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Experience *Seaside Celebrations* in The Hague in 2018 on the **MUSEUMFIETS**! This year we are celebrating exactly 200 years since Jacobus Pronk founded the first bathhouse in Scheveningen.

The Hague offers its visitors extra entertainment in 2018 on the Van Plein to Pier route. Also within a cultural context, as this year The Hague is celebrating the sea, the dunes and the beach. Enjoy a smooth ride on the **MUSEUMFIETS** from city to beach, from museum to museum, discover the joint outdoor exhibitions of the museums and see how culture and sea have merged in The Hague.

And what makes cycling on a **MUSEUMFIETS** extra fun? Whether you visit Beelden aan Zee, the Gemeentemuseum or the Gevangenpoort, present your museum bike key and you'll receive a lovely little extra at most museums!

Have fun with the Museum Bike and your trip along the beautiful culture and nature in this beautiful part of South Holland.

About the bicycle

You rent a Museum Bike from € 8,- per day. Reservations can be made at www.museumfiets.com.

You can collect the Museum bike from:

- Du Nord Rijwielen: Keizerstraat 27 - 29, The Hague
- Park & Bike Uithof: Jaap Edenweg 10, The Hague

If all Museum Bikes are rented out and you still want to cycle then it is also possible to rent a city bike in The Hague at www.fietsenindenhaag.nl.

Breakdowns or questions during the trip? Then call Du Nord Rijwielen: +31 (0)70 - 355 40 60

Do you want to see how other people have experienced the Museum Bike or would you like to share your own experience? <https://www.facebook.com/Museumfiets/>

The Museum Bike was made possible by the province of South Holland. By bike you can enjoy the culture and nature in this beautiful part of South Holland in a sustainable way, for example on the provincial cycling paths in the dunes.

How do I get to the museums?

In this booklet you will find a map. There are numbers on the map. These numbers correspond with the museums. You can also find the exact address of the museum beside each museum description. Park your Museum bike in the designated spot. The Municipality of The Hague is strict and removes incorrectly parked bikes! Using the map, you can create your own route between your favourite museums. You can of course also cycle the dune route included in this booklet. At denhaag.com/en/routes/ you will easily find your way and be led from point to point without getting lost.



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So many options...

Before you visit one of the museums, check the website of the relevant museum to view the current exhibitions, admission prices and opening times.

A. Gemeentemuseum

Stadhouderslaan 41, The Hague
www.gemeentemuseum.nl

The Gemeentemuseum is a modern palace for the arts, close to the beach. Step inside and admire the Fishing Boat on the Beach by Mauve or of course the Victory Boogie Woogie by Mondrian.

 *Free postcard 'The Fishing Boat' by Mauve*

B. Historical Museum of The Hague

Korte Vijverberg 7, The Hague
www.haagshistorischmuseum.nl

Where the archers of the Saint Sebastian Guild once met is now the site of the Historical Museum of The Hague. Situated at a beautiful location on the Hofvijver.

 *Free postcard 'Groeten uit Scheveningen'*

C. Humanity House

Prinsegracht 8, The Hague
www.humanityhouse.org

Have you ever wondered what it is like to have to flee your country? In the Humanity House you can feel what it is like to be in the shoes of a refugee.

 *Free coffee*

D. Literature museum

Prins Willem-Alexanderhof 5, The Hague
www.literatuurmuseum.nl

Are you a literature enthusiast? Immerse yourself between writers and their stories! During the 'Seaside Celebrations' year, the poetry of Slauerhoff is the focus of attention from the 5th of June.

 *Free National Writers Gallery catalogue*

E. Children's book museum

Prins Willem-Alexanderhof 5, The Hague
www.kinderboekenmuseum.nl

Discover, experience and create the most beautiful stories in the Children's Book Museum. Use your imagination and embark on an adventure. Along the way you will meet the loveliest characters: from The Very Hungry Caterpillar to Alfie the Werewolf.

