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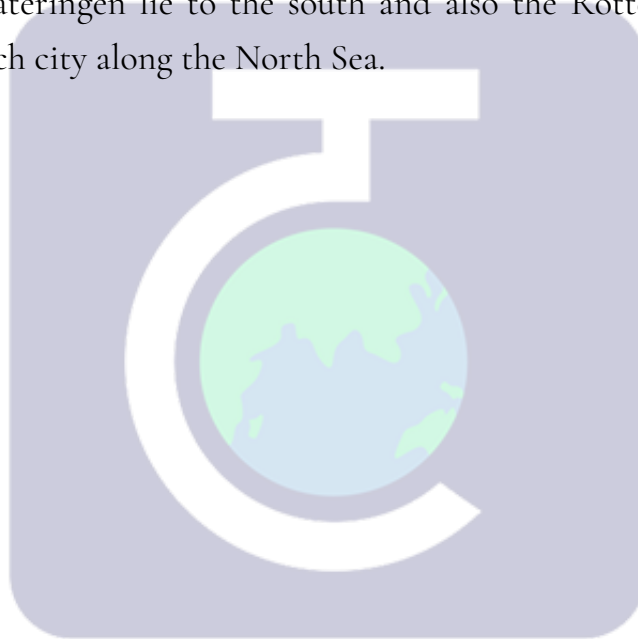
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1. Geographical location

The Hague is located on the western coast of the Dutch country of Netherlands. It is the third largest city in Netherlands after the capital Amsterdam and Rotterdam. The city has a population of over 500,000 people, while The Hague Metropolitan region has a population of 2.7 million making it the twelve largest metropolitan in European Union. The Hague is in the center of the Haaglanden conurbation and lies at the southwest corner of the larger Randstad conurbation and the Wateringen lie to the south and also the Rotterdam conurbation. It is probably the largest Dutch city along the North Sea.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The Hague Borders The North Sea. It Is Divided Into Eight Administrative Districts. Rotterdam And Zoetermeer Are The Major Cities Found In South Holland Province Of The Netherlands. Rotterdam Is The Second Largest City In Netherlands. It Is The Host Of Rotterdam The Hague International Airport Which It Co Shares With The Hague. Zoetermeer Is The Third Largest In The Province With A Population Of Around 123,000



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3. Significance

While it is not a capital city, The Hague is more powerful than the capital of the country Amsterdam. The presence of the Parliament, the Supreme Court, and the Council of State make it more important than the original capital. It is also the location of the foreign embassies and more than a hundred international organizations like the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court.



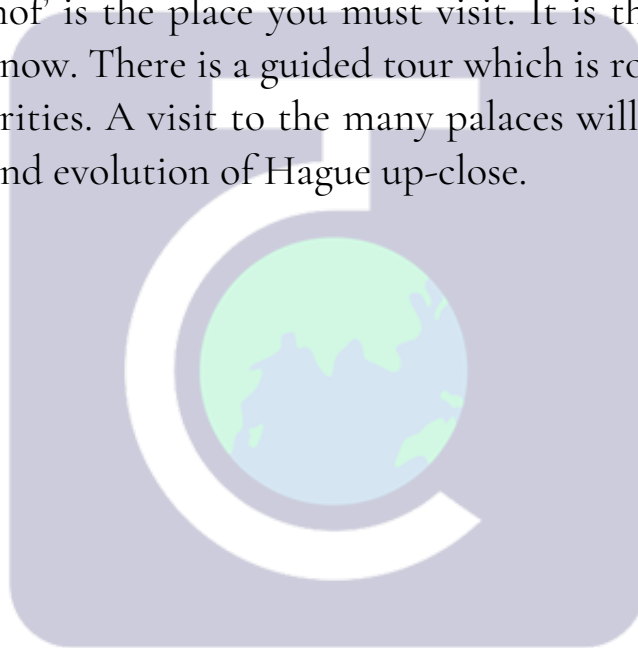
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4. History

The city was originated during the 1230s. To structure his residence, Holland's Count Floris IV bought the land. The palace was later expanded by his son, King of the Romans – William II. The First French Empire dominated the expanded state. However, later the city developed many districts with a number of inhabitants. Although origins of Hague are in the 12th century, its modern history timeline commences in 1806 when the Kingdom of Holland was a pet state of First French Empire, and it won its city rights by Louis Bonaparte. Hague remained much a participant of all the action which was going on in the country, especially after modern-day Belgium and the Netherlands were combined in the United Kingdom of the Netherlands to fight it out with France. Hague suffered severe damages in the World War II, several Jews perished in the wake of the German occupation at the time. Many other events during the war devastated the city's identity and being further. After the war concluded, Hague became one of Europe's biggest building sites and the city's expansion spread to the south west and the destroyed areas were quickly redone and rebuilt.

5. Cultural identity

The best to get a glimpse of Hague's cultural identity is to pay a visit to the plethora of museums and palaces which are homes of cultural wealth which Hague possesses in abundance. If you're a fan of theater, don't miss out on paying a visit to the he Lucent Danstheater and the Dr Anton Philips Hall as they are the two most important theatres in The Hague. If you'd like to get feels of Hague's politics 'Het Binnenhof' is the place you must visit. It is the heart of politics of Netherlands for ages now. There is a guided tour which is routinely organized for tourists by the authorities. A visit to the many palaces will give you a chance to see the architecture and evolution of Hague up-close.



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6. Natural resources

It has a large reserve of bauxite, uranium, lignite, manganese and coal. The main exports are chemicals, fuels, processes foods and that of transportation equipment. 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 includes oak, lime, beech and deciduous plants.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)**7.1. Paid****7.1.1. Mauritshuis**

The Mauritshuis is an art museum and abode to the Royal Cabinet of Paintings with a majority of them being Dutch Golden Age Paintings. Former residence of John Maurice of Nassau, the museum has been listed in the top 100 Dutch Heritage Sites. Head here to view the world famous paintings at one of Holland's most beautiful locations.

Address : Plein 29, 2511 CS Den Haag, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2511

Location : 52.08042049999999, 4.3143013000000011

Contact : +31 (0)70 - 302 34 56

Website : <https://www.mauritshuis.nl/nl-nl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Den Haag, Buitenhof/Hofweg Bus Station

Entry Fee : Mauritshuis: Adults: €14 Youth (under the age of 19): Free admission

Multimedia Tour: €3.50 Combination Ticket Mauritshuis and Prince William V

Gallery: €17.50 Groups (>15 adults): €12.50 CJP, Student Card: €11 Friends of the

Mauritshuis: Free admission Museum Card, Rembrandt society, ICOM, Holland

Pass free (in exchange of coupon): Free admission Ooievaars Pass: €7 Tour

operators: €12 Prince William V Gallery: Adults: €5 Youth (under the age of 13):

€2.5 Combination Ticket Mauritshuis and Prince William V Gallery: €17.50

Groups (>15 people): €4 Groups of children under the age of 13 (>15 people): €2

CJP, Studenten Card, Ooievaars Pass: €2.50 Friends of the Mauritshuis, Museum

Card, Rembrandt society, ICOM: Free admission Hofvijver Passe Partout: €12.50

Open & Close Timing : Mauritshuis: Friday to Wednesday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Wednesday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs Prince William V Gallery: Tuesday to Sunday:

12:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Louwman Museum

If you are a classic automobile fanatic, visit the Louwman Museum, which is

displays ancient cars, coaches, and motorcycles. Over 200 cars have been assembled here since 1934 to equip you with all the history related to it. This beautiful edifice has been designed by Michael Graves, an American artist. The museum leads you through everything ranging from antique and classic cars to Formula 1 racing cars and hybrids.

