



Wageningen, discover the city of liberation

**Feel freedom.  
See history.**

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Wageningen

# Welcome to Wageningen

## City of Liberation

On behalf of the City of Wageningen, I am pleased to welcome you and to introduce our city to you as a destination for international visitors and travel professionals.

Wageningen is internationally known as the City of Liberation of the Netherlands. It was here, on 5 May 1945, that the German occupation formally ended. This moment forms the heart of our city's identity and makes Wageningen a key location along the Liberation Route Europe, offering authentic stories of freedom, remembrance and reconciliation.

Today, Wageningen combines this rich history with a vibrant, green and accessible urban environment. The city offers high-quality accommodation, short distances, professional guiding services and strong partnerships between museums, hotels and cultural institutions. Its location, surrounded by nature and close to major Dutch and European transport routes, makes Wageningen an attractive and flexible destination for group travel.

We warmly invite you to explore Wageningen and to consider our city as a meaningful addition to your itineraries. We look forward to welcoming you and your guests.

Floor Vermeulen  
Mayor of Wageningen



# Wageningen in Brief

## City of Life Sciences

Wageningen is internationally recognised as a centre of innovative research and education focused on addressing global challenges and improving quality of life. As home to Wageningen University & Research, one of the world's leading institutions in food, agriculture, sustainability and environmental sciences, the city has a strong international profile. This knowledge-driven character extends beyond the campus, with close links between research, entrepreneurship and policy. For visitors, Wageningen offers the unique opportunity to combine its historical significance as the City of Liberation with forward-looking perspectives on innovation and sustainability. We highly recommend exploring the campus and immersing yourself in Wageningen's vibrant life sciences community.

## City on the Veluwe

Wageningen is beautifully situated between nature and water. Located on the edge of the Veluwe and directly along the river Rhine, our compact city is surrounded by forests, floodplains and open landscapes. Its green setting offers ample opportunities for outdoor experiences, hiking and cycling,

and nature-based excursions, all within close reach of the city centre. The combination of water, forests and historic landscapes makes Wageningen an attractive destination for groups seeking relaxation, scenery and sustainable travel experiences, seamlessly connected to culture, history and hospitality.

## City of Liberation

Wageningen is known worldwide as the City of Liberation of the Netherlands. It was here, on 5 May 1945, that the formal end of the German occupation was signed at Hotel de Wereld, marking a defining moment in Dutch and European history.

The city carries a remarkable story of resilience. Wageningen was heavily damaged and rebuilt not once, but twice in the twentieth century – first after the destruction of the historic town centre in 1940, and again following intense fighting in 1944 and 1945. This history of loss and recovery has shaped the character of the city and its enduring commitment to freedom.

Today, this legacy is visible throughout Wageningen, from historic landmarks and memorials to the Vrijheidskwartier (Freedom Quarter), where remembrance, education and contemporary life come together. As a key destination along the Liberation Route Europe, Wageningen offers meaningful experiences that connect visitors with authentic locations, personal stories and the shared values of freedom, democracy and international cooperation. The city continues to serve as a place of reflection and dialogue, where the lessons of the past inspire present and future generations.



# City of Liberation

## Freedom in Wageningen – Background & Visitor Info

Wageningen's identity as a City of Liberation is rooted in a defining moment at the end of World War II. On 5 May 1945, in Hotel de Wereld in Wageningen, the German forces in the Netherlands formally surrendered, bringing the occupation to an end and marking the start of peace and freedom in the country. Since then, Wageningen has embraced its role in remembering that history and promoting the values of freedom, peace and international cooperation.

Each year the city becomes a national focal point for these themes, especially around 4 and 5 May:

- On 4 May, the Dutch observe Remembrance Day, honouring all who lost their lives in conflicts, especially World War II. In Wageningen, this includes memorial events and the traditional Vuur van de Vrijheid (Fire of Freedom), symbolising the transition from remembrance to celebration.
- On 5 May, Liberation Day is celebrated across the Netherlands. In Wageningen, this day features large public events, concerts, parades and cultural programming that connect visitors with both historical reflection and joyful celebration of the freedoms enjoyed today.

