

Suggestions for pre- & post-conference trips

- **Amsterdam** (± 40 min by train)



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Go on a city trip to Amsterdam to explore its iconic attractions, such as the picturesque canal houses, the art at the Rijksmuseum (Rembrandt, Vermeer, Van Gogh) or the Van Gogh-museum (with even more paintings by Van Gogh), the Anne-Frank house, go shopping in ‘de Negen Straatjes’, or wander through the vibrant district ‘de Pijp’.

- Look for more information at:
<https://www.iamsterdam.com/en>

- **Kinderdijk** (± 40 min by Waterbus – Line 21)



Discover the dikes, mills, and pumping stations of Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take a boat tour, enter the museum windmills, and discover the stories of the millers.

- Look for more information at:
<https://kinderdijk.com/>

- **Keukenhof** (± 1:10 hours by public transport)



Indulge in a floral spectacle at Keukenhof, a beautiful garden with Dutch tulips and other flowers, which opens its doors on March 20! Very well-timed in view of the TIPS 2025 conference.

- Look for more information at:
<https://keukenhof.nl/en/>

- **The Hague** (± 30 min by train)



Go on a city trip to The Hague. Visit the 'Binnenhof', the political heart of the Netherlands, or immerse yourself in the Dutch concept of 'gezelligheid' (cozy ambiance) at local cafés. In The Hague you may visit [Madurodam](#), a miniature scale version of The Netherlands, or '[Het Mauritshuis](#)', home of the famous 'Girl with the pearl ear ring' by Vermeer and 'The anatomy lesson' by Rembrandt. Combine your city trip with a visit to the beaches and dunes of Scheveningen or Kijkduin, which are both within cycling distance from The Hague (but can also be reached with public transport).

- Look for more information at: <https://denhaag.com/en>

- **Hoek van Holland** (± 50 min by train)



For those who like to get a breath of fresh air, visit the beautiful large beaches and dunes at 'Hoek van Holland'.

- Look for more information at: <https://en.rotterdam.info/rotterdambeach/>

- **Biesbosch National Park** (± 01:30 – 02:00 hours by public transport)



Walk or cycle through the Dutch nature at the Biesbosch National Park, a nature conservation area and the largest fresh water tidal zone in Europe.

- Look for more information at: <https://www.beleefdebiesbosch.nl/english-information>

- **Delft** (± 11 min by train)



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Delft combines elegance and history with modern innovation. Discover its rich past and vibrant present. Known for its charming canals and historical facades, the city is a living museum of Dutch history and culture. Delft is the birthplace of the world-famous [Delft Blue ceramics](#) and one of the great Dutch Masters, [Johannes Vermeer](#).

- Look for more information at: <https://www.indelft.nl/en>

- **Rotterdam**



Of course, you may stay in Rotterdam as well - so much to see and do! Take a tour in the largest harbour of Europe, or indulge yourself in modern architecture by taking a (self-)guided walking tour. Rotterdam houses many musea, different food courts ([Markthal](#), [Fenix Food Factory](#)), and several hidden gems like [Delfshaven](#) (one of the few parts of the old city that survived the 1940 bombardment), and the [Van Nelle Factory](#) (built in the 1925's as a coffee, tea and tobacco factory, the building had a major influence on the development of modern architecture in Europe, and is now a Unesco World Heritage site).

- Look for more information at: <https://en.rotterdam.info/>