

# Welcome to Gouda

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Explore, experience and be amazed! ▶▶

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& crafts

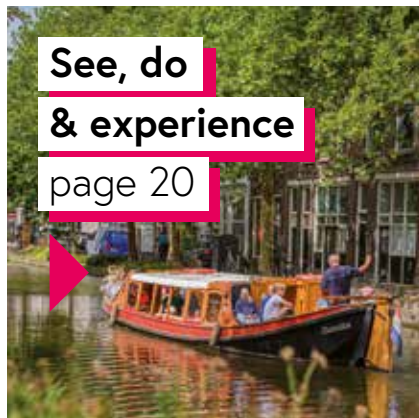
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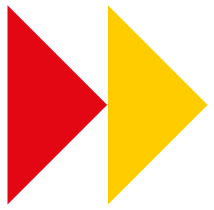
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# Welcome to Gouda!

Come to Gouda and discover the historic town centre with its centuries-old history. Visit the many sights and tourist attractions, admire the beautiful facades, wander along the characterful canals and chill out on one of the welcoming terraces. This brochure points the way to some of the town's highlights.

Gouda is inextricably linked to its world-renowned crafts. You can experience these on many locations! For example, you can witness the dealings of the cheese traders at the Gouda Cheese Market. But you will also come across the Gouda syrup waffle, Gouda beer, Gouda clay pipes and Gouda pottery in the centre of the town. During the atmospheric event Gouda by Candlelight, the historic town centre is enchantingly illuminated by thousands of Gouda candles.

The map on the back of this brochure will guide you to the major sights of the town and on page 43 you will find practical information, such as the address of Gouda Tourist Information.

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## Explore Gouda

With the **Explore Gouda** web app you can explore the town at your own leisure. In the web app you will find beautiful walking routes through Gouda with tips and background information. If you see the 'Explore Gouda' icon  in this brochure, there is a walking route that ties in with the theme.

[www.explorehouda.nl](http://www.explorehouda.nl)



## TIPS FOR YOUR VISIT TO GOUDA



Experience the world of cheese at the **Gouda Cheese Experience**



Try to strike a deal yourself through handjeklap (clapping hands) at the **Gouda Cheese Market**



Taste the syrup waffle magic at the **Kamphuisen Siroopwafelfabriek**



Go on an adventure with the best outings for kids



Go and see the Gouda art collection in **Museum Gouda**



Marvel at the 72 splendid stained glass windows at the **Sint-Janskerk**



Explore Gouda on foot, by boat or by bike



Wander through hidden alleys in the charming town centre

Post your best photo of Gouda on Instagram and add the tag @visitgouda. Who knows, your photo might appear on #repostMonday

## Have a great time in Gouda!

# Gouda history

## Discover the treasures of Gouda

Gouda is suffused with history and medieval charm. You see its rich culture at every corner of the streets where Erasmus used to play as a little boy. Beautiful monuments alternate with alleys from bygone times and courtyards where time appears to have stopped. Well-known highlights, such as the town hall at the Markt, the Goudse Waag and the Sint-Janskerk are the delightful cherries on the cake.

### ► CULTURE & HISTORY

Gouda is an imposing, historic town. In the compact town centre you can see much of Gouda's rich history and versatile culture - all within walking distance - from historic buildings to museums and galleries with modern art.

You get a taste of the history as you stroll through the charming streets. From the imposing Sint-Janskerk with its famous stained glass windows to the artisan workshops where tradition and craftsmanship still come to life today.

**"Wander through medieval streets and courtyards and stroll along canals!"**

### 📍 SINT-JANSKERK & GOUDA GLASS

The first mention of the Sint-Janskerk can be found in documents from 1280, but the current church was built after the great fire of 1552. It was named after John the Baptist, the patron saint of Gouda.

With its 123 metres, it is the longest church in the Netherlands. The church is also world renowned for its Gouda Glass. These stained glass windows, particularly those from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, display scenes from the Bible and from Dutch history.

#### Audio tour

Wander through the church at your own pace with an audio tour and hear all the ins and outs of the famous Gouda Glass. The audio tour in several languages is included in the entrance fee.

#### Children's tour (NL)

The children's tour is great fun! Young explorers go in search of six mysterious chests filled with exciting challenges that offer an unexpected perspective on the church.

### Dutch Museum Churches

The Sint-Janskerk is part of the Dutch Museum Churches, the most beautiful churches in the Netherlands that have joined forces to form the largest museum in the Netherlands. For more information, go to [www.grootstemuseum.nl](http://www.grootstemuseum.nl)

Address: Achter de Kerk 2, entrance below the tower

Entrance fee: € 11 Adults

€ 6.50 Students

Free: Children under 18 years

#### Combination tickets:

€ 19.90 with Museum Gouda

€ 31.50 with Siroopwafelfabriek

and Gouda Cheese Experience

Opening hours: 2 March - 1 November

Mon - Sat 09.00 - 17.00 hrs

2 November - 1 March

Mon - Sat 10.00 - 16.00 hrs

On Sundays the church can only be visited for church services.

Contact: +31 (0)182 - 512 684

[www.sintjan.com](http://www.sintjan.com)



## Sint-Janskerk

### Be amazed by the stunning stained glass windows

When the sun shines through the 72 world-famous stained glass windows it immediately becomes clear what makes the Sint-Janskerk in Gouda so special. It is the only church in the world where so much 16th-century stained glass has survived. The stained glass windows in Gouda are a highlight of the European art of glass painting. Be amazed by the stunning colours and the lively play of light that give this longest church of the Netherlands a tranquil atmosphere.

### Discover the hidden treasures through the audio tour

The highlights of the church are featured in an audio tour. Listen to remarkable stories as you wander through the church. For young detectives there is a children's tour (NL). Six mysterious chests containing exciting challenges are hidden around the church. On Sundays the Sint-Janskerk can only be visited for church services which start at 10.00 and 17.00 hrs. For tickets, concert calendar, guided tours and current information, go to [www.sintjan.com](http://www.sintjan.com)

## ② MUSEUM GOUDA

Museum Gouda treats visitors to a combination of cutting-edge art and the history of the town. The 15th-century former hospital is packed with impressive altar pieces, a maquette of the town as it was in 1562 and the famous Gouda pottery. In the Salon Arntzenius the 19th century comes to life with charming landscapes and portraits by Dutch and French masters. The temporary exhibitions never fail to amaze visitors with their unique objects on loan and personal stories. There is also plenty to do for children!

Address: Oosthaven 9 (main entrance)  
Entrance € 16 Adults  
fee: Free: Children under 18 years

**Combination ticket:**  
€ 19.90 with Sint-Janskerk

Opening **Museum:**  
hours: Tue - Sun 11.00 - 17.00 hrs  
**Museumcafé:**  
Tue - Sat 10.00 - 17.00 hrs  
Sun 11.00 - 17.00 hrs

Contact: +31 (0)182 - 331 000  
[www.museumgouda.nl](http://www.museumgouda.nl)

## ③ THE OLD TOWN HALL

In the summer of 1438 the former town hall was severely damaged by a major town fire. The town council decided that the new town hall should be freestanding. It chose a new location on the market field, which was little more than a sodden peat bog at the time. On the right facing wall you can see the carillon with mechanical puppets which were added in 1961. The leading figure in the carillon is Floris V, who granted Gouda its town charter in 1272.

The town hall is temporarily closed for extensive sustainable renovation work. The iconic building is expected to reopen in all its glory mid-2027.  
Address: Markt 1

"Every monument reveals a story"

## ✚ ERASMUS IN GOUDA

Erasmus was one of the greatest thinkers in European history. He grew up in Gouda, travelled throughout Europe and died in Basel, Switzerland.

**Zotte Zaterdag (17 October)**  
'Crazy Saturday' is a medieval festival packed with activities for all ages, with a nod to the book 'In Praise of Folly' by Erasmus. For more information, go to [www.zottezaterdag.nl](http://www.zottezaterdag.nl) and page 41.

### Erasmus Audio Trail

You can find the Erasmus audio trail on [exploregouda.nl](http://exploregouda.nl). It takes you to 10 locations that tell the life story of Erasmus in medieval Gouda. You can read the background information on the information boards and listen to Erasmus and his contemporaries via a QR code.

## ④ THE GOUDSE WAAG

The Goudse Waag is an iconic national monument at the Markt that dates from 1668 and was designed by architect Pieter Post. Gouda cheeses used to be weighed here. The relief on the facade and scales inside are a reminder of this function. Now it is a museum featuring the trading history of Gouda and the famous 'Made in Gouda' products. Through an audio tour you can discover everything about the history of cheese, candles, beer and syrup waffles. Gouda Tourist Information is located on the ground floor.

Address: Markt 35  
Entrance € 8.50 Museum including audio tour  
fee: € 3.50 Children 6 - 14 years  
Free: Children under 6 years  
Shop: Free (ground floor)

Opening 1 April - 1 November daily 10.00 - 17.00 hrs  
hours: 1 November - 1 April daily 10.00 - 16.00 hrs  
Contact: +31 (0)6 - 536 974 61  
[www.goudsewaag.nl](http://www.goudsewaag.nl)



## ✚ STOLPERSTEINE

In Gouda the 389 Jewish citizens who were killed during WWII are commemorated with Stolpersteine. These stumbling stones can be found in more than a hundred locations around the town. With these Stolpersteine the German artist Gunter Demnig wants to keep the memory of the victims of the Nazi regime alive. Use [www.exploregouda.nl](http://www.exploregouda.nl) to walk the Stolpersteine Route which takes you through the town centre to go and see 15 locations (NL).

## JOURNEY IN TIME OF GOUDA WITH VR VIEWING STATIONS

Journey into the past with the Virtual Reality viewers in the town centre. With the free app "History5D" you can also use your phone for a 360-degree view and see what Gouda looked like in different ages. For example, in 1672 and 1200 or even seven thousand years ago! This is also possible via the website [www.goudsetijdreis.nl](http://www.goudsetijdreis.nl). Check the app to see where the VR viewing stations are located.

## MUSEUM HARBOUR

Magnificent restored boats bring to life the rich maritime history of Gouda. Find out more about this secluded location on page 43.

## Temporary exhibitions

### Faith - Treasures from the Rijksmuseum through modern eyes

14 February - 30 August 2026

Through treasures from the Rijksmuseum, from impressive paintings to striking photos, three thinkers from different backgrounds offer a glimpse into their personal view on what gives us guidance. Arnon Grunberg, Stephan Sanders, Naema Tahir, as well as citizens of Gouda share their story in Faith. The exhibition reflects on the big questions that come with being human and shows that - whether you are religious or not - there are a surprising number of things we all have in common.

### Gouda Tapestries

26 September 2026 - 28 March 2027

In the 17th and 18th century the largest, most valuable and most prestigious art objects of the Low Countries were produced in Gouda: precious, expertly woven tapestries. Among them are the meters-long tapestry from the wedding hall of the town hall of Gouda, as well as a series of woven scenes from the collections of the Rijksmuseum, the Petit Palais in Paris and Skokloster Castle in Sweden. For the first time these works of art will return to the town where they were made, telling a story of migration and craftsmanship.

More information: [www.museumgouda.nl](http://www.museumgouda.nl)

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Museum  
Gouda



Museum  
de Goudse  
Waag

## The beating heart of Gouda's rich trading history

Step inside Museum de Goudse Waag and discover how Gouda became one of Holland's most important trading towns. In the 15th and 16th century it was even the beer capital of the Low Countries. The museum takes you on a journey exploring the crafts and products that made Gouda great.

