

Welcome to
The Hague,
royal city
by the sea



◆ The City
The Beach
The **Hague.**

Highlights 2021-2023

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Noordeinde Palace | Photo: Arjan de Jager

Some destinations should be cherished forever and The Hague is one of them. The international city of peace and justice; new styles and old masters; chain stores and royal palaces; exotic cuisine and fishing port; two beach resorts and residence of the King and Queen. The Hague is the only major Dutch city located at the sea. At just 15 minutes from the historical city centre, with no less than 11 kilometres of beach. A unique combination to experience the ultimate holiday feeling here in all four seasons.

City by the sea

The Hague offers you no less than two destinations in one: city and beach. The Hague is the only city in The Netherlands by the sea. Soak up culture in the historical city centre followed by a barefoot walk across the expansive beach of Scheveningen, which is less than 15 minutes away by bike or by tram.

Home to the royal family

With its many historical monuments, working and residential palaces and royal routes, there is no denying that The Hague is home to the royal family for centuries.

Dutch top masters in The Hague

Visit the Mauritshuis and discover The Girl with the Pearl Earring from Vermeer or the Self-Portrait of Rembrandt. Get overwhelmed by the Metamorphose of Escher and see the transition of Mondriaan in his Victory Boogie Woogie at the Kunstmuseum Den Haag. This is only a small selection of a great variety of museums.

Shopping seven days a week

The Hague has a charming and historical city centre where shops are open seven days a week. It's a compact area where you find vintage, fashion and department stores and art galleries within walking distance.



Green city | photo: Arjan de Jager

Green city along the coast

Considering the population density of the Netherlands, visitors to The Hague are always amazed to find such an abundance of lush greenery throughout the city. Parks, forests, dunes and numerous green open spaces occupy over 400 hectares, which means that no less than a third of the city is green.

From fresh fish to exotic cuisine

A visit to The Hague offers a wealth of choice that will appeal to all tastes. The harbour is a great choice for having a sunset dinner with fresh fish on your plate. As 'widow of the Dutch East Indies' the city boasts a wide range of Indonesian restaurants serving elaborate 'rice tables' in typical colonial atmosphere.

Second vegan city in the Netherlands

The Hague has 27 vegan or vegan friendly restaurants, making it the second city in the Netherlands with the most restaurants for vegans. You can choose from, for example, speculoos pancakes or breakfast muffins with coconut yoghurt for foam, vegan burgers for Hortus or veggie burrito for veggies on fire.

Seaport The Hague-Scheveningen

Seaport The Hague-Scheveningen is always a hive of activity. The port is home to a great number of special restaurants and cafes. The fine view of the yacht harbour, the hustle and bustle at the fish auction, and the fresh sea breeze all contribute to making the port of Scheveningen a unique spot in the Netherlands.

With a central location on the Dutch coastline, the port of Scheveningen has direct, deep water access to the North Sea, which allows for a swift entrance to and exit from the port.

The port of Scheveningen has excellent conditions to receive smaller cruise ships, is accessible for vessels up to 165 meters in length with a draught of max. 7.5 meters, hosts all the necessary facilities and always ensures a warm welcome for cruise ships.



More information:
thehague.com/seaport

New hotels in The Hague



The Collector The Hague

In recent years (from 2018) hotels with around 440 rooms have been opened. In addition, at least 975 new rooms are expected to be built in the next two years. Here you will find a few of our newest hotels and hotels expected to be build.

The Collector The Hague ****

Haagsche Bluf 52
2511 CP The Hague

Rooms: 57

It simply couldn't be more central but the courtyard Haagsche Bluf feels like an urban oasis, breathing serenity, cleanliness and character. Art, English tea, good food, great steak – all framed by 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th century copycat façades from various Dutch cities. Prepare to be enchanted, by the ideas and the craft of artists have put in each and every room. Whether you treat yourself to the Collector Loft loft or not for the The Gallery - it will never get basic.