A unique tradition is the Nationale Bevrijdingsvuurestafette, where runners from across the country gather in Wageningen in the early hours and carry the Liberation Fire to communities nationwide. This symbolic relay highlights the idea that freedom must be shared and carried forward by each generation. Beyond these key dates, Wageningen hosts year-round educational activities, exhibitions and memorial routes that help visitors understand the profound impact of liberation and the ongoing importance of peace and human rights. Organisations such as Wageningen45 work to ensure that the story of freedom remains alive, relevant and inspiring to audiences from around the world.

The Vrijheidskwartier (Freedom Quarter) forms the heart of Wageningen's year-round freedom programme and serves as an important hub along the Liberation Route Europe. Together with Wageningen45, it offers a diverse international programme of exhibitions, guided tours, commemorations, educational initiatives and public events. These activities connect local history with the wider European story of liberation and invite visitors, students and international partners to reflect on the meaning of freedom in a contemporary context. In this way, Wageningen continues to position itself not only as a place where freedom was regained, but also as a living centre of remembrance, education and international dialogue.

Parade on May 5 during Liberation Day in Wageningen on the 5 Mei Plein.



### **Wageningen45 – Audience & Reach**

- Wageningen45 attracts around 100,000 visitors annually on 5 May.
- It is one of the largest Liberation Day events in the Netherlands.
- Visitor numbers far exceed the city's population, underlining its national significance.
- Wageningen45 combines live events with strong media and online reach.

Centre of Wageningen



## **Accessibility of Wageningen**

Wageningen is centrally located in the Netherlands and easily accessible by public transport, car and bicycle, making it an attractive destination for international visitors, tour operators and event organisers.

### **By Train**

Wageningen does not have its own railway station, but is served by Ede–Wageningen railway station, a major national rail hub.

Distance to Wageningen: approximately 7 km from the city centre.

Direct intercity connections to and from Amsterdam, Schiphol Airport, Utrecht, Arnhem and other major Dutch cities.

Travel time from Schiphol Airport: approximately 60 minutes by train.

Ede–Wageningen station offers extensive facilities, including large bicycle parking and car parking, ensuring a smooth onward journey.

### **By Bus**

Frequent and direct bus connections link Ede–Wageningen station with Wageningen city centre and Wageningen University & Research campus.

Travel time by bus: approximately 12–25 minutes, depending on the route.

High-frequency services throughout the day, especially during peak hours.

Regional bus lines connect Wageningen with surrounding towns such as Rhenen, Veenendaal, Tiel and Arnhem.

### **By Car**

Wageningen is easily reached via the A12 and A15 motorways, with clear regional connections.

Approximate travel times by car:

Utrecht: 40 minutes

Amsterdam: 60–70 minutes

Arnhem: 20–25 minutes

Multiple parking facilities are available near the city centre and on the university campus.

### **By Bicycle**

Wageningen is a compact and bicycle-friendly city, with safe and well-developed cycling infrastructure.

City centre to campus: approximately 5–10 minutes by bike.

Ede–Wageningen station to Wageningen: around 30–45 minutes by bicycle.

The city is ideally located for scenic cycling routes through the River Rhine area, the Betuwe region and the Veluwe National Park.

# Accommodation in Wageningen

## Stay in our wonderful city

Wageningen offers a diverse and welcoming range of accommodation options, perfectly suited for international visitors, tour groups and event participants. Whether guests are looking for comfort, character or a more personal stay, the city provides high-quality lodging within easy reach of the historic centre, the river Rhine and Wageningen University & Research campus.

