The Delft City Guide

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Introduction Programme

TU Delft University of Technology
Delft History

From a rural village in the early Middle Ages Delft developed to a city, that in the 13th century (1246) received its charter.

The town’s association with the House of Orange started when William of Orange (Willem van Oranje), nicknamed William the Silent (Willem de Zwijger), took up residence in 1572. At the time he was the leader of growing national Dutch resistance against Spanish occupation of the country, which struggle is known as the Eighty Years’ War. By then Delft was one of the leading cities of Holland and it was equipped with the necessary city walls to serve as a headquarters.

After the Act of Abjuration was proclaimed in 1581 Delft became the de facto capital of the newly independent Netherlands, as the seat of the Prince of Orange.

When William was shot dead in 1584, by Balthazar Gerards in the hall of the Prinsenhof, the family’s traditional burial place in Breda was still in the hands of the Spanish. Therefore, he was buried in the Delft Nieuwe Kerk (New Church), starting a tradition for the House of Orange that has continued to the present day.

Delft Today

Today, Delft is a vibrant, young city. In fact, the technical university is the city’s largest employer.

Facts:
Population: 98,727
Size: 24.06 km²

Travel

Trains
The main train service in the Netherlands is by NS. Trains are a popular method of transportation throughout the Netherlands. Delft is well connected to the network by two stations: Delft and Delft Zuid. Since the latter is a small station, it is served by fewer trains, but carries the advantage that it is closer to some faculties, particularly aerospace engineering.

Public Transport
Delft is served both by the public tram lines 1 and 19, alongside several bus lines.

Paying
All public transport can naturally be paid by cash. However, it is more convenient to pay by the ‘OV-Chipkaart’ system. Taking a bike on the train costs extra, unless it is of the compact foldable variety. The express Fyra train service will cost more that the slower services. The OV chipkaart can be used on all public transportation (train, buses, trams, etc). There are three versions of the OV chipkaart.

The first is a disposable one that you can buy from the driver, for one trip only or for instance for a full days travel (for tourists). This is the most expensive option. The second version is an anonymous chipkaart. This is a good choice if you travel infrequently. It is transferable between people (but only one person can use it at any time).

The third and most user friendly version is the personal OV-chipkaart. It can be automatically ‘topped up’ from your Dutch bank account, as soon as your chipkaart balance is below a certain limit. A digital pass photo and a Dutch bank account is required.

Bikes
Bikes are a very convenient form of transportation in Delft, and bike paths are plentiful.

Bike Rules
Floor triangles towards you indicate that you have to give right of way. Triangles on the floor leading to your road indicate that you have right of way. Always bike on the right side of the road, and do so sufficiently as to not impede cars or other bicycles who want to overtake.

Furthermore, you must ensure that your bike has a working white front light and rear red light (fine: 60€). Police check regularly, particularly in the darker winter months.

Buying a bike
A bike can start at 50€ with no limit. Expect to pay around 100€ from a student, and around 150€ from a shop for a good bike. Ensure that the tyres and brakes are in good condition. You can always ask for a test drive around the block.
Shopping

Food

C1000 is the closest supermarket to the campus. Is is located at the plaza across the bridge.

There is also an Open market in Delft “Unexpected bargains are waiting for you on the lively general market. Every Thursdays wedged in between the town hall and the New Church. Every Saturday ther is a general market on the Brabantse Turfmarkt and the Burgwal.”

In the market, you can find something that hardly found in the supermarket: such as fresh fruits, fresh fishes, fresh flowers... everything fresh, and also some antiques. Interesting foods could be found, maybe can get some drinks there too. Which means that, you can find found everything you need around the markets on Thursdays and Saturdays!

Time: Thursdays and Saturdays 09.00 - 17.00

--- http://www.delft.nl/delften/Tourists/Shopping/Shoppingareas/De_Markt

Drugstore

Kruidvat is a really useful store which sells wash supplies. Such things are also sold in C1000, but you can always find some activities in Kruidvat, for example, 1+1 grants, 40% discounts, etc.

If you think those 2 stores above is not enough, you can go a little further to the church in the center of Delft, then you can find a huge retail store called Blocker. There you can get some daily goods and electronic gadgets. Then If you want to buy something bigger, you may need the store we suggest later.

3. Electronics

Electronics

There are quite some stores you can find electronic devices like BCC, My Com, and DIXONS which are all to the north of TU Delft ‘s campus. The prices there are almost the same. BCC is located closest to the campus next to the C1000 supermarket.
Furniture

There is only one market which sells furnitures with a cheap price, that is IKEA. It is quite far from Aula, so riding a bike is recommended. If you intended to shop a lot, it may be more practical bike. You can also buy a handcart which can help you to carry those heavy furnitures back for €9.99.

In Xenos, you can find some daily goods. Even some dishes and pans if you do not want to go really far away to IKEA, but it is not as cheap as IKEA.
Free Time

Delft as a student city has many opportunities for great activities in your free time.

