

Directions, Hotels and Visa, things to do in Leiden



Academy Building Universiteit Leiden: Rapenburg 67-73, 2311 GJ Leiden



Kamerlingh Onnes Gebouw Universiteit Leiden: Steenschuur 25, 2311 ES Leiden



Old Observatory (Sterrewacht) Universiteit Leiden: Sterrenwachtlaan 11, 2311 GW Leiden

(your conference programme indicates which venue your conference is situated)

Transport from Schiphol (Amsterdam Airport), Rotterdam The Hague Airport and Eindhoven Airport

By train Visitors arriving by plane at Schiphol (Amsterdam Airport) can take the train to Leiden Central Station. Trains depart regularly (every 10 mins) and the trip takes about 20 minutes.

Visitors arriving by plane at Rotterdam The Hague Airport can take **bus number 33** to Rotterdam Central Station (direction Rotterdam Centraal Station). The bus stop is at the exit of the arrival hall. Trains depart regularly (every 15 mins) from Rotterdam Central Station to Leiden Central. The trip from the Rotterdam The Hague Airport to Leiden Central Station takes about 65 minutes.

Visitors arriving by plane at Eindhoven Airport can take **bus number 400** and **bus number 401** to Eindhoven Central Station (direction Eindhoven Station). The bus stop is next to the terminal. Trains depart regularly from Eindhoven Central Station to Schiphol (Amsterdam Airport) or to Utrecht Central Station. Visitors will then need to take a train from Schiphol (Amsterdam Airport) or Utrecht Central Station to Leiden Central Station. The trip from Eindhoven Airport to Leiden Central Station takes about 2 hours and 30 minutes.

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More information on the **timetable of trains**: <http://www.ns.nl/en>

More information on the **timetable of buses**: <http://9292.nl/en#>

By taxi The cost from Schiphol (Amsterdam Airport) to Leiden is approximately €90.
The cost from Rotterdam The Hague Airport to Leiden is approximately €85.

Transport from Leiden Central Station

By foot From Leiden Central Station, take the main exit towards the Centre. Cross the station square and keep to the right side of the road. Take the Stationsweg and then the Steenstraat and continue across the Blauwpoort bridge.
On leaving the bridge, turn right and take the Prinsessekade, which will continue into the Korte Rapenburg.
Cross the street and you are on the Rapenburg.

You will find the Academy Building on your right hand-side. And after 400m, beyond the Academic Building, you will find the Old Observatory.

Map and route description Academy Building:

<https://goo.gl/maps/fMRHDecfqK22>

You will find the Old Observatory on your right hand-side:

Map and route description [Googlemaps](#)

You will find the Kamerlingh Onnes Gebouw a little further, walk towards bridge and across, walk further to the right ('even house numbers' of the Rapenburg), and about 200 meters you will find the Kamerlingh Onnes Building (Steenschuur 25).

Map and route description <https://goo.gl/maps/uJFbRcUnxLG2>

By taxi Taxis are located in front of the train station.
The cost from Leiden Central Station is approximately €15.

By bus Buses stop in front of the train station. You need a bus that travels along the Breestraat.
You could take: **Bus number 2** (direction Leiderdorp Oranjewijk); **Bus number 4** (direction Zuid West); **Bus number 45** (direction Den Haag); **Bus number 182** (direction Alphen aan den Rijn); **Bus number 187** (direction Gouda) or **Bus number 400** (direction Zoetermeer)

Ask the driver to let you know when you are at the bus stop in the **Breestraat**. Walk along the Breestraat and turn right into the **Pieterskerkchoorsteeg**. Follow this street until you get to the **Pieterskerk** (church) and the **Pieterskerkhof**. Cross this square towards the **Kloksteeg** and at the end of the Kloksteeg you will arrive at the **Rapenburg**.

You will find the Academy Building across the street (via bridge).

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Map/route description <https://goo.gl/maps/WBXAdPyJAH22>

You will find the Old Observatory after 400m beyond the Academic Building.

Map/route description [Googlemaps](#)

You will find the Kamerlingh Onnes Building when you walk at the end of Kloksteeg to the left of Rapenburg ('even house numbers' of the Rapenburg), and about 200 meters. Map/route description:

<https://goo.gl/maps/H9grEJbg54v>

More information on the timetable of the buses can be found at:
<http://9292.nl/en#>

Transport by Car

From Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Utrecht, The Hague/Rijswijk via A4

Exit 7 Leiden, N206 Europaweg, towards Voorschoten, after 500 meters go right Churchillaan, about 2 km to the right Haagweg, at Noordeinde go right to Witte Singel, go left in Doezastraat, at the end to your right hand is the Steenschuur (Kamerlingh Onnes gebouw) and go to the left further on Rapenburg towards Academy building and the Sterrenwachttlaan.

