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Program and more





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Welcome to EMAG23



Dear Mensa friends,

We are very proud to host the 15th and largest EMAG so far in the year in which Mensa the Netherlands celebrates its 60th birthday and the Mensa Foundation its 10th birthday. There will be 850+ participants from 47 countries.

Being a member of Mensa is different for every one of us, as is how we perceive it over time. But no matter how long you have been a Mensa member, you probably have learned a lot about yourself, felt really at home at gatherings and made some new friends along the way.

The EMAG is a real special gathering. In the past years it has been a great opportunity to visit various European cities, enjoying activities with fellow members, as well as spending time on your own if you wished. An EMAG helps to reduce stress and improves your communication skills. And next to the opportunity to explore other cultures, it inspires you and unlocks your creativity.

For this year's event it is with great honour that we welcome you to the metropolis of Rotterdam. Rotterdam has the biggest harbour in Europe with well over 450 million tons of transshipped goods. The city hosts 170+ different nationalities generating vibrant multicultural atmosphere. After the destruction of the entire city centre during World War 2, it has been rebuilt with a great vision in mind which has led to a young dynamic city with daring architecture and a famous 'can do' mentality.

If you are able to get a taste of this during your stay, we are very positive that you will love our great city as much as we do.

Together with the rest of the EMAG Team, we hope that you will enjoy your old and new friends as well as the lectures, workshops, outdoor activities, and other events that we have planned for you.

If you need help, don't hesitate to ask one of us or the team members and please enjoy your stay in one of Europe's most exhilarating cities in the world right now!

On behalf of the entire Orgateam

Marion de Groot & Hans Wegman



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General information



Main venue

Our main venue is the World Trade Center in Rotterdam, which is right in the city center, surrounded by shops, restaurants and bars. The address is Beursplein 37, 3011 AA Rotterdam, and there is also an entrance through the Postillion hotel at Meent 110. The next page contains a map of the venue, on which the rooms that we use for the EMAG are indicated.

24/7 room

The Diamond Room is the relax room, and is available for EMAG participants 24 hours a day. So if you want to chill out with a tea at 10pm, play games at 3am, or have deep conversations about the meaning of life until 7am, it's all possible!

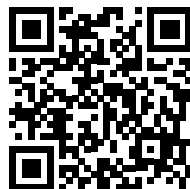
Registration and info desk

Do you have any questions, want to pick up your goodies, or you need help with something from the orgateam? You can find us during these hours:

Info desk	Thu-Fri-Sat	09:00 - 18:00
<i>Diamond room</i>		
Registration desk	Tuesday	14.00 - 18.00
<i>WTC Hall</i>	Wednesday	13.00 - 17.00
	Wednesday	17.30 - 19.30 (at BIRD)
	Thursday	09.00 - 12.30

QR-code and selling activities

There is a QR-code on your badge. If you scan it yourself, it may not make much sense, but we use it to check access to activities. Make sure you are registered for activities in the system. If you would like to sell your ticket of an activity, or buy it from someone else, please use our form, which you can find with the QR-code on this page. You can also pass by the information desk.

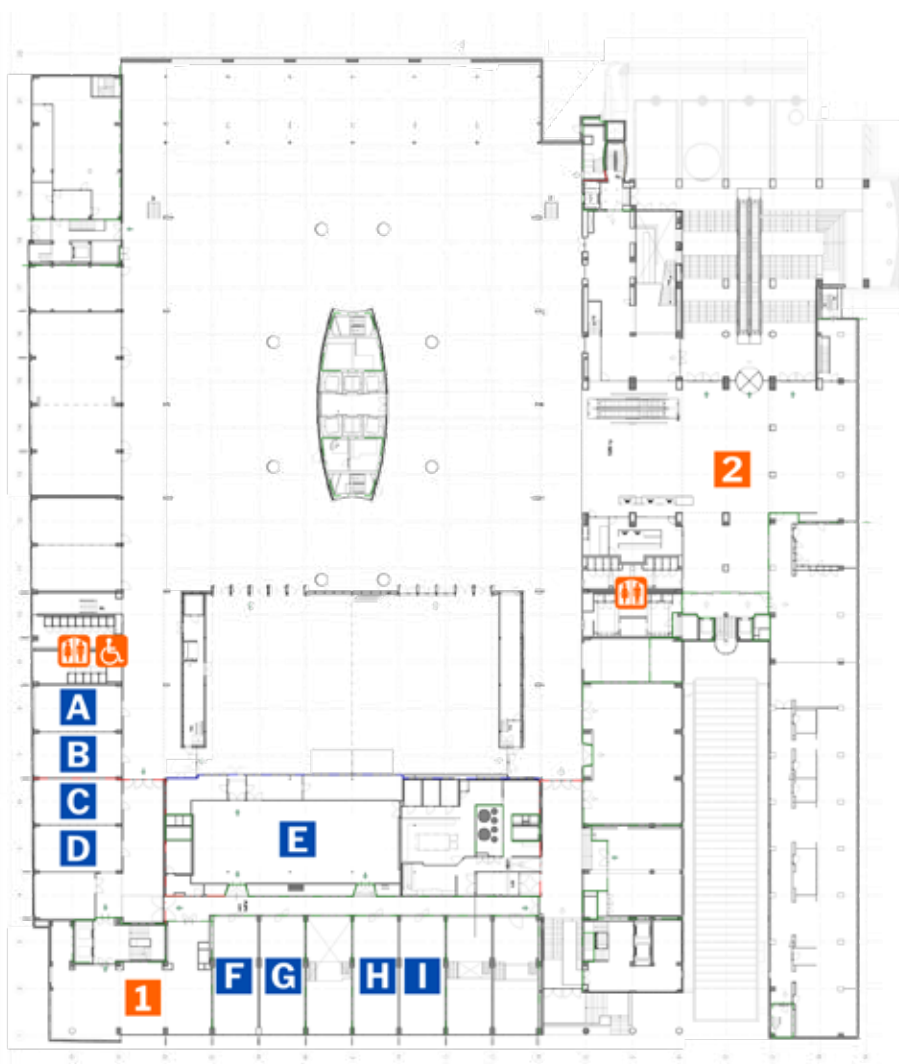


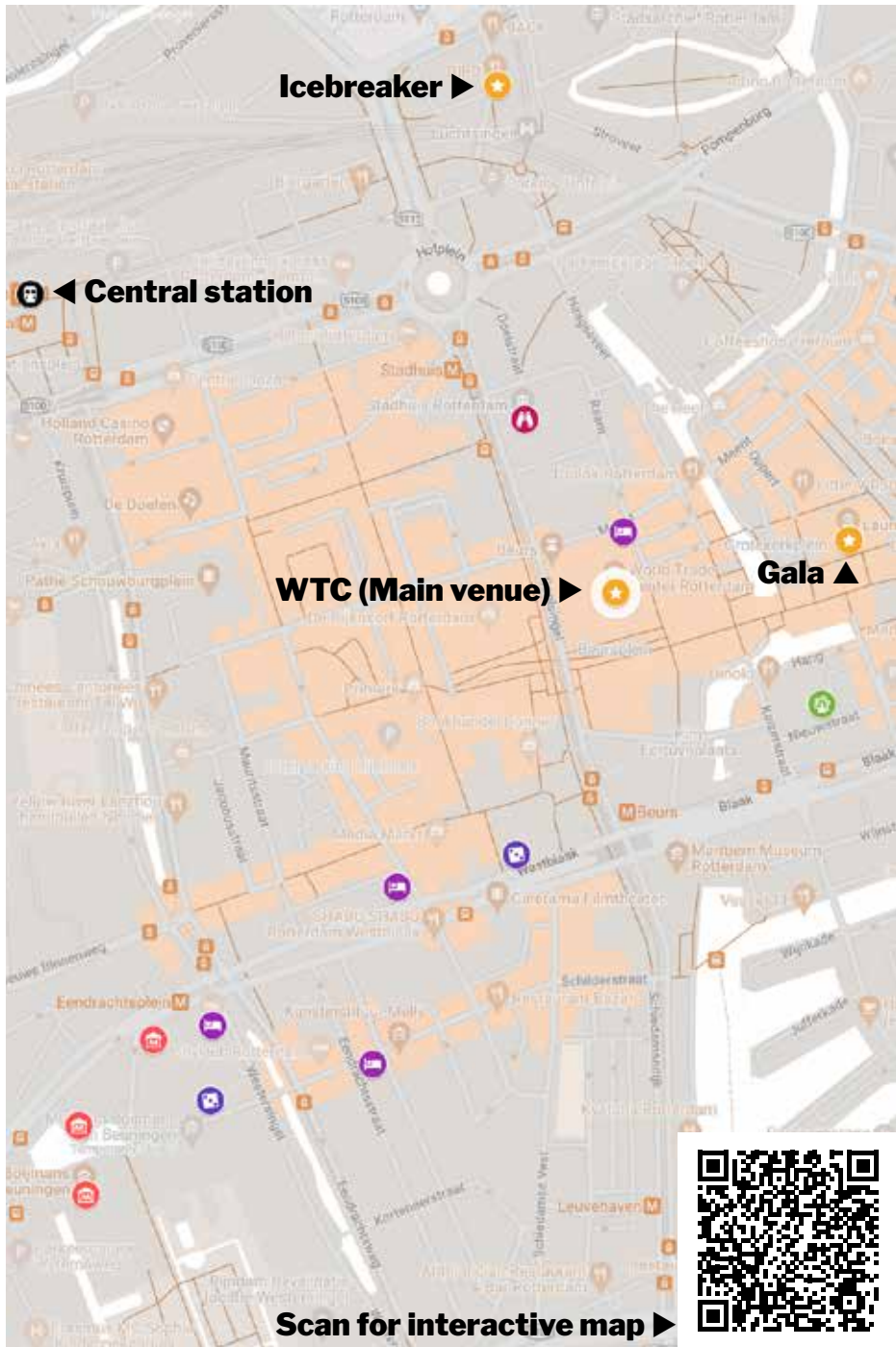


Rooms in the WTC

- A Leeuwen 1
- B Leeuwen 2
- C Goudriaan 1
- D Goudriaan 2
- E Diamond room (24/7)

