

The 5 best CINEMAS

191 LANTARENVENSTER

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weg 996
South ⑤
+31 (0)10 277 22 77
lantarenvenster.nl

For decades, LantarenVenster was the city's cinematic heart. This didn't change when they moved to their current location in Kop van Zuid. The programme includes arthouse movies, world cinema, classics and special programmes for children. There's also a restaurant and regular jazz and world music concerts.



192 KINO

Gouvernestraat 129
Centre West ①
+31 (0)10 268 11 60
kinorotterdam.nl

KINO screens a pleasant mix of arthouse films, bigger titles and self-curated themed screenings. The bar is dotted with hidden movie references, making it the perfect spot to discuss the film you've just watched. The building's cinematographic history goes back to the 1940s and was also the birthplace of the International Filmfestival Rotterdam.

193 CINERAMA

Westblaak 18
Centre West ①
+31 (0)10 411 53 00
cineramabios.nl

The films shown in Cinerama range from, as they like to describe it, 'arthouse to Hollywood' and everything in between. Have a look at the website for occasional special screenings.

194 CINENOORD

AT: STUDIO DE BAKKERIJ
Bergweg 283
North ③
+31 (0)6 477 773 47
cinenoord.nl

This cinema is an initiative of some locals in Rotterdam North. Films are screened on Thursday nights and teen films on Wednesday afternoons. Every screening is preceded by a brief introduction and a short movie made by a Rotterdam director.

195 PATHÉ SCHOUWBURGPLEIN

Schouwburgplein 101
Centre West ①
pathe.nl

This is by far the largest cinema in the city centre, with 7 screens, about 2000 seats and one of the few IMAX cinemas in the country. Here you can see all the latest blockbusters and Hollywood flicks. Another Pathé branch is located at Feyenoord football stadium.

The 5 best INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORES

201 **BOEKHANDEL V/H VAN GENNEP**

Oude Binnen-
weg 131-B
Centre West ①
+31 (0)10 433 05 92
[boekhandel
van GENNEP.nl](http://boekhandel.van GENNEP.nl)

For about half a century, Van Gennepe has been the go-to independent bookstore. More than just a shop, it's a meeting place for lovers of literature, children's books, photography, design and cookbooks. There are regular in-store book presentations and readings.

202 **DONNER**

Coolsingel 129
Centre West ①
+31 (0)10 413 20 70
donner.nl

This formidable and well-stocked bookstore that was once the pride of Rotterdam was swallowed up by a big chain that unfortunately went bankrupt in 2014. Luckily, Donner was rescued by a successful crowdfunding campaign that raised 250,000 euros. It is now located in an impressive and entirely renovated former bank building. Don't miss the decorated window near the entrance, designed by mid-century glass artist Andries Copier.

203 **NAI BOOKSELLERS**

AT: HET NIEUWE INSTITUUT
Museumpark 25
Centre West ①
+31 (0)10 440 12 03
www.naibooksellers.nl

Het Nieuwe Instituut is home to a well-stocked independent bookstore with the latest publications on architecture, urban planning and design. They also have a good selection of city and architecture guidebooks. But be warned: many of the books have very enticing designs and are hard to put down once you pick them up.

204 **BOSCH EN DE JONG**

AT: FENIX FOOD FACTORY
Nico Koomans-
kade 1025
South ⑤
+31 (0)6 287 002 81
boschendejong.nl

Eelkje and Folco run their compact and cosy bookshop Bosch en De Jong inside the Fenix Food Factory. On offer is the latest in literature in English and Dutch, children's books, graphic novels, cookbooks and a good selection of books on Rotterdam. The owners are always willing to share their reading tips and give advice.

205 **OOSTERBOEKHANDEL J. AMESZ**

Voorschoter-
laan 145-A
Northeast ④
+31 (0)10 412 36 38

This is a bookstore like a bookstore is supposed to be, with three storeys stacked full of books, and three friendly ladies who can tell you all about the books they sell. This bookstore has been around since 1886 and is known for its personal touch. If you come more than once, the personnel will give you personalised advice and call you by name.

The 5 most stunning PLANT SHOPS

256 STEK

Nieuwe Binnen-
weg 195-B

West ⑥

+31 (0)10 760 01 31
stekrotterdam.nl

The idea of five enthusiastic professionals who want to make the city greener and more sustainable. Stek is a mini gardening centre and an asylum for abandoned plants in one. Stek sells just about everything to make your garden or balcony a green paradise: from plants, seeds and gardening tools to books and birdhouses.



