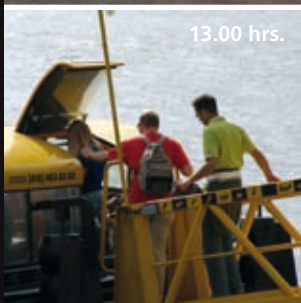
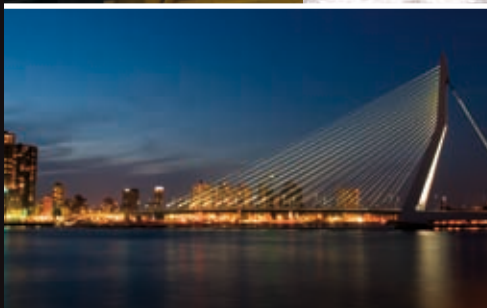




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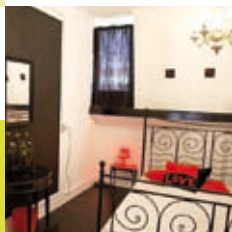
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There are some people who live in a dream world, and there are some who face reality; and then there are those who turn one into the other.

Desiderius Erasmus

## Dear new Rotterdammers,

'The entire world is my home' wrote Erasmus many centuries ago. True, today the world is much smaller than it was in his time; it's as easy for us to hop on a plane to Argentina or Tasmania as it is to take a train into the City of Amsterdam. There are no boundaries anymore...

Welcome to this small part of the world, the Royal Kingdom of the Netherlands, to the city of Rotterdam and Erasmus University.

This Little Black Book is just one way of saying hi, welcome, glad you are here and please feel at home. Regardless of how long you are here for we hope you'll take back nice memories that will last a lifetime. And perhaps you'll give us the pleasure of coming to see us again long after you've gone back home or traveled to yet another part of our fascinating world.

But wherever you go you'll be part of our university family forever.

For now just settle in, mix and mingle and explore with the Dutch. Let the Little Black Book guide you through young, hip, up-and-coming Rotterdam. A city that dares to renew and cherishes challenges. Become a 'Rotterdammer' like those who preceded you. So please enjoy Rotterdam's exciting atmosphere and its festivals & events, architecture, art & culture, nightlife and the like. Maybe you'll be one of our next edition's 'tour guides'!

## A Brief History

The history of Erasmus University Rotterdam dates back to 1913, when Rotterdam merchants founded the Netherlands School of Commerce, a university of professional trade education.

They regarded the proper education and development of the generations to come as essential to ensure that the port and city would continue to flourish. In the twentieth century, Rotterdam grew to become the largest port in the world.

In 1938, this private school was converted into a national institution, the Netherlands School of Economics, receiving government funding. This gained worldwide recognition for its education and research in economics, business economics and econometrics, including the work of Nobel Prize winner Jan Tinbergen (1903-1994). The merger of NEH and the Medical Faculty Rotterdam (est. 1966) resulted in Erasmus University Rotterdam (1973).

The university is named after Desiderius Erasmus (1469-1536), a philosopher, theologian and humanist born in Rotterdam. His books had a major impact on the cultural and intellectual climate in the tumultuous times between the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. Moreover, Erasmus was a true cosmopolitan. The quote 'The world is my home' that has been attributed to Erasmus is still the motto of our graduates.

In 1961 the Rotterdam City Council designated a 9-hectare plot on the present Burgemeester Oudlaan, Woudestein, as the new site for the NEH providing for 4,000 students. Student numbers have since strongly risen to over 20,000 Dutch and foreign students.

The older parts of the complex, dating from 1963-1970, now have Municipal Monument status. These are buildings A, C and high-rise H, designed in the Brutalist style of architecture – functionalistic concrete architecture with influences of Le Corbusier's style. The building coverage increased in floor area from 55,000 m<sup>2</sup> (1968) to approximately 150,000 m<sup>2</sup> in the year 2005, partly owing to the completion of building T (50,000 m<sup>2</sup>) in 2005, the new building of RSM Erasmus University.

Erasmus University Rotterdam is an internationally-oriented city university, closely tied to the city of Rotterdam and the greater metropolitan area of Rijnmond. This is why we lay a claim to the highest international standards of science in a number of specific fields. These include medicine and health care, as well as economics, econometrics and management.

'Act local, Think global' is our motto: cosmopolitan Rotterdam with its major metropolitan issues is our academic laboratory.



## A Famous Thinker

The university is named after a great thinker, Desiderius Erasmus, born in Rotterdam in 1469. He died in Basle in 1536. He was a philosopher, theologian, humanist and cosmopolitan. He (allegedly) said: 'The entire world is my home, and a very fine one too, if I'm not mistaken, and I'll never lack priests to serve it as long as there are men'. This quote reflects the international scope and ambitions of all staff and students.

## Campus Issues

### a | The international campus

Erasmus University Rotterdam cherishes great ambitions for the fields of education and research. A vital element in achieving these ambitions is having excellent facilities in terms of buildings, services and infrastructure.

A well fitted out campus fosters an institution's image. It tells something about who we are or would like to be as research reveals, it is a factor that carries weight in candidate students' choice for a university. Although students and staff are facilitated to work independently of place and time (e.g. wireless work stations), campus Woudestein will always remain a vital, inspiring meeting place for talent.

In our ambitions we see campus as part of a 'cité universitaire' that combines intellectual activity with other knowledge activities, commerce, art and culture, recreation, sports and living. Its charisma is international, multicultural, even somewhat daring somehow, but mainly non-nonsense, businesslike, pragmatic, in the typical Rotterdam-style.

Knowledge has no boundaries. Education and research is concentrated in three domains of knowledge: Economics and Management, Medicine and Health, and Law, Culture and Society, organized into seven faculties:

Erasmus School of Economics  
RSM Erasmus University  
Erasmus MC including Institute  
of Health Policy and  
Management  
Faculty of Social Sciences  
Erasmus School of Law  
Faculty of Philosophy  
Faculty of History and Arts

With an annual turnover of € 431 million, Erasmus University enrolls 20,700 students of whom 2500 are non-Dutch (comprising 110 nationalities), and employs 2200 staff.

### Ambitions

- Student housing on and close to campus
- Safe and efficient links with the city (all transport modalities) and creating a connection with the River Maas (University grounds accessible seven days a week).

### Student housing on campus in the (near) future

Living accommodation on campus for foreign students will be available in the (near) future, to a maximum of 600 housing units.

### An attractive and lively campus

- Developing the north-south axis with provision for shops on Institutenlaan and facilities of international appeal
- Preserving the green heart of campus and achieving a restricted-traffic campus environment.

Eager to read more about the Cité Universitaire? Please visit [www.eur.nl/efb](http://www.eur.nl/efb). The full pdf-file is downloadable.

### b | Sports Sporty And Smart

The Student Facilities Foundation Rotterdam (SSVR) is responsible for management of the Woudestein Sports Center. SSVR offers an extensive sports program all throughout the academic year, under supervision of keen instructors and trainers. They see to the individual sports enthusiasts or train the teams of affiliated sporting clubs.

Linked to SSVR is the Rotterdam Student Sports Council (RSSR), which maintains contacts with the sportspeople, the sporting clubs and the courses and clinics organizers.

If you wish to join a local sporting club please contact the municipal Rotterdam Sports and Recreation Department, telephone (010) 417 2996.

[www.senr.rotterdam.nl](http://www.senr.rotterdam.nl)

Or browse the yellow pages headings 'sporthal', 'sportscholen'.



## c | Culture

### A Culture Shock: Art, Culture & Science at EUR

There's a lot going on in Rotterdam and at the university. You only need to know when and where. Let us be your guide! Studium Generale, Erasmus Cultuur and Art Affairs organize a wide range of activities for all students of EUR!

### Studium Generale

Are you looking for inspiration and academic insight? Then Studium Generale is a must for its lectures, debates, workshops, and symposia covering the thrilling worlds of science, society and culture.

Why not join the international film club or set up your own event?

More information: [www.eur.nl/studium](http://www.eur.nl/studium)



### Erasmus Cultuur (Erasmus Culture)

Enjoy cultural Rotterdam with Erasmus Cultuur! Let them introduce you to courses in street dance, guitar or painting, to name just a few. Or take you to concerts, performances, shows, and festivals at a discount. You should try the international theater club or compete in the student-band contest and singer/songwriters festival!

Then there's also the possibility of actively participating in cultural student associations like Brass Band Majeur, Erasmus Student Choir, Erasmus Dance Society, Erasmus Dance Company and the Student Symphony Orchestra. They are all dying to take you in!

More information: [www.eur.nl/erasmuscultuur/english](http://www.eur.nl/erasmuscultuur/english)

### Art Affairs

You find art everywhere on campus, from Karel Appel to Andy Warhol. Feel like immersing yourself? Pop in to our exhibitions or take a stroll along the art route on Woudestein campus. Bursting with ideas you would like to share? Tell us at Art Affairs!

More information: [www.eur.nl/english/art](http://www.eur.nl/english/art)

Erasmus University Rotterdam owns an extensive art collection, much of which is displayed on campus grounds. To make it easier for you to enjoy it to its fullest we have mapped an art route which takes you all over campus. A good way to mix a bit of culture with finding out what is where (the campus grounds are a little over fourteen soccer fields large). The route begins at the main entrance security lodge on Burgemeester Oudlaan.

See MAP 1 >>.

# Artroute ▶



## 01 Ad Haring

'De Civilitate', Glass relief, 1996

This portrait of Erasmus was adapted from a 1526 engraving by Albert Dürer. The title refers to a book by Erasmus, (*Civilitate Morum Puerilium* (On Civility in Children), 1530, a manual for youngsters in pursuit of good manners. *On your left, see the round concrete forms in the water.*

## 02 Hans Petri

No title, 1969

Among the University staff this artwork is known as 'Petri's Eggs'. It was made for the occasion of the completion of the new Nederlandse Economische Hogeschool (NEH), the predecessor of Erasmus University Rotterdam. *To the right on the lawn is the Impossible Cuboid.*

## 03 Koos Verhoeff, Dick Baas Becking, Popke Bakker

The Impossible Cuboid, 1988

Koos Verhoeff is emeritus professor of mathematical informatics at the EUR. This cube is a tribute to the artist Escher, who made a drawing of the impossible cube in the Belvédère engraving. *Further along the lawn is a sundial.*

## 04 Sundial

A gift from the Rotterdam Medical Faculty in 1970 to the EUR's predecessor, the NEH. *Perhaps not a work of art, but worth mentioning, is the carillon, a gift of the municipality.*

## 05 Carillon

Walk towards the inner courtyard by way of the staircase. There you will find a large bronze sculpture.

## 06 Ger van Iersel

No title, 1983

This artwork is better known as Alma Mater. *Go up the stairs and straight ahead you will find the sculpture by Ans van Haersolte in the sunken garden. It is also known as the dying swan.*

## 07 Ans van Haersolte

No title

*To the left, next to the great hall entrance (A\_building), is a wall relief depicting a map of Rotterdam.*

**08 Anke van Beek, Sophie Rost,**

**Sanne Wijma** *Variations on the Night Watch*, 2001 Three huge wall reliefs are on show in the hall.

**09 Dick Effers**

*No title*, 1969

These artworks were also made for the new building of the NEH in 1969. Dick Effers is the brother of Cees Effers, one of the architects of the oldest part of Woudestein. **A memorial tablet for the students killed in World War II can be found near the smoking section in the C building.**

**10 Memorial Tablet**

*World War II*, 1948

Text: 1940-1945 Vivorum Recordatio Mortuorum Vita. **A tile has been mounted further along to the right in the coffee corner.**

**11 Anniversary Gift**

Anniversary Gift in 1938 from the Catholic College Tilburg (now the University of Tilburg). **Go one floor up.**

**12 (No Photo)**

The first and second levels in the C building are used for exhibitions. **Walk up another staircase to the next floor (above the C building). There is a sculpture on the second level (west side).**

**13 Rudolf Teunissen**

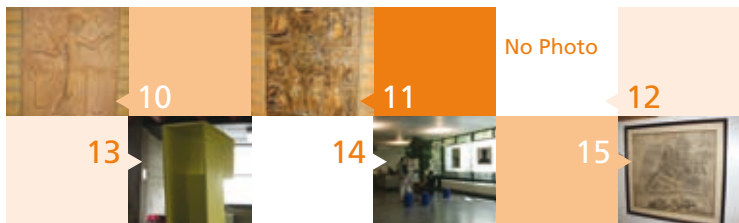
**A tribute to the Gothic Light sculpture, wood, spray paint.** This sculpture closes off a passable space but allows incoming light to be reflected inside via the floor and lateral surface. The interior thus forms a space around the dynamic changes in daylight with reflections in color and softening effects. **Walk back again to the C building. At the end on your left hangs a lithograph**

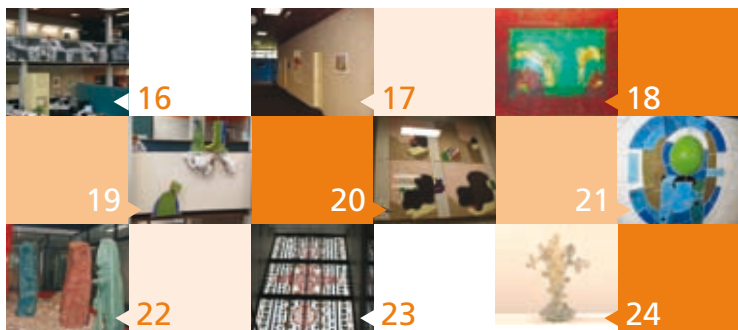
**14 Erasmus Overhead Bridge**

This is one of the EUR's exhibition spaces, the Erasmus Overhead Bridge where several exhibitions a year are mounted. Work by students of Erasmus Culture courses are sometimes to be found in the righthand corner. **Go into the University Library, B building.**

**15 City Map**

At the entrance of the library (to the left) is a map of the city of Rotterdam from 1694 by the cartographers Johannes de Vou and Romeyn de Hooghe.





### 16 Wim Strijbosch

*Communication Wall, 1969*

The genesis of the letter character and its significance for human communication has been portrayed in the guise of a comic strip. The ceramic wall decoration is 62 meters long and 1.30 meters high. It was made in collaboration with 'Koninklijke Porceleyne Fles' in Delft. [Take the spiral staircase upstairs. The University art lending library is on the first level.](#)

### 17 Artotheek

Artworks from the University's Graphic Art Collection can be seen in the library. University staff can choose art here with which to enliven their working space. Graphic art can be borrowed at the library counter. A lithograph by Howard Hodgkin hangs in the middle of the art lending library in gratitude to Carel C. Vermeer; for all that he did with such enthusiasm for the Graphic Art Collection, in the years 1968-1987.

### 18 Howard Hodgkin

*Monsoon, hand colored lithograph, acquired in 1988* [Go further into the library past the staircase. In the study hall you will come to a ceramic installation.](#)

### 19 Diet Wiegman

*Clichés balanced on the edge, 1987*

"Knowledge is continually passed on, discarded or reviewed. This leads to individual points of view, which thereupon become generally accepted" according to the artist. This is visualized in the ceramic objects. [Go to the staircase \(south side\).](#)

### 20 Henk Huig

*The Identity Crisis of Tielse Flip*

On loan from the architect J. Dunne since 1968, this piece was acquired by the EUR in 1997. [Go back to the Erasmus Overhead Bridge and take the stairs outside. Walk along the water between the University Library and Administration building \(E building\). Go into the sports center \(S building\). You will see a tile picture in the area.](#)

### 21 Bouke IJstra

*No title*

[Walk back to the E building. This building's central staircase contains three sculptures by Ans van Haersolte at ground level.](#)



### 22 Ans van Haersolte

No title

The sculptures symbolize the former three University faculties Economics, Sociology and Law.

### 23 Glass Artwork

Students of an art school designed the glass artwork in the roof light on the staircase. You will see a sculpture on the ground floor (up the stairs) in the hall of the Administration building.

### 24 Mirjam Hoekman

*Wings of Inspiration*, 2001

The man spreads his arms wide so as to be surrounded by textual butterflies. He opens himself up to inspiration. The artwork's resemblance to Leonardo Da Vinci's famous drawing of the Golden Section is not a casual one. For centuries the Golden Section was in itself a source of great inspiration to art and science alike. There is a wall painting in the main entrance.

### 25 Louis Looijshelder and Anne Boer

No title, 1969

On the other side (H building) you can see a ceramic tile picture by Karel Appel.

### 26 Karel Appel

No title, 1969

The ceramic decoration was a gift to mark the opening of Woudestein, from Meneba, the Flour Factory of the Dutch Bakery in Rotterdam, on the occasion of Meneba's 50th anniversary.

Underneath Appel's work there is a staircase. At the top of the stairs you can see a work by Ans van Haersolte.

### 27 Ans van Haersolte

No title

The artist donated the piece to the EUR in the second half of the seventies, in reaction to what she saw as the ugly synthetic seating units. Take the stairs to the H building. A mosaic floor and wall by the artist Ger van Iersel can be seen inside, in the hallway, after the revolving doors.