## Made in Gouda

From Gouda cheese and Gouda pottery to candles, clay pipes and syrup waffles; Gouda has a unique history of production that has brought the town worldwide fame. Through the audio tour you can experience stories from the makers, traders and residents who shaped Gouda at your own leisure. In the museum you will, for example, learn about the production process of Gouda cheese.

## A monument steeped in history

The Goudse Waag, which dates back to 1668, is the perfect setting for this museum that brings the past to life. The building is a national monument designed by architect Pieter Post, who was also the architect of De Waag in Leiden, Huis ten Bosch and the town hall of Maastricht. All goods heavier than 10 pounds were weighed in the Goudse Waag and then taxed. Later it was exclusively used for weighing cheese.

## A piece of Gouda to take home with you

Visit the museum shop on the ground floor and take a piece of Gouda home with you. From local products to souvenirs, all Made in Gouda of course.

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# Timeline

1050

## Reclamation around Gouda

The reclamation of the peat moor east and west of Gouda takes place in the 11th century.

1139

## 1st Mention of Gouda

In 1139 the 'Gouwe' is mentioned for the first time in a deed of the Bishop of Utrecht.

1272

## City rights

In 1272 Count Floris V grants Gouda city rights.



1350

## Construction of city canals

The old inner city is located within the Fluwelensingel, Blekersingel, Kattensingel and Turfsingel canals and the Hollandsche IJssel river.

1361

## 1st City fire

The 1st major city fire, during which the first Sint-Janskerk is destroyed.

1395

## Start of Gouda Cheese Market

1438

## 2nd City fire

Only five houses are spared.



1810

## The 1st Gouda syrup waffle



1750

## Gouda clay pipe production at its peak

1673

## 4th Plague epidemic

20% of the population perishes.



1668

## Construction of the Goudse Waag

Designed by architect Pieter Post.

1552

## Reconstruction of Sint-Janskerk

After the devastating fire caused by lightning, the Sint-Janskerk is rebuilt under the supervision of Cornelis Frederickszoon van der Goude, resulting in the church we see today.

Around 1475

## Erasmus lives as a small boy in Gouda



Around 1470

## Gouda beer production at its peak

At its peak, the town has some two hundred brewers producing 15 million litres of beer per year.

1448

## Reconstruction of the town hall

After the town fires it was purposely rebuilt in the middle of the Markt.



1944

## WWII The station is bombed



1898

## Start of Gouda ceramics (plateel)

Foundation of the Plateelfabriek Zuid-Holland where Gouda ceramics are made. Many pipe making factories changed to manufacturing ceramics.

1860

## Last execution

Last execution on the gallows of the town hall. Death by hanging.

1858

## Establishment of candle factory

Establishment of the 'Stearine Kaarsenfabriek' where the famous Gouda candles are made. The industrialization of Gouda begins.



1956

## 1st Edition of Gouda by Candlelight

Two years later the candle factory of Gouda, celebrating its centenary, donates candles to place behind the windows of the town hall. This is the start of an annual tradition.



1987

## Start of the Gouda Cheese Market for tourists

Since then the real cheese trade has no longer taken place at the Markt.



2022

## 750th Anniversary of Gouda's city rights



# Gouda cheese

## & crafts



Gouda is a celebration of flavours and traditions starring cheese, syrup waffles, clay pipes, candles, Gouda ceramics and beer. The town centre bustles with the greatest shops and fine museums where you can admire and taste these ancient crafts. Take it from us: You don't want to miss this!

### » Gouda Cheese

Gouda cheese is among the best-known, widely consumed cheeses in the world. This famous cheese that has a history dating back to the 14th century is still made in the traditional manner in villages near Gouda, such as Stolwijk, Haastrecht and Reeuwijk. You can pick this up in the unique, creamy flavour which is only produced here. This is cheese in its purest form. For more cheese in and around Gouda, go to [www.cheesevalleyholland.com](http://www.cheesevalleyholland.com)

### 🕒 📍 Gouda Cheese Market

Gouda, a Thursday morning somewhere between April and September. It is not long before you hear the clapping of hands of the cheese traders and farmers. And here they are: the well-known Gouda cheese girls surrounded by spectators. Horse-drawn cheese carts are coming and going. They come to a halt just in front of the Goudse Waag. Cheese boys jump off and start throwing over the cheeses, unloading the carts. The cheeses are then weighed on the original scales in the Goudse Waag.

You can enjoy the world-famous cheese, as well as stalls packed with local products. Besides cheese trading and cheese making, there is also a lively craft market. Young cheese fans can go to the Children's Cheese Market behind the Goudse Waag that offers lots of games and fun. For more, go to page 27.

There is also plenty to do in Gouda in the afternoon. For example, you can go on a boat trip through the canals or join the Goudse Gidsen Gilde for a walking tour. At Berg's Bakery you can take part in a syrup waffle baking workshop.

The Gouda Cheese Market is a spectacular historic and nostalgic scene. If you would like to visit the cheese market, make sure you are on time. The traditional cheese market takes place every Thursday morning from 10.00 to 12.30 hrs during the period from 2 April - 27 August (except on Ascension Day, 14 May).

For more information, go to [www.goudsekaasmarkt.com](http://www.goudsekaasmarkt.com) and the Calendar on [www.welcometogouda.com](http://www.welcometogouda.com). Or drop by Gouda Tourist Information in the Goudse Waag.

### 🕒 📍 Gouda Cheese Experience

During a visit to this unique attraction you go on an interactive journey through the world of Gouda cheese.

Address: Agnietenstraat 21

Entrance € 16 incl. mini tasting session

fee: € 14,50 Children 5 - 15 years

incl. mini tasting session

Free: Children under 5 years

**Combination ticket:**

€ 25 with Kamphuisen Siroopwafelfabriek

€ 31.50 with Sint-Janskerk and Siroopwafelfabriek

Opening Daily 09.00 - 18.00 hrs

hours: Last guided tour, 16.30 hrs

Contact: +31 (0)182 - 787 934

[www.goudacheese-experience.com](http://www.goudacheese-experience.com)



## Gouda Cheese Experience



## Immerse yourself in the world of Gouda cheese with mascot Ralfie

From its history to its production and trade, all aspects are presented in an exciting, playful manner. Step into an enormous Gouda cheese and experience a magnificent show. Take the Milky Way and bring an ode to the cow. Get hands on with discovery panels, virtual milking, cheese turning and the centuries-old tradition of 'clapping hands'. And of course: Taste the one and only genuine Gouda cheese!

The Gouda Cheese Experience is open 7 days a week. Stop by to make your visit to Gouda complete!

## GOUDA CHEESE SHOPS

### » » Gouda Cheese Experience

Address: Agnietenstraat 21  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 787 934  
[www.goudacheese-experience.com](http://www.goudacheese-experience.com)

### » » Gouds Kaashuis

Address: Hoogstraat 1  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 507 418  
[www.goudskaashuis.nl](http://www.goudskaashuis.nl)

### » » 't Kaaswinkeltje

Address: Lange Tiendeweg 30  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 514 269  
[www.kaaswinkeltje.com](http://www.kaaswinkeltje.com)

### » » Kaaswinkel Gouda

Address: Markt 4  
[www.kaaswinkelgouda.nl](http://www.kaaswinkelgouda.nl)

### » » Say Cheese Gouda

Address: Markt 64  
[www.saycheesegouda.com](http://www.saycheesegouda.com)

### » » Van Gouda Kaaswafels

Address: Stoofsteeg 15  
Contact: +31 (0)6 - 293 721 21  
[www.vangoudakaaswafels.nl](http://www.vangoudakaaswafels.nl)



## Say Cheese Gouda

### Where tradition and taste come together

Do you want a first-class cheese experience? Then visit Say Cheese Gouda in the heart of the historic town centre. A shop with more than 60 varieties of Gouda cheese – from young and creamy to extra mature. Every cheese has its own story to tell and is a real treat with a unique taste. The team will

help you select the right cheese and vacuum pack it for you to take home as a tasty Gouda souvenir. Come and taste the rich flavours of the Green Heart of Holland and experience the hospitality of Say Cheese Gouda!

Opening hours:  
Mon - Fri 09.00 - 18.00 hrs  
Sat 09.00 - 17.00 hrs

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## 't Kaaswinkeltje

### The oldest cheese shop in Gouda

Will you pick the 24-month matured Gouda Black for a tasty treat? Or do you prefer a mild, young cheese? With more than 40 different varieties of cheese, the team at 't Kaaswinkeltje will surprise even the most seasoned cheese connoisseur. For generations the shop has been known for its excellent selection of Gouda farmhouse cheese made from raw milk. Here you can taste the purity of traditional cheese from local farms. Can't you make up your mind? The team can advise you in several languages and vacuum pack the cheese for you to take away so you can enjoy authentic Gouda flavours at home.

Opening hours:  
Mon - Fri 08.30 - 18.00 hrs  
Sat 08.00 - 17.00 hrs

For more information, go to page 12.

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## Kaaswinkel Gouda

### Cheese tour through the Gouda area

Experience the rich tradition of Gouda farmhouse cheese in Kaaswinkel Gouda! Here cheese lovers can choose from a fine selection of more than 45 varieties of cheese that are sourced directly from 25 local farms in the Gouda area. In collabora-

tion with Kaasbar Gouda, they provide a unique tasting session of the best farmhouse cheeses. Corporation De Producent, the patron of the Dutch farmhouse cheese tradition for more than 100 years, plays an important role in this. Its members,

independent farmers from the Gouda area, are passionate about their work and make cheeses that reflect the authentic flavour of farm life. You can see it, you can taste it. Opening hours:

Tue - Sun 10.00 - 17:30 hrs

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### Largest selection of farmhouse cheeses

Owners Maurice and Sandra welcome you to the Gouds Kaashuis on Hoogstraat, just off the Markt. With a passion for craftsmanship and a keen eye for quality they personally select each cheese in their assortment which is sourced from the Gouda area and the Green Heart of Holland.

With more than 50 varieties of farmhouse cheese on offer here, you will find the largest selection in the area. From young creamy cheeses to extra mature cheeses full of character. Their pride and joy is the award-winning 'Gouda's Trots' - a 1.5-year matured farmhouse cheese with an unprecedented creaminess and a perfect balance between spicy, salty and sweet. It is no wonder that it was voted the tastiest Gouda cheese in the Netherlands in 2025. Each cheese is vacuum packed and labelled so that you know exactly what you are tasting when you are back home. Would you rather have the cheese delivered to your home? Order online, with shipping to most countries – this way Gouda's best flavour is never far away. Besides cheese, you will also find original, festively packaged gifts to give away or receive.

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 09.30 - 17:30 hrs  
Sat 09.00 - 17:30 hrs  
Sun 11:00 - 17:00 hrs

For more information, go to page 12.

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## Gouds Kaashuis



"Gouda is lit up  
enchancingly by  
thousands of candles!"



Markt, Gouda

### » Gouda Candles

In 1853 three gentlemen from Gouda founded the 'Stearine Kaarsenfabriek'. It soon became a success and on 24 February 1858 the Limited Company was founded. In 1899 the company received its Royal Designation. This factory was the founder of the first authentic Gouda candles. These are available at various places in Gouda. Ask Gouda Tourist Information for the addresses. During Gouda by Candlelight Gouda candles illuminate the historic town centre. Gouda by Candlelight dates back to 1956 and is one of the oldest light festivals in the Netherlands.

#### Gouda by Candlelight (11 December)

For more information, go to page 41 and [www.goudabijkaarslicht.nl](http://www.goudabijkaarslicht.nl)



Markt, Gouda

### » Syrup Waffles

Everyone in the Netherlands is familiar with the syrup waffle and at one time or another has sunk their teeth into one of these biscuits from Gouda. The syrup

waffle was invented for the poor who could not afford more expensive biscuits. The oldest recipe discovered in Gouda dates back to the 19th century.

