

Rotterdam

Refreshingly Dutch

Remarkably International

Looking for a surprising leisure destination? **Rotterdam is your answer!**



Rotterdam, the second-largest city in Holland, is a vibrant metropolis where the past and present converge. Although famous all over the globe as one of the world's biggest ports and because of its modern architecture, this hip and trendy city is much more than that.

Sparkling skyscrapers, an impressive port, hip restaurants and food markets, an exciting nightlife and a long list of festivals are the direct result of the can-do attitude of the Rotterdammers. Add to that the many extraordinary attractions and city tours – by bike, bus, boat or on foot – and you understand why Lonely Planet's Best in Travel voted Rotterdam as one of the top ten must visit cities of the world in 2016.

AN ABUNDANCE OF ARCHITECTURE

Architecture enthusiasts come to Rotterdam from far and wide. In the city that was mostly destroyed in 1940, you'll find a patchwork of architectural styles from this and the previous century. The highlights are, among others, the Cube Houses, Rotterdam Central Station, De Rotterdam and the Markthal. This first covered market hall in the Netherlands contains about 100 fresh food stands, about 15 food shops and a variety of restaurants. The roof of the Markthal is shaped by an arch of 228 apartments. The inside of the archway bears the biggest artwork in the Netherlands, The Horn of Plenty. Since its opening at the end of 2015, it has attracted over 8 million visitors.

Visit the architectonic highlights of the city on one of the many city tours. A different way to do this is with **Splash tours**: this hypermodern amphibious bus drives past the most beautiful places in the city and 'splashes' into the Maas River to continue the journey along the skyline by water.



The Euromast – the highest watchtower in the Netherlands – offers a fantastic 360-degree view of the city and her architecture. The observation platform and the restaurant are found 100 metres above the ground. The Euroscope offers the opportunity to go even higher, to a height of no less than 185 metres.

At **Miniworld Rotterdam** – the largest indoor miniature world in the Benelux – visitors are amazed by the mini landscapes, mini residents, mini trains and a mini Rotterdam. The Dutch polder landscapes are interspersed with the Rotterdam port and industrial area and the architecture in the centre.



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EASY ACCESS

Rotterdam is easily accessible from international locations by plane, train, boat, bus and car. The city has local access to international flights via Rotterdam The Hague Airport. Schiphol International Airport can be reached in just 25 minutes by train. The city centre offers good, free parking options for motor coaches.

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WATER AND PORT

Rotterdam as a port city is inextricably linked to the Maas River. There are many ways to explore and experience all that the river and the port have to offer. You can take beautiful walks along the water with a view of the ships and the characteristic skyline of the city.

The port is also always noticeable in the city. A number of Rotterdam city harbours have become the decor for lively entertainment areas. The Maritime Quarter, the Old Harbour, the historical Delfshaven and Katendrecht are all good examples of this. The best time to enjoy the Maas River and the port to the fullest is during the World Port Days in September. An entire weekend filled with excursions, demonstrations, boat trips and cultural entertainment on the water and the quays.

The **ss Rotterdam**, permanently docked at the Maashaven in Katendrecht, is the largest passenger ship ever built in the Netherlands. The original 50's interior means that the history of the ship can still be clearly felt on board. Various guided tours show what the large cruise ship has to offer and what life on board used to look like.

Those who want to venture deeper into the harbour can take a bike ride or go on a tour with a guide that knows all the ins and outs of the port. It is, of course, more fun to experience the harbour from the water. Take a 75 minute round trip with the **Spido** and sail past shipyards and docks and the hypermodern transshipping of thousands of containers. The first and last parts of the trip takes you past the impressive Rotterdam skyline. Incidentally, day trips to the Maasvlakte II are also possible with the Spido.

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