Address : Leidsestraatweg 57, 2594 BB Den Haag, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2594

Location : 52.099701, 4.350779099999954

Contact : +31 70 304 7373

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

Nearest Public Transport : Den Haag, Waalsdorperlaan Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €14 Groups (15+): €12.50 Children (13 to 18 years old): €7

Children (5 to 12 years old): €5 Children up to 5 years: Free admission

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

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Panorama Mesdag

A cylindrical painting, Panorama Mesdag is 14 meters in height and 40 meters in diameter and provides you with a 360-degree landscape of the sea, the dunes, and the village. Dating back to 19th century, a fake terrain around the viewing gallery hides the base of the painting making the illusion more convincing.

Address : Zeestraat 65, 2518 AA Den Haag, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2518

Location : 52.08484079999999, 4.303363900000022

Contact : +31 70 310 6665

Website : <http://www.panorama-mesdag.nl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Den Haag, Mauritskade Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €10 Children aged 4 to 11 years: €5 Scholars and students:

€8.50 Museum cardholders: Free admission Seniors (65+): €10

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Sunday and public holidays: 11:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Escher in Het Paleis

Featuring the Dutch graphical work by the artist, M.C.Escher, this museum contains 15 chandeliers made by the artists which resemble the classical Dutch arts. Housed in the Lange Voorhout Palace, it is an original royal residence dating back to the 18th century. Unravel some of the mysteries of the Escher at this museum which has already intrigued millions of people.

Address : Lange Voorhout 74, 2514 EH Den Haag, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2514

Location : 52.0834332, 4.314323300000069

Contact : +31 70 427 7730

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

Nearest Public Transport : Den Haag, Malieveld Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €9.50 Groups >15 people: €8.50 Children 7 t / m 15 years: €6.50

Children t / m 6 years: Free admission Family ticket (2 adults + 2 children up to 15 years): €25.50 Students showing student card: €8.50 CJP: 15% discount Pupils

Group secondary education: €5.50 Group primary school students: €4.50

Combination Tickets: Madurodam: Adults: €20.50; Child (7-15): €17.50

Municipal: Adults: €20 Panorama Mesdag: Adults: €16; Child (12-15): €14; Child (7-11): €9.50 Sculptures by the Sea: Adults: €18

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

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Efteling

Discover a world of wonders at Efteling that was opened bearing the components of old myths, legends and fairy tales, and was later developed for adults with a romantic as well as cultural theme. Experience a wide range of thrilling attractions right in the heart of natural surroundings at one of the oldest and largest theme parks in the world. With over 4 million visitors annually, you are sure to have the time of your life here with your family and friends.

Address : Europalaan 1, 5171 KW Kaatsheuvel, Netherlands

Zipcode : 5171

Location : 51.6506518, 5.049746199999959

Contact : +31 416 537 777

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

Nearest Public Transport : Kaatsheuvel, Horst Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €35 Groups of 20 people: €31.50 per person Children up to 3 years: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 12

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Gemeentemuseum Den Haag

Gemeentemuseum Den Haag is an art museum outlined by the prominent Dutch architect, H.P. Berlage and is famous for many Mondrian collections which turn out to be the most enormous in the world. Browse through the 19th and 20th-century prints, posters, and drawings, comprising of around 50,000 items. Marvel at the collections of modern artworks by international artists as well as other historical items.

Address : Stadhouderslaan 41, 2517 HV Den Haag, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2517

Location : 52.0899131, 4.280654599999934

Contact : +31 703381111

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

Nearest Public Transport : Den Haag, Gemeentemuseum/Museon Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Regular: €13.50 Combination ticket Gemeentemuseum and GEM / The Hague Museum of Photography: €18.50 Groups > 15 people, Uitpass: €11.50 Student card / CJP: €10 Ooievaarspass, Rotterdampass: €6.75 Youth (under 18 years), ICOM card, Rembrandtpass, Museumcard: Free admission Constant Special price in combination with a valid ticket to the Cobra Museum: €11.50

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

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.7. Madurodam

Discover Holland's major highlights and heritage at Madurodam, a small city filled with miniatures, playful activities, and stunning attractions. A famous tourist attraction and Dutch landmark opened in 1952, it is an abode to 1:25 scale model dummies of renowned landmarks, historical cities, and large developments. Many renovations were made to the park and 3 themes like - ancient cities, water as a friend and enemy, and Netherlands as inspiration for the world, were created.

Address : George Maduroplein 1, 2584 RZ Den Haag, The Netherlands

Zipcode : 2584

Location : 52.0994757, 4.2969304000000065

Contact : +31-704162400

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

Nearest Public Transport : Madurodam (Noord) light rail station

Entry Fee : Day Ticket: €12.50 Wednesday Afternoon ticket: €8.50 Combo Ticket (Madurodam and SEA Life): €22.50

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

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.8. Peace Palace

Awarded the European Heritage Label, Peace Palace is the International Court of Justice and international law administrative building. Take a tour to understand every iconic detail and the contributions made by different countries, along with admiring the beautiful gardens and the stunning interior design and Neo-Renaissance style of architecture.

Address : Carnegieplein 2, 2517 KJ Den Haag, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2517

Location : 52.0865911, 4.295602099999996

Contact : +31-703024242

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

Nearest Public Transport : Vredespaleis light rail station

Entry Fee : Adults: €3.50 Children aged 3 to 13 years: €2.30 Groups of more than 20 people: €3 per person Guided Tour: €9.50

Open & Close Timing : Summer: Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Winter: Tuesday to Sunday: 11:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.9. Museum Beelden aan Zee

Renowned as "Sculptures by the Sea", Museum Beelden Aan Zee is a contemporary international and national sculpture museum with exhibitions conducted 3 or 4 times a year in a large main space. Theo and Lida Scholten, the sculpture collectors, have beautifully gathered various forms of art exhibits. The museum organized numerous cultural activities paving a way for itself in The Hague's international setting.

Address : NL, 2586 Den Haag, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2586

Location : 52.110874, 4.278391999999994

Contact : +31-703585857

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

Nearest Public Transport : Beelden aan Zee travel terminus (Light Rail, Bus)

Entry Fee : Adults: €15 Children aged 13 to 18 years: €7.50 Children below 13 years: Free admission Group of 15 people: Adults: €13 per person Children 13 to 18 years: €6.50 per person

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

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. Museum De Gevangenpoort

A lasting remnant of the 13th-century historic fortifications, Museum De Gevangenpoort was a medieval prison and was used for housing people who had

committed serious crimes. The museum ruptures with anecdotes of political conspiracies, detailed criminal schemes, and the declaration of ideas once considered dangerous for the public. Named as the 'Front Gate of the Court' by 1428, this place served as a prison for more than 400 years.

Address : Buitenhof 33, 2513 AH Den Haag, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2513

Location : 52.07962860000001, 4.3103206000000068

Contact : +31-703460861

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

Nearest Public Transport : Kneuterdijk (Tram) light rail station

Entry Fee : Prison Gate Museum: Adults: €7.50; Groups (15 or more): €7 Children (12 and under): €5.50; Groups (15 or more): €4 CJP/Cultuurkaart: €5 Ooievaarspas/PEP-pas: €3.75 Combination with Gallery Prince William V: Adults: €10; Groups (15 or more): €8.50 Children (12 and under): €7; Groups (15 or more): €5

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Friday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 12:00hrs-17:00hrs Closed on Mondays

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 30 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.11. Museon

Museon is a science and culture museum that possess the collections in the branch of geology, biology, ethnology, science, history, and archaeology. Commenced by newspaper director, Frits van Paasschen in 1904, it was established for children where they could gain knowledge about the industry. Around 1910, the museum started programming educational movies, an initiative that led to the foundation of first school cinema in the country.

