



Seaports | Rotterdam



Ahoy there!

Did you know that Rotterdam is a wonderful place for shopping and going out?

The numerous little shops and galleries are a particular attraction!

Rotterdam is the second/largest city in the Netherlands and home to Europe's most important port for the container shipping industry. This port has container volumes of approx. 9.3 million TEU, leaving the others well behind. Excellent transport links and a sound logistics infrastructure make Rotterdam the ideal port for importing agrofood products destined for the European market. Most of the goods continue their journey into Rotterdam's hinterland along the Rhine and Meuse rivers, although there are also outstanding rail links from the port.

Dozens of companies are based around the container terminals, managing the storage, care and repair of the empty containers.

The deep-water port (24 m deep) has a total length of 40 km.

Food and drink:

The Dutch national dish is stamppot (mash pot) a traditional stew made of mashed potatoes and vegetables (usually kale, white beans, carrots and endives) and served with sausage or stewed meat.



Restaurant tips:

www.engelgroep.com
www.parkheuvel.nl



Container terminal



Erasmus Bridge



Old port



Rotterdam | Yesterday an today

Founded in 1230, the city is situated in the province of South Holland and takes its name from the dam in the Rotte river. The first settlers were fishermen who unloaded their catch there. After being granted city rights in 1340, Rotterdam developed quickly to become a wealthy trading city. During the war with Spain (1570), it was one of the few ports to retain free access to the sea. In 1864, the "New Waterway" – an open canal to the North Sea – was built and became an important trade route between England and the Ruhr Area in Germany during the industrial revolution. The city's population quadrupled after new docks were built in the 19th century.

In World War II, Rotterdam and its port were heavily bombed during German air raids. After lengthy renovation programmes, however, Rotterdam rose again to become one of the most modern cities in Europe. The university was founded in 1972 and approx. 20,500 students study there today.

Although the city is approx. 6 m below sea level and constantly has to pump water out to prevent flooding, some 565,000 people from 160 countries live in Rotterdam today. The population rises up to 1.2 million if the inhabitants of the city's hinterland are included.

Rotterdam is also one of the most significant cultural centres in the Netherlands today. The "Museum Boijmans van Beuningen" is the main art museum, with paintings and sculptures on display from all periods by artists including Rembrandt, Jan Steen and Vincent van Gogh.

A well-known tourist attraction in the city is the "Walk of Fame Europe", where more than 250 celebrities – mostly musicians – have left their hand- or footprints in concrete, to be admired by all who pass.



Links:

www.rotterdam.nl
www.portofrotterdam.com



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