

How to survive the Netherlands?

BREDA



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HALLO!

Welcome to the KreativEU International Student Festival - and quite possibly your first time in the Netherlands!

This little guide has everything you'll need to make the most out of your time in Breda: practical information on accommodation, public transport, local customs and a few handy Dutch phrases. Plus some tips on the fun places to discover in Breda.

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B|REDA

Welcome to Breda — a city with a habit of winning people over pretty quickly. Somehow lively *and* laid-back at the same time; a city fit for all types of people.

Breda is a mid-sized city in the south of the Netherlands, in the province of Noord-Brabant, with a population of around 185,000 people. It has a relaxed, welcoming vibe that sits somewhere between the bustling energy of Amsterdam and the quieter pace of a small town. Big enough to always have something going on, but compact enough to feel familiar pretty quickly.

The city has been around since the 13th century! Much of its rich history is still visible today in the architecture, the castle, and the old city streets. Wandering around may make you think you're walking through an open air history museum.

Breda has a strong café and nightlife culture — Brabanders (people from Noord-Brabant) are famously sociable and love a good night out, so you'll find the bars busy most weekends. The city also has a solid food scene, with everything from traditional Dutch snacks to international restaurants scattered throughout the centre.

The beating heart of the city is the **Grote Markt**, the grand market, a gorgeous central square packed with cafés and bars where locals love to gather. Towering over it all is the **Grote Kerk**, the grand church, a jaw-dropping Gothic church that's been watching over the square for over 750 years!



GETTING TO BREDA



BY BUS

Breda has two Flixbus stops:

Breda CS

Stops near the Central Station.

Breda Prinsenbeek

Take either the bus or train to get to Breda Central Station (5-10 min)

To view routes going to Breda, check **flixbus.com**



BY TRAIN

The Dutch railway provider, NS, also offers international routes. Check the **NS International** routes here:



TIME & ROUTES OF PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION CAN BE
FOUND ON 9292.NL



There are 4 airports close to Breda:

Schiphol Airport

Location: Amsterdam

How to get to Breda:

Take a train at Schiphol to Breda.

Travel time: +/- 55 minutes

Rotterdam Airport

Location: Rotterdam

How to get to Breda:

Take the bus from Rotterdam Airport to Rotterdam Central Station. Then take the train to Breda.

Travel time: +/- 55 minutes

Brussels Airport

Location: Brussels

How to get to Breda:

Take the train from Brussels Airport to Brussels-Midi/Zuid, then take the Eurostar to Breda.

Travel time: +/- 120 minutes

Eindhoven Airport

Location: Eindhoven

How to get to Breda:

Take the bus from Eindhoven Airport to Eindhoven Central Station. Then take the train to Breda.

Travel time: +/- 70 minutes

BY PLANE



ACCOMMODATIONS



BUas deals*

OTHER BREDA ACCOMMODATIONS

Intercity Hotel Breda

€115-€150 per night (2p)

**1.2km away from city
centre**

[link](#)

Hotel Sutor Breda

From €139.3 per night
(2p)

**<0.1km away from city
centre**

[link](#)

Premiere Classe Hotel

€41-€75 per night (2p)

**4.6km away from city
centre**

[link](#)

Intercity Hotel Breda

€115-€150 per night (2p)

**1.2km away from city
centre**

[link](#)

DON'T MIND
TRAVELLING A BIT
FURTHER? CHECK
THE NEARBY CITY
OF TILBURG AS
WELL!

Leonardo Hotel Breda City Center

Located in the city
centre, with the
grote markt at a
walking distance.

**<1km away from
city centre**

[link](#)

BUas deal:
-12% discount on
day rate
Standard Room - 2p

Boutique Hotel het Scheepshuys

Located outside the
city centre, pleasant
atmosphere

**2.5 km away from
city centre**

[link](#)

BUas deal:
€108.- per night
Double Room - 2p

***In your booking, mention you want to make
use of the discount
for Events of Breda University of Applied
Sciences**

Hotel de Keyser Breda

Right in the city
centre, budget
friendly.

**<0.5km away from
city centre**

[link](#)

BUas deal:
€159,- per night,
breakfast included
Comfort Room - max. 2p

Onderwijshotel De Rooi Pannen Breda

A "teaching hotel",
run by the
hospitality students
of De Rooi Pannen.

**<1km away from
city centre**

[link](#)

BUas deal:
€75.- per night,
breakfast included
Deluxe Room - max. 2p

TRANSPORTATION

There are plenty of ways to get around in Breda, let's give you a short overview of your easiest options!



On Foot The city centre is very walkable and compact enough that you can easily explore most of the main sights, shops, and restaurants on foot. A leisurely stroll from one end of the centre to the other takes no more than 20–25 minutes.



By Bus Breda has a solid local bus network, which covers the city centre as well as the surrounding neighbourhoods and suburbs. Buses are clean, reliable, and run regularly throughout the day. You can pay with an OV-chipkaart (the Dutch public transport card), check in with your debit card, or buy a ticket via the **9292 app - this is the go-to app for all Public Transportation information in the Netherlands.**



By Bike Breda is a very bike-friendly city with dedicated cycling lanes pretty much everywhere. You can rent a bike through **OV-fiets** (available at the train station with a Dutch public transport card) or through various local rental shops dotted around the city. Once you've got a set of wheels, almost everything in Breda is within a 10–15 minute cycle.



PSSST...
SAVE YOURSELF THE HASSLE OF
BUYING A TICKET; YOU CAN
USE YOUR DEBIT CARD TO
CHECK IN ON PUBLIC
TRANSPORT.



