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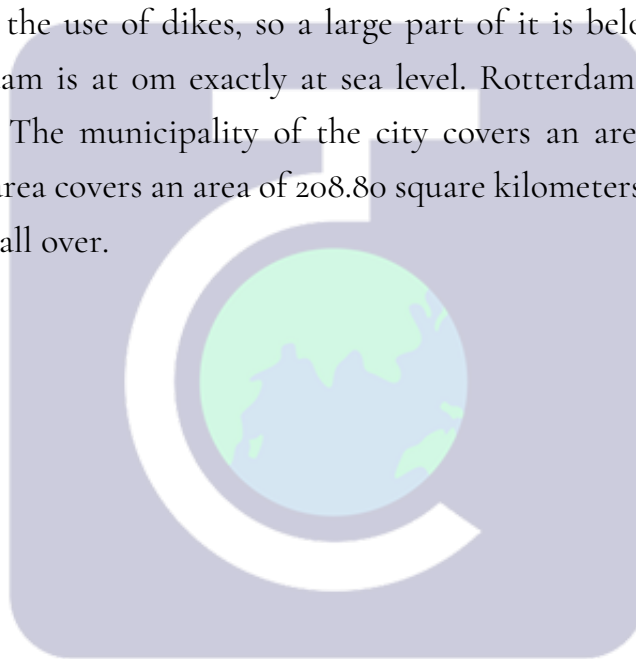
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### 1. Geographical location

Located in South Holland, at the North Sea within the Meuse Scheldt River Delta, Rotterdam is about thirty kilometers away from the North Sea. It is connected to the North Sea by a canal known as New Waterway. It is located exactly at the mouth of the Nieuwe Mass which is a channel leading to the Rhine Meuse Scheldt Delta. River Nieuwe Mass cuts across Rotterdam. Rotterdam's city center is located at the Northern bank of the River Nieuwe Mass. Most of Rotterdam is built with the use of dikes, so a large part of it is below sea level. The average elevation of the Rotterdam is at om exactly at sea level. Rotterdam is marked as one of the largest ports in Europe. The municipality of the city covers an area of about 325.79 square kilometers and the land area covers an area of 208.80 square kilometers. The city's topography is marked by harbors built all over.



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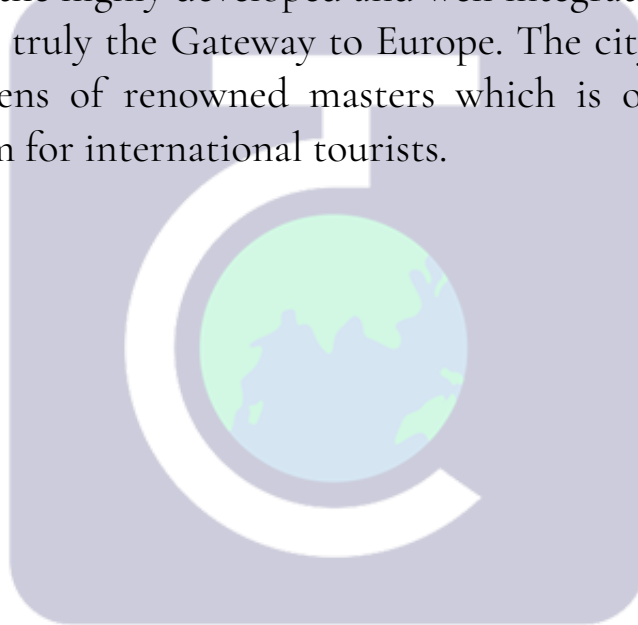
### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Rotterdam Is One Of Netherland's Cities, Its Position Is In Close Proximity To Other Cities Such As; Amsterdam Which Is About 74 Kilometers Away, The Hague Which Is 25 Kilometers Away And Utrecht Which Is 66 Kilometers Away. Tilburg Netherlands Is Also A City Which Is 59 Kilometers Away From Rotterdam. Antwerp A City In Belgium Is 74 Kilometers Away From Rotterdam. Eindhoven, A City In Netherlands Is 84 Kilometers Away From Rotterdam.



### 3. Significance

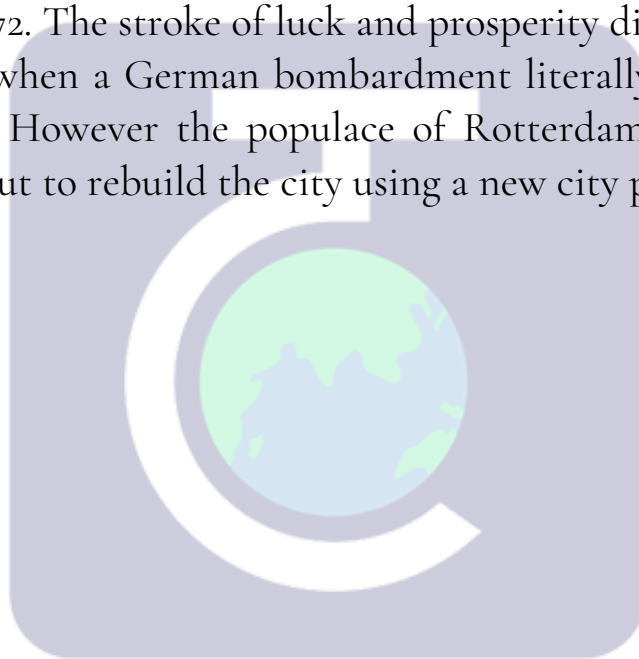
The name of the city itself tells the story of its origin when a Dam was built on the Rotte River by the earliest settlements in the city. The growth of the city as a centre of logistics and economy has been phenomenal. Now, Rotterdam has the largest port in Europe with a great maritime heritage to boast of. The location of the port has been beneficial for the thriving economic status of the city. Apart from the waterways, the highly developed and well integrated transport network has made Rotterdam truly the Gateway to Europe. The city also has some great architectural specimens of renowned masters which is one of the attracting features of Rotterdam for international tourists.



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### 4. History

Rotterdam's existence is believed to have originated in 1270 when a dam was constructed in a modest river, which eventually went on to become the heart of a small fishing village. Over a period of years trade and shipping boomed and the rapid growth led to the birth of Rotterdam. It's world-class transformation began after the excavation of the Nieuwe Waterweg canal linked Rotterdam to the sea between 1866 and 1872. The stroke of luck and prosperity disappeared during the Second World War when a German bombardment literally changed the city of Rotterdam in ruins. However the populace of Rotterdam did not sit out the devastation and set out to rebuild the city using a new city plan.



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### 5. Cultural identity

Dotted with museums, art galleries, street art, theaters, art house cinemas and concert halls, there is no doubt that Rotterdam has a rich cultural setting which, by the way, is one of the mainstays and pulls tourists to come and experience on their own. The city was declared as the cultural capital of Europe in 2001, and since then the identity has remained etched in its hat of many achievements as a cultural city. The urban architecture projects, nightlife, and many summer festivals have played a big role in establishing Rotterdam as one of the biggest and most stable cultural centers in Europe and the world. Two of the most popular cult sayings which is doing rounds in Netherlands is "Amsterdam to party, Den Haag (The Hague) to live, Rotterdam to work" and "Money is earned in Rotterdam, distributed in The Hague and spent in Amsterdam."





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### 6. Natural resources

It has a quite rich reserve of natural resources that includes oil, petroleum, coal, silica, zinc, tin, iron ore, limestone, salt, gypsum, arable land, clay, rocks, slate, chalk, etc. It also has a reserve of bauxite, uranium, lignite, manganese and coal. The large number of species of flora and fauna that includes fox, deer, boar, duck, heron, crane, storks is found. It is densely forested and the forest cover includes oak, lime, beech and deciduous plants. The main exports are machinery, transportation, chemicals, fuels, food stuffs, clothing and horticultural products.



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### 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

##### 7.1.1. Rotterdam Zoo

Renowned as the Blijdrop Zoo, this is one of the oldest zoos in the country and an abode to an aquarium, botanical garden and several animals. Over one and a half a million visitors are welcomed to encounter numerous animals at one of Europe's most beautiful zoos. Visit the aquarium which consists of many species of fish, sharks, snakes, and a large group of penguins. There are various breeding programs held for Asian elephants, red pandas and Siberian cranes. The Dutch National Primula Collection and Dutch National Bromelia Collection are also housed in the garden.