Address : Stadhouderslaan 37, 2517 HV Den Haag, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2517

Location : 52.08878679999999, 4.281034900000009

Contact : +31-703381338

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

Nearest Public Transport : Gemeentemuseum/Museon bus station and Light Rail

Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €12 Senior citizens (65+): €11 Children age 0-3, Museumkaart: Free admission Children age 4-11: €7 Youth age 12-18: €9 Family card (2 adults & 2 children: €36 CJP-pass: €7.50

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

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.12. Omnisursum

A hemisphere-shaped movie theater, Omnisursum proffers a better experience than a flat screen with IMAX Dome technology. With a huge seating capacity of 300, come here to experience the cinematic thrill of the first theater of its kind across entire Europe. It shows spectacular films on a giant domed screen and brings wide-screen films to life by making you a part of the wildest adventures.

Address : President Kennedylaan 5, 2517 JK Hague

Zipcode : 2517

Location : 52.0892494, 4.282035400000041

Contact : +31-9006664837

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

Nearest Public Transport : Gemeentemuseum/Museum bus station and Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €10.75 Children (4 to 12 yrs): €8.75 CJP pass holders: 8.50

Groups adults (20 or more): €9 Groups children under 12 (20 or more): €7.50

Every following show on the same day: €5.50

Open & Close Timing : Monday: 10:00hrs-15:00hrs Tuesday and Wednesday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Thursday and Sunday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs Friday and Saturday: 10:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.13. Fotomuseum Den Haag

Labeled as the youngest photography museum in the Netherlands, Fotomuseum

Den Haag organizes nearly 6 exhibitions a year covering a wide range of disciplines, genres, periods, attracting large public interest among them. The museum has already built a large audience that likes to be surprised by the varied and outstanding programs.

Address : Stadhouderslaan 43, 2517 HV Den Haag, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2517

Location : 52.090445, 4.27943700000003

Contact : +31-703381144

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

Nearest Public Transport : Statenplein bus station

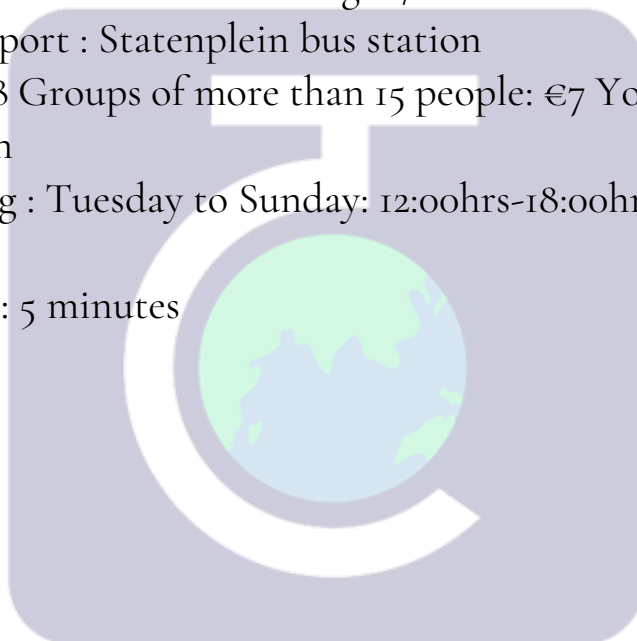
Entry Fee : Adults: €8 Groups of more than 15 people: €7 Youth aged 18 years and below: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 12:00hrs-18:00hrs Closed on Mondays

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Lange Voorhout

A unique L-shaped street, Lange Voorhout is less than half a kilometer in length and is edged by trees on both sides making a pleasantly scenic view. An abode to numerous great institutions, monuments, and Michelin-starred restaurants, visit this place to get a taste of the city's culture.

Address : Lange Voorhout, The Hague, The Netherlands, 2514 EB

Zipcode : 2514

Location : 52.0823937, 4.3121833999999981

Nearest Public Transport : Den Haag, Kneuterdijk Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Binnenhof

Present in the shore of the lake, Binnenhof is a cluster of buildings built in the 13th century that stands as the most ancient House of Parliament currently in use. The Gothic Castle functioned as the residence of the counts of Holland and later became the political center of the Dutch Republic in 1584. Marvel at this architectonic wonder which serves as the meeting place for the Ministry of General Affairs.

Address : Binnenhof 8a, The Hague, 2513 AA, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2513

Location : 52.0795985, 4.3132729999999981

Contact : +31-703646144

Nearest Public Transport : Den Haag, Buitenhof/Hofweg Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Japanse Tuin

A Japanese garden concept derived from the Chinese garden, Japanese Tuin is a major highlight of the Clingendael Park adorned with exquisite and rare plants.

Walk through this scenic view created by different types of gardens like the Water garden, Paradise garden, Zen garden, Tea garden, and Walking garden. Experience the surreal atmosphere and beautiful moss cover as you admire the beauty of the garden.

Address : Clingendael 6, 2597 VH Den Haag, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2597

Location : 52.10002369999999, 4.33368329999999615

Contact : +31-703533000

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

Nearest Public Transport : Den Haag, Van Alkemadeaan Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Autumn: Daily 10:00hrs-16:00hrs Spring: Daily 09:00hrs-20:00hrs Check the website before visiting since it remains open for only a few months in the year.

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Hofvijver

An ideal place to get an amazing snapshot of The Hague skyline, Hofvijver is an artificial pond which is actually a misnomer. Once a small lake in the dunes, now it stands as Netherlands' center of Government. Marvel at the houses built in the 19th century along with the statue of Jantje that is situated on the Binnenhof banks. Hofvijver also turns into one of those places that exude romance as you can ice skate on the frozen lake.

Address : The Hague, Netherlands, 2513 AC

Zipcode : 2513

Location : 52.0804708, 4.31295840000000705

Nearest Public Transport : Kneuterdijk (Tram) light rail station.

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. De Pier

A part of the Dutch resort town, the Scheveningen Pier turns out to be a pleasure pier with an exotic view of the sea. It has 2 main piers and a lower deck with 4

terminals known as 'island'. The current pier is the second in the town, the first being lost just after the Second World War, that was opened to the public in 1959.

Address : Strandweg 150-154, 2586 JW Den Haag, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2586

Location : 52.116992, 4.280602000000044

Contact : +31 6 10386859

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

Nearest Public Transport : Den Haag, Kurhaus Light Rail Station and Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Haagse Markt

Tagged as the biggest market of Europe, Haagse Markt is an abode to over 500 stalls and stays open for 4 days a week. Head here and you shall find everything ranging from a fresh produce to good clothing options. Antiques, foreign, modern, inexpensive, unique - name it and they've got it. The products that are offered here depict the multicultural population of the city.

Address : Herman Costerstraat, 2571 PJ Den Haag, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2571

Location : 52.0646494, 4.299091599999997

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

Nearest Public Transport : Den Haag, Hobbemaplein Light Rail Station Den Haag, Haagse Markt Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Haagse Toren

Renowned as the third tallest building in the city, Haagse Toren is cited as the elegant reinterpretation of classic high-rise architecture. Visit the luxury flats and Holland's highest restaurant wrapped with breathtaking views. Take the glass

elevator up to the top that takes around 40 seconds, and once on the top, visit the balconies that provide stunning views of The Hague.

Address : Rijswijkseplein 786, 2516 LX Den Haag, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2516

Location : 52.0715134, 4.324283499999979

Contact : +31 70 305 1000

Website : <http://www.haagsetoren.nl/page/1170/the-hague-tower.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Den Haag, Station HS/Stationsplein Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 12:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. De Passage

The exquisite 19-century covered arcade is home to the best high-end brands in The Hague. This place is a one-stop shopping destination for all the shoppers who come to the city and want to experience a wholesome shopping rendezvous.

Address : De Passage, 2511 AA Den Haag, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2511

Location : 52.078139999999999, 4.311164999999996

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. In De Bogaard

If size matters to you, you are going to be completely smitten by this huge shopping center that is home to over 185 stores and location near to the Rijswijk station. The In de Boogaard is considered to be one of the first all-purpose modern shopping centers in the Netherlands. Be rest assured you won't return empty-handed from here.

