

## 5 of the most sophisticated FINE DINING restaurants

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- 26 **RESTAURANT FRED**  
Honingerdijk 263  
Northeast ④  
+31 (0)10 212 01 10  
[www.restaurantfred.nl](http://www.restaurantfred.nl)
- Step into this Michelin\*\*-starred restaurant with its world class gastronomy, modern, baroque-styled interior and skilled service. Chef Fred Mustert was inspired by traditional French gastronomy, but added a personal twist.
- 27 **PARKHEUVEL**  
Heuvellaan 21  
Centre West ①  
+31 (0)10 436 05 30  
[www.parkheuvel.nl](http://www.parkheuvel.nl)
- Parkheuvel combines a great location, on the corner of the elegant park near the Euromast, with culinary experience. The restaurant, run by chef Erik van Loo, has two Michelin stars and has been a byword for fine dining since 1990.
- 28 **FG FOOD LABS**  
Katshoek 41  
North ③  
+31 (0)10 425 05 20  
[www.fgfoodlabs.nl](http://www.fgfoodlabs.nl)
- Shortly after top chef François Geurds was awarded a second Michelin star for his FG Restaurant, he opened this experimental garden at the Hofbogen. The restaurant was also awarded a Michelin star and looks like a science lab with a distillation plant and a water maker. Geurds also opened the high end but accessible FG Noodle Bar (Katshoek 33).

- 29 **JOELIA**  
Coolingsingel 5  
Centre West ①  
+31 (0)10 710 80 34  
[www.joelia.eu](http://www.joelia.eu)

This lavishly decorated restaurant by chef Mario Ridder is located on the ground floor of the Hilton Hotel. It has a fantastic wine selection and was awarded a Michelin star. The modern French-style menu includes Wagyu meat, North Sea sole and other ingredients that Ridder has been using for years, as well as new and innovative dishes that change with the seasons.

- 30 **WERELDMUSEUM RESTAURANT**  
Willemskade 25  
Centre West ①  
+31 (0)10 270 71 85  
[www.wereldmuseum.nl/en/restaurant](http://www.wereldmuseum.nl/en/restaurant)

A high quality but very affordable restaurant isn't exactly what you would expect at a museum, but chef Wim Severein's modern and internationally-oriented menu was awarded a Michelin star. This stately restaurant is located in the Worldmuseum and has a great view of the river. Of course, you can still visit after the museum's closing hours.



## 5 places with a STUNNING TERRACE

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### 126 PARQIET

Baden Powelllaan 20  
Centre West ①  
+31 (0)6 531 511 33  
[www.parqiet.nl](http://www.parqiet.nl)

This bright and airy cafe and restaurant is located in a monumental coach house inside The Park and has a large terrace out front. It's a lovely place to sit down for a cup of locally roasted coffee, to taste a sandwich made with baker Jordy's bread or to watch the sun go down with a glass of wine and a shrimp croquette in hand.

### 127 K&B KRALINGEN

Oudedijk 4  
Northeast ④  
+31 (0)10 290 84 48  
[www.kenbkralingen.nl](http://www.kenbkralingen.nl)

Roasted chicken, burgers and beer served in an unpretentious canteen (inside) or a German biergarten setting (outside). The big terrace out front looks very enticing with large green and orange parasols, strings of light bulbs and heaters for chilly nights.

### 128 WESTER PAVILJOEN

Nieuwe Binnenweg 136  
Centre West ①  
+31 (0)10 436 26 45  
[www.westerpaviljoen.nl](http://www.westerpaviljoen.nl)

A classic grand cafe with a very relaxed atmosphere, a kid's play area, a reading table and a large terrace. A perfect spot for a morning cappuccino and an omelette, a healthy sandwich, or a few rounds of drinks and a savoury snack.

