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Schiedam



Welcome to Schiedam!

Meaningful information for expats

Schiedam, the authentic, lively and renewed city on the verge of The Schie river. A place full of character to both work and live. It offers art, culture, gastronomy and has a historic citycentre. Schiedam is also known as the jenever city of the Netherlands, its rich jenever past is reflected in every street. You will be sure to find the distillery mills, which are the tallest in the world, the old warehouses and the National Jenever Museum where malt-wine jenever is still distilled in a traditional way. Jenever is still hip and happening which is reflected by the city's numerous distilleries.

Moving to the Netherlands involves a great deal of work. This informative leaflet will help you get started. You can organize your affairs via our website schiedam.nl. At the bottom of the webpage you will find a translation icon. Easily change the language to 'English' or the language of your choice, and read our website in the language you have selected.



DigiD

If you go to your City Hall or any other government organisation, in most cases you will have to prove your identity. You can do so with an ID card, passport or driving licence. When using the internet, you can prove your identity by logging in with your DigiD. This way, government organisations can be sure they are dealing with you.

Your DigiD consists of a username and a password of your choice. With your DigiD, you will get access to hundreds of Dutch government websites.

digid.nl



Your personal details

Your personal details, which are listed in the people's registration system (BRP), will only be forwarded to (semi-) government agencies in The Netherlands, allowing them to do their public duty. Government agencies will only receive the information they need to do their duty. Some of these agencies can be blocked meaning they will no longer receive information about you from the BRP.

schiedam.nl/geheimhouding-persoonsgegevens

Insurance

During your stay in the Netherlands there are several insurances that you'll have to arrange such as life insurance, liability insurance, legal aid, travel, and motor insurance. Please note: some insurances have to be taken care of within a certain time frame after arrival or registration in Rotterdam. Some insurances can be arranged through your employer and some you'll have to arrange yourself.

rotterdamexpatcentre.nl/insurance

Health insurance

In the Netherlands, health care is part of the social security system. Therefore, health care insurance is mandatory for all residents in the Netherlands that are subject to Dutch social security law.

rotterdamexpatcentre.nl/health-insurance

Moving to another address

If you move to another address, you have to notify us. If a change of address is reported too late, it will still be processed, but not backdated! This may affect your application for rent control, child benefits, insurance and municipal taxes. Therefore it is very important to organise this at least five days before you move.

schiedam.nl/verhuizing-doorgeven

Leaving the Netherlands

If you leave the country for a long period (8 months or more), you have to report it approximately 1 week before your departure.

rotterdamexpatcentre.nl/leaving-the-netherlands
schiedam.nl/verhuizen-naar-het-buitenland

Driving licence

Under certain conditions, you can exchange your foreign license for a Dutch driving license, without having to take a driving test in the Netherlands.

rotterdamexpatcentre.nl/exchange-your-driving-license

In some cases, your license cannot be exchanged for a Dutch driving licence. This means you will need to take a theory and practical driving test at the Dutch national driver testing centre.

cbr.nl

Clean city

Irado takes care of our clean and tidy urban environment. We make a distinction between two types of waste: household waste (huishoudelijk afval) and bulky waste (grofvuil).

irado.nl/schiedam

Activities in the neighbourhood

Would you like to organise something fun in your neighbourhood? We have special budgets for this (wijkbudgetten). With this budget you can organise activities with your neighbour as real 'Schiedammers'. Because a good neighbour is better than a faraway friend (Dutch saying).

schiedam.nl/wijkbudgetten

Schiedam is buzzing!

Schiedam has a lot to offer when it comes to leisure. Visit the website SDAM.nl for an overview of all the fun events, or follow S'DAM on social media.

Please visit us at:
I-Punt in de Waag
Lange Kerkstraat 39
3111 NN Schiedam

sdam.nl



Rotterdampas

With the Rotterdampas you can do a lot of fun things in Schiedam either for free or with a discount. Join a tour on the Fluisterboot and visit all of the museums for free. You can also visit Blijdorp (Zoo) in Rotterdam with a discount, go to the movies or Duinrell in Wassenaar for free (1x).

The card comes with a guide which lists over 750 fun activities, and the Rotterdampas Magazine which tells you everything you need to know about the card. You can also find more information at the Central Library (Hoogstraat 110).

rotterdampas.nl

Entrepreneur and business platform

'Ondernemend Schiedam' is the online platform that has all the information about entrepreneurship, working, investing, cooperations and networking. Find answers to your questions about (financial) regulations, our locations and the themes the local government is focussing on.

ondernemendschiedam.nl

SHOP for retail and catering industry

SHOP connects and reinforces entrepreneurs in Schiedam in the retail and catering industry. They do this by organising (online) entrepreneurs' breakfasts, network meetings and workshops in which entrepreneurs can participate free of charge. Entrepreneurs are welcome three mornings a week, without an appointment, in the SHOP shop at Hoogstraat 140-142. Existing and new entrepreneurs can come here with entrepreneurial questions and ideas. SHOP will connect you to the right partners within SHOP, employees of the municipality, entrepreneurs and institutions.

shopschiedam.nl



We wish you a wonderful stay in Schiedam!

You can find more information at rotterdamexpatcentre.nl about:

- Formalities
- Housing
- Utilities
- Education & Childcare
- Career
- Taxes
- Transport
- Social

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