

8 - 9 - 10 APRIL 2026

WE WANT MORE: MUSIC! SOCIOLOGY CONFERENCE

ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

THREE DAYS OF TALKS, SESSIONS, AND LIVE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL:
YOUNG SCHOLARS WORKSHOP (10:00 - 16:00),
OPENING EVENT @ KATOENHUIS (19:00 - 22:00)

THURSDAY 9 APRIL:
DAY 1 SESSIONS (9:00-17:00)
FREE CONCERT @ ROODKAPJE (20:30)

FRIDAY 10 APRIL:
DAY 2 SESSIONS (9:00 - 15:00)
AUTHOR Q&A AND RECORD SPIN @ PLATO RECORD STORE (19:00)

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DIGITIZATION, ECOSYSTEMS,
SOCIAL INEQUALITIES,
HEALTH, WELLBEING,
HERITAGE, TASTE, INDUSTRY,
PLATFORM ECONOMIES,
PUBLIC VALUE, POLITICS,
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INTELLIGENCE, ACTIVISM,
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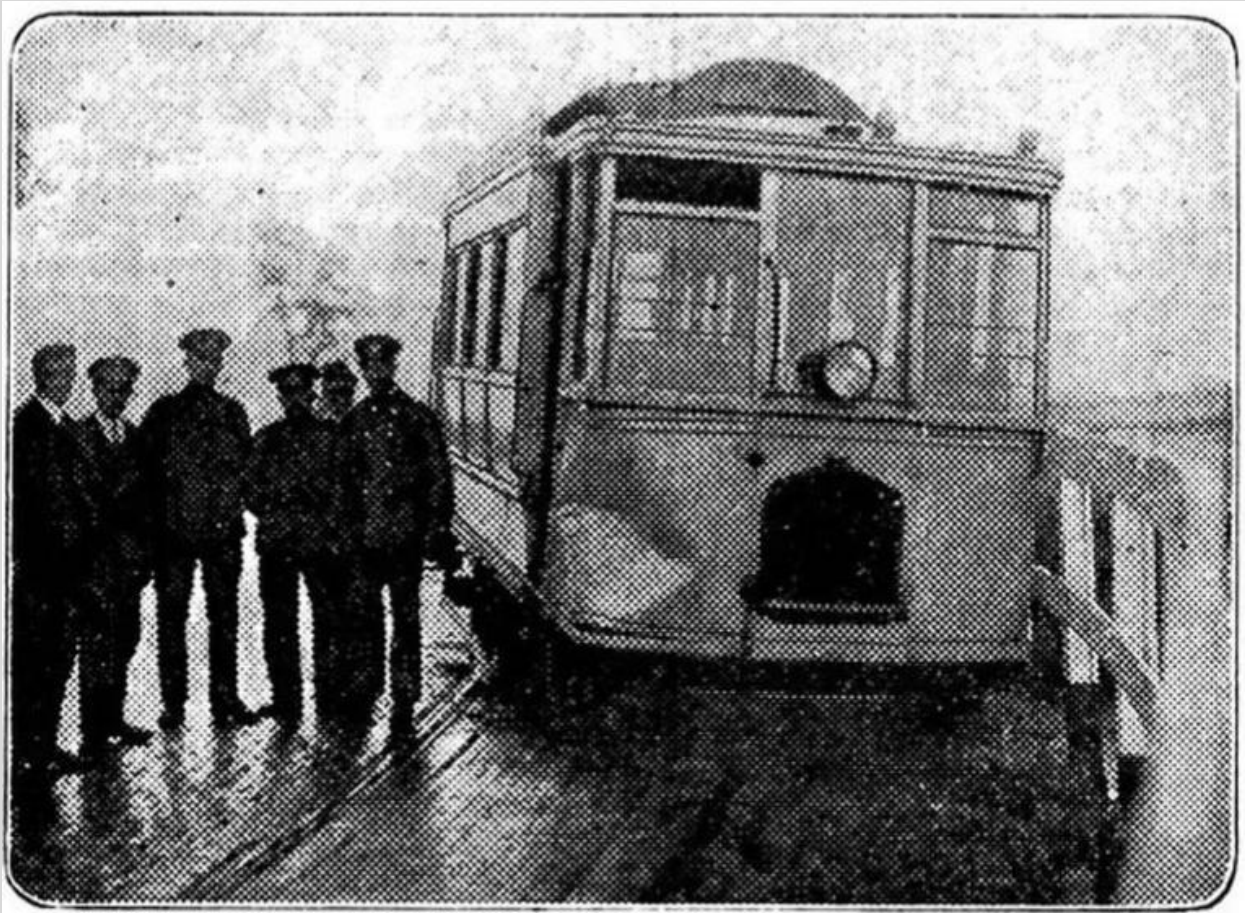
Young Scholars Workshop We Want More: Feedback!

