

The 5 best places for BREAKFAST & BRUNCH

1 PEPPERMINT

Frederikstraat 983
Willemspark ④
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Peppermint hasn't changed much since its opening in 1973, nor has its menu. No hip overnight oats or açai bowls here, but good old-fashioned scrambled eggs or *uitsmijters* (a slice of bread with fried eggs and ham or cheese) instead. The Dutch celebrity chef Yvette van Boven worked here before she became famous. She painted several recipes on the wall in her characteristic handwriting.

2 CRUNCH

Piet Heinstraat 108-A
Zeeheldenkwartier ④
+31 (0)70 364 05 52
crunchcafe.nl

This cute cafe was one of the first hip places for coffee and breakfast in The Hague. On weekends, it can be packed with people in need for a good coffee and a *Full English Breakfast* with all the extras, like sausages and baked beans. Crunch also offers other alluring dishes, like pancakes, French toast and bagels.



5 great shops to buy TEA OR COFFEE

156 INPROC

Denneweg 63
Voorhout ②
+31 (0)70 346 15 41
inproc.nl

Cosy, casual and around since 1853, when the shop started selling products imported from the Dutch East Indies. As of 2015, this beloved and timeless tea and coffee shop is run by Krista Buys. She roasts the coffee beans herself and creates the most wonderful coffee and tea blends. The Melati, a mix of eight different teas, has been popular for years.



157 BOON

Prinsestraat 114
Hofkwartier ②
+31 (0)70 744 49 72
koffiebranderijboon.nl

When Lianne starts roasting, just follow your nose and you will find this charming place! At this coffee bar and roastery, you can buy speciality coffees roasted by the owner herself. Customers can also drink an espresso, cappuccino or latte at the two tables inside or at the tiny terrace on the pavement. Just coffee, no food.

158 KALI TENGAH

Weimarstraat 54
Segbroek ⑧
+31 (0)70 744 68 69
kalitengah.nl

Looking for a special kind of loose tea? Go to Kali Tengah. This shop has an outstanding (organic) tea selection. In addition to tea, it sells several speciality coffee brands like the local BOON. It also carries tea and coffee accessories such as the lovely Bredemeijer teapots.

159 ESPRESSO PERFETTO

Prinsestraat 47
Hofkwartier ②
+31 (0)70 360 10 41
espressoperfetto-denhaag.nl

The core business of this tiny coffee bar is the sale and repair of quality espresso machines. Espresso Perfetto has various small models on display, like Vibiemme, BFC, Isomac and Pavoni. Besides coffee machines you can also find your favourite brand of coffee here.

160 LENTE THEE EN CHOCOLADE

Marcelisstraat 255-B
Scheveningen –
Visserijbuurt ⑤
+31 (0)70 752 20 94
lentetheechocolade.nl

Marjolein Ham, the owner of this cute shop, regularly travels to Darjeeling in India to pick the best tea leaves for her teas. She is very passionate about quality and sells beautiful teas from mostly India, Nepal and Japan. Besides tea you can also get high-quality chocolate and honey from The Hague here.



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271 LOOKOUT AT VOGELWIJK

AT: WESTDUINPARK
Cort van der
Lindenpad
Segbroek ⑤
westduinpark.nl

The highest dune in the middle of a broad stretch of dunes called Westduinpark on the south side of the city offers impressive views of this nature reserve and the coastline. The eleven kilometres of sandy beaches come in full view.

272 DE PIER

Strandweg
Scheveningen –
Beach ⑤
+31 (0)6 10 38 68 59
pier.nl

At the iconic 1961 Pier you can climb the watchtower daily. If enjoying the view is not exciting enough for you, either bungee jump or zip from the top. Alternatively, make the rounds at 'Europe's first Ferris wheel over the sea', built in 2016.

273 VUURTOREN

Zeekant 12
Scheveningen –
Beach ⑤
+31 (0)70 350 08 30
muzeescheveningen.nl

In 1875, the Scheveningen Lighthouse replaced the fires that the wives of fishermen lit on the beach to guide their husbands home. The cast iron tower, almost 55 metres high, had a reach of over 50 kilometres. Twice a week, the Muzee museum organises guided tours, which not only provide a beautiful sea view, but also a glimpse into forgone times.

274 THE HAGUE TOWER OF THE GROTE KERK

Rond de
Grote Kerk 12
Old Centre ①
+31 (0)70 747 01 02
gadenhaag.nl
dehaagsetoren.nl

What do Vincent van Gogh and Napoleon have in common? They both climbed the 288 steps of the Hague Tower to enjoy the spectacular views from its balcony. Follow in their footsteps and admire the old city, the new skyline, the coast, and on clear days even the cities of Leiden and Rotterdam from this six-centuries-old church tower.

275 THE HARBOUR CLUB

Binckhorstlaan 36
Laak ⑦
+31 (0)70 891 32 24
theharbourclub.com

A large restaurant with a fabulous terrace overlooking metropolitan The Hague is awaiting you when you reach the fifth floor of this industrial building. The interior is somewhat over the top and the food Japanese-inspired. The restaurant regularly turns into a club, so dine and dance with a view of the increasingly impressive skyline of the city.



The 5 best places to spot STREET ART and MURALS

381 SWEELINCKPLEIN Scheveningen – Duinoord ③

That street art can embellish a neighbourhood does proof the *trompe-l'oeil* on a small dreary electricity building situated on the Sweelinckplein, a square with a lush green park and stately houses. Artist Jille van der Veen, specialised in realistic art that deceives the eye, turned this concrete box into a lovely garden house. In summer, the wall painting blends into the park surrounding it.