**You will find delicious syrup waffles at the following shops:**

#### » Berg's Bakery

Address: Lange Groenendaal 32  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 529 975  
[www.bergsbakery.nl](http://www.bergsbakery.nl)

#### » Het Stroopwafel Winkeltje

Address: Agnietenstraat Kiosk 2  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 619 221  
[www.markusstroopwafels.nl](http://www.markusstroopwafels.nl)

#### » Kamphuisen Siroopwafelfabriek

Address: Markt 69  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 634 965  
[www.syrupwafflefactory.com](http://www.syrupwafflefactory.com)

#### » Stroopwafelmuur van Markus

Addresses: Lange Tiendeweg 6  
Stationsplein 18  
[www.stroopwafelsvanmarkus.nl](http://www.stroopwafelsvanmarkus.nl)  
[www.destroopwafelmuur.nl](http://www.destroopwafelmuur.nl)



## Berg's Bakery

### The real 'Gouda syrup waffle liqueur'

A splendid sweet liqueur to go with a cup of coffee or to have as an after-dinner drink. Comes in bottles of various sizes.

### The syrup waffle packages

Great gifts! Delicious syrup waffle packages with one or more syrup waffles, syrup peanut butter, syrup rocks and other goodies that together make a tasty gift.

### Syrup waffle baking workshop

During the Gouda Cheese Market on Thursdays you can bake your own Gouda syrup waffle here at 15.00 hrs. The proud bakers will tell you everything you need to know about Gouda syrup waffles. Tickets are € 9.95 p.p. and can be purchased at the bakery.

Opening hours:  
Mon - Fri 08.30 - 17.30 hrs  
Sat 08.30 - 17.00 hrs

### Authentic Gouda syrup waffle

Berg's Bakery specialises in baking the Van Vliet 'Gouda syrup waffle' according to an ancient, still secret recipe. Here you can also buy the most delicious goodies to take home. The bakery café is a good place to stop for a lunch made from regional produce during your visit to Gouda.



## Markus & Markus Stroopwafels

### Syrup waffles baked with love

A Markus syrup waffle is not just any biscuit. It is a piece of family history that started in 1965 when the Markus family baked their first syrup waffles, then still called 'siroopwafels'. At Markus & Markus Stroopwafels quality has come first for more than 60 years. Each syrup waffle is made with care, with fresh ingredients and using a syrup recipe that has been refined for generations. The syrup waffles are still baked in the traditional way with carefully weighed ingredients and a unique, smooth syrup made with real cinnamon. The result? A crispy outside and a gooey centre that with every bite lets you savour how much care has gone into them. You can really taste it!

### Discover the Syrup Waffle Vending Machines!

If you want to experience something special, visit one of the Syrup Waffle Vending Machines. Here you can get fresh syrup waffles, syrup biscuits and scraps straight from the vending machine; there are also vegan and gluten-free options. Further, you will find gift boxes, gifts and the cheerful 'I Love Stroopwafels' range, comprising mugs, coasters and key rings for the true syrup waffle fan. Buy the authentic syrup waffles of Markus at two locations in Gouda: in the cosy centre at Lange Tiendeweg 6 or near the station at Stationsplein 18. An experience for all ages! Can you choose between all these delicious treats?

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 05:30 - 23:45 hrs  
For more information, go to page 15.

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## Kamphuisen Siroopwafelfabriek



### Step into the wonderful world of the Kamphuisen syrup waffle.

As soon as you walk into the factory your senses are heightened and you immediately smell the delicious, sweet aroma of the Kamphuisen syrup waffle. It is fascinating to see how the waffles are made using traditional methods and to experience how the craftsmanship behind these crispy waffles comes to life.

The secret passageway gives you access to the authentic factory where you help kneading the dough and tasting the syrup! Meet the baker and try to get hold of the secret recipe by cracking the

code of the vault. Are you a real syrup waffle baker? Come and smell, taste and participate, because this syrup waffle is definitely different from your regular Dutch syrup waffle!

### Visit Markt 69!

A visit to the Kamphuisen Siroopwafelfabriek takes about 45 minutes and can easily be combined with other highlights in Gouda, for example, with the Gouda Secrets combination ticket. In the cosy shop you can purchase Kamphuisen syrup waffles, gift boxes and tickets for a visit to the Siroopwafelfabriek. For more information, go to [www.syrupwafflefactory.com](http://www.syrupwafflefactory.com)

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### 14 KAMPHUISEN SIROOPWAFELFABRIEK

Step into the interactive world of the Kamphuisen syrup waffle. Be amazed on your visit to the syrup waffle factory. Experience, smell and taste this crispy waffle yourself.

Address: Markt 69  
Entrance fee: From € 11,50 incl. syrup waffle  
€ 42 Family ticket  
Free: Children under 4 years  
**Combination ticket:**  
€ 25 with Gouda Cheese Experience  
€ 31,50 with Sint-Janskerk and Gouda Cheese Experience  
Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10.00 - 18.00 hrs  
Last guided tour, 16.00 hrs  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 634 965  
[www.syrupwafflefactory.com](http://www.syrupwafflefactory.com)

Markt, Gouda

## "A bite into a syrup waffle is a taste of Gouda"



## Gouda Secrets combination ticket

### Admire, experience and taste the secrets of Gouda!

Discover the world of Gouda cheese at the Gouda Cheese Experience, be amazed by the beautiful world-famous stained glass windows of the Sint-Janskerk and find out how the finest syrup waffles of Gouda are made at the Kamphuisen Siroopwafelfabriek. All at a reduced price.

The combination ticket can be used over a period of 6 months. For all information, go to the website.

Entrance fee: € 31,50 From 16 years  
€ 26,50 Children 4 - 15 years  
Free: Children under 4 years  
For more information, go to [www.combiticketgouda.nl](http://www.combiticketgouda.nl)

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## ▶ BEER TOWN OF HOLLAND

In the Middle Ages Gouda had the reputation of being the greatest beer town in the Netherlands, due to its strategic location. In its heyday the town had 200 breweries, producing 15 million litres of beer a year. Stop by at Den Gouwen Aar and ask for a bottle of Gouda Kuit Beer, brewed according to an ancient recipe.

For beer lovers! Go exploring yourself with the Beer Walk from [exploregouda.nl](http://exploregouda.nl) or visit Bunnik's BierBrouwerij where there are guided tours every other Saturday.

"Cheers to Gouda's beer history. Please come in and enjoy!"

Here are some addresses you can go to for delicious beers:

### ▶ BarBier Gouda

Address: Markt 30  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 769 187  
[www.barbiERGouda.nl](http://www.barbiERGouda.nl)

### ▶ Biercafé De Goudse Eend

Address: Wilhelminastraat 66  
Contact: +31 (0)6 - 512 079 44  
[www.cafedegoudseeend.nl](http://www.cafedegoudseeend.nl)

### ▶ Den Gouwen Aar

Address: Oosthaven 6  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 581 958  
[www.slijterijdengouwenaar.nl](http://www.slijterijdengouwenaar.nl)

For more information on authentic Gouda beer breweries, go to [www.welcometogouda.com](http://www.welcometogouda.com)



Biercafé  
De Goudse Eend

Do you love to taste different beers? Then you should make time to visit De Goudse Eend, the oldest beer café in town. At the Wilhelminastraat more than 180 types of beer are waiting for you. The ever-changing collection comes in all colours, fragrances and flavours. The speciality beer café is a member of the Alliantie van Biertapperijen and is praised for its knowledge of beer, hospitality and quality. The English Lux Magazine has nominated it best beer café of the Netherlands twice. Take advice from the beer experts behind the bar and enjoy good beer, inside or in the cosy beer garden. Drop by and taste it yourself!

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## ▶ GOUDA CLAY PIPES

A Gouda pipe is a clay tobacco pipe smoked by many men in the 18th century. In 1606 English mercenaries arrived in the Netherlands as reinforcements for Gouda. They taught the people of Gouda how to make the pipes. Later, in 1660, the Guild of Gouda Pipe Makers was founded. With the arrival of wooden pipes and the cigar, and with the popularity of cigarettes, the craft was almost lost. The Gouda pipes can be admired in the open depot of Museum Gouda. Are you looking for a genuine Gouda clay pipe? Then go to the oldest tobacco shop in the Netherlands:

### ▶ D.G. van Vreumingen

Address: Wijdstraat 20  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 513 217  
[www.dgvanvreumingen.nl](http://www.dgvanvreumingen.nl)

### Gouda Ceramics Days (14 & 15 May)

For more information, go to page 41 or [www.goudsekeramiekdagen.nl](http://www.goudsekeramiekdagen.nl)

## ▶ GOUDA CERAMICS | GOUDA DELFTWARE

Gouda has a centuries-old, rich tradition of producing clay pipes and household and ornamental ceramics. Museum Gouda has a famous collection of more than 1,200 pieces of Gouda ceramics. The finest pieces are on display in the Catharinazaal. In the depot you will find the most diverse objects. You can admire a number of well displayed, well-known dinner service sets. The extremely rare Art Deco vases are a feast to the eye. During your visit you will get to appreciate the diversity of Gouda ceramics. You might even recognise a vase or plate that you have at home.

### Do you fancy seeing more Gouda pottery?

Then follow the Art & Gallery Route from [ExploreGouda.nl](http://ExploreGouda.nl) to see the art galleries and pay a visit to Club Klei.

### ▶ VanKlei & Club Klei

Address: Zeugstraat 92  
[www.vanklei.nl](http://www.vanklei.nl)  
[www.clubklei.nl](http://www.clubklei.nl)



VanKlei  
& Club Klei

One front door, two creative worlds. VanKlei has an amazing collection of modern ceramics, antique Gouda pottery, vintage finds, souvenirs and pottery supplies, such as clay and glazes. Club Klei offers courses and workshops that show you what you can make from clay and how inspiring it is. Alone, with friends, colleagues or family. Do you already have experience as a ceramist? Then reserve a place in the open studio to work on your own unique project.

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## BarBier is a speciality beer café at the Markt in Gouda

The real hotspot for nightlife in Gouda.

Here you can enjoy a nice pint of freshly tapped beer or one of the more than 130 varieties of bottled beer. The rotating glasses behind the bar are a real eye-catcher and enough reason to take a look inside. Enjoy an elaborate snacks platter or a high-beer, or come in for dinner. BarBier is also a great place to go for delicious vegetarian and vegan dishes.

BarBier has a beautiful terrace where the sun shines for most of the year.



BarBier Gouda

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D.G. van Vreumingen

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## Oldest tobacco shop in the Netherlands from 1836

The oldest tobacco shop in the Netherlands, D.G. van Vreumingen, is situated in the shadow of the Sint-Janskerk with a view of the illustrious old town hall. Everything here is suffused with history: the building

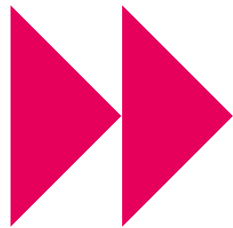
'De Eenhoorn' that dates back to 1367, the 275-year-old pots of sniffing tobacco on the shelves and the advertising posters from the 1960s. It is as if you are in a living museum from the late 19th century. It is

also the only shop that still sells the age-old Gouda clay pipe. A lovely place to visit. Also for non-smokers it is a great experience to have a look around.