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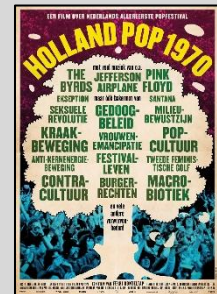
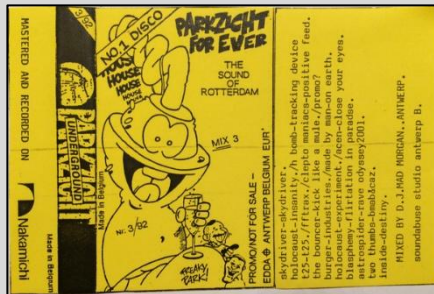
TRAVEL INFORMATION



[Picture borrowed from the first Tramhaus release]

1. INTRODUCTION

Rotterdam. Birthplace of gabber music, home of the first Cabo Verde music label Morabeza Records, the city that hosted the first pop music festival in the Netherlands Holland Pop. Currently, Rotterdam is the music festival capital of the Netherlands with a lively music scene with bands such as Tramhaus, Library Card, Lewsberg and Bombstrap, venues as WORM and Hiphophuis, and festivals like Left of the Dial. Therefore, we as Rotterdam Popular Music Studies feel at home in Rotterdam and are proud to welcome you in 010 and at our We Want More conference.



Hopefully this guide will help you through the Netherlands easier and assist you explore surprises Rotterdam will offer you!

2. TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL

Rotterdam The Hague Airport

The easiest point of arrival is Rotterdam The Hague Airport. However, it caters mostly to holiday flights but also some city-to-city air travel within Europe. Once you land take the shuttle bus to the metro station which will bring you into the city in 5 minutes.

Schiphol Airport to Rotterdam

Most participants will likely fly into the Netherlands through Schiphol Airport. There is a direct train line from Schiphol Airport to Rotterdam Central train station that brings you to Rotterdam in just 25 minutes! After arrival, you can follow the signs that lead you to the train station within the airport. There are escalators that bring you down to the train platforms, but before entering, you should buy your train ticket. This journey costs €15,40. Keep into account that if you take the Intercity Direct line (which is the fast one that takes 25 minutes), you have to pay for a supplement of €3,00 at peak hours or €1,80 off-peak. The train from Schiphol Airport to Rotterdam Central station always leaves at track 5-6. However, always check the most recent departure information at the big screens or at ns.nl.

There are a few options in regards of purchasing your tickets:

- You can purchase your tickets online at ns.nl. Select your journey and make sure the supplement is included. You can easily pay with your Visa, Mastercard, and American Express credit card! You will then receive a QR code.
- There are many machines you can buy tickets from as well. You can recognize these yellow and blue machines easily as they're placed around the train platform entrances (as shown on the right). You can set the language to Dutch, English, and German to help you navigate better. Select your journey and make sure you also select the supplement. You can pay by cash (coins only) or card (debit and credit cards). The machine will then print out your ticket.
- You can also opt for buying a ticket at a desk. Tell them which trip you want to make and pay by cash or card. You will then receive a ticket.



