

Kinderdijk, South Holland, Netherlands

Nineteen 18th-century windmills line the canal banks where the Lek and Noord rivers meet — a living drainage system and the most iconic windmill landscape in the Netherlands, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

River pier (direct dock)

Typical call: 3-5 hrs

Euro (€) — largely cashless

Dutch (English widely spoken)

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River cruise ships berth on the Lek riverbank, steps from the windmill site entrance

Best For: Photography, Dutch history, easy flat walking, canal boat tours

Walk to windmills: 2–5 min from the pier to the Visitor Center

Don't Miss: Interior of Museum Windmill Nederwaard and the 30-min canal cruiser tour

Getting around: **Taxi** €80–95 from Rotterdam · **Rideshare** Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Museum Windmill Nederwaard** — Step inside a working 1738 ground-sailer windmill to see how a family of 15 once lived and worked in cramped quarters...
- **Canal Cruiser Boat Tour** — A 30-minute guided canal ride past all 19 windmills from the water — the best angle for photos and ideal for those who...
- **Wisboom Pumping Station** — Explore the 19th-century steam pumping station — now electric — with interactive displays explaining the Dutch polder...
- **Cycling the Windmill Route** — Rent a bike at the entrance and cycle the full length of the polder canal — the most Dutch way to see all 19 mills and...
- **Rotterdam Day Extension** — Combine Kinderdijk with Rotterdam's striking modern architecture — the Cube Houses, Markthal, and Erasmus Bridge are 30...

BEST WALKS

- **Main Windmill Canal Walk** 2 km one-way · Flat paved path · 30–45 min each way — Follow the canal towpath from the Visitor Center past all 19 windmills to the far end of the polder.
- **Village & River Levee Loop** ~1.5 km · Flat · 20–30 min — From the pier, walk the Lek riverbank levee path north and loop back through the small village — pleasant views of the river and the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		57°	42°	11d
Jun		70°	55°	11d
Aug		72°	58°	14d
Sep		67°	54°	10d
Oct		60°	49°	14d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:45AM–8:38PM · Jun 5:21AM–10:02PM · Aug 6:26AM–9:04PM · Sep 7:16AM–7:55PM · Oct 8:06AM–6:46PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pre-book tickets online. kinderdijk.nl is cheaper than the gate, and time slots fill up fast when multiple river ships are in port simultaneously.

Kinderdijk, 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.



1 Maritime Museum

3 Wereldmuseum Rotterdam

5 Miniworld Rotterdam

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen

4 Kijk-Kubus Museum-house

6 Erasmusbrug