

Hellevoetsluis, South Holland, Netherlands

A perfectly preserved Dutch fortress town where 17th-century naval bastions meet Europe's oldest stone dry dock — compact, walkable, and quietly extraordinary.

 Docked at town quay  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  Euro (€)  Dutch (English widely spoken)

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River/small ships dock at the town quay — no tender needed

Walk to center: Under 5 min from quay to historic fortress core

Best For: History buffs, naval heritage, leisurely fortress walks

Don't Miss: Droogdok Jan Blanken — oldest stone dry dock in Europe

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €10–€20 (local) ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Droogdok Jan Blanken** — The oldest stone dry dock in Europe, built in the early 19th century and still intact.
- **Vesting Hellevoetsluis Fortress Walk** — Stroll the ramparts, bastions, and casemates of the remarkably preserved 17th-century fortress.
- **National Firefighting Museum** — The Nationaal Brandweermuseum holds one of Europe's most impressive collections of historic firefighting equipment...
- **Kinderdijk Windmills Day Trip** — The UNESCO-listed Kinderdijk windmill network is roughly 40 km away — a classic Dutch experience popular as a longer...
- **Haringvliet Waterway & Marina** — The broad Haringvliet estuary framing the town is superb for kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, and boat trips.

BEST WALKS

- **Fortress Core Loop** ~2 km • 45 min • Flat, paved — From the town quay, walk to Droogdok Jan Blanken, continue past the Prinsehuis to the Hellevoetsluis Lighthouse, then loop back along...
- **Marina & Waterfront Stroll** ~1 km • 20 min • Flat — An easy walk along the Hellevoetsluis marina and Haringvliet waterfront — good for watching boats, grabbing a coffee, and enjoying the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:47AM–8:40PM · Jun 5:24AM–10:04PM · Aug 6:28AM–9:06PM · Sep 7:18AM–7:57PM · Oct 8:08AM–6:49PM	
Apr	56°	43°	10d	Euro (€)	
Jun	69°	56°	11d		
Aug	71°	60°	14d		
Sep	67°	56°	11d		
Oct	60°	51°	15d		

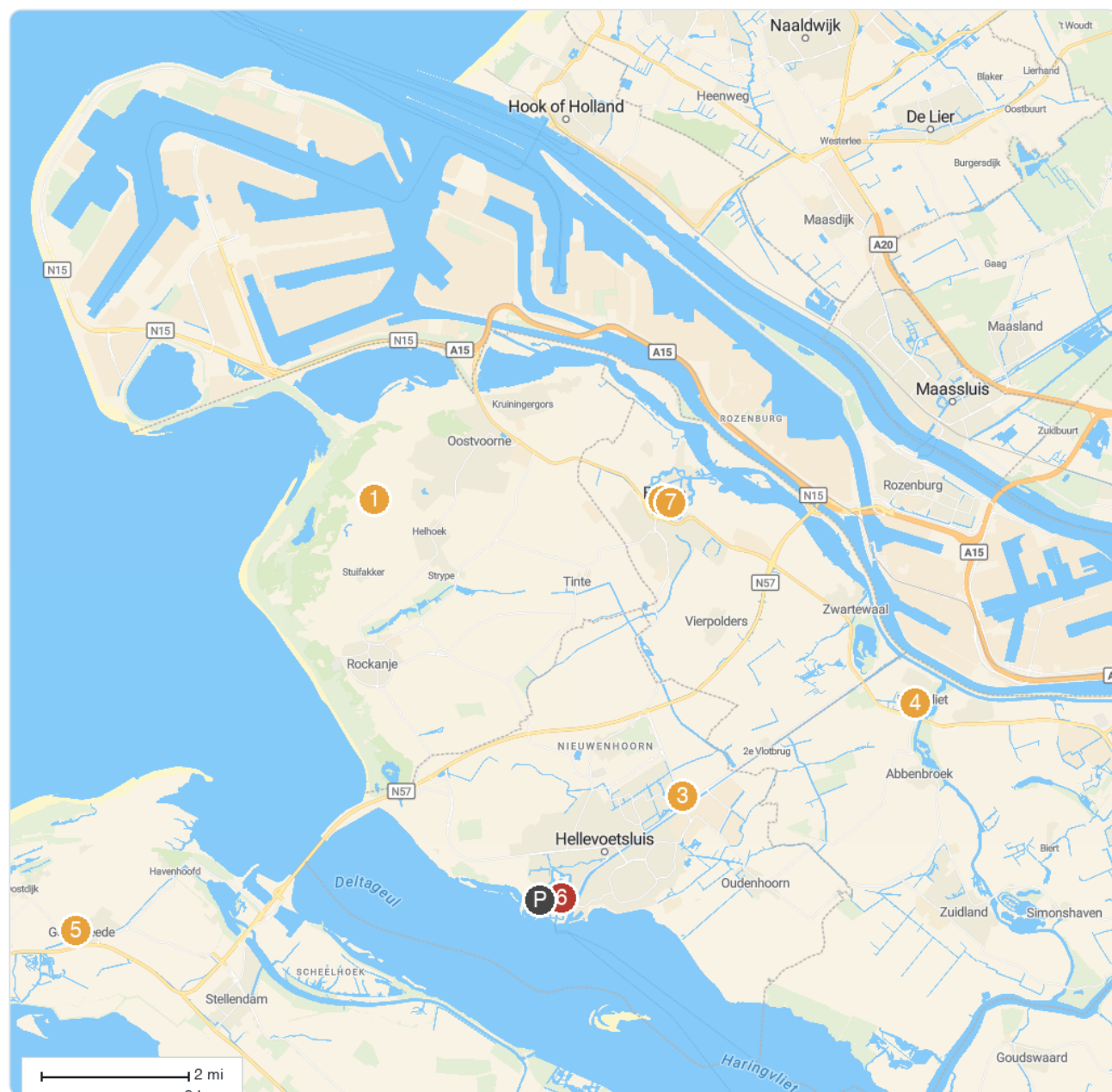
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Euro cash or card — most local cafes and museums accept cards, but a few smaller spots prefer cash.
- Everything is walkable — the fortress core is tiny. You can cover all the major sights in half a day, leaving time for a waterfront lunch.

Hellevoetsluis, 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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| 1 Openluchtmuseum De Duinhuisjes | Open-air museum with historic dune houses. | 2 St. Catharijnekerk | Historic church with a rich past. |
| 3 Historyland | Theme park for dinosaurs, ice age, and nature. | 4 Slot Ravesteijn | Historic castle ruins with a moat. |
| 5 Torenmuseum Goedereede | Museum inside a medieval church tower. | 6 National Firefighting Museum | Museum showcasing Dutch firefighting history and equipment. |
| 7 Historical Museum Den Briel | Museum detailing the capture of Den Briel in 1572. | P Cruise port / terminal | |