Accessing public transport in the Netherlands always goes by card (or QR code). At Schiphol Airport there are no gates but check-in poles (as displayed below). You have to scan your ticket before you go down the escalator to the platform. If you ordered your ticket online and have a QR code, you can just go down without scanning anything. Once you're at Rotterdam Central train station, you need to scan your ticket/QR code at the gate to exit the train station. So please keep your ticket until you have exited the railway station.

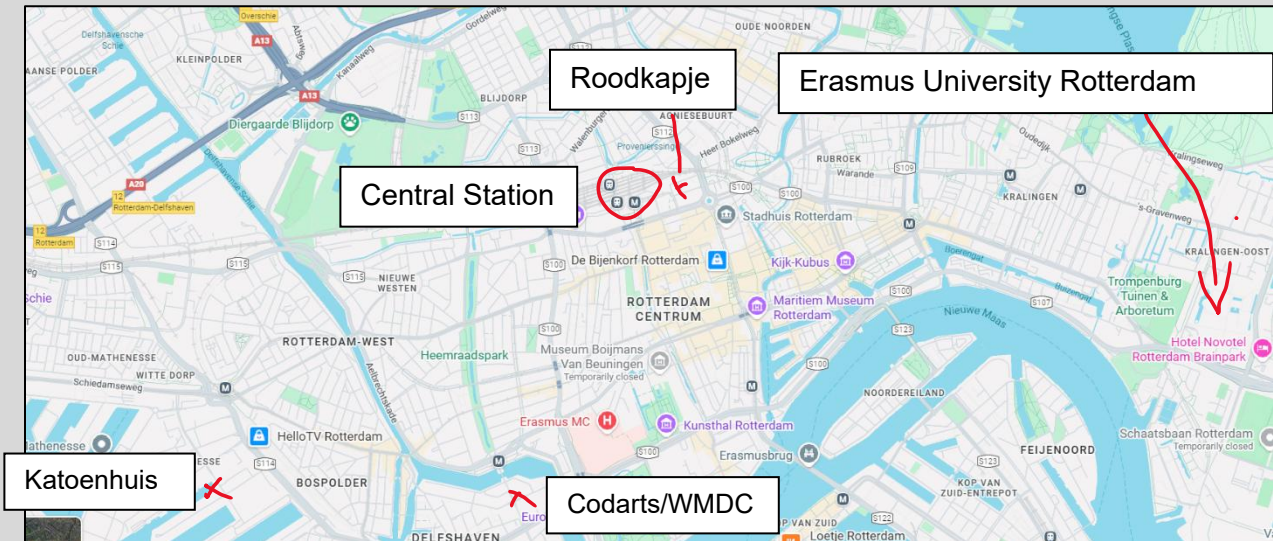


Technically, you can also take a taxi to Rotterdam from Schiphol. However, taxis in the Netherlands are insanely expensive. Expect to pay about 100-120 euros.

3. ACCOMODATION IN ROTTERDAM

As traveling through Rotterdam is very efficient, it does not necessarily matter where you stay, although staying in the very south of Rotterdam is not recommended, except for Kop van Zuid, as this requires quite some travelling. While geographically close, staying east of the university's Woudestein campus, is also not recommended as you will basically stay at an industrial park. If you enjoy late-night action, hotels at Witte de With straat or Nieuwe Binnenweg are your go-to options. In short: we recommend staying north of the river, south of the highway, east of Schiedam, and west of the university campus.

Below you will find a map of the city with our conference locations. More information on these locations and how to reach them, will be in the conference program.



4. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Getting around in Rotterdam

There are different ways of getting around in Rotterdam. The easiest option is to make use of the public transport.

Within Rotterdam, there are three kinds of public transport you can take: tram, bus, and metro. To use them, you can buy a 2-hour ticket of €5 or a day ticket for €11 or just pay for the distanced you have travelled by bank card. These tickets can be used in all trams, busses, and metro lines. These tickets can be bought in different ways:

- Pay directly by tapping in with your bank or credit card – check [here](#) for more information
- Online mobile tickets can be purchased [here](#)
- At metro and train stations, there are machines you can buy tickets at (as pictured on the right). Make sure you use the machines that say ‘Verkoop & opladen’ and not just ‘Opladen’, as those machines are for people with public transport cards that can be charged. After transaction, you will receive your ticket.