### 28 Ger van Iersel

No title, 1969

In the stairwell you will find:

### 29 Drs. Eduard Th.M. Sadée

Entrepreneur, 1996

On loan from the artist since 1969; acquired by the EUR in 1996. Take the lift to the 17th floor.



### 30 Faculty Club

Small displays are often on show in the hallway in front of the Faculty Club and in the Club itself on the 17th floor of the H building. Walk through the corridor. On the same floor in the other (large) lift hall you will see a stained-glass window.

### 31 Stained-Glass Window

Designed and painted by Dick Broos (1932)

### 32 Display case presentations Erasmus Culture

Work by students of Erasmus Culture courses can be seen in the display cases.

### 33 Light Sculpture

This floor has a light sculpture on loan from Rudolf Teunissen. Go back to the small lift hall at the Faculty Club. Walk outside (through the entrance underneath the Karel Appel tile picture). You will see a clock on the other side of the road on the grass slope in front of the L building.

### 34 Hans Citroen

Global time, 1993

According to the artist, a modern sense of time is specifically a global sense of time. Walk into the L building and go to the left. A floor relief has been installed in the hall.

### 35 Han Schuil

Floor Relief, 1991

Mr Schuil: "the nice thing about the commission is the walkway above from which you can view the floor. I therefore consider my work as two dimensional, like a painting". "The arrows represent snakes biting their tails. That is an image which I have used more often in my work". Some wall hangings have been mounted to the rear left.

### 36 Wall Hangings

Walk through the L building on to the T building.

### 37 Anthony kleinepiet

router (*salix tristis*)

Commissioned by Com Wonen (one of the tenants of the T-Building). It's a meetingplace for students and staff. Walk to the left in the direction of the M building. If there are no lectures, go to the Oxford Hall on the first floor.

**38 Lucebert**

*Eating People, 1969*

The work 'Eating People' was originally placed in the restaurant De Etude in the H building. Go to the ground floor and walk to the end of the hallway (east side, in the direction of the T building). You will pass by fifty screen prints.

**39 Philip Akkerman**

*The Invisible Man, 2004*

This series of silk-screen prints develops in style from realistic to more stylized and back to realistic again.

**40 Kenneth R. Olbina**

*Decay, 1992*

On loan from the artist.

According to the artist, both men are carrying a heavy load of grief, for they grieve for the death of the woman. While the men are incomplete, the recumbent woman is perfect. But her beauty is temporary as she is already in a state of decay on her grave-like mattress. A large chest has been placed on the other side of the hall (west).

**41 Mirjam Hoekman**

*The Chest, 1996*

On loan from the artist. The wooden chest has been covered with existing oil paintings and finished off with candle wax. The origin of this series of paintings of the Stations of the Cross is unknown. They presumably date from the beginning of last century. Leave the building and go to the left. If you walk past the J building you will reach the security lodge returning to where you started the art route.



◀ End

For more information: Art Affairs, Erasmus University Rotterdam,  
Phone: (010) 408 28 02 / 17 73, [www.eur.nl/english/art](http://www.eur.nl/english/art) email: [kunstzaken@oos.eur.nl](mailto:kunstzaken@oos.eur.nl)

## d | Community Services

### **KASEUR: a multicultural experience!**

Rotterdam's cosmopolitan city status is reflected in the university. KASEUR is the umbrella organization of all 11 ethnic minority student associations in Erasmus University Rotterdam. They all go out of their way to schedule cultural, social and educational events. Highlights include: celebration of the Chinese New Year, Iftars during the Ramadan month, Recruitment days for Netherlands Antilles based companies, and a Multicultural Careers Day.

That's not all: drop in at any number of the social drinks to meet new people, the lectures and seminars, and the sports events organized. You can meet new people at the various organized lectures, seminars, sports and social events. Moreover, the organizations offer Dutch courses especially for international students.

We look forward to welcome you at our activities!

More information: [www.eur.nl/kaseur/kaseurverenigingen](http://www.eur.nl/kaseur/kaseurverenigingen)

### **KASEUR student associations**

- Mozaik:Turkish student association
- Eurabia:Moroccan student association
- Passaat:Antillean/Aruban student association
- PPI:Indonesian student association
- CSA:Chinese student association
- African Link:African student association
- Cosmicus:multicultural student association
- MashriQ:intercultural/Pakistan student association
- Avi Cenna:multicultural student association
- QRA:multicultural student association
- ARIA:Afghan student association

## e | Erasmus Student Service Center (ESSC)

ESSC is the central service desk for all new and current students at Erasmus University Rotterdam.

The website [www.eur.nl/esscinternational](http://www.eur.nl/esscinternational) includes a list of all the services provided. In short, you can enroll for courses and training: language, communication skills and other study-related programmes. In addition, the ESSC regulates some practical things concerning your enrolment as a student, (late) enrolment for exams, declarations and appointments with, for example, the student counselors. Last but not least, tickets for cultural events, theatre shows and workshops of Erasmus Culture and Studium Generale are available at ESSC.

## f | Erasmus Club International Rotterdam (EICR)

EICR is your gateway to social and networking activities.

EICR activities are open to all non-Dutch speaking students. The many happenings on and off campus include the Big Welcome Parties at Student Association Sanctus Laurentius in September and February, Thanksgiving Dinner in November, Dutch information session in February, Welcome to the Campus drinks in September. Don't forget to join the Local Chapter alumni

meetings in the Rotterdam area. If you are bored stiff at home and fancy a trip? EICR will take you on excursions in and around Rotterdam. And last but not least EICR is producer of the Little Black Book Rotterdam. For information surf to [www.eur.nl/eicr](http://www.eur.nl/eicr).

## g | AEGEE (Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe)

AEGEE-Rotterdam

The European Students' Association The Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe is the biggest interdisciplinary European students' association. Founded in 1985 in Paris, AEGEE is now located in more than 240 European cities and our member count is an estimated 15,000.

- **Broaden** your horizon and travel around the continent until you're broke.
- **Enjoy** many of the legendary parties that have become part of the activities AEGEE organizes everywhere.
- **Build** an international social network with numerous of different nationalities
- **Become** active and develop your professional and intercultural skills, both on the local and European level of the AEGEE network.
- **Feel** like a true European citizen.

## h | Erasmus Debating Society (EDS)

Debating is the art of speaking and putting forward arguments in public. It is an art that has existed for thousands of years and which began in ancient times.

The most important thing in a debate is the clash of arguments. You and your debating partner try to convince the jury or public that your standpoint is correct, whereas your opponent tries to convince them that it is incorrect. This is done in English, in speeches of 3 to 6 minutes. Being a good debater, requires quick and critical thinking, and you must be able to deliver a convincing presentation.

These are qualities that are important too in your studies and further career.

The Erasmus Debating Society trains its members in these qualities through weekly workshops with two practice debates for everyone. Naturally, there are other activities as well; the weekly drinks evening, the annual EDS weekend, visits to overseas contests, guest workshops by professionals from the political arena and the business world.



## i | Language & Training Center

Pick up some Dutch while you are here. The Department of Student Affairs offers a wide range of courses, workshops, groups and training sessions for students of the Erasmus University Rotterdam throughout the academic year. The courses are supportive and additional to the regular study programs.

Although you will probably attend courses and programs in English, some knowledge of the Dutch language will come in handy during your stay in the Netherlands. The University Language Center organizes different language courses during the academic year, to give foreign students and staff a basic knowledge of the Dutch language.

The University Language Center offers two types of Dutch courses: a three-week intensive course before the start of the first and second course period and regular courses during three periods.

The Intensive Dutch Course is a daytime course that runs prior to the start of the first and second course period (in August and again in January) and deals with grammar, vocabulary and conversation in combination with a few excursions.

For more information contact the University Language Center. ([www.eur.nl/lc](http://www.eur.nl/lc))

ben ik, van Duitsen bloe  
den vaderland getrouw  
blijf ik tot in den dood.  
Een Prinse van Oranje  
ben ik, vrij onverveerd,  
den Koning van Hispanje  
heb ik altijd geëerd.

In Godes vrees te leven  
heb ik altijd betracht,  
daarom ben ik verdreven,  
om land, om luid gebracht.  
Maar God zal mij regeren  
als een goed instrument,  
dat ik zal wederkeren  
in mijnen regiment.

Lijdt u, mijn onderzaten  
die oprecht zijt van aard,

Die vroom begeert te leven  
bidt God nacht ende dag,  
dat Hij mij kracht zal geven

# A Vibrant City

## From fishing village to world port

In around 1270 when a dam was built across the tiny Rotte River, a small fishing settlement grew up on this spot. It must have been hard to believe then that one day it would be the city with the biggest port in the world and cosmopolitan, too.

In 1340 Rotterdam received its town charters, and in the next centuries trade and shipping flourished. In the middle of the nineteenth century in particular, the city saw huge expansion. New residential districts sprung up on the north bank of the river Maas, while new docks were being dug on the south bank. River Maas thus became the dominant river in Rotterdam.

Rotterdam has a reputation as a working city. There is an expression that says that here shirts are sold with the sleeves already rolled up. No doubt it refers back to the immediate rebuilding activities at the end of the Second World War. Almost the entire inner city was destroyed during a bombing raid in 1940. Notwithstanding this tragic event, Rotterdam owes its contemporary image to its inevitable rebuilding, a spacious feel, modern and courageous architecture. It's the only city in the Netherlands with so many high-rise buildings providing such a characteristic skyline.



Rotterdam has not been idle since the post-war reconstruction either. Much has changed in the city in the past few decades. The port has gradually moved from the city center to industrial districts such as Europoort and Maasvlakte. The areas that subsequently became available have been given a new use as residential and recreational districts. Kop van Zuid and Lloydkwartier are good examples, with their spectacular skyscrapers and new uses for old port buildings.

Rotterdam is home to approx. 600,000 people with 167 different nationalities. Close to a million live in the immediate vicinity of Rotterdam. Diversity is the keyword, reflecting back on Erasmus University with 110 different nationalities studying together.

The city is hip, up-and-coming with an urban atmosphere and lots of young and creative spirits. However, as Rotterdam sees a shift from blue collar town into a rather more white-collar Silicon-valley-like setting, it still harbors one of the largest ports.

The Rotterdam City Council recently approved the development of Maasvlakte 2, creating room for even more activities.



*Photo: Ben Wind*

## Municipality

Rotterdam consists of 11 sub municipalities:

- Charlois (including Heijplaat)
- Delfshaven
- Feijenoord
- Hillegersberg-Schiebroek
- Hoek van Holland
- Hoogvliet
- IJsselmonde
- Kralingen-Crooswijk
- Noord
- Overschie
- Prins Alexander

Prins Alexander with around 85,000 inhabitants is the most populous sub municipality. Two other areas, Centrum (Center) and Pernis, do not have official sub municipality status.

So, apart from downtown area and the Pernis industrial area, each sub municipality has its own local governing structure run by a district council. The district council takes decisions relating to issues on a district and neighborhood level.

Rotterdam as a whole is run by a 45-member city council and the municipal executive committee. The committee has a broad governmental responsibility. The city council – elected democratically every four years – nevertheless has controlling authority over the appointed members of the committee. It comprises the mayor (currently Mr I.W. Opstelten), several aldermen and the town clerk. The latter functionary is an administrative member appointed by the city council.

The municipal authority employs nearly 17,000 people. Many of those work in one of the 30 municipal departments that prepare and implement policies.

## Urban Development Projects

### Another gem for Kop van Zuid: the Rotterdam Building

The Rotterdam Building is a 135-meter high multifunctional development consisting of 260 luxury apartments, 40,000 m<sup>2</sup> offices, a 260 bedroom hotel, and 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> shops/leisure possibilities. There will be an additional multi-story car park with 750 spaces. Designed by renowned architect Rem Koolhaas of OMA (Office for Metropolitan Architecture) The Rotterdam Building is situated on Wilhelminapier, between the KPN Tower and the Cruise Terminal. The name is linked to the maritime history of the area; the building will be right on the spot where many European emigrants left for America with HAL, the Holland America Lines. One of the company's flagships carried the name De Rotterdam.



### Starter houses in Spangen: Wallis-block 2004 - march 2007

Diversity is not only a big issue on campus grounds but also in this multicultural city. By the time this book is published a successful gentrification project will have added diversity to the gone-to-seed Spangen district with mainly a lower income bracket population.

We're talking about the Wallis-block here. Built around 1930, this four-story housing block on the River Schie in Spangen district, western Rotterdam, had gradually deteriorated. It became witness to high crime rates, drug trafficking, crooked property owners and filthiness. Plenty of reasons for the city council to call a halt and turn this area into a hot spot.

The Wallis-block had interesting architecture. How could potential buyers be lured into buying property here? The city council came up with the plan to offer these houses for free to those who would be willing to undertake renovation themselves. There were conditions of course: the owner-occupiers had to set up a maintenance association, they could not sell within two years and were not allowed to let the houses.

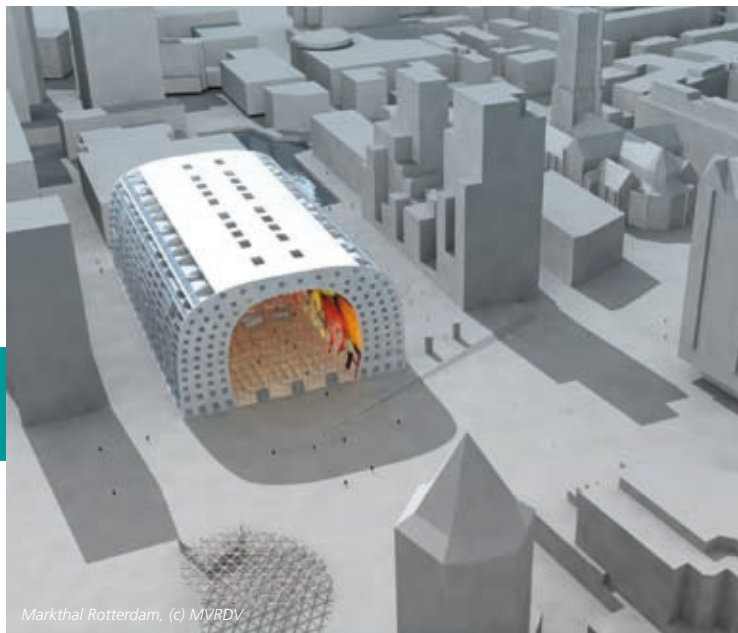
Eventually 39 buyers presented themselves, most of whom were professionals and working in the creative sector. Floor area of the 39 houses or apartments ranges from 150 to 200 square meters. Each provided with a (roof) garden, they share a 700 square meters communal garden. The renovation costs ranged from € 75,000 (one floor apartment) to € 260,000 for a four-story house! This project won the Job Dura Foundation award in 2006.

There is a Dutch expression: "Goed voorbeeld doet goed volgen", which loosely translated implies that setting a good example may lead to successful imitations. So this

project has now set the trend for other troubled neighborhoods that are now undertaking similar projects, like in Feijenoord and Charlois. There is one marked difference, however. Buyers pay the cheap price of € 20,000 per 45 square meters floor of space provided they revamp the house within one year.

### Covered market

ROTTERDAM – OBR Development Corporation has selected Provast as winner of a building developer's competition for the Grote Markt location in Rotterdam. The design is by Winy Maas of the Rotterdam architectural office MVRDV that acquired worldwide fame for its Expo-pavilion in Hannover. This location in the Laurenskwartier district will be redeveloped into an arch-shaped covered market-hall integrating 240 housing units in its roof, and a large underground multi-storey car park. A concept like this is unique to the Netherlands, says Provast, but examples are found across the border. The covered markets in Barcelona and Valencia, for example, draw huge crowds. The project will be ready in 2009.



## Running Errands

When you arrive fresh from the airport, train or bus to this buzzing city you may feel overwhelmed and fagged out. Brace yourself, there is no time to relax yet, unavoidable business must be settled first when you plan to stay for a longer time. But don't worry, we'll help you. And there's ACCESS! For all kinds of different questions there is the ESSC (Erasmus Student Service Center) located at Woudestein Campus in C building. Please check their website for all kinds of

information from opening hours to resident permit and practical assistance.

**Settle in with a little help from ACCESS** ACCESS, a non-profit volunteer organization located in nearby The Hague, will help you to settle in. They run a telephone helpline from Monday through Friday giving free information, and offer several publications in print. A lot of information can be found on the website, so don't forget to check [www.access-nl.org](http://www.access-nl.org).

MVV	VTV	Group of countries
Machtiging Voorlopig Verblijf (Visa) Stay longer than 3 months	Vergunning tot Verblijf (Residence Permit) Stay longer than 3 months	
Not Required*	Not Required*	<b>Group I</b> Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Sweden
Not Required*	Required*	<b>Group II</b> Australia, Canada, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, Vatican City, United States of America and (South) Korea
Not Required*	Required*	<b>Group III</b> Andorra, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Croatia, Malaysia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Romania, San Marino, Singapore, Uruguay, Venezuela.
Not Required*	Required*	<b>Group IV</b> All other countries (those not mentioned in group I, II or III)

## Resident permit

All international students who are not from the EU or EEA countries must apply for a residence permit if they plan to staying for longer than 3 months. Please check the schedule below for more information.