# See, do & experience



De Gouwe, Gouda



Discover Gouda in your own way! With a canal boat tour, cycling through the Green Heart of Holland or strolling through the historic centre with its charming alleys. Explore cultural hotspots, such as GOUDasfalt, or enjoy peace and wellness at special locations. Gouda is small, but big on sights and surprising experiences.

## WALKING ROUTES IN GOUDA

Follow the walking route from the guide book 'Gouda, A walk through History' by the Goudse Gidsen Gilde or opt for the '25 Lanes Tour Gouda' and wander through the history of Gouda. You can also find beautiful walking routes online at [www.welcometogouda.com](http://www.welcometogouda.com) and [www.exploreouda.nl](http://www.exploreouda.nl)

## EXPLORE GOUDA

Use the web app [www.exploreouda.nl](http://www.exploreouda.nl) for amazing themed walking routes through town! Choose your route and let an interactive map guide you to the best spots with text and audio. Do you want to walk through the historic Museum Harbour, or to discover sustainable shops and food locations with Vintage, Vegan & More? It's all up to you!

## EXPLORE GOUDA WITH A GUIDE

Throughout the year the guides of the Goudse Gidsen Gilde organise interesting guided walks. Also during the Gouda Cheese Market, Gouda Montmartre and on Saturdays. The guide will take you to all the highlights of Gouda and you will discover exciting alleys and beautiful hidden spots.

For more information and reservations, go to the website [www.goudsegidsengilde.nl](http://www.goudsegidsengilde.nl)

## CYCLING IN AND AROUND GOUDA

With an extensive bicycle network in what is called the Green Heart of Holland, there is much to discover in and around Gouda. At Gouda Tourist Information you will find several cycling routes to choose from, such as the 'Cow Cheese Itinerary' and the 'Golden Age Triangle'. Gouda has charging points for e-bikes. For more information, go to [www.welcometogouda.com](http://www.welcometogouda.com)

## BIKE TAXI GOUDA

Bike taxi company Fietstaxi Gouda organises 30-minute round trips through the centre (max. 2 people). During the trip you will hear all about the history of Gouda (NL/EN). In the high season you can hop in (without reservation) in front of the Goudse Waag on Thursdays and Saturdays. Other days by appointment only. Taxi rides from A to B are also an option.

Price: € 17,50 round trip for 1 person  
€ 25 round trip for 2 people  
Contact: +31 (0)6 - 282 792 30  
[www.fietstaxigouda.nl](http://www.fietstaxigouda.nl)

"Within 5 minutes you leave the town behind and are in the countryside!"



## Goudse Gidsen Gilde

Did you know that in the 16th and 17th century Gouda was one of the most important towns in Holland? The 25 expert guides of the Goudse Gidsen Gilde are happy to show you around! Wander through the historic town centre with its charming streets, picturesque alleys and unique locations.

Take, for example, the iconic town hall on the Markt, an example of late Gothic architecture. Or the Sint-Janskerk with its 72 stained glass windows which are unique in the world! The former Catharina

Gasthuis which was once a hospital tells its own story, as does the Goudse Waag where for centuries farmers brought their cheese by horse and cart. The Goudse Gidsen Gilde organises guided walks that always have varying themes. During the Gouda Cheese Market, Gouda Montmartre and on many Saturdays you can join the guides for a journey of discovery through the town. For more information and reservations, go to [www.goudsegidsengilde.nl](http://www.goudsegidsengilde.nl)

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## BIKE RENTAL

### Borghstijn Souvenirs & E-bikes

Address: Wijdstraat 39  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 600 160  
[www.borghstijnfietsen.nl](http://www.borghstijnfietsen.nl)

### E-Chopper Adventures

Address: Klein Amerika 24  
Contact: +31 (0)85 - 784 92 57  
[www.e-chopperadventures.nl](http://www.e-chopperadventures.nl)

### Keck. Bikes

Address: Stationsplein 1E  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 231 252  
[www.keckingouda.nl](http://www.keckingouda.nl)

### Pet 26 Tweewielers

Address: Kazernestraat 4  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 514 499

### Thiers2wielers

Address: Karnemelksloot 77  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 513 520  
[www.thierszwielers.nl](http://www.thierszwielers.nl)

## Discover the beauty of Gouda and the region with Borghstijn!

A rental company with as many as 40 e-bikes and 20 regular bikes. On the e-bikes you can do longer tours and explore hidden locations and historic villages in the area. For families there are also children's bikes and even an e-cargo bike for a day in the outdoors. Are you ready for a new adventure? Rent a bike at Borghstijn today and experience Gouda as you whizz along the cycle path!

Extra fun: Here you can also buy truly Gouda and Dutch souvenirs as a reminder of your visit to Gouda.

Opening Tue - Sat 10.00 - 17:30 hrs  
hours: Mon and Sun 12.00 - 17:30 hrs  
[www.borghstijnfietsen.nl](http://www.borghstijnfietsen.nl)

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**Borghstijn**

**Souvenirs & E-Bikes**

## 🏰 THE GOUDA MILLS

Gouda has as many as four windmills, three of which are open to the public:

### ▶▶ 26 Mill 't Slot

Like its predecessor that was burnt down, this corn mill from 1832 is located next to the foundations of Gouda's 'Ter Gouwe' castle that was demolished in 1577.

Address: Punt 17

Opening Sat 10.00 - 16.00 hrs,  
hours: when the door is open

### ▶▶ De Mallemolen

De Mallemolen is one of the largest polderdrainage mills in the Netherlands. The mill's sails and cap have been restored.

Address: 1e Moordrechtse Tiendeweg 3  
(can be accessed from Uiverplein)

Opening Sat 10.00 - 16.00 hrs  
hours: and on request

For more information about these windmills, go to [www.goudsemolens.nl](http://www.goudsemolens.nl)

### ▶▶ 27 De Roode Leeuw flour mill

De Roode Leeuw is among the oldest flour mills in the Netherlands. Open to the public when the door is open.

Address: Vest 65/67

### ▶▶ Haastrechtse Molen

The polder mill dates from 1862 and was used to pump excess water out of the polder. What makes it unique is that it is one of the very few polder smock mills in the Netherlands. Unfortunately it can't be viewed inside.

Address: Provincialeweg West 64

### ▶▶ 28 Culvert of fulling mill

Fulling is an old craft in which wool is turned into felt. In Gouda, next to Molen 't Slot, stands an original fulling mill. Through a glass door you can view the culvert of the fulling mill. Scan the QR code for the story behind this historic location. Don't forget to press the button to light up the room!

Address: Beerenhok, Punt 11 A

## SAILING THROUGH THE CANALS OF GOUDA

View Gouda from the water on a boat tour through the historic canals. Cruise past monumental buildings and under dozens of bridges, including a manually operated swing bridge, and through the impressive Donkere Sluis sluice. During the tour you will hear fascinating stories and anecdotes about the town. A unique and relaxed way to experience Gouda. The canal boat tours are not wheelchair accessible; rollators are permitted.

### ▶▶ 29 Bootje Kaas

Discover the picturesque sailing route of Gouda! Bootje Kaas offers unique canal boat tours through the historic centre of Gouda on traditional boats. A relaxing and educational outing for all ages.

For more information on sailing dates and times, reservations and prices, go to the website.

Contact: +31 (0)6 - 535 459 34  
[www.bootjekaas.nl](http://www.bootjekaas.nl)

### ▶▶ 30 Reederij de IJsel

On a charming canal boat tour in a historic horse-drawn boat, you experience the monumental centre of Gouda from a unique perspective. During the more than one-hour tour the captain and guide share fascinating facts and historic anecdotes. From mid-April to November there are several departures from Wednesday to Saturday. Reservations can be made easily via the website.

Price: € 15 Adults  
€ 7,50 Children 3 - 12 years  
Contact: +31 (0)6 - 539 425 87  
[www.reederijdeijssel.nl](http://www.reederijdeijssel.nl)

### CANOEING AND SUP

Canoe or SUP board through the historic centre! A unique experience thanks to the network of several secluded waterways. Reserve a canoe or SUP board in advance via:

### ▶▶ Jaba SUP

Contact: +31 (0)85 - 060 525 0  
[www.jbasup.nl](http://www.jbasup.nl)



**Reederij  
de IJsel**

Step on board a boat of Reederij de IJsel and view Gouda from the water. When the monumental boats sail peacefully through the canals or along the Hollandsche IJssel, the hustle and bustle of the town is replaced by timeless peace and quiet. Listen to historic stories about the water-rich town and enjoy the open polder landscape.

Reederij de IJsel offers unique boat tours, from canal boat tours, River IJssel

tours and lake tours to towboat tours. The boats of Reederij de IJsel are sailing monuments with mod cons. For example, there is a comfortable, heated deckhouse with a mini bar, toilet and sun deck.

For sailing times, boarding locations and prices, go to [www.reederijdeijssel.nl](http://www.reederijdeijssel.nl) and reserve an unforgettable experience in Gouda!

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**Bootje  
Kaas**

## Sail with Bootje Kaas and experience the historic centre of Gouda from the canals.

A one-hour tour takes you to 13 special locations, including the centuries-old Fish Market, the authentic Turfmarkt and the monumental Donkere Sluis sluice. Along the way the captains share fun facts and surprising stories that bring Gouda's rich history to life. A handy app enables you to follow the stories in as many as 10 languages.

Whether you are enjoying a day out with friends, family or colleagues, Bootje Kaas is a relaxed and unique way to discover the town. And what if it rains? No problem! The boat has a handy cover to protect you from the rain, so you will always stay dry and comfortable.

Let yourself be carried away by the charm of Gouda and discover the town as you have never seen it before: from the water!

For dates, sailing times, boarding location, prices and tickets, go to the website [www.bootjekaas.nl](http://www.bootjekaas.nl)

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## 🚶‍♀️ CULTURAL GOUDA

Gouda offers a rich variety of theatre, dance, film and music. There are various venues to choose from. Besides its many cultural sights, the town has galleries galore.

More on [www.galleriesgouda.nl](http://www.galleriesgouda.nl).

### Art & Gallery Route

Walk the Art & Gallery Route from the Explore Gouda web app and get to know the town's rich art history, as well as contemporary works and artists. More on [www.explorehouda.nl](http://www.explorehouda.nl)

## "Art, culture and history on every corner"

### 🎬 Cinema Gouda

Address: Burgemeester Jamessingel 25  
[www.cinemasgouda.nl](http://www.cinemasgouda.nl)

### 🎨 Cultuurhuis Garensponnerij

Address: Turfsingel 34  
[www.cultuurhuisgarensponnerij.nl](http://www.cultuurhuisgarensponnerij.nl)

### 🎬 Filmhuis Gouda

Address: Lethmaetstraat 45  
[www.filmhuisgouda.nl](http://www.filmhuisgouda.nl)

### 🎭 De Goudse Schouwburg

Address: Boelekade 67  
[www.goudseschouwburg.nl](http://www.goudseschouwburg.nl)

### 🎵 Poppodium So What!

Address: Vest 30  
[www.so-what.nl](http://www.so-what.nl)

### 🎭 De Theaterbakkerij

Address: Gouderaksedijk 24B  
[www.theaterbakkerij.nl](http://www.theaterbakkerij.nl)

### 🎨 StudioGonz

Address: Turfsingel 36  
[www.studiogonz.nl](http://www.studiogonz.nl)

### 🎨 Gouda Studio's

Address: Oosthaven 12  
[www.goudastudios.nl](http://www.goudastudios.nl)



## Domo Eclectica

At gallery Domo Eclectica you will find an extensive and amazing collection of characterful contemporary and affordable art. A place in the heart of Gouda where art and adventure come together; surprising, personal and a little quirky! Let yourself be inspired!

