



ROTTERDAM HOTSPOTS

Hi there,

Thank you for showing interest in our beautiful city!

In order to give you some inspiration and virtually guide you through the city, we created these lists for you. We divided Rotterdam into different areas: East, North, West, South and the City Centre. Per area, we pointed out some of the main hotspots, varying from food and drinks, to stores and must-visits.

Take a look and explore what the city has to offer!

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UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS



Nederlands Fotomuseum: Gallery of Honour of Dutch Photography

This photomuseum safeguards the Netherlands' current and future photographic heritage and makes it relevant to today's international context. On 21 January 2021, the Nederlands Fotomuseum in Rotterdam will open the *Gallery of Honour of Dutch Photography*, where 100 photographs will be on display. All the images have iconic value due to their social and artistic significance, and together they tell the story of photography in the Netherlands, from its beginnings to the present day (1841-2021)

Address: Wilhelminakade 332
Website: www.nederlandsfotomuseum.nl
Facebook: [nederlandsfotomuseum](https://www.facebook.com/nederlandsfotomuseum)
Instagram: [@nlfotomuseum](https://www.instagram.com/nlfotomuseum)



Depot Boijmans Van Beuningen

Depot Boijmans Van Beuningen is the first art storage facility in the world that offers access to a museum's complete collection. The Depot has a different dynamic compared to the museum: there are no exhibitions, but you can browse amongst 151.000 artworks, alone or with a guide. In this way the visitor gets access to behind-the-scenes glimpses of – among other things – conservation and restoration. During the Golden Opening in fall 2021, its doors will permanently open.

Address: Melkoppad 15
Website: www.boijmans.nl/en/depot



Floating Office

The Global Centre on Adaptation (GCA) will move its new headquarter into the Floating Office Rotterdam (FOR). The project started in 2018 and is still ongoing. This unique design, which was designed by Powerhouse Company, provides a sustainable and completely energy neutral floating office built out of wood. The GCA's office will represent Rotterdam's vision of a future sustainable city.

Address: Rijnhaven
Website: <https://www.powerhouse-company.com/for-office>



FENIX Museum of Migration art and history (Landverhuizersmuseum)

In 2023, a new museum is about to open in the former Fenix warehouse II. In the FENIX Museum of Migration art and history (Landverhuizersmuseum) will merge to exhibit the universal and timeless story of hope and love, goodbyes and new beginnings. On the ground floor FENIX will house creative, culinary and cultural businesses. On the roof a spectacular viewpoint will offer a 360 degree view onto the Maas and Rotterdam.

Address: Veerlaan 21

Website: www.fenixrotterdam.nl/en/fenix-english/



ROTTERDAM CITY CENTRE

Rotterdam is a young, dynamic global city, continuously renewing itself at a rapid rate. Its city centre offers sparkling skyscrapers, an impressive port, renowned museums, trendy restaurants and food markets. The Rotterdam city centre has a lot of different neighbourhoods. On the following pages we selected the ones that are hotspots on their own and definitely worth the visit: Central District, Laurenskwartier, Maritime District, Witte de Withkwartier, Museumkwartier and West-Kruiskade.



Central District

Throngs of people come and go across the spacious, open square in front of Central Station. Visitors who stand still amidst the hustle and take a moment to look up will see a shield wall of impressive high-rise buildings: multinational corporations, international companies, hotels. The most prominent feature is the station itself, whose spectacular design has garnered quite a few architectural awards. The area behind all those masculine towers is an entirely different scene. In recent years, architects, designers and other pioneers have adopted the area as their testing grounds, bringing an unparalleled new energy to the dynamic area. It started with a vacant office building, Het Schieblock, which was transformed into a creative multi-tenant office building. There is a lush vegetable garden on the roof, the Dakakker: lunch is served here several days a week made from ingredients from the building's own rich harvest. The Luchtsingel Promenade offers pedestrians a route towards Hofbogen, including a surprising city view. The nightlife in Rotterdam Central city is edgy, adventurous and versatile. Get your feet off the ground at the BIRD jazz venue and nightclub or grab a beer and bratwurst at Biergarten: the options are endless.

Website: <https://en.rotterdam.info/areas-rotterdam/central-areas/central-district/>



Laurenskwartier

What began as a little river that flourished through Rotterdam, The Rotte, grew out to be the centre of a small fishing village when it was dammed in 1270. Trade and shipping emerged, leading to the rapid growth of 'Rotterdam'. The only remnant that still recalls that medieval village is the Late Gothic Laurenskerk. A striking feature beside the new architecture that has been added to Rotterdam since then! It offers a contrast with the covered Markthal, the latest and most visually prominent architectural icon in the area. Housed under a single horseshoe-shaped roof, 150 market stands, 15 shops, 8 restaurants and 228 apartments have been brought together by MVRDV architects. An outdoor market is also held here on Tuesdays and Saturdays. People come from all over to buy fresh produce and seafood here.

There's lots more to do in the Laurenskwartier, though: shopping on Meent and Pannenkoekstraat, catch an open-air concert on Grote Kerkplein, or taking a look in the famous Cube Houses designed by architect Piet Blom. Great food and drinks here, too, since the Laurenskwartier is a popular and versatile nightlife district. When the market stands are cleared away for the day, Binnenrotte's sidewalk cafés set out their terraces and the fun can continue until deep into the night.