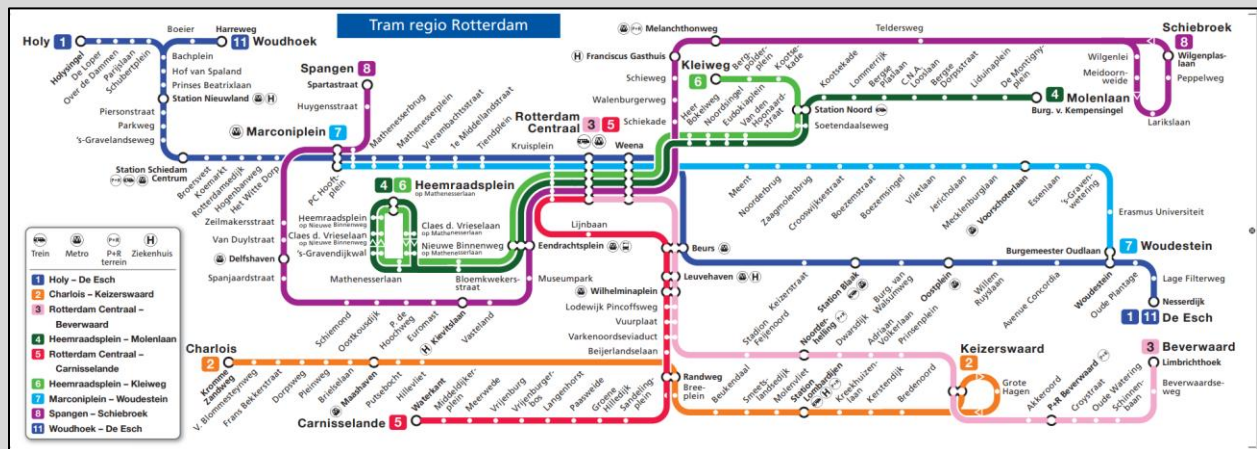
In the Netherlands you always have to scan your ticket when entering and leaving trams, busses, and metros. You can scan your physical ticket at the gate or check-in pole when entering a tram, bus, or metro station. You need to scan this ticket again when checking out. The same applies to mobile tickets, but make sure you scan your QR code at a gate/pole that can read those.

Metro and trams

Rotterdam has five metro lines, as pictured on the right. Lines D and E generally transport you in a vertical line through Rotterdam and lines A, B, and C horizontally. Transferring between those is possible at the metro station Beurs, which is also where the city centre is.



Rotterdam has also an extensive tram network where trams 1/11 and 7 stop at the Woudestein campus of Erasmus University Rotterdam.



Bikes

Biking is the most popular form of daily transport in the Netherlands. Dutch infrastructure allows you to bike everywhere faster than any other means of transportation. You can easily rent bicycles from NS, the national train company of the Netherlands, for €4,55 per bicycle per 24 hours. These bikes can be rented and returned at the train and metro stations: Central Station, Blaak, Wilhelminaplein, Lombardijen, Kralingse Zoom, and Alexander. There are also other rental companies, such as Lime and Felix. Renting these bikes are more flexible as you can rent them wherever you see them in the streets, and park them within the zones. Renting can be done through their apps.

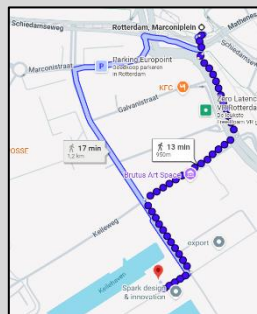
Phone Numbers

100	Fire department & ambulance
101	Police
0900 8844	Police Rotterdam
112	Urgent emergencies
1722	Number for non-urgent emergency

