

Gouda, South Holland, Netherlands

Said with a throaty Dutch 'G' (roughly 'KHOW-da,' like clearing your throat — not the English 'Gooda'), Gouda is more than a cheese. It's one of the Netherlands' most intact medieval canal towns, with a fairytale town hall, the longest church in the country, and the world's finest Renaissance stained glass.

-  River cruise (pier/quay)
-  Typical call: 6-8 hrs
-  Euro (cards preferred)
-  Dutch (English widely spoken)

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River cruise ships dock along Turfsingel or IJsselkade — no tender, flat walk to center

Walk to center: 5–15 min from quay to the Markt (market square)

Best For: History, food, architecture, photography

Don't Miss: Sint-Jan's 72 Renaissance stained-glass windows and a warm stroopwafel at the market

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €85–€110 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Sint-Jan Church & the Goudse Glazen** — At 123 m, the longest church in the Netherlands houses 72 breathtaking 16th-century stained-glass windows that survived...
- Gouda Cheese Experience** — Interactive museum tracing the history of Goudse Kaas from farm to wheel, ending with a tasting of aged, cumin, and...
- Thursday Cheese Market (seasonal)** — From April to September every Thursday morning, farmers and traders seal deals with the traditional handjeklap...
- Museum Gouda** — Housed in a 14th-century former hospital, this local history museum holds 17th-century militia paintings, historic clay...
- Stroopwafel at Kamphuisen Bakery** — The stroopwafel was invented in Gouda in 1810.

BEST WALKS

- The Markt & Old Town Loop** 1.5–2 hrs · 2.5 km · Easy — Start at the 15th-century Gothic Stadhuis in the center of the Markt, whose mechanical carillon clock chimes every half hour.
- Canal Stroll to the City Beach** 1 hr · 2 km · Easy — Walk from the Markt to the Veerstal and take the tiny volunteer foot ferry across the Hollandse IJssel (about €1) to Goudasfalt — a...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		56°	42°	11d
Jun		70°	55°	12d
Aug		72°	58°	14d
Sep		67°	54°	10d
Oct		60°	49°	14d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:44AM–8:38PM · Jun 5:20AM–10:02PM · Aug 6:25AM–9:04PM · Sep 7:16AM–7:55PM · Oct 8:06AM–6:46PM

Euro (cards preferred)

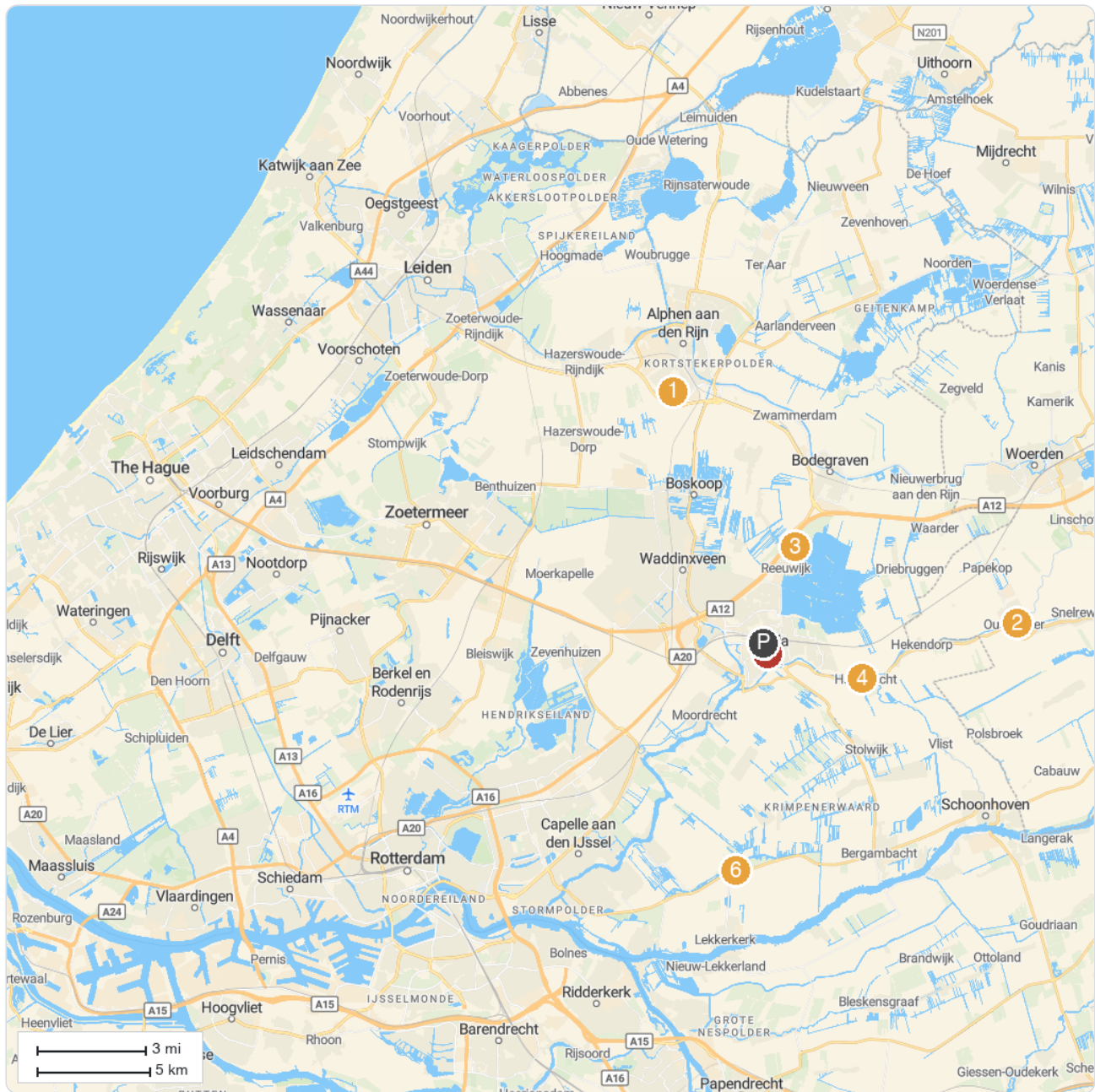
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Watch the bike lanes. Red-paved lanes belong to cyclists who ride fast and have right of way — never walk in them. Buy good cheese at a local shop, not the tourist stalls. Ask for Gouda Kaas (2+ years) — it has crunchy flavor crystals unlike

Gouda, South Holland, Netherlands — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| <p>1 Archeon Museum Park</p> <p>3 Streekmuseum Reeuwijk</p> <p>5 Saint-John Church</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Open-air museum showcasing Dutch history from prehistoric to medieval.</p> <p>Regional museum preserving local history and peatland culture.</p> <p>Gouda's impressive Gothic church, famous for its stained glass.</p> | <p>2 Waag, Oudewater</p> <p>4 Museum Paulina Bisdom van Vliet</p> <p>6 Recreatiepark Loetbos Lekkerkerk</p> | <p>Historic weigh house, famous for 16th-century witch trials.</p> <p>Historic house museum showcasing a wealthy 19th-century lady's life.</p> <p>Water-rich recreation park for boating, cycling, and nature walks.</p> |
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