Address : Willem Royaardsstraat 3-A, 2284 DH Rijswijk, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2284

Location : 52.0373635, 4.315428399999973

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Palace Promenade

Beachside shopping is a fetish for many. If you happen to be one of them (or even not), you cannot afford to miss out on the best retail therapy at this ultimate shopping locale. It got big brands, offers, and discounts, food and plenty of entertainment options.

Address : Gevers Deynootweg 970, 2586 BW Den Haag, Netherlands

Zipcode : 2586

Location : 52.1141133, 4.283227600000032

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Key sites sports & adventure

The Hague offers ample opportunities for various outdoor and adventure sports to the visitors. There is a whole range of water and beach sports like surfing, parasailing, skiing, and much more. Tourists can also enjoy activities like skating, snowboarding, and many other interesting sports.

- **Water Sports -**

Address : Strandweg 1, 2586 Den Haag, Netherlands

Location : 52.102413,4.2638259999999995

Contact No : +31 6 49392095

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

Nearest Public Transport : Den Haag, Doornstraat Light Rail Station

Entry Fees : 35 EUR for booking

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 3

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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football is the most popular sport in The Hague. Other widely played sports include rugby, ice hockey, handball, American Football, darts, and many equestrian games. The city has several big and small stadiums.

- **Kyocera Stadion:**

Address : Haags Kwartier 55, 2491 BM Den Haag, Netherlands

Location : 52.0629342,4.382727100000011

Contact No : +31 70 305 4500

Website : <http://adodenhaag.nl/club/kyocera-stadion>

- **Beach Stadium:**

Address : Strandweg 4, 2586 JK Den Haag, Netherlands

Location : 52.10160070000001,4.261317700000063

Contact No : +31 70 762 0276

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

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10. Spas and relaxation

The Hague gives you explicit health and beauty treatments with sauna, spa, massages, signature acupressure and acupuncture techniques.

- **ASPA Den Haag:**

Address : Alexanderplein 2, 2585 Den Haag, Netherlands

Location : 52.08769,4.3015560000000005

Contact No : +31 070 345 0215 or +31 065 11 37 656

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

- **Caesar:**

Address : Mauritskade 10, 2514 HC The Hague, The Netherlands

Location : 52.0844815,4.3048102999999855

Contact No : +31 70 82 09 910

Website : <https://www.caesar-den Haag.nl>

- **Massage Sense:**

Address : Zoutmanstraat, 2518 GR Den Haag, Netherlands

Location : 52.08155590000001,4.2953528000000046

Contact No : +31 6 48066574

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

11. Events calendar

Month

Events

**New year's Day Punge @
Beaches in Shcheveningen
Hague (1st)**

**This is a fun filled activity to
celebrate the new year. The
day's activities include live
music performance, dancing and
sporting activities like beach
volleyball.**

**46th World Money Fair @ Estrel
Convention Center The Hague
(3rd to 5th)**

**The money fair attracts delegates
from all over the world. The
highlights include the first issue
of special and commemorative
coins, numerous prize draws and
attractive special activities.**

**City Pier City Walk @ Den Haag,
The Hague (12th)**

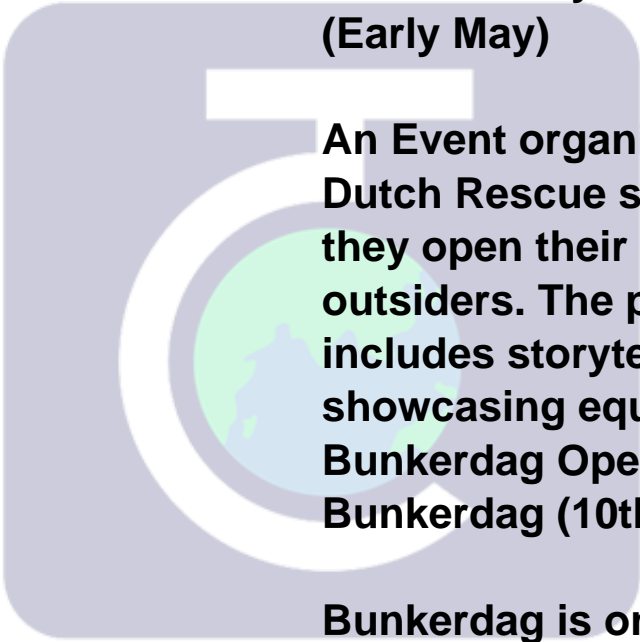
**City Pier City Walk brings
together the old and young as
they participate in this event. The
event ranges from 1km run for
the kids to 21 km race for both
elite and armature racers.**

National Museum Week @

Museums in Hague (8th to 14th)

2017 theme will be 'let yourself be mesmerised by museum piece'. The museum week consist of workshops, tours, treasure hunt for the kids and playing dress up.

Life Boat Day @ Shcheveningen (Early May)



An Event organised by Royal Dutch Rescue society whereby they open their doors to outsiders. The programme includes storytelling, showcasing equipment etc.

Bunkerdag Open Day @ Bunkerdag (10th)

Bunkerdag is one of the bankers used in the World War 2. It is closed to the public but opens to the public one day per year.

The Parade @ Weatbroek Park Den Haag (7th to 16th)

The parade is a carnival that is held in four different cities at different times. The parade features theater, music dance and live performance.

Sls Classic Rally @ Boulevard (Late August)

This is an annual classic rally champions that is held every year towards the end of august. The rally uses old cars for more information visit their official website <http://www.slsclassic.nl/sls50/uitslagen/> Heritage Day @ The Hague (9th and 10th)



Heritage is an event organized to encourage people to know their surrounding history and make them be more involved in conserving the environment. On these days most of the monuments in the Netherlands are opened to the public. Visit <http://www.openmonumentendag.nl> / for more information.

The Hague Pop Week @ The Hague city center (22nd)

Almost all pop music bands get a chance to entertain and thrill their fans. The music lovers and the music journalists would love to listen to the 150 free pop performances.

International Literature Festival (Crossing Boarder Festival) @ The Hague (2nd to 6)