Address : Blijdorplan 8, 3041 JG Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3041

Location : 51.927354, 4.449140800000009

Contact : +31 900 1857

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

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, Diergaarde Blijdorp Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults 12 years and older: €22 and €20 for online bookings Children 3 to 12 years: €17.50 and €15.50 for online bookings Children under the age of 3:

Free admission Season's passes: Adult's pass (age 13 or over): €75 Adult with children pass [Valid for one adult and max 5 fixed children age 3-17\* (not necessarily living at home)]: €135 2 adults with children pass [Valid for 2 adults (not necessarily parents/guardians and max 5 fixed children age 3-17\* (not necessarily living at home)]: €189 Extra adult pass (from the 3rd adult, could also be grown-up children): €55 Extra child pass (Valid for 1 child age 3-12): €42.50

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs 5th, 24th & 31st December: 09:00hrs-16:00hrs 1st January: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

##### 7.1.2. Euromast

Head to the Euromast, known as the Crow's Nest observation tower, while in

Rotterdam for it gives the best views along with a culinary extravaganza. Greet your day by having your head in the clouds, raise a toast, or fuel your adrenaline by practicing abseiling down the highest tower. Hop on to the high-speed elevators to get to the top and enjoy your time there.

Address : Parkhaven 20, 3016 GM Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3016

Location : 51.9054439, 4.466637399999968

Contact : +31-104364811

Website : <http://www.euromast.nl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, Euromast / Erasmus MC Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €9.50 Seniors of 65+ age: €8.50 Children (4-11yrs): €6.10 Children & Speuromaster: €11.25 Euromast Tour (Maximum of 25 guests per group): €135 Adult (group of 20 people): €8.20 Children 4 to 11 years (group of 20 people): €5.75

Open & Close Timing : April / September: Open from 9:30hrs October / March: Open from 10:00hrs Platforms: Open until 22:00hrs Euroscoop: Open until 21:45hrs Brasserie: Open until 23:00hrs Kitchen: Open until 22:15hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.3. Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen

Browse through numerous art collections and a unique compilation of paintings and sculptures exceeding 140,000 pieces at Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen. The paintings in the museum are renowned as one of the best in the world and you can also view the sculptures in the park which form a part of the collection. Do not miss out on the spectacular temporary exhibitions that are held throughout the year if you happen to be in Rotterdam around the same time.

Address : Museumpark 18, 3015 CX Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3015

Location : 51.9142145, 4.473340699999994

Contact : +31-104419400

Website : <http://www.boijmans.nl/nl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, Museumpark Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €17.50 Students: €10 Groups of more than 15 people: €15  
Museumkaart-, Rotterdampas- and Storks Cardholders: €2.50 CJP holders: 15  
Guided tours: €80

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 11:00hrs-17:00hrs Closed on Mondays  
Espresso Bar: 10:00hrs-17:30hrs Library: Tuesday to Sunday 11:00hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.4. Cube Houses

A bizarre and striking architectonic wonder in Rotterdam, the Cube Houses stand one among the city's icons. Based on the concept 'living as an urban roof' and designed by architect, Piet Blom, the cubes sit titled on hexagonal poles that are made with concrete floors, pillars, and wooden framings. They also house a pedestrian bridge at the top of the house.

Address : Overblaak 70, 3011 MH Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3011

Location : 51.92015800000001, 4.490702400000032

Contact : +31-104142285

Website : <http://www.kubuswoning.nl/introkubus2.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Blaak, Rotterdam Subway Station

Entry Fee : Adult: €2.50 Student and seniors of 65 + age: €2 Children (4-11 years): €1.50 Group of 10-20 people: €2 per person Group of more than 20: €1.50 per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily 11:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.5. Maritiem Museum

Tagged as the oldest and largest museum harbor in the city, Maritime Museum discovers the enormous effect that shipping has on our lives. Embark upon a journey through the past and present, and gain knowledge through the

exhibitions conducted for various age groups. Visit the ancient cranes, vessels, listen to the stories, admire the activities, hop in some activities, and marvel at the 25 unique objects from its century-old collection.

Address : Leuvehaven 1, 3011 EA Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3011

Location : 51.917526, 4.482226999999966

Contact : +31-104132680

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

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, Keizerstraat Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €10 Children aged 4 to 15 year: €6 Groups of more than 15 people: €8.50 Children under 4, ICOM card, Museum Card, Rotterdam Pass: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Sunday: 11:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.6. SS Rotterdam

Also known as the Grande Dame, S S Rotterdam is a former ocean liner and cruise ship engaging the best artisans from Netherlands. Beautifully overlooking the Maas River and skyline of the alluring city of Rotterdam, this attraction invites you to live through a unique experience where you can drink, party, spend the night, have business meetings, take a tour or work.

Address : 3e Katendrechtse Hoofd 25, 3072 AM Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3072

Location : 51.897904, 4.473357999999962

Contact : +31-102973090

Website : <http://ssrotterdam.nl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, SS Rotterdam Bus Station

Entry Fee : Rotterdam Complete Tour: Adults: €16; Child: €9.50 Sea Breeze Deluxe Tour: Adults: €12.50; Child: €7 Steam and Chrome Tour: Adults: €12.50; Child: €7.50 Art Tour, Technique Tour: €19.95 per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.7. Kunsthal

Browse through the wide range of temporary exhibits and a unique collection of paintings with eye-catching textures. Housed in a striking building, it has many faces, straight forward and a large square box with a narrow and vertical accent. You will always jump into a number of exhibitions here ranging from old masters to contemporary art, from innovative design to engaging photography.

Address : Museumpark, Westzeedijk 341, 3015 AA Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3015

Location : 51.91045519999999, 4.473261099999945

Contact : +31-104400301

Website : <http://www.kunsthall.nl/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, Kievitslaan Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €12 CJP cardholders and students up to 26 years of age: €6

Youth 6 to 18 years of age: €2 Children up to 5 years of age, Museum Card,

Rotterdam Pass, ICOM-pass, Vereniging Rembrandt Pass, Kunsthal Friends /

Circle / Business, BankGiro Loterij VIP-KAART: Free admission Museum Park

Ticket: €27.50 Groups (minimum of 15 persons): €9 per person Combination

ticket with Euromast: €17.20 Combination ticket with Euromast, ages 12-18:

€10.20 Combination ticket with Euromast, ages 6-11: €7.75

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Sunday:  
11:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.8. Wereldmuseum

An ethnographic museum in the city of Rotterdam, Wereldmuseum comprises of a collection of stunning arts and paintings. Founded in 1883, it displays a huge assemblage of over 1,800 ethnographic objects belonging to different cultures in Asia, Oceania, Africa, America and the Islamic heritage. You will also find a

simple and warm lunch room which provides the perfect atmosphere.

Address : Willemskade 25, 3016 DM Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3016

Location : 51.9079096, 4.4803974999999981

Contact : +31-0102707172

Website : <https://www.wereldmuseum.nl/en/home.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, Westplein Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €15 Children below 13 years, Museumkaart holders and ICOM

Members: Free admission Members of groups of at least 10 paying visitors: €10 per person Guided tour arranged for a group of up to 15 persons (must be booked in advance): €75

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Saturday: 10:30hrs-17:30hrs Exhibitions: 10:30hrs-17:30hrs Museum shop: 10:30hrs-18:00hrs Lunchroom: 10:30hrs-18:00hrs

Restaurant: Open from 12:00hrs-14:30hrs and 18:00hrs-22:00hrs No lunch on Saturday

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.9. Miniworld Rotterdam

Labeled as the largest indoor miniature world, Miniworld Rotterdam is an exciting and versatile experience for the entire family. Be alert as a day lasts only for 24 minutes here and before you know the night will fall and numerous tiny lights will light up the darkness. Take a glance at the large landscapes and funny things depicting the life of local people.

Address : Weena 745, 3013 AL Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3013

Location : 51.9228675, 4.465094899999994

Contact : +31-102400501

Website : <http://www.miniworldrotterdam.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, Henegouwerplein Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €11 Children aged 3 to 12 years: €7.50 Children below 3 years:

Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs



Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.10. Nederlands Fotomuseum

Since the late 1980s, the Nederlands Fotomuseum primarily focuses on photography and comprises of a collection of historical and cultural pictures from the 20th to 21st century. An abode to the country's photographic heritage, you might be able to attend an international exhibition with a specific social or artistic theme if you visit around that time.

Address : Las Palmas, Wilhelminakade 332, 3072 AR Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3072

Location : 51.90535980000001, 4.486848199999994

Contact : +31-0102030405

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

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, Wilhelminaplein Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €10 CJP and Students: €5 Children below 12 years, Museum card holders: Free admission Groups of 15 persons and more: €7

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Friday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 11:00hrs-17:00hrs Closed on Mondays

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.11. Natural History Museum

Founded in 1927, this museum is an abode to skeletons, stuffed animals including a giraffe, antlers, butterflies, and pigeon's nests. Visit the monumental villa adorned with modern glass pavilions, and marvel at the 15-meter long skeleton of a sperm whale. Providing an extensive educational program, the museum attracts over 400,000 visitors a year.