 *Free Children's Book Museum bracelet*

F. Louwman Museum

Leidsestraatweg 57, The Hague
www.louwmanmuseum.nl

Come to the world's oldest private collection of classic cars! Experts regard the collection as one of the most beautiful in the world

G. Mesdag Collection

Laan van Meerdervoort 7-F, The Hague
www.demesdagcollectie.nl

Visit the museum, also the former house of artist and collector Hendrik Willem Mesdag; the man behind the famous Panorama Mesdag

 *Free ice cream and a sun lounger in the garden*

H. Museon

Stadhouderslaan 37, The Hague
www.museon.nl

Visit the Museon and see how you can make your own contribution to a world free of 'plastic soup'.

 *Free Lovely fossil, nautilus shell*

I. Sculptures by the Sea

Harteveltstraat 1, The Hague
www.beeldenaanzee.nl

Sculptures by the Sea is literally right beside the sea. In addition to beautiful sculptures, the fantastic sea views are a must-see.

 *Koffie/thee gratis*

J. Prison Gate

Buitenhof 33, The Hague
www.gevangenpoort.nl

For centuries the Prison Gate served as a prison for the mighty Court of Holland. Nowadays the museum tells the story of crime and punishment across the centuries.

 *Free postcard 'Groeten uit Scheveningen'*

K. Escher in the Palace

Lange Voorhout 74, The Hague
www.escherinhetpaleis.nl

Where birds turn into fish, and water flows uphill! Experience it yourself and discover the wonderful world of Escher in the former winter palace of Queen Mother Emma.

 *Free photo opportunity*

L. Panorama Mesdag

Zeestraat 65, The Hague
www.panorama-mesdag.nl

You will find the illusory panorama here of course, but do not forget to visit the exhibition 'Jan Giessen:

working on Scheveningen'.

 *Free set of postcards with works by Jan Giesen*

M. National Archives

Prins Willem-Alexanderhof 20, The Hague
www.nationaalarchief.nl

Nearly one thousand years of history of the Netherlands is stored in 125 kilometres of archives at the National Archives. Also the showpiece of the Netherlands: The 'Plakkaat van Verlatinghe' or Dutch declaration of independence.

 *Discount on admission and/or free cup of coffee*

N. Voorlinden

Buurtweg 90, Wassenaar
www.voorlinden.nl

Visit Museum Voorlinden at its namesake at the foot of the dunes and experience the beautiful perceptual art. One highlight, for example, is the Swimming Pool.

 *Cotton Voorlinden bag 'Martin Puryear'*

O. West

Lange Voorhout 34, The Hague /
Groenewegje 136, The Hague
www.westdenhaag.nl

West The Hague is a gallery with an international exhibition program for contemporary art. Spectacular, confrontational and alienating.

 *50% discount on the entry fee*

P. Muzeo

Neptunusstraat 90-62, The Hague
www.muzeescheveningen.nl

Here you can learn everything about life in, on and connected with the sea. Discover how someone lived on a fishing boat, sink into the ice-cold depths of the ocean and admire the shell collection.

 *Free coffee and cake*

Dunes route

From monster to meijendell

Nature & culture by bike

Scheveningen, Kijkduin, and the South Beach in between: the 11-kilometer coast gives The Hague something extra compared to other Dutch cities. The open view of the horizon, the fresh sea air, unspoiled nature, museums and monuments hidden in the dunes. Grab the Museum Bike and discover how much the coast has to offer. Stand where Mesdag stood to paint his Panorama, lie on the stone bed by James Turrell and feel how the Celestial Vault rests on the border between the sky and dunes. Drive through the freshwater extraction area, spot foxes, stand eye to eye with the Scottish Highlanders or the Beach Beasts by Theo Janssen. In the dunes route, we even go a little further than The Hague to discover the Monster sand motor, for example.

The dune route is divided into four sections. Each section has several points of interest that are briefly described in this booklet. Through denhaag.com you will find the full text and the route description so you can easily find your way and be guided from point to point without getting lost. You will probably start on the boulevard at Scheveningen (point of interest 11). From there you can go anywhere! Enjoy your bike ride.