Website: <https://en.rotterdam.info/areas-rotterdam/central-areas/laurenskwartier/>



Maritime District

Rotterdam's nautical roots are strong in the Maritime District. The Leuvehaven inner harbour was bustling with port activity a hundred years ago, but now it houses the oldest shipping museum in the Netherlands: the Maritiem Museum. Explore historic ships and cranes and experience how this spot gave birth to the world-class port of Rotterdam. Varying temporary exhibitions take you on a journey through the city's maritime past and present. Behind the Maritiem Museum, the monument known as 'The Destroyed City' is worth checking out. This bronze statue by Ossip Zadkine represents a human figure with its heart missing: a symbol of Rotterdam, struck through the heart by the German bombardment in World War II. Younger visitors will love Kids Marina, a miniature port where you can drive your own firefighting vessel or police speedboat through the water! Hungry? Thirsty? Head on to the Oude Haven waterfront, where gorgeous historic ships are tied up alongside friendly sidewalk cafés. If you'd like to see the truly massive ships sail into town, find yourself a seat at one of the quayside tables at Prachtig, a restaurant right on the riverbanks of the Mass, and enjoy the sight of the container ships, cruise liners and shimmering ripples on the river. Where are all those ships coming from? And what or who are they carrying? The sight is guaranteed to spark your imagination.

Website: <https://en.rotterdam.info/areas-rotterdam/central-areas/maritime-district/>



Witte de Withkwartier

The Witte de Withkwartier is the vibrant heart of the Rotterdam art scene and is known for its dynamic nightlife. Sometimes referred to as Rotterdam's 'Axis of Art', the Witte de Withstraat runs from Museumpark to the Maritime Museum and is lined in various cultural institutions. Browse the art on display at TENT or immerse yourself in avant-garde film and music in WORM. While galleries, cultural institutes and fashion boutiques are open all day, the focus shifts to cafés and restaurants in the evening. Grand café NRC (which stands for Nieuw Rotterdams Café) is a great place to start your evening with a plate of spaghetti or fish&chips. Prefer a juicy hamburger? Join the patrons at Ter Marsch. The most famous pub in the street is De Witte Aap, an institution in the city's nightlife for ages; Lonely Planet even nominated it as the best bar in the world! More recent arrivals to the bar scene, like Ballroom and La Bru, are popular with the young and trendy crowd. The gin and tonics sell like hotcakes across the meticulously hip designer counters. Hoping to rub shoulders with local artists and authors? Head over to De Schouw, a classic café that's quickly packed on good nights.

Website: <https://en.rotterdam.info/areas-rotterdam/central-areas/witte-de-withkwartier/>



Museumkwartier

Old Masters, modern art, contemporary design and whale skeletons: the museums surrounding Museumpark offer something to suit everyone's cultural preferences. Designed by famous architect Rem Koolhaas, the park holds many romantic nooks and lovely artworks. In summer, Museumpark frequently hosts small-scale festivals, street theatre, open-air cinema and markets. Rem Koolhaas also designed the Kunsthall, which is worth visiting for more than just the exceptional building. This institution – it's not a museum in the strictest sense of the word – presents a full spectrum of culture, displaying old art, new art, design & photography, from elitist to popular. Depot Boijmans Van Beuningen, that will open in 2021, has an impressive collection of masterpieces from the Early Middle Ages to the 21st century. Het Nieuwe Instituut (The New Institute) focuses on architecture, fashion, design and e-culture.

Several striking white villas stand along Museumpark, in the style of the Nieuwe Bouwen modernist school of architecture. One of them houses the Chabot Museum, while another is the Sonneveld House museum home, showing how hypermodern living could be in the 1930s. The Natuurhistorisch Museum is a hot tip for families with children. It has fossils, skeletons (including a huge whale), taxidermized animals, animals preserved in jars, and much more.

Website: <https://en.rotterdam.info/areas-rotterdam/central-areas/museumkwartier/>



West Kruiskade

Shopping along the West-Kruiskade is like taking a trip around the world. Dim sum, swaying golden cats, Surinamese gilt, authentic Dutch meatballs, Afro wigs, Hindustani wedding gowns, exotic vegetables, Turkish baklava. The cultural *melting pot* is immediately apparent here, more palpable than anywhere else in Rotterdam. Food plays an important role. Feel free to follow your nose and discover delicious specialities in the multicultural eateries, and don't be shy about trying something new.

The West-Kruiskade is dominated by a cheerfully friendly street culture, where much of the day-to-day activity happens outdoors. The atmosphere is exuberant, with cyclists winding their way between the honking cars. The sidewalks are often clogged with locals pausing to chat as they go about their errands.

Website: <https://en.rotterdam.info/areas-rotterdam/central-areas/west-kruiskade/>



ROTTERDAM EAST

LIVELY, UPCOMING AND HOME TO A LOT OF ROTTERDAMMERS

The main focus areas of this part of Rotterdam are Kralingen and Hoogkwartier. Kralingen is traditionally known as the chiquer side of Rotterdam, with its villa neighbourhoods and elegant lanes. The area is home to lots of students, since the Erasmus University Rotterdam is located here. *Oostzeedijk* boasts lots of pubs and restaurants where you can grab a meal for a reasonable price. The biggest park in Rotterdam, Kralingse Bos, can be found here. It is a green oasis accessible to anyone that would like to escape the city every now and then.

Hoogkwartier is upcoming and the place to be in Rotterdam. The *Hoogstraat* offers many places to eat, drink and shop. A crown jewel that reflects the rebuilding of Rotterdam is located here, *Het Industriegebouw* was proclaimed a national monument in 1991. The building opened in 1952 and was designed by the legendary architect Hugh Maaskant, in collaboration with Willem van Tijen. Many creatives in Rotterdam have opened a store, gallery, or coffee shop in this area. Often small in size but big in uniqueness.

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Blue City

Blue City is an incubator for circular entrepreneurs, researchers and the government in and around Rotterdam. At this moment their hub (situated in a deserted swimming pool) and dynamic community serve as a breeding ground for more than 30 innovative, circular companies linking their waste-streams. In this way they create a much needed tangible and inspiring example for the circular economy and build the city and economy of the future. This year, Blue City celebrates its 5th anniversary.