Address : Westzeedijk 345, 3015 AA Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3015

Location : 51.9107727, 4.4724069999999976

Contact : +31-0104364222



Website : <http://www.hetnatuurhistorisch.nl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Natural History Museum Cromwell Road (Stop GM)  
Bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: €7 Children aged 5 to 15 years: €3.50 Seniors, students, and group of 10: €3.5 Guided tour: €75 for 45 minutes tour

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 11:00hrs-17:00hrs Closed on Mondays

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 30 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.12. Mariniers Museum

Housing a miscellaneous collection related to the Marine Corps, the Mariniers Museum consists of various paintings, clothing, old vehicles and photos. The museum is housed in 4 different historical buildings, 18th-century merchant houses, and was rebuilt brick by brick after the destruction of the tunnel. It is renowned as the right place of great symbolic significance for the corps.

Address : Wijnhaven 7 -13, 3011 WH Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3011

Location : 51.9187569, 4.491550400000051

Contact : +31-0104129600

Website : <http://www.mariniersmuseum.nl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, Willemswerf Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €6 Children (4 to 12 years), COM-members: €3 CJP: €4 Seniors: €6 Groups: €4 (adults minimum 10 people) Groups: €2 (children minimum 10 persons) Museumkaart, Rotterdampas: Free admission Education (School Groups): €1.50

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Friday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 11:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.13. Stadion Feijenoord

Popularly known as De Kuip, Stadion Feijenoord was built in the 1930s and has a

seating capacity of 51,117. Presently the home stadium of football club Feyenoord, it also has been one of the home grounds of the Dutch national team and has organized over 150 international matches. This stadium has also hosted concerts since 1978 and had performances by Michael Jackson and Pink Floyd.

Address : Van Zandvlietplein 1, 3077 AA Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3077

Location : 51.8939035, 4.5231354000000001

Contact : +31 10- 492 94 44

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

Nearest Public Transport : Stadion Feyenoord Tram Station South Bus Station  
Station Feyenoord Metro Station Rotterdam Stadion Train Station

Entry Fee : Standard Tour: Adults: €13.50; Child: €9.50 Cockpit – Spido Tour:  
Adults: €19.50; Child: €15 Match Tour: Standard: €10

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No



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### 7.2. Free

#### 7.2.1. Markthal

The Rotterdam market hall design is avant garde bearing the shape of a giant airplane hangar. Marvel at the interior of the hall painted with huge colorful panels on their walls, ceiling and depicts a lot of fruits. The indoor market hall is multifunctional as it houses apartments, retail space, as well as a Horeca.

Address : Dominee Jan Scharpstraat 298, 3011 GZ Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3011

Location : 51.9195033, 4.486153899999977

Contact : +31-302346486

Website : <http://www.markthal.nl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam Blaak Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday, Thursday & Saturday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs Friday: 10:00hrs-21:00hrs Sunday: 12:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.2. Ahoy Rotterdam

A unique multi-purpose venue that combines an arena, exhibition and event halls, and convention center, Ahoy Rotterdam is a famous spot for top sports professionals, international artists, politicians, and celebrities. The complex yet stunning design of this edifice has won various national and international awards for its special steel structures. Take a look at the prices for different shows before heading for one.

Address : Ahoyweg 10, 3084 BA Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3084

Location : 51.88299920000001, 4.488187299999936

Contact : +31-9002352469

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

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, Ahoy Complex Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 10:00hrs-15:00hrs on the day of event

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.3. Erasmusbrug

Erasmusbrug is the largest bridge that connects the north and south parts of the city and has the architectonic highlights with their texture. Nicknamed as "The Swan", thanks to the structure of the bridge, many events are hosted with the help of the bridge. It depicts a pylon, pale blue color with a strong horizontal base.

Address : Rotterdam, Netherlands, 3011 BN

Zipcode : 3011

Location : 51.909004, 4.487122699999986

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, Wilhelminaplein Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.4. Oudehaven

With a beautiful backdrop of the stunning ancient ships, Oude Haven is the first and oldest port encircled by wetlands. A popular hangout spot, it is thronged with bars and restaurants with terraces on the water. Stroll around or have a cup of coffee here while admiring the stellar views.

Address : Oudehaven, Rotterdam, Netherland, 3011 TN

Zipcode : 3011

Location : 51.9192565, 4.492043999999964

Nearest Public Transport : Blaak, Rotterdam Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.5. Delfshaven

Delfshaven is a tiny harbor nestled in the interiors of the city and is surrounded by many archaic buildings. Unlike most of the city, this harbor was fortunately saved from the destruction caused by the World War. Lit with many restaurants, bars, galleries, and architectural monuments, it is the perfect place for visiting

during summer seasons.

Address : Delfshaven, Rotterdam, Netherlands, 3021 XJ

Zipcode : 3021

Location : 51.9048893, 4.453956699999935

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, Marconiplein Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. Witte De Withstraat

Head to this vibrant and unique cultural street jammed with art galleries, popular bars and shops. Wonderful atmosphere of the Witte de Withstraat is enhanced by many terraces on the street. If you happen to be here around March, attend the night events organized by the museum.

Address : Witte de Withstraat, Rotterdam, Netherlands, 1057 XN

Zipcode : 1057

Location : 51.91577989999999, 4.477751399999988

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, Museumpark Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. Stadhuis Rotterdam

Also renowned as the Town Hall, Stadhuis Rotterdam features Byzantine, Roman, and Art Deco and is symmetrical in design with the main entrance. The richly adorned facade features various sculptures and the monument is presented with a large landscape and is accessible with 2 entry gates.

Address : Coolsingel 40, 3011 AD Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3011

Location : 51.92272439999999, 4.479278499999964

Contact : +31 14 010

Website : [http://www.rotterdam.nl/voorziening:stadhuis\\_gemeentelijke\\_diensten](http://www.rotterdam.nl/voorziening:stadhuis_gemeentelijke_diensten)

Nearest Public Transport : Schiedam, Broersvest Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 08:30hrs-17:00hrs Closed on Saturdays

and Sundays

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. World Trade Center Rotterdam (WTC Rotterdam)

Locally renowned as the palpitating heart of the international business group in the city, World Trade Center is a dynamic hub for various companies, with numerous congresses and events taking place all year round. Rising to a height of approximately 93 meters, the specific qualities and facilities of the building make this a must visit attraction.

Address : Beursplein 37, 3011 AA Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3011

Location : 51.92100689999999, 4.4815048000000039

Contact : +31-0104054444

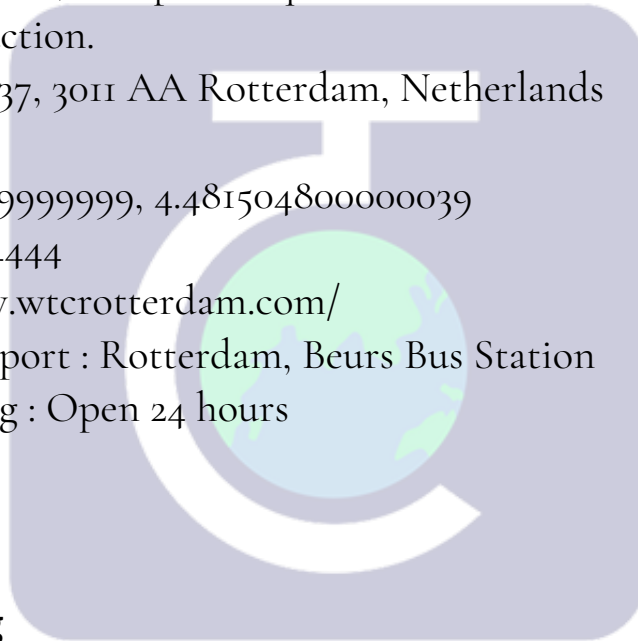
Website : <http://www.wtcrotterdam.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, Beurs Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No



### 7.2.9. Willemsbrug

Connecting the northern and southern parts of the city, Willemsbrug has a total span of 318 meters and depicts 900 dramatic turns with its texture. The bottom of the 2 pylons of the bridge is a concrete base and decorated with red spotlights. Dominating the Rotterdam skyline, the view of the bridge during the sunset is jaw-dropping.

