

Transportation

Arriving by plane: Amsterdam Schiphol

To reach Rotterdam, we recommend taking a plane to Amsterdam Schiphol and then the train directly from the airport station (located beneath the terminal).

There are two convenient options:

- **Intercity Direct (high-speed):** a fast, non-stop connection to Rotterdam Centraal, taking around 25 minutes (note: a small surcharge applies).
- **Regular Intercity trains:** slightly slower services with a few intermediate stops, taking around 30–40 minutes, with no surcharge.

Both options run frequently throughout the day, and no reservation is required. Tickets can be purchased at Schiphol station, via the NS (Nederlandse Spoorwegen) app, or simply by tapping a contactless card at the gates.

Arriving by train

(within the Netherlands or from neighbouring countries)

Rotterdam is well connected by train, both domestically and internationally, with Rotterdam Centraal as the main hub.

- **Domestic travel (within the Netherlands):** Operated by NS (Nederlandse Spoorwegen), these are frequent Intercity and Sprinter trains connecting cities such as Amsterdam, Utrecht, The Hague, and Eindhoven. No seat reservation is needed, and you can travel flexibly using a ticket or contactless payment.
- **International travel (neighbouring countries):** Managed by NS International, these trains connect Rotterdam to cities such as Brussels, Antwerp, and beyond. Tickets are typically booked in advance, and some services require seat reservations.
- **High-speed services (e.g., Eurostar):** Eurostar operates high-speed trains connecting Rotterdam directly to cities such as Brussels, Paris, and London. These trains are the fastest option, require advance booking and seat reservation, and include airport-style check-in procedures for certain routes (e.g., London).

In general, domestic trains offer maximum flexibility, while international and high-speed services are faster over longer distances but require more planning.

Arriving by car at Erasmus University

Our campus is easily accessible by bicycle and public transport. If you do come by car, you can park for a parking fee in one of the two car parks, both with a maximum height of 2.10 meters:

- The Plaza parking garage (accessible 24/7)
- The Mandeville parking garage (open Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.)

Payment terminals

The payment terminals are located in the two parking garages near the exits. Payment can be made by PIN or credit card. The payment machines are wheelchair accessible.

Public transport in Rotterdam

Rotterdam has a very efficient and easy-to-use public transport system, operated by RET (Rotterdamse Elektrische Tram). It connects all major parts of the city and is typically the fastest way to get around.

The **metro** is the backbone of the system and especially useful for longer distances.

- Fast, frequent, and reliable
- Connects key areas such as Rotterdam Centraal, business districts, and surrounding municipalities
- Ideal for traveling across the river (north ↔ south Rotterdam)

The **tram** network is perfect for inner-city travel.

- Frequent stops and dense coverage
- Great for short distances and sightseeing
- Runs through central areas, shopping streets, and residential neighbourhoods

Buses complement metro and tram lines and are useful for areas not directly served by metro or tram.

Tickets & payment

- You can simply check in and out with a contactless debit/credit card (OVpay)
- Alternatively, use an OV-chipkaart or buy tickets via the RET app
- No need to pre-plan routes-just tap and go

Practical note: Within the city centre, many locations are also easily reachable on foot or by bike, but public transport is the most convenient option for longer distances or when traveling between venues.

More information about the Campus Woudestein

If you need more information about the campus (e.g., campus map), please check the Erasmus University website: <https://www.eur.nl/en/campus/locations/campus-woudestein>.