

# How to reach Biesbosch National Park



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100 meter

1 km



Biesbosch National Park 5 km

### Legend

### Sights of interest

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Free parking for 24 hours (caution, tickets are required)</li> <li> Coach parking</li> <li> Bicycle parking free &amp; guarded</li> <li> Carpark</li> <li> Tourist Information Office</li> <li> Bus station</li> <li> Hotel</li> <li> Food &amp; drinks</li> <li> Public toilet</li> <li> ATM</li> <li> Shopping area</li> <li> Citybus line 10</li> <li> Starting point multiple boat tours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Grote Kerk (Medieval church)</li> <li>2 City Hall</li> <li>3 Library (Gulden Os)</li> <li>4 Huis van Gijn</li> <li>5 Museum 1940-1945</li> <li>6 Dok Straatman (Industrial heritage)</li> <li>7 Dordts Patriciërshuis</li> <li>8 Damiatebrug (Monumental bridge)</li> <li>9 Groothoofdspoor (Monument)</li> <li>10 Het Hof van Nederland</li> <li>11 Rechtbank Dordrecht (Courthouse)</li> <li>12 Kloostertuin (Former monastery garden)</li> <li>13 Cinema The Movies</li> <li>14 Dordrechts Museum</li> <li>15 Arend Maartenszshof (Courtyard)</li> <li>16 Schouwburg Kunstmin</li> <li>17 Kyck over den Dyck (Windmill)</li> <li>18 Energiehuis (Centre for performing arts)</li> <li>19 Kinopolis (Cinema)</li> <li>20 Villa Augustus</li> <li>21 Nationaal Onderwijsmuseum (De Holland)</li> <li>22 Central Station</li> <li>23 Duurzaamheidscentrum Weizigt (Centre of sustainability)</li> </ul>
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# Welcome in Dordrecht!

Dordrecht, a city of water, history and culture. The city embraces its rich history as it has known prosperity over the centuries as a prominent trading centre and was the one that hosted the first meeting of the States of Holland in 1572, which resulted in the foundation of The Netherlands. Nowadays history is still present and visible via the countless number of monuments in Dordrecht. Next to its history, water has also formed the city of Dordrecht. The battle against water that Dordrecht has always had to fight, has given the city its character, picturesque inner harbours, but also the unique Biesbosch National Park. Discover the oldest city of Holland and feel the atmosphere of a city that continues to write history.

## 15 THINGS TO DO & SEE IN DORDRECHT

### 1. MEDIEVAL GROTE KERK OF DORDRECHT

The Medieval Grote Kerk of Dordrecht, with its indisputable leaning tower, is one of the most remarkable sights in Dordrecht. This Gothic style church has an impressive exterior and interior with beautiful chapels, choir stalls and a unique Bach pipe organ. A climb up to the top of the tower of the Dordrecht Minster, via 275 steps, will guarantee a magnificent view over the city.

📍 Lange Geldersekaede 2 | [www.grotekerk-dordrecht.nl](http://www.grotekerk-dordrecht.nl)

### 2. ART & ANTIQUES

Do you love to stroll around and find that hidden gem? Dordrecht has many remarkable art shops and antiquarians. There is a varied range of shops, from second-hand bookshops to small antiquarians and stylish art galleries. The areas Voorstraat-Noord, Vleeshouwerstraat, Wijnstraat and Grotekerksbuurt are well known for their art and antique shops. In addition to the regular opening times, participating shops of the walking tour 'Kunstrondje Dordt' have special events every first Sunday of the month.



### 3. Historic harbours

In the Middle Ages Dordrecht developed, due to its strategic location on several wide rivers, itself into a prominent trading centre for wine, wood, sugar and grain. The historic harbour area is where all the trading took place, which nowadays operates as an idyllic berth for pleasure yachts, old canal barges and steamboats. The Voorstraathaven forms the backbone of the old city. Graceful bridges connect de Voorstraat and Wijnstraat, streets that lie on either side of the water. A stroll through the historic harbour area will show Dordrecht's history and provide some mouth dropping views.

### 4. CULTURE IN DORDRECHT

Dordrecht is a city of culture. The Energiehuis is the Centre for Performing Arts in Dordrecht. Music venue Bibelot programmes national and international artists at the Energiehuis venue. Additionally, the unique Kunstmin theatre has a diverse (national) theatre program. Next to that, museums like Van Gijn House, the National Museum of Education, the Dordrecht Patrician Residence and Museum 1940-1945 with all permanent collections and temporary shows add flavour to the cultural character of Dordrecht.

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### 7. MONUMENTS

The countless number of monuments in the City Centre of Dordrecht showcases the city's rich history. Architecture styles vary from Gothic to Jugendstil and Neoclassicism. Remarkable buildings worth a visit are the City Hall and properties like 't Zeepaert and Stokholm. Every second weekend of September, during National Heritage Day, over fifty historical buildings and sites open to the public free of charge. Besides opening their doors, many locations also organise on-site activities like exhibitions, musical performances and guided tours.

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

### 8. TAKE A WALKING TOUR

One of the best ways to see the most of the beautiful City Centre of Dordrecht is to discover it on foot. The tourist office VVV Dordrecht offers different walking tours such as the city walk 'Rondje Dordt', which shows the most iconic places in the historic Centre.

