail you on the beautiful canals and canals of the city of Utrecht.

From the tour boat you can see and enjoy the old wharf cellars, bridges and beautiful statues under the Pyke Koch lampposts. Along the Oudegracht are the beautiful canal houses and of course the Dom Tower. Along the way, extensive guides are provided in several languages.

Website: <https://www.schuttevaer.com/en/>

ON THE WATER

Canoe rental Utrecht (City Centre)

Canoe rental Utrecht has been a renowned name in Utrecht for many years, an exciting and relaxing way for young and old to see the most beautiful city in the Netherlands from a different perspective. Enjoy the various characteristic and authentic routes that you can take by canoe or whisper boat. Whether you are young or old, alone or with a group, Canoe rental Utrecht invites everyone to experience the canals!

Website: <https://kanoverhuurutrecht.nl/homepage>



De Rijnstroom

Rental of many different canoes; Canadians, rowing boats, electric boats, SUPs, scooters and bicycles. Due to our favorable location, you can canoe through the city, or if you prefer the peace and quiet, you choose nature. For the hungry stomachs on the way, we also provide a picnic or lunch. Or choose to join a barbecue when you return. Ideal for team building, family day, meetings, school outing, children's parties and company outings.

Website: <https://rijnstroom.nl/en>

SHOPPING



Hoog Catharijne Mall

Shop till you drop at recently renovated Hoog Catharijne The Mall indoor shopping centre. Adjacent to Utrecht Central railway station, there are over 90 shops, from major fashion chains to small boutiques. Take a break eating lunch at one of the restaurants located at the mall. And thanks to its wide opening hours: on weekdays and Saturday until 8 p.m. and on Sunday until 6 p.m., you can easily spend the whole day here. Here are our tips for a great shopping day. For more information about Hoog Catharijne, take a look here.

Website: <https://hoog-catharijne.klepierre.nl/>

FOOD AND DRINKS

Discover your new favourite restaurant in Utrecht. A trendy cocktail bar, a cosy cafe, the best street food or a typical Dutch pub: we give you the full rundown of food & drink in Utrecht. Whether you fancy a quick bite or a full-on culinary experience, you can find it here..

<https://www.discover-utrecht.com/theme/food-drinks-utrecht>

Drieharingstraat

One of the places where you can find a whole spectrum of options is Drieharingstraat. This quaint little street is situated off Vredenburg square and is home to many restaurants. You can go for an evening of tapas, scarf down a juicy burger or try many different kinds of fish.

Many of the restaurants even have outdoor seating, which is great for dining al fresco on summer nights. Drieharingstraat connects Vredenburg square and Oudegracht, making it a busy thoroughfare; this means there is plenty to see while you enjoy your meal.

Maps: <https://www.google.nl/maps/place/Drieharingstraat>



Voorstraat

In the Voorstraat and the Biltstraat there are many restaurants and almost every week new eateries and lunch stalls open here where you can taste the most delicious dishes. From hip Asian to organic and pure, and from luxury sandwiches to Italian: there is enough choice for every occasion and wallet.

Maps: <https://www.google.nl/maps/place/Voorstraat>

Waterside terraces

Cooling breezes or getting a breath of fresh air? Utrecht has a lot of fantastic terraces near the water! Watch the rippling water and you will completely relax. There is no shortage of good food and a good cocktail or beer, at these hotspots you will feel like a royal. Put on your sunglasses and relax! You can find all the waterside terraces at the link below.

Website: <https://www.discover-utrecht.com/collection/waterside-terraces-utrecht>



Grand Café Lebowski

Want to go out for drinks with you new classmates? Check out Grand Café Lebowski. It is the perfect place to have drinks with friends and larger groups. Every last Wednesday of the month they organize a music bingo,

Website: <https://www.grandcafelebowski.nl/>

AROUND UTRECHT

De Haar Castle

To visit De Haar Castle, whether to admire its park, its rich history, the exhibitions, gardens, deer or for a wedding, is to be immersed in a different world. Behind every door, every detail, every flower in its colorful gardens is a story. A story about earlier times, different cultures and interesting characters. De Haar is the largest castle in the Netherlands, once the private residence of the Van Zuylen family, whose descendants still stay here yearly. In the last century, the castle also frequently hosted members of the international jet-set with their lavish lifestyle; from Coco Chanel to Roger Moore, they too left their mark on the sumptuous rooms of the most opulent spot in Utrecht.

Website: <https://www.kasteeldehaar.nl/english>





Utrechtse Heuvelrug

As an oasis of calm just outside the Randstad, the Utrecht Heuvelrug with its beautiful landscapes, numerous estates and lively cities and towns is located between Utrecht and Amersfoort. Walk or cycle through the undulating forests past impressive castles, experience the many events and attractions and indulge your culinary side in one of the many great restaurants.

Go for a hike on the Heuvelrug, over unpaved roads, through farmlands and rural estates or take a bike ride and discover one of the many cycling routes.

For more tourist information and tips about Utrecht visit: <https://www.discover-utrecht.com/>