“Don’t live with it – deal with it.”


Information about public transport in the Netherlands

Route from Schiphol to Ibis Hotel, The Hague

Information for participants arriving Tuesday 19 March:
The Schiphol train station is situated directly below the airport. From the arrival hall it is a straight walk to Schiphol Plaza, here you can find the meeting point: a red/white-checked cube. At this meeting point there are volunteers of the Global Network waiting for you. They will help you with the planning of your journey to The Hague. The volunteers will have a sign with the GNDR-logo.

For those arriving after 8pm on Tuesday 19th, we will arrange shared taxis and contact you separately. Please let Regine (regine.nagel@globalnetwork-dr.org) know if you need to be considered for arrival after 8pm.

Emergency contact:
If you encounter a problem the 18th or the 19th, please do not hesitate to call Nynke Folkertsma (+31-6.30.40.59.45).

Address Hotel
Ibis Hotel
Jan Hendrikstraat 10
2512GL Den Haag
Tel: +31-70 2039 001
Detailed information for travel from Schiphol airport to the Ibis Hotel in The Hague

For participants arriving on another day than 19 March, the information below will help you to guide you from Schiphol airport to the Ibis hotel in The Hague.

From Schiphol Airport to The Hague Central Station
The Hague Central Station can be reached by train from Schiphol Airport. At Schiphol Plaza there are several escalators to the underground railway station (see map above). The trains between Schiphol and The Hague are operated by the NS (see: http://www.ns.nl/en/travellers/home). Trains to The Hague Central Station leave at average three times an hour: two direct trains and one train where you have to change one time at Leiden Centraal. The first train departs at 5.03 and the last train at 00.47. The travel time is about 40 minutes and a single adult 2nd class ticket costs €7.80.

Buying your train tickets to Den Haag Centraal
• Ticket office: Tickets can be bought at the ticket offices near the red/white-checked meeting point. Staff at the ticket offices will also be able to provide you with train departure information. Most will be able to speak English.
• Ticket machines: You can also buy your ticket at the yellow ticket machines that are located in Schiphol Plaza. Please note that only a few of the machines will accept international credit cards but will charge you an additional €1 for that facility. The ticket machines are very easy to use and usually available in English, German and French as well.

Finding and boarding your train
The timetables of the Dutch railway can be accessed via internet (see the above mentioned website), this will give you the opportunity to plan your trip ahead. Make sure you use the Dutch name of the city (i.e. Den Haag Centraal). But be cautious, when arriving at Schiphol always check for updates of the timetables. It is possible that the platform number has changed or that there are delays. You can find timetables on the railway station, too: look for the yellow-and-blue departure boards. The correct platform can also be found in those timetables.

Once you have found the right platform, an overhead sign should show the departure time of your train, as well as the train stations it will be stopping at along the way. If this isn't the case, don't panic! Especially if you're early, the information shown on the overhead sign might be of a train that's coming in the station ahead of your train. (In Holland, the times between two trains making use of the same platform can be as little as 3 minutes.) Just note the time on the sign and if it's earlier than the departure time of your train, just wait until the earlier train leaves and the information on the sign changes. Of course, if you're not entirely sure that you're in the right place, you can always ask anyone who's there on the platform for help. Most people speak English at least a little and will be delighted to help you out.

Train trip
Once all passengers have left the train, get aboard and find a compartment labelled "2" (unless you've bought a first-class ticket!).

The map below shows the journey from Schiphol – The Hague marked red.
The Hague Central Station – Ibis Hotel

Walk- 15 min:
At the station, take the side exit on platform 1. Cross the tram tracks and go down the Turfmarkt. Walk underneath a big white building (Ministerie van VROM) and keep straight on until you come across a big street with tram tracks, the Spui. Turn right, cross and take the second street on the left, the Grote Markt straat. Continue along this street until you face a junction, turn slight right onto the Prinsengracht. Continue along this street until you face the Grote Markt square. Turn right after 100 meters onto Jan Hendrikstraat. The Ibis hotel is at no. 10 on your right.
Tram:
When arriving at The Hague Central Station you can take several trams that take you to the Ibis Hotel. At the central station you can find information centres of the HTM, the Tram Association of the Hague. The first tram departs at 5.09 and the last tram departs at 1.11. The ride takes about five minutes. If you wish to plan your trip ahead, the following website will be useful: http://9292.nl/en#

Buying your tram ticket
You can buy your ticket at the information centre at central station. Another option is to buy your tram ticket at the driver of the tram. Note that you have to pay in cash when you chose the last option! A tram ticket with one hour validity cost €3,- (you can only choose between an hour and a day ticket). Your ticket has to be stamped by the driver when you enter the tram.

Finding and boarding your tram
Make sure that you choose a tram that goes in the right direction! This can be checked in the front of the tram: the final destination of the tram is given on the front of the tram. The following trams will bring you to the Grote Markt (the stop closest to the hotel). The final destination is also given, which will help you to prevent you from picking the wrong tram.

From Central Station to Grote Markt, Den Haag:
Tram 2, destination Kraayenstein
Tram 3, destination Loosduinen
Tram 4, destination De Uithof
Tram 6, destination Leyenburg

When in the tram, every stop will be announced over the intercom. When your stop is announced (‘Grote Markt’) you have to press the stop button that can be found next to every chair, to make sure that the tram will stop at your stop.

From the tram to the Ibis hotel
From the Grote Markt to the Ibis hotel is a 2 minutes’ walk. Below you can find a map, that will help you to find the hotel, where A is de Grote Markt and B the Ibis Hotel.