257 DANNY DE CACTUS

Schilderstraat 63-A
Centre West ①

+31 (0)6 132 138 87
dannyledecactus.nl

With the right care, a cactus can be a friend for life. According to Danny, the trick is to lovingly neglect them. Visit his shop for all kinds of cacti, big and small, weirdly shaped succulents and agaves. Besides plants, Danny sells colourful home decoration items, jewellery and incense.

258 'T BOLLETJE

Lusthofstraat 76
Northeast ④

+31 (0)10 233 09 89
het-bolletje.nl

Known as 'that beautiful shop on the corner', 't Bolletje has been providing households in Kralingen and far beyond with the most beautiful bouquets for many years. Enjoy an espresso or cappuccino in this tastefully decorated shop while you're waiting for a fresh flower ensemble.

259 MK FLORAL DESIGN

Delistraat 34
South ⑤

+31 (0)10 484 99 05
mkfloraldesign.com

This enticing storefront leads into a veritable showroom for flowers. MK is Marit Kuypers, who lives and works in Katendrecht. She makes floral sculptures for special occasions, but you can also pop in for a bouquet, a beautiful vase, pot or bowl.

260 'S ZOMERS

Boekhorststraat 44-54
North ③

+31 (0)10 412 77 46
zomersbloemen.nl

You'll want to buy much more than fabulous bouquets or beautiful plants in this lush flower shop that's located inside the arch of a former railway viaduct. They also have an eclectic collection of elegant vases and furniture, perfumes and many other nice-to-have objects.

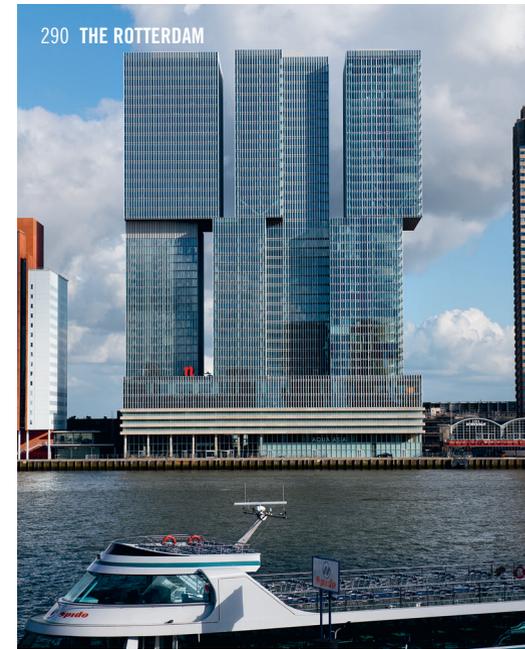
5 of the most stunning MODERN ICONS

286 **TIMMERHUIS**
Meent / Rodezand
Centre East ②

Look carefully, or you might just miss this mixed-use building by Rem Koolhaas' firm OMA. It was designed not to dominate the skyline, but to be absorbed by the city. This hovering cloud of steel and glass is connected to the old Timmerhuis, the headquarters for the post-war reconstruction of the city in the 1950s. Besides apartments, the building is also home to shops, restaurants and a public passage.

287 **DEPOT BOIJMANS
VAN BEUNINGEN**
Museumpark 24
Centre West ①
+31 (0)10 441 94 00
boijmans.nl/depot

The story goes that a bowl of salad inspired MVRDV's Winy Maas for the design of the 40-metre-high, mirroring Depot (or 'flower pot', as locals call it). The vast collection of the Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen is stored inside. Buy a ticket – or even better: book a guided tour – to discover the building and see how artworks are stored and renovated.



CROOSWICK CEMETERY



The 5 most QUIET PLACES in town

331 HISTORIC GARDEN SCHOONOORD

Kievietslaan 8
Centre West ①
tuinschoonoord.nl

This historical 1,2-hectare garden was designed by J.D. Zocher in English landscape style. The garden is home to some special trees and over 1000 plants. There are koi carp in the pond and a tawny owl has been spotted here.