Address: Aert van Nesstraat 2
Website: www.bluecity.nl
Facebook: bluecity010
Instagram: @bluecity010



Kralingse Bos

Kralingse Bos is a wooded park that surrounds the Kralingse Plas lake. It is popular amongst joggers, skaters and families living near the park. On and around the lake you can sail, swim, or just relax. In this area you will also find some cozy restaurants and even mills. During spring and summer this is the place for residents of Rotterdam to hang out. Moreover, Kralingse Bos is the perfect location for organisations to organise a festival or event.

Address: Kralingse Bos 1



Het Industriegebouw

Het Industriegebouw represents the rebuilding of Rotterdam and was realised post-war by architects Hugh Maaskant and Willem van Tijen. The Industriegebouw's original function was a communal building, which has been restored to its formal glory. Nowadays the building is a place accessible to everyone. Het Industriegebouw is home to several design shops, creative entrepreneurs and restaurants.

Address: Goudsesingel 52-214
Website: www.hetindustriegebouw.nl



Garage Rotterdam

Garage Rotterdam is a medium-sized exhibition centre for contemporary art in the city centre of Rotterdam. Four thematic exhibitions are held here on a yearly basis. Additional events such as lectures, performances and concerts will be organized to complement the exhibitions in Garage Rotterdam.

Address: Goudsewagenstraat 27
Website: www.garagerotterdam.nl
Facebook: garagerotterdam
Instagram: @garagerotterdam

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FOOD AND DRINKS



By Jarmusch

Inspired by the American diner culture, this breakfast bar in Rotterdam combines classics and modern dishes. They offer fluffy pancakes with different toppings, special omelets, sandwiches, the well-known chicken and waffles, and much more. This cosy restaurant is perfect for a nice breakfast, brunch or lunch. By Jarmusch is located in Het Industriegebouw, which is home to several design shops, creative entrepreneurs and restaurants.

Address: Goudsesingel 64
Website: www.byjarmusch.nl
Facebook: byjarmusch
Instagram: @byjarmusch



Alfredo's Taqueria

This Taqueria (Mexican for taco bar) takes you on a journey to Mexico-City. Have a *Dos Equis* or *Pacifico* (Mexican beers) or try their delicious taco's. Moreover, they offer sandwiches, salads, soup, nachos and more. The food is affordable and fits within the current street food trend. Another great asset is the interior of the restaurant, which will never bore you.

Address: Goudsesingel 204
Website: www.alfredostaqueria.nl
Facebook: alfredostacos
Instagram: @alfredostaqueria



COCO

In the Hoogkwartier area, close to the Cube Houses and the Markthal, you will find COCO restaurant. Dishes are prepared with ingredients from local shops in and around Rotterdam, giving you a taste from a wide range of different cultures, including Cape Verde, Jamaica, Surinam and the Antilles. You can expect experimental street food and combinations such as piña colada cake and *bacalhau com natas*, an angelfish dish with potato and cream.

Address: Hoogstraat 45
Website: www.cocorotterdam.nl
Instagram: @coco.rotterdam



Héroïne

Héroïne is a new restaurant located at Het Industriegebouw. At Héroïne they provide you with delicious dishes, tasty wines and a service of good quality. They offer four, five and seven-course dinners. The dishes are relatively simple, but created with an eye for special techniques and flavor combinations. Dinner at Héroïne consists out of different cuisines the chef is inspired by.

Address: Kipstraat 12
Website: www.restaurantheroïne.nl
Instagram: @heroïnerestaurantandbar



Aloha Bar

Aloha Bar is a restaurant, bar, city park, coffee roastery and terrace situated in the whitewater course of former tropical swimming paradise 'Tropicana'. At Aloha bar they are concerned with innovating the food and beverage industry. They try to re-use a lot of products, such as using their coffee bean husks to grow oyster mushrooms. These oyster mushrooms are then used to make their own 'bitterballen' (a dutch snack).

Address: Maasboulevard 100
Website: www.alohabar.nl
Facebook: aloharotterdam
Instagram: @alohabarrotterdam



Botanero

A botanero is a Latin-American mix of a bar, restaurant, cantina and a tasting room. At Botanero Rotterdam cocktails, beers, wines, snacks (botanas) and dishes are served. Their kitchen offers South-American dishes with a Rotterdam twist: always home-made and fresh, local and exotic. Botanero offers something for anyone: meat, fish or vegan.

Address: Mariniersweg 55
Website: <https://botanerorotterdam.com/>
Facebook: botanerorotterdam
Instagram: @botanerorotterdam



De Gele Kanarie

De Gele Kanarie (literally: the yellow canary) is one of the newest additions to the Hoogkwartier in Rotterdam. The menu offers delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner, but also fancy drinks and speciality beers. A part of the beers are made in their own brewery in the basement of the property.

Address: Goudsesingel 284
Website: www.degelekanarie.com
Facebook: degelekanarie
Instagram: @de_gele_kanarie

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Susan Bijl

Susan Bijl is a Rotterdam based brand that is nationally and internationally known for the colorful nylon bag: The New Shoppingbag. The first store is located at Mauritsweg in the city center. In July 2020 their second store opened in the city of Rotterdam. The store is located at the Oostzeedijk. Here, their office, warehouse and studio are located at the same address. In this store, they offer the same colours and collections as on their webshop, as well as furniture and interior accessories by Valerie Objects.

Address: Oostzeedijk 108
Website: www.susanbijl.nl
Instagram: @susanbijl



WOEI

Founded by Surinam born, Rotterdam raised Woei Tjin opened his store in 2007. The like-named store quickly made a name for itself as one of the go-to boutiques in the Netherlands for providing exclusive sneakers and apparel. The store entirely fits into the urban culture that Rotterdam is known for.