Address: Lange Groenendaal 110  
Contact: +31 (0)6 - 284 028 48  
[www.domo-eclectica.nl](http://www.domo-eclectica.nl)

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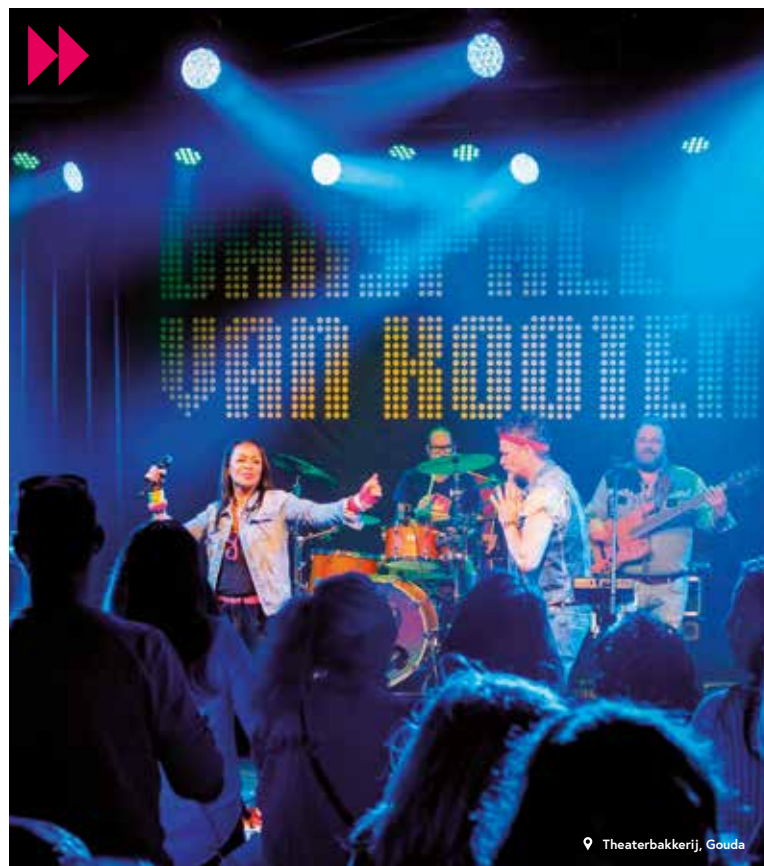


## Cultuurhuis Garensponnerij

In the cultural parlour of Gouda you will find De Kunstmachine, the Jeugdtheaterhuis and StudioGonz. There is always something going on here for all ages. Boost your creativity with art and music lessons, sing in a choir, or play in an orchestra. Listen to concerts by your favourite bands, or excel on the stage yourself during inspiring drama lessons, workshops and performances. Stand in the spotlight yourself and discover what this bustling location has to offer!

[www.cultuurhuisgarensponnerij.nl](http://www.cultuurhuisgarensponnerij.nl)

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📍 Theaterbakkerij, Gouda

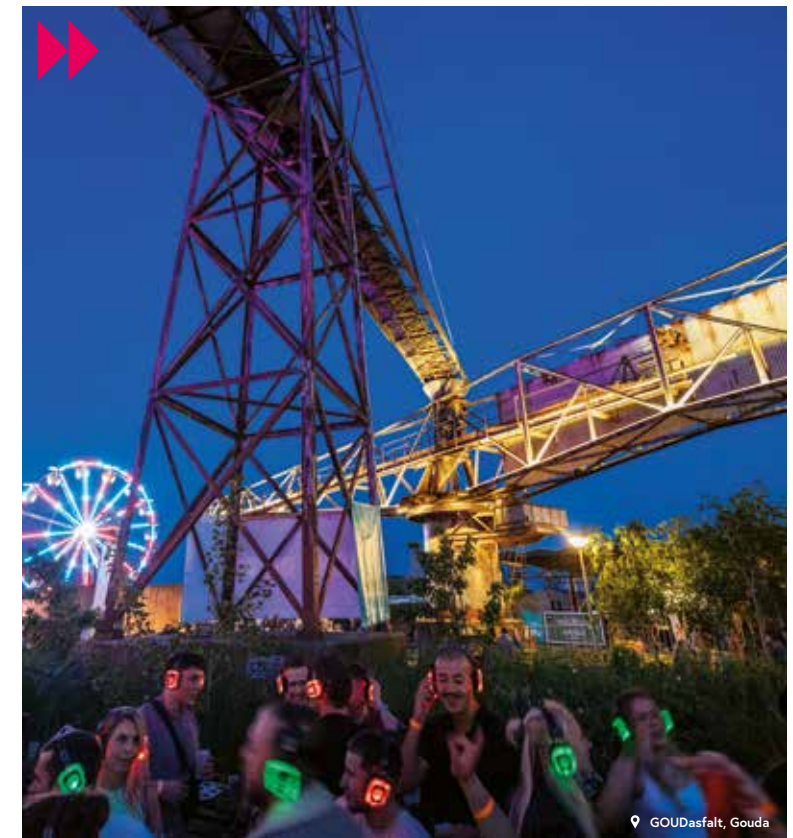
## 🚶‍♀️ GOUDASFALT

Visit this creative hub on the edge of Gouda and the green Krimpenerwaard. A lively city river bank with an industrial ambiance, artisan and sustainable initiatives and creative entrepreneurs. Take a seat at restaurant 'Gouwestrand'. Relax on the city beach, or enjoy theatre productions, festivals and other events on the grounds.

Come on foot, by bike or sail from Nieuwe Veerstal to GOUDasfalt on the ferries 'GEIN' or 'KORNE' for pedestrians and cyclists. If the traffic light on the quay is green, it means the ferries are operating.

Address: Gouderaksedijk 34  
Opening hours: There is something to do nearly every day! Go to the website for more information, opening hours and programme of GOUDasfalt.

Contact: [info@goudasfalt.nl](mailto:info@goudasfalt.nl)  
[www.goudasfalt.nl](http://www.goudasfalt.nl)



📍 GOUDasfalt, Gouda



## Galerie & atelier De Hollandsche Maagd

Close to Museum Gouda, at Oosthaven 28, you find 'De Hollandsche Maagd', a gallery with surprisingly affordable contemporary art located in a canal-side house that dates back to 1580. You are welcomed here by Anita Gaasbeek to exhibitions of paintings, sculptures, glass and jewellery. You can also buy fine artworks by contemporary artists as a gift for yourself or someone else. In the atelier behind the gallery you can see Anita's own paintings. She also gives (last minute) painting workshops here.

Making your own painting in 2,5 hours is great fun and suitable for all ages. Call for the options.

Address: Oosthaven 28 📍  
Opening hours: During exhibitions on Thu and Fri 13.00 - 17.00 hrs Sat 11.00 - 17.00 hrs and by appointment  
Contact: +31 (0)6 - 153 860 63  
[www.dehollandschemaagd.nl](http://www.dehollandschemaagd.nl)

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## 🏊‍♀️ SWIMMING AND WELLNESS

### 🏊‍♀️ Groenhovenbad

This swimming pool caters for young and old, adults with children, sport enthusiasts and swimmers. There is a large sunbathing area and a patio.

Address: Tobbepad 4  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 694 969  
[www.sportpuntgouda.nl](http://www.sportpuntgouda.nl)

### 🏊‍♀️ Spa Gouda

From Gouda bathhouse to Wellness Centre. In 1922 a bathhouse was built on this spot in the lively centre of Gouda. After their weekly visit shiny-clean children with neatly combed hair would leave the building. Thirty years later it closed its doors in the aftermath of household plumbing. Sixty years later, in 2012, the doors opened once again. Now you can go there to enjoy one of the most attractive town spas for a day of total relaxation.

Address: Lange Groenendaal 79  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 504 201  
[www.spagouda.nl](http://www.spagouda.nl)

# Gouda & kids



Markt, Gouda

Gouda is the town for young explorers! Go on an adventure to the Gouda Cheese Experience and the Kamphuisen Siroopwafelfabriek and go on educational treasure hunts. The Playtoday LEGO Shop also brings a smile to their faces. And what about an encounter with life-size dinos at the Dino Experience Park? Plenty of choice, a day out in Gouda is always a treat!

## GOUDA CHEESE EXPERIENCE

Go on an interactive journey through the world of Gouda cheese and learn all about the most important and delicious tourist attraction of the town. For more information, go to page 11.

## KAMPHUISEN SIROOPWAFELFABRIEK

Take a look around the Siroopwafelfabriek and see for yourself how the Kamphuisen syrup waffle is made. Of course, you get to taste them as well! For more information, go to page 16 and 17.

## MINI MUSEUM TOUR WITH MARA AT MUSEUM GOUDA (NL)

Museum Gouda really comes to life with the Augmented Reality Treasure Trail. From a mummy in the pharmacy to the dragon in a painting. Along the trail you collect the greatest art works and objects. With these you create your own unique 3D exhibition. For more information, go to page 6.

## DINO EXPERIENCE PARK

Dino Experience Park is an amazing whole day outing for everyone. You come face to face with lifelike dinos and your kids can amuse themselves for hours in the thematic attractions, such as the play area, jeep safari and maze. But you can also play a challenging game of Adventure Golf with friends or colleagues at the Jurassic Golf Adventure Park!

Address: Sluisdijk 15

Entrance € 17,50

fee: Free: Children under 4 years

Opening hours: Go to the website for opening hours and dates.

Contact: +31 (0)182 - 583 933

[www.dinoexperiencepark.nl](http://www.dinoexperiencepark.nl)

"Discover Gouda: play, puzzle, taste and learn!"

## CHILDREN'S CHEESE MARKET

Great fun for everyone with young cheese fans! Put on a farmer's outfit or cheese girl's dress, take part in fun games, such as cheese memory and sjoelen, and get colouring with Gouda colouring pages. A farmer and two cheese girls are on hand to explain things and answer all your cheese questions. The special Children's Cheese Market that takes place behind the Goudse Waag is held in the primary school holidays. on 23 and 30 April, 23 and 30 July and 6, 13, 20 and 27 August 2026.

## CHILDREN'S TOUR OF THE SINT-JANSKERK (NL)

Go and explore the centuries-old Sint-Janskerk with the superfun Children's Tour. The children explore the church with a dice, an ancient key and a map in search of six mysterious chests. Each chest contains surprising challenges. Puzzles, costumes and treasure hunts bring the magic of the church to life. The dice determines where the adventure starts, but the real fun lies in the discoveries along the way. The children's tour comes free with a visit to the church. Free: Children under 18 years.



## Dino Experience Park

### Playing, exploring and having adventures

Step into the time machine and travel back in time to the wonderful world of dinosaurs! Go on an adventure and come face to face with more than 70 impressive dinos. All attractions have been created so children can learn and

explore in a playful and adventurous manner. Take, for example, the Jeep Safari Course, the Dino Play Area and the Jurassic Mini Golf Adventure Park. Or answer all the questions on the challenging Dino Treasure Hunt and receive a surprise gift!

### Jurassic Golf

On the 18-hole Adventure Golf Course you play surrounded by lifelike dinos, making the game really spectacular. Can you hit a hole in one under the watchful eye of a T-Rex? The glow in the dark cave and a cable raft top off the experience for dino fans of all ages.

### Restaurantosaurus

Has all the excitement made you hungry? The park has a wide range of facilities where you can have lunch. And the panorama terrace is a nice place to be on a sunny day, or even when there is a light shower. Are you bringing your own lunch? Then you can have your picnic in the habitat of the dinos!