Bars
De Ruif
Very popular among international students. Also a restaurant.
Kerkstraat 22-23-24  2611 GX Delft, Netherlands
+31 15 214 2206
Bepop
Jazz bar in a former warehouse.
Small outside area on back.
Kromstraat 33  2611 EP
Delft, Netherlands
+31 15 213 5210

Restaurants
’t Vermeertje
markt 58, Delft 2611GW, The Netherlands
015-8897175
Certificate of Excellence 2013
Key words: Top food in a reasonable price, Creative Abessini
Kromstraat 21, Delft 2611

EP, The Netherlands
015-2135260
Key words: African, Ethiopian
Burgerz
Oude Delft 113-115, Delft 2611, The Netherlands
015-2123010
Key words: American, best burger in Town
Redjeki
Choorstraat 50-56, Delft, The Netherlands
Key words: Indonesian, Bamba
Koornmarkt 93, Delft 2611 ED, The Netherlands
015-2144021
Key words: Barbecue, Latin, good meat
Cafe de Oude Jan
Heilige Geestkerkhof 4, Delft 2611 HP, The Netherlands
+31 15 214 5363
Key words: Vegetarian, Dutch, Café, Sandwiches
La cubanita
Beestenmarkt, 45a | 2611 GA, Delft, The Netherlands
Key words: Cuban
Peking
Brabanste Turfmarkt 76-78, Delft 2611CP, The Netherlands
015-2141100
Key words: Chinese, Wok-Buffet and Teppanyaki with a lot of different asian specialities.
Restaurant de Prinsenkelder
Schoolstraat 1, Delft, The Netherlands
Key words: Continental, Stads-koffyhuys
Oude Delft 133, Delft 2611 BE, The Netherlands
0031 152124625
Key words: Dutch, Sandwiches,
De Klikspaan
Koornmarkt 85, Delft 2611 ED, The Netherlands
015-2141562
Key words: Belgian, French, Dutch, unique atmosphere
‘t Crabbetje
Verwersdijk 14, Delft 2611 NH, The Netherlands
015-213 88 50
Key words: International, best seafood in Delft
Huong Viet
Choorstraat 36, Delft 2611 JH, The Netherlands
015-737 04 82
Key words: Vietnamese
Malee
Voldersgracht 29, Delft 2611 EV, The Netherlands
+31(0)15 21 20 781
Key words: Thai
Les Copains
Breestraat 8, Delft, The Netherlands
Key words: Seafood, Michelin stars
Popocatepetl
Delft | Beestenmarkt 35-41, Delft 2611 GA, The Netherlands
015-2135580
Key words: Mexican
Don Comer
Nieuwe Langendijk 59, Delft 2611 VJ, The Netherlands
Key words: Mediterranean
Maharani
Nieuwe Langendijk 59, Delft, The Netherlands
015 - 212 89 89
Key words: Indian
Ouzeri Restaurant De Kleine Griek
Oude Delft 76, Delft, The Netherlands
015-2145152
Key words: Greek
Getting a bank account
The Netherlands is home to some of the world’s banking giants. The main Dutch banks are:
ABN-AMRO (www.abnamro.nl)
ING Bank (www.ingbank.nl)
Rabobank (www.rabobank.nl)
SNS (www.snsbank.nl)

Documents legally required to open a bank account:
- Passport and/or residence permit
- Burgerservicenummer (BSN). You’ll get this when you register with the GBA or direct from the tax office.
- Proof of address (bevolkingsregister extract, utility bill, rental contract etc)
- If you want to open anything other than a savings only account you will also need:
  - Evidence of income such as an employment contract or payslip.

The university has a special agreement with ABN AMRO to open an account despite not having a BSN number, which takes (as of 2013) 3 weeks to arrive. This number must however be given to the bank as soon as it is known.
There are, despite appearances, only two mobile phone networks in the Netherlands: KPN and T-Mobile. All other providers use one of these two networks. In comparison with the rest of Europe the dutch network is comparatively expensive.

The cheapest option in the long term is a contract, but this requires you to be in possession of a BSN citizen number and a bank account. You have the options including a phone or a sim-only if you are already in possession of a mobile phone. If you don’t call a lot or just need calling ability quickly, you can get one of the prepaid sim cards. There are very many, such as Lebara or Lyca sim.

Mobile phone shops:
One Mobility Delft
Moleslaan 26
T-Mobile Shop
Jacob gerritstraat 16
T for telecom B.V.
Jacob gerritstraat 4
Telefoonkopen.nl
Brabantse Turfmarkt 66
Telecom first
Binnenwatersloot 3
Telefort
Brabantse Turfmarkt 62

Hairdressers
The following addresses may prove useful:
Mienis Kapsalon B.V.
Spoorsingel 60, 2613 BA Delft, Netherlands
+31 15 214 0177 · mienis-kapsalon.nl
Kapsalon M & M Kappers
Koornmarkt 2, 2611 EE Delft, Netherlands
+31 15 213 1860 · mm-kappers.nl

Hype Kappers Delft
Koornmarkt 78, 2611 EJ Delft, Netherlands
+31 15 212 1122 · hypekappers.nl

