Transport Information

International Week Rotterdam 2016:
European Powerhouse & Sustainable Port

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Travelling in The Netherlands

This information booklet will give you all the information you need to travel in The Netherlands, specifically when travelling to and from the International Week Rotterdam 2016. The information is divided into a payment part and a route part. If any questions remain unanswered after reading the booklet, or if you have other questions about the IWR2016, please send an email to IBK-BKM-student@hr.nl.

Paying for Your Journey

To use any form of public transportation in The Netherlands, you need an OV-chipcard (called OV-chipkaart in Dutch). This small card has a wireless chip in it that will allow you to pay for your journey.

When you use an OV-chipcard, you have to check-in and out at the beginning and end of every journey OR when you are switching between transportation types. Checking in and out is done by tapping your card on a card reader or entry barrier.
Ticket Types

Several types of OV-chipcards are suitable for short-term visitors, depending on what form of transportation you use and how often you use public transport.

Train

If you travel by train, you can buy a ticket at a yellow ticket machine or from a Dutch Railways (Dutch: NS) service point. Payments in cash or by Maestro card are allowed. The ticket machine will dispense a temporary OV-chipcard ticket. Do not forget to check in and out at the start and end of your journey.

Other Types of Public Transport

When travelling by subway (metro), tram or bus, there are several suitable ticket options. You can buy an OV-chipcard from ticket machines at subway stations, the RET service point at Central Station or, if you are buying a temporary card, from the bus driver or tram conductor. Always make sure to tap your card on the reader to check-in and check-out when you enter or leave a subway station, tram or bus.

Temporary OV-chipcard

You can buy a temporary OV-chip card for the period of a day (~€7.50), 2 hours (~€3.50) or 2 times 1 hour (~€6.00). This type of card is useful if you only use public transport once or twice while you are in the Netherlands. A temporary OV-chipcard is only valid for the city in which it was bought. For example: a temporary OV-chipcard bought in Rotterdam can **not** be used in Amsterdam.

Anonymous OV-chipcard

If you plan on travelling by subway, tram or bus more than three times during your stay, it will be cheaper to buy an Anonymous OV-chipcard. This card will cost you ~€6,50 upfront, after which you can top up your balance for your journeys (€4,00 minimum). The upfront payment is non-refundable. You can use the balance on this card for all types of public transport in the Netherlands, including in Amsterdam and other large cities.
Routes

Below, you will find the routes that most students will use to get to/from the hostel arranged by the Rotterdam University. If you booked your stay during the International Week Rotterdam 2016 without a hostel, IWR2016 staff will reach out to you to see if you need any assistance in arranging your journey.

If you plan on travelling by car, please take a look at the parking information provided by the King Kong Hostel: http://www.kingkonghostel.com/parking-facilities/

From Schiphol Airport

The train station of Schiphol Airport is located near the main entrance/exit of the airport building. There are several high-frequency train services between Schiphol Airport and Rotterdam Central Station. The easiest route is with the high-speed train (called IC direct) with the destinations ‘Rotterdam Centraal’ or ‘Breda’. The journey time is 25 minutes. You can also take the normal Intercity service to Vlissingen, which will take about twice as long.

A travel supplement (Dutch: Toeslag) is needed when travelling by high speed train. You can buy this supplement at vending machines or at a Dutch Railway (Dutch: NS) service point.

For your journey from Rotterdam Central Station to the hostel, see page 5.

For your return journey from Rotterdam to Schiphol, you can also use the high-speed train. The destination of that train is ‘Amsterdam Centraal’.
From Rotterdam The Hague Airport

There is a direct bus link between Rotterdam The Hague Airport and Rotterdam Central Station. You will find the bus station in front of the airport. The destination of this bus is ‘Central Station’, line 33. Alternatively, you can take line 33 with destination ‘Meijersplein Metro’, which will take you to subway station Meijersplein. From there, you can take subway line E to Rotterdam Central Station (destination ‘Slinge’).

For your journey from Rotterdam Central Station to the hostel, please check the information in the next paragraph.

For your return journey from Rotterdam Central Station to Rotterdam The Hague Airport, you can use the same bus line 33 with the destination ‘Meijersplein Metro via Airport’. You will find the bus stops to the left of the train station.

From Rotterdam Central Station

To travel from Rotterdam Central Station to your hostel, taking a tram is the easiest option. Line 7 towards ‘Willemsplein’ will take you to tram stop ‘Museumpark’, which is at the end of the ‘Witte de Withstraat’ where the King Kong Hostel is located. You can also walk to the hostel from Rotterdam Central Station, this will take you about 15 minutes. The King Kong Hostel is located at:

**King Kong Hostel**

Witte de Withstraat 74
3012 BS ROTTERDAM

*Closest subway stop: Eendrachtsplein*
To Rotterdam University

You will find a dynamic Google Maps route between the King Kong Hostel and the Rotterdam University here: https://goo.gl/maps/TYNC4TPjyQT2. Please note that the walking route guides you to the high-rise building entrance of the Rotterdam University Museumpark location: this is where most activities will take place. The entrance at Museumpark 40 (listed in the student program) is the back entrance, but will lead you into the same building.

Other Information

You can find all non-travel related information about the International Week Rotterdam 2016 in the student program. This program, which contains information on meals, WiFi, attendance requirements and features a day-to-day program, was emailed to you earlier and will also be available on the online portal at www.hr.nl/IWR2016 (platform will become active before 23 April 2016)