### How to apply?

International students must report within 3 days of arrival to the Erasmus Student Service Centre (ESSC) in the main lecture hall, room number CB-07, opening hours: daily from 9.30 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. Your name and some other personal details will be noted there. This registration replaces the obligation to report to the local aliens registration bureau. This is no longer necessary or even possible.

ESSC will provide you with the application forms. You will also receive a handout explaining about the procedure and forms and documents to submit. On Thursday mornings information sessions are held instructing you how to fill out the application forms. For a complete overview of the dates and places check

[www.eur.nl/esscinternational](http://www.eur.nl/esscinternational)

Please be aware that you will not have your passport in possession for a period of 10 days. You will receive a written statement declaring that you delivered your passport for the application of your residence permit. We will provide the Central Enrolment Office of the university with a copy of the page of your passport stamped by the City Hall, evidencing that

you applied for your residence permit. This is necessary for your enrolment at the university.

### Fees

The fee for a residence permit for students travelling into the Netherlands with a visa (MVV) is € 188.

For others the fee is € 433.

When you submit your application to the ESSC you will be asked to pay the above fee. You may do so in cash, by bank card or credit card. Please note that paying by credit card comes with a surcharge: students with MVV then pay € 197.40, students without MVV € 451.65.

By the way, note that you must always carry a form of ID when you venture out of doors – a valid driving license or passport.

**The next step may be getting a social-fiscal number.**

### Social fiscal number

All international students (including EU-residents) need to apply for a social-fiscal number when taking a full time job, or internship. The tax office is the place where this can be done, but call first: Belastingdienst phone 0800-0543. Non-EU-residents must have applied for a resident permit first!

### So you wanna open a Dutch bank account?

In order to open a bank account you will need a few documents, proof of identity, valid resident permit and Erasmus University Rotterdam enrolment card.

Check whether your new account and banking cards take out cash from ATM machines abroad. ABN AMRO Bank has branches and ATMs both on Hoboken and Woudestein campus. It might come in handy to get a chipknip as well. This is a card linked to your bank account for easy 'small cash' payment. It must be loaded first. Apart from the ATMs, campus Woudestein has a machine in the L-Building near the entrance to the Carroussel restaurant. NOTE: Chipknip is the only way of paying parking fees in the streets of Rotterdam with the occasional exceptions where your credit cards are accepted.

### Making an extra euro

If you're craving to go out and paint the sky red but are here on a tight budget (aren't we all) why not try to make a few extra euros so that you can spend it in one of those trendy clubs. Foreign students can take part-time jobs during their studies, but not being able to speak Dutch may be a barrier. Rotterdam has many temporary job agencies: also check out newspapers and the Internet.

### Work permit

Non-EU/EEA students need a work permit for part-time jobs. Your employer or employment agency will apply for your work permit. They will need a document from the university stating that you are registered as a student. The number of hours that non-EU/EEA students can work is restricted to a maximum of 10 hours per week throughout the year. Alternatively, you can do full time seasonal work in June, July, and August.

### EU students

EU students with proof of legal stay for study purpose do not need a work permit for a temporary job. Nor are there any restrictions to the number of hours that they may work.

Read more on part-time jobs by downloading the Nuffic Fact Sheet Foreign Students and Part-time Jobs. [www.nuffic.nl](http://www.nuffic.nl)



### Street smart

We hope you'll have a safe, pleasant and memorable stay. And although Rotterdam is a relatively safe city, bear in mind it has all the characteristics of a metropolitan city. We recommend avoiding certain areas in late hours (you'll soon know which) and travel in company at late or early hours if possible. In emergencies, please dial 112 and ask to be put through to the police, fire brigade or ambulance service.

### Pimp up your room

Found a room but it needs a personal touch? Then go and browse through all the up market and hip furniture stores (like Kunst & Kitsch). Let yourself be inspired here and then go to cheaper stores where you can buy similar things for much less, like IKEA (there are two big IKEA stores in greater Rotterdam, one in Barendrecht, easily reached by tram from Central Station and one in Delft less accessible by public transport. Early birds getting there before they actually open the store can have free coffee and the famous 1-euro-only breakfast ([check www.ikea.nl](http://www.ikea.nl) for details).

Or do as your fellow Dutch students do: go browse Garage Interior Kralingen for nice not too expensive second-hand furniture and bric-and-brac.

For the more arty types: Check out Studio Hergebruik: they've got all kind of neat recycled work and inspirational stuff. For opening hours [check www.studiohergebruik.nl](http://www.studiohergebruik.nl).

If you're destined to deck out your room spiffy yet cheap check out second-hand stores like Kringloopwinkels. Good things for less money. From furniture to books, clothing, washing machines.

For the various branches in and around Rotterdam check [www.piekfijn.nl](http://www.piekfijn.nl).

### CBK

CBK: Pimping up your room with a rented piece of art is possible at CBK Artotheek (Centrum voor Beeldende Kunst). Every last Sunday of the month they have tea and talks, in Dutch, so you may pick up a thing or two and enjoy the free tea and cookies. [www.cbk.rotterdam.nl](http://www.cbk.rotterdam.nl)

### Household machines

Pining for a washing machine or fridge but cannot afford a new one? Then go to 'Wit en Goed'. Top brand second-hand machines like Miele, AEG, Bosch and Siemens go for very reasonable prices. The owner of the store delivers to your door and even connects the machine for you.

### Laundromats

Surf to [www.detelefoongids.nl](http://www.detelefoongids.nl) and type 'wasserettes' and 'Rotterdam' and you will get a list of names and addresses of Laundromats.

### General Information

Business hours in the Netherlands generally are from 8.30 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

Government institutions 9 am to 5 pm.

Shops 9 am to 6 pm on weekdays and 9 am to 5 pm on Saturdays.

City center shops are also open on Friday evenings until 9 pm, and Sundays from 12 noon to 5 pm.

Supermarkets are usually open until 8 pm, and closed on Sundays, except for Jumbo Supermarket branch in the South and Albert Heijn in the City Center (Lijnbaan).

Some shops are closed on Mondays, especially in the mornings, but most of them open around 11 am

### Religion

A Firm Belief!

The student pastoral care team includes pastors of different denominations. They will be pleased to engage in personal talks on philosophical, ethical and personal-life questions; these talks are strictly confidential of course. In addition the student pastors aim at providing input to the various faculties on matters related to outlook on life, portrayal of mankind and ethics, by setting up discussion sessions and meetings in university circles. Student pastor is drs. K.D. van Kampen, Karel Doormanstraat 167, telephone (010) 411 5506; e-mail: [vkampen@rotan.nl](mailto:vkampen@rotan.nl).

Please call to make appointments. [www.eur.nl/studentenpastoraat](http://www.eur.nl/studentenpastoraat).

Rotterdam also has a number of foreign churches and mosques where services are held in various languages. The Addresses can be found in the 'Addresses' section in the back of this book.

### Islamic prayer room

Muslim students are invited to use the Islamic prayer room located in the Aula basement area (A-Building Woudestein Campus). It is kept locked, but the key is available at the reception desk in Central Hall upon handing over your student card.

### Strong Medicine

Let's hope not, but there might come a day you will need the Dutch healthcare system. So make sure you have adequate medical insurance. As a foreign temporary resident you should have taken care of this before entering the country. Otherwise, arrange insurance a.s.a.p. Check the yellow pages or telephone directory under the heading 'verzekeringen' and 'assurantielokantoor'. And when you're on to this, please also check 'huisartsen' (general practitioners). You must register with a GP as soon as you arrive in the Netherlands. Go to the GP first when you have any health problems. If necessary you will be referred to a specialist or hospital. In case of emergency call the doctor line (010) 4201100.

### Hospitals:

There are various hospitals in Rotterdam and its immediate vicinity: Erasmus MC (west), Havenziekenhuis (city center), Ikazia Ziekenhuis (Zuid) and IJsselland Ziekenhuis (east). For addresses please check the 'Addresses' section in the back of this book

### Dentist

Dentist: periodical check ups every six months. Addresses can be found in the yellow pages or telephone directory heading 'tandartsen'. In case of emergency call the dentist line (010) 455 2155.

Medication prescribed by the family doctor or dentist is available from a pharmacy (apotheek). Non-prescription medication goes over the counter in drugstores (drogist). For further information and general questions regarding healthcare please contact GGD Rotterdam Gezondheidslijn (010) 433 9933 (Monday thru Friday 09.00-17.00) or [www.ggd.rotterdam.nl](http://www.ggd.rotterdam.nl).

### Ear Glued To The Phone...

Connection to the fixed network for telecommunications can be arranged with KPN Telecom, telephone 0800-0402 or online at [www.kpn.com](http://www.kpn.com).

KPN Telecom is under the obligation to connect you to the telephone network. Several kinds of connections are possible, depending on your needs.

All infrastructure up to the connection point is KPN Telecom's property. Everything from this point on is the user's responsibility. The use of the line will be charged bi-monthly. Landline telephone subscriptions and equipment can be arranged with a range of telephone companies, each with its own charges, conditions and sound quality. The latter could be a deciding factor for international calls. Dip in the yellow pages or telephone directory under the heading 'telecommunicatie'. Here you will also find info on mobile telephone providers.



### Stamps

Letters 0-20 grams, and postcards

€ 0.44 within the Netherlands

€ 0.72 within Europe

€ 0.89 rest of the world

### Oh Those Rules And Regulations

- You have to carry a proof of identity with you at all times.
- Maximum driving speed in town 50 km, on roads outside town may range from 60 km, 80 km and 100 km and 120 km (never ever exceed 120 on the highway).
- Always buckle up in the car, also in the back.

### Public Bank Holidays

- 30 April: Koninginnedag, the Queens' mother's (Princess Juliana †) birthday (if this date is a Sunday, the celebrations are on the preceding Saturday)
- 5 May: Liberation Day.

### Official holidays

- New Year's Day: 1 January;
- Good Friday;
- Easter Monday;
- Ascension Day;
- White Monday;
- Christmas Day and Boxing Day, 25 and 26 December

### Currency

Euro (€)

## Travel The Fast Lanes

Public transport in Rotterdam provided by RET (Rotterdamse Electric Tramweg) includes trams, buses and the metro. The present system of pre-paid tickets, called strippenkaart, is now being replaced in Rotterdam by a sophisticated system called OV-chipkaart that will become operational in 2007.

### OV-chipkaart

OV-chipkaart is an initiative of the five largest public transport companies in the country: RET, Connexion, NS, HTM and GVB. Rotterdam-based RET is the first to introduce the OV-chipkaart system in the Netherlands, together with Connexion.

### Why the OV-chipkaart?

#### Easy & Fast

One card for all public transport in the Netherlands. No need to bother about number of zones. Always a valid transport ticket in one's pocket. Fast checking in and out by passing the card in front of the card reader. More information [www.ret.nl](http://www.ret.nl) (only in Dutch).



## Smart & Honest

Your fare is calculated exactly. You are charged not by zones but by kilometers traveled. Fare dodging will hardly be possible thanks to the entrance barriers and card reader.

## Safe

Access to public transport is only possible with valid transport ticket. Less aggression as fare dodging is discouraged.

## Planning

The nationwide implementation of a system like the OV-chipkaart tends to be a strenuous affair. Its introduction is stepwise therefore. RET starts introducing it in the Rotterdam underground railway (metro).

- **Early 2007**      OV-chipkaart system operational in tram and bus
- **2nd half 2007**    OV-chipkaart is the only valid transport ticket in the Rotterdam metro
- **As from 2009**    OV-chipkaart implemented throughout the Netherlands



## Driver Seat

Your current driving license is valid if you are staying in the Netherlands for a maximum of 3 months and have not registered at any municipality in the Netherlands.

If you stay longer than 3 months and have registered at a Dutch municipality, your foreign driving license is only valid for 6 months. After 6 months you either have to exchange your foreign driving license for a Dutch driving license or take a new test for a Dutch driving license. Exchanging a foreign driving license is possible for EU/EEA residents and residents from Taiwan, Israel, Japan, the States of Jersey (UK), the Isle of Man (UK), Switzerland, Monaco and Singapore. Others should apply for a Dutch driving license by taking a Versneld Bijzonder Examen (VBE) (i.e. Driving Test with Priority). Consult the Yellow Pages for a good driving school: [www.yellowpages.nl](http://www.yellowpages.nl) (please note that the information is in Dutch). Please bear in mind that obtaining a Dutch driving license can take a few months. For further information, please check: [www.cbr.nl](http://www.cbr.nl) (only in Dutch). If you intend to bring, buy or rent a car, please note that your driving license is not automatically valid. Parking a car in central Rotterdam area may be tricky on certain days and is also very expensive. Fees for parking in the streets must be paid by chipknip. Car parks will accept cash, chipknip or credit card payments.

## Bike

You'll find out soon that a cheap and fast way of getting around town is having a bicycle. You can buy them new or second

hand in shops across town. A good place to buy a bike is Frensch Tweewielers, Walenburgerweg 36, phone 010-4653223. For other addresses surf to [www.detelefoongids.nl](http://www.detelefoongids.nl) and key in 'rijwielhandel' and 'rotterdam'. Both university campuses have their own bicycle sheds. Second-hand bikes are offered on the Internet as well:

[www.ebay.nl](http://www.ebay.nl)

[www.marktplaats.nl](http://www.marktplaats.nl)

[www.speurders.nl](http://www.speurders.nl)

## On The Water

Watertaxi Rotterdam provides water taxi services, ferry services, roundtrips and contract transport in the Rotterdam region. Its amazingly fast Maastaxis cruise the whole area and the classic Watertaxis HNY ferry between Hotel New York and Leuvehaven or Veerhaven. For Maastaxis please call (010) 403 0303 and point out the pick-up and drop-off landing stages. They will take from one to 8 persons. Pick-up time will be arranged and a cost estimate can be provided. The actual fare is then calculated by taximeter. The Water taxis HNY sail on and off at peak times, when you don't have to ring and waiting times are maximally 10 minutes. At off-peak hours (in the morning and the late evening) please call (010) 403 0303 and the Maastaxis will get you across.

Email: [info@watertaxirotterdam.nl](mailto:info@watertaxirotterdam.nl).

Watertaxi Rotterdam will also take you out of Rotterdam to:

- Krimpen a/d Lek (ferry)
- Kinderdijk
- Ridderkerk (Fast Ferry)
- Spijkenisse



Photo: Rotterdam Marketing

A nice idea for a day trip is to take your bike out to Dordrecht and cycle from there to the Zuid-Holland side/northern edge of the Biesbosch wetlands, have lunch in Huiskamerrestaurant Fluitekruid (behind the dyke) and take the waterbus back from Dordrecht.

### By Air

#### Rotterdam Airport

Bus 33 from Central Station will take you straight to Rotterdam Airport. Check [www.rotterdam-airport](http://www.rotterdam-airport) for more information or call (010) 446 3444

#### Schiphol Airport

Schiphol Airport near Amsterdam can easily be reached by train from Central Station, check [www.ns.nl](http://www.ns.nl) for schedules. Travelers by car are advised to check out for traffic jams before leaving: [www.schiphol.nl](http://www.schiphol.nl) or call 099-0141

### By Taxi

Taxi transport is provided by a number of companies in Rotterdam. You can either phone a taxi or take one at a taxi stand Yellow Pages heading 'taxi' or 'taxibedrijf'.



Photo: Rotterdam Marketing

## Put On Your Walking Shoes

### Architectural highlights in Rotterdam

Okay, now that you have settled in and done away with all those dreary duties it's high time to explore campus and the city. Need some inspiration? Gaze at art on campus Woudestein (see art route, page 15) or take the Architectural Route thru the city. You're lucky to arrive this year, as Rotterdam is dedicated City of Architecture in 2007. So put on your walking shoes and take in all these primo architectural highlights!



#### 1 | Central Station

Designed by S. van Ravensteyn  
(1950-1957)

Construction started in 1953. Completed in 1957, it replaced the Delftse Poort station, which was destroyed in 1940. Up to 2010, this area will be undergoing a radical metamorphosis with the arrival of the international high-speed line (HSL), the regional Randstad rail and a completely revamped station building.

## 2 | Groothandelsgebouw

H.A. Maaskant and W. van Tijen (1947-1953) A fine example of early 1950s reconstruction. Firms which had previously been scattered throughout the city center set up business here. 220 meters long and 85 meters wide, it was the largest multi-occupancy building in Europe at the time. In a most ingenious way, paths intersect the building - about 1.5 kilometers in total - to facilitate loading and unloading operations. Currently approximately 130 businesses (including shops) operate from here.



## 3 | Nationale Nederlanden (Delftse Poort)

Abe Bonnema (1986-1991) Dwarfing Central Station, the higher of the two prominent, reflective towers is a little over 151 meters high. That makes this Nationale Nederlanden office building the highest in the Netherlands.



## 4 | Millennium Tower

Webb Zerafa Menkes Housden (2000) Apart from offices, the Millennium Tower houses the Westin Hotel, which occupies the lower 14 floors of the 131-meter high building. The Westin is one of the most modern and luxurious hotels in the city. The Westin is Rotterdam's only 5-star hotel.



## 5 | Plaza

Ellerman, Lucas, Van Vugt (1984-1992) Multifunctional building on Weena with office space, a residential tower, a multi-storey car park, a shopping center and a casino. The golden-colored image of Flora

above the entrance was created by British artist Theo Crosby and has been given the rather unflattering nickname 'Weenawijf' (Weena shrew).