- F J.F. Staal
- G Blue room
- H Van Walsum
- I Van de Veecken
- 1 Hotel Lobby
- 2 WTC main entrance





Icebreaker ▶

◀ **Central station**

WTC (Main venue) ▶

Gala ▲

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Partners



Rotterdam Partners: the official Destination Marketing Organisation & Investment Promotion Agency



Rotterdam Partners focuses on contributing to the sustainable growth of the Rotterdam economy. Rotterdam Partners is dedicated to fostering the sustainable growth of the city's economy by promoting its image and attracting national and international interest. Through a well-defined marketing strategy, we position Rotterdam prominently, welcoming visitors, businesses, and residents alike. Our commitment to creating a hospitable and attractive entrepreneurial environment ensures that we contribute to the city's economic strength while prioritizing its identity and livability. With a focus on know-how and expertise, we drive the success of Rotterdam, making it a thriving hub for various industries and markets.

ASVZ Event Academy



ASVZ Event Academy is helping at EMAG Rotterdam 2023. Look out for the pink and green shirts of the ASVZ Event Crew. These hard-working people will try to

make sure you have a lovely time at the EMAG 2023. What makes them special? They all have been diagnosed with an intellectual disability but they also have a talent to help making events successful. Want to know more? We will have a workshop on August 3 at 2.00PM. The Event Crew will welcome you, help with the goodie bags or Webshop. The highlight of the support will be during the GALA dinner in the Laurenskerk. With 50 volunteers in pink and green shirts they will work in the church and do their utmost best to give you a great evening. The healthcare organization ASVZ is proud to be asked to help at EMAG2023. We look forward to meeting you all.



City of Rotterdam



Rotterdam's origins can be traced back to the 13th century when a dam was constructed on the Rotte River, giving the city its name. Strategically located near the North Sea, Rotterdam quickly evolved into a bustling port, facilitating trade and commerce throughout Europe.

The Golden Age saw Rotterdam flourish as a prosperous maritime city. In the 17th century, the Dutch East India Company established a headquarters here, further boosting the city's economic prominence. Magnificent buildings and canals adorned the cityscape during this period, leaving a lasting impression that can still be appreciated in certain areas today.

However, Rotterdam's history also carries the scars of adversity. During World War II, the city was devastated by relentless bombings that reduced its historic heart to ashes. Despite the devastation, Rotterdam's resilience shone through as it embarked on an ambitious reconstruction project. Architectural pioneers like Piet Blom and OMA (Office for Metropolitan Architecture) led the way, giving birth to innovative structures like the Cube Houses and the iconic Erasmus Bridge.

Today, Rotterdam stands as a symbol of urban regeneration and modernity. The city's modern architecture and innovative urban planning have garnered worldwide acclaim, attracting design enthusiasts from across the globe.





Recommended to see and to do

Discover Rotterdam: The Top 10 Must-Do Activities in This Dynamic City

Rotterdam, the vibrant city in the Netherlands and this year's host for EMAG, is a cultural melting pot boasting an exciting mix of modern architecture, rich history, and a thriving arts scene. Known for its innovative spirit and resilient nature after being heavily damaged during World War II, Rotterdam has emerged as a true gem in Europe. We have put together a list of the top 10 things you absolutely cannot miss during your stay.

Marvel at the Cube Houses (Kubuswoningen)

One of Rotterdam's most iconic architectural landmarks, the Cube Houses, designed by Piet Blom, are a must-see. These quirky, tilted cube-shaped homes form a unique housing complex that challenges conventional architecture. Take a tour inside one of these cubes to experience how residents ingeniously utilize the limited space. Additionally, the adjacent Overblaak Street offers a stunning view of the cubic wonder from ground level.



Visit the Markthal

Prepare to be amazed at the futuristic Markthal, a food market and residential building in one. Its impressive arched structure with vibrant, colourful murals on the ceiling adds to the enchanting atmosphere. The market stalls offer a vast array of fresh produce, local delicacies, and international treats, making it a foodie's paradise.

Explore the Maritime Museum

Given Rotterdam's historic maritime significance, visiting the Maritime

Museum is an enriching experience. Learn about the city's maritime heritage, see beautifully restored ships, and immerse yourself in interactive exhibits that chronicle centuries of Dutch seafaring history. The museum's outdoor area features impressive vessels that you can explore up close.

Wander around Delfshaven

For a glimpse into Rotterdam's past, head to Delfshaven, a charming neighbourhood that survived the bombing of WWII. With its picturesque canals, historic buildings, and lovely waterfront, Delfshaven exudes a quaint ambiance. Take a leisurely stroll through the area and enjoy the cozy cafés and bars.

Enjoy the Rotterdam Zoo (Diergaarde Blijdorp)

Perfect for families and nature enthusiasts, Rotterdam Zoo is a delightful escape within the city. Home to a diverse range of animals, including elephants, giraffes, and tigers, the zoo provides an educational and entertaining experience. The Oceanium, a large indoor aquarium, is a highlight not to be missed.

Climb the Euromast Tower

For panoramic views of Rotterdam, take a trip up the Euromast Tower. As the tallest building in the Netherlands open to the public, the Euromast offers breathtaking 360-degree vistas of the city and its harbor. Thrill-seekers can even try the exhilarating "abseil" experience from the top.

Party in Witte de Withstraat

Witte de Withstraat is Rotterdam's trendy cultural hub, bustling with restaurants, bars, and art galleries. As the city's nightlife hotspot, this street comes alive in the evening with locals and tourists mingling, enjoying live music, and savouring delicious cuisine from around the world.





Discover the City's Architecture

Rotterdam is a true architectural playground, featuring a plethora of modern masterpieces. Take a self-guided architecture tour, or join a guided tour, to explore iconic buildings like the Erasmus Bridge (the Swan), De Rotterdam, and the Central Station. The blend of contemporary and historic architecture makes for a captivating urban landscape.

Cruise the Port of Rotterdam

No visit to Rotterdam is complete without exploring the impressive Port of Rotterdam, one of the largest in the world. Take a boat tour to witness the busy harbour, colossal container terminals, and industrial installations that underscore the city's economic significance.

the Exotic Charm of Chinatown in Rotterdam

Nestled within the heart of Rotterdam, the city's Chinatown is a captivating cultural enclave that promises visitors an exciting and immersive experience. Bursting with colours, flavours, and traditions, this vibrant neighbourhood offers a taste of authentic Asian culture that will leave you spellbound. Chinatown starts at the West-Kruiskade.



Practicalities



Currency and payment

The official currency in the Netherlands is the EURO (EUR). The following methods of payment are accepted in The Netherlands.

Cash

Cash is accepted almost everywhere. There are some locations (for example the Pathé cinema) where you can only pay with a debit card or credit card. These locations will clearly state this at the entrance (PIN only) or on their website.

ATMs are prevalent in the Netherlands. They are the primary way for citizens and tourists to withdraw cash. In general, it's best to use ATMs owned by Dutch banks as they don't charge a fee for use of their ATMs (most also have the added plus of offering an English-language menu). However, regardless of Dutch rules, your home bank may charge anyhow. The most common ATMs are called 'Geldmaat' and can be recognised by their yellow colour and a 'smiley face' in the logo.



Debit cards

Debit cards are accepted everywhere as a valid method of payment. Make sure to check if your home bank has any charges that apply when using your debit card abroad.

Credit cards

Major credit cards, such as Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted in the Netherlands at restaurants, hotels, and tourist destinations. American Express is not yet accepted everywhere, but its acceptance is growing. Some small shops may charge a fee of anywhere from 2-6% if you use credit cards, so be aware of that. If you only have a credit card, be advised that Dutch supermarkets do not accept them at all, so you'll need a debit card or some cash on hand.