From modern hotels with extensive facilities to charming, small-scale bed & breakfasts, Wageningen combines hospitality with a strong sense of place. Many accommodations are located within walking or cycling distance of key attractions, cultural sites and green surroundings, allowing guests to experience the city in a relaxed and accessible way.

The local accommodation offer is well adapted to both short stays and multi-day visits, with options for individual travellers, couples, families and groups. In addition, the surrounding region offers complementary lodging possibilities, providing flexibility for larger delegations or peak periods.

On the following pages, you will find an overview of the hotels and B&Bs available in Wageningen, including key information on capacity, facilities and location.



### Highlights

- Wide range of hotels and boutique-style accommodations
- Personal and authentic stays in local B&Bs
- Walking and cycling distance to city centre, campus and attractions
- Suitable for individual travellers, groups and tour operators
- Additional accommodation available in the surrounding region

# Hotel de Wereld

## Where freedom, indulgence, and the Veluwe come together.

Hotel de Wereld is an iconic place where history meets modern comfort. In 1945, it laid the foundation for the freedom of the Netherlands; today, it is a welcoming hotel where pure enjoyment is at the heart of every stay.

On 5 May 1945, Foulkes handed over instructions to German Colonel General Blaskowitz in today's "Great Capitulation Hall" regarding the execution of the surrender agreed on 4 May 1945 at the Lüneburg Heath. Prince Bernhard was present as commander of the Dutch Internal Forces. This historic moment laid the foundation for Hotel De Wereld as a 'monument of peace and freedom.'

Today, the hotel blends history with modern comfort, featuring 17 freedom-fighter-inspired rooms, a sunny terrace, and Gastrobar De Wereld. Guests can enjoy flavorful dishes, from à la carte to the chef's surprise menu, crafted with fresh local ingredients in a warm, inviting setting.

Hotel de Wereld is the perfect base for lovers of culture, nature, and meaningful stories.

### Groups

Hotel de Wereld offers versatile meeting rooms for groups from 2 to 200 guests, equipped with modern AV facilities and free Wi-Fi. An inspiring setting for meetings, presentations or dinners, easily combined with catering and overnight stays.

**5 Mei Plein**  
**6703 CD Wageningen**  
**info@hoteldewereld.nl**

 **17**  
rooms

 **< 1 min.**

 **hoteldewereld**  
.nl

 **< 1 min.**

 **< 10min.**



 **200**  
groups



**The place where freedom was discussed, experienced, and is still celebrated today.**

# Hotel-Restaurant Nol in 't Bosch

**Rooted in tradition – where nature, history and character come together.**

Family-run hotel since 1836, surrounded by quiet forest and full of character. Rooted in tradition, Nol in 't Bosch offers warm hospitality, original historical details, free parking, bike rental and flexible spaces close to Wageningen's Liberation Route heritage sites.

Founded in 1836 and still family-run, Hotel Restaurant Nol in 't Bosch is a place where history and nature gently meet. Set among the woods outside Wageningen, the hotel stands out in an era of uniform, modernized hotels: here, character has been preserved. Original Delft tiles line the bar and restaurant corridors, and Delft plates dating from the Second World War are still carefully displayed, reminding guests of the stories carried through generations.

With 33 rooms for up to 59 guests, free parking, EV chargers, bike storage and rental, and laundry service, Nol in 't Bosch offers authentic comfort with practical facilities. Six conference rooms, which can be combined

for larger groups up to 200+ theatre-style – make the hotel suitable for meetings, weddings, celebrations and group stays. Pets are welcome, forest walks begin at the door, and our simple, good food and personal service reflect a hotel truly rooted in tradition.