### 129 CAFE VAN ZANTEN

Meent 44  
Centre East ②  
+31 (0)10 843 50 12  
[www.cafevanzanten.com](http://www.cafevanzanten.com)

On market days (Tuesday and Saturdays) you'll have to fight for a place on this sun-drenched terrace. Cafe van Zanten is a lively central spot which gets a lot of sun. Once you've secured a place, it's tempting to stay here for hours, starting with coffee and ending with a beer and bitterballen or flammkuchen.

### 130 BIERGARTEN

Schiestraat 18  
Centre West ①  
+31 (0)10 233 05 56  
[www.biergartenrotterdam.nl](http://www.biergartenrotterdam.nl)

'Give the people what they want', that's the motto of this German style biergarten, and what they want is cold beer, sunshine, freshly grilled foods and music. This is one of the biggest and liveliest terraces of Rotterdam, when weather permits. The Biergarten is open April through November.



## 5 of the most famous DESIGNERS from Rotterdam

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### 206 SUSAN BIJL

Mauritsweg 45-A  
Centre West ①  
+31 (0)10 751 07 79  
[www.susanbijl.nl](http://www.susanbijl.nl)

Susan Bijl's colourful nylon shopping bags are not only a local favourite, they have been spotted all over the world. For more than ten years this simple sturdy bag with the colourful slash design has made shoppers happy. The bag is lightweight, easy to fold, water repellent and absolutely tear proof. No need to ever use a plastic bag again.

### 207 DAISY KROON

1e Pijnacker-  
straat 123-B  
North ③  
+31 (0)6 471 981 88  
[www.daisykroon.com](http://www.daisykroon.com)

She graduated with honours from the Willem de Kooning Academy in 2007 and since then has been building a steady reputation with clean aesthetics and wearable fashion. Her work has attracted international attention and resulted in an exhibition in the Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen. Visit Daisy Kroon's shop and studio on the corner of lovely Branco square.

### 208 CHARLOTTE WOONING

Hoogstraat 8-A  
Centre East ②  
+31 (0)10 243 03 15  
[www.charlottewooning.com](http://www.charlottewooning.com)

In her shop in the Hoogstraat - 'Every day is a day to be beautiful' - Charlotte Wooning sells jewellery she designs herself, as well as items by fellow designers Martine Viergever and Hester Zagt. Wooning distinguishes herself with refined, subtle and elegant jewellery made of sterling silver, gold and gemstones.

### 209 JOLINE JOLINK

Nieuwe Binnen-  
weg 82  
West 1 ⑥  
+31 (0)10 737 10 83  
[www.jolinejolink.com](http://www.jolinejolink.com)

Joline Jolink studied in Arnhem, worked in New York and opened her first shop in Amsterdam, but a few years ago, she relocated her home and store to Rotterdam. Now she designs and develops all her products in her own studio in Rotterdam. Her collection is inspired by strong, real women. The clothes are timeless and versatile.

### 210 MONIQUE VAN HEIST

[www.moniquevanheist.com](http://www.moniquevanheist.com)

As a statement against the rapidity and superficiality of fashion, Monique van Heist started 'hello fashion', a continuous collection of classics that expands over time. Every six months, a new seasonal edition of these fashion classics is presented. Visit her website for the numerous points of sale in Rotterdam.



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# 40 BUILDINGS TO ADMIRE

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## The 5 most lovely PARKS to stroll around

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### 311 VROESEN PARK

Vroesenpad/  
Vroesenlaan  
North ③

This lovely park has a fish pond, playgrounds, tennis courts and grassy lawns. During summer, you'll see a lot of people on picnic blankets, putting skewers on the barbecue. Forgot your picnic blanket? Try the new Vroesenpark pavilion, they have a lovely terrace and a fire place inside.

### 312 ZUIDER PARK

Charlois  
South ⑤

The biggest park in the city was built in the 1950s. A 2-kilometre long hiking path winds its way through the trees, with plenty of fields, a playground and a beach. The organisation Zap Zuiderpark (located at Oldegaarde 345) rents out scooters, kayaks and pedal boats.