Tipping

The Dutch do not have a tipping culture as strongly-ingrained as much of the English-speaking world. In a bar or restaurant, provided the service was good, a tip of around 10% is appreciated but not automatically expected.



Transportation

Rotterdam is actively trying to reduce the number of cars in the city centre. One way of doing this is offering alternative methods of transportation, such as walking, cycling, public transportation or shared transport. Here, you can find some ways to get through the city.

Car

You can use your car to move through the city. Just be aware that it can be hard to find a parking space and that street parking is quite expensive. There are parking garages in the city that are generally cheaper than street parking, but these remain expensive as well. To pay for street parking, you will need an app. Go to the website, download the app, create an account and you can start parking.

YellowBrick <https://yellowbrick.nl>

Parkmobile <https://parkmobile.nl>

Park-Line <https://www.park-line.nl>

If you come to EMAG by car, we recommend parking your car at a Park+Ride area (<https://www.rotterdam.nl/pr-terreinen>) on the outskirts of the city. These parking lots allow you to take advantage of cheap parking. All P+R areas have direct links to the city centre by public transport. You can be there within 20 minutes, without any parking problems.

Taxi & Uber

Taxis are widely available in Rotterdam. Here, you can find some taxi companies that you can use to get around town. Uber is also active in Rotterdam, but it can be harder to find a driver on short notice.

Rotterdam Taxi Centrale +31 10 462 6060
<https://rtcnv.nl/english>

Rotterdam Taxi Service +31 10 237 2018
<https://rotterdamtaxicentrale.nl/en>

Rotterdamse Taxi +31 10 261 3122
<https://www.rotterdamsetaxi.nl>

Train (Nederlandse Spoorwegen / Dutch Railways)

Most trains in the Netherlands are operated by the NS (Nederlandse Spoorwegen). Rotterdam has 6 train stations within the city limits that you can use for travel. You can pay for the trips using your (wireless) debit card, credit card or mobile phone. Just hold one of these against the card

reader to check in and out of the gate. Make sure you have activated the functionality of paying with your mobile phone!

If you prefer to buy your train tickets instead, you can do this at the NS Ticket machines in the train stations, The NS Tickets & Service Desks in the larger train stations, online (<https://www.ns.nl/en>) or in the NS app. You can find the app in the Apple store or Google Play store. You will first have to create an account in order to buy tickets.

There are direct connections by train from Rotterdam Central Station to other large cities, such as Den Haag, Utrecht, Amsterdam and of course Schiphol Airport.

Metro, tram and bus (RET)

The metro's, trams and busses in Rotterdam are operated by the RET (<https://www.ret.nl/en>). We recommend that you download the RET app and plan your trips in the app. You can pay for your trips using your (wireless) debit card, credit card or mobile phone. Just hold one of these against the card reader to check in and out of the gate. Make sure you have activated the functionality of paying with your mobile phone!

Watertaxi Rotterdam

Rotterdam also offers a unique taxi service on the water: the Rotterdam Watertaxi (<https://www.watertaxirotterdam.nl>). This taxi service has 50 different stops along the river Maas and is an original way to travel fast within the city. You can book a ride on their website or download the app from the Apple Store or Google Play Store and book trips there. You can pay using debit cards, Visa or Mastercard. American Express is (not yet) accepted.



Shared bikes and shared moped providers

You can download the app from the Apple Store or Play store and create an account to use the shared bike or shared scooters. The more popular ones are Donkey Republic for bikes and Felyx and Check for mopeds. You can reserve and unlock a bike or moped from the app and use it. There are a lot of gathering places (Neighbourhood Hubs) being set up where you can pick up and leave a shared bike or moped.

Please be advised that wearing a helmet while using any of these shared mopeds is mandatory! You and your passenger will get a fine when you are caught riding without a helmet.

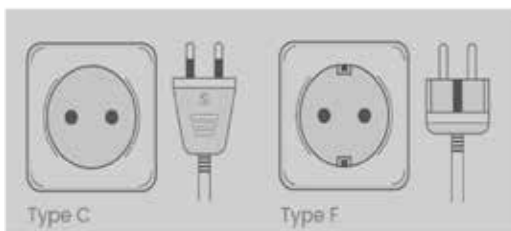


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Check	+31 85 888 1041	https://www.ridecheck.app
Felyx	+31 85 208 0470	https://www.felyx.com
GoSharing	+31 85 902 2901	https://go-sharing.nl
Lime	+31 85 808 5186	https://www.li.me

Utilities

Electrical outlet

In the Netherlands the power plug sockets are of type C and F. The standard voltage is 230V and the frequency is 50Hz.



Water

In the Netherlands, safe and clean water is regarded as a basic need. That's why tap water is safe to drink everywhere in the Netherlands. The quality is comparable to bottled mineral water, without any taste of chloride or salt. Bottled water is also easily available if you prefer that over tap water. Furthermore, there are more than 80 tapping points throughout the city of Rotterdam where you can tap water free of charge (<https://www.rotterdam.nl/watertappunten>). It is advisable to bring your own bottle, because you pay a tax on plastic bottles that you buy in shops. There are some nice bottles available in the EMAG Shop, so be sure to take a look there!

SIM cards and Wi-Fi

You can buy a SIM card from the EMAG shop to take care of your mobile data needs. Some mobile providers offer data roaming within the EU for free as part of their subscription, so check with your provider to see if you can use your data plan in the Netherlands without extra costs.

All RET busses, metro's, trams and the larger bus and subway stations have free Wi-Fi. Rotterdam Central station also has free Wi-Fi.

A lot of bars, restaurants and tourist locations throughout Rotterdam also offer free Wi-Fi. You can ask the password upon entering.

Program



EMAG Main



Icebreaker

*Wed 18:00 - 01:00 (garden open 15:30)
Bird, Raampoortstraat 24*

We are inviting you to our IceBreaker where you will meet, chat, sit, dance, have some drinks and food, and enjoy yourself! Bird is a large place with lots of different

'corners', we'll arrange quiet(er) spots for talking, and more lively spots if you're into dancing and partying. There will be food served throughout the evening. The first drink is on us, after that you can pay by card only. If you haven't been able to pick up your badge yet, you can access bird with the QR-code you received by email, and pick up your badge inside (no goodies, and only when you've paid your dues).

Gala dinner

Sat 18:45 - 01:00 (door open 18:00) ~ Grotekerkplein 27

We've managed to secure an marvellous location for the gala dinner: The Saint Laurens church. A fantastic monumental building in a late gothic style, built between 1445 and 1525, the last remnant of the medieval city center of Rotterdam. Here we can host a lot of participants, to eat and party together and thus finishing in style a great adventure in a wonderful city. Tokens for drinks can be bought in advance at the infodesk in the WTC on Saturday afternoon, and in the church during the gala.



Farewell Brunch

Sun 10:00 - 14:00 ~ WTC

When meeting friends and having fun the time will fly and you'll have to say goodbye. What better place to do this than the farewell brunch. You can say your goodbyes and share a nice meal together during 4 hours. So get your ticket and join to soak in as many last goodbyes as you can get so you'll have some spare hugs to last until we meet again.

Rotterdam



Blijdorp Zoo - Experience an exciting day out with family and friends at Blijdorp Zoo, where you can witness lots of animals from across the globe, including tigers, giraffes, and elephants. You'll be amazed at every turn.

Fri 09:00 - 21:00



Guided tour Botanical garden & Arborethum - Trompenburg is a beautifully designed botanic garden (20 acres) boasting a large collection of trees, shrubs, perennials, bulbs and tubers. This is a real treasure trove for any plant lover.

Honingerdijk 86 ~ Sat 10:00 - 12:00, Sun 14:00 - 17:00 ~ Meet 45 min before at WTC



Guided tour Feyenoord stadium - Experience the thrill of Dutch football with a tour in the iconic stadium of the Dutch champion. Explore the team's rich history, visit the dressing rooms and see the hallowed turf where legends have played.

Van Zandvlietplein 1 ~ Wed 14:00 - 16:00 ~ Meet 45 mins before at WTC



Guided tour of Rotterdam City Hall - Rotterdam City Hall was built between 1914 and 1920 and was designed by Professor Henri Evers. It is one of the few buildings in the city center that survived the bombings of May 14, 1940. Bring your ID.

Coolsingel 40 ~ Fri 09:00 - 10:00, 13:30 - 14:30 ~ Meet 15 mins before at City hall or 30 minutes before at WTC



Historical tram ride - ightseeing Rotterdam in an other way. An oldtimer-tram from 1931 will drive you through Rotterdam-city during 1.5 hour. You will see highlights from this beautiful city while driving comfortably in this historic tram.

WTC ~ Wed 14:30 - 16:00, Thu 10:00 - 11:30, Fri 10:00 - 11:30 ~ Meet 15 mins before at WTC



I Draw R'dam - Guided drawing/walking tour (2.5km) through the center of Rotterdam. You'll draw typical Rotterdam elements around a Polaroid photo of you, such as the Markethall and the cube houses, to create a 'Greetings from Rotterdam postcard'.

