Ways to find housing

There are several ways to find housing in Rotterdam. It can be taken care of by an agency. In that case, you describe your requirements for them and pay the fee to do their job. If you don’t want to spend money on agency fees, you can find your new home by yourself.

How? There are Facebook pages and groups where people share their listings. Many people leave their rooms for a few months but wish to return later, so they sublet their rooms. Others leave permanently, and you can rent the apartment longer. If you coordinate with your colleagues before arrival, you might be able to rent an apartment together and become flatmates. There are many websites for this purpose: some require a small fee, some don’t.

You can find a list of them in the section below.

Did you know that the Netherlands ranks second on the population density scale in Europe? Finding housing in Rotterdam, the Netherlands can be very challenging, especially when it is done from a distance. To assist you in your search, we prepared this housing information brochure.

Types of housing

The first choice you have to make when looking for your new home is to decide whether to go for the private market or housing agencies. The difference is not significant, but it is common that the agency requires a fee. The fee may vary based on whether it is an online-based agency or a physical one.

There are several types of housing offered to students. You have the option to find a single or shared room in a house, apartment or dormitory. If you are a fan of boats and water, you can even live in a house on the water. Yes, the Netherlands are indeed formidable!

However, you should know that in the Netherlands it is common that facilities are shared such as toilet, bathroom, kitchen and living room with your housemates. But don’t worry, it is not as scary as it sounds.

The prices are usually between €400-600 per month, based on size, facilities, location and whether your room or apartment is furnished or not.
Portal
www.pararius.nl (one of the largest housing sites, only listings by agencies)
www.kamernet.nl (one of the largest housing sites for room, no agency fees)
www.uniplaces.com
www.housinganywhere.com (mostly temporary rooms offered by exchange students)
www.kamer.nl
www.kamertje.nl
www.kamerhuren.nl
www.rotsvast.nl
www.directwonen.nl

Social media (Facebook groups)
Housing Rotterdam RSM
ESN-Rotterdam Housing
Student Housing Rotterdam
Find a room(mate) or house in Rotterdam

Agencies specialised in student housing
www.thestudenthotel.com
www.holland2stay.nl
www.nestpick.com
www.niya.nl
www.studenthousingholland.com

Useful details

Despite being very dense, the city itself is not very large, meaning that the most important things are relatively easily accessible. Public transportation is also efficient, and you can travel anywhere by metro, tram and bus in maximum 40-45 of minutes. If you decide to use a bicycle, it will be even faster and definitely more affordable, not to mention environmentally friendly.

When renting, it is advisable you ask beforehand if the price includes expenses such as gas, water, electricity etc. or not. If these are not included, you should find out what you have to pay, what amount and when/how do you pay? Be aware that if you rent an unfurnished place, you will have to buy the furniture and most appliances yourself! Another thing you might need to know is if you need to pay a money deposit for the place you are renting. If yes, then it is useful to find out how much, and when and how you get it back.

It is advisable for anybody who lives in the Netherlands for more than four months to register with the municipality. Although it is strongly recommended, if you do not register with the municipality it will not have any consequences on your right to stay in the Netherlands.

If you have any more questions, please visit our website.

We wish you a wonderful stay in Rotterdam!

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