

Dordrecht, South Holland, Netherlands

Dordrecht — Dordt to locals — is the oldest city in Holland, born in 1220 on a river island where the Oude Maas, Merwede and Noord converge. Step off the gangway directly onto golden-age cobblestones, with Kinderdijk windmills just 30 minutes away by water.

Docked (city quay)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Euro — nearly cashless

Dutch (English universal)

Holland's oldest city (1220)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Docked at city quay — step ashore directly into the historic center

Walk to center: 0 min — the dock IS the historic center (Groothoofd)

Best For: History walkers, Dutch Golden Age art, Kinderdijk day trips, canal boats

Don't Miss: Waterbus to Kinderdijk windmills (UNESCO); Grote Kerk tower views; Huis Van Gijn museum

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✓ €4–€10 · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Kinderdijk Windmills (UNESCO)** — Nineteen eighteenth-century windmills in a row — the most photographed scene in the Netherlands.
- Grote Kerk Tower Climb** — Climb 275 steps up Dordrecht's leaning Gothic tower (leans 2.25 m) for sweeping views over the river delta and historic rooftops.
- Huis Van Gijn Museum** — A perfectly preserved 19th-century canal mansion — the home of banker and collector Simon van Gijn, preserved much as he left it on his death in 1922.
- Nationaal Park De Biesbosch** — Europe's largest freshwater tidal wetland sits right next to Dordrecht.
- Dordrechts Museum — Dutch Masters** — One of the oldest art museums in the Netherlands, featuring Golden Age paintings by pupils of Rembrandt (Ferdinand Bol, Aert de Gelder) plus Albert...

BEST WALKS

- Groothoofd to Grote Kerk Loop** ~2 km · 45–60 min · Flat · Free — Start at the Groothoofd Gate where three rivers meet, walk the historic harbor quays (Wolwevershaven, Nieuwhaven), past leaning canal houses, through the Hof courtyard...
- Scheffersplein & Old Town Wander** ~1.5 km · 30–40 min · Flat · Free — From the dock, head into Voorstraat (the main shopping street), turn toward Scheffersplein — the main café square — and loop back via the Wijnhaven canal past...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		57°	42°	10d
Jun		71°	56°	11d
Aug		72°	59°	14d
Sep		67°	54°	10d
Oct		60°	49°	14d

DAYLIGHT & 🌳 MONEY

Apr 6:44AM–8:38PM · Jun 5:22AM–10:01PM · Aug 6:26AM–9:03PM · Sep 7:16AM–7:55PM · Oct 8:06AM–6:46PM