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Mövenpick Hotel The Hague ****

Paleisstraat 5
2514 JA The Hague

Rooms: 72

Mövenpick Hotel The Hague is the newest hotel in The Hague and is located in the heart of this majestic city. It has 72 stylish rooms with a restaurant, Coffee & Wine

Lounge, fitness area and three meeting rooms. The Mauritshuis, Panaroma Mesdag, Escher in The Palace and the Inner Court - Hall of Knights is within 10 minutes walking distance.



Mövenpick Hotel The Hague

New hotels to open

- Fletcher Hotel - North Sea Building
Gevers Deynootweg
Rooms: 120
- YAYS (hotel appartement)
(open: 2020)
Koninginnegracht
Rooms: 53
- Moxy (open:2021)
Dr. Lelykade
Rooms: 144
- Inntel (open: March 2021)
Havenhoofd
Rooms: 226
- VOCO (IHG) (open: end of 2021)
Kneuterdijk 8
Rooms: 204

New attractions in The Hague



Metamorphosis of the northern boulevard Scheveningen

The whole world comes together on the boulevard of Scheveningen. Go for a walk, sunbathe, spend a well-deserved weekend or an entertaining day together. Today's north boulevard is currently transforming into an atmosphere of yesterday's fashionable Scheveningen, but with a modern twist. The hiking area is expanded and green is added, which connects the dunes with the area. You enter the beach from the 500 m² terrace via renewed wide steps made of natural stone. The Foodhall Scheveningen is new.

Legoland Discovery Centre Scheveningen

Legoland Discovery Centre Scheveningen opens spring 2021. This indoor playground, located on the boulevard of Scheveningen beach and the only one in The Netherlands, offers a Miniland of The Hague, a 4D cinema and LEGO build & play zones

Foodhall Scheveningen

Soon you will find the Foodhall Scheveningen on the north boulevard: a hall with an atmosphere of a cozy Asian market full of lights and sounds, where guests can enjoy

dishes from 16 different world cuisines. The 1,200 m² food hall has three hundred seats at large and small tables. Take a seat at the bar, by the fire or near the stage where bands or a DJ regularly perform.

Kneuterdijk Palace

Kneuterdijk Palace is one of the unknown gems in the historic city centre of The Hague. The palace between Court Pond and Lange Voorhout was built in 1716 in the Louis XIV style by architect Daniel Marot for Count Johan Hendrik of Wassenaer-Obdam. In 1816 King William I purchased Kneuterdijk Palace for his son, the Prince of Orange, later King William II and his Russian wife Anna Paulowna. It is now home to the Council of State. The palace is open every first Friday of the month.

Royal waiting rooms

The restored royal waiting rooms in The Hague is special. The waiting rooms offers a unique view of the travel history of the Royal Family. These pearls were invisible to the public for a long time, but again accessible to the public after a major restoration. The Hague Hollands Spoor - During the festive opening on 5 October 1893, Princess

Wilhelmina and Queen Regent Emma called the Royal Waiting Room in The Hague a 'jewel for the residence'.

Madurodam - The Flying Dutchman

The Flying Dutchman is the name of the latest attraction at the Madurodam theme park. Consisting of a fully restored Douglas DC3, the full-sized aircraft (18 metres long and 30 metres wide) will offer visitors a "flight experience" and pays tribute to the pioneering spirit of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.

Amare - the new educational and cultural complex

The new educational and cultural complex will accommodate the whole of The Hague. A house for the performing arts, creative development and (international) excellent programming. Everyone is welcome. Amare will open in 2021.

Haagse Toren

Climb the Tower of The Hague, the city's landmark for centuries! 288 steps, 92.5 meters high and the best view of The Hague. This unique hexagonal tower with a breathtaking view of the city and surroundings that you must see!



Royal waiting rooms | Photo: Arjan de Jager



Madurodam

International Criminal Court

The foundation of The Hague as an international city of peace and justice was laid in 1899. When the world's first peace conference took place in The Hague on Tobias Asser's initiative, followed by a second in 1907. International legal cases are in the many courts and tribunals, one of them is the International Criminal Court.