Address: Hoogstraat 65a
Website: www.woei-webshop.nl
Facebook: woei-store
Instagram: @woeionline

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The Slaak Rotterdam

Ten years ago this historic building from 1954 was declared a national monument. It is part of the heritage of rebuilding the city after its destruction in WWII. After having various functions, such as a pool center, an art gallery and being occupied by squatters, the Slaakhuys has been given a new purpose as a design boutique hotel The Slaak Rotterdam. It now includes 74 spacious rooms, restaurant and bar Didot34, two conference rooms and the Studio34 gym. The Slaak Rotterdam is located in the east of Rotterdam, a 15-minute walk from the Markthal and a metro station right on its doorstep.

Address: Slaak 34
Website: www.theslaakrotterdam.nl
Facebook: theslaakrotterdam
Instagram: @theslaakrotterdam



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FOOD AND VINTAGE DESIGN

Working-class district becomes design walhalla. That's the shortest version of the story behind the interesting development of the north side of Rotterdam. The transformation North has gone through in the past decade is astounding. Pre-war premises were renovated and historic facades were refurbished. Shoarma stands and sex shops gave way to vintage boutiques, galleries and lunchrooms.

When strolling around this area, definitely visit Brancoplein for an authentic dash of village charm in an urban setting. Zwaanshals and Noordplein are other spots you don't want to miss out on.

And there is more! Bordering the Oude Noorden area, the Hofbogen archways under the former Hofplein station house dozens of creative entrepreneurs. Sip a world-class cup of coffee at Man met Bril, browse through boutiques and plunge into the nightlife as evening falls. BIRD club guarantees great parties and concerts and FG Food Lab is known as one of the best restaurants in Rotterdam. Don't forget to head up to the roof of the former Hofplein station, where you will find a city park and the Luchtsingel, to walk around in the open air.

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Luchtpark Hofbogen

A green city park has been realized on the roof of the former Hofplein Station. Here you can sit down for a picknick or walk through the greenery. In the coming years, the entire Hofbogen route will be transformed into a place where local residents can play, develop urban agriculture and meet each other. Various catering venues such as FG Restaurant, BIRD, and coffee store Man met Bril can be found under the roof.

Address: Heer Bokelweg
Website: www.hofbogen.nl
Facebook: DeHofbogen
Instagram: @hofbogen



De Wasserij

This new fashion hub is the meeting place for innovative fashion professionals. Here, they collaborate and exchange knowledge and ideas. The building, a former industrial launderette, offers studio space to talented people from the fashion industry. They all want to contribute to a better future, by using local, circular or sustainable materials and production facilities. Moreover, they focus on slow fashion, high quality materials and timeless pieces. In De Wasserij these creatives are able to use a makers' lab for fashion and textiles. De Wasserij offers space for exhibitions, pop-ups and a public programme about future-oriented fashion as well.

Address: Sint Agathastraat 54
Website: www.dewasserij.cc
Facebook: dewasserij
Instagram: @dewasserij



BIRD

Deeply rooted in jazz but branching out into soul, funk, hip hop and electronica, the venue, club and restaurant BIRD is the perfect place for cultural omnivores. BIRD is a reference to American jazz saxophonist Charlie 'BIRD' Parker's poetic nickname. BIRD is about jazz, but also warmth, soul, pizzas, metropolitan rawness, funk, hip hop, eletronica, good wine, no-nonsense beer, atmospheric concerts and unstoppable party people. Have a taste!

Address: Raampoortstraat 24
Website: www.bird-Rotterdam.nl
Facebook: BIRDrotterdam
Instagram: @birdrotterdam

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Lof der Zoetheid

Anastasia & Elena de Ruyter are mother and daughter with Russian roots and on top of that, the owners of Lof der Zoetheid. Elena's specialty are pastries, whereas Anastasia cooks and is a graphical designer. The lovely interior is from her hand. The pastries are famous in and around Rotterdam. The afternoon tea, with biological breads, scones and pastries, is something you can't miss!

Address: Noordplein 1
Website: www.lofderzoetheid.com
Facebook: lof-der-zoetheid
Instagram: @lofderzoetheid



Fermin

This restaurant only prepares food with fresh local produce that is in season. The name Fermin refers to the frequent use of fermentation in the kitchen, which is used to develop new and individual flavours. The menu often varies and the customer can choose between a four, five or six-course dinner.

Address: Noordplein 57
Website: www.ferminrotterdam.nl
Facebook: ferminrotterdam
Instagram: @ferminrotterdam



GaleriAAA

In restaurant GaleriAAA it feels like you are guest at a South-European family. Enjoy a beautiful menu, while being surrounded by art of the AAAFresh-collective. Their table d'hôtes concept consists out of colorful dishes with delicious flavors from Spain, Italy and France. All the dishes are fresh, homemade and paid attention to. Their chefs have the time to create recipes you don't get around to at home. They offer antipasti's, tapas, main dishes and desserts.

Address: Zaagmolenkade 124
Telephone: www.galeriaaarestaurant.com
Facebook: GaleriAARestaurant
Instagram: @galeriaaabyangiare



FG Food Labs

Lorem FG Food Labs (one Michelin star) is an attraction within an attraction, an impressive railway tunnel under the Rotterdam Hofbogen. Whether as a stopover (lunch) or as your final destination (dinner), this is one gastronomic journey you'll always remember!