### Tickets

For an impression, opening hours and tickets, go to the website [www.dinoexperiencepark.nl](http://www.dinoexperiencepark.nl)



## Playtoday LEGO Shop

### Visit the largest independent LEGO specialty shop in the Netherlands!

All sets of LEGO which are currently manufactured can be purchased here. Fill a cup with your favourite bricks from the unique building block tower, create your own minifigure and come and play in the building room. Admire the LEGO landscapes built by Playtoday and the LEGO aquarium in the shop, and while you are there, take a break in the mini cinema. Playtoday also creates custom Gouda building kits, so take one home as a souvenir!

Address: Lange Tiendeweg 31  
 Opening Sun - Mon 13.00 - 17.30 hrs  
 hours: Tue - Sat 09.30 - 17.30 hrs  
 Thu late night shopping 18.30 - 21.00 hrs  
 Contact: +31 (0)182 - 752 006  
[www.playtoday.nl](http://www.playtoday.nl)

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### PLAYING INDOORS AND OUTDOORS

Let your children run around and play. Come rain, come shine, there is always something to do for the kids! Pay a visit to one of the indoor playgrounds, such as Monkey Town, Ballorig and You Jump Gouda, or take a dip in the indoor and outdoor swimming pool at the Groenhovenbad (also see page 25).

And did you know that in 2023 and 2024 Gouda was voted the most play-friendly municipality in the Netherlands? Discover this yourself in play areas Speeltuyn De Sluis, Natuurspeelplaats Groenhovenpark, Natuurspeeltuyn Het Eiland, Speeltuyn Steinse Groen or Speelpolder Eldorado. In the school holidays (NL) most of the children's play areas are open more often or for longer.

For the overview of places for indoor and outdoor play, go to [www.welcometogouda.com](http://www.welcometogouda.com). Here you will find all the information, such as opening days and hours.



## David's Gelato

The town of syrup waffles, cheese and ... ice cream made from the best milk in the world. David's Gelato is an artisan company. For over 10 years it has distinguished itself with the best ice cream which comes in a wide variety of creative flavour combinations. Always made from natural ingredients. As basic ingredient for the gelato flavours, fresh milk is collected from farmer Anton every day. It is immediately processed in the shop at Markt 2. Besides the gelato flavours, there are also 12 delicious sorbet flavours. These are exclusively made from fresh fruit and water and are a pure fruity sensation. Get your ice cream at one of the two David's Gelato shops in the town centre!

Tip: Do not leave Gouda before you've tasted syrup waffle ice cream! This flavour is made in collaboration with Gouda's major syrup waffle baker and has been a household name for years!

Addresses: Markt 2 (2 March - 21 December)  
 Lange Tiendeweg 23 (1 March - 1 October)  
 Contact: +31 (0)182 - 796 596  
[www.davidsgelato.nl](http://www.davidsgelato.nl)

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## Pannenkoe



### Founded in 1840, the oldest pancake restaurant in the Netherlands!

At Pannenkoe you can comfortably dine in one of the cosy alcoves or in the charming conservatory. The original copper 'poffertjes' griddle is situated in the middle of the premises, so from everywhere you get a good view of the 'poffertjes' baker. Besides 'poffertjes',

there is a choice of pancakes and meat dishes. After the meal the children are given a token for a small gift. All in all, eating out here is a treat for the whole family!

Tip: Try a pancake with shawarma, a real treat in combination with our home brewed Pannenkoe beer!

### Discount

Show a copy of this page and receive a free cup of coffee with your order of scrumptious 'poffertjes'!

Address: Karnemelksloot 1 near Klein Amerika car park  
 Contact: +31 (0)182 - 512 115  
[www.pannenkoe.nl/gouda](http://www.pannenkoe.nl/gouda)

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### THE GOUDSE HOFSTEDEN CHILDREN'S FARM

This super fun children's farm is situated on the outskirts of Gouda. The Goudse Hofsteden has a large play area, a vegetable garden, a bee and butterfly garden and a cosy catering establishment. Fun activities are organised during all school holidays, from helping with animal care to creative workshops.

Address: Bloemendaalseweg 34a  
 Opening 1 April - 30 September  
 hours: Mon 13.00 - 17.00 hrs  
 Tue - Sun 10.00 - 17.00 hrs  
 1 October - 31 March  
 Tue - Sun 10.00 - 16.30 hrs

Contact: +31 (0)182 - 514 219  
[www.kinderboerderijgouda.nl](http://www.kinderboerderijgouda.nl)

### GOUDA TREASURE TRAIL

Treasure trails are available at Gouda Tourist Information from € 4.95. Fun, educational puzzle trails through the historic town centre. For example, try the treasure trail through the heart of Gouda (from 6 years old). Go in search of the 20 answers hidden in the town. Who is the best sleuth in your group?

### HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Every school holiday (NL) is brimming with extra, fun activities for children. For example, Museum Gouda offers workshops, at Berg's Bakery you can bake syrup waffles and at SPORT•GOUDA you can enjoy sporting activities.

You will find all the information on the website [www.welcometogouda.com](http://www.welcometogouda.com) under the heading Gouda & Kids. This page also includes all fun outings that take place during term time and tips. There is always something going on!



Bloemendaalseweg, Gouda

# Shopping in the heart of Gouda



Lange Groenendaal, Gouda

## AMAZING SHOPPING IN THE GOUDSE STRAATJES

Do you fancy a shopping spree in Gouda? Look forward to endless shopping fun in historic parts of the town with monumental buildings, unique boutiques, brocante shops and secluded lunch venues. You will always find something new in the Goudse Straatjes.

### Well-kept secret

Head to the Kleiweg for well-known brands and timeless classics at shops where you are sure to find what you are looking for. A few steps down the road you will find yourself in the Groenendaalkwartier, which is home to the Korte and Lange Groenendaal and Naaiersstraat. This well-kept Gouda secret has many vintage treasures, concept stores, galleries and excellent coffee shops. It is even the first Fairtrade Street in the Netherlands! Wander through this area with the Vintage, Vegan & More Route from [exploregouda.nl](http://exploregouda.nl) and discover all the sustainable hotspots.

### Unique charm

You could also turn into the Tiendekwartier which has its own unique charm. The Korte and Lange Tiendeweg and the atmospheric Zeugstraat are filled with specialty shops and creative boutiques that each tell their own story. There are secluded streets and alleys steeped in character where you may stumble upon a quirky shop window. Here you will enjoy a slightly different kind of shopping experience.

### Not finished shopping yet?

Then check out the indoor shopping centre the Nieuwe Marktpassage. Or stroll towards the Markt, Hoogstraat and Wijdstraat for more fashion, beauty and lifestyle inspiration.

**"Shopping with style, that is Gouda!"**

### Charming markets

Are you visiting Gouda on a Thursday morning or a Saturday? Then stroll around the market at the Markt. A feast for the senses, with fragrant flowers, cheese and traditional delicacies. On Wednesdays during the summer months the Markt is transformed into the lively Gouda Montmartre, a French-style brocante and antiques market where you can browse through curios and collectibles.

### Late night and Sunday shopping

Late night shopping is on Thursday evenings. The shops in the town centre are open until 21.00 hrs. There are no specific dates for Sunday shopping. Shops are allowed to open every Sunday. Check online whether your favourite shop is open and plan a weekend trip to Gouda!



## Blomatelier

### World famous floral designs of Blomatelier

If you like floral creations with a story, you should pay a visit to Blomatelier of Master Florist Diny Blom. Diny has been creating floral art and arranging beautiful bouquets with real flowers for every special occasion in Gouda's oldest street since 1991. The studio is a veritable treasure trove full of beautiful vases and natural forms. On sale are, for example, a fairtrade collection from Indonesia and India. Blomatelier passes on the craftsmanship and is also an international training centre for florists. Diny gives

private lessons and organises flower arranging masterclasses and workshops. Whether you are looking for refined floral art, or want to try your hand at it yourself, Blomatelier will give you a floral Gouda experience!

Address: Molenwerf 22  
Opening hours: Tue and Thu 11.00 - 17.30 hrs  
Wed 09.00 - 13.00 hrs  
Fri 10.00 - 17.30 hrs  
Sat 10.00 - 16.00 hrs

[www.blomatelier.nl](http://www.blomatelier.nl)

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## Simon Lévelt

Fresh, aromatic coffee beans full of oils and coffee fats from the Simon Lévelt coffee roastery arrive in the shop every week. As soon as the coffee silos are being filled, the lovely aroma can be smelt even out in the street. Our tea and coffee are weighed for you on site and, if required, freshly ground. At the tea scenting wall you can discover a variety of tea aromas, something children really enjoy. Come by and be amazed by our extensive selection of 25 varieties of coffee and as many as 150 different varieties of tea!

Address: Korte Tiendeweg 22  
Opening hours: Mon 12.30 - 17.30 hrs  
Tue - Fri 09.00 - 17.30 hrs  
Sat 09.30 - 17.00 hrs

[www.simonlevelt.nl](http://www.simonlevelt.nl)

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**Major chain stores, authentic boutiques, unique gift shops and craft studios with refined designer jewellery. Gouda has it all!**



## By Maddie

### Your favourite fashion spot in Gouda!

By Maddie is the boutique for trendy, casual chic and timeless must-haves. Beautiful blouses, lovely basics and stylish outfits for every occasion: here you will find exactly what you are looking for. Come by and be inspired!

Address: Lange Groenendaal 96a  
 Opening Wed - Fri 10.00 - 17.30 hrs  
 hours: Sat 10.00 - 17.00 hrs  
[www.by-maddie.com](http://www.by-maddie.com)

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## Pastry Shop Van Dijk

Banketbakkerij van Dijk, a household name in Gouda since 1890, is situated on the prettiest corner of the Doelenstraat and on the Lange Tiendeweg. The artisan Bereklauwen, a light sponge filled with fresh whipped cream, are famous! The almond paste with its deep, full flavour and delicious bite also comes highly recommended. The bakers incorporate high quality ingredients, such as Valrhona chocolate and butter from the Belgian Ardennes, in their exclusive delicacies.

They are also the proud makers of the Gouda Skyline Chocolate Bars, made from the best chocolate and wrapped in a unique Gouda design. Great as an original gift or souvenir of the town.

Addresses: Doelenstraat 32  
 Lange Tiendeweg 23  
 Opening Mon - Fri 08.00 - 17.00 hrs  
 hours: Sat 08.00 - 16.30 hrs  
[www.123gebak.nl](http://www.123gebak.nl)

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## Wereldwinkel

### Good for the World

At the Wereldwinkel you will find responsibly made products which are fairtrade, recycled, sustainable, organic or local. From tastefully designed home accessories to sustainable consumables and food from other cultures. Unique products that are good for the world. Are you looking for a gift for yourself or for someone else? Then come and visit Wereldwinkel Gouda!

Address: Lange Groenendaal 38  
 Opening Mon 13.30 - 17.30 hrs  
 hours: Tue - Sat 09.30 - 17.30 hrs  
[www.wereldwinkelgouda.nl](http://www.wereldwinkelgouda.nl)

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## Jantje zag eens pruimen hangen

Jantje zag eens pruimen hangen is a contemporary shop with beautiful gifts and books. The name of the shop is also the first line of an old nursery rhyme from Gouda. You can have a cup of coffee or tea in the cosy coffee corner. The unique location near the Sint-Janskerk is a sheltered workplace for youngsters who have a disadvantage on the labour market.

