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Fun MONSTERS? Monstrous fun?

- 66 **THE NOTHOSAURUS OF WINTERSWIJK**
DE MUSEUMFABRIEK
Het Rozendaal 11
Enschede
Overijssel
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demuseumfabriek.nl
- The stone quarry at Winterswijk has yielded plenty of interesting discoveries in chalkstone layers dating from the Triassic period, when Winterswijk was still close to the sea. A giant jellyfish for example, as well as an extremely rare beetle and dinosaur bones and skulls. The Nothosaurus was a swimming dinosaur, with razor-sharp teeth and is also called the sea monster of Winterswijk. Its bones and skulls are kept in the depot of the Museumfabriek, where you can see plenty of other fossils that were unearthed in the quarry. Don't forget to look at the couple of Nothosaurus, that was created by Remie Bakker.
- 67 **THE SEA MONSTER OF SCHEVENINGEN**
MUZEE SCHEVENINGEN
Neptunusstraat
90-92
The Hague
South Holland
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muzee.scheveningen.nl
- This tiny creature couldn't be more different from Disney's 'Little Mermaid'. It looks like it belongs in a horror movie more than anything else. A monkey's body has been attached to a fish tail, possibly by a creative Japanese or Chinese fisherman, who used to sell these 'mermaids' for plenty of cash to American and European collectors with wunderkammers. These creative forgeries even had their own scientific name, namely pseudosiren paradoxoides.

- 68 **THE FISH FOR STAVOREN**
Stationsweg 1
(square)
Stavoren
Friesland

When it became known that an Amsterdam curator was going to use European funds to invite international artists to design 11 fountains for the 11 Frisian cities, the locals were less than amused. Some of the fountains met with opposition and the locals also created their own designs, which were even built (like the 'penis fountain' in Workum). Ultimately all 11 fountains were built. One of the nicest ones is the large open-mouthed fish by the American artist Mark Dion in Stavoren. Children love to climb into its mouth.

- 69 **T-REX TRIX IN NATURALIS**
Darwinweg 2
Leiden
South Holland
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naturalis.nl

It all started with a young boy who sent his pocket money, five euro, to the director of Naturalis asking him whether he couldn't use the money to buy the T-Rex that had just been unearthed in the United States. Following a crowdfunding campaign, titled 'a tenner for the T-Rex', the skeleton of the king of the dinosaurs finally came home to Leiden. She's actually a queen though and her name is Trix. Currently she's touring Europe until the renovation of Naturalis is completed in mid 2019.

- 70 **THE APENNINE GIANT OF MONDO VERDE**
Groene Wereld 10
Landgraaf
Limburg
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wereldtuinen.mondoverde.nl

You can travel around the world in one day in the gardens of Mondo Verde, catching your breath at a Russian *dacha*, a Japanese teahouse or an Italian villa. In the Forest of Follies, you will run into the 14-metre-tall *Apennine giant*, who is modelled after the 16th-century giant of the Italian sculptor Giambologna, which you can also see near Florence, in the Medici Park at Pratolino. It took four men seven months to carve this iconic sculpture from 470 tons of sprayed concrete.

BRUTALIST

gems

118 **FORMER HEADQUARTERS OF SC JOHNSON**

Groot
Mijdrechtstraat 81
Mijdrecht
Utrecht

From the N201 in Mijdrecht, between Amsterdam and Utrecht, you might be forgiven for thinking that you are looking at a boomerang that floats above the water. The Rotterdam architect H.A. (Hugh) Maaskant designed this building in the sixties for the American cleaning product company SC Johnson, which wanted a stylish building for its Dutch headquarters. Maaskant was known as the 'designer of the grand gesture', and a champion of the Nieuwe Bouwen style. Meaning: no bricks, just cement, steel and glass. He contributed to the reconstruction of Rotterdam, with his designs for the monumental Groot Handelsgebouw and the Euromast.

119 **THE BUILDING OF THE PROVINCE OF NORTH BRABANT**

Brabantlaan 1
Den Bosch
North Brabant
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brabant.nl

The building of the Province of North Brabant was the architect Hugh Maaskant's last big commission. The 100-metre-tall, cement colossus was inaugurated by the queen in 1971 and has become somewhat of an icon along the A2 motorway. Maaskant was not interested in excessive interior ornamentation. Instead he preferred art that integrated with the building. Part of the collection – Karel Appel was in charge of the design of the cafeteria – is on permanent display. Following a radical renovation a few years ago, the building is now permanently open to the public.



118 FORMER HEADQUARTERS OF SC JOHNSON

UNIQUE VILLAGES

that are worth the detour

170 BOOK CITY OF BREDEVOORT

Bredevoort
Gelderland
boekenstad.com

In the early nineties, this quaint village with its narrow streets was still very quiet. Too quiet even: many of the shops remained vacant. When a series of book merchants moved into the vacant buildings in 1993, this gave rise to a real 'national book city'. Bredevoort is a bustling town once again, and has 20 unique (antiquarian) bookshops, including a Dutch and an English bookshop, and a lively central square with a city brewery. A book market is organised near the church every third Sunday of the month.