More information about different walking tours can be obtained from VVV Dordrecht, Spuiboulevard 99 | [www.indordrecht.nl](http://www.indordrecht.nl)



### 9. Shopping

The City Centre of Dordrecht is the perfect place for a shopping day out. Over the years the City Centre has been renewed and its shopping facilities have improved with a wide and attractive offer of shops in the shopping streets surrounding the Statenplein. And did you know the Statenplein and Sarisgang host a weekly market on Friday and Saturday. In addition shops in the City Centre are open every day of the week, have extra late opening hours every Thursday and on Sunday shops open around noon.

### 10. HET HOF VAN NEDERLAND

Het Hof van Nederland: the start of Holland. It was here in the Statenzaal that the First Assembly of the Free States was held in 1572, a first step into the foundation of The Netherlands. The history of Dordrecht and The Netherlands is tangible via interactive exposition halls and audiovisual shows.

📍 Hof 6 | [www.hethofvannederland.nl/english](http://www.hethofvannederland.nl/english)

### 11. VILLA AUGUSTUS

The Wantij territory, with two unique monuments, is situated just outside the City Centre. The water tower, a former storage room for water, is now a hotel and the pump building serves as a restaurant and market café. The monuments are surrounded by beautiful vegetable gardens and glass houses, which are the heart of Villa Augustus. All the garden products are for direct use in the restaurant and sold in the market café.

📍 Oranjelaan 7 | [www.villa-augustus.nl/en](http://www.villa-augustus.nl/en)

### ACCESSIBILITY

The City Centre can easily be reached. Enter the historic Centre in less than a ten minutes' walk from Dordrecht central station or one of the parking garages. Or park your car on the edge of the Centre on parking lot 'Weeskinderdijk' (free during the first 24 hours). From July 2, there will be a shuttle service between the parking lot and the City Centre on Saturdays.

Dordrecht is easily accessible from the surrounding regions by the aqua liner (Waterbus). Reach everything in the region quick and comfortable with the aqua liner (Waterbus). You can even take your bike along for free. This way, your visit to the oldest city of Holland will start in a very pleasant and comfortable way.



### 12. Events

Dordrecht is an attractive city with a diversity of annual reoccurring events scheduled all year round. These include colourful smaller events as well as large scale national events. Some of the most noteworthy events include music festivals and the annual Book Market Dordrecht.

### 13. BIESBOSCH NATIONAL PARK

Within its borders the city of Dordrecht has a beautiful nature reserve and wildlife area; the Biesbosch National Park. The park is situated only five kilometres from the City Centre of Dordrecht and is the perfect getaway for adventurers and nature lovers. Explore the area and its indispensable water on foot, by boat or kayak, discover its wildlife and maybe even spot a beaver! Baanhoekeweg 53 | Accessible by car, aqua liner and public bus

### 14. THE DORDRECHTS MUSEUM

The Dordrecht Museum, founded in 1842, is an important museum for Dordrecht and one of the oldest museums in The Netherlands. The museum owns an impressive collection of paintings from national as well as international artists with, for example, great works from Ary Scheffer, Ferdinand Bol and Aert Schouman. On a regular base the museum organises different expositions, showcasing modern and contemporary art.

📍 Museumstraat 40 | [www.dordrechtmuseum.nl/english](http://www.dordrechtmuseum.nl/english)



### 15. Boat tours

The Dordveaar is an electric boat that sails through the historic harbours of Dordrecht from April to October. This tour goes off the beaten track and reveals sights that would otherwise stay hidden, such as beautiful bridges and colossal warehouses. DRIJF and Si Barone also offer several tours for (smaller) groups in Dordrecht's surroundings. For example to Rotterdam, Biesbosch National Park and the World Heritage site of Kinderdijk.

[www.destroper.nl](http://www.destroper.nl) | +31(78)6130094, [www.si-barone.nl](http://www.si-barone.nl) | +31(6)26200235 and [www.drijfddordrecht.nl](http://www.drijfddordrecht.nl) | +31(78)2034058.

## City Map Dordrecht

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### 5. Food and drinks

The Scheffersplein, Statenplein and the Groothoofd are great places to have lunch, dinner or drinks. From early spring one can enjoy a drink at one of the many terraces on the Scheffersplein. Next to that, the dining places at the Groothoofd offers you a unique view during lunch or dinner with three waterways that come together. The inner harbours and several smaller streets also offer unique restaurants, secret lunch spots and terraces to enjoy a day or night out in Dordrecht.

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### 6. NIGHTLIFE

Dordrecht is the perfect place for a night out. Put on your dancing shoes and visit the intimate club Dolhuis. Go to the many concerts at music venue Bibelot or enjoy a drink at one of the many bars downtown. Be sure not to miss the industrial building Khotinsky, the cosy terrace of Dok Bar & Bites or, if you are into wine, try Wine Bar Brut.

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### NEED MORE INFORMATION?

VVV Dordrecht is the starting point for every visit to Dordrecht. The official Tourist Information Office offers all information about events, culture, nature, leisure activities and walking tours.

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