

# Haarlem, North Holland, Netherlands

Haarlem delivers everything Amsterdam promises—Golden Age canals, world-class museums, lively cafés—without the crowds. River cruise ships tie up right on the Spaarne River; ocean passengers arrive via a quick 15-minute train from Amsterdam Centraal.

🚢 River: pier on Spaarne River; Ocean: Amsterdam or IJmuiden

🕒 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

💶 Currency: Euro (card accepted everywhere)

🗣️ Language: Dutch (English widely spoken)

## 👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_ All aboard: \_\_\_\_\_  
Excursion: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** River cruise: Spaarne River quays (walk to center). Ocean: dock Amsterdam PTA or IJmuiden, then train/taxi.

**Best For:** Dutch Golden Age art, hidden courtyard (hofje) hunting, Frans Hals Museum, local craft beer, beach day at Zandvoort

**Walk to center:** River cruise: 5-10 min flat walk. Ocean arrivals reach center ~30-45 min total.

**Don't Miss:** Jopenkerk brewery in a 1902 church; the Grote Markt on a Saturday market day; Corrie ten Boom House

🚗 Getting around: 🚖 Taxi ✅ ~€50–55 one-way · 🚲 Rideshare ✅ Uber, Bolt

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Frans Hals Museum** — The world's finest collection of Golden Age portrait paintings, housed in the 17th-century men's almshouse (Oudemannenhuis) whose regents Hals...
- **Corrie ten Boom House & Hiding Place** — The Ten Boom family hid hundreds of Jewish people and resistance fighters behind a false wall in their watch shop during WWII.
- **Teylers Museum** — The oldest museum in the Netherlands (1784), frozen in time — fossils, coins, scientific instruments, and original drawings by Raphael and...
- **Jopenkerk Craft Brewery** — A fully functioning brewery and grand café inside a soaring 1902 neo-Gothic church.
- **Zandvoort Beach Day** — Haarlem is the easiest gateway to the Dutch coast.

## BEST WALKS

- **Grote Markt to Spaarne River Loop** 1.5 km · ~30 min · Flat — Start at the Grote Markt, admire the medieval Stadhuis and the Grote Kerk (St.
- **Hofjes Discovery Walk** 2 km · ~45 min · Flat — Wind through the backstreets between the Grote Markt and Frans Hals Museum hunting for hidden hofjes.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

### 🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

|     | Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr |     | 55°  | 43° | 10d  |
| Jun |     | 68°  | 56° | 11d  |
| Aug |     | 70°  | 59° | 15d  |
| Sep |     | 66°  | 56° | 11d  |
| Oct |     | 59°  | 51° | 15d  |

### 🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💶 MONEY

Apr 6:43AM–8:39PM · Jun 5:19AM–10:05PM · Aug 6:24AM–9:05PM · Sep 7:16AM–7:55PM · Oct 8:07AM–6:46PM