### 6 | Schouwburgplein De Doelen Concert And Conference Center

E.H. and H.M. Kraaijvanger, in collaboration with R.H. Fledderus (1955-1966) / Jan Hoogstad (2000) Named after the former music center that was destroyed during the bombing of Rotterdam's city center in May 1940. In 2000, new conference facilities were built on the roof and above the old inner courtyard. In the main and small auditoriums, you can enjoy symphonic music (e.g. played by the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra), but also world music and children's concerts.



### 7 | Stadhuisplein

Stadhuisplein, with its many bars and pavement cafés, is a popular place for both Rotterdammers and visitors to gather. Mari Andriessen's war memorial 'Monument voor de gevallen' shows two men, a woman and a child (representing the past, present and future). It is a tribute to the people of Rotterdam who sacrificed their lives for the liberation of the country.



### 8 | City Hall

Henri Evers (1912-1920)

On 15 July 1915, Queen Wilhelmina laid the foundation stone for the City Hall on Coolsingel, opposite Stadhuisplein. The monumental building has a symmetrical design, constructed around a courtyard, with the main entrance in the middle. The courtyard, laid out as a garden, is accessible from the street that 'runs through' the City Hall. The 71-meter high bell tower is concealed behind a sandstone façade.

### 9 | Beurs/WTC

J.F. Staal / R.B. van Erk and A.H. Verbeek.

J.F. Staal's 'old stock exchange' was built in a functionalist style. It was the first building to be restored after the war. The World Trade Center, the superstructure of the 90-meter high green stock exchange building, dates back to 1986. The adjoining brasserie Staal is the place to be seen.

### 10 | Desiderius Erasmus

Hendrick de Keyser (1622)

This is the oldest statue in the Netherlands! It stands in Grotekerkplein, just a stone's throw from the Laurenskerk. The philosopher Erasmus was born in Rotterdam around 1468.

## 11 | Laurenskerk

Behind Hoogstraat is the Grote Kerk or Sint Laurenskerk (St. Laurence's Church), named after the patron saint of the city. The building took on its present form in about 1525, but was hit heavily during the bombing of 14 May 1940. The church was not opened again to the public until 1968. Feel free to look inside, at the beautiful tombs and the authentic chancel work. For a panoramic view of Rotterdam, get to the top the spire, which is open every Saturday from May to September.



## 12 | Maagd Van Holland Quarter (MaHo)

Here, the once typically Rotterdam street scene has transformed within a couple of years into a hip, cosmopolitan environment. A wide range of stores, from clothing to furniture, from designer to second-hand, offer something for everyone. MaHo is also the place to go for a drink or bite to eat; it is difficult to choose from the variety of (coffee) bars, lunchrooms, take-aways and restaurants on offer. Close by is the Urban Espresso Bar which serves delicious coffee and rolls.



## 13 | Central Library

J. Boot (Van den Broek and Bakema, 1983) The 2nd biggest public library in the Netherlands is located on Binnenrotte. The tiered building has six floors and really is eye-catching. Take the escalator up and look out over the city through the massive windows. The building is white on the outside and the yellow pipes – to supply fresh air – stand out well against this background. The general appearance is reminiscent of the Centre Pompidou in Paris and the building has attracted nicknames such as 'vacuum cleaner' and 'tube baby'.

The Rotterdam Library is a public institution. Apart from this Central Library, it operates 23 branches within Rotterdam and one mobile library. The institution dates back four hundred years and still



draws 3.4 million visitors annually. It offers an extensive collection of books, national and international newspapers, magazines, periodicals, cd-roms, audio cassettes, DVDs, sheet music, slides and videos to satisfy all your information and entertainment needs. Over one million books are available. The Central Library building houses a theater and a restaurant as well.

For further information check the brochure *A trip to the Rotterdam Library*; for opening hours and fees, please check [www.bibliotheek.rotterdam.nl](http://www.bibliotheek.rotterdam.nl) or [www.muziekweb.nl](http://www.muziekweb.nl).

#### 14 | Blaak Station

H.C.H. Reijnders (1993). Since it was roofed over, Blaak Station resembles a flying saucer. The roof is suspended from a massive steel arch into which two colors of neon light have been fitted. If blue is on, then the train heads into the direction of the river. If it is green, then it's heading for the city. Rotterdammers have nicknamed the station 'the kettle'.



#### 15 | Cube Houses

Piet Blom (1978-1984)

Architect Piet Blom was commissioned to create an unusual footbridge between Blaak and Oude Haven. He came up with the Cube Houses, or: Blaakse Bos. Each concrete core accommodates an entrance and stairwell. Each house has three levels. Curious to have a peep inside? Number 70 is open to the public.

#### 16 | Verwoeste Stad (Devastated City)

Ossip Zadkine (1951) This bronze work of art is the city's main war memorial. The hole in the body symbolizes how Rotterdam's heart was cut out by the German bombs.



### 17 | Schielandshuis

J. Lois in collaboration with P. Post (1662-1665) Just past the corner of the HEMA department store sits one of the oldest buildings in the city, the Schielandshuis. Named after the Dyke Board of Schieland polders, which moved into the premises in 1665, and built in the style of Dutch classicism with baroque details. When Lodewijk Napoleon visited Rotterdam in 1811, he was accommodated here. The Schielandshuis was painstakingly restored in the early 1980s, and now houses the History Museum and Museum Atlas van Stolk.



### 18 | Maritime Museum Rotterdam

W.G. Quist (1981-1986)  
In 1852, the Show Room of the Royal Dutch Yacht club was created here, on the insistence of Prince Hendrik (1820-1879). The collection now contains half a million maritime artifacts. Diverse exhibitions are on show here.



### 19 | Havenmuseum (Harbor Museum)

The Harbor Museum is a 'working' museum. For this reason, there is always something going on. Along Leuvehaven you can find all kinds of boats, barges and a grain elevator. Highly recommended is the steamboat 'De Buffel' tour. Between the Harbor Museum and Erasmus Bridge stretches the Walk of Fame. Here, 200 national and international celebrities have been immortalized in concrete. You can tread in the footsteps of Tina Turner, Johan Cruijff and many others.



## 20 | Harbor Museum Oude Haven (Old Harbor)

Historic ships are the perfect adornment to the modern backdrop of Oude Haven. This is where the first skyscraper in Europe was built, the White House by architect W. Molenhoek, in 1898. On summery days, the pavement cafés are crowded until late at night. But even when the weather is colder, Oude Haven is a popular entertainment area, for meals, a drink or dancing.



Photo: Rob Niemantsverdriet



## 21 | Erasmus Bridge

Ben van Berkel (1996)

The Erasmus Bridge links the northern and southern parts of Rotterdam, which are separated by the River Maas. The 800-meter long suspension bridge has a 139-meter high steel pylon, which is secured with 40 ropes. The shape of the pylon gave the bridge its nickname, 'the Swan'. It is the icon of the city of Rotterdam.

## 22 | Extra Walk, Kop Van Zuid

It is worth deviating from the route here, to enter Kop van Zuid via Erasmus Bridge. The new Luxor Theater at the foot of the Erasmus Bridge stages musicals and other popular shows. Its red color and minimalist lines are immediately recognizable. The former departure and arrival halls of the Holland-America Line have now been converted into Cruise Terminal Rotterdam. A variety of events are organized here in the space below the roof, with its 6 arches and 120-meter long glass wall along the Maas.

It also houses bar, club and restaurant 'Rotterdam'. The terrace offers a magnificent view of the Erasmus Bridge and Rotterdam's skyline. On Koninginnenhoofd you will find Hotel New York, which once served as head office of the Holland-America Line. Today, the 19th century building is a lively bar, restaurant and hotel. The terrace pavilion is named after the architect Maaskant. Next to Hotel New York soars Montevideo, the highest residential tower in the Netherlands. The ground floor holds various bars and restaurants.

### 23 | Dutch Museum of Photography

If you like photography, then drop in at the Netherlands Photo Museum, one of the leading centers for photography in the country. The museum shows just how varied photography is; from a form of artistic expression to a social medium. Work by both up and coming photographers and established names are exhibited here.



### 25 | Westelijk Handelsterrein

Renovation works to the Westelijk Handelsterrein, a national monument built in 1894, were completed in 2002. The covered complex comprises a collection of 36 warehouses, in a lower and upper street. Whilst trade was once conducted here, art, entertainment and shopping now go hand in hand. In just a few steps you can move from a gallery to a winebar, from a restaurant to a lounge bar.

### 24 | Wereldmuseum (World Museum)

A.N. Godefroy (1849-1851) The Wereldmuseum offers glimpses of both contemporary and historic cultures, from close to home and far away. 'Hotel Het Reispaleis' gives children between the ages of 7 and 13 a wealth of information on people from all over the world.



Photo: Jan van der Ploeg

## 26 | Tax & Customs Museum

Here you get an interesting overview of centuries of smuggling, fraud, tax evasion and failed transactions. Children can go on a special 'smugglers trip'.

## 27 | Euromast

Maaskant (1960)

Designed to mark the Floriade show in 1960, when the concrete skeleton was built in just 23 days. At the time, the tower was the highest in the Netherlands, at 104 meters. Ten years later, the slim Space Tower was added, making the Euromast even higher. - The restaurant caters for light or more lavish meals. At a height of 100 meters, this is a spectacular experience, with Rotterdam at your feet.

**TIP** Find the grand, yet price-friendly Parkzicht restaurant in the Euromast park. Have a drink in the chic bar or dine inside or outside, gazing at the park.

## 28 | Extra Walk, Lloydkwartier

Just cross the bridge and you will find yourself in the middle of the bustling Lloydkwartier. Here, an attempt is made to create the perfect balance between living, working and leisure time. On the Müllerpier, modern houses and offices are mushrooming. Lloyd Multiplein is a regular venue for events and a lot of sport goes on there, on the football and basketball pitches. If it's drama, opera or dance you're looking for, then the O.T. Theater, venue for the Onafhankelijk Toneel group to rehearse and perform, is the place for you. The Schiecentrale, the 25KV building and the multimedia, trendy hotel Stroom



are all housed in a former, renovated power station on Lloydstraat.

This place is said to be the heart of Rotterdam's creative-audiovisual industry.

### 29 | Sky High

The platforms of the Euromast offer truly spectacular views across the city and harbor: if you manage to keep your vertigo under control and step into the rotating cabin you will reach the very top of this striking 185-meter high tower. And in the summer months, the real daredevils among you can abseil or zipline from the top of the tower to the bottom.

### 30 | Park Schoonoord

The secret park dating back to the 18th century, is the oldest park inside the city and still in the original state. And it is still owned by the banking family Mees. There are Lebanese cedars, cypresses, pear trees and chestnut trees. Spring comes with the old galantes, which you hardly see anywhere nowadays. Note the memorial stone for David Mees, who died on 5 May 1945 (Liberation Day) when he tried to remove the wire thread that separated the villa from the park. No entrance fee and open Mon-Fri from 8 am to 4 pm, Sat-Sun from 11 am to 4.30 pm.

### 31 | Scheepvaartkwartier

In this old part of Rotterdam, the city's ship-owners and port barons once settled. The monumental and often ornately decorated premises are a reminder of these times. Nowadays, shipping offices, trading companies, consulates and government departments alternate with other (creative)



businesses, luxury apartments, restaurants and stores. In this way, more balance is gradually being brought to a neighborhood where about 25,000 people used to work but only 850 people actually lived.

### 32 | Kunsthal

Rem Koolhaas and Fumi Hoshino (1889-1992) The Kunsthal is one of architect - Rem Koolhaas's early designs and a work of art in its own right. About 25 exhibitions a year are held here, presenting culture in the broadest sense of the word: classical art, modern art, design and photography, from elite to popular. The roof holds a sculpture by Henk Visch, from 1992.

### 33 | Natural History Museum

J.F. Metzelaar (1850)

The Natural History Museum is housed in the former villa Dijkzigt, owned by to the shipping family Van Hoboken, opposite the Kunsthal. A striking feature is the skeleton of a 15-meter sperm whale that adorns the entrance hall. The museum has two permanent exhibitions: international and regional nature.

### 34 | Museumpark

Until just before the Second World War, Museumpark was just a stretch of grass where cattle grazed. It formed part of the extensive Van Hoboken family estate. In the 1920s, the municipality of Rotterdam purchased the land. One of the first buildings to be erected on it was Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen. Next followed exclusive villas in the style of 'Nieuwe Bouwen' (New Building, otherwise



known as 'Nieuwe Zakelijkheid'). Examples of this functionalist, innovative style are Huis Sonneveld (1933) by architects J.A. Brinkman and L.C. Van der Vlugt (who designed the Van Nelle factory) and the current Chabot Museum, designed by architects G.W. Baas and L. Stokla.

### 35 | Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen

A. van der Steur (1928-1935) / A. Bodon (1963-1972) / Daem & Robbrecht (2000-2003) Rotterdam's leading art gallery is Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, which houses a large collection of classical and modern art. From Rembrandt to Picasso, Boijmans is home to a wide variety of old and new masters. It also houses a unique collection of visual art and design. Temporary exhibitions present the innovative work of contemporary (inter)national artists and designers.

### 36 | Sylvette

Sylvette, on the corner near Boijmans Van Beuningen, is a sculpture created jointly by Carl Nesjar and Pablo Picasso. Using the technique developed by Nesjar, Picasso had his small sculpture enlarged. Sylvette was the young woman admired by Picasso in the period around 1958.

### 37 | Netherlands Architecture Institute (NAI)

Jo Coenen (1993)

NAI is the place for lovers of architecture. Yearly it stages some 20 temporary exhibitions on architecture, urban development and spatial planning. The permanent exhibition 'GeWoon Architectuur' (Ordinary Architecture) provides a clear overview of developments in Dutch residential architecture from 1850 to the present day. The striking 'Museumpark-beeld' (Museum Park Sculpture) in the pond in front of the NAI, is by the artist Auke de Vries, who also designed the 'Maasbeeld' (nicknamed 'the washing line') near the Willems Bridge. An admission ticket into the NAI is also valid for Huis Sonneveld (see Museumpark), which offers an interesting audio tour.

### 38 | Chabot Museum

In a white villa in Museumpark, work by painter-sculptor Hendrik Chabot (1894-1949) is exhibited. Chabot is one of the major Dutch expressionists. He spent a large part of his working life in Rotterdam. He produced the 27 paintings on show in the museum during the Second World War.



### 39 | Westersingel

In 1859, Westersingel was constructed as part of a water project, mainly aimed at improving the water management and subsequently hygiene in the old city. Most of the buildings in Westersingel, Eendrachtsweg and Mauritsweg are 19th century and were designed for the 'better classes'. Westersingel forms part of the city's cultural axis. Why don't you take a leisurely stroll along its sculpture route, featuring work by major sculptors such as Rodin?

### 40 | Witte de With And Tent

These centers of contemporary art are located in the same building: TENT. on the ground floor and Witte de With on the floors above. Witte de With explores the latest trends in art and is not afraid to venture beyond the traditional circuit. TENT. is very Rotterdam, international, contemporary, risky and dynamic.

### 41 | Witte de Withstraat

From casino to art gallery, from criminal to artist. This encapsulates the incredible metamorphosis of Witte de Withstraat, today the street for art and culture in Rotterdam. You can easily spend a whole day wandering around there, from museum to gallery, to shop, to bar ....The many bars, which usually stay open until late, are very popular among Rotterdammers.

### 42 | Westblaak Skatepark

One of the grooviest skateparks in the Netherlands is on Westblaak. Everything is made of stainless steel. The brightly colored lines on the smooth asphalt add extra dynamism to the skaters' moves.





Photo: Jan van der Ploeg

#### 43 | Lijnbaan

J.H. van den Broek and J.B. Bakema (1953) Ever since it opened in 1953, Lijnbaan has been the busiest shopping street in greater Rotterdam. It was Europe's first pedestrian shopping area. Nowadays it offers a choice of large stores and small boutiques, with well-known brand names and chains such as Diesel, Esprit, Mango and Invito.

#### 44 | Beurstraverse

P. de Bruijn (1986-1996), interior J. Jerde. Beurstraverse, better known as 'de Koopgoot', runs under Coolsingel and forms the link between the shops in Hoogstraat (to the east of Coolsingel) and Lijnbaan (to the west of Coolsingel). Children just love the water fountains.

#### 45 | Café De Unie

J.J.P. Oud (1925) Before the bombs fell in May 1940, Café De Unie (1925) was on Coolsingel. In 1986, the replica was built on Westersingel. Bar, restaurant and cultural center were designed by architect J.J.P. Oud, who also designed the residential area Het Witte Dorp. The front of the building, in the primary colors blue, yellow and red, is characteristic of De Stijl movement and you can't miss it among the 19th century buildings.

#### 46 | Rotterdam Schouwburg (City Theater)

W.G. Quist (1982-1988) The minimalist, square building on the other side of the steel square is the Rotterdam City Theater. The ingenious outside lorry lift, takes lorries up to the second level to deliver scenery. The sculptures on the front are by George Rickey and they move in the wind. Café Floor next door is a great place to have a drink or sandwich.