### 313 ROOF PARK

Vierhavenstraat  
(between Marconiplein and Hudsonplein)  
West ⑥  
[www.dakparkrotterdam.nl](http://www.dakparkrotterdam.nl)

For decades, the Schiemond and Delfshaven neighbourhoods were separated by shops and other buildings. They were recently reconnected by the rooftop park that spans the car park on the shopping mall at Vierhavensstraat for over a kilometre. The park, 9 metres above street level, can be accessed from all streets. Or take the elevator from the shops.

### 314 DOBBEREND BOS (FLOATING FOREST)

Rijnhaven  
South ⑤  
[www.dobberendbos.nl](http://www.dobberendbos.nl)

The Mothership art collective created this floating forest in the centre of the city to draw attention to sustainability. Het Dobberend Bos consists of twenty trees floating on old sea buoys in the Rijnhaven harbour. Watch the gently bobbing trees from a nearby bench, and take a closer look at the twenty-first tree on the quay.

### 315 THE PARK

Parkhaven 20  
Centre West ①

This English landscape garden has meandering brooks, flowing fields of green and stately old trees. It was designed by Jan David Zocher and his son in 1852, who subsequently also designed Amsterdam's Vondelpark.



## The 5 best CULTURAL CENTRES

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### 416 WORM

Boongaardsstraat 71  
Centre West ①  
+31 (0)10 476 78 32  
[www.worm.org](http://www.worm.org)

You can never be sure what to expect at this cultural centre. An experimental Japanese cult film or a French police thriller? A provoking performance or exhibition? Or maybe a steamy hot dance night? After a performance, catch a drink at neighbouring Wunderbar.

### 417 ROODKAPJE

Teilingerstraat 110  
North ③  
+31 (0)10 243 98 00  
[www.roodkapje.org](http://www.roodkapje.org)

The diverse programme of Roodkapje includes concerts and dance nights, exhibitions, performances and movies. Venues vary from their home base at Teilingerstraat to several other locations all over town. Check the website for names and locations.

### 418 ARMINIUS

Museumpark 3  
Centre West ①  
+31 (0)10 436 38 00  
[www.arminius.nu](http://www.arminius.nu)

What are the current literary trends? How should Rotterdam treat its art in public space and what's the future of Europe? These and many other topics are discussed at Arminius, a debate centre located in a late 19th-century church on the corner of Westersingel and Museumpark that focuses on topics like politics, art, science and society.

### 419 ERASMUS PAVILION

Burgemeester Oud-  
laan 350  
(Campus Woudestein)  
Northeast ④  
+31 (0)10 408 97 42  
[www.erasmus  
paviljoen.nl](http://www.erasmus<br/>paviljoen.nl)

Join students and academics at the lectures, debates, performances and concerts that are organised in the cultural centre on the university campus. The programme is diverse with many events in English. The Erasmus Pavilion also has an affordable restaurant that received an award for its efforts in sustainability.

### 420 V2\_, INSTITUTE FOR THE UNSTABLE MEDIA

Eendrachtsstraat 10  
Centre East ②  
+31 (0)10 206 72 72  
[www.v2.nl](http://www.v2.nl)

Since its inception in 1981, artists, researchers, theorists and computer developers have used this centre for art, media and technology to share their findings and ideas. Debates, performances and other events (often in English) are organised at their home base just off Witte de Withstraat or in other locations throughout the city.



416 WORM

## 5 of the most COSY B & B'S

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### 461 CHERRYCAKE & CHOCOLATE

Maaskade 88

South ⑤

+31 (0)6 308 499 77

[www.cherrycake.nl](http://www.cherrycake.nl)

Looking for romance in Rotterdam? Stay in one of the fabulously decorated rooms of this 1886 townhouse on Noordereiland. If you're looking for something exotic, try the Moroccan or Caribbean room, with a hammock and private balcony.