5. CONFERENCE LOCATIONS

Opening at Katoenhuis

The conference will kick off at Katoenhuis on Wednesday evening 8 April from 19 hours onwards. Katoenhuis is located in Rotterdam West (Port 294, Keilestraat 9C). Katoenhuis Rotterdam is a hub for Immersive Experiences (IX) and technology in the heart of Rotterdam Makers District (M4H). Built in 1950 and once known as the “Van Bennekum’s Havenbedrijf Katoenloods”, Katoenhuis is a multifunctional space hosting artist and makers’ studios and working facilities, exhibition, and event spaces. www.katoenhuis.nl/



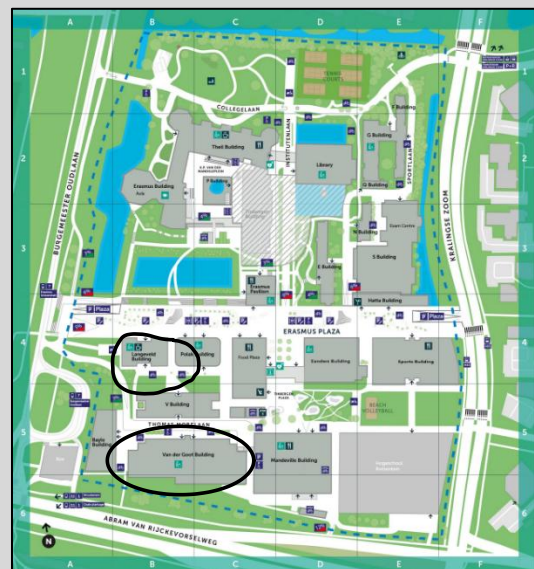
Katoenhuis can be reached by metro and tram. Exit at Marconiplein and take a short walk to the venue (see also the Rotterdam map above).

Main conference at Erasmus University Rotterdam

The conference will be held at the Woudestein campus of Erasmus University Rotterdam on 9 and 10 April, located in the east of the city. During the first day will be having sessions at the Langeveld (LAN) building; the second day we relocate to the Van der Goot building (M – odd choice of letter, indeed). Registration and lunch will also be at Van der Goot.

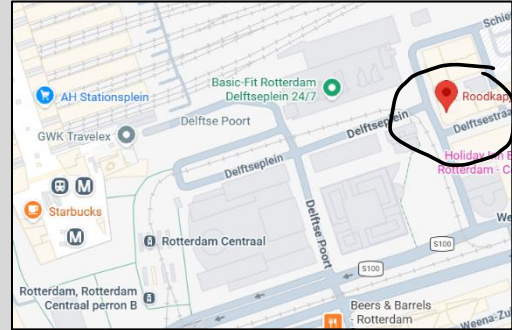
The Woudestein campus can best be reached by tram. Either take tram 11 or 1 direction De Esch and stop 'Woudestein' or take tram 7 in the direction Woudestein and stop 'Erasmus Universiteit'. You can also take the subway and exit at Kralingse Zoom but you will have to do a 10 minute walk to the campus.

www.eur.nl/en/campus/locations/campus-woudestein



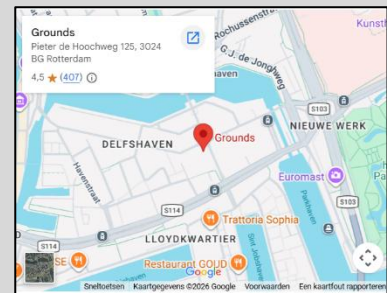
Dinner party at Roodkapje

The dinner and concert will be held at our friends at Roodkapje on the evening of 9 April. Beware: they are moving to a new address. The dinner party will take place at the 'old' address: Delftseplein 39. Basically, next to Central Station. If you are not participating in the dinner, you are still very welcome to attend the concert party. <https://roodkapje.org/>



Young Scholars Workshop at Codarts/WMDC (by invitation only)

The Young Scholars Workshop will be held during the day of 8 April at Codarts Rotterdam. Beware: Codarts has several locations across the city and you may end up at their circus school. The Young Scholars Workshop is at their pop department at WMDC, Pieter de Hoochweg 125. Pop venue Grounds is located in the same building.