### 47 | Schouwburgplein

Adriaan Geuze (1992-1997)

Bordered by De Doelen, the Rotterdam Schouwburg and Pathé Cinema stretches the Schouwburgplein, an unorthodox variation on the classical square. It is a light metal construction combined with wood, rubber and concrete, and forms the roof of a multi-storey car park. Green/blue light shines through the metal from below. Play with the square lighting yourself by manipulating the four spotlights by hand.

### 48 | Maagd Van Holland Quarter (MaHo)

Here, the once typically Rotterdam street scene has transformed within a couple of years into a hip, cosmopolitan environment. A wide range of stores, from clothing to furniture, from designer to second-hand, offer something for everyone. MaHo is also the place to go for a drink or bite to eat; it is difficult to choose from the variety of (coffee) bars, lunchrooms, take-aways and restaurants on offer. Close by is the Urban Espresso Bar which serves delicious coffee and rolls.

### 49 | Maritime Museum Rotterdam

W.G. Quist (1981-1986)

In 1852, the Show Room of the Royal Dutch Yacht club was created here, on the insistence of Prince Hendrik (1820-1879). The collection now contains half a million maritime artifacts. Diverse exhibitions are on show here.

### 50 | West Kruiskade

The best multicultural street in the Netherlands if you are looking for something different from your average Dutch shopping center. At the city center end of West-Kruiskade is Rotterdam's Chinatown, with its Chinese supermarkets and restaurants. Further along the road you can find embroidered silks, gold sold by the 100 gram, Japanese pottery for next to nothing, carp in aquariums, American street wear and Turkish and Moroccan delicacies. It is packed with places to eat and drink. More than 150 nationalities live in the area, so you encounter the whole world here. For a more detailed program for the remainder of 2007 check [www.rotterdam2007.nl](http://www.rotterdam2007.nl).





**Shop Till  
You Drop**



*Beursstraverse also nicknamed 'Koopgoot'*

## A Little Retail Therapy

Rotterdam is a shoppers' paradise, for every income bracket. Just a short list with streets to go to and what for. Head there and see for yourself.

### The City Center

The city center is made up of Lijnbaan, Coolingsingel, Beurstraverse, Pannekoekstraat, Van Oldenbarneveltstraat, Botersloot, Meent, Nieuwe Binnenweg, Oude Binnenweg, Karel Doormanstraat. You will note changes in ambiance and store type when you walk them (best to go on foot of course). While in Lijnbaan, Coolingsingel and Beurstraverse (nicknamed Koopgoot) you'll find more high street stores, Botersloot, Meent and Pannekoekstraat cater for a more urban, young-talented crowd. Check out Puur, not cheap but with delicious stuff, it sells regional produce like Naegelholt cheese and butter from Leiden. A heaven for foodies. If you're hungry, try the Urban Espresso Bar or the yummy Indonesian take away from Anugerah. And there's food for thought. You cannot overlook Selexyz Donner, by far the largest bookstore in the Netherlands in a monumental building at Lijnbaan corner. Eleven levels stacked with books (more than 25.000 titles), DVDs, CDs, both classical and modern music, a theater to meet the authors, art sales exhibitions, an antiquarian department and a café (Bagels and More).

### The Eastern Part

The eastern part of Rotterdam comprises the Kralingen/Crooswijk, Ommoord, Prinsenland, Zevenkamp and Nesselande districts. While Kralingen is home to the upper income bracket, Crooswijk is the more blue-collar part, Ommoord and Zevenkamp the more lower and middle-class. Prinsenland was developed in the 1990s and houses more young, urban professionals. Rotterdam's most recent extension is Nesselande, to the far east. Offering larger houses for lower prices than in e.g. Prinsenland and better recreation facilities, it sees an influx of Prinsenland people. In Kralingen (Westerkaatje traiteur) they sell the best bread in Rotterdam: sourdough bread by Menno. Just treat yourself once in a while to this heavenly bread.



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Photo: Jan van der Ploeg

### The West

The west offers historical Delfshaven, providing an impression of how Rotterdam's city center looked like before it was bombed down in World War II. Then there is the working-class Spangen district featuring successful gentrification now (see under Walvisblok), Nationaal, it has also gotten some fame from the TV cop series of this name. A shop worth mentioning is Scrap, where you can buy waste materials; it's a fun place. Also used for kids parties and workshops. And Worm Home [www.wormweb.nl](http://www.wormweb.nl), a place for performative arts, music, media and film, with music store, bar and podium. For cheap but delicious oysters go to the market in the West (Visserijplein).

### The North

Closest to the city center are the Blijdorp and Oude Noorden districts. Noordplein and Zwart Jansstraat are worthwhile for shopping. Haa...Gebak! and Het Kookpunt are heavens for foodies. Further north is Hillegersberg, with Bergse Dorpsstraat and Weissenbruchlaan for up market shopping. Check out Kunst and Kitsch, a former lemonade factory on the River Rotte. Browse through the furniture and accessories, get inspired but spend your cash at cheaper high street stores like Xenos. Kunst and Kitsch also houses a café where you can have a great lunch. It's where the uptown girls celebrate birthdays. If you are into baking then pay a visit to Molen (Mill) De Vier Winden, they have everything you need to make delicious scones, cakes, bread or other stuff.

## The South

The south has always felt left out, like being a separate town rather than part of Rotterdam. Things changed when the Kop van Zuid area was redeveloped. It now has a much more trendy appearance and attracts a lot of young and creative spirits. But there is more to explore here like the colorful Afrikaanderwijk and Tuindorp Vreewijk with its lovely little houses.

A stepping stone between the North and South is Noordereiland, an island in the River Maas. Some 150 years ago it was no more than a sandbank where criminals used to be hanged from the gallows. The south bank was Rotterdam's garbage belt surrounded by grass, coleseed and buckwheat. The creation of harbors in the 19th century shaped the Noordereiland as it is today. The shipping magnates built their big mansions on the quays and behind arose the small houses for the workers and skippers. The first lamp factory established on Prins Hendrikkade by Achilles the Khotinsky has now been converted into a smart residential building.



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## Markets:

There are 12 markets weekly in Rotterdam. The biggest three are:

### Visserijplein

Thursdays and Saturdays; huge outdoor market at Visserijplein (metro exit Delfshaven). Plenty of exotic stuff at reasonable prices, even oysters and Moroccan pastelerias.

### Afrikaanderplein

Wednesdays and Saturdays; 300 stalls selling vegetables, flowers, fish and shoes. Kitchen staff of the Jamie Oliver style restaurant Het Gemaal shop here for fresh produce..

### Binnenrotte near Blaak Station

Tuesday and Saturdays; buy food and flowers cheap by 3 or 4 pm, On Sundays the market offers more fun stuff.

Markets in Rotterdam	
Name of market	Opening hours
Afrikaanderplein	Wednesday 8:00 - 17:30 hrs
	Saturday 8:00 - 17:00 hrs
Alexanderpolder	Friday 8:00 - 17:30 hrs
Asterlo Zuidwijk	Friday 8:00 - 17:30 hrs
Binnerotte Sunday Market	Morning/Afternoon
	Tuesday 8:00 - 17:30 hrs Friday 12:00 - 18:00 hrs
Centrum markt (Center market)	Saturday 8:00 - 17:00 hrs
	Sunday 12:00 - 17:00 hrs
Eendrachtsplein (Eco market)	8:30 - 17:30 hrs
Hoek van Holland	Tuesday 9:00 - 13:00 hrs
Hoogvliet	Thursday 8:00 - 17:30 hrs
IJsselmonde	Thursday 8:00 - 17:30 hrs
Ommoord	wednesday 8:00 - 17:30 hrs
Overschie	Friday 8:00 - 17:30 hrs
Schiebroek	Friday 8:00 - 17:30 hrs
Schiedamse Dijk	Sunday 11:00 - 17:00 hrs
	Thursday 8:00 - 17:30 hrs
Visserijplein	Saturday 8:00 - 17:00 hrs



## Shopping In Bad Weather

We can not always control the weather but when rain and thunder hits the streets you can still shop around the clock in the various shopping malls:

Shopping Mall Zuidplein (South)  
[www.zuidplein.nl](http://www.zuidplein.nl)

Winkelcentrum Plaza (City Center)  
[www.plaza-rotterdam.nl](http://www.plaza-rotterdam.nl)

Alexandrium I Oosterhof (east)  
 Alexandrium II Megastores (east)  
 Alexandrium III Woonmall (east)  
[www.alexandrium.nl](http://www.alexandrium.nl)

### Around Rotterdam

Around Rotterdam is a belt of towns that are worth exploring

- Dordrecht
- Delft
- Maassluis
- Den Haag

are no more than 50 kilometers from Rotterdam and can easily be reached by train (or take the fast ferry to Dordrecht!).



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With so many culinary cultures living in the same city there is a rich and exotic cuisine in Rotterdam. From lower income bracket to the more uptown prices, from simple bar menus to a Michelin star restaurant. For a complete overview please visit the IENS website ([www.iens.nl](http://www.iens.nl)). Restaurants are sorted by prices, districts and type of food. We only mention the special gems here:

### Special Culinary projects

#### Het Gemaal Wereldkeuken (South)

Since 17 May 2006, the Feijenoord district boasts a new food gem, located right at the Afrikaanderplein market: market restaurant Het Gemaal. This name is the Dutch word for pumping-station and is definitely rooted in the past, back to 1889. This location used to be the pump house for a steam pumping engine – until the arrival of electricity. Het Gemaal attracts market vendors and visitors, local residents and from all over Rotterdam, businessmen and tourists. The fresh products used in the kitchen come straight from the market. An early breakfast, an extensive lunch, yummy sandwich or a great cup of coffee with market pie: Het Gemaal offers something to suit all tastes. In nice weather meals are also served on the two outdoor terraces.

Het Gemaal is not just a market restaurant. It accommodates for 24 students of the Rotterdam Albeda-college who receive their full food preparation and service training here and later get to work elsewhere preferably in the new restaurants, eateries and shops in Afrikaanderwijk. And then, Het Gemaal also aims to be a safe haven for the cooks from Afrikaanderwijk locally known under the name The African Queens. The ultimate goal is to give a sympathetic and strong impetus to realizing 'eating quarter' Feijenoord.

#### Restaurant Millers ( West)

Eating for a good cause!

Restaurant Millers draws its staff from Pension Maaszicht, a shelter for the young and homeless. Located in a former warehouse, nothing trendy just a classical formula with waiters who seem to have run off a movie set. The Maaszicht youngsters run the restaurant together with professional staff. Just check it out!





### Roc Zadkine Horeca and Toerisme (City Center)

Have a fancy dinner at ROC Zadkine Horeca en Toerisme

They offer good food for less. The food is prepared by pupils as well as served by pupils of ROC Zadkine. It is always crowded (be aware of the fact that the crowd consists for a large part of senior citizens but if you don't mind and feel like mixing with the locals than you can have a jolly good time here. If you want to eat here make a reservation first.

If you come by car there are paid parking spaces. Payment by chipknip only. Reload your chipknip at the school's front desk.

### Las Palmas (Kop van Zuid)

Herman den Blijker opened in June 2007 a large sea food restaurant Las Palmas, in the Kop van Zuid area. The chef about his new venture: "We aim at creating the ambience of sea food places in southern Europe. Think of a combination of a fish market, those characteristic sea food restaurants in fishing harbor and seafood brasseries in Marseille, where you can get top bouillabaisse. This is the first of its kind in the Nether-



Photo: Jan van der Ploeg

lands. Near the entrance you find fresh fish counters with piles of super fresh oysters, lobsters, langoustines and crabs on ice. Quality hits you in the face. You can come and eat (for a) 30 euros or 100 euros a head, it doesn't matter. Everyone is welcome in this informal style restaurant.

### Como 010 (City Center)

First pinchos bar in 010: Como 010, Noordsingel 101. This pinchos bar is featured in a Dutch TV series: Mijn tent is top (My place is top) with celebrity chef Herman den Blijker. Pinchos originate from the Bask country in Spain and are tapas on a wooden stick. Eat to your heart's delight, but don't forget that paying is on the basis of empty stick count.

### Dudok (City Center)

Dudok is more than apple pie (although it is delicious and famous, people from all over the country flock in to buy it here). First an office building designed by master architect Dudok, the place still has a bit of grandeur. Crowded by city people on weekdays and families in the weekends. Come here for a late Sunday breakfast or high tea. Then take one or more pies away (try also the heavy chocolate or pear varieties) and stock them in your fridge.

### Restaurant Humphrey's (Kop van Zuid)

New in the Kop van Zuid Montevideo building, opened last year. The principle is simple, a fixed price for a three course meal. Six options for each course, and a choice of fish, meat or vegetarian. There are fresh menus every month.

### Knoflook Restaurant Look (City Center)

A restaurant without any fancy trimmings but a place you know features garlic as soon as you walk through the door.

[www.restaurantlook.nl](http://www.restaurantlook.nl)

### Brasserie Staal (City Center)

Go any time of the year, but in summer they serve food alfresco in a nice terrace setting. To see and be seen! [www.staalrotterdam.nl](http://www.staalrotterdam.nl)



## Hot Spot Near Campus Woudestein

### Brasserie Dylan's (East)

Cramped in between posh Victoria hockey and tennis club and the northern edge of Brainpark it is a worldly place. Lots of business-men, office people and the occasional blondes still wearing their fancy jogging outfits (it's housed in an upmarket sports club, Health Fit Club Kralingen). Sit outdoors on hot days and spot the parking lot filled with SUVs, Porsches and the rare pick up truck. The food is good although a bit pricey. But hey if you've got to spend a few extra euros it might as well be here.

## On Campus Woudestein

### Sienna (Campus Woudestein)

And we've got our own terrace here at Uni: Ristorante Sienna will open its terrace again when the first sun-beams hit the plaza between H- and A-Building. And if you're lucky you can hear the carillon, debaters arguing, and fellow students hanging out on the plaza ...



## View On The River

### For Love Birds (City Center)

No need to wait for Valentine's Day to impress your sweetheart, just book the dining room for 2 in restaurant Blits. This groovy love-suite has it all! If you dare looking away, watch through the heart-shaped window the river slowly passing by. One bottle of sparkling wine, a bottle of house wine and three special bites

will cost you altogether 69 euros for 2. Who was it again that said food conquers love?

## There's More In The City Center

### L'Odet (City Center)

For great sandwiches, a busy bit crummy sandwich shop but with heavenly not too expensive sandwiches.

### Summer Delicacies

Ice cream can be half air, well that is the ones you buy in the supermarket, but the real hand/homemade ice cream is another piece of cake. Rotterdam has plenty places to taste terrific ice cream. To name just a few (for addresses check the 'Addresses' section in this book)

- Australian Home made
- De IJssalon
- Capri

## Being Alfresco Top Outdoor Terraces

A small selection of the best terraces in town:

- Cafe Coenen (City Center)
- Cafe Rotterdam (Kop van Zuid)
- Hotel New York (Kop van Zuid)
- All in Oude Haven area
- Stadhoudersplein (City Center)
- Café Staal (City Center)

## Further Down The Road

- Stobbe Magneet (East)

### Eat pancakes in Kralingse Bos (East):

De Big (many times winner of the AD newspaper national pancake test) or De Nachtegaal. Both are not that far away from campus Woudestein. So if you've got an hour to spare taste the typically Dutch pannenkoeken.

Another fun place in Kralingse Bos is Schone Lei right at the lake. In summer



Photo: Jan van der Ploeg

have your drinks or meals on the outside terrace and watch the joggers and parents with kids passing by along the lake. Perfect hangout for summer days. Not so bad in the winter either!

### Good Food For Less

Don't wanna cook, can't cook.... Rotterdam offers a great choice of restaurants for everybody's purse. And if you have little to spend there's plenty under € 10,- a meal. The best places are listed below, but if you do find other gems worth mentioning please let us know!

All addresses can be found in the 'Addresses' section in the back of this book.

### Het Eethuisje Van Delfshaven (West)

Nice Dutch food for reasonable prices, mainly for take away but there are limited seats, a cosy atmosphere and it is perfectly ok to read the newspaper while eating.

### Eetcafe Het Trefpunt or De eend (City Center)

Revel in ye olde Rotterdam cosiness here.

### Cafe Anders (North)

A former butcher shop still with the authentic setting. The butcher still comes here for his pint. Mobile phones are forbidden!

### Rotiland ( West )

For a good vegetarian roti try this hangout on Gerrit Jan Mulderstraat 2. All you need is a little patience.

### De Zingende Zeeleeuw (West)

Nice friendly waiters/waitresses in this favorite hangout for senior citizens as well as youngsters. Also an arty place with a kind of a permanent exhibition in front of the door.



Photo: Jan van der Ploeg



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### De Fabriek (East).

Every day for a balanced 'hard up' menu. Popular hangout for students.

### Locanta Dunya (North)

Anatolian and Mesopotamian cuisine. Always full so please reserve well in advance!

### Dim daily (City Center)

An oriental fast food although the food is delicious. Chinese dim sum as Sushi is on the menu.

### Kervansaray (City Center)

Typical Turkish cuisine dishes for very reasonable prices.