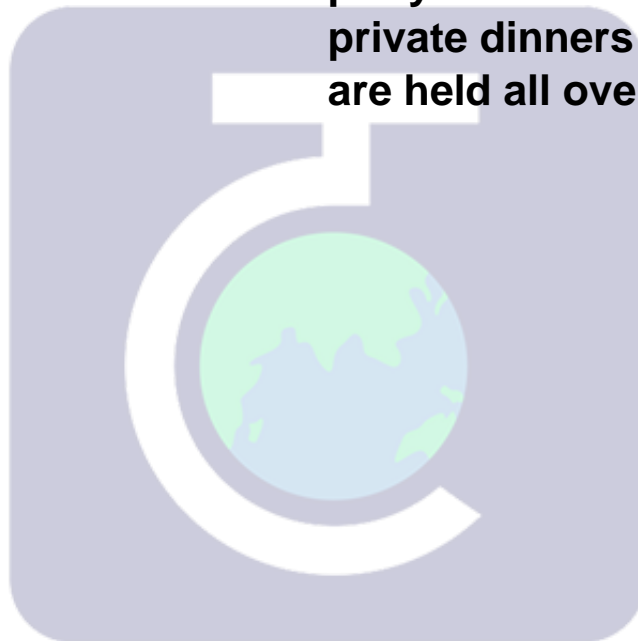
Join the renowned artists in this

**year Literature festival as they
give it their all to entertain you
for more info visit**

<http://crossingborder.nl/>

**New year's Eve @ Various
Places (31st)**

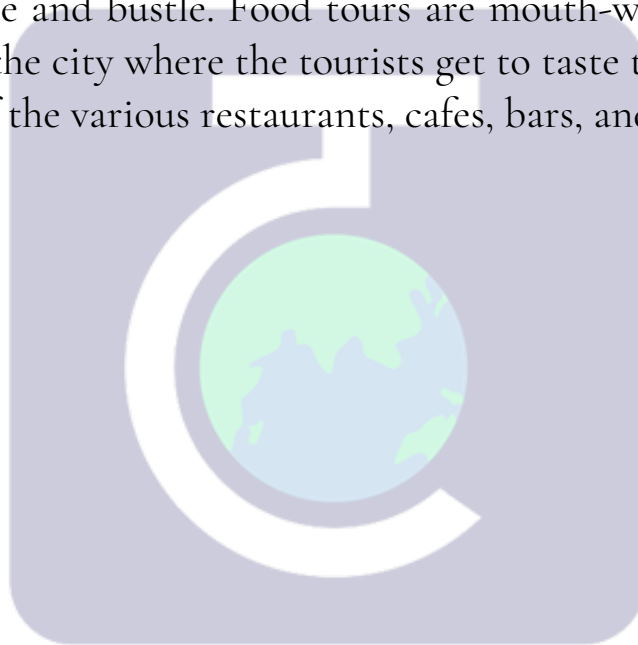
**The people of the Hague like to
party hard. Private parties,
private dinners and street parties
are held all over in the Hague.**



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12. Key local guides and tours

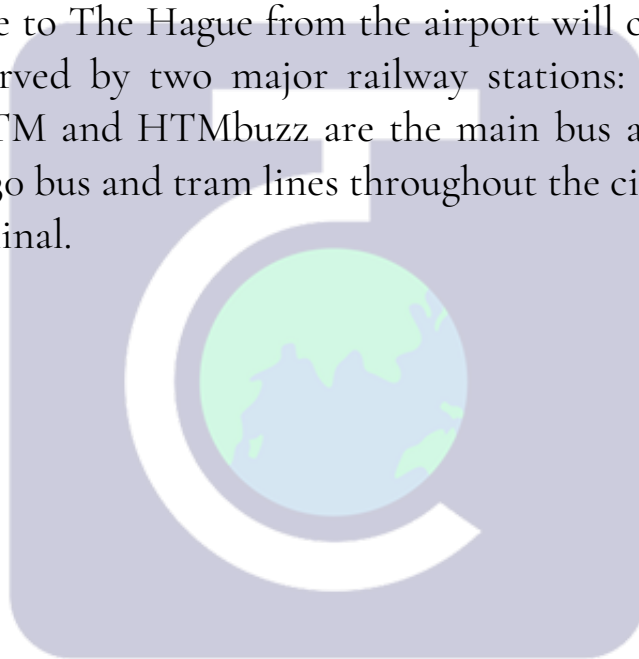
Discovering the true flavour of the city is made possible through a number of guided and themed tours arranged by various tour operators. Walking tours offer a more personal experience of the local life and are the best to enjoy the sights and people of the city. Canal cruises provide a different perspective of the city from the waters. It is more fun to observe the city from a distance rather than being inside its hustle and bustle. Food tours are mouth-watering excursions to the cuisine world of the city where the tourists get to taste the traditional as well as signature dishes of the various restaurants, cafes, bars, and pubs of The Hague.



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13. Transportation hubs

Rotterdam The Hague Airport is shared by Rotterdam and The Hague. The airport is located 20 km away from the city centre. The RET bus services takes passengers to the Meijersplein Metro Station in 7 minutes from where they can transfer to metro line to The Hague. The city centre can be reached in 30 minutes. The combined charge for bus and metro by using an OV Chipkaart is 4.06 EUR. A taxi ride to The Hague from the airport will cost approximately 50 EUR. The city is served by two major railway stations: Hollands Spoor and Centraal Station. HTM and HTMbuzz are the main bus and light rail stations here. There are over 30 bus and tram lines throughout the city. Den Haag Central is the major bus terminal.



Index**14. Transportation cost**

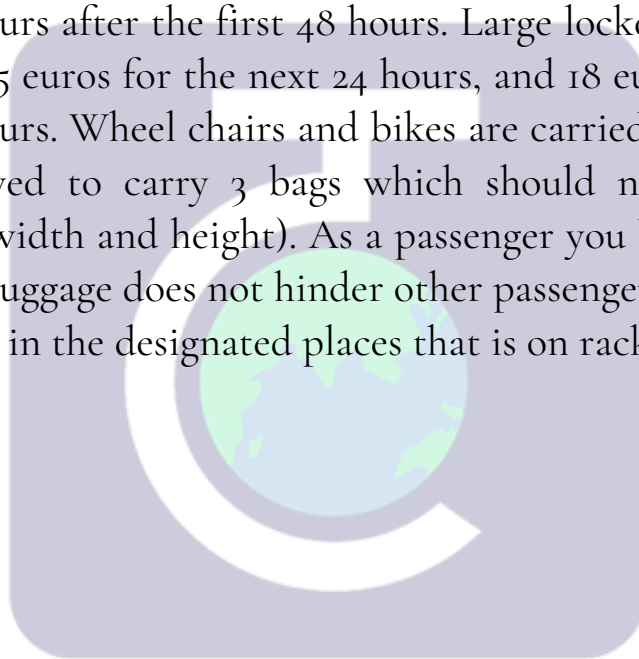
Trams, buses, and trains provide an efficient network of public transport in The Hague. The public transport smart card OV Chipkaart is accepted in almost all vehicles. The cost of an OV Chipkaart is 7.50 EUR and credits are loaded onto the card before travel. The basic fare for a journey is 0.89 EUR and 15.4 eurocents for each kilometre. For children between 4 and 11, and for senior citizens above 65 years, the discounted fare is 0.59 EUR basic fare and 10.2 eurocents per kilometre. A single ticket usually costs 4 EUR. Taxi fare starts at 3.23 EUR and 2.04 EUR for each kilometre.



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15. Baggage allowance

Train stations in The Hague have storage lockers; they are secure and easy to use. The lockers are in two types that is the small lockers which have dimensions of 90 cm width, 40 cm length and 45 cm high and the large lockers which have dimensions of 90 cm width, 40 cm length and 60 cm high. Small lockers are charged 6 euros for the first 24 hours, 9 euros for the next 24 hours, and 12 euros for every set of 24 hours after the first 48 hours. Large lockers charge 9 euros for the first 24 hours, 13.5 euros for the next 24 hours, and 18 euros for ever set of 24 hours after the 48 hours. Wheel chairs and bikes are carried for free in the train. Passengers are allowed to carry 3 bags which should not exceed 85 cm in dimensions (length, width and height). As a passenger you have an obligation to make sure that your luggage does not hinder other passengers and also remember to place your luggage in the designated places that is on racks or under your seat.



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

The Hague has various cuisines and dishes that you shall must try such as Tortellini, Bouchot mussels and succulent lamb.