From The Hague/Wassenaar via A44

Exit 8 Leiden, go right to Plesmanlaan, after 500 meters go at traffic light right to Haagse Schouwweg, after 200 meters at stoplights go left to Dr Lelylaan, after about 1 km go left at traffic to the Haagweg. See further above.

Parking

Nearby the buildings is payed parking, or Park and Ride facility 'Parking Haagweg', or nearby Garenmarkt Parking and Breestraat Parking. More info:

<http://www.visitleiden.nl/en/plan-your-visit/to-leiden/parking>

Hotel booking

Holiday Inn Leiden (40 minutes walking to Venue)

<http://www.holiday-inn-leiden.nl/en/index.html>

Fitland XL (20 minutes walking to Venue)

<http://www.fitland.nl/hotels/leiden/?lang=en>

Rembrandt Hotel (15 minutes walking to Venue)

<http://www.rembrandthotel.nl/>

Hotel De Doelen (7 minutes walking to Venue)

<http://www.dedoelen.com/index.php?lang=en>

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City Hotel Nieuw Minerva (8 minutes walking tot Venue)

<http://www.nieuwminerva.nl/en/>

Ibis Leiden Centre (20 minutes walking to Venue)

<http://www.accorhotels.com/nl/hotel-8087-ibis-leiden-centre/index.shtml#>

Golden Tulip Hotel Leiden (25 minutes walking to Venue)

<http://www.goldentulipleidencentre.nl/en>

Hotel Mayflower (15 minutes walking to Venue)

<http://www.hotelmayflower.nl/en/>

Hilton Garden Inn Leiden (45 minutes walking to Venue)

<http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/netherlands/hilton-garden-inn-leiden-AMSLNG/index.html>

Visa

The Netherlands is part of the Schengen Area of 25 European countries. For non-Schengen EU, USA and Canadian citizens a valid passport is sufficient to enter the Netherlands. Citizens of other countries should check whether visa is needed for them when entering the Netherlands (for more information please visit the home page of the Government of the Netherlands

(<https://www.government.nl/topics/visa-for-the-netherlands-and-the-caribbean-parts-of-the-kingdom/question-and-answer/which-visa-do-i-need-to-travel-to-the-netherlands>).

On request, the secretariat will issue invitation letters for visa applications. Please note that you will have to apply in due time for a visa if necessary and that visa application takes 30-60 days.

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Visit Leiden



Museums

Leiden is a spectacular, historic city with many interesting and famous museums. Three of the Netherlands national museums are located in Leiden. These national museums include the National Museum of Antiquities, the National Museum of Ethnology and the Dutch National Museum of the History of Science and Medicine. Other museums in Leiden include the 'Naturalis', one of the largest natural history museums in the world, and the municipal museum of 'De Lakenhal'.



Botanical Gardens

One of the Europe's first botanic gardens, now part of the University of Leiden. It is small and beautifully kept. There is also a Japanese garden named after the scientist Von Siebold who carried out botanical research in Japan during the 19th century.

There is also a systematic garden named after the Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus. The garden is the most beautiful in the spring with huge, very, very old wisterias blooming. The cafe serves a great hot apple drink and has many delicious baked goods.



Shopping

Leiden has beautiful walkways and great variety of shops side by side to browse through, including retail stores, restaurants, cafes, ice cream shops, souvenir shops, and more. Stores are open throughout the day and the specialty shops in small lanes and alleyways in the historic center create a fun and unique shopping experience. Good, friendly service, attention to quality, and many special offers!

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The Local Market

The Leiden market offers a different kind of shopping: here you will find exotic spices, clothing, vegetables, fruit, fish and flowers. Every Wednesday and Saturday



Pieterskerk (church)

The newly restored Pieterskerk in Leiden is an amazing building with a fascinating history. It is one of the oldest and largest monuments in the town. It serves now as a museum and monument, hosting a number of art treasures and memorials to those buried at the church. The Pieterskerk is a historic meeting place available for all your events, a place that you and your guests will always remember.

Further sightseeing:

https://www.tripadvisor.nl/Attractions-g188630-Activities-Leiden_South_Holland_Province.html

https://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/Europe/Netherlands/Provincie_Zuid_Holland/Leiden-459608/Things_To_Do-Leiden-TG-C-1.html

<http://www.visitleiden.nl/en/discover-leiden>

For restaurants:

https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Restaurants-g188630-Leiden_South_Holland_Province.html#MAINWRAP