**Hartenseweg 60**  
**6704 PA Wageningen**  
**info@nolintbosch.nl**



**A place of heritage and authentic hospitality,  
embraced by beautiful woodland.**

 **33**  
rooms

 **< 1 min.**

 **nolintbosch.nl**

 **< 1 min.**  
 **< 4 min.**



 **200+**  
groups

# Hotel Wander

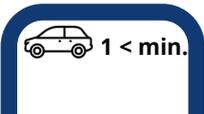
## Wander in Comfort & Creativity

Discover Hotel Wander: the all-in-one concept in the heart of Wageningen. Everything under one roof: from inspiring meetings and events to delicious food and atmospheric stays. Whether traveling for business or pleasure, we offer the right destination for every trip.

Hotel Wander is where business and leisure meet under one roof. This trendy hotel in Wageningen uses a unique all-in-one principle, accommodating everything from large congresses and fairytale weddings to comfortable overnight stays. The atmosphere is modern and trendy, paired with warm hospitality. With 208 rooms and 27 different party and meeting rooms (ranging from intimate to very large), there is space for every purpose. With 27 meeting rooms and the largest hall accommodating over 650 guests, this fully wheelchair-accessible venue is ideally suited for large (international) conferences and group events. Located in Wageningen – the City of Liberation – it is within walking distance of historic sites linked to the 1945 capitulation. Easily accessible

via the A12 and A50 highways and a fast bus connection from Ede-Wageningen station. On-site restaurant capacity for 250 guests, multilingual reception (EN/NL/DE), and extensive experience with international groups.

**Lawickse Allee 9**  
**6701AN Wageningen**  
**info@hotelwander.nl**



**Your all-in-one destination for business success and private relaxation with trendy, warm hospitality.**

# Hotel de Nieuwe Wereld

## Rijn IJssel Vakschool Wageningen

Looking for a unique stay in Wageningen? Experience Hotel De Nieuwe Wereld, where students from Rijn IJssel Vakschool Wageningen pamper you with exceptional hospitality, culinary creations, and personalized service – a memorable stay that supports student learning.

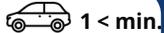
Looking for a unique experience in Wageningen? Discover Hotel De Nieuwe Wereld, where you are pampered by students from Rijn IJssel Vakschool Wageningen.

Our students, trained in hospitality, baking, tourism, and facility services, ensure every detail of your stay is perfect. Enjoy exceptional culinary creations, baking skills, and warm, attentive service – an experience that delights guests and supports students' learning.

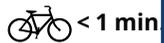
Stay in our comfortable hotel rooms, dine in our restaurant, or host meetings in our well-equipped conference rooms. By visiting, you not only enjoy outstanding service but also contribute to the education of the next generation of hospitality professionals.



**17**  
rooms



1 < min.



< 1 min



< 5 min.



**150+**  
groups

### Unique

Hotel de Nieuwe Wereld is a Unique hotel where hospitality, culinary enjoyment, and learning come together.

**Marijkeweg 5**  
**6709 PE Wageningen**



## Relax, enjoy, and discover the unique Hotel De Nieuwe Wereld.

# De Wageningsche Berg

## Panoramic comfort with nature views and modern facilities

A four-star hotel set in scenic woodland near the Nederrijn, offering 108 rooms, wellness, restaurant, and extensive meeting facilities, ideal for business and leisure stays.

## Comfortable hotel with panoramic views and versatile facilities for business and groups.

Fletcher Hotel-Restaurant De Wageningsche Berg is a four-star property located in Wageningen, surrounded by forest and overlooking the Nederrijn and Betuwe landscape. The hotel has 108 comfortable rooms with modern amenities and free Wi-Fi, plus on-site wellness facilities including a sauna, steam cabin, and fitness area. Dining options include an à la carte restaurant, brasserie, bar/lounge, and panoramic terrace. The venue features five multifunctional meeting rooms with up to 800-person capacity and flexible layouts, supported by business services and ample free parking. Guests can rent bicycles to explore nearby nature and enjoy easy access via major motorways and a bus stop within walking distance.



### Wellness & Relaxation:

The hotel's luxury wellness Centre offers total relaxation with a sauna, jacuzzi, warm bench and Turkish steam bath, perfect for unwinding after a busy day. Enjoy the peaceful surroundings from the panoramic terrace with scenic views over the river and landscape.