171 KOLONIEDORP FREDERIKSOORD

Frederiksoord
Drenthe
frederiksoord.nl

In the early 19th century, the 'Maatschappij van Weldadigheid' founded several so-called colonies for 'paupers'. The poor who were unable to provide for themselves were sent to the east of the country, from the large cities in the west, by barge. There they were given housing, education, care and a job. Frederiksoord was the first colony and has remained pretty much the same after 200 years. You can see and read how the paupers lived in the Koloniehof Museum, download the 'Pauperpad' app or collect a map from the museum and hike through the lovely, forested surroundings. You can even spend the night in one of the colony's houses.

172 STEYL MONASTIC VILLAGE

Steyl
Limburg
kloosterdorpsteyl.nl

From the end of the 19th century, missionaries were trained in the monastic village of Steyl, from where they were sent out to convert the world. When they returned, they often brought amazing collections with them, including clothing, jewellery, utensils, drawings, sculptures and plenty of stuffed animals. You can find all these objects from China, Japan, Indonesia, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Ghana, Togo, Congo and Paraguay in their original displays in the Mission Museum. The convents, which were founded in 1875, are still occupied. There is also a beautiful Lourdes cave in the garden of the Mission House. Do visit the De Jochumhof botanic garden, or take a walk or a bike trip along the Maas.



172 STEYL MONASTIC VILLAGE



EXCALIBUR OUTDOOR CLIMBING WALL

ACTIVITIES

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The most beautiful **BEACHES**

253 **WESTKAPELLE**

Westkapelle
Zeeland
westkapelle.com

The 12-kilometre-long sandy beach of Westkapelle is situated on the westernmost tip of the Zeeland island of Walcheren. The ships from and to the Westerschelde sail by, close to the beach. Find a spot at one of the beach pavilions and watch the sun set while you tuck into some tasty Zeeland mussels.

254 **SCHOORL AAN ZEE**

Schoorl
North Holland
schoorlaanzee.info

You won't find overflowing parking lots and boulevards full of tourist shops or loud cafes and restaurants in Schoorl aan Zee because you can only get to the beach on foot or by bike. The 5-kilometre hiking and cycling trails wind their way through the country's highest dunes. A contrast with the rest of the coast of North Holland.

255 **ROCKANJE**

Rockanje
South Holland
rockanjeaanzee.com

A beach which is very popular with families and the elderly because of the lack of large waves. The sandbanks break the waves and the current, and the sea becomes only gradually deeper. The Groene Punt nature area is located to the north, towards the Tweede Maasvlakte (Second Maas Plain) where the beach curves around the bend. At low tide, you can see bunkers from World War II here.



257 CADZAND-BAD



Unique **ANTIQU**E and **VINTAGE** shops

300 **VAN LEEST ANTIQUES**

Mariaplaats 45

Utrecht

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vanleestantiques.com

Anatomical models, old medical instruments, telescopes and sundials: Van Leest Antiques has the most amazing collection, which is even better than the collections of some science museums. This shop in the centre of Utrecht specialises in medical and scientific instruments. The owner describes himself as a 'tandiquair': he trained and worked as a dentist (tandarts) but is really passionate about antiques.

301 **DE MUSEUM- WINKEL**

**Van Welderen-
straat 114**

Nijmegen

Gelderland

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demuseumwinkel.com

Occasionally De Museumwinkel in Nijmegen makes the headlines. For example, when they sold a 19th-century shrunken human head from the Amazon there. Fortunately you can also find less grizzly items here, although their collection of stuffed animals is difficult to ignore. Other items on sale include fossils, minerals and other gems for a well-stocked cabinet of curiosities.

302 **INTERIYOURS**

Voorstraat 28

Dordrecht

South Holland

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interiyours.nl

There are several antiques and vintage shops along and around Voorstraat in Dordrecht. In the summertime, they organise a weekly antiques market here on Sundays (see voorstraatnoord.nl). InteriYours has a floor area of 180 square metres with a selection that includes sixties design classics, fun vintage collectibles and other must-haves.



300 VAN LEEST ANTIQUES

TERRACE

hang-outs

347 ZONDAG

NOORDERPLANTSOEN

Kruissingel 1
Groningen

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zondagnoorder
plantsoen.nl

The Noorderplantsoen city park is situated in the centre of Groningen. In 1930, they built a stylish pavilion here, which is a mix of the Amsterdam School and the De Stijl architectural style, with large windows that look out onto the pond. It's open all day, from breakfast till dinner, for a cup of coffee or something stronger.

348 DISTILLERY 'T NIEUWE DIEP

Flevopark 13
[East]

Amsterdam
North Holland

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nwediep.nl

Find this small distillery, with its lovely terrace near the orchard and the pond. It is tucked away in Flevopark in the east of Amsterdam in a former pumping station. Here you can sample homemade jenever, made from 100% malt wine, as well as beer or apple cider, with cheese or sausage as a snack.

349 ALOHABAR

Maasboulevard 100
[East]

Rotterdam
South Holland

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alohabar.nl

Many people from Rotterdam and the surrounding region still remember BlueCity010, the current 'playground for the circular economy', as the tropical swimming pool it used to be. You can still find a water ride and a water slide here, as well as plenty of unique companies such as Rotterzwam, which grows mushrooms on coffee grounds. Cafe and Restaurant Alohabar has the best location, with its huge terrace, along the Nieuwe Maas, near Willemsbrug bridge. A great place for a cup of home-roasted coffee, oyster mushroom *bitterballen* and a drink or a nice dinner.

