



To Rotterdam

Are you planning a visit to Rotterdam? The city can be reached easily from across the country and abroad. Whether you come by train, bus, car, plane, boat or possibly even by bike, Rotterdam offers excellent connections in and around the city.

Train

One of the fastest and easiest ways to get to Rotterdam is to travel by train. Intercity trains hailing from every corner of the Netherlands make a stop at Rotterdam Central Station, including the high-speed train. The fastest connection between Amsterdam, Schiphol, Rotterdam and Breda is the NS Intercity Direct. It runs twice per hour. When travelling between Schiphol and Rotterdam, you will have to pay an Intercity Direct surcharge.

For instructions on how to travel by train from Schiphol Airport to Rotterdam Central Station, please [watch this video](#).

When travelling from France and Belgium, you should take the Thalys (it runs ten times per day). When travelling from the United Kingdom, you will arrive direct by Eurostar.

Approximate travel times from various cities, domestic and abroad:

– Amsterdam	40'	Intercity direct
– Schiphol	25'	"
– Breda	25'	"
– Antwerp	32'	Thalys
– Brussels	1 h 10'	"
– Paris	2 h 40'	"

– Londen

3 h 01'

Eurostar

You can find more information about routes, departure times and prices on www.ns.nl (domestic travel), www.nsinternational.nl (from and to destinations abroad), www.thalys.mobi (Thalys) and Eurostar.

Public transport payment

When travelling to Rotterdam, you need a public transport (OV) chip card or you can buy single tickets at the station or on the bus. Another option is the [Tranzer app](#). With this app, you can buy tickets for all the train companies, the Connexxion buses and the RET. Your ticket will appear in your app after purchase and it allows you to travel immediately, using your phone. Checking in and out and a chip card is not required. Various taxi services, such as Uber, can also be ordered with Tranzer.

Car

Rotterdam can easily be reached by car, using the A4, A13, A15, A16 and A20 motorways. Exits to Rotterdam Centrum are clearly marked on signs. You can find up-to-date information about traffic, congestion and accidents from the [ANWB](#) national motor association (Dutch). Or check [VanAnaarBeter](#) (Dutch) for the latest news on roadworks in this region.

Car rental

You can also simply rent a car, making your stay in Rotterdam even more flexible. [Sixt](#) (+31 (0)23 56 986 56) has five locations in Rotterdam. At [Rotterdam The Hague Airport](#), next to [Hilton Rotterdam](#) and three other locations in the city, providing an extensive fleet of cars.

Boat

Obviously, any true port city can be reached by boat! You can travel to Rotterdam by ferry from the United Kingdom. [P&O Ferries](#) and [Stena Line](#) offer regular ferry services between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. Stena sails from Harwich, England to Hook of Holland, and it takes 30 minutes to travel from there to Rotterdam. P&O sails from Hull to Rotterdam Europoort. De Jong tours operates a shuttle service between Rotterdam Europoort and the city.

More information:

P&O Ferries www.poferries.com or call +3110 714 54 64
Stena Line www.stenaline.nl or 0900-8123 (€ 0,35 per call)

By plane

An increasing number of European cities provide direct flights to Rotterdam The Hague Airport. Operators Transavia, British Airways, TUIfly Belgium, TUIfly Nederland and Corendon fly to the second regional airport in the Netherlands. Check the websites of the operators for more detailed information..

From Rotterdam The Hague Airport, you can reach the very heart of Rotterdam very quickly, travelling by car (rental through Sixt), taxi or public transport:

Car/taxi	10-15'
RandstadRail	15'
RET (bus 33)	20-25'

More information

www.rotterdamthehagueairport.nl or 010 446 34 44



Welcome to Rotterdam!

Rotterdam is a young, dynamic global city, continuously renewing itself at a rapid rate. Sparkling skyscrapers, an impressive port, trendy restaurants and food markets, renowned museums and awesome festivals are the direct result of the can-do mentality of the Rotterdammers. Add to that the many extraordinary attractions and city tours – by bike, bus, boat or on foot – and you understand why Rotterdam was voted **Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2016.**

Innovative

Full of energy and innovation, Rotterdam reinvented itself after the bombing of the Second World War. It broke with the past and chose modern architecture. The motto: light, air and space, was ground breaking for that time. Rotterdam still embraces experimentation: almost anything is possible. Here, you are constantly surprised by new initiatives: from a rooftop city farm to a music festival in the harbour, from an exclusive rooftop bar to a brewery in an old warehouse.

City of architecture

If you love architecture then a visit to Rotterdam – with its patchwork of architectural styles – is a must. Icons of the Nieuwe Bouwen era stand beside the typical reconstruction-architecture from the sixties, seventies and eighties. They clash cheerfully with the hypermodern landmarks that have been built in recent decennia: the Erasmusbrug, Rotterdam Central Station, De Rotterdam, the Timmerhuis and of course the Markthal. In the first indoor market hall in the Netherlands, you can find nearly 100 fresh produce stalls, about 15 food shops and diverse restaurants including Jamie's Italian (from Jamie Oliver). If you look up you will see the biggest artwork in the Netherlands, the wall painting the Horn of Plenty.

Port city

As a port city, Rotterdam has unbreakable ties to the water, from the Maas River that flows right through the city to the many (historic) city harbours like Delfshaven. The city flows – courtesy of the Maas – seamlessly over into its industrial port that stretches for 40 kilometres to the Maasvlakte 2 and Hoek van Holland.

In short

In short, Rotterdam has an incredible variety of fun things to do for visitors of all ages. Sailing through the port, visiting attractions, admiring the architecture, looking at art, shopping, a night on the town... On this website, you will find many tips to ensure your stay in Rotterdam is as enjoyable as possible.