Address : Rotterdam, Netherlands, 3011 TX

Zipcode : 3011

Location : 51.9171566, 4.4956698999999939





Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, Willemsbrug Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.10. Het Park

One of the most popular parks in Rotterdam, Het Park was built on alluvial land outside the high seawall. There are many events organized by this park, the best-known events being the National Energy Manifestation and Chinese Festival Light events. Designed by Jan David Zocher Jr., the place was formerly known as Walk, however, the board of the park was renamed to The Park in the year 1853. Stroll through the greens in your leisure time and take in the best of nature.

Address : Westzeedijk/ GR, Parkkade, 3016 Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3016

Location : 51.9064285, 4.4707157000000028

Website : [http://www.rotterdam.nl/tekst:het\\_park](http://www.rotterdam.nl/tekst:het_park)

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, Euromast / Erasmus MC Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.11. Zuidplein

Enjoy a memorable shopping experience surrounded by 150 shops and numerous caf  s as well as restaurants. Head here in your leisure time and make the most of it by filling up your bags.

Zipcode : 0

Location : 51.8870767, 4.4900216999999943

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.12. Plaza

Located in the heart of the city, the Plaza Rotterdam is one of the must-visit areas where innumerable shops and terraces are waiting for visitors to enjoy an ideal afternoon shopping. Sip on a steamy cup of coffee while on a shopping break and enjoy the atmosphere.

Address : Plaza, 3012 CN Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3012

Location : 51.9225988, 4.472326999999995

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.13. Blaak

If you are in Rotterdam and are looking for fashion or shoes, head to Blaak. It is renowned for its extravagant shops and the amazing collection of footwear. You might also get to see few interior design shops.

Address : Blaak, 3011 GB Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3011

Location : 51.9189894, 4.486408399999959

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.14. Alexandrium Shopping Center

This shopping mall has a cluster of 140 shops: a mix of high-boutique stores and small outlets, from where one can buy anything and everything ranging from fashion apparels to souvenirs and even expensive jewelry.

Address : Korte Poolsterstraat 2, 3067 LZ Rotterdam, Netherlands

Zipcode : 3067

Location : 51.949417999999999, 4.5547329999999942

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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### 8. Key sites sports & adventure

Rotterdam is famous for some of the most exciting outdoor sports such as cablepark and water skiing. You can also find other adventure sports in the city to revive your adrenaline rush.

- **Water Sports -**

Address : Project 7 Cable Park, Kosboulevard 35, 3059 XZ Rotterdam

Location : 51.97840129999999,4.575714400000038

Contact No : +31 10 260 0110

Website : <http://www.project7cablepark.nl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rotterdam, Euromast / Erasmus MC Light Rail Station

Entry Fees : Rotterdam, Euromast / Erasmus MC Light Rail Station

Open / Close Time : May – Monday to Friday 13:00hrs-20:30hrs; Saturday & Sunday 11:30hrs-20:30hrs; June - Monday to Friday 13:00hrs-20:30hrs; Saturday & Sunday 11:30hrs-20:30hrs; July – Daily 10:00hrs-22:00hrs; August - Daily 10:00hrs-20:30hrs; September - Monday to Friday 13:00hrs-19:00hrs; Saturday & Sunday 11:30hrs-19:30hrs; October – Saturday & Sunday 11:30hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 4

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### 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Rotterdam is the City of Sports. There are various sports including football and boxing enjoyed here. The popular sports played in the city include football, tennis, field hockey, baseball, boxing, swimming, racing, and rowing. Rotterdam also has some renowned stadiums.

- **Stadion Woudestein:**

Address : Honingerdijk 110, 3062 NX Rotterdam, Netherlands

Location : 51.9175164,4.519902399999978

Contact No : +31 10 404 6041



## 10. Spas and relaxation

Rotterdam has different categories of spa treatments such as the Turkish, the Finnish and much more. The amenities also help you with body rejuvenating exercises and massages along with pedicures and manicures.

- **Spa Heaven & Club H2O:**

Address : Leuvehaven 77, 3011 EA Rotterdam

Location : 51.91329340000001,4.482534900000019

Contact No : +31 10 217 5757

Website : <http://www.mainporthotel.com/en/Home.html>

- **Hampshire Hotel - De Arendshoeve:**

Address : Molenlaan 14 - 2861 LB – Bergambacht

Location : 51.9363634,4.780976600000031

Contact No : +31 182 303 100

Website : <https://www.hampshire-hotels.com/en/hampshire-hotel-de-arendshoeve>

- **QoQo Massage Laan op Zuid:**

Address : Laan op Zuid 137, 3072 DB Rotterdam

Location : 51.906637,4.4962189999999996

Contact No : +31 88-810-08-099

Website : <https://www.qoqomassage.com/locatie/rotterdam-laan-op-zuid/>

## 11. Events calendar

### Month

### Events

**Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) @ De Doelen Schouwburgplein (25th)**



**The biggest film festival in Netherlands, there will be 500 shorts films during the festival. There would be 45 cinemas premiered of the 5 films across over 17 countries.**

**Chinese New Year Rotterdam @ Westkruiskade (26th)**

**An event celebrating Chinese new year which will be marked by a sumptuous feast and wearing of different symbolic Chinese costumes. For example, Chinese dragons, an ape and fireworks.**

**Museumnacht010 Rotterdam @ Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen ( March 5th)**

**Museums, art galleries and cultural institutions take place during this event. These include Boijmans, the Art Gallery, the new institute and the museum photography. The event is**

marked by various art exhibitions and showcasing of various artifacts. For example, illustrations of gabber cultures of the nineties.

**King's Day @ Witte de Withstraat (16th to 19th)**

An event celebrating King's Day marked by live music and festivals. Music such as the Bitter orange in the Park will be played.

**Food Truck Festival Trek @ Energieweg 2, 3014 Rotterdam Netherlands (6th to 8th May)**

An eating event where the first week on the May event will be held in a picnic form. The event simulates an outdoor large restaurant. There will be many mobile kitchens and live music will be played.

**Zomerzondagen @ Euromast Park (Five Sundays in June and July)**

There will be event performances inclusive of theater performances, workshops and summer music. There will be fun and spontaneous theater performances.

**North Sea Jazz Festival Round Down @ 75 Different locations in Rotterdam (July 1st to July 10th)**

**Concert Festival for Jazz and hip hop enthusiasts. It will be inclusive of jazz, hip hop and blues mixes.**

**OVG Veerhavenconcert @ Veerhaven Rotterdam (27th August)**

**A free outdoor concert which will be inclusive of private boats and chairs will also be lined up on the docks. People will be free to take private boats.**

**Djemaa El FNA: Test According to Experts @ Rotterdam Museum (23rd September to 25th September)**


**A food festival where cooks from all around the world will gather at the museum to prepare one of their best dishes. There will also be a good ambience with different music being played and dance. There will also be workshops presenting different creations such as couscous and hot rolls and authentic Moroccan tanginess.**

**Wildlife film Festival @ Cinerama**

## **Film Theater ( 27th to 30th)**

**Watch the latest movies created by David Attenborough. For example, 'the Light of Earth'. There will be also more than eighty national and international films of nature.**

## **MTV Music Week @ Ahoy Rotterdam (1st to 7th)**



**Rotterdam will host the MTV EMA for the second time. During this time there will be a lot of EMA activities taking place and famous celebrity hosts will be present during the event.**

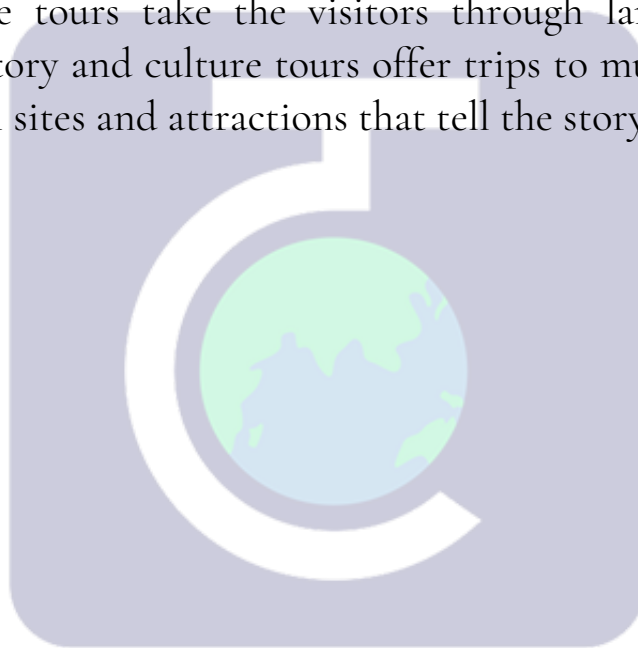
## **Blijdorp Winter Festival @ Van Nellefabriek (December 3rd)**