**Generaal Foulkesweg 96  
6703 DS Wageningen  
[info@hoteldewageningscheberg.nl](mailto:info@hoteldewageningscheberg.nl)**

**Your all-in-one destination for business success and private relaxation with trendy, warm hospitality.**





Strolling through Wageningen's historic centre means shopping and dining among traditional Dutch architecture inspired by the "Delftse school" architecture, where brick façades, intimate streets and lively squares form the backdrop of daily life.

# Shopping, Dining & Leisure in Wageningen

Wageningen invites visitors to experience its lively atmosphere through a unique combination of historic charm, local shops and a vibrant food and drink scene. The compact city centre makes it easy to explore on foot, offering a relaxed and authentic Dutch city experience.

## Shopping in the historic city centre.

- Wageningen's historic inner city features a mix of independent boutiques, specialty stores and familiar brands.
- Charming streets and squares create an inviting shopping environment, framed by historic buildings and green surroundings.
- Weekly markets and seasonal events add to the lively character of the city centre.
- Everything is within easy walking distance, making shopping both convenient and enjoyable.
- The shopping streets are set among traditional Dutch architecture inspired by the "Delftse School", with characteristic brick buildings, elegant proportions and a human-scale urban design.

## Local Food & Hospitality

- Wageningen is known for its diverse horeca scene, with cafés, restaurants and terraces throughout the city.
- From casual lunch spots to refined dining experiences, visitors can enjoy a wide range of international cuisines and local flavours.
- Many venues focus on regional, seasonal and sustainable products, reflecting Wageningen's strong connection to food, innovation and nature.
- A highlight of the local experience is the Wageningen City Brewery (Wageningse Stadsbrouwerij).
- Here, visitors can taste locally brewed beers, inspired by the city's history and crafted with passion.
- Brewery visits, tastings and events offer an authentic way to experience Wageningen's local culture and craftsmanship.
- Wageningen beers are also featured in various cafés and restaurants across the city.

## Colors World Food

### A world of flavors

We serve smaller dishes (shared dining) inspired from all over the world. Choose for one of our menu's of the chef or combine your own dishes. Share if you want!



Markt 15  
[colorsworldfood.nl](http://colorsworldfood.nl)  
 0317-417463



## DIELS Restobar

### The City Inn of Wageningen

Under the expert guidance of Dietmar Baars in the kitchen and Elsko Sjabbens at the bar, DIELS Restobar delivers an exceptional dining experience. Together with their skilled team, these two experienced and ambitious hospitality professionals ensure that every detail – from food to wine and atmosphere – is perfect.



Vijzelstraat 2  
[dielsrestobar.nl](http://dielsrestobar.nl)  
 0317-422694



## Kater & Co

### Where Wageningen Eats & Drinks

For lunch, dinner, drinks, and outdoor terraces. A place to meet and unwind, in the morning, afternoon, evening, and late into the night.

At Kater&Co, you'll find a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere in a warm, homely setting.

Since 1988, a favourite and trusted address for many.



Markt 8-10-12  
[eetcafedekater.nl](http://eetcafedekater.nl)  
 0317-421009



## DrinksandBites

Where great food and fine wines come together

"At DrinksandBites, you can enjoy a delicious dinner, a fine glass of wine, or a good beer. We offer a monthly changing five-course menu with optional wine pairing, as well as an extensive à la carte selection. Instead of a printed wine list, we invite you to choose a bottle together with us from our wine cabinet



Markt 9  
[drinksandbites.nl](http://drinksandbites.nl)  
 0317-452222



## Wine Bar Petit Louis

### Your Cozy Wine Escape

Petit Louis is a wine bar and bistro located in the heart of Wageningen, in a beautiful spot right across from Hotel de Wereld. Here, you can enjoy the simple pleasures of life in a French-inspired atmosphere: a good glass of wine and delicious dishes prepared in-house. Our small, close-knit team is ready to welcome you from 3 PM, Wednesday through Sunday. Whether you're stopping by for a cup of coffee, a casual drink, or a full meal paired with the perfect wine!



