

Property reference number: - A2303-A225 (ROTTERDAM)

Home to a family with two children under 5yrs.
They are looking to house swap in the school holidays

KEY INFORMATION

Bedrooms available:-	There is a double bedroom and 3 single rooms available. (Max:- 4 people, but a further 1 or 2 may be possible.
Children welcome?	Yes all ages
Pets that live here:-	No pets live here.
** re-dogs **	They could not consider a dog staying here.

Rotterdam is the 2nd largest city in the Netherlands. This 3 storey terraced town house is situated in a quiet suburb about 3km from the town centre.

'From the nearest station, Marconiplein (400m,) you can take a metro into town (Beurs) or a tram to China Town (Westkruiskade) or (Koemarkt) to Schiedam (nearby town 2,9km) with similar houses and canals to Amsterdam and Delft, famous for it's Gin. Hook of Holland beach is a 30 minute car ride (27km).

Our area is called Spangen, it has the oldest paid football club in the Netherlands, Sparta (The 'Castle' is 650m away). The area is close to what is called Delfshaven, which used to be the harbour of Delft. It has many traditional warehouses dating from the golden age, and a working windmill (2,0km). The Pilgrim Father's church (1,7km) in Delfshaven is famous as it was the place where the Pilgrims left for the United States. At the Grote Visserijplein (900m), there is an excellent bi-weekly market where we do most of our shopping. Next to this square is the local library, which also has a small selection of English books. Next to the library is the community café, called Pier 80, where local people provide coffee, tea and snacks.'

The house was originally built in 1918, and was completely renovated in 2006.

The kitchen and toilet are on the ground floor. The living room is on the first floor, and on the second floor are two bedrooms, and a bathroom with bath, shower and toilet. The third floor has two bedrooms.



There is a small backyard/garden which has sun in the morning until about 2 o'clock. It has an elevated terrace with a few steps down into the garden with a small shed. Having moved to this house only last year, the couple haven't started to update the garden. They have some garden furniture and a fire-pit. They enjoy sitting out at the front of the house later in the day as it's a sunny spot. They have three adult bikes available for house-swappers to use. There is internet and cable and Netflix.

The family attend the thriving Noorderlicht Rotterdam Dutch protestant Church where about 500 people meet on Sunday mornings and the worship is contemporary with good Bible teaching. The services are all in Dutch, but the fellowship is universal! For more info see their website:- <https://noorderlichtrotterdam.nl/>

For international services the couple recommend the following:- Redeemer International Church Rotterdam, Hillsong church Rotterdam or the Europoort International Church

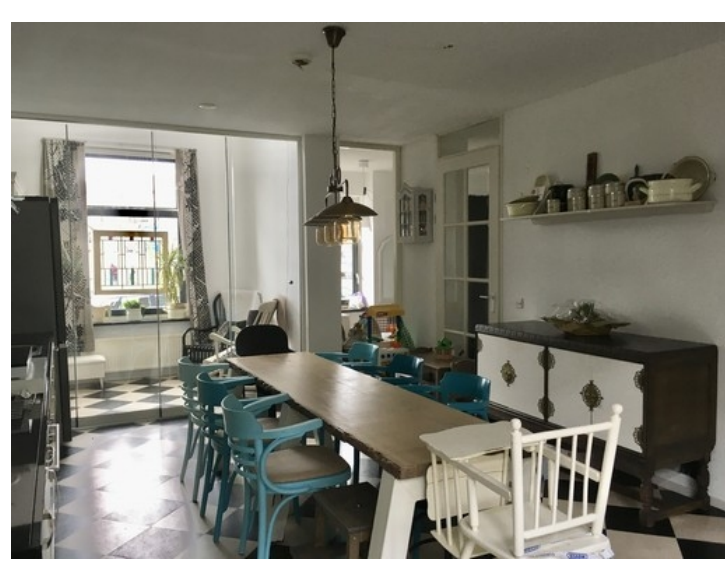
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We would recommend to get a Rotterdam pass, it costs € 65 for one adult and € 15 for a child up to 12 years old, but it gets you many free and reduced activities in Rotterdam and surrounding towns and cities (Dordrecht, Gouda, Delft, and The Hague to name a few) with around 120 activities to do free of charge (over 400 in total, but other activities are at a reduced price), ranging from a cinema, to museum, to a boat tour of the harbour, climbing the Euromast, to a pancake, an icecream or entrance to Duinrell, just to give you an idea.

Rotterdam has many bike lanes, but as we live very central, most things can be walked to, and the metro station which is also a tram stop and a bus stop is only 400m away. One could even take the P&O ferries from Hull to Rotterdam. There is a metro stop next to the docking place of P&O ferries and it takes about 20mins directly by metro to Marconiplein, our metro stop.

Public transport is well organized in the Netherlands, especially in the Randstad (area Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam, Utrecht). Just as an illustration, we only bought a car during covid because of the infection risk. Up until then, we did everything by foot, bike and public transport, even with a newborn! Parking in front of our house is possible but as it is so close to the town centre, there is a parking charge".





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Sport's facilities	Anything to your hearts desire is available! From skate parks, to mountain-bike routes, fitness, baseball, bouldering, swimming (both inside and outside), mini (glow) golf, to sub-boarding, to diving
Free park	In the front of the house, there is a playground with two swings, a slide, a seesaw, a small football field and a community vegetable garden.
Places to visit	Sparta Stadion, Beer brewery (Stadsbrouwerij and Pilgrim brewery) Floating farm, Library and weekly market, Water-bus, Petting zoo, Rooftop park, Many museums Schiedam town, Architecture- Justus van Effen Complex, van Nelle Fabriek, van Lieshout atelier, SS Rotterdam-, Baseball stadium, The largest rooftop park (Dakpark) of Europe is within walking distance (650m) and gives a great view of some of the Rotterdam harbour. To catch a glimpse of the Meuse is a 25 minute walk (1,8km).

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This is a lovely house, tall and spacious, light and well furnished. Fascinating opportunity to explore this part of the Netherlands – not just Rotterdam but easy trains to Amsterdam, Leiden, Delft, as well as boat to Dordrecht and tram to Schiedam. Perfect for canals, windmills, historic buildings and famous paintings. Immediate environment is pleasant but not quite so interesting. They are a friendly family who left out a generous gift of local products on our arrival!



<https://www.holland.com/global/tourism/discover-the-netherlands/visit-the-cities/rotterdam.htm>

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