**The concert hosted by Nino and Frankie, will be holding inside and outside places disk jockey activities, live acts and will include showcasing of absolutely lovely features like ice sculptures.**

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### 12. Key local guides and tours

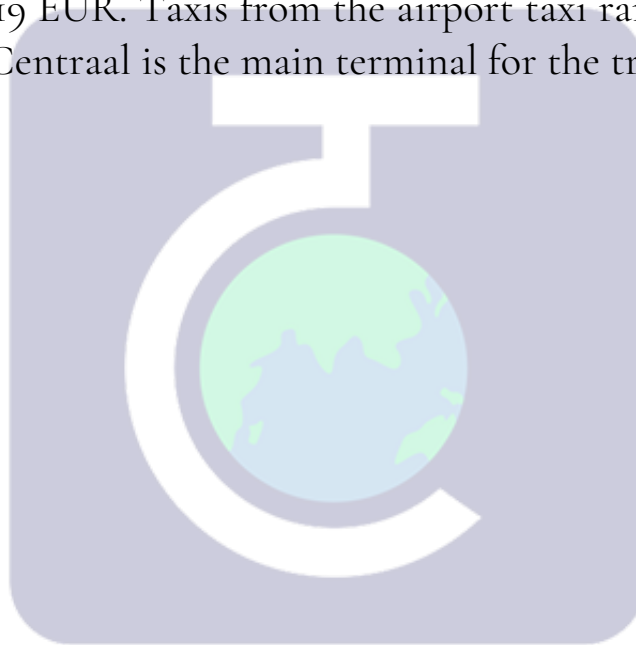
Different kinds of tours are arranged to explore and enjoy the beautiful city of Rotterdam. Visitors can select the type of tour they want according to their likes and interests. Walking tours are always the best option to know a city better and on a more personal level. Various types of walking tours with a range of varied destinations can be found. Splash tours are quite popular in Rotterdam. They are unique in that these tours take the visitors through land and water in an amphibious bus. History and culture tours offer trips to museums, galleries, and many other historical sites and attractions that tell the story of the bygone days.





### 13. Transportation hubs

Rotterdam The Hague Airport is 6 km away from the city centre. RET operates bus services between the airport and the city's main railway station Rotterdam Central. The journey takes about 25 minutes and the fare for a single ticket is 3 EUR. Another bus service takes passengers to the metro station Meijersplein from where Rotterdam can be reached by metro in 10 minutes. Private taxis to the city cost around 19 EUR. Taxis from the airport taxi rank to Rotterdam cost 25 EUR. Rotterdam Centraal is the main terminal for the train, metro, tram, and bus services.



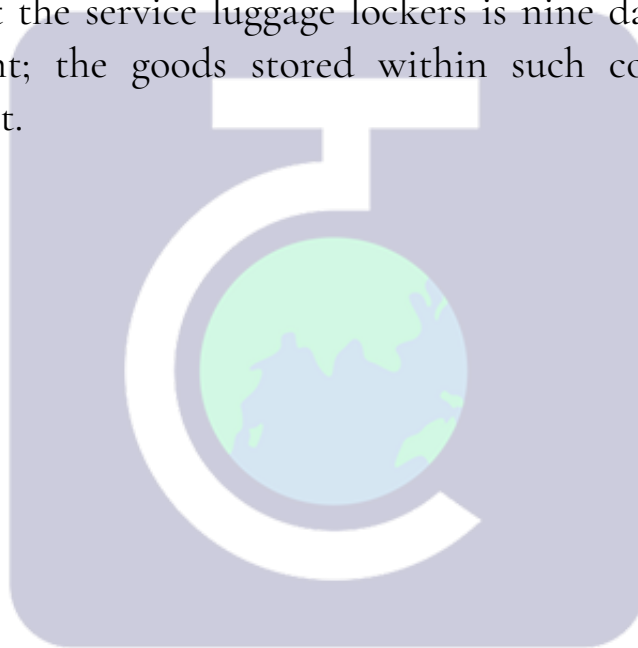
## 14. Transportation cost

RET operated buses, trams, and metros are the most used public transport systems in the city. Visitors can buy Rotterdam Welcome Card for unlimited use on all RET public transport for the specified period. Cards are available for 1-day, 2-day, and 3-day validity, and the cost is 10, 13.50, and 17.50 EUR, respectively. The card also offers 25% discount on more than 50 attractions, museums, and restaurants. An OV Chipkaart is also useful for unlimited travel on public transport. The card can be bought for 7.50 EUR and loaded with required credit. Night buses are available on Friday and Saturday nights for 5 EUR. Minimum taxi fare is around 2.50 EUR. Each additional kilometre costs 1.95 EUR



**Index****15. Baggage allowance**

There are self-service luggage lockers within the train stations. The storage locker is located in its own open area and open on a daily basis from 5am to 1am. There are also service storage companies, which store luggage at their own varied charges. The charge of leaving your luggage at the service luggage lockers in the train stations is affordable. The maximum number of days within which you can leave your luggage at the service luggage lockers is nine days. Buses also have a luggage compartment; the goods stored within such compartments can be transported at no cost.



**Index****16. Must try food and local savouries**

Rotterdam is famous for seafood, French food and artichoke duck.



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### 17. Restaurant & Nightlife

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#### Food -

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- **De Matroos en Het Meisje:**

Address : Delistraat 52, 3072 ZL Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Location : 51.9010729,4.4847214999999978

Contact No : +3110 215 27 64

Website : <http://www.dematroosenhetmeisje.nl>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Sunday from 18:00hrs

- **De Harmonie:**

Address : Westersingel 95, 3015 LC Rotterdam, Netherlands

Location : 51.913833399,4.4747965999

Contact No : +31 10 436 3610

Website : <http://www.deharmonierotterdam.nl>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday 12:00hrs-21:30hrs Saturday 18:00hrs-21:30hrs Sunday closed

- **Parkheuvel:**

Address : Heuvellaan 21, 3016 GL Rotterdam, Netherlands

Location : 51.90391149999999,4.4715539999999969

Contact No : +31 10 436 0530

Website : <http://www.parkheuvel.nl>

Open / Close Time : Lunch – Monday to Friday 12:00hrs-14:30hrs; Dinner – Monday to Saturday 18:30hrs-22:00hrs

- **Restaurant Fitzgerald:**

Address : Gelderseplein 49, 3011 WZ Rotterdam, Netherlands

Location : 51.9192107,4.490047399999998

Contact No : +31 10 268 7010

Website : <http://www.restaurantfitzgeralds.com>

Open / Close Time : Lunch – Thursday & Friday 12:00hrs-14:30hrs  
Dinner – Tuesday to Saturday from 17:30hrs

- **In Den Rustwat:**

Address : Honingerdijk 96, 3062 NX Rotterdam, Netherlands

Location : 51.91826510000001,4.518500000000017

Contact No : +31 10 413 4110

Website : <http://www.indenrustwat.nl>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Friday 12:00hrs-15:00hrs and 18:00hrs-21:30hrs Saturday 18:00hrs-22:00hrs Sunday and Monday closed

- **Restaurant The Park:**

Address : Westersingel 70, 3015 LB Rotterdam, Netherlands

Location : 51.91555899999999,4.4736279999999962

Contact No : +31 10 440 8165

Website : <http://www.thepark.nl>

Open / Close Time : Hours Breakfast: Monday to Friday - 06:30hrs-10:00hrs; Saturday and Sunday - 07.30hrs-11.00hrs Hours Lunch: Monday to Friday - 12:00hrs-14:30hrs Opening dinner: Monday to Sunday - 18:00hrs-22:00hrs; Kitchen open from 18:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Restaurant La Vilette:**

Address : Westblaak 152, 3012 KM Rotterdam, Netherlands

Location : 51.9164938,4.4762163999999998

Contact No : +31 10 414 8692

Website : <http://www.lavilette.nl>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Saturday 18:00hrs-21:00hrs Sunday and Monday Closed

- **Restaurant Old Dutch:**

Address : Rochussenstraat 20, 3015 EK Rotterdam, Netherlands

Location : 51.915841,4.47139700000000245

Contact No : +31 10 436 0344

Website : <http://www.olddutch.net>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday 11:30hrs-00:00hrs Saturday and Sunday Closed

- **Dutch Maritime Pub:**

Address : Spaansekade 34, 3011 ML Rotterdam, Netherlands

Location : 51.919888,4.4918416000

Contact No : +31 10 433 3998

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday 10:00hrs-01:00hrs Saturday and Sunday 10:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **O'Sheas Irish pub:**

Address : Lijnbaan 37, 3012 EK Rotterdam, Netherlands

Location : 51.922944699,4.4755274999

Contact No : +31 10 413 3601

Website : <http://www.osheasrotterdam.nl>

Open / Close Time : Daily 15:00hrs-02:00hrs





**Index****18. Average meal cost**

In an inexperienced restaurant a normal meal costs 12.00 EUR. A three-course meal at a mid-range restaurant for two people costs 20.36 EUR. You can have a fresh cappuccino at 8.00 EUR. A combo meal at McDonald's can be purchased at 7.00 EUR. 11.2 oz small bottle of water can be purchased at 1.09 EUR.