Bevrijdingsstraat 3-5  
[Wijnbarpetitlouis.nl](http://Wijnbarpetitlouis.nl)  
 0317-356975



## de Blaauwe kamer

### Where nature meets the table

De Blaauwe Kamer is a restaurant set in nature along the Nederrijn. Here, food brings people together to share, celebrate and connect, inspired by traditions, seasons and a deep love for warm, generous hospitality. At De Blaauwe Kamer, dining is about more than food. Surrounded by nature and overlooking the river landscape, our restaurant offers a place to slow down and truly connect.



Blaauwe kamer 15  
[deblauwekamer.nl](http://deblauwekamer.nl)  
 0317-421410



Gastrobar de Wereld  
[hoteldewereld.nl](http://hoteldewereld.nl)  
 0317-460444



## Gastrobar de Wereld

### Dine, connect and celebrate

Gastrobar de Wereld is the hotel's contemporary restaurant where guests can purely enjoy refined, seasonal dishes in a relaxed, inviting setting. Chef Jeroen and his team create versatile cuisine, from à la carte to a 4- or 6-course Chef's Menu. Using local ingredients, fine wines, specialty beers, and genuine hospitality.

All diners experience creative flavors, vegetarian and vegan options, and an everchanging menu that reflects the seasons. It's the perfect place for memorable meals and convivial evenings in the heart of Wageningen.

**"A place to enjoy each other's company, exceptional food and a story worth sharing."**

Wageningen offers a remarkable diversity of cafés and restaurants, reflecting its international and vibrant character.

At the heart of the city lies the Markt, Wageningen's lively hospitality square, where terraces, cafés and restaurants come together in a dynamic setting that is both welcoming and energetic. This central square is a natural meeting place for visitors, students, professionals and residents alike.

Beyond the Markt, the city reveals another layer of culinary charm in the intimate side streets around the Hoogstraat, affectionately known as the Wageningen Streets. Here, small-scale cafés, specialty restaurants and hidden terraces create a warm, relaxed atmosphere, inviting guests to explore, linger and discover. Together, these areas offer a rich and varied hospitality experience, combining urban vibrancy with the comfort of a compact and walkable city centre.



The orchestra of the Wageningen Harmony plays on the Wageningen Markt.



“From stage to screen, from heritage to contemporary art, Wageningen’s culture is born from its people and lived in freedom.”

# Culture & Nightlife in Wageningen

Wageningen is a city where history, creativity, and freedom come together. As a key stop on the Liberation Route, the city offers a unique cultural experience that connects the past with vibrant contemporary life.

Theatre enthusiasts can enjoy performances at Junushoff Theatre, Herenstraat Theatre, or De Wilde Wereld, offering a rich program of drama, music, and cabaret. For film and documentary lovers, Visum Mundi screens inspiring international and independent films. Art and history come alive at Museum De Casteelse Poort and Het Depot, while the impressive Grote Kerk hosts concerts and special cultural events.

Evenings in Wageningen are just as lively, with charming cafés, local restaurants, and bars offering the perfect spot to reflect on the city's rich history and celebrate freedom. Whether attending a theatre performance, exploring exhibitions, or enjoying local nightlife, Wageningen offers a cultural experience that resonates with the spirit of liberation.

For more information and up-to-date listings, visit [ProefWageningen.nl](https://www.proefwageningen.nl)

# National Freedom Quarter

## Where freedom is a verb

Hotel De Wereld and the Aula form the core of the Freedom Quarter because of their role in the end of the Second World War. This provided the inspiration to develop the Freedom Quarter as a place where freedom is cherished, explored and strengthened all year round.