Overblaak 85-87 ~ Thu 10:00 - 12:30 ~ Meet 15 mins before at WTC




Smartphone Photography Photowalk - Else Kramer - Want to learn how to take amazing pictures with your smartphone AND enjoy some iconic sights of Rotterdam? Then sign up for this outdoor workshop/ photowalk with Else Kramer.

Sat 14:00 - 16:00 ~ Meet 15 min before at WTC






The Rotterdam bicycling infrastructure: “Cycling-Mekka” or still need for improvement? - Seen from other countries the bicycling infrastructure in the Netherlands seems to be a “Mekka”. Can the “Fietzersbond” indeed be satisfied or are there still important needs for improvement? 


Fri 14:00 - 16:00



The Van Nellefabriek: pinnacle of ‘het Nieuwe Bouwen’ (city tour) - The Van Nelle company traded and produced tropical products, like coffee, tea and tabacco. Built between 1927 and 1930, designed by Leendert van der Vlugt. 


Van Nelleweg 1 ~ Thu 14:00 - 15:30 ~ Meet 30 min before at WTC



Tower ascent Laurens-church (guided tour) - Climb the tower of the medieval Laurenschurch and enjoy a spectacular view of Rotterdam. An enthusiastic guide tells “the story of the tower” during the climb. 

Grotekerkplein 27 ~ Sat 12:00 - 13:00, 13:30 - 14:30 ~ Meet 15 min before at WTC




Visit to the floating cow farm - Are you passionate about sustainability and the possibilities of circular farming? Join us for an introduction to the world’s only floating farm and a guided tour through the cow stables. 

Gustoweg ~ Wed 10:00 - 12:00, Thu 14:00 - 16:00, Fri 14:00 - 16:00 ~ Meet 45 mins before at WTC

Explore the city



Architecture city centre & Zuid (bike tour) - This Architecture Bike Tour visits all the architectural highlights of Rotterdam: the centre and southern Rotterdam. Our architecture guide will lead you to the main architectural attractions of Rotterdam like the Cube Houses, the Markthal or the ‘vertical city’. 


Fri 09:30 - 12:00



Beer & Brewery (bike tour) - Rotterdam has a rich beer culture with many local breweries spread all over town and plenty tasting options in ‘proeflokalen’ (tasting rooms) with a fine selection of great beers. A well-informed city guide will take you cycling criss-cross all over Rotterdam. 

Fri 14:00 - 17:00



Delfshaven: historic port & Pilgrim Fathers (City walk) - With this tour you will learn more about the fascinating history of picturesque Delfshaven and all its interesting sights. Founded in 1389, it only became part of Rotterdam in 1886. Here the Pilgrim Fathers departed to North America. 

Thu 14:00 - 16:00 ~ Meet 30 min before at WTC



Discover the green gems in the concrete jungle (bike tour)



- Rotterdam has a lot of hidden green gems. Little parks in the neighbourhoods, the English gardens in Kralingen, public green along the 'singels'. Your guide takes you through the city, from one green spot to another.

Wed 14:00 - 16:30



History meets modern architecture, next to the coolest neighbourhood (city walk)



- At the Wilhelminapier history meets modern urban architecture. The iconic Hotel New York, 'De Rotterdam', Katendrecht, and the old harbour district.

Koninginnenhoofd 1 ~ Fri 14:00 - 16:00 ~ Meet 30 min before at WTC



History of Rotterdam: Progressive thinkers & prosperous traders (City walk)



- The modern metropolis of Rotterdam has a rich history and a tolerant religious mindset. Our guide will lead you through the Dutch Golden Age, the Port, the bombardment in World War II and the modern architecture.

Thu 14:00 - 16:00 ~ Meet at WTC



Iconic highlights Rotterdam (city walk) - A well informed guide takes you on an entertaining and informative tour. You will visit iconic places like the Central Station, the famous Cube Houses, the popular Market Hall and the Depot Boijmans Van Beuningen.



Wed 09:30 - 11:30, Thu 09:30 - 11:30, Fri 20:00 - 22:00



Oude Haven (city walk) - This tour will take you through the centrally located Oude Haven, Wijnhaven and Leuvehaven, part of the original harbour of Rotterdam. Expect some special architecture, like the first skyscraper of Europe and the old docks.



Geldersekade 1C ~ Thu 20:00 - 22:00, Fri 20:00 - 22:00 ~ Meet 15 min before at WTC



Rooftop tour - An enthusiastic and knowledgeable guide from Inside Rotterdam will take you on to rooftops that are normally restricted or not accessible.



WTC ~ Wed 13:30 - 16:00, 14:00 - 16:30, Thu 14:00 - 16:30, Fri 13:30 - 16:00, 14:00 - 16:30, Sat 09:30 - 12:00, 10:00 - 12:30, 10:30 - 13:00, 11:00 - 13:30, 14:30 - 17:00



Rotterdam in WWII; the bombing and rebuilding of the city (city walk)



- The tour will take you along parts of the 12 km long Fire Line Boundary. You'll learn about Rotterdam pre, during and post WWII, the chances and challenges that came with the rebuilding.

Fri 09:30 - 11:30



Street & Art (city walk) - When it comes to street art and art in the public domain, Rotterdam has built quite a name for herself. This tour will take you past 40(ish) works of art: sculptures, installations, murals and graffiti art. ❄️

Fri 14:00 - 16:00



The authentic and colourful Old North (City walk) - The "Oude Noorden" is popular thanks to the many original bistros, (coffee)bars, shops and boutiques. Our local guide will show you the old "singels" (canals) and squares, and the birthplace of Willem de Kooning. ❄️

Thu 09:30 - 11:30



The unique landmark architecture of Rotterdam (city walk) - Rotterdam is the perfect place for anyone fascinated by innovative and modern architecture. Rotterdam was already before the devastating bombardment in WWII, the capital of the 'Nieuwe Bouwen' - modernist architecture. ❄️

Wed 14:00 - 16:00, Thu 14:00 - 16:00

Escape rooms



Enigma - Rotterdam is under the spell of a psychopath. A maniac that kidnaps people and subjects them to the most horrific crimes. He offers them an impossible choice: us or them? 📍

Diergaardesingel 67a ~ Wed 12:00 - 13:30, 14:00 - 15:30, 16:00 - 17:30, Thu 16:00 - 17:30, Fri 18:00 - 19:30, Sat 10:00 - 11:30



La Residence - Nicolaas van Teutem had his doubts as a minister of the Arminian community. What happened to him? Recently a bottle was found containing his notes and formulas for an elixir of life. 📍

Museumpark 5 ~ Thu 16:00 - 17:30, Fri 18:00 - 19:30, Sat 10:00 - 11:30, 16:00 - 17:30



Lab 13 - In the 1950s, the Russians carried out experiments in Lab 13 that could not bear the light of day. Rumours say, the lab is still in use. Defence does not want to respond. A specially trained team is to carry out the initial reconnaissance.... You? 📍

Westblaak 13 ~ Thu 17:45 - 19:15, Fri 10:15 - 11:45, Sat 11:45 - 13:15



L'Architecte - During construction work in the cellar of the Arminius church, a secret room was discovered, suspected to be the secret office of the church's architect. With the ticking clock in the background, your team investigates the smallest details to solve this mystery. 📍

Museumpark 5 ~ Fri 10:00 - 11:30, 16:00 - 17:30, Sat 14:00 - 15:30



Room 1409 - In the last few years, there has been increasing talk about room 1409 of the Skyhotel in Rotterdam. It seems that most guests who spend the night in this room never check out the next morning... Curious? Then book Room 1409!

Westblaak 13 ~ Thu 19:45 - 21:15, Fri 16:45 - 18:15, 22:45 - 23:59, Sat 13:45 - 15:15



The Boiler Room - According to the latest indications, Sophie should be in here. Without hesitation you enter the boiler room of a largely burned-down flat. Will you manage to find her and escape before you're found?

Westblaak 13 ~ Thu 19:30 - 21:00, Fri 12:00 - 13:30, Sat 13:30 - 15:00



The Book of Mystery - Legend has it that there's a mysterious book in a house with dark forces. Are you able to unravel the mystery of the book and escape the house?

Diergaardesingel 67a ~ Wed 10:20 - 11:50, Thu 16:20 - 17:50, 22:20 - 23:50, Fri 18:20 - 19:50, Sat 16:20 - 17:50, Sun 14:20 - 15:50, 18:20 - 19:50



The Safehouse - You were unexpectedly and unintentionally witness to a reckoning in the Rotterdam underworld. In anticipation of the trial, you are temporarily housed in a Safe House at a secret location... because that's safe... isn't it?

Westblaak 13 ~ Thu 10:00 - 11:30, 17:30 - 19:00, Fri 10:00 - 11:30, 20:30 - 22:00, Sat 11:30 - 13:00



Fun & Games



Abseil down the Euromast - Are you looking for an adrenaline rush? Abseil down the Euromast from a height of a 100 meters. The reward is the most beautiful view of Rotterdam. The experienced and certified instructors guarantee safety.