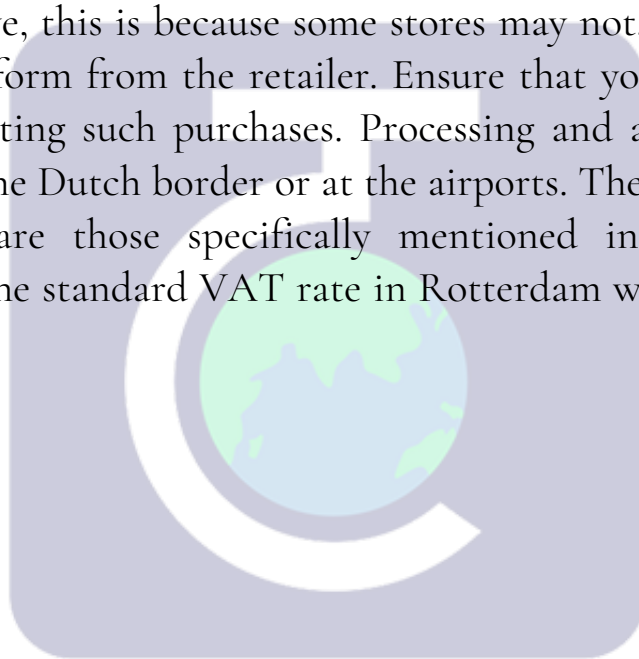
## 19. Shopping

Rotterdam is one of the best cities for shopping in Europe.



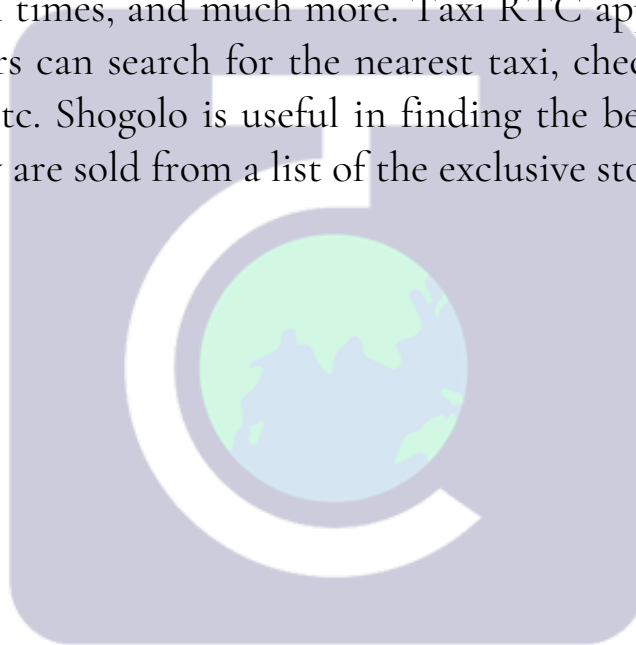
## 20. Tourist benefits

In Rotterdam, the provisions are that non EU residents are allowed to claim for a VAT refund, in the event that they have bought goods worth more than 50 Euros. You cannot put together small purchases from different merchants to amount to 50 Euros for you to claim a refund. You must have bought one good at once. You must ensure that the store from which you have bought the goods practice the VAT refund initiative, this is because some stores may not. You can acquire the tax free application form from the retailer. Ensure that you have your passport always when conducting such purchases. Processing and authentication of the form takes place at the Dutch border or at the airports. The only duty free goods within Rotterdam are those specifically mentioned in VAT Tax Refund Shopping Scheme. The standard VAT rate in Rotterdam was raised from 19% to 21% in 2012.



## 21. Essential local apps

Travelling around Rotterdam is made easier with a couple of mobile apps that help the tourists in getting travel information, places to eat, etc. RET Real Time app provides live departure information, current weather forecast, notifications for diversions and interference in the route, time of all public transportation, etc. Connexion is a transportation app that helps in finding stops, transports systems, departure and arrival times, and much more. Taxi RTC app allows booking taxi through mobile. Users can search for the nearest taxi, check the time taken for ride, calculate fare, etc. Shogolo is useful in finding the best specialty food and the places where they are sold from a list of the exclusive stores and sellers.

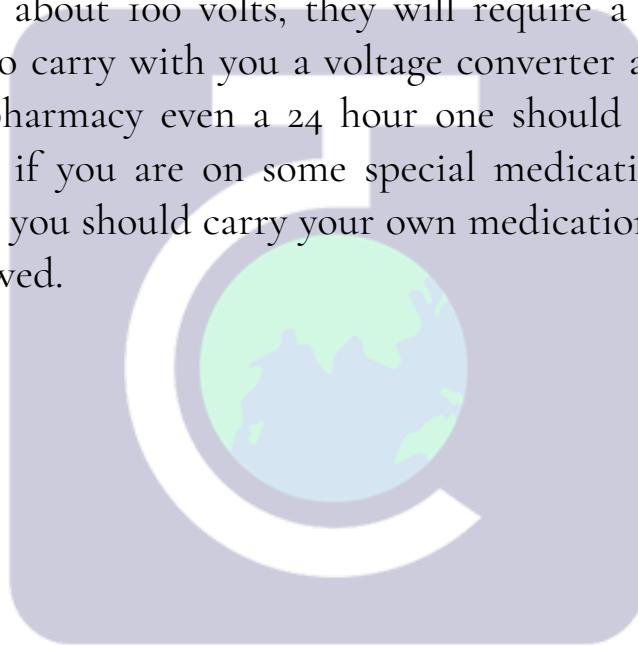


## 22. Driving

Driving in Rotterdam requires that you meet the following regulations which are, to have a valid registered driving license, to be above the age of eighteen years, to have a third party insurance and registration documents for the vehicle. A foreigner seeking to have a Dutch driving license must exchange their national driving license in return for a Dutch driving license. The acquired driving license is valid for a period of 185 days. You are also required to take a CBR theory and practical test. For those tourists who are not European Union Nationals, they should inquire with the Dutch embassy whether they require an International Driving License or not. The traffic regulations in Rotterdam state that traffic drives on the right. You are also allowed to drive within Rotterdam for a period of six months as a non-resident after entering the Dutch territory. Tourists can also rent a car from available rent companies. Within the city of Rotterdam the maximum speed limit is 50 kilometers per hour. Additionally, city buses have priority to pull out over other road user vehicles.

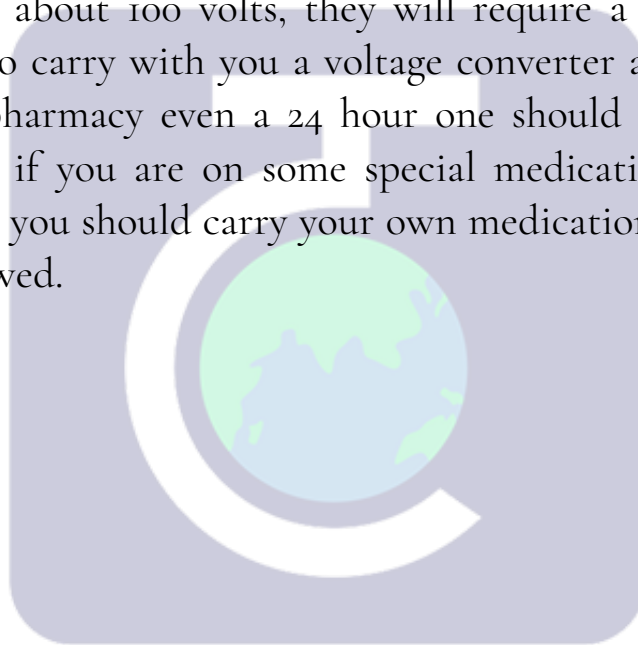
## 23. Travel essentials

The standard voltage of Rotterdam city is 230 volts with a frequency of 50 hertz. The types of socket plugs found in this city are type C and F. Type C which has two round pins fit works well with Plug E and F. It would also combine well with Plug F, if Plug F had two holes. Type F, works well with plug E and F. Visitors who come from other countries with lower voltages such as the US and Canada where the voltage is about 100 volts, they will require a voltage converter. It would be advisable to carry with you a voltage converter and a universal travel adapter. Finding a pharmacy even a 24 hour one should not be a problem in Rotterdam, however if you are on some special medication or are allergic to particular medicines, you should carry your own medication as OTC's (Over the counter) are not allowed.



