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Welcome to Rotterdam

Innovation is the mantra in the Netherlands' second-biggest city and the locals embrace it with unbridled enthusiasm. It's not just the cutting-edge architecture and urban design present in every neighbourhood that make the city special – although the design culture here really *is* extraordinary. Instead, it's the general willingness to try anything once – be it different foods, outré artistic experiences, new-wave coffee or pretty well anything else.





Erasmusbrug (p89) and Wilhelminapier
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Top Sights



Van Nelle Fabriek

Architecturally resplendent 1930s factory complex. **p66**



Huis Sonneveld

Outstanding example of Dutch Functionalism. **p34**

Museum Rotterdam '40-'45 NU

Multimedia stories about war and resistance. **p68**



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Kinderdijk

Unesco-listed windmill landscape. **p136**



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Vermeer Centrum Delft

Celebrating Vermeer's art and life. **p100**