Apart from the Visitor Centre, visitors ages 16 and up can attend public sessions of court hearings

Haagsche Bluf

The Haagsche Bluf is a new hotspot in the center of The Hague. Besides good food in various bars and restaurants, you can also find several shops and sleep in the new Boutique hotel The Collector.

The food halls house a wide range of high-quality food concepts and a well-known name for gourmets. Founded by entrepreneurs, embraced by locals and valued by visitors from all over the world. The newest location is right in the heart of the city center of The Hague.

Exhibitions 2021-2022



Jacob van Huysdonck (1582-1647), *Roses in a Glass Vase*, c.1640-45, Mauritshuis, The Hague. Acquired by the Friends of the Mauritshuis Foundation, 2016

Due to the current Covid-19 circumstances, it is difficult for all museums to organize their exhibitions. The data for the expected exhibitions below may change.

Mauritshuis

Facelifts & make-overs

October 7, 2021 - January 9, 2022

In the last months of 2021 the Mauritshuis shows the results of restorations of paintings that have been carried out in its own studio in recent years. These restorations of Dutch and Flemish paintings from the 17th century are mainly from Vermeer, Rembrandt, Hals, Steen and Potter. They are accompanied by famous Flemish masters such as Rubens and Van Dyck. Interesting restorations or lesser known paintings are also highlighted.

200th anniversary of Mauritshuis 2022

2022 will be a special year for the Mauritshuis because it's celebrates their 200th anniversary. Because of this The Mauritshuis will organise special exhibitions and activities throughout the year.

Museum Voorlinden

Antony Gormley - GROUND

April 23 - september 26 2021

In the spring of 2021, Voorlinden will be presenting a major retrospective of Antony Gormley (1950). This British artist is praised worldwide for his art, which deals with the relationship between the human body and the space around us.

Louwman Museum

Every year in the months July and august Louwman has a summer exhibition next to their own collection.

Royal Delft

Royal Delft strives to obtain the official museum status by mid-2021. This will enable them to accept the Dutch museum card and organize greater expositions. Starting with a new exposition in autumn 2021 about Dutch landscapes. Dutch landscapes with boats and windmills on Delft Blue plates are an iconic combination. Royal Delft will tell the story of how the famous Dutch ceramics and landscapes came together. Learn all about how Dutch painters moved outside for the first time in the 19th century to paint their landscapes in real life while visiting the factory that is still in production.



Antony Gormley - GROUND



Royal Delft

Top selection of attractions

- ① **The city tour through the historic center:** take a walk along the Binnenhof, to Noordeinde Palace and the Peace Palace;
- ② **Mauritshuis.** Visit the world famous paintings by the Dutch masters in one of the most beautiful places in the Netherlands;
- ③ **Escher in The Palace.** Let yourself be seduced by the masterpieces of optical illusion;
- ④ **Panorama Mesdag.** Marvel at the largest painting in the Netherlands;
- ⑤ **Madurodam.** Experience a unique Holland experience within two hours;
- ⑥ **Kunstmuseum Den Haag.** The place for a unique mix of art, architecture, interior design and old style;
- ⑦ **Louwman Museum.** An automobile museum with the oldest private automobile collection in the world;
- ⑧ **Ooievaart boat trips.** The Ooievaart tours take you in an open boat through old or new parts of the city center.
- ⑨ **Scheveningen.** Stroll along the boulevard and go to the old part of Scheveningen or to the Pier, where you can get on the Ferris wheel.



Calendar 2021-2023

St Patricks Day

March 14, 2021

Grote Markt The Hague hosts the largest St. Patrick's day celebration in Holland! In cooperation with the Irish Club Netherlands and Den Haag Gaelic Athletic Association the free festival traditional Irish music and dances, an Irish market, and of course endless pints of Guinness. Join in and make sure to wear something green!

Movies that Matter Festival

March 19-28, 2021

Movies that Matter is the annual film and debate festival on human rights and social justice in The Hague, City of Peace of Justice. The nine-day festival further features talk shows, debates, musical performances and art expositions.