### Rotown (West)

A bar as well as a restaurant. Good food for reasonable prices. Feel burning some calories afterwards or chill out then stay on for a little dancing. Sometimes there are gigs of alternative bands.

### Wereld Eethuis Bazar (City Center)

Oriental cooking, restaurant-cum-hotel. Good place to have breakfast on a lazy Sunday morning. Get a real buzz from the famous 1000 holes pancake.

### De Olijventuin (City Center)

The owner is Russian but he cooks a mix of Turkish and Italian food.

### Nazar (City Center)

Jolly good and... cheap! Nicely decorated, bit industrial with an oriental touch.

### Sahlan (North)

Very friendly Turkish (livingroom style) restaurant. The owners really make you feel at home. Good food for reasonable prices. Always crowded so make a reservation in advance.

## Having Friends Or Family Over

Not looking forward to put up your guests in your crummy digs? Don't worry there are stylish hotels in Rotterdam in all price ranges. For a complete overview check [www.hotelservicerotterdam.nl](http://www.hotelservicerotterdam.nl). We picked out just a few that are very special. Addresses can be found in the 'Addresses' section of this book.

### Grand Hotel Philadelphia (West / Maritime District)

Memorable for its staff of young people with special mental needs, an initiative of the Philadelphia Care Organization.

### Stroom Rotterdam (West / Lloyd Quarters)

Housed in a former power station, a hotspot of design and architecture in the Lloydkwartier. It has 18 interior designed studios and can be reached by water taxi or by tram 8.

### Home Hotel (City Center)

This hotel with its spacious rooms, sitting area and color TV is found right in the middle of the Witte de Withstraat.

### Hotel Astoria (South)

A very simple but nice and clean hotel. Breakfast is served by a former miss World and Universe. The Astoria is a small hotel in Rotterdam South within walking distance of the Ahoy complex.



Photo: Rotterdam Marketing





### Hotel New York (Kop van Zuid)

Dating back to the early 1900s, the former head office of the Holland America Line is situated most magnificently on the River Maas. Super view of the city skyline and the harbor and in an area bustling with innovative urban development. Water taxis ferry you to this hotel in five minutes from the other side of the river.

### Room Rotterdam (Maritime District)

A unique themed hostel with various double bedrooms and dorms. Very good value for money.

Located in the historical Scheepvaartkwartier (Maritime District) near the World Museum.

### Stayokay (Maritime District)

Close to the city center near Museumpark with all major attractions within walking distance.

It gives you Rotterdam for less.

And at the end of the day it's time to go clubbing, so.....



## Paint The Sky Red

Rotterdam is very much a city for clubbing. But if you're not in the mood for dancing there are plenty of (wine) bars and cafés (addresses can be found in the 'Addresses' section of this book). Here's where your fellow students love to go:

### Bars & Cafes

#### Barcode (City Center)

Trendy bar on Oostzeedijk. The interior is custom made and the atmosphere is very Manhattan in the seventies, think Saturday Night Fever. [www.barcode-rotterdam.nl](http://www.barcode-rotterdam.nl)



Photo: Rotterdam Marketing

#### Wine Bar En Verre (Maritime District)

It's a typical wine bar, there are 25 kinds of wine to taste by the glass and besides they serve tapas, including mussels. It's a good spot to hang out a bit before you want to go and have dinner somewhere (plenty of possibilities nearby).

#### Wine Bar Janssen en Van Dijk (City Center)

A swell place to hang out with a bunch of friends or the locals. Does good food (light lunches as well). Located near V&D department store and not too far from the Koopgoot (Beurstraverse). Cosy place.

### Concordia (East, close to the International House)

A real hangout for students and local residents. It offers good food for less as well as drinks and you can have your game of pool!

### Harbor Cafes

As a typical harbor town Rotterdam used to have plenty of harbor cafes but only some 20 have survived modern times. But still special enough to check them out. It goes without saying that you'll find them close by the water. Good beer and low prices.

The Slauerhoff Society aims at keeping the remaining ones intact. They award an annual prize for the best harbor cafe. Ballentent won twice, Courzand and De Vlag en Wimpel were winners too. Ballentent is located in front of the Euromast park and is famous for its meatballs!



## Catch A Movie

The weekly cinema program is listed on [www.filmladder.nl](http://www.filmladder.nl). The program is also available at all movie theaters in Rotterdam and is published in the free local papers. Make sure to make an advance booking if you're dying to see a particular movie. For early birds the morning movies (until 12 noon) come at half price in Pathé Schouwburgplein (city center) and Pathé De Kuip (South).

Now if you don't mind missing out on the colossal multi-level glass and steel walled Pathé theaters, grab a movie at the much more laid back, old times Cinerama or movie house Lantaren/Venster.

### Cinerama (City Center)

Cinerama on Westblaak is a magnificent old cinema with 7 screens and over 1000 seats in total. Minimalist seventies design. Metro Beursplein, Westblaak exit. Or take tram 20 from Central Station and get off at the Beurs stop on Coolsingel.

### Lantaren/venster (City Center)

Lantaren/venster is another cinema situated in the city center. It has two auditoriums, four screens and a spacious foyer. It features more of an art-house movie program [www.lantaren-venster.nl](http://www.lantaren-venster.nl).

### Plein Bios (Lloyd Quarters)

Every summer in August (check [www.pleinbioscoop.nl](http://www.pleinbioscoop.nl) for exact dates, location and movies) open-air cinema in Mu-seumpark or Lloyd Multiplein. Enjoy the shorts before the feature film. Free entry, rent a chair for a little money or bring your own.

## IFFR

The International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) offers a quality selection of worldwide independent, innovative and experimental cinema and visual arts. Devoted to screen, IFFR is the essential hub for discovering film talent, for watching and catching the first word of mouth on its many world and international premieres and for exploring its competitions. During twelve festival days, hundreds of filmmakers and other artists present their work to a large and devoted audience in 24 screening venues located within central Rotterdam. IFFR's 37th edition is scheduled from January 23 up to and including Sunday February 3, 2008.

Website: [www.filmfestivalrotterdam.com](http://www.filmfestivalrotterdam.com)

R-Eject film festival [www.roodkapje.org](http://www.roodkapje.org)

The R-Eject film festival started as a stage for filmmakers rejected from the International Film Festival Rotterdam. Now it has grown more into a pointer for developments in arts and society. It is about temptation, provocation and stimulation. The festival selects films on creative qualities and there are no (thematic) boundaries or restrictions.



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## In Concert

### Concert & Congress Center De Doelen

Home to the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra and situated in the cultural and professional heart of Rotterdam. An air bridge directly connects the congress section to the five-star Westin hotel. And surely it's the congress and concert blend that gives the place its special allure. Note: get free coffee or tea at the free walk-in lunch concerts on Wednesdays.

### Bibliotheek theater (Library Theater / City Center)

The Library draws 3.4 million visitors a year but offers more than books, cd's, magazines and newspapers. It houses the Erasmus Collection 'about' and 'of' Desiderius Erasmus and the Library Theater

stages all kinds of performances and presentations with the annual highlights Book Week, Childrens Book Week and the Readers Festival.

### Schouwburg (City Theater, City Center)

Two stages for dance, drama and music

### HAL 4 (near campus)

Hal 4 is a theater in one of the premises on the site of the former Drinking Water Company Rotterdam in Kralingen (not far from campus Woudestein campus). It still has the atmosphere of a late 19th century building. The venue is special: right next to the water tower and bordering the river Maas.

### Theater Zuidplein (South)

A popular theater with the Rotterdammers in the Southern part of Rotterdam where musicals take place as well as cabaret and stand up comedy.

### New Luxor Theater Rotterdam (Kop van Zuid)

The new Luxor Theater opened its doors in 2001, ideally situated at the foot of the Erasmus Bridge on the Kop van Zuid it brings musical, opera, cabaret and dance performances. The former (Old) Luxor Theater is still open (until 2009) and is situated in the City Center.

### O.T Theater (Lloyd Quarters)

The Onafhankelijk Toneel Theater is located in the upcoming Lloyd Quarters area. metro Coolhaven, tram 8, stop at St. Jobsweg or drop off at water taxi Mulderpijp stop.

### Wimby (Welcome To My Back Yard) (outside Rotterdam)

Hoogvliet is one of Rotterdam's satellite towns, a post-war development, now scheduled for renovation. Therefore, a lot of activities are hosted to show that it can become a more hip, lively and spacious area. Just come and have a look at Hoogvliet in the future.

### Ro Theater (City Center)

RO Theater is an independent travelling theater group with Rotterdam as basis. It brings more contemporary productions.

[www.rotheater.nl](http://www.rotheater.nl)





## Clubs

Let's dance the night away: plenty of opportunity to do so in Rotterdam. We mention a few of the hotspots. But be aware entrance is not cheap! For prices and opening hours check the websites.

### Baja Beach Club (City Center)

Tropical ambience. Enter through a 3.5 meters beach ball and spot the dj in a speedboat.

### Catwalk (City Center)

This new club (formerly known as BUMB) opened its doors January 2007. Check their website for opening hours [www.catwalkrotterdam.nl](http://www.catwalkrotterdam.nl).

### Cinema (City Center)

One of R'dams hippest hotspots, check out its mix and mingle of interior styles, its glassed-walled dj booth or visit the wine bar Kus (kiss).

### Club Imax (City Center)

A temporary use of the old IMAX movie theater. It's a club, stage, restaurant and a bar all-in-one. [www.clubimax.nl](http://www.clubimax.nl) (take the waterside entrance).

### Club Vibes (City Center)

Old-school tunes with soul, Club Vibes is a small and relaxed nightclub. Lots of R&B golden oldies from Motown blended with new hits.

### Club Waas (Maritime District)

Restaurant Land van Waas turns into a nightclub



### Maassilo (South)

Rotterdam's hottest club finds itself in Maassilo, a former grain warehouse near the River Maas. It is a haven for young urban hipsters. Heavy eclecticism rules the scene: house/urban tunes in 3 different areas.

### Off\_Corso (City Center)

A former cinema turned into club, an ultramodern place for the town's most creative spirits to meet and greet. Young artists show their productions whilst trendy urbanites dance until sun-up.

### Rotown (City Center)

A hotspot for music lovers, live performances by unknown bands and rising stars. It is also an excellent spot for pre-clubbing. Just come, have a beer and relax at Rotown.

### The Thalia Lounge (City Center)

Just over a year old and already famous in the Rotterdam area. Like Off-Corso housed in a former cinema, different levels, different dj's. If you wanna be a big spender for once just order your own table with champagne and strawberries.

### Waterfront (City Center)

Ska, rocksteady and fifties rock and roll. Local bands rehearse here and perform on stage.

Other clubs worth mentioning are:

- Club Lime
- Club Red
- Club Revolution

All pictures on this page are from [www.link2party.nl](http://www.link2party.nl)

Check out for an up on date partying in Rotterdam!



## On A Lazy Sunday Afternoon

### Things to do on a lazy sunday afternoon (or any other day of the week)

Take a boat trip from Veerhaven to Hotel New York (HNY), have breakfast, coffee or lunch and explore the Kop van Zuid area. Not far from HNY is Las Palmas the new home to the Dutch Museum of Photography. Further down is the Cruise Terminal, and if you're lucky you can marvel at a large cruise ship moored here. You may then feel like walking back over Erasmus Bridge. Nicknamed the Swan, this bridge features in more commercials and movies than any other bridge or building in the Netherlands.

### A fine piece of art (Museum District)

Rotterdam's magnificent museums offer artworks to anybody's taste, from classical to ultra contemporary. Get free entrance or huge discount with the national Museum Card valid in over 440 museums all over the country. More information on [www.museumjaarkaart.nl](http://www.museumjaarkaart.nl) (only in Dutch).



Photo: Marc Heeman

### Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen (Museum District / City Center)

Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen Rotterdam is an extremely many-sided museum. Wandering through its galleries you will journey through the history of art, from the Middle Ages until the present day. Free entrance on Wednesdays.

## Kunsthal Rotterdam (Museum District / City Center)

Kunsthal Rotterdam stages some 25 exhibitions a year. It presents culture in the widest sense of the word: old art, new art, design, photography - from elitist to popular. Frequent experiments with themes in many cases provide the first impulse for an exhibition. This approach has resulted in an exciting and varied exhibition repertoire highlighting Impressionism, lingerie, Leonardo da Vinci, Blackfoot Indians, jewels of the Orient, Pop-art. More than 3300 square meters of exhibition space are available in the striking building designed by Rotterdam architect Rem Koolhaas - a work of art in its own right, making a visit well worth your while.

## Maritime Museum (City Center)

The Maritime Museum Rotterdam is situated right in the heart of Rotterdam, a five minutes' walk from Cooolsingel and Erasmus Bridge. Moored alongside, in all its former glory, is museum ship 'Buffel'.

## Marines Museum (City Center)

This museum introduces the visitors to the world of the Dutch marines. Experience how it is to be a marine and how to survive dangerous and extreme conditions in the jungle or desert.

## Chabot Museum (Museum District / City Center)

Opposite Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, it shows the private art collection of works by painter/sculptor Henk Chabot (1894-1949).



### OorlogVerzetsMuseum (War Resistance Museum / Maritime District)

Rotterdam during hard times. It relates in detail the gripping story of Rotterdam and environs in the years of the Second World War, 1940-1945.

### Openbare kunst

With hundreds of works of arts and printable walking routes.

[www.openbarekunst.nl](http://www.openbarekunst.nl)

all these cultures. Go on Sunday mornings before 11 am and pay only 1 euro entrance fee.

### Rotterdam Historical Museum (City Center)

Located in the city center near the Maritime Museum. Offers various exhibitions from Piet Hein and Delfshaven to fashion and design.



### Wereldmuseum/World Museum (Maritime District)

Wereldmuseum Rotterdam focuses on encounters and cross-cultural inspiration. It aims at stimulating and surprising with contemporary and historical cultures from far away and close by. Special exhibitions and events provide for encounters with

### Netherlands Architecture Institute (NAI) (Museum District).

NAI is more than a museum of architecture. Above all it is a cultural institution open to the public that uses a variety of methods for communicating the shaping of human space.

## Dutch Museum of Photography (Kop van Zuid)

The Dutch Museum of Photography cherishes all types of photography. Not only in the sensational exhibitions on show in the museum, but also in its well-stocked library and bookshop. The exhibitions are dedicated to either the work of a single photographer (Raymond Depardon, Hans Aarsman or Frits Rotgans) or a theme, like the 1953 Flood Disaster, the steamship Rotterdam or Screenshot. Usually exhibitions are accompanied by a publication. What's more, the photomuseum with its collection of nearly three million negatives, transparencies and prints accommodates the history of (almost) a hundred years of photography. It includes work by famous Dutch photographers such as Ed van der Elsken, Cas Oorthuys and Aart Klein, but also less known photographers like Evert van Ojen and Wies Meertens. Quite frequently selections from these collections are put on display at home and abroad. In



addition, photographs from the collection are used in books and magazines. What's more, everyone dying to have a quality picture on the wall can order one. Located in Las Palmas Rotterdam building (on Kop van Zuid)

[www.nederlandsfotomuseum.nl](http://www.nederlandsfotomuseum.nl)

## Natural History Museum (Museum District)

The Natural History Museum Rotterdam has known – since its foundation in 1927 – a turbulent history and much relocations. From an attic over a girls' school on Schiedamsesingel the fast growing collection of birds, mammals, insects, shells, fossils and other naturalia was moved to a premises in Dirk Smitsstraat, and next to a charming villa in Mathenesserlaan right across Museum Boijmans. Villa Dijkzigt in Museumpark, former residence of the Hoboken family became its new location in 1988

### Harbor Museum (City Center)

The Harbor Museum offers a glimpse of what the harbor in the heart of Rotterdam looked like. Most activities have gradually moved seaward, to areas like Botlek, Europoort and Maasvlakte, hardly accessible to the public. But in this museum you can still have a taste of the typical harbor scene of old.

The Harbor Museum is a museum in full action. It means there's always something to see or experience. Many ships, derricks and a steam elevator are moored on Leuvehaven. Most of the historical commercial vessels are still in the original, ready-to-operate state and open to visitors. On the quay the hoist cranes are ready for the trans-shipment of goods and the slipways supervisor can be seen restoring boats on the wharf. Enter the workshops to see old crafts presentations and demonstrations.

Did you ever visit a deck-house of an inland vessel, sail with peat, buy sweets from the wife of the bumboat trader or go on a trip around the harbors of Rotterdam on an authentic steam tug? All this is possible in the Harbor Museum. And if you have any questions, there are always volunteers around who will be delighted to disclose the secrets of the harbor to you. Trans-shipment, tonnage and winches, it's all clear to the dockers, but possibly doesn't ring a bell to you.

### Nationaal Onderwijsmuseum (National Museum of Education / City Center)

The museum keeps extensive archives on the history of Dutch education. There are frequent temporary exhibitions as well as a comprehensive permanent exhibition that includes six completely furnished school and classrooms. The National Mu-



seum of Education is always worth a visit. It is housed in the former municipal library, a monumental building dating from 1923, in the heart of Rotterdam.

Please check websites for fees and opening hours. Yearly the combined museums stage a Rotterdam Museum Night. For exact dates check [www.rotterdam.info](http://www.rotterdam.info).

