

Rotterdam, Netherlands

Field	Value
Name	Rotterdam
Country	Netherlands
Coordinates	51° 55' N, 4° 29' E
Population	868,000
Currency	Euro (EUR)
Website	rotterdam.nl
Time Difference	± 0 hours
Date	January 10, 2024
Day Temperature	1 °C – 2 °C
Arrival Time	07:00
Departure Time	17:00
Sunrise – Sunset	08:46 – 16:51
Distance Traveled	100 nautical miles

Sightseeing

- Erasmus Bridge – Iconic white bridge shaped like a swan, spanning the Maas and connecting both sides of the city.
- Markthal (Market Hall) – Striking arched building, its ceiling covered in a giant colorful artwork of food and flowers. Inside: countless food stalls, fresh produce, cheeses, fish, pastries, international specialties, and restaurants.
- Cube Houses (Kubuswoningen) – Tilted cube-shaped houses set on their points, a famous architectural highlight. One is open to visitors (steep staircase, three levels). Even from outside, a top photo spot.
- Sint-Laurenskerk (St. Lawrence Church) – The only surviving medieval church in Rotterdam, destroyed in WWII and rebuilt in a bright, simple style; symbol of resilience and new beginnings.
- Shopping Streets – Bustling areas for shopping, adding a modern urban vibe to the historic-meets-modern cityscape.

Additional Tips

- Getting Around:
 - Port location is very central, just steps from the Erasmus Bridge.
 - Walk, take a tram (tap in/out with a credit card; each passenger needs their own), or hop on a fast water taxi for a unique skyline view.
- Practical Advice:
 - Comfortable shoes are a must (lots of walking).

- In cold weather, warm up with a hot drink – cafés are plentiful.
- In the Markthal, don't just take photos—try local and international foods.
- Excursion Options:
 - Amsterdam (1 hour by train or organized excursion): Canals, narrow houses, Anne Frank House, Van Gogh Museum, flower market, and canal cruises.
 - Gouda: Famous for cheese and its charming historic center with a town hall on the main square. Don't miss the traditional cheese market and the chance to taste fresh Gouda on site.
- On Your Own:
 - Rotterdam is easy to explore independently—no organized tour needed to enjoy the city.