Points of interest Dune route

Monster – Kijkduin

Between Monster and Kijkduin you have the luxury of choosing between two beautiful cycle paths. The upper path has a direct view of the sea. The lower path is more sheltered by the dune. Both are beautiful and take you past the following points of interest:

1. Maarten Tromp Monument in Ter Heijde (*Slapersdijk, Ter Heijde*): from 8 - 10 August 1653 during the 1st Anglo-Dutch War off the coast of South Holland a sea battle was waged between the

English and fleet of the Republic of the Seven United Provinces: the Battle of Scheveningen or the Battle of Ter Heijde. In this battle the Dutch suffered a great loss: Lieutenant Admiral Maarten Tromp was hit in the chest by a sniper's musket bullet and died. In memory of Maarten Tromp, a monument - the cannons - can be found in the village of Ter Heijde.

2. Water tower at Monster, (water tower beach entrance). A nice spot to stop for a while and admire the skyline of The Hague in the distance. Explore the Sand Motor or get back on your bike and follow your chosen route towards The Hague: with a direct view of the sea (upper) or sheltered behind the dunes (lower).

3. Sand motor: The dunes at Ter Heijde are terrifyingly narrow, which is why an artificial 128-hectare peninsula, called the Sand Motor, was introduced in 2011. It is a mecca for coastal and wading birds and with a bit of luck a seal will pop up! From this hook-shaped sandbar, which extends into the sea for one kilometre, no less than 21.5 million cubic meters of sand will be dashed against the coast. The wind, waves and current do the job.

Points of interest Dune route

Kijkduin – Scheveningen Harbour

The South Beach is located between Kijkduin and the harbour at Scheveningen. This popular 'quiet beach' is one of the most beautiful parts of The Hague - During the summer months, check between beach entrance 9 and 10 to see if artist Theo Jansen is at work on his beach animals. You can also find Westduinpark (West Dune Park) here. Highland cattle graze freely in this protected area directly adjacent to the South (South Beach) and there is also a hedgehog sanctuary. On this part of the route you will find the following points of interest:

4. The Celestial Vault (*Machiel Vrijenhoeklaan 175*): in the dunes of The Hague, where the light can be so tangibly present, world-famous artist James Turrell has created a place for sky gazing: 'The Celestial Vault'.

5. Onderdeel Atlantikwall Museum (*in the dune behind the NH Atlantic Hotel*) ATTENTION: VISITS ON REQUEST ONLY VIA <http://atlantikwallmuseum.nl/openingstijden/>: The Atlantic Wall was a more than 5000-kilometre-long defence line, which Germany built during WWII in the occupied territories to prevent an allied invasion. In Kijkduin, the foundation Atlantic Wall Museum Scheveningen has made part of the Widerstandsneest 67 HL complex accessible. Eventually approximately one hundred metres of tunnel and four bunkers will be on display. Part of the corridor system can already be visited.

6. Uncle Jan's Beachcomber Shed (*beach entrance 5, at the bike shed on the cycle path between Kijkduin and Scheveningen*): on Saturday and Sunday afternoon you can find Uncle Jan and Assistant Beachcomber Rob at their Beachcomber Shed in Kijkduin. Unless the weather is bad of course ... because that's the perfect time for beachcombing! Would you like to know more about the unique objects they have found? Then come along to the shed, where all their findings are on display.

7. Dunes and Highland cattle: the Westduinpark between Scheveningen and Kijkduin is one of the largest nature reserves in The Hague. The protected dune park located at the South Beach has a very varied landscape with dense forest and open plains, damp dune valleys and high dune tops and ... Highland cattle.

8. Hedgehog Sanctuary: (*end of Savornin Lohmanlaan, on the corner of Laan van Poot*): many hedgehogs live in The Hague, especially in the green neighbourhoods, parks, forests, and also in the dunes. With the exception of January and April the hedgehog sanctuary is open every first Saturday of the month from 14.00 to 16.00 for those interested. Check here for the current opening times: www.egelopvangdenhaag.nl/

9. South Beach Theatre (*Kranenburgweg 211, The Hague*): The South Beach Theatre in The Hague is a temporary replacement for the Dr Anton Philipszaal and the Lucent Danstheater. The theatre is the only stage directly beside the Dutch coast. Enjoy cultural highlights from home and abroad here in a special environment with a view of the Scheveningen harbour, the South Beach and the North Sea. Check for the current offer www.zuiderstrandtheater.nl