COFFEE PLEASE

Lattes and literature

An international-friendly bookstore that also serves delicious coffees and pastry.

SipFirst

A favourite for the finer things - besides their delicious breakfast & lunch menu you'll find high-quality coffee, speciality teas and a selection of natural wines.

Koffiebar Sowieso

Yummy coffee and cakes - and a great vegan-friendly option! If the sun's out, Sowieso's hidden garden in a great spot to enjoy the weather.

Did you know?

The Dutch consume more coffee per capita than almost any other nation in the world, (nearly four cups a day on average!)



CHILL BARS

Ned Kelly's

This Irish Pub is the place to be for internationals. Located in the very centre of Breda, the Grote Markt, the pub is a fantastic spot to sit down for a drink.

Bobbi's Bar

In the mood for a cocktail? The passionate staff at Bobbi's will happily shake and stir your order.

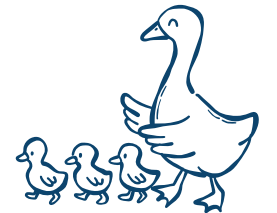
Brouwerij Frontaal

The Brouwcafé is part of Brouwerij Frontaal, a Breda brewery. Here you can taste Frontaal's latest creations.

"PROOST!" means
"cheers!"

HANGOUT SPOTS

INTO NATURE



Valkenberg Park

Right outside of the train station you'll find Breda's most famous park. Originally a place where only the residents of the Castle of Breda trained their falcons for hunting there - hence the name Valkenberg.

Van Sonsbeeck Park

The Burgemeester van Sonsbeeckpark is a city park, close to the city centre. The park has over 50 different types of trees!

ART & CULTURE



Blind Walls Gallery

A collection of over 100 murals all over Breda - a museum on the street! You can find all the routes, murals and more information at:
www.blindwalls.gallery

Pier15

A staple of Breda's skate culture. This cultural hotspot is the second home for many open-minded spirits. Pier15 hosts many events, parties, poetry nights and maker markets. It's a perfect place to meet fellow internationals (and maybe even practice a kickflip). For more information on upcoming events, visit their Instagram:
[@pier15skatepark](https://www.instagram.com/pier15skatepark)

Discover what else Breda
has to offer at
explorebreda.com



DUTCH 101

GREETINGS



Hallo/Hoi = Hello

Goedemorgen! = Good morning!

Goedemiddag! = Good afternoon

Goedenavond! = Good evening!

Dag/Doei = Bye

Local (Noord-Brabant)

Houdoe! ("how-do") = Byebye!

Alsjeblieft = Please

Bedankt = Thanks

Dankjewel = Thank you

Ja / Nee = Yes / No

PLEASE &
THANK YOU

PHRASES

Mijn naam is... = My name is...

Wat is jouw naam? = What is your name?

Ik kom uit... = I am from...

Waar kom jij vandaan? = Where are you from?

Spreek je Engels? = Do you speak English?

Ik spreek geen Nederlands = I do not speak Dutch

Waar is... = Where is....

TYPICALLY DUTCH FOODS

STREETFOODS



BITTER-BALLEN

Crispy golden spheres of mystery meat ragout that will absolutely scorch the roof of your mouth if you don't wait.

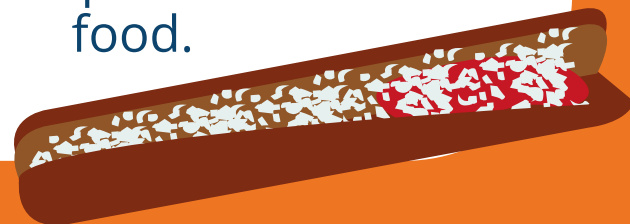
FRIES + MAYO



Thick-cut, double-fried, and buried under a shameless mountain of creamy mayo. Ketchup? Never heard of her.

FRIKANDEL

Sliced open and topped with mayo, curry, and onions, it's peak Dutch fast food.



TOMPOUCE

Flaky puff pastry, custard cream, and shocking pink fondant that structurally collapses the moment you bite into it.



STROOPWAFEL

Two thin waffle rounds sandwiching a caramel syrup. *Rest it on your coffee cup for 30 seconds and unlock its final form.*



BAKERY

ACQUIRED
TASTE

LIQUORICE, OR "DROP"

The Netherlands consumes more liquorice per capita than any country on Earth, and they make it saltier than the North Sea just to keep tourists away ;)

I'M A
LOCAL!



WORSTENBROODJE

A soft, slightly sweet bread roll hugging a seasoned pork sausage - vegan options are now offered by many places as well!

LET'S TALK SAFETY

While Breda is a generally safe location, it is important to have a baseline understanding of ways to stay safe when travelling to a foreign city.



DESIGNATE A MEETING POINT

Before you head out, agree on a central, easy-to-find spot where everyone reconvenes if the group gets separated — a landmark, hotel lobby, or busy square works well.

KEEP AN EYE OUT

Please keep an eye on your stuff. While pickpockets usually aren't all that active in Breda, you'd hate to lose any of your valuables.



ABOUT DRUGS

Contrary to popular belief, all hard drugs are **prohibited** in the Netherlands.

Cannabis may be purchased at licensed, so-called 'coffee shops' by anyone aged 18 or over upon presentation of valid ID.

We do **not** advise its use, but if you do choose to consume it, please exercise caution - the strength can be considerably higher than expected.

Smoking and the use of any drugs are strictly prohibited on campus.

KNOW THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

National

In case of serious emergency, call:
112

BUas

In case of an emergency on the BUas campus, call:
076 53 32 112

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For non-emergencies, call the police:
0900 88 44