Parkhaven 20 ~ Sat 10:00 - 19:00



Amsterdam Pride Canal Parade visit - On Saturday the annual Amsterdam Pride canal parade will take place. The best LGBTQI+ party in the Netherlands (and surrounding countries) during the summer. Those who want to attend this magnificent party can go to Amsterdam as a group.

Amsterdam ~ Sat 10:00 - 17:00 ~ Meet at WTC




Euromast, Euroscope (guided tour) - During this tour of the Euromast you will Experience Rotterdam from a whole new perspective, 185 meters above ground! The Euroscope offers a unique experience that allows you to witness the stunning views of the city and its World Port.

Parkhaven 20 ~ Thu 10:30 - 11:30 ~ Meet 30 mins before at WTC






European Mensa's Soccer Championship - On a top location, directly next to the Feyenoord stadion "de Kuip" national teams can battle against each other for the European Mensa's Soccer Championship. So put together a team and join for this championship! 



Buitendijk 100 ~ Thu 12:30 - 14:30



Harbour cruise Pancake Boat - Sail along the waters of Rotterdam where you can enjoy stunning views of the imposing skyline of Rotterdam's famous and bold architecture, while you enjoy unlimited freshly baked pancakes. 


Parkhaven 13 ~ Thu 12:30 - 13:45, Sat 12:30 - 13:45 ~ Meet 30 mins before at WTC



Harp song concert - Marja de Jong - On Friday evening August 4th sweet-voiced Marja de Jong will give an inspiring concert with contagious enthusiasm in our beautiful City Church. Be caressed by heavenly harp sounds and a velvet voice. Gems from various times and regions. 



Hang 18 ~ Fri 20:00 - 21:00



Jigsaw competition - Attention puzzle enthusiasts! Get ready to put your skills to the test with our jigsaw competition. You and three others will be given a 1000-piece puzzle to complete. This is your chance to showcase your patience, focus, and attention to detail while competing with other puzzle enthusiasts. 


WTC ~ Thu 10:00 - 12:00



Karaokebar Fame - One of the big happenings of Mensa gatherings like EMAG is always: karaoke! Come and listen to your fellow mensans and if the time is right: pick your favorite song and go for it! From 20:00 to 22:00 it's mensans-only! 


Nieuwe binnenweg 99-B ~ Thu 20:00 - 22:00 ~ Meet 15 mins before at WTC



Kralingen forest Archery Tag - Archery Tag is a crossing between paintball and dodgeball, only you play with a bow and arrow. The game is active and, thanks to the special arrows and face protection, also very safe. There are several bow and arrow games you can play in our forest. 

Langepad 71 ~ Fri 10:00 - 11:30



Kralingen forest climbing experience - Experience the beauty of Kralingen Forest in a unique and exciting way with a treetop climbing adventure. Test your skills as you navigate through challenging obstacles and zip lines of the climbing courses. 

Langepad 71 ~ Fri 10:00 - 13:00, 10:30 - 13:30, 12:00 - 15:00, 13:00 - 16:00, 13:30 - 16:30, 15:00 - 18:00



Kralingen Lake canoe experience - Experience Kralingen Lake from the water and unwind with a relaxing 2 hour canoe ride. Both single and double canoes are available.

Langepad 71 ~ Fri 10:00 - 12:00, 12:00 - 14:00, 14:00 - 16:00, 16:00 - 18:00



Kralingen Lake SUP experience - Looking for water sports in Rotterdam? Then Fun Forest is the place to be! Come and enjoy an afternoon of Supping on the glistening water. Make your way past the sailing boats, take a look at the bird island from your SUP all the way to the other side of the lake.

Langepad 71 ~ Fri 10:00 - 11:30, 11:30 - 13:00, 14:30 - 16:00



Laser game Black Swan - Experience an exciting laser game in the hold of the ship The Black Swan. Descend into the hold and imagine yourself in a submarine, with the sound of sonar and water. In the engine room, you'll be prepared for the battle.

Parkhaven 9 ~ Sat 11:00 - 12:20, 12:20 - 13:40 ~ Meet 30 mins before at WTC



Midgetgolf Euromast - Come and enjoy a fun game of miniature golf on the 18-hole course of Midget Golf Course Parkhaven, in the middle of bustling Rotterdam, next to the Euromast and the Park. Every course is different and as you move from course to course, it gets harder with fun obstacles.

Parkhaven 22 ~ Thu 11:00 - 12:15 ~ Meet 30 mins before at WTC



Nationaal Videogame Museum in Zoetermeer - Step into the world of the videogames. Play the classics and learn all about the ins and outs during a guided tour behind the screens. Suited for young and old. There is a special square for children with all kind of videogame classics that can be played.

Theaterplein 11 ~ Fri 14:00 - 18:00 ~ Meet 1 hr before at WTC



Parkrun Kralingen Forest - Parkrun Kralingen is a weekly 5km run that takes place in the beautiful Kralingse Bos park in Rotterdam. It is free for everyone to join and is a great way to stay active and meet people.

Kralingsebos, Plaszoom ~ Sat 09:00 - 12:00 ~ Meet 1:15 before at WTC



Pubquiz?! - Menno Spek - A wish of many fulfilled! A pub quiz and yet it isn't.... because it's not a real pub. Visit "Pub EMAG" in "girls' best friend"-room where non alcoholic coffee, tea and fresh fruity water are waiting for you! Menno Spek is world famous in Mensa Netherlands for his pub quizzes.

WTC Diamond 2 ~ Sat 14:00 - 17:00



RIB-boat tour - Jump aboard the RIB and feel the adrenaline! Fly at top speed across the river Maas and hang on for the ride of your life. You use the speed of the mega-fast boat to see everything of Rotterdam. We sail past the skyline and the ports.
Parkhaven 13 ~ Fri 15:00 - 15:30, Sat 11:00 - 11:30, 13:00 - 13:30, 15:00 - 15:30 ~ Meet 30 mins before at WTC



Segway tour - Move through Rotterdam on a Segway. With this unique means of transport you can conquer the Rotterdam Erasmus Bridge with ease and travel kilometers without difficulty. Relax and enjoy the beautiful city.
Parkhaven 9 ~ Thu 20:30 - 21:45, Fri 09:30 - 10:45 ~ Meet 30 mins before at WTC



Shooting 101 - Arjen van der Lely - During this time we will introduce you to three or more types of weapons to shoot with. There will be a competition, but you have to abide by whatever the instructors tell you to do. Safety above all.
Maarland Noordzijde 104, Brielle ~ Thu 19:00 - 21:00, Sat 11:00 - 13:00, 14:00 - 16:00 ~ Meet 2 hrs before at WTC



Splashtour amphibian bus: harbour cruise + city tour - An unforgettable experience! You will see the most special and beautiful spots of Rotterdam during the city tour. Then comes the splash: the spectacular dive into the river Meuse.
Parkhaven 11 ~ Thu 11:30 - 12:30, Fri 14:30 - 15:30 ~ Meet 30 mins before at WTC



Visit to the Dutch Pinball Museum - The Dutch Pinball Museum offers you the opportunity to learn about the rich history of this magic phenomenon, and to experience the feeling of flow for yourself by playing the 100+ pinball games, that span a period from the early beginnings in the thirties until 2023.
Voorhaven 12 ~ Thu 19:00 - 21:00 ~ Meet 30 mins before at WTC

Tours



Cheese making (workshop) - Do you love cheese and do you want to know more about this whole process and the ins and outs of cheese-making? Join this tour and have fun while making your own cheese. After the workshop you'll get a lunch.
Geerweg 7, Zoeterwoude ~ Thu 08:45 - 14:15



Daytrip to Kinderdijk - Explore the windmill village of Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Travel back in time to a world of old Dutch mills and walk through the centuries-old buildings of a beautiful village.
Thu 10:00 - 17:00 ~ Meet 1 hr before at WTC



Delft, a walk through history - Vermeer made the city views of Delft world famous. Go there yourself and walk through the famous old centre of Delft. A lot of the iconic buildings in Old Delft were built in the Middle Ages: churches, monasteries, guild houses and of course the canals. ❄️

Fri 09:30 - 12:15 ~ Meet 45 min before at WTC



Dordrecht - A tour to Visit the old town of Dordrecht and enjoy some of its many gems! Full day or half day (lunch included). Travel by touring car (included). ❄️

Thu 10:30 - 17:00, Sat 10:30 - 15:00 ~ Meet 1:30 before at WTC



High tec port: Maasvlakte 2 & Futureland (day trip boat) - This day trip takes you to the very tip of the vast Rotterdam port area, the Second Maasvlakte. Where the sea used to be, huge harbor cranes now load and unload containers on and off the largest ships in the world. ❄️