Address: Katshoek 41
Website: www.fgfoodlabs.nl
Facebook: fgrestaurantrotterdam
Instagram: @fgfoodlabs



Man met Bril

Man met Bril (literally: man with glasses) is coffee that is roasted in Rotterdam and only sold here. The company (logically) offers a coffee bar as well, which is called het Hoofdkantoor (the head office). Besides coffee, breakfast, lunch and pastries are available at this spot. The best coffee in the Netherlands can be found here according to magazine Esquire.

Address: Vijverhofstraat 70
Website: www.manmetbrilkoffie.nl
Facebook: manmetbrilkoffie
Instagram: @manmetbrilkoffie



Mooie Boules

The first ever indoor jeu de boules bar can be found in Rotterdam. The bar is situated in an old, characteristic metal factory in the Zomerhof quarter. The location is reminiscent to that of the old warehouses in New York. However, Mooie Boules also holds the atmosphere of an authentic French village square. Besides a game of boules, you can enjoy snacks and drinks from one of the local entrepreneurs. Mooie Boules is a hangout where food, drinks and entertainment come together. Practically, it is a big-people-playground for friends, colleagues or family.

Address: Vijverhofstraat 45
Website: www.mooieboules.nl
Facebook: mooieboules
Instagram: @mooieboules



Gare du Nord

Gare du Nord is a plant-based and biological (where possible) restaurant that is committed to a sustainable and healthy lifestyle. All their dishes are prepared with local and seasonal ingredients. Their ambition is to serve delicious, plant-based meals, without lacking flavors. Inspired by world cuisines combined with an 'aire Parisienne', it is a real party for body and mind!

Address: Anthoniestraat 2
Website: www.restaurantgaredunord.nl
Facebook: restaurantgaredunord
Instagram: @restaurantgaredunord

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Zwaanshals (area)

When visiting Rotterdam North, Zwaanshals shouldn't be overlooked. The charismatic neighbourhood offers multiple stores that are worth visiting. Visit Lily Scarlet, for some vintage items, or have a look at Kookpunt for cooking utensils. Moreover, Whiskeybase is the place to be for some authentic and high-quality whiskeys.

Address: Zwaanshals

Website: <https://onthegrid.city/rotterdam/noord/zwaanshals>

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De Hofboog

Looking for an unusual bed and breakfast in Rotterdam? De Hofboog is the right address for you. Who doesn't want to sleep under a bridge? Or better said a railway viaduct. It is possible in the longest national monument of the Netherlands.

Address: Insulindestraat 74

Website: www.hofboog.nl



ROTTERDAM WEST

TRENDY AND UPCOMING

One of Rotterdam's popular streets is Nieuwe Binnenweg. This long ribbon lined in designer boutiques, organic bakeries, old-fashioned barber shops and fancy coffee bars draws you from the city centre deep into the heart of Rotterdam West, a neighbourhood known for its amiable balance between working-class and hyper-trendy. Don't forget to foray out into the side streets to make fun discoveries!

As the Merwe-Vierhaven (M4H) area continues to blossom into a creative hotbed where ideas are tried and tested, West is becoming the place to be. For years, this unpolished part of town primarily featured industrial uses. Where fruit and juice companies once stood, creative enterprise is now allowed to flourish. Following in the footsteps of artist Joep van Lieshout, designer Daan Roosegaarde also opened his 'dream factory' here.

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Historic Delfshaven

Historic Delfshaven is a neighbourhood that survived the bombardment of Rotterdam in 1940. Delfshaven locals once earned their living by fishing for herring and distilling gin. The historic canal houses now hold cosy shops selling antiques and bric-a-brac, as well as lovely cafes and restaurants. Definitely stop by brewery De Pelgrim, that was established in 1996, to try the 'liquid gold of Rotterdam'.

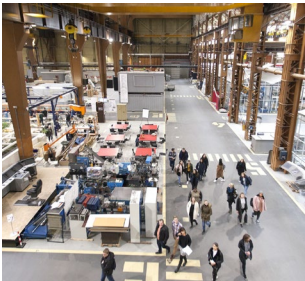
Address: Aalbrechtskolk



Bospoldervos (Forest Fox)

Nature and city meet in the newest creation of Florentijn Hofman. This artist is well-known for his big sculptures that clash with their surroundings in a humorous manner. This piece of public art portrays a 16 meters tall fox. The fox can be found in the neighbourhood Bospolder/Tussendijken.

Address: Schiedamseweg (Bospolder/Tussendijken)
Website: <https://www.cbkrotterdam.nl/en/2020/05/04/bospoldervos/>



Rotterdam Makers District

The Makers District is working hard on achieving an even closer link with M4H and RDM. The objective is to create a community of successful and innovative entrepreneurs, integrated with the broader, regional innovation ecosystem of businesses, knowledge institutions and sources of funding. The Makers District is rapidly turning into a vibrant area with housing, a wide range of facilities, culture and events.

Website: <https://www.rotterdammakersdistrict.com/index-en.php>



Atelier van Lieshout

Atelier Van Lieshout is the studio founded by sculptor and visionary Joep van Lieshout. After graduating at the Rotterdam Art Academy Van Lieshout quickly rose to fame with projects that travelled between the world of easy-clean design and the non-functional area of art: sculpture and installations, buildings and furniture, utopias and dystopias.

Address: Keileweg 18
Website: <https://www.ateliervanlieshout.com/>
Facebook: [ateliervanlieshout.rotterdam](https://www.facebook.com/ateliervanlieshout.rotterdam)
Instagram: [@atelier_van_lieshout](https://www.instagram.com/atelier_van_lieshout)



Keilecafé

At Keilecafé you can enjoy a permanent festival atmosphere just outside the centre of Rotterdam. The Keilecafé is an oasis where you can escape the city life for a bit and enjoy music, food, art and all kinds of fringe programmes.

