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General information about Rotterdam:

Architecture: Rotterdam is known for its bold architecture, with iconic buildings such as the Erasmus Bridge, the Markthal, and the Euromast.

Port: The port of Rotterdam is one of the largest in the world and plays a crucial role in trade and shipping.

Culture: The city has a vibrant arts and culture scene, with museums such as the Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, the Nederlands Fotomuseum, and the Kunsthal.

Food and drink: Rotterdam offers a range of culinary experiences, from local delicacies such as herring and stroopwafels to international cuisine at its many restaurants and cafes.

Public transportation: Rotterdam's public transportation system is efficient and easy to use, with trams, metros, and buses serving the entire city.

Sights:

Market Hall: An architectural masterpiece where you can enjoy local delicacies and global cuisine.

Euromast: An iconic tower with panoramic views of the city and the harbor.

Cube Houses: Unique cube-shaped houses that are well worth a visit.

Erasmus Bridge: A beautiful bridge that connects the banks of the Maas and has become a symbol of Rotterdam.

Accommodation options:

Of course, Rotterdam offers a range of accommodation options near the central train station, making it easy for visitors to explore the city and enjoy the vibrant city life. Here are some hotels that are located within a short distance from Rotterdam Central Station:

* Hilton Rotterdam

Address: Weena 10, 3012 CM Rotterdam

This luxury hotel is just a stone's throw from Central Station. It offers comfortable rooms, excellent amenities and a stylish ambience. Ideal for both business and leisure travelers.

* NH Atlanta Rotterdam

Address: Coolsingel 5, 3012 AA Rotterdam

Located within walking distance of Central Station, the NH Atlanta Rotterdam hotel offers classic elegance combined with modern amenities. Guests can enjoy comfortable rooms, a restaurant and a gym.

* Holiday Inn Express Rotterdam - Central Station

Address: Weena 121, 3013 CK Rotterdam

Located directly opposite Central Station, this modern hotel offers comfortable rooms, a free breakfast buffet and a convenient location near shops, restaurants and attractions.

* CitizenM Rotterdam

Address: Gelderseplein 50, 3011 WZ Rotterdam

The citizenM Rotterdam hotel offers affordable luxury just a short walk from Central Station. With its contemporary design, comfortable rooms, and innovative amenities, this is a popular choice for modern travelers.

The Van Nelle Factory: UNESCO World Heritage Site

One of the most striking industrial buildings in the world, the Van Nelle Factory is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is a masterpiece of modernist architecture and an icon of the Dutch Industrial Revolution. Today, the factory is used as an office space and event venue.

Address: Van Nelleweg 1, 3044 BC Rotterdam



From Rotterdam Central Station to the Van Nelle Factory

To travel from Rotterdam Central Station to the Van Nelle Fabriek, you can take public transport. The most common means of transport is the train to Rotterdam Central Station, followed by a transfer to another mode of transport.

- **Train:** From Rotterdam Central Station, take a train to The Hague Central, Schiedam Centrum or Dordrecht. Get off at Rotterdam Noord Station and take a tram or bus from there to the Van Nelle Fabriek.
- **Tram:** From Rotterdam Noord Station you can take tram line 4 in the direction of Marconiplein or tram line 8 in the direction of Spangen. Get off at the "Spanjaardslaan" stop and then walk for about 10 minutes to the Van Nelle Factory.
- **Bus:** To get from Rotterdam Central Station to the Van Nelle Fabriek, you can take bus line 38. This bus departs from the bus station at Rotterdam Central Station and stops at the 'Van Nelleweg' stop, which is close to the Van Nelle Factory.
- **By taxi:** You can also take a taxi from the station to the Van Nelle Factory. This is a faster option, especially if you're carrying luggage.
- **Metro:** The metro network consist of five metro line A,B,C,D and E that serve the city and surrounding areas. The subway run regulary every usually every few minutes. The metro does not goes to the Van Nelle Fabriek.



OV-chipkaart for Foreigners

Foreign visitors can use the OV-chipkaart to travel by public transport in the Netherlands. The OV-chipkaart is a contactless smart card that is used for travel on trains, trams, buses and metros. You can buy and top up an OV-chipkaart at ticket machines at train stations, in metro stations and at some tobacconists and supermarkets.

For one-off journeys, you can also buy a disposable OV-chipkaart at ticket machines. These cards are valid for a certain period of time and can be discarded after use.

For more detailed information about fares, routes and the use of the OV-chipkaart, you can go to the information desks at train and metro stations, or online via the website of the Rotterdam public transport company.