Sun 10:00 - 17:30 ~ Meet 30 min before at WTC



Natural island and green oasis Tiengemeten (day trip boat) - This boat trip brings you to the oasis Tiengemeten, an almost uninhabited natural island in the Haringvliet. If you want to see a beautiful landscape with birds such as the osprey, beavers and Scottish highlanders, this trip is for you. ❄️

Wed 10:00 - 18:30 ~ Meet 30 min before at WTC

Art & Science



ESTEC - Visit the research centre of the European Space Agency! Enter the controlled security area and learn about what is happening at ESA. Visit the labs where they research materials, 3D printing for space, and a space plane. Bring your ID. ❄️

Noordwijk ~ Fri 10:30 - 15:00, 14:00 - 18:30 ~ Meet 1:45 before at WTC



Space Expo - Space Expo is the visitor centre of ESA ESTEC. Go on an exciting voyage through the universe. Walk through a 1:1 scale model of the International Space Station (ISS) and past a 1:1 model of the moonlander Eagle of 1969. Bring your ID. ❄️

Noordwijk ~ Fri 10:30 - 15:00, 14:00 - 18:30 ~ Meet 1:45 before at WTC



Combined tour: ESTEC & Space Expo - Visit both the ESTEC and the Space Expo in one trip! Bring your ID. ❄️

Noordwijk ~ Thu 13:30 - 18:15 ~ Meet 1:45 before at WTC



De Kunsthal (guided tour) - The exhibition Mind Expanders features a selection of works made between 1967 and 1972, by Haus-Rucker-Co, an exuberant and rebellious Vienna-based collective of architects and artists.

Westzeedijk 341 ~ Wed 14:00 - 16:00, Fri 14:00 - 16:00, Sat 14:00 - 16:00 ~ Meet 15 mins before at WTC



Fossil hunt Maasvlakte - The Maasvlakte, west of Rotterdam, is a beach where the Pleistocene stratum is very close to the surface. That makes it ideal for finding many little fossils, and even remains of mammoths, giant deer and the woolly rhinoceros.

Thu 09:30 - 11:30 ~ Meet 1 hr before at WTC



Guided tour Depot Boijmans van Beuningen - The depot is the newest addition to Rotterdam's splendid collection of modern architecture, storing the enormous collection of the Boijmans van Beuningen museum during their renovation.

Museumpark 24 ~ Thu 13:30 - 16:00, Fri 13:30 - 16:00, Sat 13:30 - 16:00 ~ Meet 30 mins before at WTC



Het Nieuwe Instituut: architecture, design & digital culture

- The Nieuwe Instituut is the Netherlands' national museum for architecture, design and digital culture, and a platform for the creative industry. It has various exhibition spaces and an extensive architecture collection.

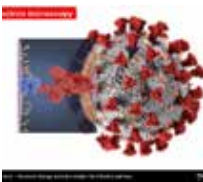
Museumpark 25 ~ Thu 10:00 - 13:30 ~ Meet 30 min before at WTC



Huis Sonneveld: modernism anno 1930 (guided tour) - One

of the best-preserved homes built in the Dutch Functionalist style. Designed in the 1930s by Brinkman and Van der Vlugt, in close collaboration with W.H. Gispen.

Jongkindstraat 12 ~ Thu 10:00 - 11:00, Sat 14:00 - 15:00 ~ Meet 30 min before at WTC



Plunge in the world of microscopy - Camille Bail - Visit to ThermoFisher Scientific in Eindhoven. Did you ever wonder what a hair or individual atoms look like? Are you interested in seeing them and understanding how we can observe them? Then let's take a plunge into the world of microscopy!

Achtseweg Noord 5, Eindhoven ~ Thu 08:30 - 17:45 ~ Meet at WTC



Two top exhibitions: M.C. Escher & Henry Moore (The Hague)

- Combined visit to two exhibitions: M.C. Escher, the acclaimed Dutch lithographer with a mathematical streak, and Henry Moore, with his typical organic sculptures.

The Hague ~ Thu 10:00 - 18:30 ~ Meet 1 hr before at WTC





Voorlinden museum & gardens - Discover a world of art at Museum Voorlinden and explore artworks and exhibitions dedicated to one artist. Marvel at works of art borrowed from other museums, including the Highlights on permanent display.
Buurtweg 90, Wassenaar ~ Sat 10:00 - 16:00 ~ Meet 1:30 before at WTC



Lectures



1000 days, 1000 pictures - Corinna Kunze - In May 2020 Corinna started her project called 'kreative Challenge' on discord in 'Hotel Mensa'. On November 1st 2020 Corinna started to focus on painting and drawing on a daily basis. On July 28th she will have reached her goal of 1000 Pictures in 1000 Days.
WTC Van Walsum ~ Thu 14:00 - 16:00



1421, The flood that profoundly changed the geography - Sietse Altena - The St. Elizabeth's flood of 1421 is known as the flood that forever changed the map of parts of the southwestern Netherlands and is responsible for the nowadays pattern of water courses in the area around the city of Dordrecht.
WTC Blue room ~ Thu 16:00 - 18:00



A different view on climate change - Kurt Fuchs - Climate Change is the challenge of our time. The dominating narrative is that we have to stop climate change, or at least minimise it to 1.5 °C, maximum 2.0 °C. The bad news is: We will not make it, neither stop it, nor limit it to the mentioned amount.
WTC JF Staal ~ Thu 16:00 - 18:00



Academic Acceleration to Maximize Talent Development - Keri Guilbault (Johns Hopkins University) - Students have the right to access an educational program that matches their cognitive ability. Research on acceleration is overwhelmingly positive for both academic and social-emotional outcomes.
WTC Blue room ~ Fri 10:00 - 12:00



Age related hearing loss, hearing aids and keeping IQ at high level - Cora Guse - Blindness separates us from things - but deafness separates us from people. Cora Guse, Mensan from Germany, has been working for more than 30 years as a hearing healthcare professional.
WTC Goudriaan 1 ~ Fri 10:00 - 12:00



An introduction to transformative fanworks - Laura Liems - This (mostly lighthearted) lecture will focus on the history of creating art inspired by others. From Michelangelo's David to Disney erotica, from Dante's Inferno to My Immortal - the human mind is a weird and wonderful place of creation.
WTC Goudriaan 2 ~ Thu 16:00 - 18:00





Bangladesh - Uwe Michael Neumann - Bangladesh - a place with extreme poverty, rapid population growth and factories where T-shirts are being produced under slave-like conditions and women have no rights in this Muslim country. At least that is what most Europeans think.



WTC Van Veecken ~ Fri 16:00 - 18:00



Bodies in water, diagnostics per exclusionem - Pathologist Anatomist Frank van de Goot - Frank van de Goot, a well known name in the Netherlands is willing to give us an insight into the world of forensic pathology.



WTC Goudriaan 1/2 ~ Thu 14:00 - 16:00



Cybersecurity: Improving online security - perianwyr

When it comes to online security everything seems foggy, confusing, difficult and time consuming. If someone tells you that security is simple, and that you will be able to hack the NSA, that is a lie. What we can do at least is to fight misconceptions.



WTC Van Veecken ~ Thu 10:00 - 12:00



Cybersecurity; Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid - Rick Trilling (Wentworth Institute of Technology)

- Why you should care, what's at risk and how you can protect yourself & your organization.



WTC JF Staal ~ Fri 10:00 - 12:00



Dealing with future challenges in water management -

Chris Zevenbergen - Dealing with future challenges in water management. Recent experiences from The Netherlands and the Global South.



WTC Van Leeuwen 2 ~ Thu 10:00 - 12:00



Decision-making in The Netherlands: The Polder Model -

Paul Boogaard - The term polder model is part of Dutch culture. It is used in politics, business, and all kinds of situations in which people will have to work together despite their differences. But what exactly is the polder model and how does it work?



WTC Goudriaan 2 ~ Fri 12:00 - 14:00



Disrupting Education: The Future of Learning with AI and Technology - Joaquim Virgili

- This thought-provoking lecture explores the transformative impact of artificial intelligence and technology on the educational landscape, and discusses how they are revolutionizing the way we teach and learn.



WTC JF Staal ~ Thu 10:00 - 12:00



Evolutionary psychology: the 'why' in psychology - Mark Van Peteghem - Evolution not only applies to physical fitness, but also to behavior. Our emotions, social behaviors, and decision-making processes influenced the chances of survival and reproduction of our ancestors.



WTC Goudriaan 1/2 ~ Thu 12:00 - 14:00



Exploring the connecting power of water to shape our future - Caroline Figueres, Strategic water advisor - Water is essential to life and has the power to connect us in different ways: it's 70% of the human body, rivers connect areas, and without water no food.



WTC Van Walsum ~ Sat 14:00 - 16:00



Extreme IoT - Pushing the limits of the Internet of Things - Suryansh Sharma, TU Delft - This interactive and thought-provoking session will explore the remarkable world of smart devices. These devices hold immense potential to benefit us even in applications that confront extreme limits.