Address: Vierhavenstraat 56
Website: www.keilecafe.nl
Facebook: [keilecafe](https://www.facebook.com/keilecafe)
Instagram: [@keilecafe](https://www.instagram.com/keilecafe)



Floating Farm

Since May 2019, Rotterdam has been home to the world's first floating dairy farm. Since the opening, thousands of people have visited this unique place. Fresh dairy products are produced here on the daily in a sustainable, circular and animal-friendly way. It aims to show a new way of bringing farming back into the city, with minimal impact on resources and the environment.

Address: Gustoweg 10b
Website: www.floatingfarm.nl
Facebook: [FloatingFarmNL](https://www.facebook.com/FloatingFarmNL)
Instagram: [@floatingfarmnl](https://www.instagram.com/floatingfarmnl)

ROTTERDAM WEST

FOOD AND DRINKS



Koekela

Koekela is one of the local favorites in Rotterdam. In this store on the Nieuwe Binnenweg you will find freshly baked cookies, muffins, scones and cakes. All homemade according to the original Koekela recipes. The wide selection of treats are made with a lot of precision and love. You can also have a cup of coffee or (high)tea here with one of the delicious treats from the store.

Address: Nieuwe Binnenweg 79a
Website: www.koekela.nl
Facebook: koekela
Instagram: @koekelabakery



Lilith

Feel like having a good cup of java and a great breakfast? Head to all-day breakfast bar Lilith for American pancakes, eggs benedict or lighter options such as granola and acai. The changing menu is written in gothic letters on the black walls. The vintage furnishings and plants create a warm and inviting living room atmosphere. Lilith opens at 7 a.m. on weekdays and 8:30 a.m. on weekends.

Address: Nieuwe Binnenweg 125h
Website: www.lilithcoffee.nl
Facebook: lilithcoffeerotterdam
Instagram: @lilithrotterdam



Rotown

Rotown is a café, restaurant and pop stage all in one. Music fans of all ages know this address on Nieuwe Binnenweg road. It has been an institution in the city's musical history for over a quarter-century. It can hold up to 250 people and primarily hosts alternative bands and artists from pop to dance.

Address: Nieuwe Binnenweg 19
Website: www.rotown.nl
Facebook: rotownrotterdam
Instagram: @rotownrotterdam



De Machinist

In the grand café and restaurant of De Machinist food and drinks are served all day. In the morning breakfast is served and the rest of the menu is available throughout the rest of the day. Their menu includes classical dishes as well as modern dishes and the ingredients they use are organic and pure.

Address: Willem Buytewechstraat 45
Website: www.demachinist.nl
Facebook: DeMachinist



Weelde

In the M4H (Merwe Vierhaven) district, you will find a former city farm. Weelde is an utopian free state for and by creatives, that offers a lunchroom, restaurant, bar, gigantic garden, a large warehouse and greenhouse. It is a place where music, performance, art, food, drinks and agriculture come together. Keep an eye on their site for the various events, exhibitions and parties.

Address: Marconistraat 39
Website: www.weelderotterdam.nl
Facebook: weelderotterdam
Instagram: @weelderotterdam



De Pelgrim

Stadsbrouwerij De Pelgrim is an artisan brewery that was established in 1996 in Historic Delfshaven. Pelgrim makes beer based on pure Rotterdam water, also known as 'liquid gold from Rotterdam'. You will learn all the ins and outs about beer and brewing in the brewery. Their brewery restaurant features the best of Belgian fare. Many dishes are prepared using the brewery's own seasonal beers.

Address: Aalbrechtskolk 12
Website: www.pelgrimbeer.nl
Facebook: pelgrimbeer
Instagram: @pelgrimrotterdam

ROTTERDAM WEST HOTELS



Supernova

Supernova Hotel is a boutique hotel in the west of Rotterdam. Its owner's goal is to grant guests a Rotterdam experience. Colour-blocking palettes in the interior refer to the many cultures that enrich Rotterdam. The bright red corridors portray the (former) night clubs in the street. The 38 hotel rooms and suites include contemporary art by renowned Rotterdam artists and young talent on display. The bar in Supernova Hotel is a meeting point for both guests and residents of Rotterdam, serving local produce.

Address: 's Gravendijkwal 68
Website: www.supernovahotel.nl
Facebook: supernovahotel
Instagram: @supernovahotel



Culture Campsite

Culture Campsite is an architectural sleeping phenomenon in Delfshaven, Rotterdam. Here you will sleep in a small-scale architectural object between fragrant plants in less than ten minutes from the city center of Rotterdam and a stone's throw from the river the Nieuwe Maas. Different architectural sleeping objects made from upcycled materials are there to admire and choose from. The sleeping objects are smaller than a tiny house, more exciting than a tent and different from all glamping accommodations. Culture Campsite is a unique experience, a dialogue between visitor, art, architecture and sustainability in Rotterdam.

Address: Schiehavenweg 12
Website: www.culturecampsite.com/nl



ROTTERDAM SOUTH

ALL BUT SILENCE ON THE WATER SIDE

Beyond the south banks of the Maas River, a whole area is waiting to be discovered! Rotterdam South is sprawling and extensive, you'll be amazed by the lush greenery on every corner and the mix of architectural masterpieces. The Afrikaanderwijk, Vreewijk, Bloemhof and Hillesluis areas each have their own unique charm. Numerous routes are available that guide visitors through an ever-changing scenery of industrial areas and nature. Enjoy the delicious food that the restaurants have to offer, or just simply take a walk and enjoy the beautiful view Rotterdam has to offer!