Or get info from VVV Tourist Office Rotterdam (City Center).

## Other things to do

### Feyenoord Stadium (South)

Apart from being home to major league soccer team Feyenoord ([www.feyenoord.nl](http://www.feyenoord.nl)), the stadium also hosts large-scale rock concerts and dance events. For a look behind the scenes take a guided tour which take you along unique spots in Stadium De Kuip, like the players tunnel and the Home of History, the only authentic Feyenoord Museum. For information check [www.dekuip.nl](http://www.dekuip.nl)

Besides Feyenoord, Rotterdam has two other major league soccer teams: Sparta ([www.sparta-rotterdam.nl](http://www.sparta-rotterdam.nl)) and Excelsior ([www.sc-excelsior.nl](http://www.sc-excelsior.nl)). The Excelsior grounds are next to Woudestein campus. Sparta is located in Spangen, Het Kasteel stadium.

### Discover The City On Bike (City Center)

Rotterdam Bicycle offers guided bicycle tours; a cool and sporty way to explore Rotterdam.

### City Safari (City Center)

City Safari arranges surprising and exciting trips that uncover the secrets of Rotterdam. Residents and companies will invite you to take a look behind the doors that remain closed to others.

### Rotterdam Roots (City Center)

Stands for fun activities in Rotterdam and organizes day-trips, incentives, sports and game activities, events and parties for national and international groups. It introduces you to everything the city has to offer in a fun way.

### Gilde Rotterdam (City Center)

City walks guided by citizens. From their personal experience these over-50s will tell you about life in the city and how it has changed over the years.

### Walk And Step Around (City Center)

Discover the city with a guide, take a 'walking tour architecture' or a 'walking tour history'. You can also discover Rotterdam by stepping on an original kickbike!



## Lots of water:

### The Old Harbors

The old harbors close to the city have seen a shift in function. North of the river Maas is Oude Haven now teeming with cafes, and Leuvehaven with its historical ships, the Maritime Museum and Museum Ship De Buffel. The lower reaches of the River Rotte formed the birthplace of what has evolved into one of the world's biggest ports. Oude Haven was a natural harbor in the Rotte estuary. Traces of habitation on the banks of the Rotte close to the Laurenskerk (St. Laurens Church) date back to around 150 AD. Excavation work for the railway tunnel brought to light coins and earthenware from between the tenth and twelfth centuries, originating in Germany and Northern France. This suggests international trade relations as far back as the early Middle Ages. In the 16th century, new harbors were dug, such as Haringvliet, which dates back to 1596. This is where the herring (haring) boats used to dock. Originally, the quays were mainly home to storage depots, shipyards and mast makers. Later, in the 18th century, the broad quaysides were built up, many with so-called Rotterdam merchants' houses that had a storehouse below and a spacious residence above. After the bombing in 1940, the area around Oude Haven fell into disrepair. A reconstruction plan included a massive roundabout, but protests from artists and students turned the tide. Architect Piet Blom came up with the design in 1978. It included the Cube Houses, the Pepper Pot and the residential block on Spaanse

Kade. The entire historical building block near Oude Haven was taken down for the construction of the railway tunnel and rebuilt in the same place. Oude Haven is now a vibrant entertainment center with lots of restaurants, (all-night) bars and clubs. There is a slipway for the historic vessels kept by the Open-air Inland Shipping Museum, and which have permanent berths in Oude Haven, Wijnhaven and Haringvliet. Some of the buildings here survived the bombs: a row of Rotterdam merchants' houses on Haringvliet and the White House office tower that dates back to 1898 (at the time, the highest skyscraper in Europe (source: The New Maasmap). Picturesque Delfshaven is the quarter where the famous admiral Piet Heyn was born in the late 16th century. Here you will find the Oude Kerk where the Pilgrim Fathers stayed before setting sail to America. Now it's been discovered for its antiques and art shops and lots of nice cozy restaurants and hang-outs. Historical museum De Dubbelde Palmboom hosts a free exhibition on Delfshaven's most famous resident Piet Heyn.

A fascinating former port area on the south bank of the River Maas near Erasmus Bridge is Kop van Zuid. Urbanization with innovative architecture is in full swing here, blending in with the old architecture. The former office of the Holland-America Line has been transformed into the trendy Hotel New York (HNY). More info [www.waterstad-rotterdam.nl](http://www.waterstad-rotterdam.nl)



### The Maastunnel (West)

The Maastunnel at its deepest is 20 meters below sea level. The wooden escalators take you 17 meters down; you can go on foot or take your bike. The north entrance to the tunnel is on Parkkade near the Euromast.

Rotterdam is still one of the biggest ports in the world, take a boat trip and have a look at the gigantic facilities that are shifting seawards all the time. But if you want to stay put, you should try the other inner city areas on the water with all kinds of attractions:

- Delfshaven
- Lloydkwartier
- Kop van Zuid
- Entrepot Area
- Scheepvaartkwartier (Maritime District)
- Leuvehaven
- Oude Haven

## More Water

### Swimming Pools

Bad weather calls for museum visits and Tropicana, the indoor tropical swimming pool on Maasboulevard. Or take a bike and cross the Algeria Bridge right into Krimpen aan den IJssel and head for the Lansingh indoor pool, just as tropical as Tropicana but with a more relaxed atmosphere.

### Wilhelminapier (Kop van Zuid)

Hundreds of thousands of immigrants departed from this area for Ellis Island in the USA. The former departure hall has been converted into a cruise terminal, where massive cruise ships can be admired regularly.

### Entrepot Area (Kop van Zuid)

An environment with a rich history. Traditionally this was the center of trade and industry, the huge Vijf Werelddelen building is reminiscent of more glorious times with warehouses used until recently for storing coffee, tea, sugar and spices. The City Marina Rotterdam is one of the greatest attractions in the Entrepot area flanked by pavement cafes and restaurants and luxury apartment buildings.



Photo: Rotterdam Marketing

### Scheepvaartkwartier (Maritime District)

The old family mansions now house shipping offices, exchanges, warehouses, consulates and government offices. Many have been turned into lawyers offices. The Wereldmuseum, the Dutch Tax and Customs Museum (free entrance) as well as Parkje Schoonoord can be found in this protected area.

### Leuvehaven

Some 300 years ago this was Rotterdam's seaport. Today it has a mere recreational function with the Maritime Museum and the Port Museum. The southern boundary of Rotterdam in the 16th century was marked by today's Blaak. Behind this stronghold lay a muddy area, covered with reeds, and through which a small creek ran, the Leuve. In 1598, the city administration ordered this branch of the Maas to be dug out. That makes it the oldest excavated harbor in Rotterdam.

### Lloyd Quarters (West)

Lloyd kwartier is a city within a city, entertainment facilities, from internet café to ordinary bar and restaurant and the Lloyd Multiplein for events and free sports facilities. Visit the construction work of the Oude Delft ship.

The harbor area is the scene of several annual events like the World Port Days, underlining Rotterdam's unique character.

World Port Days are every year in September. Check 'On A Tight Schedule' for exact dates. During these three days Rotterdam

is buzzing like at no other time. Visitors will be able to experience the dynamism of Rotterdam's port in surprising ways. Pioneering excursions to see what the port business community gets up to, fascinating demonstrations and presentations on the quaysides and spectacular shows on the water will provide a broad and realistic picture of World Port Europe.



### Storm Surge Barrier/Deltawerken (outside Rotterdam)

For the past 2000 years, the inhabitants of the Netherlands often have had to cope with flood disasters. The name Netherlands gives a clue to the problem: Nether means low. So the literal name is the low countries. When a storm develops and the wind stirs up the waves, the Dutch coastal area threatens to be flooded. The last time this happened on a large scale was just over fifty years ago. Almost 2000 people died following the flood disaster of 1953. The government then developed a coastal protection plan called Deltawerken to prevent this from happening again. The Oosterschelde storm surge barrier is part of this plan. Go and have a look at [www.neeltjeans.nl](http://www.neeltjeans.nl).

The finishing touch to the Deltawerken project is the Maeslantkering storm surge barrier near Hook of Holland. Officially put in operation by Queen Beatrix on 10 May 1997. On threat of flooding two gigantic doors lock up River Nieuwe Waterweg preventing the hinterland from being flooded. Put upright, this barrier would almost reach as high as the Eiffel tower in Paris; for that matter, it weighs four times as much. Be amazed and visit the exposition in the Keringhuis for free. For opening hours check website: [www.keringhuis.nl](http://www.keringhuis.nl)



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### Kinderdijk (outside Rotterdam)

Kinderdijk: protected by Unesco, 19 windmills lined together!

These mills drain the surplus water collected in the Alblasserwaard polders, which lie way below sea level, to the adjacent River Lek. The river in its turn then takes it to the sea.

The 19 windmills were built around 1740, always well kept and are still operational.

### Beach on the Maas (City Center)

Start digging out your sun cream, because between mid-May and the end of September Beach on the Maas will be back on Leuvehoofd in Rotterdam. This city beach, with real sand and an Eastern-style pavilion, brings the summer to Rotterdam all in one go. You can dance and drink there, relax and flirt, and have a great time. There's always something going at the Beach on the Maas!

The port of Rotterdam is best to be admired from a boat. Various organizations offer round trips with special themes.



### Boat trips (City Center)

Rebus excursions by boat.

Rebus boats will take you from Rotterdam to Kinderdijk and back. Daily crossings.

### Spido (City Center)

Spido offers a variety of boat trips. You can board throughout the year for a 75-minute tour of Rotterdam's port, but during the summer for various day trips and a Lunch Cruise too!

### Rederij Thor (City Center)

Rederij Thor organizes nautical events and experiences on the water, on board the launches Animathor, Navigathor and Senathor. The ships can be hired for all kinds of occasions, such as parties or meetings.

### Pancake Boat (City Center)

Eat as many pancakes as you like, whilst sailing past Rotterdam's impressive skyline. Boats leave from Parkhaven opposite the Euromast.

### Water taxi (City Center)

Discover the water taxi network on the River Maas. The classic water taxis run between Hotel New York, Leuvehaven and Veerhaven, to a fixed timetable.

The fast Maastaxis operate in the whole area, to many boarding points in Rotterdam and environs. For example, from the Zalmhuis via Van Brieneoord Bridge to Katendrecht. Or from Feyenoord stadium to Sluisjesdijk in Charlois

### Waterbus (City Center)

Waterbus provides a network of comfortable water transport between Rotterdam, Zwiijndrecht, Dordrecht, Ridderkerk, Krimpen a/d Lek and Kinderdijk. The waterbus is a custom-built catamaran of the 'low wash' type. Take your bicycle for free. The website [www.waterbus.nl](http://www.waterbus.nl) gives info on schedules and fares, though only in Dutch.



### Industrial Tourism (City Center)

Go on a voyage of discovery through the Netherlands' economic engine: the port of Rotterdam. Travel by coach or boat in a safe, but what is guaranteed to be a spectacular, manner through this impressive area. Industrieel Toerisme Rotterdam.

For additional information check:

[www.rotterdam.nl](http://www.rotterdam.nl)

### A Peek Into The Wild

Rotterdam Zoo Blijdorp is covering approx. 18 hectares where the animals live as much as possible in their natural habitats. Take on a journey through the continents of the world. Admire animals in their natural habitats. Immerse yourself into the indoor Oceanium, and get eye to eye with sharks, jellyfish, sea otters, king penguins, sea lions and many other coastal and ocean dwellers. During Second World War university exams were held in the huge Rivierahal.

### Ahoy (South)

Sometimes a sports palace sometimes a rock paradise. Ahoy suits many needs.

Buses and metro trains stop just a five-minute walk from Ahoy and car parking is practically in front of the entrance.

Check for info on concerts etc.

[www.mijnahoy.nl](http://www.mijnahoy.nl) or text Ahoy space your email address to 3663, so the digital Ahoy calendar with information on the latest events, advance sales dates, special offers and other news will be emailed to you every month.



Photo: Rotterdam Marketing



## A Walk In The Park

Rotterdam boasts beautiful parks and the best and largest one is Kralingse Bos, close to Woudestein campus. Have picnics here in summer, or enjoy pancakes in one of the two pancake houses, go skating, ride a horse (the Rotterdamse Manege, or riding school, home to the internationally renowned concours hippique CHIO), play soccer with your friends, jog on weekend mornings like the locals do, swim, sail or hang out on one of the outdoor terraces on the lake. Hotspot De Tuin totally refurbished now, is a great venue, but De Schone Lei is also a beautiful spot. For sailing on the lake there is the more up market and closed-membership Society De Maas, Sailing Club Rotterdam with Olympic winners and Sailcenter Henk van Gent gives sailing lessons.

## Arboretum Trompenburg (near campus Woudestein)

If you've got an hour to spare and feel like you need some green, try the Arboretum. It's within walking distance from Woudestein campus and especially in summer it's tranquil with a wide variety of plants and trees. In the autumn people from the neighborhood come to buy wood for their fireplaces.

## Parkje Schoonoord

Parkje Schoonoord (entrance Westzeedijk opposite the park of the Euromast), this 300 year old park belonged to the private residence of banker family Mees. You find a wide variety of plants and trees (e.g. Libanese Cedar) here as well as chickens are running around. It's an oasis in the middle of town. On weekdays the park is open from 08.00 - 16.00 hours and in weekends from 11.30-16.00 hours.

Just a few blocks away are Euromast and the Park. For eating out go to Zeezout, or the restaurants in Westelijk Handelsterrein; a bit up-market but try out Zinc, French bistro atmosphere, cozy and lively at the same time.



## On A Tight Schedule

Rotterdam is known as a festival city. Down below is an overview of major (annual) events:

### Rotterdam 2007 City of Architecture

A whole year of new exhibitions, special events, lectures and conferences. Starting in April: sites & stories, a fascinating audio tour taking in the highlights of a century of modern architecture. Check out the architecture route in this book on page 44.

[www.rotterdam2007.nl](http://www.rotterdam2007.nl)

### January/February

#### Rabobank Six Days Ahoy Rotterdam

The Rabobank Six Days event in Rotterdam, an indoor cycling spectacle, combines exciting competition events with show and entertainment. The popularity of the legendary event is growing due to this extraordinary form of track cycling.

[www.zesdaagserotterdam.nl](http://www.zesdaagserotterdam.nl)

#### International Film Festival Rotterdam

The International Film Festival Rotterdam is showcasing the best of contemporary filmmaking. The Rotterdam festival sets the tone for all adventurous film festivals on the world scene.

[www.filmfestivalrotterdam.nl](http://www.filmfestivalrotterdam.nl)

#### Kunst & Antieksalon Primavera

Erasmus Expo-Congress Center

The Primavera art and antique fair is a yearly event in Rotterdam. It is one of the finest art and antique fairs in Holland. With antique, paintings, Asian art and antique, objects, sculptures, ethnographic objects, glass, silver, jewellery, maps and manuscripts.

[www.salonprimavera.nl](http://www.salonprimavera.nl)





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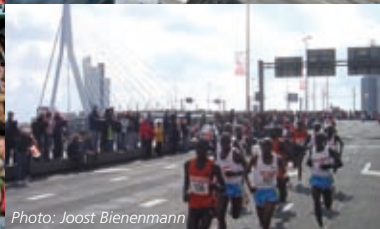


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## ■ June

### De Parade

Ten days in June, theater festival 'de Parade'. Theater, music, dance, film and art, the traveling festival with its surprising shows stimulates all senses. Daily dozens of shows, many produced uniquely for 'de Parade'. Travels to Amsterdam, Den Haag and Utrecht also.

## ■ July

### Ortel Summer Carnival

Experience the largest summer party in Europe. Yearly at least 1 million visitors turn up at this 3 day Caribbean Carnival in Rotterdam's city center to dance to the Latin Music and to gaze at the colorful costumes and floats in the big street parade. [www.zomercarnival.com](http://www.zomercarnival.com)

### Northsea Jazz festival

In 2006 this renowned estival celebrated its first edition in Rotterdam. Enjoy four days of non stop music from the old school jazz to more contemporary music.

### Camping Rotterdam

Rotterdam's one and only 'camping', not just an ordinary campsite but a non stop festival of the performing arts. For more information check

[www.campingrotterdam.nl](http://www.campingrotterdam.nl).

## ■ August

### FFWD Dance Parade

Biggest dance parade in Europe. Forty floats with hundreds of international acclaimed dj's, dancers and party people will wind its way through the center of Rotterdam. [www.ffwddanceparade.nl](http://www.ffwddanceparade.nl)

### Bavaria City Racing

Burning rubber and roaring engines. Bavaria City Racing is the Formula 1 City spectacle in the streets of downtown Rotterdam, with demonstrations by international top drivers and motor sports entertainment for all ages.

[www.bavariacityracing.nl](http://www.bavariacityracing.nl)

## ■ September

### Club Cruise

The best Rotterdam clubs and stages present themselves to the nightlife crowd this evening. One ticket gives access to all venues, and special transport has been arranged between all the locations.

[www.club-cruise.nl](http://www.club-cruise.nl)

### Wereldhavendagen

#### World Port Days

Three days of showing you the dynamics of Rotterdam Port today!

