

The Hague, The Netherlands



Sunlight filters through the light green leaves of lime trees that flank the Hague's most distinguished boulevard, Lange Voorhout. Lined with gracious mansions and neoclassical palaces, it sits at the heart of one of Europe's most picturesque destinations, an hour from Amsterdam, and steps from the sun-drenched shores of the North Sea. The seat of government, as well as the home of the Queen, The Hague is a historically important city that dates back to the 14th century. Enchanting architecture, comprised of grand churches and palaces as well as traditional gabled houses, make the city a delightful place to explore during any season.

Memorable Experiences

The Queen's Roses

Meander beneath the trees of the royal palace's enchanting walled garden.

Princely Escape

Ride horses through the dunes of the seaside village of Wassenaar.

Long Woodlands

Stroll through the city past the historical mansions of Lange Voorhout.

A Historic Palace

Explore marble corridors and courtyards during a tour of the Peace Palace.

Distinctive Details

An exquisite aroma fills the air as thorny fluffy pink roses bushes merge into thickets abloom with ruby red and lemon yellow blossoms. All summer long, thousands of roses bloom in the Westbroekpark Rosarium.

Starwood Preferred Guest Recommends

Madurodam

Composed in miniature, gabled houses, long canals, picturesque windmills, and historic churches can be found at Madurodam, a scaled down replica of The Hague constructed in 1952. Stroll through the tiny city and spot a miniature Hotel des Indes.

Destination Information

Country The Netherlands
Elevation 17 meters
Population 482,742
Language Dutch, English



Area Code: 70
Country Code: 31



Rotterdam Airport (RTM);
Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)



Transportation: Car, Train,
Randstad Rail, Tram, Bus, Bike



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Nearby Luxury Collection Hotels and Resorts



Hotel Des Indes, The Hague

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Culture

From Johannes Vermeer to Piet Mondrian, The Hague's artistic heritage spans centuries.

Highly Recommended



Mauritshuis

With her hair wrapped in a china blue cloth, eyes gazing steadily, a single luminous bulb dangles in Johannes Vermeer's masterpiece "Girl With a Pearl Earring." One of the most renowned paintings in the world is just one of the many revered treasures found within this exquisite trove of European art. Housed within a stunning 17th century palace, an exceptional collection of nearly eight hundred works includes inspiring canvases by Rembrandt, Rubens, Jan Steen, and Paulus Potter. An enchanting cache of miniatures depicts French, Dutch, and British royals.

Address: Korte Vijverberg 8
Phone: (31)(70) 3023456



Gemeentemuseum

Red, blue, yellow, and green tiles surround inviting passageways. They lead through a remarkable building of concrete and iron cubes filled with surprising galleries. Host to a range of vivid exhibitions, this radiant museum includes a dynamic collection that traces the evolution of modern art. Wassily Kandinsky's colorful abstract paintings, portraits by Picasso, and Claude Monet's graceful impressionist scenes join a splendid collection. Highlights include Piet Mondrian's early landscapes and the famous graphic canvases he started creating in post-war Paris.

Address: Stadhouderslaan 41
Phone: (31)(70) 3381111

Local Charms



Filmhuis Den Haag

An excited hush fills the theater as the screen flickers to life at Filmhuis Den Haag. Within this exciting complex of glass and concrete, exceptional films from around the globe are shown in their original languages. Retrospectives on cinema luminaries such as Michelangelo Antonioni and John Cassavetes join themed series on movies from Africa and the Middle East, and festivals from France and Sarajevo, in a diverse program. Experience a magical evening at one of the center's summertime open-air screenings or watch a silent film accompanied by live music.

Address: Spui 191
Phone: (31)(70) 3656030



Pulchri Studio

Light streams in through the small square panes of a glass ceiling. Herringbone floors sweep across the room. In the spacious exhibition hall of this dynamic center, a vibrant energy fills the air. Vivid works of contemporary art hang upon the walls, encouraging discussion and contemplation. Sculptures rise from the floor, inspiring with their exquisite forms. Encompassing an exclusive group, Pulchri Studio is the Netherlands' oldest society of artists. Established in 1847, the historic building is host to live concerts and social events throughout the year.

Address: Lange Voorhout 15
Phone: (31)(70) 3461735



Shopping

From rare cigars to iconic ceramics, singular wares are offered in refined boutiques.

Shops & Boutiques



Delft Pottery De Delftse Pauw

Ivy clings to the side of a traditional white house trimmed in blue. Its simple wooden door opens upon an enchanting trove of authentic Dutch ceramics. Elegant vases and majestic urns rise from glass shelves. Delicate bowls and evocative tiles fill display cases. These hand painted treasures, formed of white German clay and adorned with baskets of wildflowers, emblematic windmills, and exotic peacocks, continue a legacy inspired by 17th century Majolica craftsmen from Italy and Spain. Tour guides explain the history and significance of each motif.

Address: Delftweg 133, Rijswijk

Phone: (31)(15) 2124920



Cuesta Ray Cigar Shop

Elegance permeates an atmosphere of dark wood and brass chandeliers, where the refined aroma of tobacco fills the air. Whimsical labels cover fabled boxes in a sophisticated humidor. As a clasp opens, a lid is lifted, and a row of hand-rolled cigars comes into view. Made from high-grade tobaccos from Brazil, Cuba, and Indonesia by the De Graaff house of cigar makers, each one holds the secret of a family recipe that fuses exceptional fragrance with taste. Exquisite cigars, from Dutch Premium to Cuban to Central American, can be found within this rare boutique.