Keukenhof

March, 20 – May 9, 2021

In the space of eight weeks Keukenhof shows what the Dutch floricultural sector has to offer. The park's focus is on the 7 million spring-flowering bulbs, which allow the 100 participating companies to show their living catalog. 500 flower growers present an enormous variety of cut flowers and pot plants at the over 20 flower shows. The Keukenhof is only half an hour way from The Hague by car and to reach with public transport.

Opening Japanese Garden

June and October 2021-2023

The Japanese Garden, pride of Clingendael Park, is only open for a short period each year due to its fragility. Admission is free.

Liberation Day Festival

May 5, 2021

The Liberation Festival takes place every year on the 5th of May, on the Malieveld in

The Hague, with something for everyone of all ages. The high-light of this free event is a performance by a celebrity who, as the Ambassador for Peace, is flown in by helicopter. Included in the festival programme are shows on open air stages set up around the city and any number of other activities such as debates, street theatre, children's activities and a festival market. Plenty of opportunity to celebrate freedom in your own way.

Invictus Games

May 29 - June 5, 2021

The Invictus Games is the international adaptive sporting event for wounded, injured and sick Servicemen and women, both serving and veteran. The Games use the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation and generate a wider understanding and respect of all those who serve their country. The fifth Invictus Games, which will take place in The Hague, Netherlands from 9-16 May 2021, currently plans to welcome 500 competitors from 19 nations to compete over 9 sports.



Japanese Garden | Photo: Maurice Haak

Vlaggetjesdag

June, 2021

Annual celebration of the arrival of the first new Dutch herring of the season. And there is also a lot to experience for non-fish lovers with music, orchestras, bands, artists, old herring loggers, miniature ships, boat trips and various demonstrations.

Parkpop

June, 2021

Parkpop is the largest free pop event in the Netherlands, held annually during the last weekend of June. A regular event since 1981, this national pop festival has put The Hague on the map in terms of free music festivals on a large scale. For many years, it was even the largest free pop music festival in all of Europe!

De Parade

Mid-July, 2021

This summer, the Parade travelling theatre festival returns to The Hague with a rich array of artistic surprises in tow. The location is at the beautiful westbroekpark. The majority of the theatre performances are in Dutch, but even for non-Dutch speaking visitors, the Parade is an experience that's not to be missed. There's a slew of live music performances, plus all the exciting activities, culinary delights and the truly unique atmosphere guarantee a memorable day out no matter what language you speak.

Prince's Day & Prince's Festival

September 21, 2021, September 20, 2022, September 19, 2023

Prinsjesdag The Hague, traditionally the third Tuesday of September, is now much more than the procession of the Gouden Glass Carriage with King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima, the throne speech in the Knight's Hall and the balcony scene at Noordeinde Palace. Prior to this festive day, all kinds of extra activities are organised in the royal city of The Hague. From the Prinsjes Hat walk on the Plein

to the spectacular beach exercise of the Cavalry Honorary Escort in Scheveningen. In short: enough reasons for a day out or a weekend away around Budget Day in The Hague!

Masterly The Hague

September 23 - 27, 2021

Masterly The Hague is the festival of old Dutch masters paintings and Dutch design. In the museum quarter, visitors can lose themselves in the fascinating history of The Hague with an art-rich narrative, as the venues are as impressive as the exhibits themselves.

Christmas Market

December 9-22, 2021

Royal Christmas Fair in The Hague is one of the biggest Christmas markets in the Netherlands. Twinkling lights and familiar Christmas carols at the romantic Lange Voorhout are bound to get you in the ultimate Christmas mood. Among this year's 100 stalls you'll be able to find gift ideas, wintery fashion and design decorations. And a mug of hot chocolate or Glühwein is the perfect accompaniment.

Ocean Race back to The Hague

2023

The Ocean Race (formerly Volvo Ocean Race) comes to The Hague for the third time in the spring of 2023. The port of Scheveningen will be both the starting and finishing place of a leg this year.



Prince's Day | Photo: Arjan de Jager



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This brochure is intended to give you an update on new sights, attractions, hotels, exhibitions and events in The Hague.

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