10. Fish auction (*Visafslagweg 1*): a large, bright 10-meter-high hall, built at the beginning of the sixties by well-known Hague architect Joerd Schamhart. Cutters, cargo ships, sailing yachts and lifeguard vessels sail within a stone's throw. Would you like to experience the atmosphere of Scheveningen's fishing life more closely? Then take a tour of the fish auction! Every first Friday morning of the month you can take a look behind the scenes accompanied by a guide. For safety reasons, a minimum age of 14 years applies. Unfortunately, the tours are not suitable for wheelchairs, mobility walkers and prams. The tour is only available in Dutch. For bookings, please call: +31 (0)900 - 340 35 05.

Points of interest Dune route Scheveningen

11. Modernised boulevard: the new Scheveningen boulevard south of the Kurhaus is a design by Spanish architect and urban planner Manuel de Solà-Morales. Striking landmarks also include the Fisherman's Wife monument at the end of Keizerstraat and the appealing sculptures of Fairytale Sculptures by the Sea. The new boulevard is not just for strolling. Under the boulevard is a special example of innovation to protect the coast during superstorms.

12. Hart Beach (*Strandweg 3*): park your bike and grab a board! Hart Beach is a permanent surf school on the beach at Scheveningen, open all year. You can enjoy everything that goes with the surf lifestyle here: Surf lessons, Surf rental, Surfy Food & Drinks, Events

and a beautiful Surf Shop. In short, the perfect blend of sports and pleasure. There is also plenty of surf adventure for little ones, with kids surf lessons and surf camps

13. Scheveningen Lighthouse (*sea side 12*): the lighthouse at Scheveningen obviously gives you a super view of the sea! The tower was completed in 1875 and has an impressive height of almost 50 metres. Do you want to climb the 159 steps of this historic lighthouse to enjoy the spectacular view of the North Sea? On Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at 2.00 pm it is possible to view Scheveningen lighthouse from the inside, whether or not this is combined with a visit to Muzee Scheveningen. A visit to the lighthouse can be booked through the museum: 070 - 350 08 30.

14. Pavilion De Witte (*Pellenaerstraat 4*): Pavilion De Witte is a former royal country house in Scheveningen, built in 1827 by order of King William I according to a neoclassical design by A. Noordendorp. In 1994, the pavilion underwent radical renovation under the direction of Wim Quist, who also realized the Beelden aan Zee museum below.

15. Het Kniertje (*boulevard, entrance Keizerstraat*): the image of the fisherman's wife who looks out over the sea and waits for her fisherman husband who may never return ('fish has a high cost', Kniertje said in the Dutch play "Hoping for the Best"). Sculptor Gerard Bakker modelled a tough image: a woman standing like a house: firm, unyielding and prepared to make an effort. It symbolizes the locals of Scheveningen who were already called 'tough breed' by Constantijn Huygens.

16. Keizerstraat: the Keizerstraat is the oldest and most historical shopping street in Scheveningen. The former fisherman's houses in and around this cosy street provide plenty of conviviality. You will find many small shops and eateries here. At the end of the Keizerstraat you will find the Du Nord bike shop. You cannot collect and return your Museum Bike here.

17. Muzee Scheveningen (*Neptunusstraat 92*): in Muzee Scheveningen you can learn all about life in, on and around the sea. Nature and history are brought together under one roof. Discover how people lived on a 'bomschuit' (fishing boat) and sink into the ice-cold depths of the ocean. The collection about life in the sea is also called the 'marine biology' collection. In the collection you will also find an aquarium, a coral reef and a large scientific shell collection: Click here for current exhibitions: www.muzeescheveningen.nl/

18. Museum Beelden aan Zee (*Hartveltstraat 1*): hidden in the dunes of Scheveningen, like a pearl in the sand, lies the Beelden aan Zee museum. The museum was founded in 1994 by the collector couple Theo and Lida Scholten and focuses exclusively on modern and contemporary international sculpture. Click here for current exhibitions: www.beeldenaanzee.nl/

19. Fairytale Sculptures by the Sea (*Strandweg 13*): is a freely accessible sculpture terrace on the boulevard of Scheveningen. The appealing sculptures by American sculptor Tom Otterness are part of Museum Beelden aan Zee behind. Over twenty works of art portray different fairytales, such as Gulliver and Hansel and Gretel.