Besides, don't forget to visit the area Katendrecht. What was once flooded with sailors in Rotterdam's Chinatown and red-light district is now home to amazing restaurants and hip bars. From the eighties on, Katendrecht has developed itself to one of the most favourable places to live and spend time. De Kaap (The Cape) didn't lose its rough edges but is now the place to be for foodies that want to dine in an authentic environment. The neighbourhood is everchanging and is now an architectural peak with the building of the Fenixlofts and the FENIX Museum of Migration art and history (Landverhuizersmuseum).

ROTTERDAM SOUTH

VISIT



Clear Rivers

Clear Rivers is a proposal to retrieve plastic from the river Nieuwe Maas just before it reaches the North Sea and becomes part of the plastic soup. The plastics will be recycled into floating platforms and form a new green environment. These floating parks are a plus for the city of Rotterdam, but will also fulfil an ecological role in the river water. The building blocks are designs in such a way, that nature can grow on top and new life in the water will have its sole for existence as well. The bottom of the platform will have a rough finish where plants have enough surface to grow and fish have a place to leave their eggs.

Address: Tillemakade 99
Website: <https://www.clearrivers.eu/>
Instagram: @_clearrivers_



Bobbing forest

The project 'Bobbing Forrest' is a concept of artist Jorge Bakker, who is known for his sculptures and installations with an architectural impact. 'In Search Of Habit' consists of an aquarium filled with floats in which model trees grow. These miniature trees floating on the water raise questions about the relationship between the city dweller and nature. In what way is a city dweller connected to nature and how do humans and nature relate to the world around them?

Address: Delftsestraat 25



Nederlands Fotomuseum

This photomuseum safeguards the Netherlands' current and future photographic heritage and makes it relevant to today's international context. On 21 January 2021, the Netherlands Fotomuseum in Rotterdam will open the *Gallery of Honour of Dutch Photography*, where 100 photographs will be on display. All the images have iconic value due to their social and artistic significance, and together they tell the story of photography in the Netherlands, from its beginnings to the present day (1841-2021)

Address: Wilhelminakade 332
Website: www.nederlandsfotomuseum.nl
Facebook: nederlandsfotomuseum
Instagram: @nlfotomuseum



Rijnhaven Bridge

The Rijnhavenbrug (2012) in Rotterdam is by Quist Wintermans Architects. The crane shaped bridge connects the busy Wilhelminapier with the popular Katendrecht neighborhood. Its shape and color reminds of the old cranes used in the former harbors. The Rijnhaven bridge is 160 meters long and widest at 11 meters. Furthermore, the bridge opens whereas the movable part is 27 meters long. Noteworthy are the benches and lanterns decorating the deck of the Rijnhavenbrug in Rotterdam. While sitting on one of the benches one can easily fall in love with the view through the gaze fence.

Address: Rijnhavenbrug



Fenix Lofts

This old warehouse serves different purposes. It is a living space, workspace, parking lot and offers leisure activities. It offers about 200 loft apartments that can be divided both horizontally and vertically, which is a unique concept. On the ground floor you can find the new Fenix Food Factory and cultural institutions.

Address: Veerlaan / Rijnhaven
Website: www.mei-arch.eu/projecten-archieff/fenix-1



Verhalenhuys Belvédère

At Belvédère stories are presented in the shape of exhibitions, plays, explorations, inspiration, publication, events and eat and meet programs like the Volkskeuken (folk cuisine). The medium changes but the manner stays the same: hospitable, positive, personal and inspiring.

Address: Rechthuislaan 1
Website: www.belvedererotterdam.nl
Facebook: VerhalenhuysBelvedere
Instagram: @verhalenhuysbelvedere



Dutch Pinball Museum

Recall memories from your youth or make new ones during your visit to the Dutch Pinball Museum. With more than 70 pinball machines from the year 1900 up to now, every generation will encounter something from their own childhood at the Dutch Pinball Museum. Come and play pinball to your heart's content, while enjoying the beautiful view of the Wilhelminapier.

Address: Voorhaven 12
Website: www.dutchpinballmuseum.com
Facebook: Dutchpinballmuseum
Instagram: @dutchpinballmuseum



FENIX Museum of Migration art and history (Landverhuizersmuseum)

In 2023, a new museum is about to open in the former Fenix warehouse II. In the FENIX Museum of Migration art and history (Landverhuizersmuseum) will merge to exhibit the universal and timeless story of hope and love, goodbyes and new beginnings. On the ground floor FENIX will house creative, culinary and cultural businesses. On the roof a spectacular viewpoint will offer a 360 degree view onto the Maas and Rotterdam.

Address: Veerlaan 21

Website: www.fenixrotterdam.nl/en/fenix-english/



Hart van Zuid

In the geographical heart of Rotterdam South, a new city Centre is being developed. It's one of the large scaled area development projects the city of Rotterdam account for and is referred to as 'The heart of South'. The 240-million-euro project aims to make Rotterdam South future proof by reinforcing local economy through the creation of jobs, enhancing the overall well-being of citizens by planting more greens, redesign the urban space and pay special attention to cultural aspects of citymaking as a way to fuel participation, community resilience and citizen strength.

Address: Sallandweg 101

Website: www.hartvanzuidrotterdam.nl

Facebook: HartvanZuidRotterdam

Instagram: @hartvanzuid010

ROTTERDAM SOUTH

FOOD AND DRINKS



Sharp Sharp

Sharp Sharp is a plant-based bakery that creates special pastries, cookies, flower granola and much more! They bake without using gluten and refined sugar, which makes their products vegan, lactose- and glutenfree. They combine herbaceous with sweet, responsible with colourful and healthy with tasty. Overall, it is a flavourparty for everyone!