From Central Station, take tram 8 in the direction of Spangen, get off at the stop 'Pieter de Hoochweg' and walk to the roundabout where WMDC is on the corner. From Central Station, take the metro in the direction of Spijkenisse, change at Beurs station and take the metro to Schiedam. Get off at Coolhaven metro station, cross the bridge and walk to the roundabout where GROUNDS is on the corner.

6. MUSIC TIPS

Record stores

Rotterdam has a quite good selection of record stores, ranging from more generalist stores to specialized ones. Most record stores are located at the Nieuwe Binnenweg at the city center and at the Zwaanshals area.

Nieuwe Binnenweg area

- Plaatboef: good all around store with new as well as second hand vinyl selection
- Demonfuzz: smaller but good selection with a focus on soul, hiphop and jazz music – they also have a huge discogs collection where you can have your order sent to the store
- Plato: large store with mostly new vinyl
- Best Kept: the gabber vinyl expert in Rotterdam

Zwaanshals area

- Off beat: cool store with a focus on second hand vinyl (electronic, african, jazz), also hosting in-house DJ sets
- JensDo: focus on second hand vinyl with lots of rock, metal, and again jazz

Behind the station

- De Oorzaak: great place for those who love digging, ranging from electronic, house and gabber to global music and jazz
- Clone records: mostly new dance and electronic vinyl
- And then there is Hans Tweedehands... well you see for yourself about [this one](#)

In case there is interest, we may do a crate digging tour.

Music venues

For indie/rock, you want to go to Rotown, Vessel 11, or Roodkapje (where we host the conference dinner). For those into more avant garde music, try WORM. Global music is programmed at Grounds – where we host our Young Scholars Workshop. Soul, jazz and hiphop enthusiasts go to Bird or Dizzy

Record spins

- Café Voorheen Vink: tiny bruin café with a sound system that punches above its weight. DJs regularly spinning house and dance music.
- Café Vorheen Voight: also a tiny bruin café with regular DJs spinning punk, industrial, new wave, jungle among others.
- Café Hensepeter: also also a tiny bruin café with much of the above and old school hip hop as well.
- Café De Bel: cosy music-oriented bar in Noord with a bit of an alternative crowd
- Bar3: popular punk/metal/alternative (whatever that word means now) bar with a regular, highly eclectic DJ Michael Van den Bos who can go (tastefully) go from death metal to Salt-N-Peppa in just a few moves.

Check here from more tips on [Bruin Café](#) concept.

7. FOOD TIPS

Rotterdam has a lively foodie culture. It is the birthplace of de **kapsalon** – which has a many calories has gabber has bpm - and was invented by a Caboverde haidresser (hence: the name). Our colleague Paul van de Laar has campaigned for de kapsalon as intangible cultural heritage. Read more about it [here](#). There are also vegetarian version available.

Local and glocal tips

If you would like to get a quick bite or dinner, there are several great options.

Classic Dutch culture: snackbar and pannenkoekenhuis

- [Bram Ladage](#) at Kralingse Zoom train station and various locations: crispy, crunchy, fresh fries, typical Dutch snacks. Fun fact: one Ladage family member felt rather strong about removing the potato peel and started his peel-less fries company [Carlo Ladage](#) (TC, PB)
- When people are in the Kralingse Bos area and you want some pannenkoeken, you go to [De Nachtegaal](#) where you always get a koffielikeurtje with your coffee, even at 10 in the morning. They also have a lot of vegan options (RG)

Chinese Surinamese snacks and food

- [Warung Mini](#) at Witte de With straat(or other comparable Surinamese joints): one of my favorite cuisines to eat when in Rotterdam and quite a unique offer the (post-colonial) Netherlands. The cheapest and most generous portions, also vegan-friendly (MN, FK)
- [De Kade](#) at Kruiskade - Vega-roti FTW! (FK) but also try the veggie babi pangang, I grew up this non-vegetarian version of this dish when I was a kid (PB)
- [Hung Kee](#) at Witte de With straat for late night Chinese food cravings. Their squid with pepper and salt should deserve a monumental status by now (FK). I once witnessed a drunk person screaming for kroepoek 15 minutes non-stop (PB)
- If you have a bit more time, [Tai Wu](#) is the peak Rotterdam Chinese restaurant experience, always bustling (FK)