Address: Molenstraat 16

Phone: (31)(70) 3923776



Hoogeweegen Rouwers

Exclusive pieces, by the world's most sought after designers, form an extraordinary collection from Etro gowns, flowing in cottony swirls of coral and lilac to sumptuous fur jackets by Ermanno Scervino. Beyond the elegant façade of a historic building, the essence of fine tailoring, exceptional fabrics, and stunning design unfurls in this unrivaled shop. Lying at the heart of this princely city, Hoogeweegen Rouwers was founded in 1987. A respected brand, the store has earned a reputation as The Hague's most acclaimed high fashion shop.

Address: Noordeinde 23

Phone: (31)(70) 3657473



Marlies Dekkers

Brass buttons and taupe ruffles embellish jet-black satin while diminutive bows enhance white lace. Lingerie becomes haute couture with Undressed, the acclaimed Dutch designer's esteemed label. In her theatrical boutique, a perfect setting is completed by drapes of crimson velvet, stained glass windows, crystal chandeliers, and a grand oriental rug. Inspired by Stanley Kubrick, the Brothers Grimm, and Gustav Klimt, each piece is infused with drama and intrigue.

Address: Denneweg 62

Phone: (31)(70) 3646967



Cuisine

Unparalleled settings offer exquisite indulgences in the radiant fare of skilled chefs.

Acclaimed



Restaurant Oker

Onyx chandeliers reflect in framed black baroque mirrors as oversized cream blossoms dance across wallpaper. At this vibrant Denneweg restaurant, elements of modern grandeur meet Scandinavian design. Restaurant Oker's delectable menu is defined by dishes such as truffle risotto, Thai coconut-lime soup, fried seabass, and steak tartar with a truffle-bread soufflé. They display the talents of a creative chef, while saluting fresh ingredients from nearby lands and seas.

Address: Denneweg 71
Phone: (31)(70) 3645453

Local Specialty



Restaurant - Lounge - Bar DesInDes

Art Nouveau sculptures arch over banquettes of ruby velvet. Yellow walls adorned with Greek revival moldings, antique chairs edged in purple, and chandeliers of Venetian glass complete a ravishing interior designed by Parisian architect Jacques Garcia. In this regal setting, where modern details fuse with grand tradition, impeccable servers emerge with works of culinary art. Lobster in a garlic sauce with vanilla is the star of an exceptional menu created by executive chef Ben Hardeman and French chef Michel Rostan. A refined high tea is served daily.

Address: Hotel Des Indes
Phone: (31)(70) 3612345



Wox

A mound of Oscietra caviar glistens atop a bed of tuna tartar. Thin slices of raw tenderloin beef marinate in a garlic vinaigrette while thai asparagus mingles with macadamia nuts and black bean dressing. The treasured ingredients of the North European landscape are combined with elements from abroad upon the creative menu of this exceptional restaurant. A vast selection of wines and Scotch whiskeys complement every dish, while a picture window overlooks the parliament buildings and brings a dash of antiquity into a dining room defined by modern décor.

Address: Buitenhof 36
Phone: (71)(31) 703653754



Noteworthy

Dutch authenticity pervades colorful villages and enchanting places by the sea.

Day Excursions



Delft

Old Dutch houses with scarlet shutters and tangerine awnings form enchanting rows of variegated heights. Hazel and lavender brick stripes decorate a historic market square while the high, gothic bell tower of the New Church looms above. Like a painting by one of its most renowned residents, Johannes Vermeer, this delightful city charms with its authentic streets and peaceful canals. Renowned for the distinctive ceramics that originated here over three centuries ago, Delft is filled with fine shops and excellent museums devoted to art and history.

Address: 12 kilometers southeast of The Hague, off A13/E19

Family



Fairytale Sculptures by the Sea

A towering figure with long spindly limbs poses at the edge of the sea. The weathered surface of his bronze form mesmerizes with its turquoise green patina. Known as "Herring Eater," he holds a fish high in each hand. Created by the New York sculptor Tom Otterness, this enchanting park is a playful wonderland of whimsical characters. Inspiring narratives surround the twenty-three figures depicted, from a little man holding a golden key to a fish peeking out from a pool of blue tiles, presenting a princess with a gleaming ring.

Address: Scheveningen Boulevard

Local Charms



Keukenhof

The scent of hyacinths fills the air as plumes of water shoot from a glorious fountain. Over seven million tulip blossoms comprise the world's largest flower garden. Ruby swirls among sunflowers, while peach, magenta, and fuchsia mingle in a rosy tapestry. Tranquil ponds shimmer like Impressionist rainbows. A paradise, shaded by the canopies of soaring oaks, this delightful landscape offers an endless array of unparalleled scenery. Photography workshops, flower shows, and art exhibitions transpire annually from March to May.

Address: Stationsweg 166a, Lisse

Phone: (31)(25) 2465555

Neighborhoods



Scheveningen

Waves crash against the sandy shore as salty breezes sweep off the sparkling North Sea. Kite surfers skim across the water, seagulls soar overhead, and the sunshine streams down from a clear blue sky. A seaside oasis, five kilometers from The Hague's city center, this fabled resort offers an unrivaled escape. Walk along footpaths that wind through stunning dunes, explore the shops at the Palace Promenade, stroll the docks and see the boats in the harbor, and when the sun begins to set, relax with a pre-dinner drink at a romantic promenade restaurant.

Address: The North Sea shore, 5 kilometers northeast of the city center