

Leiden, South Holland, Netherlands

A classic Dutch university city with 17th-century canals, wall poems, Rembrandt's hometown, and the hofjes where the Pilgrims once lived in exile before sailing to America.

 Docked (river quay)

 Typical call: 6-8 hrs

 Currency: Euro (€)

 Language: Dutch (English widely spoken)

 Bike city — watch the cycle lanes

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River ships dock at canal quays near Zijlsingel; 10–15 min walk to historic center

Walk to Center: 10–15 min flat walk from the quay

Best For: History, culture, canal walks, Dutch art

Don't Miss: De Burcht citadel views, Hortus Botanicus, and a broodje haring at the canal market

 Getting around:  Taxi  €15–20 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Pilgrim Father Trail** — The English Pilgrims lived in Leiden for 11 years before sailing on the Mayflower in 1620.
- **Rembrandt's Leiden** — Leiden is Rembrandt van Rijn's birthplace.
- **Hortus Botanicus** — Founded in 1590, this is one of the world's oldest botanical gardens — and where the very first tulip bulbs were...
- **National Museum of Antiquities** — The Rijksmuseum van Oudheden houses a remarkable Egyptian collection, including the complete Temple of Taffeh — gifted...
- **Canal Boat Cruise** — See the city from the water on a 1-hour canal boat tour.

BEST WALKS

- **Historic Center Loop** 2–3 km · 1–1.5 hrs · Flat — Walk from the quay into the old city center, past the Waag (weigh house), along the Nieuwe Rijn canal to the Saturday market, up to...
- **Wall Poems & Hofjes Walk** 1.5 km · 1 hr · Easy — Leiden has over 100 poems painted on building walls in their original languages.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	55°	42°	10d
Jun	69°	56°	11d
Aug	71°	59°	15d
Sep	67°	55°	11d
Oct	59°	50°	15d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:45AM–8:40PM · Jun 5:20AM–10:04PM · Aug 6:26AM–9:05PM · Sep 7:17AM–7:56PM · Oct 8:07AM–6:47PM

Currency: Euro (€)

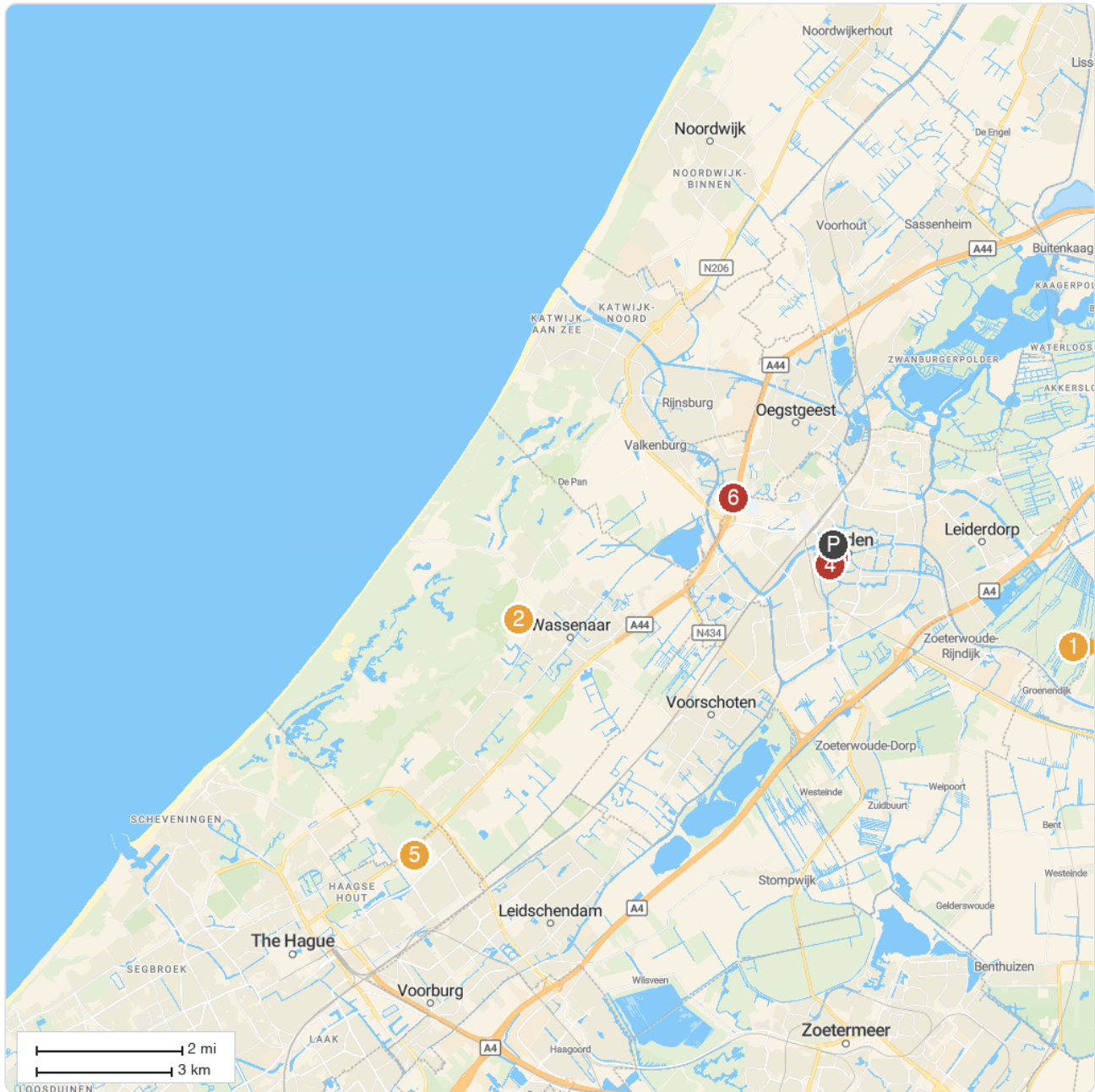
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Watch for bikes — they always have right of way. Never walk in the red-paved bike lanes; cyclists move fast and won't slow down for tourists.
- Go cashless. Many Dutch shops, museums, and buses only accept card. Contactless Visa/Mastercard works everywhere — you

Leiden, 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 Vogelpark Avifauna | Avifauna is a large bird park with diverse species. | 2 Duinrell | Duinrell is an amusement park with a large water park. |
| 3 National Museum of Antiquities | Explore ancient Egypt, Rome, and Dutch history here. | 4 Hortus Botanicus Leiden | Leiden's historic botanical garden, one of the oldest worldwide. |
| 5 Louwman Museum | See a stunning collection of historic and classic automobiles. | 6 Corpus | Journey through the human body in this unique museum. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |