

Rotterdam, Netherlands

Holland's boldest city — a skyline of daring modern architecture rebuilt from the ground up, with the windmills of Kinderdijk and the canals of Amsterdam within easy reach.

 Docked (city-center terminal)  Often embark/disembark  Euro (EUR)  Dutch · English universal

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Wilhelminakade terminal

Walk to center: 15 min / metro

Best For: Architecture · Day trips

Don't Miss: Markthal & Cube Houses

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €10–€21 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Bolt ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  City Sightseeing Rotterdam

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Kinderdijk Windmills** — A UNESCO World Heritage site of 19 historic windmills along the polder canals — the postcard image of Holland, about 30 min from the city by road or...
- **Amsterdam Day Trip** — The canals, gabled houses, and museums of the Dutch capital, an easy ~40-minute train ride away.
- **Delft & The Hague** — Vermeer's blue-and-white pottery town of Delft paired with The Hague's royal palaces and seat of government — classic Dutch charm in a half-day.
- **Rotterdam Architecture & Markthal** — A self-paced or guided dive into the city's icons: the Cube Houses, the soaring Markthal food market, the Erasmus Bridge, and a harbor of post-war...

BEST WALKS

- **Erasmus Bridge to Markthal** ~3 km · 1.5 hrs · easy — Cross the swan-like Erasmus Bridge from the terminal into the center, past the Cube Houses and Old Harbour to the vast arched Markthal food market.
- **Kop van Zuid & Hotel New York** ~2 km · 1 hr · easy — The waterfront district right by the terminal, anchored by the former Holland America Line headquarters — now the Hotel New York — where emigrants once sailed for...
- **Oude Haven (Old Harbour)** ~1.5 km · 1 hr · easy — The historic harbour basin with the leaning Cube Houses above and cafés along the water — a relaxed contrast to the steel-and-glass skyline.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	57°	42°	10d
Jun	70°	55°	11d
Aug	72°	58°	14d
Sep	67°	54°	10d
Oct	60°	50°	14d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 6:45AM–8:39PM · Jun 5:22AM–10:03PM · Aug 6:26AM–9:05PM · Sep 7:17AM–7:56PM · Oct 8:07AM–6:47PM	
Euro (EUR)	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use the metro and trains. The terminal has a metro stop at its door, and Rotterdam Centraal makes Amsterdam, Delft, and The Hague easy independent day trips.
- Kinderdijk is the windmill shot. If you want the classic Dutch windmill photo, this UNESCO site beats anything in the city itself — book ahead on a cruise day.
- Mind the bikes. Cyclists have right of way and move fast — look both ways and stay out of the red bike lanes when crossing.
- Cards everywhere. The Netherlands is largely cashless; a contactless card covers trams, trains, markets, and museums.
- Pack for wind and rain. The North Sea coast is breezy and showers blow through quickly — a light waterproof layer beats an umbrella.

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