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17. Restaurant & Nightlife

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Food -

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- **Restaurant Alexander:**

Address : Denneweg 138, 2514 CL Den Haag, Netherlands

Location : 52.0860924,4.311611900000003

Contact No : +310 070 364 8175

Website : <https://www.restaurant-alexander.nl/en>

Open / Close Time : Daily 17:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Beach Brasserie:**

Address : Carlton Beachclub Gevers Deynootweg 201 2586 HZ Scheveningen/the Hague the Netherlands

Location : 52.117310399,4.2860656000

Contact No : +31 (0)70 354 14 14

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

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **The Penthouse:**

Address : Rijswijkseplein 786, 2516 LX Den Haag, Netherlands

Location : 52.07151269999999,4.324481399999968

Contact No : +31 70 305 1000

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

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Calla`s:**

Address : Laanvan Roos en Doorn 51A, 2514 BC Den Haag, Netherlands

Location : 52.0866532,4.313121700000011

Contact No : +31 70 345 5866

Website : <http://restaurantcallas.nl/en/home-2/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Friday 12:00hrs-14:00hrs, 18:30hrs-22:00hrs; Saturday 18:30hrs-22:00hrs; Sunday and Monday closed

- **Restaurant Cottontree Mer:**

Address : Zeekant 60, 2586 AD Den Haag, Netherlands

Location : 52.1089638,4.2756778000000395

Contact No : +31 70 355 5250

Website : <http://www.cottontree.nl/mer/nl/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Friday 12:00hrs-14:00hrs, 18:00hrs-22:00hrs; Saturday 18:00hrs-22:00hrs; Sunday and Monday closed

- **Hanting Cuisine:**

Address : Prinsestraat 33, 2513 CA Den Haag, Netherlands

Location : 52.078787,4.3060758999999996

Contact No : +31 70 362 0828

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

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Sunday from 17:30hrs; Closed on Monday

- **Garoeda:**

Address : Kneuterdijk 18 A, 2514 EN Den Haag, Netherlands

Location : 52.08102239999999,4.308684500000027

Contact No : +31 70 346 5319

Website : <http://www.garoeda.com/?lang=en>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs to 23:00hrs Kitchen open: 12:00hrs to 22:00hrs Sun / holidays from: 16:00hrs

- **Brasserie Het Gouden Kalf:**

Address : Doctor Lelykade 1D, 2583 CL Den Haag, Netherlands

Location : 52.098161,4.270242999999937

Contact No : +31 70 322 3740

Website : <http://www.hetgoudenkalf.com/en/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday to Friday 17:00hrs-22:00hrs Saturday & Sunday – Lunch – 12:00hrs-16:00hrs; Dinner – 17:00hrs-21:30hrs

- **Restaurant Basaal:**

Address : Dunne Bierkade 3, 2512 BC Den Haag, Netherlands

Location : 52.0737642,4.316244299999994

Contact No : +31 70 427 6888

Website : <http://restaurantbasaal.nl/basaal/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Saturday from 18:00hrs; Sunday & Monday Closed

- **Club Seven:**

Address : Prinsegracht 14, The Hague, 2512 GA, Netherlands

Location : 52.074709100,4.3074983999

Contact No : +31 70 220 6420

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

Open / Close Time : Monday–Saturday 23:00hrs – 04:45hrs

- **Danzig:**

Address : Lange Houtstraat 9, 2511 CV Den Haag, Netherlands

Location : 52.08103999999999,4.315853999999945

Contact No : +31 70 213 8125

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

Open / Close Time : Thursday 11:00hrs-04:00hrs Friday and Saturday 11:00hrs-05:00hrs Sunday to Wednesday closed

- **Holland Casino:**

Address : Kurhausweg 1, 2587 RT Den Haag, Netherlands

Location : 52.1121657,4.2830613999999951

Contact No : +31 70 306 7777

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

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs-03:00hrs

Index**18. Average meal cost**

In an inexperienced restaurant a normal meal costs 15.00 EUR. A three-course meal at a mid-range restaurant for two people costs 60.00 EUR. You can have a fresh cappuccino at 2.71 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 2.08 EUR.



Index**19. Shopping**

Shopping in The Hague is characterized by posh streets which are filled with fashion, art, lifestyle, and amazing lunchrooms and food joints. De Passage is a must see when it comes to shopping in The Hague laid with many pretty shops and enough places for bites and drinks.

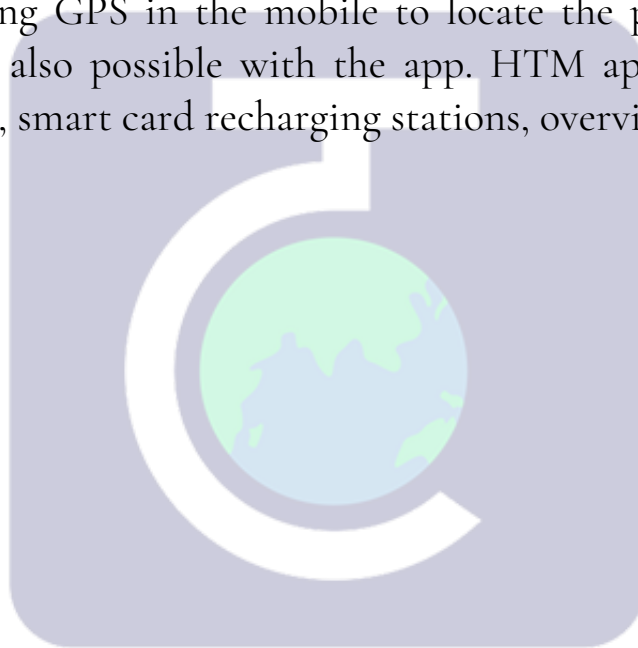


20. Tourist benefits

Goods and service tax rate is at 21% in The Hague. Netherlands has a tax refund policy for tourists. When shopping in The Hague you should look for tax free shops which are marked with global blue sign on the window or on the door. You should ask for tax free forms when paying for the items. However, you must spend a minimum of 50 EURO to be eligible for the refund. These forms are available in two types blue and white. Fill the forms appropriately in block letters. You note that forms that are incomplete or filled wrongly are not accepted. All forms should be taken to the custom offices to be stamped. After purchase you have up to 90 days for the forms to be stamped. Stamped forms have unlimited period. To cash your refund you should present the form with the invoice and a copy of passport to the refund counters displaying the blue logo sign. If you are in a rush you can mail your forms and receipt and your will get your refund via credit card. Global blue counters are found at the major international airport and border points in The Hague.

21. Essential local apps

Getting around The Hague can be made easier and more convenient with the help of some mobile apps that provide the latest and the most useful information. 9292 app is an absolute necessity for public transport in The Hague. This travel planner has all the details about the public transport systems in the city and helps in planning your journey from a selected location. HTMC Taxi app helps in booking taxis by using GPS in the mobile to locate the position of the users. Cashless payment is also possible with the app. HTM app offers information about live departures, smart card recharging stations, overview of lines and stops, etc.



22. Driving

Nationals from the European Union are allowed to drive in the Hague for up to 15 years with their local driving license while, nationals from any other country can drive for only six months with their local driving license. If the vehicle is not registered in your name, you should carry a letter from the registered owner giving you permission to drive the car. Drivers in The Hague use the right hand side of the road, this mean that the driver is seated on the left hand side of the car. The maximum speed limit on an open road is 100 km/hr. While on motorway is 130 km/hr., in built up areas the maximum speed range from 30 km/hr. to 50 km/hr. depending on how busy is the place. The speed limit will be displayed on round signs with a red border. Children must seat at the rare with proper restriction. You must wear Seat belts at all times. Fuel is readily available in The Hague. You need to produce your International Driving Permit along with Foreign Driving License to drive legally in The Hague.

