

DUTCH MASTERS MUSEUMS IN HOLLAND

Holland has the world's highest density of museums and art galleries. Discover classic masterpieces in museums renowned the world over such as the Rijksmuseum, Van Gogh Museum, the Mauritshuis and Museum Boijmans van Beuningen. Whether your interest is in arts, architecture, heritage, design, fashion, music or photography, the venues in Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague and Utrecht are waiting to be explored. And it's not just the cities - in smaller towns and in the countryside, too, museums with world-renowned collections can be found.



Rijksmuseum - the National Museum of Holland Amsterdam

All together, the collection of the Rijksmuseum represents the history of the Netherlands in an international context from the year 1100 to present. A few historical and cultural Dutch icons you cannot afford to miss:

- Rembrandt's Night Watch (de Nachtwacht) is one of the most famous works by a Dutch master. It will steal your breath away!
- The Rijksmuseum has one of the finest collections with paintings by great masters of the 17th century, such as Frans Hals, Jan Steen, Vermeer and Rembrandt van Rijn.

Van Gogh Museum - Amsterdam

Vincent van Gogh was a 19th-century Dutch post-impressionist painter. His works had great influence on 20th-century art. During his life, he was little appreciated - in fact, he only ever sold one work. Today, the Van Gogh Museum attracts around 1.5 million visitors a year. No other place in the world has more of Vincent van Gogh's paintings under one roof. The collection consists of more than 200 canvases, 500 drawings and 750 written documents. Together these provide a fantastic insight into his life and work.

Anne Frank House - Amsterdam

The Anne Frank House is a museum with a story. It lies in the center of Amsterdam and holds the hiding place where Anne Frank wrote her famous diaries during World War II. Anne Frank was a normal girl in exceptional circumstances. For more than two years she described the events of her daily life in hiding in her diaries. Anne's original diaries along with some of her other notebooks are on display as part of the Anne Frank House's permanent exhibition. The collection and temporary exhibitions focus on the wartime persecution of Jews, contemporary fascism, racism and anti-Semitism.

Mauritshuis, home of the "Girl with a pearl earring" - The Hague

'Het Mauritshuis', built in 1644 as a residence for Count Johan Maurits van Nassau-Siegen, is located next to the political heart of Holland in The Hague. It has a marvelous collection of art from the old masters of the 17th and 18th centuries. The 'Girl with a Pearl Earring' by Johannes Vermeer is the stunning highlight of the museum. In 1881, it was sold for a price equivalent to about 1 dollar. At an auction in The Hague, no one knew it as a Vermeer and it was acquired by an art connoisseur called Mr. des Tombe, who donated it to the museum after he died.



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Gemeentemuseum Den Haag

The museum, housed in an Art Deco building by the famous Dutch architect Berlage, is an authority in the field of art and fashion. Not only can you find the largest Mondriaan collection in the world there, with for instance the 'Victory Boogie Woogie', it also has a great collection of modern artists like Claude Monet, Van Gogh, Pablo Picasso, Egon Schiele, Wassily Kandinsky, Louise Bourgeois and Francis Bacon. Besides to these paintings, The Gemeentemuseum Den Haag has a wide variety of Delft pottery, rare Hague silverware, a stunning doll house and seven period rooms.

Museum Boijmans van Beuningen - Rotterdam

Museum Boijmans van Beuningen has an impressive international art collection. Over 140.000 pieces, to be precise, of old, modern and contemporary art, artifacts and design. The highlights of Museum Boijmans van Beuningen are: Self-portrait by Fabritius, The Wheatfield by Ruisdael, and The flight of Medea by Rubens. On top of that you can find works by Rembrandt, Van Gogh, Frans Hals, Jan Steen, Kandinsky, Margritte, Dalí, Kokoschka, Leonardo da Vinci, Cornell, Beckmann and many others at the museum.

Kröller-Müller Museum - Otterlo

The Kröller-Müller museum in Gelderland is located in the middle of the beautiful national park "de Hoge Veluwe". The museum has the second largest collection of Van Gogh paintings and drawings in the world, as well as works by artists like Mondriaan, Picasso, Dubuffet, van Oldenburgh, Seurat and many other 19th and 20th century masters, making a visit to this museum absolutely worth your while. Part of the museum is a famous outdoor sculpture garden. The museum was founded by Mrs. Helene Kröller-Müller in 1938.

Rietveld Schröder House - Utrecht

The Rietveld Schröder House in Utrecht was commissioned by Truus Schröder-Schröder and designed by the architect Gerrit Rietveld. This small one-family house dates from 1924. It was unique back then, and still is today. In 2000, UNESCO awarded the house World Heritage status. Rietveld was a member of 'De Stijl' (The Style), an artistic movement involving artists like Piet Mondriaan, who searched for a new ideal of harmony and order. Compositions were made of straight lines and primary colors, plus black and white. The Rietveld Schröder House fits the ideals of The Style and is the most influential domestic building of the early modern years.