Cosmopolitan foodie tips

- [Multimulti](#) is around the corner from Centraal, inside the legendary modernist beast Groot Handelsgebouw Rotterdam. Great lunch deal + perhaps the tallest curtains in Rotterdam. The tallest curtains in the world are in the Palace of the Parliament in Bucharest, Romania. The more you know... (PM, KK)
- [Kampong Express](#) is a Malaysian food joint, delicious and vegan-friendly. The Jian Bing (Chinese crepe) is a specialty. I can recommend the Gado Gado one (MN)
- [Dalhak](#) (Eritrean restaurant): for spicy food enthusiast who like to eat with their hands (MN)
- [Rotonde](#): Michelin-level dinner but only with vegetables that are thrown in a wood-burning oven, pretty life changing (PM), PM's supervisor also approves (PB)
- [Bar Bocht](#): coffee + breakfast/lunch, run by the same people as Rotonde. Ideal if you want the Rotonde philosophy but earlier in the day and with caffeine
- [Hinoki](#): Black Tonkotsu ramen, enough said (PM, KK, JB)
- [Jerkbay](#) at Tiendplein, a special tip from KD
- [Urumqi Restaurant](#) – traditional Uyghur food (KK)
- [Old Scuola](#) still has the best Napolitan pizzas in Rotterdam (PB)

Coffee, breakfast, lunch

- Spirit is like re-reading Bourdieu: you first think 'been there, done that', then pile-up your plate with the best vegetarian salads and fresh food (you pay by weight), and take a bite and realize: still one of the best places to lunch in Rotterdam – coffee is okay (PB)
- Man Met Bril Koffie: Nice taste, terrace and neighborhood, located in the Agniesebuurt, under inactive railways yet to become a park (MN) – they now also have a hotel in the Rotterdam Noord (PB) – and no worries: no need to wear glasses.
- Next to Man Met Bril is Coppi (named after the famous Italian cyclist) – not to be too obvious, but at least one PhD is currently being written there + good coffee – I know the coffee + bike repair is a bit much on the hipster scale (or maybe, outdated) but really nice people with also nice lunch options (PB)
- Teds (Schieblock's rooftop): my favorite rooftop garden and view, if the weather allows (MN)
- By Jarmusch: officially crowned the 2nd Best Pancakes in the Netherlands, but the contest was likely rigged so that Amsterdam won. Inside another legendary modernist beast of Rotterdam Het Industriegebouw (PM)
- Blend artwork + coffee (Nieuwe Binnenweg): a zen space with high quality products (MN)
- Grounded, good coffee/pastries (KK)
- De Tuin is a great place to sit outside by the Kralingse Plas (lake) and enjoy some flammkuchen (and close to casa TC)
- Heilige Boontjes - centrally located, completely non-pretentious coffee place with decently priced, good coffee, a social mission and a laptop work area (FK)
- If the weather is nice, Vroesenpaviljoen for drinks and sitting outside (JB)

Drinking tips

- Bar Schiemond has the best terrace of Rotterdam, pub food on a culinary level by a very music minded chef, beautiful view on the Maas river (FK)
- Locus Publicus at Oostplein is cozy with a roaring fireplace and excellent borrelhapjes – olives, cheese, fried snacks (TC) – there is also a great burger place nearby Stooges burgers (JB)
- Bar Lenie: Beer + women's sports bar - Named after Lenie van der Jagt, who scored the first goal for the Dutch women's national team in the 50s (PM)
- LeNord for a cheeky pint, lots of craft beer options (KK)
- Café Walenburg, chill traditional beer café, lots of craft beer options (KK)
- The café/bar at the bouldering center, great roof top-like view over the city (KK)

If you have any questions, contact us at rpms@eur.nl. We are happy to help!