382 WEGASTRAAT Wegastraat 67 Laak ⑦

The large electricity building at the industrial zone the Binckhorst got a facelift with two eye-catching works of street art. The front mural by Karski & Beyond refers to the past and present of the Binckhorst. The side mural by Lily Brik depicts St Barbara, the name-giver of the nearby cemetery.

383 CEMETERY ST BARBARA Sint Barbaraweg 6 Laak ⑦ +31 (0)70 350 37 18 begraafplaats stbarbara.nl

In the middle of the rough and industrial Binckhorst area, this Roman Catholic cemetery is a welcome oasis of peace. At the modern oratory in the transparent chapel, street artist Patrick Artdrenaline was commissioned to make a beautiful black and white mural.

384 MURALS AT SCHEVENINGEN Heemraadstraat, Marcelisstraat, Badhuisstraat, Jan Kistenstraat Scheveningen

Wandering through the back streets of Scheveningen, you may stumble upon several life-size murals by Kees van der Vlies. Some of the murals depict Scheveningen around 1900 and remind of the Dutch painter Hendrik Willem Mesdag, who painted his famous panorama at the nearby Seinpostduin in 1881.

385 WALL POEMS Archipel and Willemspark archipelpoezie.nl

Poems by Dutch and international poets grace the walls of residential buildings in the Archipel and Willemspark neighbourhoods. Works by Dutch poets like Vasalis and Rutger Kopland, as well as American poets like William Carlos Williams and Emily Dickinson invite you to slow down and contemplate.

5 lovely shops for CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

401 ELVIS & OTIS

**Prins Hendrik-
straat 124**
Zeeheldenkwartier ③
+31 (0)70 752 03 58
elvisandotis.com

A little shop for hip kids and cool parents. Elvis & Otis, named after the kids of the owner, sells high-quality brands, like MarMar Copenhagen, Repose AMS, Tinycottons and I Dig Denim. At this delightful shop you'll also find imaginative toys and gifts, like the funny and super soft stuffed animals by Jellycat.



402 LITTLEYOU

Boreelstraat 8
Scheveningen –
Statenkwartier ③
+31 (0)6 81 05 02 28
littleyou.me

A most charming little concept store for kids. Young kids can enjoy themselves in the fun play corner while parents shop or drink coffee or tea. The congenial owner Julia Bos sells sustainable high-quality children's clothing by Scandinavian and German brands, as well as beautiful toys and nursery and interior design items.

403 ACHTUNG! BABY

**Prins Hendrik-
straat 97**
Zeeheldenkwartier ③
+31 (0)70 737 13 06
achtung-baby.nl

What a great idea to sell secondhand kids' clothing! The owners, Ginny and Maryke, only accept quality brands and clothes that are clean and still in good condition. Besides clothes, you'll find adorable handmade gifts here.

404 PLUK & PALOMA

2e Schuytstraat 168
Scheveningen –
Duinoord ③
+31 (0)70 369 79 05
plukandpaloma.com

Just around the corner of the Reinkenstraat you'll find this lovely shop of Anca Huizenga. The shop is jammed with colourful kids' clothing, small and high-quality brands like Wynken and Maed for mini. Anca also sells toys and books, and beautiful jewellery for the moms.

405 STOKSTAART

Weimarstraat 65
Segbroek ⑧
+31 (0)6 45 23 00 45
stokstaartshop.nl

Comfortable and sustainable clothing, accessories, toys and books for kids aged 0-12 years. Think soft and playful fabrics by CarlijnQ, handmade wooden toys by Raduga Grez, cool cardboard creations by Studio ROOF. Small brands that are fair trade and ethical. They also sell beautiful work from children's book illustrators.

5 hotels in REMARKABLE BUILDINGS

436 **CARLTON AMBASSADOR**

Sophialaan 2
Willemspark ④
+31 (0)70 363 03 63
carlton.nl

Experience chic The Hague at this high-end hotel in a stately, historical white building. The large hotel is surrounded by trees and embassies, and is very close to the Peace Palace and Panorama Mesdag. The rooms and suites are richly decorated with flower patterns and delftware touches.

437 **STAYBRIDGE SUITES THE HAGUE – PARLIAMENT**

Lange Vijverberg 10
Voorhout ②
+31 (0)70 209 90 30
staybridge.com

The location of this hotel opposite the historical parliament buildings is unique. The 101 luxurious modern suites with fully equipped kitchens are divided over two historical buildings with spectacular views over the Court Pond and a modern building in the back. Ideal for families and extended stays.

438 **COVE CENTRUM**

Grote Marktstraat 46
Old Centre ①
staycove.com

Ultra-modern, with cool urban vibes, and in the heart of the shopping district. The white building with large black round windows is like a giant spotted cow. The large lounge feels like a living room, with free coffee and game boards at hand. The rooms and suites are basic but clean and well equipped.

439 **IBIS STYLES CITY CENTRE**

Kerkplein 3
Old Centre ①
+31 (0)70 216 19 58
accorhotels.com

Impressive brickwork, stained glass, nature stone details and a spectacular staircase: this affordable hotel occupies a historical building designed by the famous Dutch architect Berlage. The location in the heart of the city and opposite the centuries-old church is terrific, but it can get a bit noisy when the bells start ringing.

440 **HOTEL INDIGO THE HAGUE-PALACE NOORDEINDE**

Noordeinde 33
Hofkwartier ②
+31 (0)70 209 90 00
ihg.com

Opposite Noordeinde Palace and located in a historical bank building, this place has more to offer than just a good night's rest. The hotel with marble walls, high ceilings, stained glass and stylish rooms is both luxurious and cosy. The restaurant is situated where the cash-out area used to be, the cocktail bar is tucked away in the former gold vault: a must-visit.



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