332 CASTLE RUINS HUIS TEN BERGHE

AT: CEMETERY OF
HILLEGONDA CHURCH
Kerkstraat 43
North ③
hillegodakerk.nl

The cemetery of the Hillegonda church, the oldest in the city, in northern Hillegersberg holds quite a secret: there are castle ruins located in the cemetery. This 13th-century castle Huis ten Berghe was destroyed during the Hook and Cod wars, a power struggle within the elite of the County of Holland that took place in the 14th and 15th century.

333 TROMPENBURG TUINEN & ARBORETUM

Honingerdijk 86
Northeast ④
+31 (0)10 233 01 66
trompenburg.nl

Trompenburg is a beautiful collection of botanical gardens with different atmospheres. It's a good place to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life and to admire the trees (many species of oak, beech and holly), flowering plants and cacti. It boasts a teahouse, an aviary, a shop and a restaurant as well.

334 SLOTVIJVER KRALINGEN

Slotbrug 1
Northeast ④

Once upon a time there was a castle here named Slot Honingen. Its ruins were demolished in 1672, but the pond is the remainder of its moat and is surrounded by centuries-old trees and stately mansions, including Het Oude Slot (the old castle), which dates from 1870. You'll find the house at Slotlaan 29. In the stained glass window you can see the old Honingen castle.

335 CROOSWIJK CEMETERY

Kerkhoflaan 1
Northeast ④

This oldest municipal cemetery was founded in 1832. It's partly laid out in classic English garden style, which makes for a peaceful and green environment. There are more than 17.000 graves here, with special Roman-Catholic and Islamic sections. There are also more than a 1000 graves of people who perished in the 1940 bombing of the city.



331 HISTORIC GARDEN SCHOONOORD



388 **TENT**
Witte de With-
straat 50
Centre East ②
+31 (0)10 201 09 60
tentrotterdam.nl

TENT is located in the same building as the Kunstinstituut Melly, but is a separate organisation that focuses on current art from and about Rotterdam within an international context.

389 **A TALE OF A TUB**
Justus van Effen-
straat 44
West ⑥
a-tub.org

Four young female curators started this gallery in the former bathhouse of the beautiful Justus van Effencomplex. A Tale of a Tub sets out to explore the boundaries of the art world, looking for new ways of presentation and interaction with the public. Think exhibitions of exciting (and prize-winning) young artists, regular performances, film screenings and artist talks.

390 **BRUTUS**
Keileweg 10-18
West ⑥
brutus.nl

Brutus is the brainchild of Atelier Van Lieshout and aims to be an 'artist-driven playground'. It is a 6000-square-metre experimental zone for cutting-edge culture that will be part of the bigger transformation of the M4H area where artists become a permanent fixture.

The 5 most beautiful spots at KRALINGEN LAKE

476 VIEWPOINT OF THE LAKE

**Kralingse Plas – North
Northeast** ④

The north side of this artificial lake offers a fantastic view of Erasmus Bridge and the high rises of Rotterdam's skyline. There are some green fields and benches where you can sit down to enjoy the view, or go for a walk on the pier.

477 DE STER AND DE LELIE WINDMILLS

**Plaszoom 324
Northeast** ④
**+31 (0)10 521 67 59
smuifmolens.nl**

These 18th-and 19th-century windmills are the last ones in the country that are still used to grind spices and tobacco. The mills are open to visitors on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. There's a little shop that sells cinnamon, nutmeg, pepper, tobacco and other products from the mill.

478 BOTANICAL GARDEN KRALINGEN

**Kralingse Plaslaan 110
Northeast** ④

This wildlife garden on the northern shore of Kralingsen Lake was created in the sixties. It combines several habitats, such as a bog, reeds, wet and dry grasslands and a new forest, and is home to a multitude of small land critters, birds and water animals. It's a very picturesque garden and a popular backdrop for wedding photos.

479 DE TUIN VAN DE VIER WINDSTREKEN

**Plaszoom 354
Northeast** ④
**+31 (0)10 452 77 43
restaurantdetuin.nl**

Have lunch, brunch, high tea or dinner with the city's skyline as a backdrop. This restaurant, which is located in a mansion from 1867, has a huge patio giving out onto the lake.

480 BEACH

**Kralingse Plas – West
Northeast** ④

Many Rotterdammers head to Kralingen Lake in summer time for a swim. There's a small beach on the west bank of the lake, in front of the De Kraal petting farm. A small section of the beach's north side is reserved for nudists.