Address: Hillelaan 28
Website: www.sharpsharp.nl
Facebook: sharpsharpfood
Instagram: @sharpsharp_food



Posse

Posse is a bookshop, restaurant, gallery, art lab, espresso café and quay bar just across the Rijnhavenbrug bridge in Katendrecht, with a beautiful view of the Wilhelminapier. The old warehouse is full of beautiful objects from bygone days, intriguing photos, design and books. Let your eyes wander while you enjoy coffee with cake, lunch, dinner, oysters or house cocktails.

Address: Veerlaan 13
Website: www.posse.nl
Facebook: Posserotterdam
Instagram: @posserotterdam



Fenix Food Factory

The Fenix Food Factory is a food market established by seven Rotterdam entrepreneurs. In the former warehouse Fenixloods they sell local products from the Kaapse Brouwers brewery, Booij Kaasmakers cheese, the Firma Bijten butchers, Jordy's Bakery, CiderCider, Stielman coffee roasters and Rechtstreex, a local farmer. There are benches on the adjacent quay that offer the best views of the Rotterdam skyline.

Address: Nico Koomanskade 1025
Website: www.fenixfoodfactory.nl



De Matroos en het Meisje

The interior of the restaurant is audacious yet tasteful with Delfts Blue print on the walls and the famous Dutch checkered tea towel used as napkins. This boldness and style is also reflected in the dishes. The menu changes regularly and is inspired by the market and the season. There is also a menu du chef for people who liked to be surprised.

Address: Delistraat 52
 Website: www.dematroosenhetmeisje.nl
 Facebook: dematroosenhetmeisje
 Instagram: @dematroosenhetmeisje



By Ami

BY AMI is a modern bistro with international allure. It has French, Arabic, Asian and Italian influences. In addition to the lunch-dinner menu they offer you a snacks menu to order with your drink. They have a beautiful terrace near the water with a beautiful view over Katendrecht. At BY AMI sustainability is paramount. They work with responsible products, such as fairtrade coffee and water from a natural source. Moreover, they work with green electricity instead of gas.

Address: Antoine Platekade 983
 Website: www.byami.nl
 Instagram: @by_ami_urban_bistro



Foodhallen

Hungry, Rotterdam? Let's eat! Four years after opening The Netherlands' first indoor food market, Foodhallen - finally! - found its way to Rotterdam. No copy-paste here; the second food hall is a true Rotterdammer. In heart and flavours. With enough deliciousness to 'nassen'. Foodhallen found its home in the historical Pakhuismeesteren, a modern sea dogs' cantina setting is the home of 15 (mostly local) food entrepreneurs.

Address: Wilhelminakade 58
 Website: www.foodhallen.nl/rotterdam/

ROTTERDAM SOUTH

STORES



Kate Urban Market & Cafe

Kate serves coffee from local coffee roasters 'Hopper', with home-made cakes and bars. Visit Kate for breakfast or lunch with fresh sandwiches and surprising egg dishes from the oven. Everything is home-made. Kate has a little market, where you can find different kinds of groceries and presents. Peanut butter, jam, soup, pasta, wine, licorice, soap and much more.

Address: Sumatraweg 13b
Facebook: katemarketcafe
Instagram: @katemarketcafe

ROTTERDAM SOUTH

HOTELS



SS Rotterdam

The Steamship Rotterdam is the largest ocean-going steamer ever built in the Netherlands. After its launch in 1959, it became the flagship of the Holland America Line and sailed to many parts of the world. The ship is now permanently moored in Rotterdam's Maashaven (Meuse Harbour) near Katendrecht. The 1950s interior and its many artworks were lovingly restored between 2005 and 2008. The hotel rooms, restaurants and other amenities have been thoroughly modernized and satisfy all of today's needs.

Address: 3e Katendrechtsehoofd 25
Website: www.ssrotterdam.nl
Facebook: ssrotterdam
Instagram: @ssrotterdamofficial



Suitehotel Pincoffs

Pincoffs is a boutique hotel with 17 charming suites in a historic building dating from 1879. The hotel is located at Entrepothaven at De Kop van Zuid district, just a few hundred metres away from the Erasmus Bridge. Pincoffs holds a Green Key and was nominated with the award for Best Hotel Concept in 2008. The interior is a combination of art and design with authentic historic details. The hotel has a bar, lounge and restaurant area in the nostalgic clerk's room (Klerkenlokaal) of the old customs building (Douanegebouw). It is open for breakfast and lunch for guests and non-guests.

Address: Stieltjesstraat 34
Website: www.hotelpincoffs.nl
Facebook: HotelPincoffs
Instagram: pincoffs_hotel_rotterdam



Room mate Bruno

Room Mate Bruno is located in a former tea warehouse of the Dutch East India Company and is a great place to stay or host all kinds of events. This four-story building has a breakfast room and a spacious lounge bar, as well as a business center, multiple meeting rooms and 400 m2 of multi-functional event space. It also has a large gastronomic market where you can enjoy all kinds of local and international delicacies. The design of this boutique hotel, combines tradition and innovation. Through the fusion of nautical and astronomical elements, Bruno will make you travel to unique places.

Address: Wilhelminakade 52
Website: www.room-matehotels.com/en/bruno
Facebook: RoomMateBruno
Instagram: @roommatehotels



Hotel New York

New York opened its doors in 1993. The building on the banks of the River Maas was formerly the Holland America Line head office. It dates from 1917 and is typical of the period. The building's air of nostalgia brings to mind the drama of Dutch immigrants setting sail from here to seek a new life in North America. The hotel has 72 bedrooms, seven function rooms, a restaurant and free Wi-Fi. Hotel New York has a policy of sustainability and a Green Key certificate. There are a number of car parkin lots and spots nearby. Wilhelminaplein metro station is about a 5-minute walk away and the hotel can also be accessed by water taxi.

Address: Koninginnenhoofd 1
Website: www.hotelnewyork.nl
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