WTC Goudriaan 1 ~ Thu 16:00 - 18:00



From Risks to Resilience: Rotterdam's Resilience Strategy - Maarten Nijpels en Kinga Feenstra - Rotterdam is world-renowned for its adaptation to climate change. A reason for the Rockefeller Foundation to invite us to join their resilience challenge, to share our experiences and learn from other cities.



WTC Van Walsum ~ Thu 16:00 - 18:00



Giftedness in practice. Strengthening personal leadership in gifted adults - Rianne van de Ven - Many gifted adults were not recognized as being gifted as children simply because knowledge of giftedness did not exist. How can they learn to acknowledge and develop their potential?



WTC JF Staal ~ Fri 14:00 - 16:00



Green Aviation - Oasis or Mirage - Judson Rollins - A lecture about propulsion technologies, economic feasibility, regulatory hurdles, and more. Green aviation, an oasis or a mirage?



WTC Blue room ~ Thu 10:00 - 12:00



How Nightly Dreams May Add Rich Flavors to the Dish of Daily Life - by Barbara Koning - In her presentation psychologist Barbara Koning will share her love for dreams. Through offering background information and examples, she'll share how we can get enriched by paying more attention to our dreams.



WTC Blue room ~ Fri 14:00 - 16:00



How to create a fulfilling career for exceptional talents? - Frans Corten - Exceptional talents quickly suffer from boredom. They can flourish in tasks that have no core talent underneath. Or they struggle with a simple task, where a complex task is right up their alley. Thinking outside the box is needed.
WTC Van Walsum ~ Thu 10:00 - 12:00, Sat 16:00 - 17:30



Hypnosis and erotic play - Herman Umans - In media and movies hypnosis is used as a tool to influence people and take them over completely. But hypnosis is not so spectacular and fantastic. However, it is possible to use hypnosis in a safe way during erotic play and role play.
WTC Diamond 1 ~ Thu 20:00 - 22:00, Fri 20:00 - 22:00



IBD Perth, not everything is trying to kill you - Kimberley Wilson - Kimberley Wilson, former Australian Mensa chair and director for the IBD meeting in Perth in 2024 will talk about the event and associated tours and then give a light hearted talk on the unique wildlife of Australia.
WTC Goudriaan 2 ~ Fri 16:00 - 18:00



Informal and Incomplete - Sven Storms - An informal(ish) introduction to the early history of foundations of mathematics and proof theory.
WTC Van Veeken ~ Thu 16:00 - 18:00



Intellectually (dis)abled?! - Einstein said: "Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." What if we start looking at our talents? The crew members of the ASVZ Event Academy have all been diagnosed with an intellectual disability.
WTC Van Veeken ~ Thu 14:00 - 16:00



Nordic Mensa Fund

Making Mensa about more than drinking together - the Nordic Mensa Fund - Monika Orski and Janne Sylvest - While the social aspect is important, Mensa's purpose to encourage intelligence research should not be forgotten. Follow the story of creating the Nordic Mensa Fund to this purpose.
WTC Van Veeken ~ Fri 12:00 - 14:00



Stichting Mensa Fonds

Mensa Foundation in the Netherlands (presentation) - Grethe van Geffen & Willem Bouwens - The Netherlands Mensa Foundation was founded April 2013, so this year we celebrate our 10th anniversary. It has become a highly respected organization by those involved and interested in giftedness.
WTC Van Walsum ~ Sat 10:00 - 12:00





Patents: one idea can make you rich (or poor) - Markus Schauler - Patents and mainstream media: a difficult relationship! As The Netherlands hosts one of the worlds largest 'patent producers', the EMAG in Rotterdam is the right place to get some insights into the patent system.

WTC Van Veenen ~ Fri 14:00 - 16:00



Pension systems for dummies: how to deal with longevity risk? - Fieke van der Lecq - This lecture intends to bring the audience up to speed on the way pension systems work, and why they differ across countries.

WTC Goudriaan 2 ~ Fri 10:00 - 12:00



Planetary boundaries - Julien Weyer - Planetary boundaries describe limits to the impacts of human activities on the Earth system. Beyond those, the environment may not be able to self-regulate anymore. The Earth system would leave the stability of the Holocene, in which human society developed.

WTC Van Walsum ~ Sat 16:15 - 17:45



The State of Global Cybersecurity Threat in 2023: Malicious Actors, Intelligence, and Tools - Hubert Chenut - In the digital age, the threat of cyber attacks continues to grow. Malicious actors are increasingly sophisticated in their tactics, making it more challenging to detect and prevent cyber threats.

WTC JF Staal ~ Sat 14:00 - 16:00



Travel the world with SIGHT - Henkhenk Broekhuizen and Andrea Schwelm - Want to meet other mensans during travels? Join SIGHT. Are you able to supply information, perhaps willing to meet traveling mensans: join SIGHT! Have a place for someone to stay one or more nights? Join SIGHT!

WTC JF Staal ~ Fri 13:00 - 13:45



Upgrade your communication: talk smarter to get what you want - Mia Liljeberg - Being a highly intelligent person is a Gift in our amazing way of thinking, and it is a Curse in our struggles with communication. You'll walk away with a smart model to communicate with anyone and get what you want.

WTC Goudriaan 1/2 ~ Thu 10:00 - 12:00



World of data intro - Peter & Daria Huszar - This hour starts with a question: I am a lawyer, doctor, bookkeeper, marketing expert, company owner, ... (you name it): What does data mean to me? By the end of the hour you'll be able to join any conversation about data.

WTC Van Leeuwen 1 ~ Thu 14:00 - 15:00



Workshops



Bachata - Ignacio Blanco - Bachata means festive joy (juerga) and impetuous fun (diversión bulliciosa). Though the music is not as fast as the salsa music it will stand for a lot of fun. Ignacio will teach you the basics of this dance so you will be able to dance and just enjoy the music. .



WTC ~ Thu 16:00 - 18:00



Ballroom Dancing Quick step, Chacha - Marja van Ingen Schenau-Roovers - Fun for everyone while learning Chachacha and Quickstep. With experience and enthusiasm Marja will teach you how to dance these classical dances. Bring your good mood and shoes suited for dancing and enjoy the music.



WTC ~ Thu 14:00 - 16:00



Ballroom Dancing Slow Waltz, Jive - Marja van Ingen Schenau-Roovers - In this workshop you will learn the basics of two ballroom dances: The Slow waltz and the Jive. Marja will radiate pleasure and enthusiasm while teaching you how to have fun while dancing. No experience or partner needed.



WTC ~ Fri 14:00 - 16:00



Card set for coaching, therapy and self-coaching of gifted adults - Noks Nauta & Alma Dreković - The first card set for coaching, therapy and self-coaching of gifted adults is presented in an interactive presentation. Released in March 2023 in German, with the aim to publish in English, French and Dutch.



WTC Goudriaan 1 ~ Fri 14:00 - 16:00



Consent starts in the body, not the head - Magali Rozec - Saying yes, saying no, saying what you want. Easy to say. But, not always easy to do. The sensations of the body are useful to feel what is good for us, what resonates with our real desires, beyond what we tell ourselves about what we should do.



WTC Goudriaan 1 ~ Fri 16:00 - 18:00



Creating waterfigurines for children ages 6+ and adults - Lydia van Rookhuijzen - Using various shapes (Styrofoam) and attractive, colourful and friendly covering materials (putty with various textures - foam, silk, pearl) you can create the most beautiful and funny figurines.



WTC Van Leeuwen 1 ~ Fri 10:00 - 12:00



Creative Candles - Ilona Boeren & Elisabeth Brandsma - With 3D paint we're going to decorate candles ... it's fun !!! You also get a transparent box to save and easily transport the candles ... it will be a nice present too. And if you do it right, after burning you can use the decoration again on a new candle ;-)



WTC Van Leeuwen 1 ~ Fri 14:00 - 16:00, 16:00 - 18:00



Cuddle Party - by Magali Rozec - Craving for cuddles? Or feeling a need to clarify your YESes and NOs in your communication? This is a fun place where to learn how to communicate better what you want (as in 'more kindly and successfully'), including the non sexual touch that would make you feel good.

WTC Diamond 2 ~ Fri 19:30 - 22:30



Decorate a wooden shoe - Charlotte Hoyng & Stefanie den Adel - Step into the world of traditional Dutch culture and decorate your own wooden shoe. Personalize a plain wooden shoe and transform it into a one-of-a-kind eye-catching painted souvenir. From artful colorful designs to intricate patterns.

WTC Van Leeuwen 2 ~ Thu 14:00 - 16:00



Do I tell it at work ...(and how)!? - Grethe van Geffen & Angela Riddering - Many Mensans doubt if they can/want to talk about their high giftedness at work. What consequences could it have? What is a suitable occasion? This workshop offers a safe environment to talk about the pros and cons.

WTC Van Walsum ~ Fri 10:00 - 12:00



Dreams: travelling through dream space by dream shuttle -Barbara Koning (for children) - Join our dream workshop for high IQ kids and unleash your creativity and imagination. Explore the world of dreams and learn about their importance in consolidating our daily experiences.