23. Travel essentials

The Hague uses a standard voltage of 220 to 240 volts at frequency of 50 Hz. This voltage is used in most countries of the European Union including United Kingdom, Germany, and France etc. North America (United States, Canada) uses a standard voltage of 110 to 120 volts. Foreigners who come from countries that use same standard as North America should come with or buy a step-down transformer so as to use their electrical appliances. However, some of these electrical appliances have dual voltage or in built transformers but it is advisable to still use the step down transformer. The Hague uses Type C, E, and F sockets. All these types have rounded prongs with minor differences. Plug adapters are readily available in The Hague. The adapters are sold online via retail sites like Amazon and also in shops in around The Hague. Finding a pharmacy even a 24 hour one should not be a problem in The Hague, 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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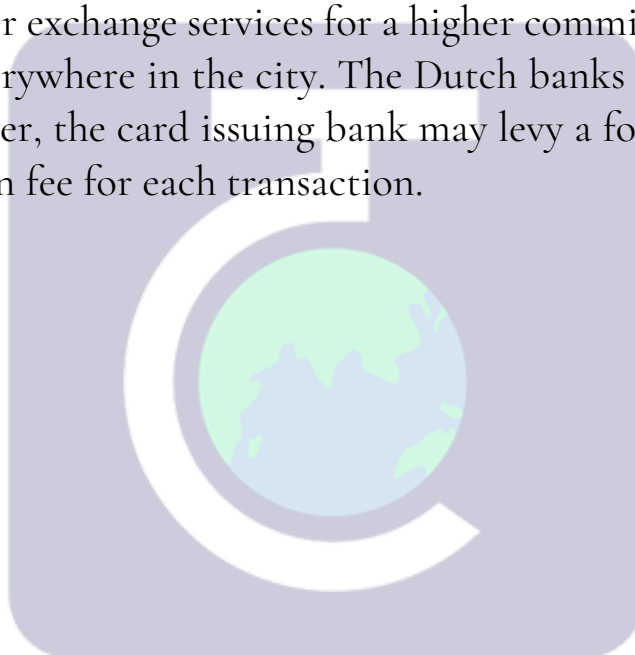
25. Local currency

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



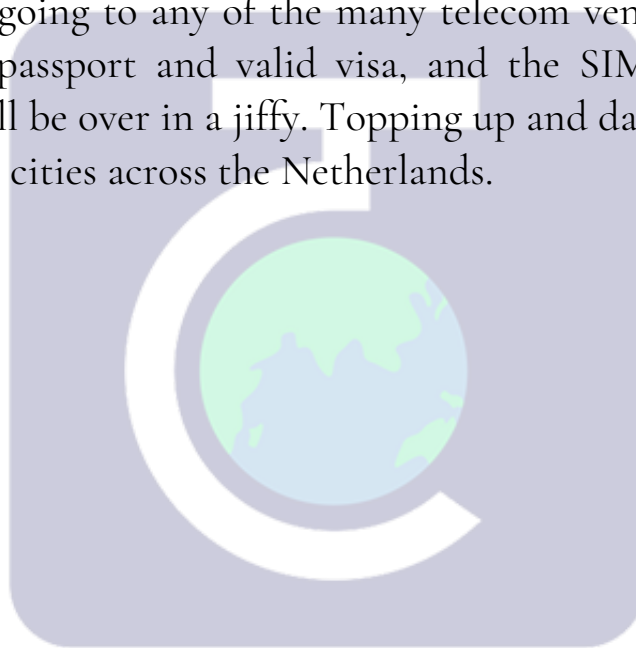
Index**26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Foreign currency can be exchanged at banks and exchange offices located in the city. There is usually a fee or commission for the service. The fee is a fixed amount while the commission is a percentage (3%) of the amount of money exchanged. This can vary for different banks and exchange offices. Some do not charge any fee or commission but the exchange rates tend to be poor in these cases. Hotels also offer exchange services for a higher commission and lower rates. ATMs are almost everywhere in the city. The Dutch banks usually do not charge any usage fee. However, the card issuing bank may levy a foreign usage fee (2.50% to 3%) and transaction fee for each transaction.



27. Staying connected

Regardless of where you're travelling to in the Netherlands, purchasing a prepaid SIM card is always the safest and wisest thing to do. Prior to jet-setting to Hague, it would be a good idea to procure a prepaid SIM card at the Amsterdam International Airport. KPN, Vodafone and T-Mobile are three top telecom service providers in the country. Purchase a prepaid SIM card of your preferred telecom network by going to any of the many telecom vendors stationed at the airport. Show your passport and valid visa, and the SIM authentication and activation process will be over in a jiffy. Topping up and data recharges are quite easily available in the cities across the Netherlands.



28. Time Zone

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



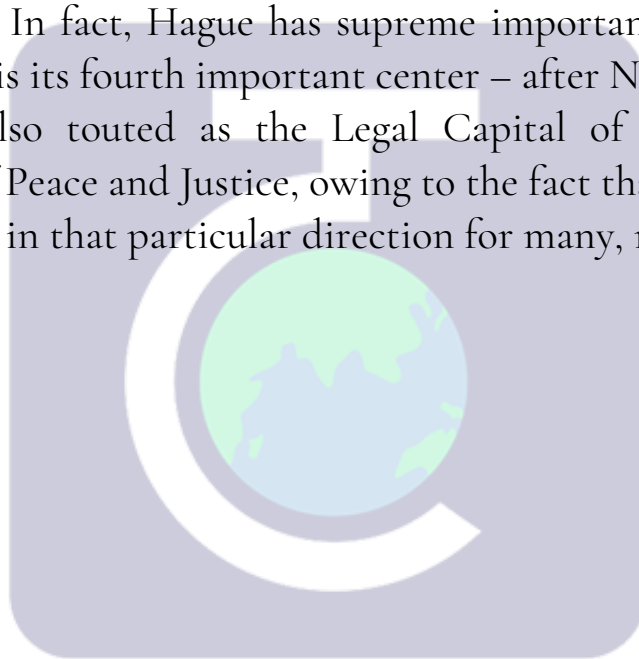
29. Languages

Dutch and English are the main languages spoken here.



30. Political Scenario

Although Hague has municipal governance, the city is politically very significant on the world map. It is the base for over 150 international organizations – including the likes of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), the International Criminal Court (ICC), and the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR). In fact, Hague has supreme importance in the eyes of the United Nations as it is its fourth important center – after New York, Geneva and Vienna. Hague is also touted as the Legal Capital of the World and the International City of Peace and Justice, owing to the fact that city has a branding strategy in the works in that particular direction for many, many years now.

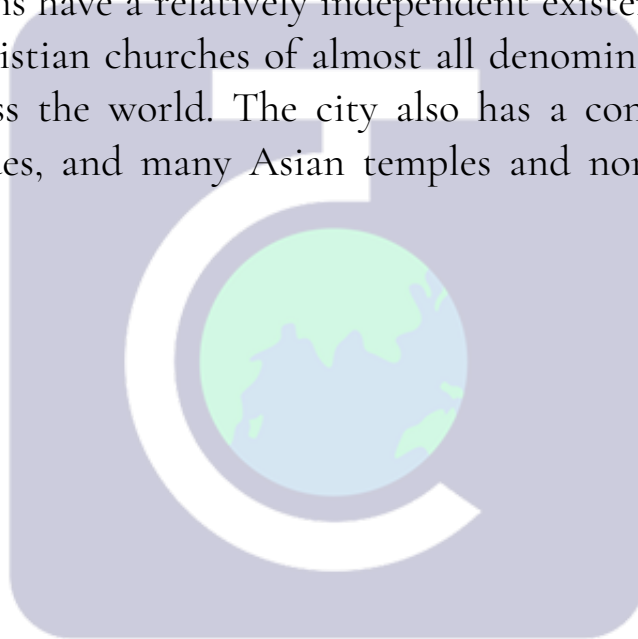


31. Economic Scenario

Hague has a service-oriented economy and the professional life sphere is dominated mainly by civil servants and diplomats employed in the city. A good number of employees working in Hague are employed in government ministries – Defense, Transport, Public Works and Water Management, Interior, Justice, Housing to name a few. Hague's economic value is well-reflected in the fact that a number of top businesses are headquartered here, however it must be noted that the Hague has never really been amidst upscale industry activity, although the fishing and harbor operations are an exception. Tourism of course, brings in huge number for the local economy. After Amsterdam, Hague is one of the tourist-favorite destinations, owing to its increasing popularity in terms of tourism, the city's hotel and hospitality sector has particularly seen significant growth. More than trade or industry, it is the government service sector that dominates the economy field making the city an ideal base for several international businesses. Tourism also plays a substantial role in maintaining the economic stability of the city.