[www.wereldhavendagen.nl](http://www.wereldhavendagen.nl)

### Gergiev Festival Rotterdam

A cross border symphonic festival of internationally renown that attracts some 20,000 visitors annually. Broad, interdisciplinary programming surrounds a core of symphonic concerts: from films to chamber music, and from children's shows to expositions. [www.gergievfestival.nl](http://www.gergievfestival.nl)

### Jazz International Rotterdam

Three day international jazz festival.

[www.jazzinternational.nl](http://www.jazzinternational.nl)

### Kunsthal Cooking

For three days, enjoy tasting sessions, cooking demonstrations and a wide variety of culinary experiences. With this festival, Kunsthal Rotterdam will be shedding light on cultural aspects of eating and drinking with honest food, traditional products, small-scale producers and regional specialties. [www.kunsthal.nl](http://www.kunsthal.nl)

## EUR Calendar

There are also numerous activities and events organized at EUR on Campus Woudestein. Check out the various websites regularly ([www.eur.nl](http://www.eur.nl), [www.eur.nl](http://www.eur.nl), [www.eur.nl/eicr](http://www.eur.nl/eicr), [www.rsmstar.nl](http://www.rsmstar.nl) and [www.aegree-rotterdam.nl](http://www.aegree-rotterdam.nl)).

Highlights are: The opening of the Academic Year on the first Monday in September, the Dies Natalis (University's founding day) on the 8th of November, the Management week in November (organized by STAR Study Association RSM Erasmus University) and the Business Week in April (organized by Student Association EFR of Erasmus School of Economics)



On Top Of  
The World

Spectrum of Colors

to know  
new people

A nice pint of  
Beer



'Happy hour'



Arzu Uraz,

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From one of my conversations I had when I had just come to stay in Rotterdam, I remember a foreigner bluntly saying “this city has no color”. For me, at that time, this wasn’t a phrase to refuse at all. I simply agreed to each word. However, as the months unfold and I got used to my pleasant routine, the city unveiled its story: The more you explore, the more you will see its colors.

Truly, Rotterdam doesn’t have “a” color. It has a vast spectrum of colors. I wish I could give you a list where to go and see those colours. Yet, this is somewhat deeply personal that anyone can experience in different ways. Though, I still would like to share my own favorite things, like once Maria was singing in the Sound of Music.

Before exploring the colors of Rotterdam, as a first-to-do, I would recommend you take the lift to the top floor of H-building at Woudestein Campus and just see — not look — how the view is. For the first few seconds, your mind will get mixed up to find the accurate word to express your feelings:

Wow!..stunning..tumult..cross-overs..sky-is-the-limit.. admirable..crowded..unpredictable..atypical..ridiculous...

Frankly, I would match the phrase “endlessly explorable” to Rotterdam. There are always new things to enrich your Rotterdammer life. Thanks to its creative elements, the city pops up with novelties and keeps the vibes going: Music, business, culture, arts, festivals, port, maritime, architecture, parks, cafés, four seasons-in-a-day. Watching the city, either in daylight or at night, from the top floor is a not-to-miss moment: full of serenity and discovering new colors each time.

Yes, I won’t give up this moment for anything else.



Jonathan Friedman from Israel,  
IBA student (Israel)

### My favorite place on Campus:

If you ask me, the best place on Woudestein campus is the third floor in the T building. What's so special about a certain floor in a building you might ask? Well I would tell you that for me it's all I imagined a modern day university to be. Your first sight getting into the building is the electronic escalator that takes you to the third floor right into a big hall, bustling with activity. The hall then splits into corridors which lead to the many innovative, intimate, modern workshop classrooms and computer rooms. Just sitting on the red plastic couches located in the middle of main hall you can quietly observe the usual activities that take place on the floor, a row of people working on the standing computer terminals, a publicity stand or two with Erasmus students promoting various activities which are usually exciting, people hustling about their business, going into the classes running to the printing machine or just buying a snack at the candy machine. Sometimes you feel time is being set to 'fast forward' watching all the people around you, the next minute you blend right into the crowd racing for your next class. All this activity in one place makes this floor my favorite place in campus.



### My favorite place in Rotterdam

This one is easy – Concordia! Located right in front of the international house it is a truly international place with familiar faces. Every time I go to Concordia I can almost hear the theme song of the legendary show 'Cheers' with the famous lyrics:

"... Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came."

Concordia is my neighborhood bar, an extension of my imaginary living room, where everyone gathers without even having to coordinate it. 'Happy hour' is a blast, announced with an annoying horn at the beginning and the end it marks the beginning of the 2 drinks for the price of 1 period, trays of beer are ordered and the atmosphere in the room changes for the better. If you come during the day it won't be very crowded but you can always eat a good meal or just sit around the table. Besides friends and familiar faces you can always 'discover' someone new to talk too, whether it is an exchange student that just got to the Netherlands, a Master student who just came back from an exchange abroad, or other various people with a story to tell. See you there on Wednesdays and Sundays during happy hour!

## Anne Nguyen (USA)

Being an international student gives you the desire to explore, to venture into different areas of the new city that you have the privilege to stay temporarily. Everything about this city is new, is different and unexpected from what I've been used to. From all the areas/spots I have visited, my favorite place at Erasmus University has to be the sports center where I went for tennis lessons and where I attended different physical fitness classes. At this crowded place, many students gather, not only to exercise, but also to study and to hang out with each other. It is always full of life and full of activities, constantly busy but still very enjoyable. In fitness class, I get to meet native Dutch students as well as other international students that I may not have the opportunity to meet at lectures. Therefore, this social place allows me to see a different aspect of student life here at Erasmus as well as meeting and getting to know new people from various places in the world. Rotterdam is such a busy city that is full of bustling activities, similar to the university itself. Something that truly reflects this lively city characteristic is the Binnenrotte market every Tuesday and Saturday. This has become my favorite spot in the city as well as my favorite hobby while living here in Rotterdam. There are so many people carrying on their own activities, from selling, buying, browsing to simply watching; together they create such an exciting, energetic atmosphere that it's hard to find elsewhere. They sell such a wide variety of products that you will end up buying something even when you had no intention of buying anything. Even when I don't buy anything, it's such a joy wandering through the streets, watching everything that's going on. Therefore, the market is one of my favorite features of Rotterdam.



**Victor Murillo Costa Rican**  
Student, LL.M. in International Law Program

My decision to come to Rotterdam was simple. I was looking for a nice European country to reside, a competitive modern city to live, a University with an excellent reputation, an academic program that would give me the tools for a globalized world although in English, and a real international environment. Making a reasoned balance and research, Rotterdam, and Erasmus University were the obvious options. And I am glad I was correct. I have class mates from Canada, Nepal, Mongolia, Germany, China, Tanzania and Argentina, among many others. And in the Erasmus Student Residence I've made friends from Greece, Turkey, Italy, France, Curacao, and South Africa, among many others. The international environment in the courses, in the student residence and in the city is a reality. Walking in the streets of Rotterdam, you can hear and see a great variety of languages and cultures, but with great respect to each other. And with the great advantage that almost everybody speaks English, so it's no problem to communicate easily to anyone.



I am glad I made the right decision, and came to Rotterdam, and to Erasmus University. And my advice to new students is: don't close yourself off from learning from your classmates and new friends about new cultures and new ways of thinking, but open your mind. An open mind and attitude will take you wherever you want, professionally and geographically.

What do current international students:  
think of Rotterdam and EUR?

**Sven Feistel from Germany, IBA-CEMS Master student**

For me a nice place at Uni is the Faculty Club on the top floor (17th floor) of H-Building. It feels so away from everything. You are above everything and it is so quiet up there, you can see in every direction, the city and the countryside, nice place day and night.

In the city I love the Irish Pub, Paddy Murphy's, always good to watch some sport events or just to have a nice pint of beer with friends and some nice live music.

Everybody is friendly and the atmosphere is just great!



## Double Dutch:

Some words, customs & recipes

### Typical Dutch Delicacies

#### Stamppot: (stew)

Stew eaten preferably in winter times, basically consists of vegetables mixed with potatoes (mashed). Traditional varieties are sauerkraut, curly kale, endive and carrots & onions. But nowadays there are a lot of hip varieties. Kale (boerenkool) is the most famous, and this is the recipe:

For four persons you need:

1 up to 1.5 kilo curly kale

1.5 kilo of potatoes

Milk

Salt

500 grams smoked sausage (rookworst) or Frankfurters

4 tablespoons of butter or margarine

Pepper

Wash the kale, remove the hard stems and cut it into fine pieces. Put the peeled potatoes (cut into rough wedges) in water with a bit of salt and put the kale and the sausage(s) on top of it. Put the lid on the pan and let it cook for 30 minutes. Then remove the sausage(s) and mash the potatoes and the kale with the milk and butter. For the final touch add a bit of pepper and salt (recipe from De Nederlandse Keuken, published by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

## Pancakes and Poffertjes

Pancakes recipe, serves 8

Ingredients:

- 200 g wheat flour
- pinch of salt
- 2 eggs
- ½ liter of milk
- ca. 50 g butter
- 1 tablespoon sugar if you like them sweet



Mix the flour and salt, then make a well in the middle. Break the eggs over it, then add 2 dl of milk little by little and whisk until you have a smooth mixture. Add the rest of the milk while stirring. Leave to rest. Have your (non stick coated) frying pan very hot. Melt a knob of butter, then add a ladle of batter, spread over surface of the pan by tilting it. Fry both sides to light brown at moderate heat. Keep warm on a plate on a pan with boiling/simmering water. Enjoy!

If you don't feel like cooking: you can go and eat the best pancakes in either De Big or De Nachtegaal, both in the Kralingse bos and at walking distance from Campus Woudestein.



## Tompouces

The best tompouces bakery is found in the historic town of Maassluis. If you're lucky like your predecessors you can join an excursion to bakery Holtkamp, organized by the EICR. But in the meantime you can buy a cheaper version at HEMA or make a few yourself. It is very difficult eating them but hey isn't that part of their charm and fun?

Recipe 8 pieces

4 squares puff pastry (4 inch x 4 inch)

750 g milk

120 gram granulated sugar

37 g egg yolk (1.5)

whipped cream (250 ml) with 2 tablespoons sugar

confectionary sugar,

water,

food coloring

Boil the 4/5 of the milk; mix 1/5 of the milk with the custard, egg yolk and the sugar. When the milk is at boiling point, add the 1/5 to the 4/5 while stirring very well. Let it boil again for a few minutes until it thickens. Add a teaspoon of sugar on top and let it cool down (1 hour). Let the puff pastry rest for 30 minutes. Punch tiny holes in them and cut in half. Bake in an oven 390°F for 20 minutes. Make icing of the confectionary sugar, water and food coloring and put it on top of the pastry puff. Cut the pieces in half to fill. Fill with the custard using a pasty bag. Prepare the whipped cream and add on top. Then add the top on the cake. Put them in the fridge.

Your predecessors enjoying tompouces at Holtkamp, February 2007





## Vlaflip

A typical Dutch dessert on a comeback now after having been very popular in the sixties, invented in 1963 by Mrs. Reuvers-Ulijn from Oss whose husband worked for dairy firm Campina.

The ideal vlaflip has 3 ingredients:

Red Syrup  
Vanilla Vla  
Yoghurt



Take a tall glass or desert bowl, first put in a layer of red syrup, then a layer of yoghurt and finally a layer of vanilla vla! All ingredients can be bought at the local supermarket, which for that matter also sells ready-made vlaflips.



## A typical Dutch lunch

The Dutch do not really have a tradition of going out for lunch - most people bring their lunchbox with a few sandwiches in it. Cheese and ham are favorite, add an apple and there you go.

## Herring/Haring

The passion for raw herring is one of the rare things that visitors to Holland (and, whisper it quietly, many Dutch people too) often fail to appreciate. Yet, while herring may lack the sophistication of sushi, it is similarly central to this country's culture, and entwined with its history and custom. One ritual pertaining to herring is Vlaggetjesdag Scheveningen. Vlaggetjesdag (flag day) has celebrated the arrival of the first herring (Hollandse Nieuwe) in the southern coastal towns of Vlaardingen and Scheveningen for years. Hundreds of thousands of people gather in Scheveningen for the festivities, and the fishing boats are decorated especially for the occasion. In addition to the omnipresent herring, this day also features a number of activities unrelated to fish, for

both young and old. In Scheveningen, the first barrel of herring is traditionally sold at an auction on the Thursday preceding the official Vlaggetjesdag Scheveningen, and the proceeds go to a charity. (Source: Yacht Valley Magazine)



### French fries(with mayonaise)

Another Dutch delicacy can be found everywhere but top 'French fries with mayonaise' places are:

- **Bram Ladage**
- **Het Paviljoen**
- **De Ster** in the Lage Land district, was voted one of the best in the AD newspaper French fries sellers survey; they use good wholesome deep frying oil.
- **Patat stand** near metro station Dijkzigt, Burgemeester Jacobsplein, close to Erasmus MC.

Addresses can be found in the 'Addresses' section of this book



### Licorice/Drop

A typically Dutch candy, although there are some varieties made and eaten in other European countries. The Dutch consume 31 million kilograms yearly! It's made of the licorice plant, the *Glycyrrhiza glabra*. In its most pure form it's called *blokdrops*, an important ingredient to the drop candy. It used to be bound with Arabic gum but this has now been replaced by starch. Go to a drugstore (Etos) or a candystore (Jamin) to make your own selection. It is sold pre-packed in small shops and supermarkets.

### Queensday

Queensday, *Koninginnedag*, the queen's official birthday. Until now celebrated on 30 April, the queen mother's birthday, HRH Princess Juliana who passed away in 2004. Current head of state Queen Beatrix's birthday is on the 31st of January, a time of year too cold for the many outdoor festivities. On 30 April Queen Beatrix with the Royal Family will visit two towns to celebrate Queensday day with the local population. The night before there are big festivities in Rotterdam and Den Haag (*Koninginne Nach*) and the best place to celebrate the day itself is probably Amsterdam, packed but with an enormous *Vrijmarkt* (a kind of garage sale but on a much larger scale).

## Tulips

The tulip is a flower with a rich history and though seen as a typically Dutch flower, it originates from Turkey/Iran). Around 1560 the first tulips bloomed in Western Europe. Around 1570 they were introduced in the Netherlands, probably through the efforts of botanist Carolus Clusius. The tulip became very favorite for the renaissance gardens and the years 1600-1637 saw an absolute tulip mania with exorbitant prices.

Buy them in the flower shops. The cheapest flowers you'll find on the center market (Tuesdays and Saturdays) especially when you come around 4 pm. Go to Keukenhof near Leiden in spring. Please check out [www.keukenhof.nl](http://www.keukenhof.nl).

## Clogs/wooden shoes

Used to be worn by the poor and farmers, and were said to strengthen the feet. Nowadays typically Dutch souvenir. People don't wear them that much now, except on farms perhaps. Alternatively, hang them on the wall and fill them with flowers or plants. Many Dutch sayings use 'clogs': iets met zijn klompen aanvoelen (intuition), iets tegen zijn klomp krijgen (to be stood up).



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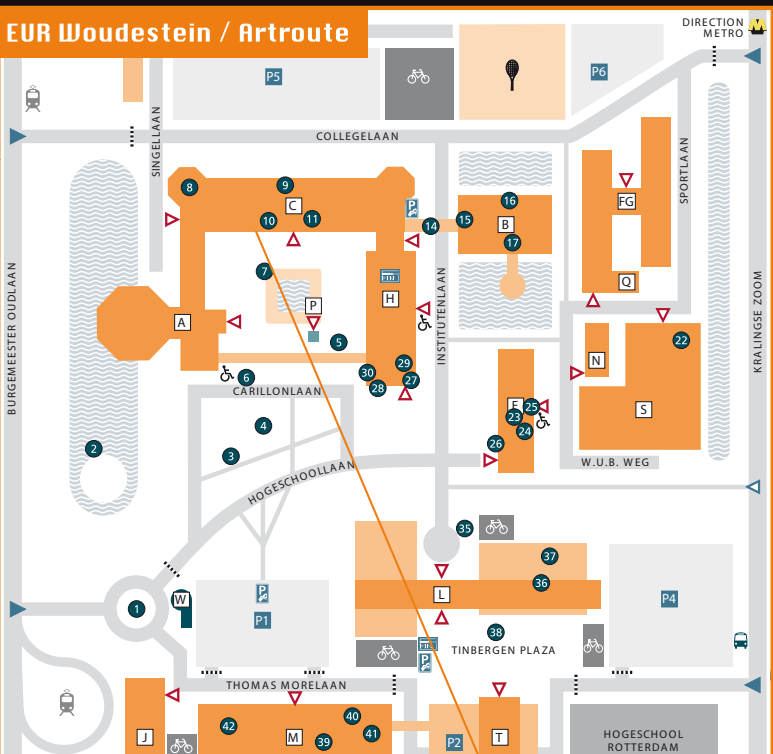
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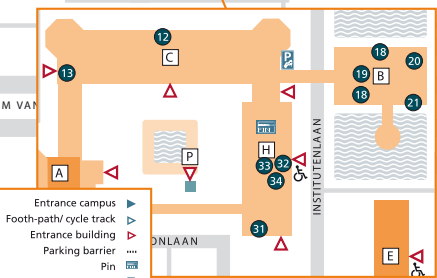


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