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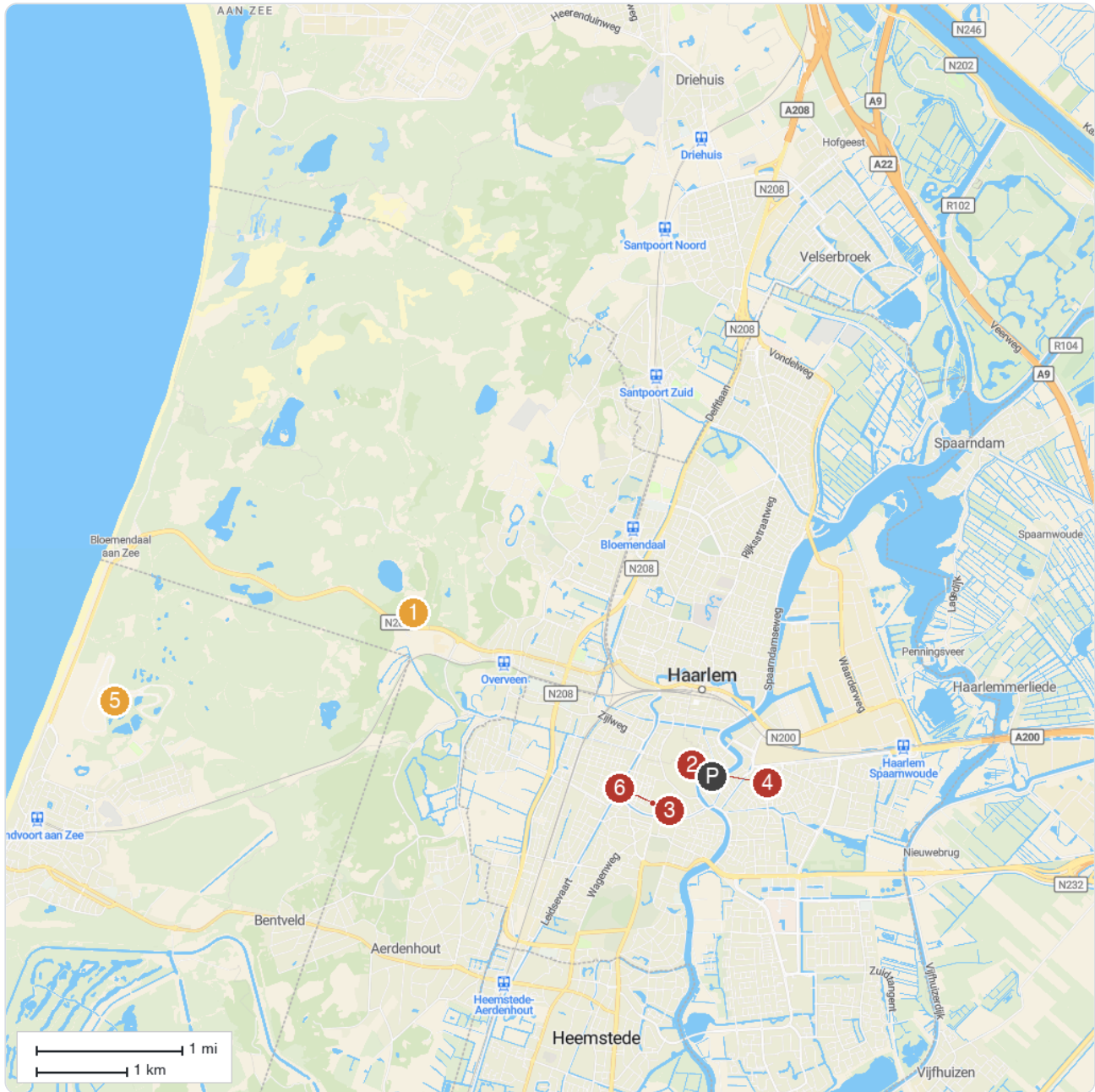
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- OVpay makes trains effortless. Tap a contactless Visa/Mastercard or Apple Pay at the yellow card readers to board trains and buses — no paper ticket needed. The same tap-on/tap-off system works all the way to Zandvoort beach.
- Respect the bike lanes. Red-paved paths are for cyclists only — they move fast and have right of way. Step onto the sidewalk and look both ways before crossing any red-paved surface.
- Book Corrie ten Boom months ahead. The Hiding Place runs free guided tours but slots fill up well in advance. Walk-ins are rarely accepted, so plan early or skip it.
- Saturday is market day on the Grote Markt. Fresh stroopwafels, herring, cheese, and flowers fill the square. Monday markets also run but on a smaller scale.
- Eat raw herring like a local. Order haring met uitjes (herring with raw onion and pickles) from the seafood cart on the Grote Markt — hold it by the tail, tip your head back, and go.
- IJmuiden passengers: allow 45+ min each way. Budget travel time to and from the Felison Terminal into your day. Taxi is faster (~25 min, €45-60) but book return pickups in advance.

# Haarlem, North Holland, Netherlands — Port Map

[cruiseports.org](https://cruiseports.org)

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



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|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Nationaal Park Zuid-Kennemerland | Coastal national park with dunes, forests, and wildlife. | <b>2</b> The St. Bavo Church in Haarlem | Historic Gothic church dominating Haarlem's main square.   |
| <b>3</b> Frans Hals Museum                | Art museum featuring Frans Hals and Dutch Masters.       | <b>4</b> Teylers Museum                 | Netherlands' oldest museum: art, science, natural history. |
| <b>5</b> MASCOT Circuit Zandvoort         | Historic motor racing circuit on the North Sea coast.    | <b>6</b> Proveniershuis                 | Historic almshouse now a cultural and event venue.         |
| <b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal           |                                                          |                                         |                                                            |