

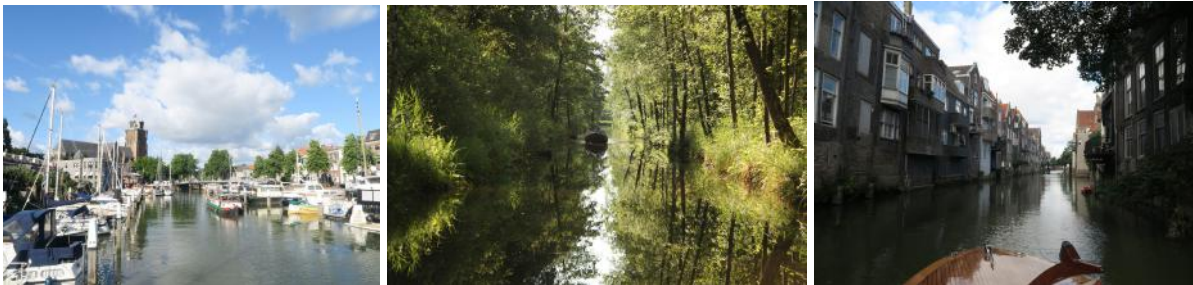
Holland in a nutshell

Weekend Break

Experiencing the best of Holland in just a weekend? Visit fascinating Dordrecht, a small city with a rich history, and explore the wild riverine forests of the Biesbosch National Park by bicycle like a true Dutchy. Travel by the typical Dutch 'waterbus' to the stunning area of Kinderdijk, with 16 ancient windmills. Continue to vibrant Rotterdam, see the modern architecture, feel the lively urban vibe and dive into one of the many museums. Stay in small and comfortable hotels with good locations.

Trip Itinerary

FRIDAY - DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN DORDRECHT



Take the train to Dordrecht by yourself (not included in the price). From the railway station you can walk to your hotel in the historic city centre. Dordrecht obtained city rights as early as 1220, making it the oldest (official) city in Holland. Located in a wetland area with such rivers as the Merwede, Noord and Ouwe Maas, it was an important merchant city with a lively trade in wood, cereals and wine. That history, wealth and culture is still clearly visible. Not only does the historic city center of Dordrecht harbor around 1,000 monuments – they are also splendidly used as restaurants, museums and theatres. From your hotel you will do a self-guided bike tour through the Biesbosch National Park (the largest freshwater tidal zone in Europe), which is just next to Dordrecht. In the evening you can enjoy dinner in one of the cosy restaurants in Dordrecht (dinner not included in price).

OPTIONAL EXCURSION: Private boat tour in the Biesbosch National Park. From your hotel you will be picked up by a private boat. The park is a mixture of willow-clad river banks, jungle-like creeks and polders. You will find many different bird species here and a population of around 300 beavers, the largest rodent in Europe and the icon of the park! This private tour will take you through the riverine area of this unique park. The boat tour will take around 2 hrs, at the end you will be dropped off at your hotel by boat.

PRICE PER PERSON (with 2 / 4 / 6 people): € 110 / € 60 / € 45

SATURDAY - DAY 2: DORDRECHT - KINDERDIJK - ROTTERDAM



Within walking distance from your hotel you will find the 'Merwekade', from where the 'waterbus' to Rotterdam leaves. This is a public transport boat (tickets included in the price). (**OPTIONAL EXCURSION:** private boat to Rotterdam **SURCHARGE PER PERSON (with 2 / 4 / 6 people): € 160 / € 80 / € 60**)

One of the stops on the way is the famous area of Kinderdijk (Molenkade). Get off the waterbus at Kinderdijk which has 16 amazing 18th century windmills, 8 on each side of the water. These windmills used to pump the water out of the surrounding areas until 1868. After this year, the pumps were operated by steam and yet later by electricity. This is the only place in the Netherlands where you can see so many windmills right next to each other, in perfect condition. A true highlight to your trip!

Continue by waterbus to Rotterdam where you get off at the famous Erasmusbrug right in the center of town. From here you will walk to your hotel, which will take about 15 minutes. Rotterdam is a city of many faces: a tough port city, a trendy nightlife city, a sophisticated shopping city, and a hip artistic city. Above all, Rotterdam is the architecture city of Holland that stimulates innovation. Its skyline is always changing. There are many things to do amid Rotterdams skyscrapers. You can go on a shopping spree, enjoy some excellent food, and visit a range of museums and attractions in and around the city centre.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION: After freshening up and enjoying your lunch, your guide will pick you up for a private architecture tour through Holland's most vibrant city. You will enjoy a 2,5-hour private walking tour of Rotterdam with a local architect. You will see the newly built Central Station, following architectural iconic sites like the post-war modernist shopping area the Lijnbaan, the Theater Square, the Timmerhuis – designed by the world-famous architects of OMA, St.Laurens Church and the Markthal – the most unique and fancy indoor market of Europe. Your guide will share his knowledge about the history and the future plans of the city. You will walk along the river and view the "Manhattan on the Maas" a new high-end architectural development on the South Bank. The tour ends close to the biggest landmark of Rotterdam – the Erasmus bridge.

PRICE PER PERSON (with 2 / 4 / 6 people): € 125 / € 70 / € 50

SUNDAY DAY 3: ROTTERDAM - END



After breakfast you are free to explore the city by yourself. Visit one of the many museums or take a boat tour through the harbor. At the end of the day travel to your home destination by yourself (train not included in price). End of program.

Trip Details

HOTELS	STANDARD	COMFORT	LUXURY
Dordrecht	Hotel de Watertoren	Villa Augustus (standard room)	Villa Augustus (deluxe room)
Rotterdam	H2OTEL	Hotel New York (standard room)	Hotel New York (deluxe room)



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INCLUDED:

- overnight in hotels on double/twin room
- 2 breakfasts
- information package about route, sights and restaurants
- self guided bike excursion on day 1 with bike rental + route description
- public waterbus to Rotterdam via Kinderdijk on day 2

NOT INCLUDED:

- travel to Dordrecht on day 1 and from Rotterdam on day 3
- all other meals and items not mentioned above
- optional excursions
- tourist tax (about €9.25 per person)

PRICES	STANDARD	COMFORT	LUXURY
Price per person based on 2 persons 1 double/twin room	€ 195,-	€ 275,-	€ 330,-
Price per person based on 3 persons in 1 single and 1 double/twin room	€ 235,-	€ 340,-	€ 415,-
Price per person based on 4 persons in 2 double/twin rooms	€ 195,-	€ 275,-	€ 330,-
Price per person based on 5 persons in 2 double/twin rooms and 1 single room	€ 220,-	€ 315,-	€ 380,-
Price per person based on 6 persons in 3 double/twin rooms	€195 ,-	€ 275,-	€ 330,-

* Prices are per person, in EURO, and are subject to availability; this is only an offer and no reservations have been confirmed.

Book this weekend