### 462 ROTTERDAM VROESENPAK

Van der Dussen-  
straat 8

North ③

+31 (0)6 263 566 41

[www.bedandbreakfastrotterdam.net](http://www.bedandbreakfastrotterdam.net)

Thomas and Susan live above their B&B and transformed the ground floor into a neat and comfortable studio with garden access. This highly appreciated B&B is located in a quiet residential area, close to Vroesenpark. Guests come back for the luxurious breakfasts, with freshly baked bread, pastries and homemade jams.

### 463 ANNO 1867

Eendrachtsweg 66

Centre West ①

+31 (0)6 187 415 65

[www.anno1867.nl](http://www.anno1867.nl)

Agnes and Anton live in a lovely 19th-century home next to Museumpark. They decided to turn one of the rooms into a period room and two others on the second floor into hotel rooms. Travel back in time and sleep under grandma's bedspread in a television-free room. Breakfast is served in the period room.

### 464 HET HEMELRIJCK

1e Pijnacker-  
straat 99-C

North ③

+31(0)6 413 274 18

[www.hemelrijck.com](http://www.hemelrijck.com)

This is a charming and romantic B&B in an old house in the north of Rotterdam, a vibrant and upcoming area that has succeeded in retaining its historic feel. The rooms are decorated in soft colours, with a combination of old and new furniture. The (mostly) organic breakfast is served in the kitchen, or weather permitting, on the balcony.

### 465 ALBERTI B&B

Hugo Molenaar-  
straat 49-A

West ⑥

+31 (0)10 477 55 50

[www.alberti-bb.nl](http://www.alberti-bb.nl)

Don't be fooled, that second B doesn't stand for breakfast but for free bikes at your disposal. There is coffee and tea in the two tastefully decorated rooms, as well as a fridge and microwave for preparing food. Better yet, step outside for breakfast. Alberti is located just west of the city centre, offering plenty of breakfast opportunities.



## The 5 best BIKE TRAILS

### to explore Rotterdam and its surroundings

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#### 481 EXPLORE THE NIEUWE MAAS

[www.rotterdam.nl/  
nieuwemaasparcours](http://www.rotterdam.nl/nieuwemaasparcours)

The Nieuwe Maas really is the heart of the city. Follow its banks and explore the imposing architecture, the green parks and an uninhabited island, industrial sites, grand boulevards and most of all enjoy some stunning views. The entire trail, including bridges, tunnels and a ferry crossing is 28 kilometres long, but you can easily divvy it up into smaller parts.

#### 482 FOLLOW THE ROTTE

Follow the river Rotte, to which Rotterdam owes its name, northwards out of the city, starting from Noordplein all the way to the beautiful Rottemeren recreation area (a little over 12 kilometres). On your way there you'll pass old dike houses, windmills and green meadows. There are few cars along the way and lots of places to stop for a drink or admire the view.

#### 483 WAALHAVEN

Get a real feel for the port by cycling around Waalhaven. Take your bike through the Maastunnel and resurface on the southern bank of Nieuwe Maas. Bike on the left bank of the river towards Waalhaven. You can bike all around it until you reach the dry docks and the historic village of Heijplaat. Take the ferry back to the city centre from here.

#### 484 HISTORIC DELFSHAVEN / SCHIEDAM / MAASSLUIS

This trail will take you from Eendrachtsplein westwards across Nieuwe Binnenweg into historic Delfshaven. From here, follow the signs to Schiedam and visit the modern art (Stedelijk Schiedam) or Jenever Museum. Return to Rotterdam or continue for another 13 km to the picturesque village of historic Maassluis. The whole trail is 20 km one way, with plenty of interesting stops along the way.

#### 485 OVERSCHIE / MIDDEN DELFLAND / DELFT

From Hofplein bike along Schiekade and Schieweg to Rotterdam Airport (8,5 km). Admire the Rotterdam skyline from a distance amid the green fields of Midden Delfland. Here you can enjoy fantastic views of the city. Delft is another 6,5 km from here. Stop midway at brasserie Waalhaven at the airport (Malpensabaan 3) for a drink and some plane spotting.