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## 25. Local currency

Euro is the currency of Rotterdam. It is denoted as EUR.  $1 \text{ USD} = 0.91 \text{ EUR}$ .





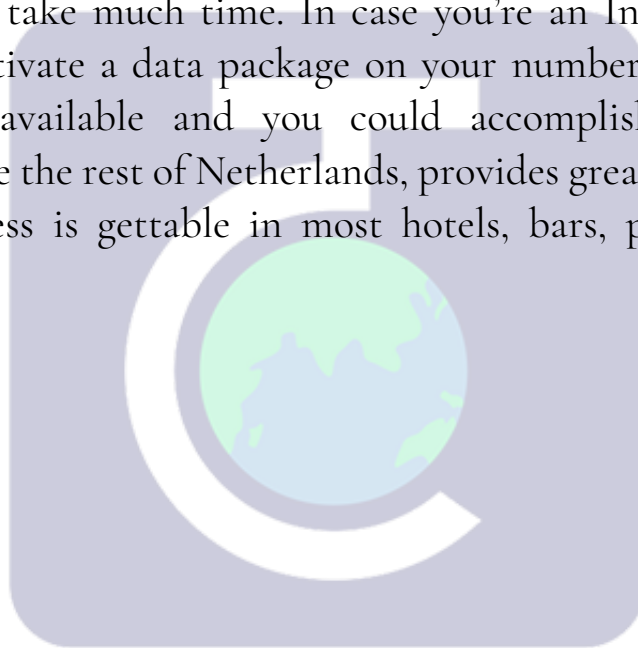
## 26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Banks and exchange offices provide foreign currency exchange services. Usually, there is a fee or commission for the service. The fee is a fixed amount charged for each transaction and the commission is a percentage (2.5%) based on how much money you are changing. When you change currency at hotels, the commission is higher than those levied by exchange offices or banks. When you change your foreign currency at a Dutch bank that has relations with your own bank, there may be a discount or no transactions fees. ATMs are plenty in Rotterdam. Most foreign cash cards are accepted at the ATMs. Foreign transactions generally incur transaction fees or usage fees for each transaction. This depends on the policies of the card issuing bank. Dutch bank ATMs does not have any usage fees.



## 27. Staying connected

As you set foot in Rotterdam your first impulse would be to buy a local SIM card. Popular recommendation is that new users should buy a Lycamobile SIM card (it uses the KPN network.) Of course there are other options too - KPN, Vodafone and T-Mobile. The process is mighty simple. Just walk into any mobile store and show your ID-proof documents at the time of purchasing the SIM. Verification and activation don't take much time. In case you're an Internet user, ask your mobile vendor to activate a data package on your number. Top-ups and credit services are easily available and you could accomplish them online too. Rotterdam, much like the rest of Netherlands, provides great mobile and Internet coverage. Wi-Fi access is gettable in most hotels, bars, pubs and even trains stations.



## 28. Time Zone

Rotterdam follows Central European Time Zone with UTC + 01:00 hours.



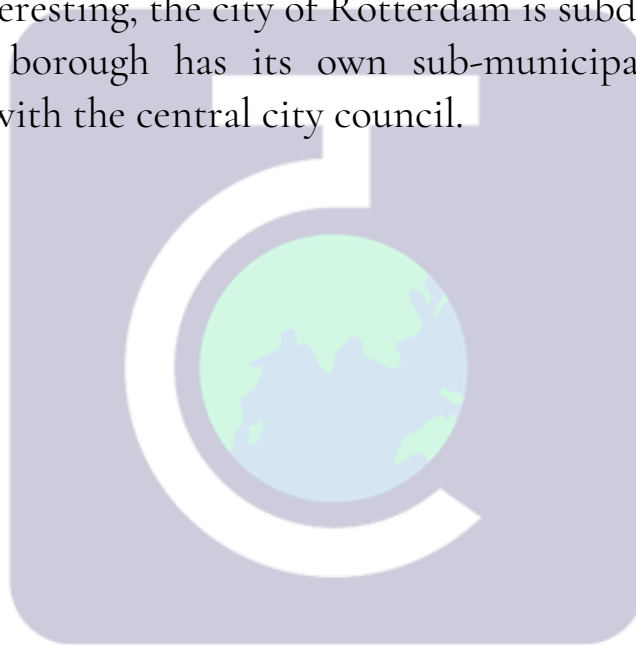
## 29. Languages

Dutch and English are the main languages spoken here.



### 30. Political Scenario

The governance of Rotterdam is helmed and controlled by the local municipality body. Although majority of the population in the city of Rotterdam, the municipality also has control over the rural areas and parts of the local government. The city council is administered by the City Mayor and elected members. The overall upkeep and development of Rotterdam is in the hands of the City Council. Interesting, the city of Rotterdam is subdivided into numerous boroughs and each borough has its own sub-municipality which conducts activities in tandem with the central city council.



## 31. Economic Scenario

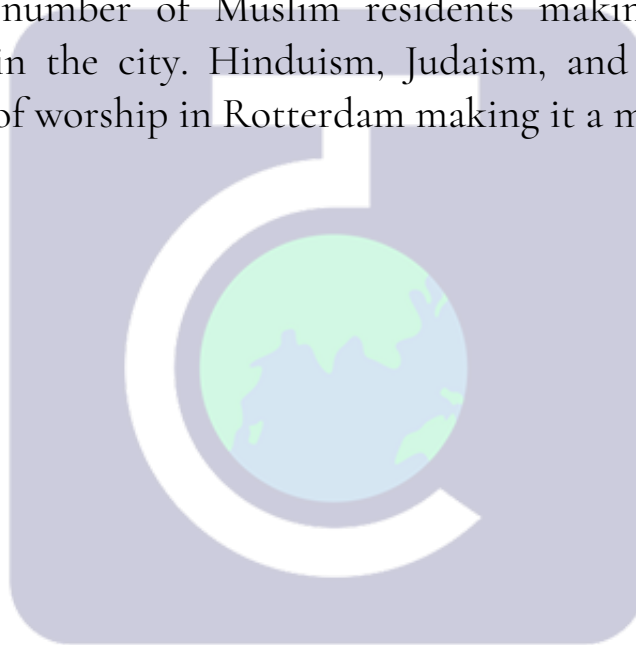
Rotterdam is valuable to Netherlands and the rest of the world because of its shipping industry. The Rotterdam port is the largest in Europe, thanks to rivers Meuse and Rhine providing excellent access to the hinterland upstream going to Basel, Switzerland and into France. Even other corporate bigwigs belonging to different sectors have set up base in Rotterdam. Headquarters of companies such as Unilever, Robeco, Van Oord, Shell Downstream and many more have set up offices in Rotterdam.



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### 32. Religious belief

As with the rest of the country, Christianity is the major religion in Rotterdam also. Roman Catholics form the largest group among the Christians. The city has some of the greatest historic churches in Europe. Grote of Sint Laurenskerk or St. Lawrence Church is a medieval Protestant church and the only surviving building of that period. This is the church of the patron saint of the city. Rotterdam also has a considerable number of Muslim residents making Islam the second prominent religion in the city. Hinduism, Judaism, and Buddhism also have followers and places of worship in Rotterdam making it a multicultural city.



### 33. Visa requirements

Visa and passport requirements in Rotterdam are quite diverse and different from other countries. There are certain countries where foreigners do not require visas to enter Rotterdam, namely Australia, British, Canada, Other European Union countries and USA. However, a passport is required from visitors from the above mentioned countries with the exception of all European Union Countries. A return ticket is also required from citizens of Australia, USA and Canada. Foreigners must be in possession of a valid passport which must remain valid for three months after the foreigner leaves Netherlands. US nationals, Canada and Australian visitors have the option to stay within Rotterdam, for a period of 90 days. EU nationals on the other hand can stay within Rotterdam, for an unlimited period of time, since they need not have a return ticket. For those who need to apply for visas, they can apply for such a visa at the Dutch embassy or consulate in their country of residence at any time before visiting Netherlands. Netherlands has signed a Schengen agreement, allowing free movement of persons within the Schengen area. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application. You can access more information at <http://www.visitholland.nl/index.php/visa-documents/103-visa-for-the-netherlands-the-schengen-visa>.