WTC Van Leeuwen 1 ~ Sat 10:00 - 12:00



Expedition Mundus (for adults) - Charlotte Hoyng - An exciting game with research questions to explore a planet. Work like a team of scientists to gather information, exchange data and publish results. Science is not about 'knowing a lot', but about curiosity, creativity and logical thinking.

WTC Van Walsum ~ Fri 14:00 - 16:00



General introduction to the world of data - Peter & Daria Huszar - Interested in working on a data problem and seeing results in real-time? Use actual tools and feel the power of automation and citizen development. We will use MS Excel - no other IT knowledge is required.

WTC Van Leeuwen 1 ~ Thu 15:00 - 18:00




HIQ and procrastination for adults - Else Kramer - Do you keep procrastinating on tasks? Then this workshop is for you! Mastercoach and Mensa Member Kramer will teach you what procrastination is, how to decide whether it's useful rather than useless and how to stop procrastinating and start doing.

WTC Diamond 2 ~ Fri 10:00 - 12:00






I want this - Maaïke Rekers - I WANT THIS is an easy, fun and powerful card game to playfully gain insight into: human needs, behaviour, giftedness, personal development, emotion regulation and communication. 


WTC Van Walsum ~ Fri 16:00 - 18:00



If it were my dream... (adults) - Barbara Koning - In this workshop participants can share dream images. The group method protects the privacy of the dreamers. A selected dreamer tells a dream, the other participants may only ask certain types of questions and will be guided about that part. 


WTC Blue room ~ Fri 16:00 - 18:00



Improvisational Theater for beginners and advanced improvisors - Markus Gyger - Improv, that's theater without learning lines by heart! As if by magic, actors create scenes and whole stories. How do you make a whole play out of a few suggestions from the audience without agreeing on a plot? 


WTC Van Veeken ~ Sat 14:00 - 16:00



Interactive talk: Systemic question techniques - the right question at the right time - Markus Gyger - You will be introduced to question techniques from the toolbox of systemic coaching. The aim is to expand your feeling for questions and their effect through input, exercises and reflection. 


WTC Goudriaan 1/2 ~ Sat 10:00 - 12:00



Introduction to traditional Shotokan Karate - Karen Guethler - Karate is a martial art where you learn to use your hands and feet as weapons. You train mental skills such as concentration, attention and dialogue with your body. This introductory lesson touches upon the basics of traditional Shotokan Karate. 


WTC Van Veeken ~ Fri 10:00 - 12:00



Meet and greet LGBTIQ+ mensans - Yvonne Veltmaat - If you want to meet like minded people from all over the world attending EMAG2023, then this is the place to be on Thursday morning from 10 till 12. If there are enough people we will play a group game, if not we'll just chat and get to know each other. 

WTC Van Leeuwen 1 ~ Thu 10:00 - 12:00



Merengue - Ignacio Blanco - Just like the Bachata, the Merengue is a Dominican dance style with small steps and a lot of hip movement on swinging music. Although the rhythm of this dance is faster than the rhythm of a salsa, the basic step is easier. That's why everybody can learn to dance the Merengue. 

WTC ~ Fri 16:00 - 18:00



SIGHT Coordinators meeting - Henkhenk Broekhuizen and Andrea Schwelm - This meeting is intended for those who are a SIGHT coordinator (either national, regional or local), but also members interested in becoming a coordinator and/or want to participate to make SIGHT bigger and more fun!

WTC Van Veecken ~ Sat 13:00 - 14:00



Silent Disco - Do you love to dance but also like the occasional break from loud music? Then the silent disco is just what you are looking for. Between 19:00 and 20:30 it's for children (14-). From 20:30 to 24:00, the dance floor is free to go completely wild to great music (12+).

WTC ~ Fri 20:30 - 23:59



Smartphone photography - workshop & walk - Else Kramer - First you'll enjoy a fast and furious 45 minute smartphone photography workshop. After that you'll have the option to follow Else outside for a WhatsApp-guided mini Photowalk around the centre of Rotterdam.

Thu 12:30 - 14:00 ~ Meet at WTC



The Climate Fresk - Alina Neitzert and Dr. Thomas Bremer (Mensans for Sustainability) - This science based workshop aims to educate and raise awareness on climate change. Based on the IPCC reports, it explains how and why climate is changing at the current pace and the consequences of its disruption.

WTC Blue room ~ Sat 10:00 - 13:00



The Water Puzzle Workshop - Sophie Rapenne and Eva Golek (Mensans for Sustainability) - Discover the issues related to water, its availability, its uses, and its sensitivity to climate change. This workshop builds a global vision of the water cycle, using a card game.

WTC Blue room ~ Sat 14:00 - 17:00



Theatersports (Theater improvisation) - Iris Bijl - Theater sports is mainly about improvisation theater, so working in a loose and playful way, where having fun is paramount. The basis of theatersports is to accept what your fellow players 'put down' on stage and to respond to each other's ideas.

WTC JF Staal ~ Thu 14:00 - 16:00




Thinktank session - Are you an inventive problem solver who wants to make a difference? We're looking for creative individuals to collaborate on creative and innovative solutions for challenges facing Rotterdam. Let's put our heads together to create positive change!

WTC Blue room ~ Thu 14:00 - 16:00





Workshop Nail Art - Vanessa - Join our nail art workshop and learn how to create stunning designs for the EMAG gala dinner.  Nail artist Vanessa will guide you through the process of creating beautiful and unique nail art. Impress other guests with your skills and show off your glamorous nails at the gala.

WTC Van Leeuwen 1 ~ Sat 13:00 - 15:30

Program icons

Wondering where to meet, where to go, or how to get to your activity? Pay attention to the icons next to them. Their meaning is explained below.



When you see this icon, the group gathers at the WTC and departs collectively from there. Make sure you're at the WTC meeting point at the mentioned meeting time!



The flag indicates there will be a volunteer guiding you from the WTC to your location, but if you prefer you can travel there by yourself. The address is listed with the event. Be sure to be on time, either at WTC at the meeting time, or at the location at the start time.



This event takes place at the main venue. Check the room it is in, and make sure you are there on time.



For this event, tickets are bought in advance for the registered participants. These can be picked up at the goodie desk.



With this icon, participants are asked to travel to the location by themselves. Feel free to group up with other participants to travel together.



Bike tours can be done with your own bike, or with a rental bike. If you need to rent a bike, please be at the WTC 30 minutes in advance with an ID and 50 euro cash for your deposit. If you already have a bike, you can arrive 5 minutes in advance.



DIY Program

If you want to discover Rotterdam on your own there are also plenty of activities to choose from. We have a list on our website under the DIY section (<https://emag23.nl/diy>) and have selected just a few here.

If you are a runner, look at <https://www.rotterdam.nl/rotterdam-rent>, pick one of the running routes of different length and let the signposting on the pavements guide you. Of course, you can also enjoy the stunning view of the river just walking. Whatever you do during your time in Rotterdam, make sure to either walk or drive on the Maasboulevard from the Brienoord bridge to the Erasmus bridge.

If you prefer to watch sports: this week the World championship Racketlon is held in Tennis & Squash Centrum Victoria, Rotterdam. This includes Badminton, Squash, Tennis and Table tennis. World class top players in each individual sport are competing for the overall title with the single finals being played on Sunday.

If you haven't booked a tour with us on the water, make sure you take a Watercab ('Watertaxi'), visit the SS-Rotterdam, or take a Spido tour. The best places to have a drink or bite you will find at the Meent, the Witte de Withstraat and the 'Oude Haven', for Shopping go to 'De Koopgoot' or 'De Lijnbaan', all within a few minutes of walking. A little further, if you cross the bridge 'De Zwaan' and walk to the SS-Rotterdam you will also pass a restaurant area and crossing 'de Hoerenloper' will get you to cosy Katendrecht with some real nice restaurants and theaters.



There are plenty of museums as well in the neighborhood of the main venue. If you are looking for a quiet place, visit the parks near the must-see 'de Pot' or the Euromast.

On Friday from 12.30 - 12.50 a service to pray for peace and reconciliation in the world is held in the 'Laurenskerk'. Before the prayer, at 12.00, Bert Kuipers is present to tell about this organisation of 'Cross of Nails' especially for Mensans.

Health and safety



Important phone numbers

In case of an emergency	112
Police department (no emergency)	
<i>from a Dutch number</i>	0900-8844
<i>from a foreign number</i>	+31 34 357 8844
Fire department (no emergency)	0900-0904
Ambulance (no emergency)	+31 88 877 9000
Emergency Room (Erasmus Medical Center)	+31 10 704 0704
EMAG Orgateam (emergency, 24/7)	+31 10 360 2480

EMAG Orgateam

We have a dedicated phone number for emergencies. This number can be reached day and night for the duration of EMAG23, so from August 2nd until August 6th. This number is +31 10 360 2480. Please only use this number in case of emergency.

First Aid

There is a bag of basic first aid supplies in room Van Leeuwen 2.



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