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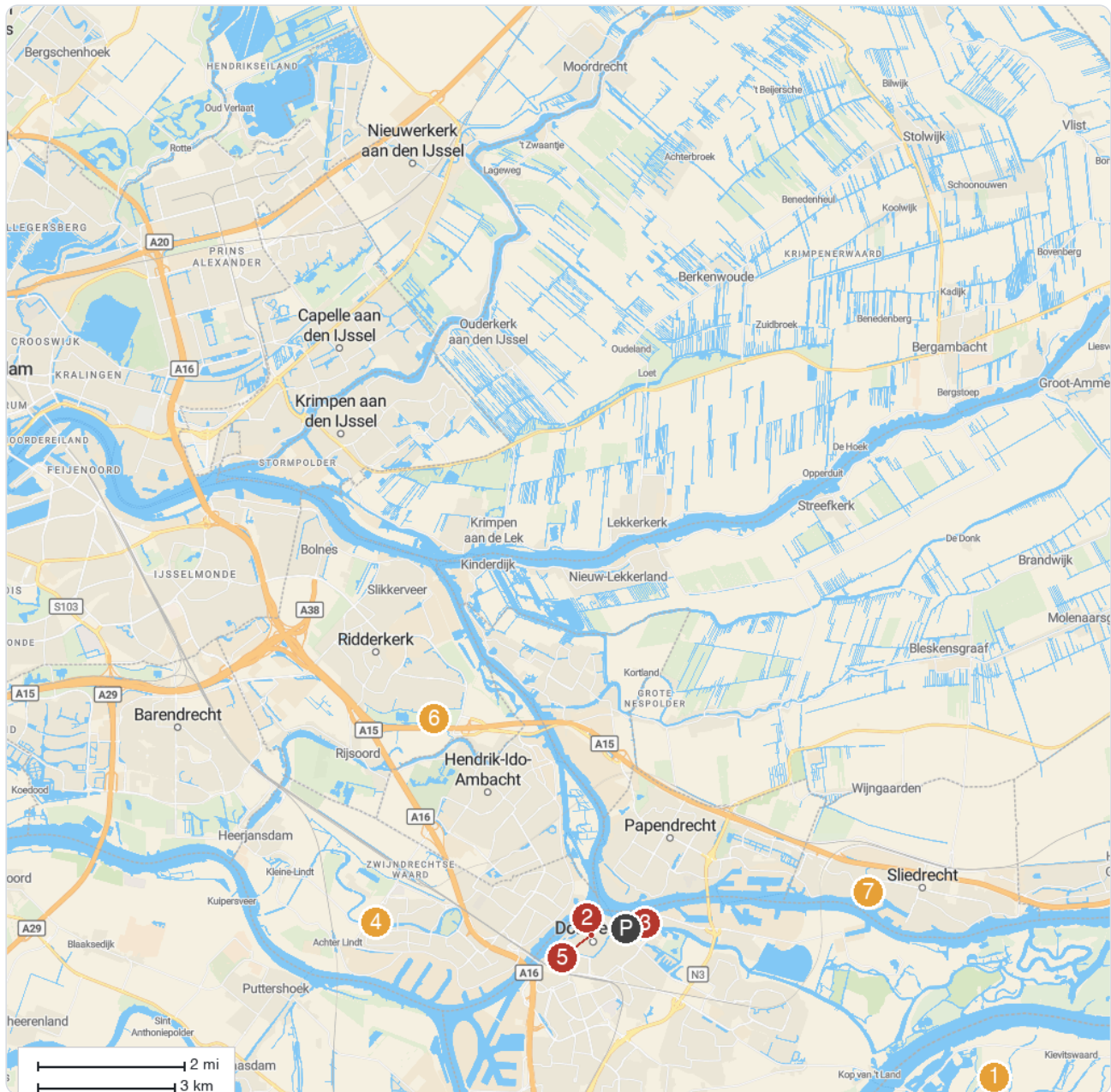
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Go cashless: The Netherlands is virtually cashless. Tap-to-pay (Visa/Mastercard) works everywhere; some small cafes refuse cash entirely. Bring a card, not coins.
- DIY Kinderdijk saves serious money: Walk to the Merwekade waterbus terminal, take Waterbus Line 20 and transfer to the Driehoeksveer ferry at De Schans — the round trip costs a fraction of ship tour prices. Buy a day pass or use a contactless card.
- Watch the bike lanes: Red-paved paths are for cyclists, who move fast and have absolute right of way. Step off them immediately — they will ring (or collide).
- Sunday late opening: If docked on a Sunday, shops and some museums don't open until noon. Arrive at the Grote Kerk tower early to beat queues once it opens.
- Try the schapenkopje: Dordrecht's signature almond-paste cookie shaped like a sheep's head. Grab one from a local bakery — the 'sheephead' nickname comes from a medieval smuggling legend.
- Best terrace: Groothoofd square and Scheffersplein have the most atmospheric outdoor seating, with river views. Arrive before 11 AM for a quiet coffee; afternoons fill up fast.

Dordrecht, South Holland, Netherlands — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Nationaal Park De Biesbosch | Vast freshwater delta national park for nature and wildlife. | 2 Het Dordts Patriciërshuis Museum Dordrecht | Historic patrician house museum showcasing Dordrecht's rich past. |
| 3 Binnenvaartmuseum | Museum dedicated to Dutch inland shipping history and vessels. | 4 Munnikpark | Green urban park with walking paths and recreational areas. |
| 5 Rondvaart de Dordtevaar | Scenic canal boat tour exploring Dordrecht's historic waterways. | 6 Oosterpark | Large eastern city park for relaxation and recreation. |
| 7 Nationaal Baggermuseum | National museum showcasing the history of dredging technology. | P Cruise port / terminal | |