Headquarter
Gasthuislaan 64, 2611 RB Delft, Netherlands
+31 15 212 0504 · headquarter-delft.nl
A.V.M. Gordijn H.O. Cosmo Hairstyling
Paradijspoort 15-B, 2611 MA Delft, Netherlands
+31 15 214 8493 · cosmo.nl

Chipknip
Next to many ATMs is a Chipknip machine where you can load your card with ‘virtual cash’. The money is immediately deducted from your account and ‘sits’ on your card until it is used; if you lose the card though, the money is also lost, just like cash. Chipknip was intended as a fast, convenient way of paying for small transactions, since unlike with pinnen payments, you don’t need a PIN. However, the Chipknip system is gradually being phased out as pinpas is increasingly used for small transactions.

Telephone
Medical

In a life-or-death situation, call 112. This works even if your phone does not have a sim card or your normal network is unavailable. This is the standard EU number.

Non-prescription painkillers can be found in both supermarkets and drogeries.

Drogisterijen De Salamander
Markt 47, 2611 GR, Delft ☎️
015 212 3777

Drogisterij Papillon
Choorstraat 60, 2611 JH, Delft ☎️
015 214 0239

Drogisterij Elsenaar
Hugo de Grootstraat 92, 2613 TW Delft ☎️
015 212 4482

See also section ‘supermarkets’.

Prescription medication can be picked up at Pharmacies (Apotheek)

Apotheek Tanthof
Veulenkamp 43
2623XA Delft
015 - 256 42 00

Buitenhof Apotheek
Rossinistraat 1
2625AP Delft
015 - 256 50 00

De Hoed
Kampveld 10/B
2611DA Delft
015 - 215 19 70

Hof van Delft
Hof van Delftlaan 61
2613BK Delft
015 - 212 21 74

Kipp
Van Beresteynstraat 169/C
2614HE Delft
015 - 301 41 30

Multatuli
Doctors

For students – passports, ID card and insurance card required
Make an appointment in advance.

Student Health Practice
Call to make appointment: 015-7999050
Morning: TU Delft Campus at Leeghwaterstraat 152 (There is a walk-in clinic from 11:00 to 11:45).
Afternoon: Beukenlaan 4G, Delft

General Practioners (GPs) – Insurance covered
mw.C.T.Hermsen en dhr.H.Piet- erse, 015-2135358
dhr.M.E. Hartel, 015-2840030
dhr.J.P.van Tussenbroek, 015-2121662
mw.E.H.Warle,015-2126806
dhr.M.I.T.Koopmans, 015-2131313

Physiotherapy
Praktijk voor Fysiotherapie, 015-2140828

Dentist
Tandartsenpraktijk Dental Ways, 015-2154080

Hospital

There is one hospital in Delft, the Reinier de Graaf Hospital (RdGG), where many specialists can be found. When the GPs is not able to do the diagnoses or treatment, you will be referred to the hospital (completely insurance covered in almost cases except complaints that you already had before the inception date of your insurance policy or complaints that do not require emergency medical treatment).

Address:
Reinier de Graafweg 3-11
2625 AD Delft
(015) 260 30 60
# Phrases

## How to Pronounce the Dutch Alphabet

It's best to begin with the basics, so here's the Dutch alphabet which shares the same format as English, but pronounces the letters slightly differently. Take a look at the phonetic tips next to each for how to say each one.

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## Useful Dutch Expressions

- **Hallo!** Hallo! (hah-low)
- **Hi!** Hoi! (hoi) / Hi! (hay)
- **Good morning!** Goedemorgen! (khooder-mor-khern)
- **Good afternoon!** Goedemiddag! (khooder-mi-dakh)
- **Good evening!** Goedenavond! (khooder-aa-font)
- **See you later!** Bye! Tot ziens! (toat seens) / Dag! (dakh) Hoi! (hoai)
- **Here you are!** Alstublieft (als-stuw-bleeft)
- **Please?** Alsjeblieft? (als-yer-bleeft)
- **Thanks!** Bedankt! (ber-dahnkt)
- **I am sorry!** Neem me niet kwalijk (naym mer neet kvoa-lerk) / sorry! (sor-ree)
- **Do you speak English?** Spreekt u Engels? (spraykt uw eng-erls)
- **Would you help me please?** Kunt u mij helpen? (kuhnt uw may hel-pern)
- **Where are the toilets?** Waar is het toilet? (vaar is het tvaa-let)
- **At what time do you open?** Hoe laat gaat u open? (hoo laat khaat uw o-pern)
- **What time do you close?** Hoe laat gaat u dicht? (hoo laat khaat uw dikht)
- **Police!** Politie! (po-lee-tsee)
- **Fire brigade!** Brandweer (brant-wayr)
- **Get a doctor!** Haal een dokter! (haal ern dok-ter)
- **I am ill!** Ik ben ziek! (ik ben seek)

As seen on: [http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/dutch-for-dummies-cheat-sheet.html](http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/dutch-for-dummies-cheat-sheet.html)

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