20. Grand Hotel Amrâth Kurhaus (*Gevers Deynootplein 30*): the Kurhaus hotel enjoys a fantastic location on the beach of Scheveningen. The 5-star Grand Hotel Amrâth Kurhaus offers you many facilities, focused on wellness, comfort, luxury and service. Did you know that the Rolling Stones performed here once (but never again)? It happened on 8 August 1964. A day that became legendary in Dutch pop history. Looking back, they seemed to be very good, decent boys. Nevertheless, the place was demolished during their first concert on the European mainland.

21. Scheveningen Pier: The Pier in Scheveningen was completely renewed in 2015. The most famous attraction on the Dutch coast has become a veritable food boulevard with a contemporary offering of street food, restaurants, bars, terraces, covered shops and exclusive hotel suites with panoramic views of the

North Sea. The pier is free of charge and open from 10.00 - 22.00.

22. Black path - In the summer you can find trendy beach clubs and in the winter you have a clear view of the coast. The Black Path is a quirky and cosy beach on the coast of Scheveningen. On the one hand less touristic than the area to the left of the pier, on the other hand the spot where the most beach parties are held in the summer.

Points of interest Dune Route Scheveningen – Meijendel

The trip from Scheveningen to Meijendel, the southernmost stretch of the dunes route is enchanting. Within 5 minutes you are suddenly in nature, away from the busy boulevard. This area is called Meijendel. Around the year 1000 this environment was created by the expansion of large sand drifts, partly on old sand barriers, the remains of which can still be found in The Hague Forest and De Horsten. The name is derived from the central valley where traditionally many hawthorns grow. From the end of the 19th century, Haagse Duinwaterleiding (now Dunea) began extracting drinking water here. This drinking water supply has protected the area from large-scale housing construction and road construction. In this idyllic area nature is central, but there is also room for culture!

23. (Under the) Water Tower (*Pompstationsweg 353*): The only structure is the monumental water tower in neoclassical style from 1874. During a walk between Scheveningen and Wassenaar, through the Meijendel dunes, be sure not to miss the catering pavilion 'Onder de watertoren'. Situated at the crossroads of a cycling, walking and riding path, opposite the old water tower, is a sleekly designed concrete and glass building, with a large terrace in front.

24. Waalsdorpervlakte (*Oude Waalsdorperweg*): the Waalsdorpervlakte is an area in the Meijendel dunes near Scheveningen where more than 250 people were

executed during the Second World War. Located a short distance from the Oranjehotel prison in Scheveningen, this site was used by the Germans for firing squad executions. Nowadays, Waalsdorpervlakte is one of the most important Dutch memorials of the war.

25. Museum Voorlinden (*Buurtweg 90 Wassenaar*): Voorlinden is a new private museum for modern and contemporary art on a beautiful estate in the dunes of Wassenaar, a stone's throw from The Hague. Businessman and art collector Joop van Caldenborgh opened his dream here in 2016: a museum of international allure that houses his famous art collection. The radiant white building houses Van Caldenborgh's rich and surprising collection, permanent artworks specially created for the museum and temporary exhibitions. Click here for current exhibitions: www.voorlinden.nl/.

26. Louwman Museum (*Leidsestraatweg 57*): had enough of the bike for a while? Then take a peak in the Louwman Museum where a breathtaking collection of over two hundred and fifty antique cars are on display, considered by experts to be one of the most beautiful collections in the world.

27. De Tapuit (*Meijendelseweg 42, Wassenaar*): hair blowing in the wind and senses sharpened. Meijendel guarantees hours of walking and cycling pleasure for young and old! In De Tapuit visitor centre you can find extensive information about The Hague dune area and maps are on sale. At De Tapuit you can also purchase day tickets for the protected areas Kijfhoek and Bierlap. Discover Meijendel under the guidance of a dune warden or trained guide. De Tapuit offers various theme and group excursions throughout the year. Check the Dunea website to see the options: www.dunea.nl/duinen.