**Index****34. Essential vaccination**

If you are traveling to Rotterdam, then you are recommended to be vaccinated for Hepatitis A and B, Rabies, Tetanus, Meningitis, Cholera, Typhoid, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Diphtheria and routine vaccines.



**Index****35. Theft and Safety**

Beware of pick pockets and baggage thefts in busy streets, markets, public transport, and other crowded areas. Avoid areas where street fights are frequent after the nightlife ends. Beware of drug dealers especially when you are driving your own vehicles with foreign number plates. Stay away from holiday crowd as this can sometimes get out of hand especially during the football season. Avoid going out alone at night to seedy areas.



**Index****36. Embassy/Consulate**

Rotterdam is a city in the Netherlands; there are many consulates general in Rotterdam representing the following countries, Angola, Brazil, Cuba, Greece, Morocco, Norway, Panama and Turkey. There are many foreign representations in Rotterdam about 44 foreign countries have their diplomatic missions set up in Rotterdam. Most of them are located along the Conradstraat, Postbus Rotterdam Street, Jufferstraat 9 Rotterdam, 3011. For more information on the location of the embassies and consulates in Rotterdam, visit <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/netherlands>.



## 37. Accessibility

The public transport system in Rotterdam is highly adapted to accommodate the disabled persons. Lifts, ramps, and escalators are provided in almost all metro stations. Bus and tram lines are wheelchair friendly.



**Index****38. Emergencies**

In case of emergencies you can call 112 for police, for ambulance you can dial 113 and for fire 112. You are provided with top notch services. Maastricht Ziekenhuis Hospital can help you with travel insurance.



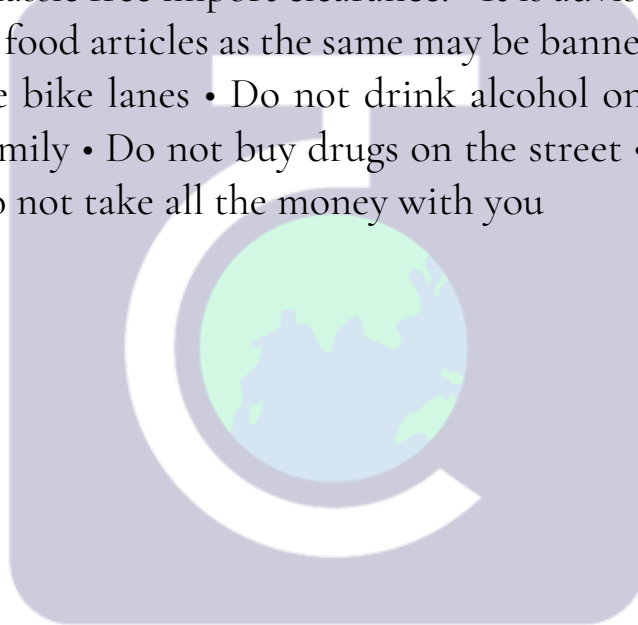
**Index****39. Do's and Don'ts**

Tourists must have a basic understanding of the rules and customs prevailing in Rotterdam for making their trip more enjoyable and free of complications. Do's -

- Greet everyone as you enter or leave a place
- Stay away from drunken fights
- Refuse offers of unsolicited help
- Always seek information from tourist help desks
- It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance.
- It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.

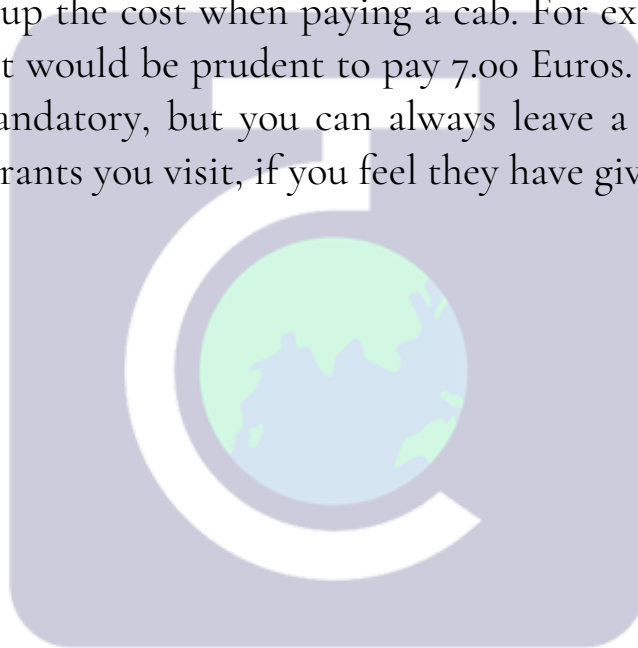
Don'ts -

- Do not walk on the bike lanes
- Do not drink alcohol on the streets
- Do not criticize the Royal family
- Do not buy drugs on the street
- Do not go out alone at night to parks
- Do not take all the money with you



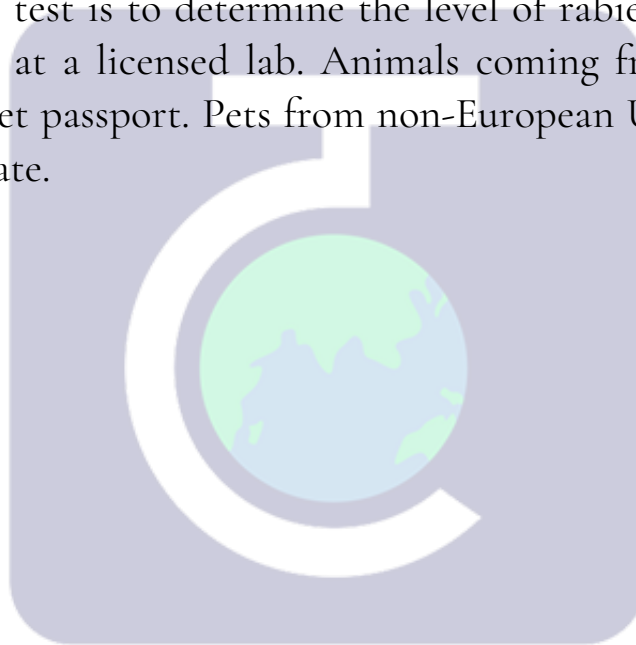
## 40.Tipping basics

Tipping in Rotterdam is not mandatory but it shows that you are courteous. Tipping cab drivers is good as well as waiters and those who provide you with day to day services. Often restaurants add a 10% service fee to the overall bill to be paid. In such instances it may not be necessary to tip the waiters or those who serve you, since the tips are already included in the whole charge. It is also mandatory to round up the cost when paying a cab. For example, if you were to pay 6.86 Euros then it would be prudent to pay 7.00 Euros. Generally, tipping in Rotterdam is not mandatory, but you can always leave a small amount to the cafes, bars and restaurants you visit, if you feel they have given you a good service.



**Index****41.Pet info**

There are certain procedures and documents required in order to bring a pet animal to Rotterdam with tourists. The first step is to insert a micro chip in the animal at the country of origin. This is followed by a vaccination against rabies which is to be taken more than 21 days prior to the travel. If the animal is arriving from a high-rabies country, an additional blood titer test is required 30 days after the vaccination. This test is to determine the level of rabies antibodies and this has to be performed at a licensed lab. Animals coming from European Union countries require a pet passport. Pets from non-European Union countries must have a health certificate.





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### Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*Rotterdam has a lot to offer in terms of architecture, art, culture, cuisine, nightlife, and panoramic nature. There is something for everyone in this busy port city. More than ancient buildings and structures, it is the architectural innovations and design concepts of the modern masters that invite you at Rotterdam. The skyline is dominated by post-World War II structures that rebuilt the city after the bombings during the war. Unique angles and shapes make the buildings stand tall among the regular European constructions. For art and design lovers, this city is a treasure house. From the oldest museums to contemporary art galleries, from outdoor installations to street art, there is a wide and diverse range of art to explore. You can shop through various places of the city that can bring to you the best of the best explorations. The food scene of Rotterdam is a culture in itself. It is not just cooked food that makes the culinary journey an affair to remember. Wander through the numerous market places, and you will know why food is a wonderful art here. From fresh local produce to specialty restaurants and cooking classes, the cuisine world is an enchanting mix of ingredients, flavors, methods, and great chefs and eateries. Nightlife is as fascinating as the views of the day. Cool bars and lively pubs with dance, music, and lights create a festive mood every night.*

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