Address: Dubbele Buurt 7  
 Opening Mon 11.30 - 17.00 hrs  
 hours: Tue - Sat 09.30 - 17.00 hrs  
[www.jantjezageens.nl](http://www.jantjezageens.nl)

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## Outdoor Gouda

A passion for outdoor sports and sustainable products make Outdoor Gouda the shop that it is. For over 50 years the shop has been specialised in walking gear and leisure and travel products. You are sure to get good advice! Are you planning to go on a holiday, or travel, or have you forgotten to bring some item along with you from home? You will receive a warm welcome in this great shop with a wide assortment.

Address: Nieuwe Haven 45a  
 Opening Tue - Fri 09.00 - 18.00 hrs  
 hours: Thu until 21.00 hrs  
 Sat 09.00 - 17.00 hrs

[www.outdoorgouda.nl](http://www.outdoorgouda.nl)

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## Butcher Van Sprang

Since 1934 the traditional butcher Van Sprang has been known for its self-made sausages and meat products. The butcher has its own sausage making facility where old family recipes are still used. The animals are reared in the region and the meat and suppliers are selected based on quality, sustainability and animal welfare.

For 80 years the meat has been smoked over beech shavings, which you can taste! This not only results in the best

beef, but also in international awards. Whether this meat is destined for your lunch or the barbecue, at Van Sprang you are guaranteed fresh, top quality, sustainable and tasty meat. Why not pop in and experience this honest and traditional taste for yourself.

Address: Lange Tiendeweg 28  
 Opening Mon 10.00 - 18.00 hrs  
 hours: Tue - Fri 08.00 - 18.00 hrs  
 Sat 08.00 - 16.00 hrs

[www.vansprang.gildeslager.nl](http://www.vansprang.gildeslager.nl)

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## Biowinkel Gouda

From organic bread to baby food, from farmhouse cheese to fresh vegetables and fruit. In the spacious and stylish Biowinkel you will find as many as 5,000 organic products. For the everyday shop or a treat that is both tasty and healthy.

### Discount

Visitors to Gouda spending € 15 or more get a delicious freshly baked oatmeal raisin cookie for free if they bring along this 'farmhouse bread photo' (max. 1 per customer).

Address: Lange Groenendaal 99  
 Opening hours: Mon - Sat 08.30 - 18.00 hrs  
[www.biowinkelgouda.nl](http://www.biowinkelgouda.nl)

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## Pastry Shop Herfst

### Chocolaterie and tearoom

As early as the 19th century there was already a baker and patisserie in this location. From that time on Banketbakkerij Herfst has been a symbol of quality, as you will realise when you taste its products. The shop offers fresh products daily, with considerable craftsmanship and professional dedication. Take a break from visiting the sights in Gouda and enjoy the tasty traditionally made cakes or a bread roll in the cosy Huyskamer lounge or on the terrace.

Address: Lange Tiendeweg 41 - 43  
 Opening Mon - Fri 08.00 - 17.00 hrs  
 hours: Sat 09.00 - 17.00 hrs  
[www.banketbakkerijherfst.nl](http://www.banketbakkerijherfst.nl)

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# Dining, drinking & night life



Restaurant Brunel, Gouda

You can enjoy yourself big time in Gouda in unique locations, such as the Markt, the lively heart of the town with numerous cosy cafés, restaurants and intimate terraces. The view of the beautiful old town hall is a nice bonus. Or let yourself be culinarily surprised in the medieval alleys around the Sint-Janskerk, at the Visbanken or in the romantic garden of Museum Gouda. The Gouda beers, best cheeses and delicious lunches and dinners are waiting for you!



## Casa Chow

### Casa Chow is the street food bar for all-day comfort food!

From ceviche to sushi and from steamed bao buns to a smash burger, it is all on Casa Chow's menu. The cheese-coloured building at the Markt opposite the old town hall can't be missed. Enjoy the tropical atmosphere inside and outside!

#### Breakfast deal

Get your day off to a good start! For € 9,50 you can enjoy a lovely breakfast with coffee, fresh orange juice, a croissant and avocado on toast with a poached egg. Or for € 6 you can have the small breakfast with coffee, fresh orange juice and a croissant!

It is not possible to make reservations for breakfast. Just pop by at Casa Chow.

Address: Markt 31  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 607 640  
[www.casachow.nl](http://www.casachow.nl)

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## Cantina van Jongkind

### Restaurant & wine bar in the Hofje van Jongkind

In the Hofje van Jongkind, which dates back to 1702, you will find Cantina, a place oozing with style, charm and a touch of Italy. Here the menu is inspired by Italy, personal recipes and local produce from the Green Heart of Holland. The result? Dishes that feel familiar, but always surprise. From home-made antipasti and fresh pasta dishes to artisan pizzas and carefully selected wines. Everything is prepared with love in

the kitchen. Inside you can enjoy the lively atmosphere, while outside in the courtyard you can dine in the tranquility of a secluded historic gem. Open seven days a week for lunch, dinner and a good glass of wine. Experience for yourself why this favourite venue of the locals is so popular.

Address: Zeugstraat 28  
Contact: +31 (0)6 - 252 829 45  
[www.cantinavanjongkind.nl](http://www.cantinavanjongkind.nl)

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## La mia Mina

### Authentic Italian delight

Come along to La mia Mina and let yourself be transported to Italy. In this cosy, atmospheric restaurant in the heart of Gouda you will experience the pure flavours of Italian family-style cooking: home-made pizzas, fresh ingredients and traditional recipes. Whether you come for an intimate dinner or a fun evening with friends, you will always feel at home here. Enjoy a lively atmosphere, pure flavours and Italian hospitality at any time of the day.

Address: Markt 29  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 522 993  
[www.lamiamina.nl](http://www.lamiamina.nl)

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## Gouds Glas

Situated in the town centre with a terrace at the foot of the old town hall at the Markt, so you can enjoy a nice lunch, drink or dinner with a beautiful view! Inside Gouds Glas has four different spaces; the brasserie, the restaurant, the mezzanine and the wine bar. You can enjoy a drink at

the bar in the brasserie. In the restaurant you can have lunch or dinner with a view of six large stained glass windows, all depicting Gouda. You can also dine in a cosy, romantic ambiance on the mezzanine looking out over the spacious restaurant.

The doors open at 10.00 hrs and close at midnight. So there's plenty of time to enjoy yourself!

Address: Markt 40 📍  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 717 708  
[www.goudsglas.nl](http://www.goudsglas.nl)

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## Kaasbar Gouda

### Bar with genuine Gouda allure!

From genuine Gouda cheese to a splendid view of the old town hall. Kaasbar Gouda has a unique concept with cheese taking a leading role!

### Only farmhouse cheese

The famous Gouda cheese is made at cheese farms in the region. In this bar only farmhouse cheeses are served. In other words, no other (foreign) types of cheese. 'Cheese from the local farmer should be the reason for your visit', owner Ton says.

Enjoy cheese specialities all day long. From lunch to dinner, or drinks and snacks, at every time of the day you can have a great time here. Discover the numerous types and shapes of genuine farmhouse cheese. Open every week from Tuesday to Sunday.

Address: Markt 5  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 523 530  
[www.kaasbargouda.nl](http://www.kaasbargouda.nl)

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## Brownies &downies

Brownies&downies serves coffee, tea, home-made brownies and an artisan lunch menu. The restaurant has two floors and has a play area for children, so you can enjoy yourself in a relaxed ambiance. What is unique about the lunch café is its team. Youngsters who have a disadvantage on the labour market work and learn here. You will get a warm welcome in the historic, characterful building.

Address: Korte Tiendeweg 15 📍  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 605 695  
[www.browniesanddowniesgouda.nl](http://www.browniesanddowniesgouda.nl)

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## Kruim

Come and visit Kruim - food and drinks at the Chocoladefabriek. Enjoy a delicious lunch, a pleasant drink, a surprising high wine or an elaborate afternoon tea. Or stay for a tasty dinner! On the sunny terrace you can taste Gouda at its best. Kruim combines good food with a unique place steeped in culture and creativity. Highly recommended for a relaxing break.

Address: Klein Amerika 20  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 590 160  
[www.kruimgouda.nl](http://www.kruimgouda.nl)

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## Dependance

### Bar & cocktails

Dependance is the high-end cocktail bar in Gouda where you can meet up in a relaxing and casual ambiance after a busy work week. Enter the tropical and chic interior. Imagine yourself in a paradise, listening to great summery tunes while sipping your favourite cocktail!

Address: Markt 25 📍  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 601 741  
[www.dependancegouda.nl](http://www.dependancegouda.nl)

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## Restaurant Belvédère

Since 1868 Restaurant Belvédère has become a household name on Gouda's central market square. From coffee with cake to an elaborate lunch or dinner looking out on the town hall. Come and enjoy lovely dishes in which many local products are used.

Address: Markt 45 📍  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 512 421  
[www.belvedere-gouda.nl](http://www.belvedere-gouda.nl)

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## Swing Gouda

Swing Gouda stands for hospitality and liveliness. From the heated terrace you have a view of the old town hall. You can come here all day long, seven days a week, for a moment of Gouda enjoyment.

Start with a nice cup of coffee and cake, feast on a Gouda lunch, and end your



afternoon with an amazing pint of beer. Have the signature Swing Steak for dinner, or begin your evening swinging to hits from the sixties through to the very latest top hits.

Every weekend Swing provides the perfect night out. Drink a cocktail at the cocktail

bar next door, sing along with your favourite guilty pleasure played by the best pianists and drummers, or dance to the music of the DJ until all hours!

Address: Markt 24   
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 601 741  
[www.swinggouda.nl](http://www.swinggouda.nl)

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## Gewoon Gouds



At Restaurant Gewoon Gouds you are treated to a great view of the Markt. At this accessible restaurant you can have a drink, lunch or dinner at a very affordable price. These prices do by no means affect the quality or detract from the cosy atmosphere. Stop by for a visit!

Address: Markt 42 - 44   
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 529 216  
[www.gewoongouds.nl](http://www.gewoongouds.nl)

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## City Hotel Gouda

This beautiful hotel is the gateway to Gouda! Thanks to its great location – in the middle of the town centre and easily accessible by car and train – you soon discover what the town has to offer. Starting with the hotel itself, where breakfast consists of various local delicacies. The hosts not only give you a warm welcome, they also help you on your way, whether it be to the Gouda Cheese Market, the Green Heart of Holland, or one of the great restaurants. Quickly go to the website and check in for a great stay in one of the beautiful hotel rooms!

[www.cityhotelgouda.com](http://www.cityhotelgouda.com)

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## Overnight stays

Gouda has many unique places to stay, from a boutique hotel to a stay in a historic canal-side house. The options in Gouda are endless! For more information on overnight stays, visit [www.welcometogouda.com](http://www.welcometogouda.com)

### HOTELS

**City Hotel Gouda \*\*\*\***  
Address: Hoge Gouwe 201 (town centre)  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 860 086  
[www.cityhotelgouda.com](http://www.cityhotelgouda.com)

**Relais & Châteaux Weeshuis Gouda \*\*\*\* plus**  
Address: Spieringstraat 1 (town centre)  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 231 253  
[www.wshs.nl](http://www.wshs.nl)

**The Guesthouse**  
Address: Geuzenstraat 6 (town centre)  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 231 254  
[www.guesthouse.nl](http://www.guesthouse.nl)

**Campanile Hotel Gouda \*\*\***  
Address: Kampenringweg 39/41 (near A12)  
Contact: +31 (0)182 - 535 555  
[www.campanile-gouda.nl](http://www.campanile-gouda.nl)

### BED & BREAKFASTS

Gouda has a wide variety of charming B&Bs.

### CAMPER PARKING

At the Klein Amerika car park there are parking spaces for campers up to 6 metres. Overnight stays are not permitted. For overnight stays, check out the campsites in the Gouda area.