Index**32. Religious belief**

The majority religion in The Hague is Christianity followed by Islam. Turks and Moroccans mostly follow Islam. Hinduism is more prominent among the Surinamese. Other religions followed by the people in the city include Judaism and Buddhism. Netherlands promises freedom of religion to all its residents. The government does not interfere in the religious beliefs of the people and the religious organizations have a relatively independent existence. The Hague has a large number of Christian churches of almost all denominations serving people from countries across the world. The city also has a considerable number of mosques, 2 synagogues, and many Asian temples and non-Christian places of worship.



33. Visa requirements

There are different types of visas used in the Netherlands depending on the purpose of visit. Most of the tourists travelling to the Netherlands use the Schengen visa. Schengen area is a group of countries mostly from the European Union who have abolished passport and any other form of border control. Nationals who come from countries that are not members of the Schengen area countries can use the Schengen visa to access all the member countries of Schengen. You should apply the Schengen visa from the consulate office of the country where you intend to stay for a longer period. The general documents required include duly filled application form, attach two passport type photos, a copy of reserved return-ticket, travel insurance, proof of accommodation a cover letter stating the purpose of visit and proof of financial stability (employment-letter or business letter). 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. Application of a visa should be done in person. You can have 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 The Hague, then you are recommended to be vaccinated for Japanese Encephalitis, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Tetanus, Meningitis, Cholera, Typhoid, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Diphtheria and routine vaccines.



Index**35. Theft and Safety**

Usual precautions against pick pockets and baggage theft must be taken in crowded areas like shopping streets, public transport, tourist centres, etc. Some areas that are notorious for street gangs are better to be avoided at night. Though generally it is safe at night due to the presence of police cameras, it is advisable to stay away from less affluent areas after dark. It is better to take a taxi or tram if you are travelling late.



Index**36. Embassy/Consulate**

Although it is not the capital of Netherlands but being one of the largest cities in the Netherlands, The Hague is a host of a number of consulate offices and embassies. All these embassies are found in Den Haag. The Hague is also home to United National's international criminal court. For more information you can visit <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/netherlands>.



Index**37. Accessibility**

All the public transport systems are highly adapted for people with limited mobility. Ramps, platforms, and other facilities are provided in all the buses. Trains have wheelchair friendly toilets. Most of the tourist attractions like museums also provide conveniences for the disabled.



Index**38. Emergencies**

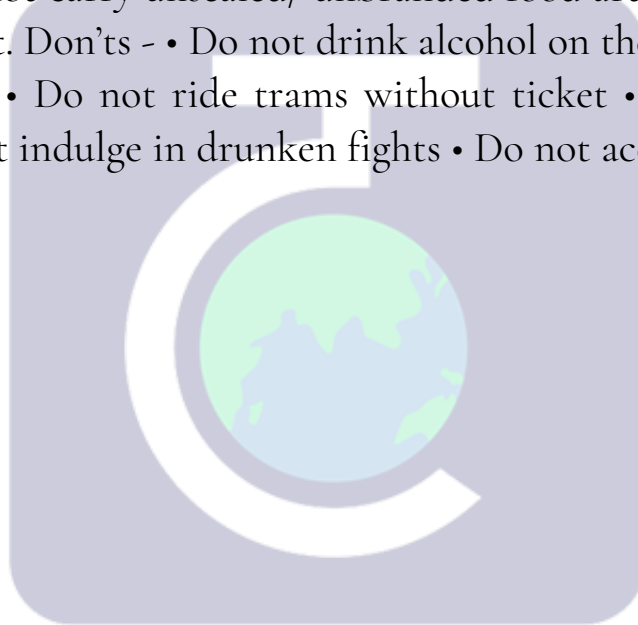
In case of emergencies you can call 112 for police, for ambulance you can dial 112 and for fire 113. You are provided with top notch services. There are hospitals that offer aid with the travel insurance such as Bronovo Ziekenhuis Hospital.



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39. Do's and Don'ts

Rules and customs in Netherlands apply to all its regions and tourists are advised to follow these for a better experience of the country. Do's - • Greet people as you enter or leave a place • Avoid too much alcohol • Keep away from bicycle lanes • Stay away from seedy areas after dark • 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 drink alcohol on the streets • Do not buy drugs on the streets • Do not ride trams without ticket • Do not criticize the Royal family • Do not indulge in drunken fights • Do not accept unsolicited help



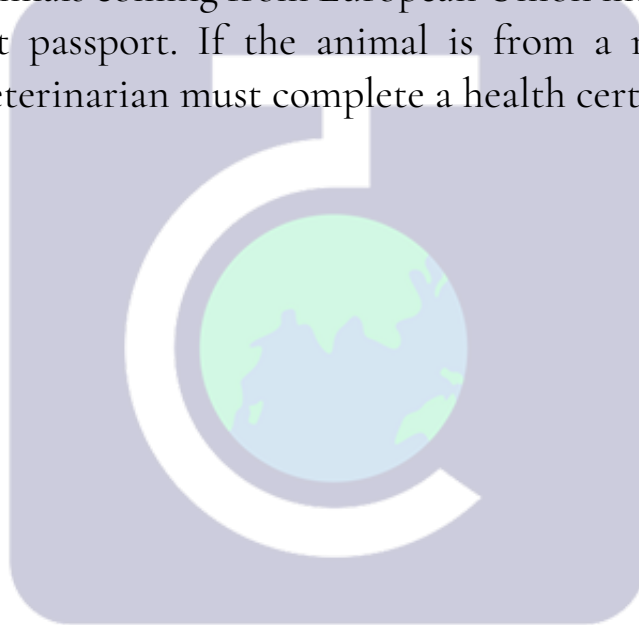
Index**40. Tipping basics**

The Dutch government requires all service charges be included in the bill at a rate of 15%. The service charge applies to hotels, restaurants, cafes, nightclubs, salons, and sightseeing companies. However you can leave small change of 1 to 2 Euros in restaurants and cafes, if the service was extra good you can leave 5 to 8 Euros or 10% of the bill. You can give bellboys and housekeepers 2 to 3 Euros. In pubs, you can round off the price of each drink to the nearest Euro. For taxi drivers, you can round off the fare or give a tip of 5% to 10%.



Index**41.Pet info**

Tourists who want to bring their pets to The Hague will have to micro chip the animals at their countries of origin. All animals must be vaccinated against rabies after implanting the micro chip and more than 21 days prior to entry into Netherlands. If the pets are coming from high-rabies countries, an additional blood titer test must be performed at a licensed lab to determine the level of rabies antibodies. Animals coming from European Union member countries must have an updated pet passport. If the animal is from a non-European Union country, a licensed veterinarian must complete a health certificate upon entry.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

If Amsterdam is a boisterous city, The Hague is its peaceful counterpart. The views and experiences that the latter offer are as exciting as those offered by the capital city, but on a slower and more relaxed pace. The streets are wider, the atmosphere is more serene, and of course the greenery is all the more lush and enchanting. One of the greatest attractions for international visitors in The Hague is that it is one of the budget friendly European destinations. Most of the attractions and places are accessible just under 10 Euros. Since biking is the most favoured mode of travel in the city, a lot of travel expense is saved. Even public transport systems do not cost much. The city may be a bureaucratic hub, but that does not take away the historical and cultural importance of The Hague. Apart from the museums and galleries, the city centre itself is a remnant of the glorious past that the city had witnessed. The magnificent architecture from the medieval, renaissance, and Baroque periods stands tall at the heart of the city. The sprawling parks and open green spaces are the perfect places for a leisurely stroll to explore the wonderful gardens and features or to enjoy an idle evening.

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