### CAMPING

In the vicinity of Gouda you can choose from various campsites in Haastrecht, Stolwijk, Bergambacht, Bodegraven and Hekendorp.

### HOLIDAY PARK

Holiday Park Landal de Reeuwijkse Plassen, with its modern waterside houses, is located in Reeuwijk, close to Gouda.

# Events



Markt, Gouda

To go partying, you need to be in Gouda! The town is bustling 365 days a year. Whether you like sports, relaxation, culture or music, there is always something going on.

What about the Gouda Cheese Market, the Gouda Ceramics Days, and the three-day cultural festival De Verwondering? In winter the town delights visitors with the enchanting Gouda by Candlelight, Gouda Glass Illuminated and the Gouda Ice Skating Rink.

## Gouda Cheese Market

2 April - 27 August

Thursday is Gouda Cheese Market day! From 10.00 to 12.30 hrs farmers and traders do the traditional 'handje-klap' to seal their bargains for the best cheeses. There are also delicious local products for sale and fun afternoon activities, such as canal boat tours and walking tours through town. [www.goudakaasstad.nl](http://www.goudakaasstad.nl)



## Gouda Ceramics Days

14 and 15 May

The Gouda Ceramics Days celebrate craftsmanship and creativity at the Markt where a hundred top ceramists display their work. With demonstrations, competitions and a Ceramics Route through the historic centre, it is the event for fans of ceramic art. [www.goudsekeramiekdagen.nl](http://www.goudsekeramiekdagen.nl)



## Gouda Montmartre

3 June - 26 August

For some Parisian flair on a Wednesday, you should go to the largest open air antique and brocante market in the Netherlands to search for vintage, brocante and antiques. From 09.00 to 16.30 hrs the historic market square is packed with more than 100 stalls. Combine it with a tour of the brocante shops in Gouda! [welcometogouda.com](http://welcometogouda.com)



## Houtman Park Concerts

28 June - 30 August

For some summer fun, go to the free Houtman Park Concerts. Enjoy live performances in the park every Sunday afternoon. Bring a picnic and listen or dance with friends and family. [houtmansplantsoenconcerten.nl](http://houtmansplantsoenconcerten.nl)

## Calendar 2026 - 2027

### April

Gouda Cheese Market ▶▶ 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
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Oranje Geluk ▶▶ 26 & 27  
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### May

Comics at the Markt ▶▶ 3  
Gouda Cheese Market ▶▶ 7, 21, 28  
National Mill Days ▶▶ 9 & 10  
Gouda Ceramics Days ▶▶ 14 & 15  
Fabrics Spectacle ▶▶ 19  
Gouda Cheese Awards ▶▶ 21  
Super Cool Kids Party ▶▶ 27  
Goudse Hofstedendagen ▶▶ 30 & 31

### June

Gouds Montmartre ▶▶ 3, 10, 17, 24  
Gouda Cheese Market ▶▶ 4, 11, 18, 25  
Float-In Cinema Museum Harbour ▶▶ 6  
Gouda Maakt Toekomst ▶▶ 14  
Swan Market ▶▶ 14  
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Gouda Cheese Market ▶▶ 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
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Houtmansplantsoen Concerts ▶▶ 5, 12, 19, 26  
Piano Festival Gouda ▶▶ 23

### August

Houtmansplantsoen Concerts ▶▶ 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
Gouds Montmartre ▶▶ 5, 12, 19, 26  
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### September

Goudse Singelloop ▶▶ 5 & 6  
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### November

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Arrival of St Nicolas ▶▶ 14  
House of St Nicolas ▶▶ from 14

### December

House of St Nicolas ▶▶ until 5  
Gouda by Candlelight ▶▶ 11  
Warme Wintermarkt ▶▶ 11  
Gouda Glass Illuminated ▶▶ from 11  
Winterfair ▶▶ 11 & 12  
Gouda Ice Rink ▶▶ from 16  
Black Gospel Night ▶▶ 17 & 18

### January 2027

Gouda Glass Illuminated ▶▶ until 3  
Gouda Ice Rink ▶▶ until 10

## Festival De Verwondering

17 - 19 September

The Amazement is a three-day cultural festival with a unique programme full of music, visual arts, dance and worldly street theatre. Performances provide a spectacle for all ages in the town centre - a festive start to the cultural season! [verwondering-gouda.nl](http://verwondering-gouda.nl)



## Zotte Zaterdag

Saturday 17 October

You can experience the atmosphere of the Middle Ages at Gouda's 'Crazy Saturday', which always takes place the first Saturday of the autumn holidays. Jesters, market vendors, music and theatre fill the streets around the historic town hall and the Sint-Janskerk. An homage to Erasmus' 'In Praise of Folly'. [www.zottezaterdag.nl](http://www.zottezaterdag.nl)



## Gouda by Candlelight

Friday 11 December

Gouda by Candlelight is an enchanting light festival. All day long there are numerous activities, such as walks, music, theatre and dance performances, in various locations in the charming town centre. In the evening thousands of candles illuminate the historic town centre. The highlight is the lighting of the Christmas tree. [www.goudabijkaarslicht.nl](http://www.goudabijkaarslicht.nl)



## City of Winter Events

11 December - 10 January

Experience the magic of winter in Gouda! Starting with Gouda by Candlelight, the Winterfair and Gouda Glass Illuminated. Or how about skating on the Gouda Ice Skating Rink, winter walking tours, shopping or dining in top restaurants? [www.welcometogouda.com](http://www.welcometogouda.com)

# Water



Gouda is a typical Dutch town that has for centuries been inextricably associated with the water of the Hollandsche IJssel and the Gouwe. The town centre has a special network of intimate, almost mysterious watercourses. A visit to Gouda's town centre with its restored sluices and bridges – not to mention its works of art in the water – will certainly be worth your while.

## MUSEUM HARBOUR GOUDA

Gouda played a major role in shipping as early as the 12th century. Due to its central location the town offered passage to ships en route to Amsterdam and Flanders in the Middle Ages. After the 15th century Gouda's role in international shipping fell into decline. Today historic clippers, barges, tjalken (Dutch sailing vessels with a characteristic spritsail), tugboats and straight-stem barges lie majestically alongside each other in the Museum Harbour. One of the hidden gems of Gouda! For a walking route in two languages (NL/EN), go to [exploregouda.nl](http://exploregouda.nl). There is also a route especially for kids! Enjoy a drink and a view of the historic fleet in the former captain's waiting room, now Museum Harbour Café IJsselhuis Gouda.



# Practical information

## MOORING AT MORE THAN 200 MOORING PLACES

If you visit Gouda by boat, you can moor at one of the town's 200 berths. Small and medium-sized boats can moor at Turfsingel, Gouwe, Regentessenplantsoen, Haven and IJsselkade. Yachts larger than 12 metres can be moored at Turfsingel.

## OPENING HOURS

Scan the QR code for the current operating times of the bridges and sluices in the centre of Gouda, shower facilities and harbour fees.

Harbour office: +31 (0)182 - 516 019



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## GOUDA TOURIST INFORMATION (VVV) IS THERE TO HELP!

You will find us in the Goudse Waag at the Markt (the central market square). Here you can choose from a variety of street plans and walking and cycle routes. The staff is happy to give you tips on sightseeing, accommodation, shopping and fun activities.

## GOUDA TOURIST INFORMATION

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[info@welcometogouda.com](mailto:info@welcometogouda.com)  
[www.welcometogouda.com](http://www.welcometogouda.com)

## OPENING HOURS

1 April - 1 November  
Daily 10.00 - 17.00 hours  
1 November - 1 April  
Daily 10.00 - 16.00 hrs  
11 December 2026, Gouda by Candlelight  
10.00 - 22.00 hrs  
Closed on 1 January, 27 April, 25 December

## ACCESS TO GOUDA TOWN CENTRE

Gouda Station is a 5-minute walk from the historic town centre. There are car parks and parking garages in and around the centre.

## TIPS & REVIEWS

Have you enjoyed your stay in Gouda? Share your recommendation and great tips for other visitors on Google, Zoover and TripAdvisor!

## FACILITIES IN THE TOWN CENTRE

Cyclists can use the covered bike parking facility at Nieuwe Markt. It offers electric charging points, luggage lockers, toilets and a baby changing room. In the HogeNood app you will find all public toilets. Gouda also has a number of public drinking water points. See back cover, or go to [www.welcometogouda.com](http://www.welcometogouda.com)

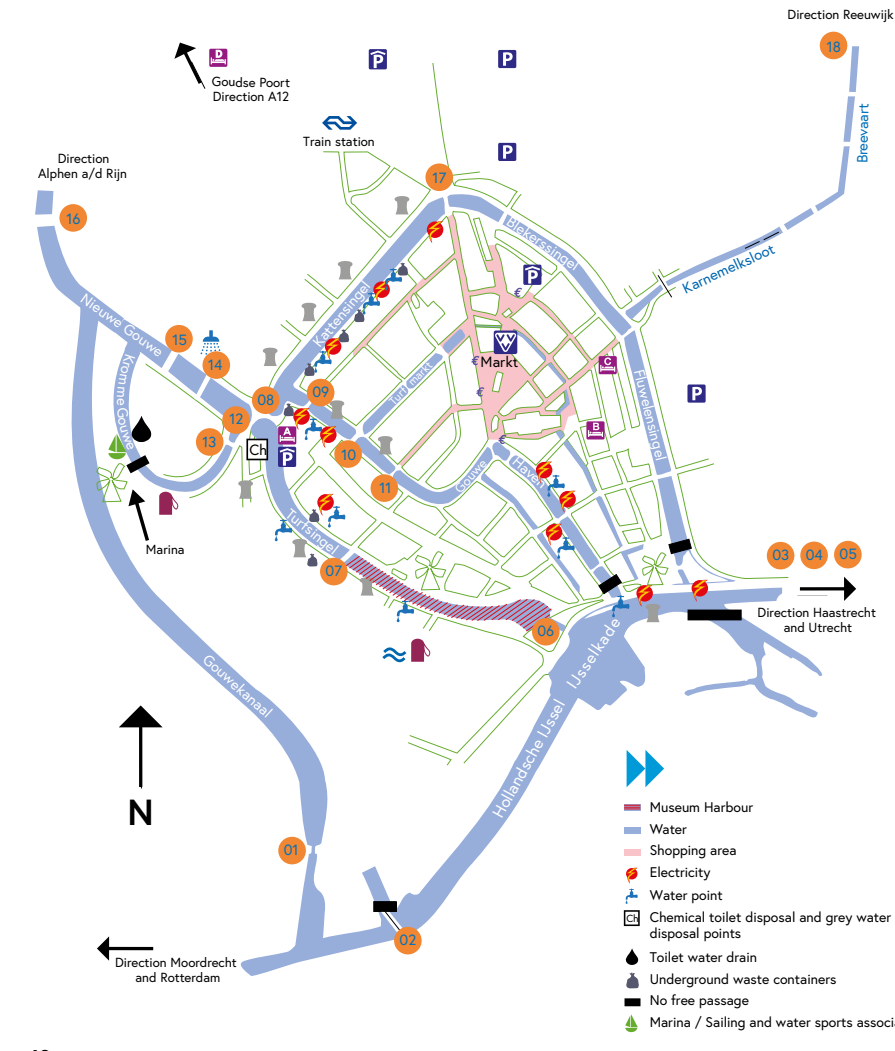
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- Wheelchair accessible
- Walking route on [www.exploregouda.nl](http://www.exploregouda.nl)
- On the map, back cover

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# Map of Gouda



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- Drinking water points

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