In the Freedom Quarter we find Hotel De Wereld where the Canadian General Foulkes gave the 'Orders to the Surrender' to the German General Blaskowitz on May 5, 1945. Inside we see the Capitulation Room, where this happened, including original chairs and a table from 1945. Also photos, informative texts, a digital tour, sound fragments, etc.

Next to it we find the former Aula, now Visum Mundi, where the capitulation orders were drawn up and signed on May 6. The spectacular 16-minute audio-visual presentation 'Elements of Freedom' can be seen here (Wednesday-Sunday, 11 am-5 pm, without appointment, without costs). There are also regular exhibitions on the theme of 'freedom'.

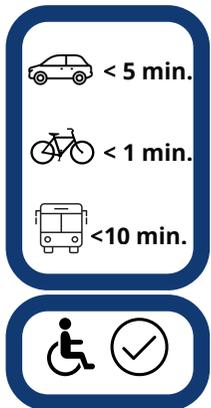
Outside in the Freedom Quarter we see: the National Liberation Monument, the Flame of Freedom, the plaque presented by

Charles Foulkes, a sculpture of Prince Bernhard and the Carnation Monument. The Path of Freedom and the cycling and walking tour "Traces of colonialism and decolonization in Wageningen" start and end outside (route booklet available).

**5 Mei Plein 1**  
**6703 CD Wageningen**



**The Freedom Quarter sees in this history a responsibility to permanently cherish, explore and strengthen freedom.**



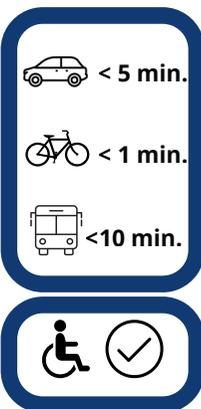
# Elements of Freedom

## An Immersive Freedom Experience

Nationaal Vrijheidskwartier presents Elements of Freedom: a powerful audiovisual experience about freedom. This immersive installation invites visitors to reflect on the meaning of freedom, from the historic events of 1945 in Wageningen to the way freedom shapes our lives today.

The experience is located in Visum Mundi, part of the National Freedom Quarter in the heart of the city. In a specially designed multi-screen setting, visitors are surrounded by moving images, sound and music. Suspended screens display stories from different generations and perspectives, connecting major historical milestones with personal and contemporary interpretations of freedom.

Rather than a traditional exhibition, Elements of Freedom offers an emotional and thought-provoking journey. It encourages dialogue, reflection and international understanding, making it highly suitable for groups, educational visits and international delegations.



### Practical information:

- **Location: Visum Mundi, National Freedom Quarter, Wageningen**
- **Free admission**
- **Open Wednesday–Sunday, 11:00–17:00**

**5 Mei Plein 1  
6703 CD Wageningen**

**A unique addition to any visit to Wageningen,  
the City of Liberation.**



# Beeldengalerij het Depot

## “see feel touch”

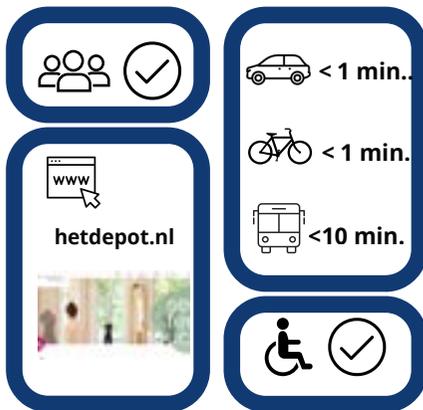
Beeldengalerij Het Depot, located on the historic Wageningse Berg, is a unique museum dedicated entirely to sculpture, with a special focus on the human figure. The collection features works by international artists, presented across several exhibition pavilions and historic buildings, surrounded by the Arboretum De Dreijen and overlooking the Rhine Valley.

The Wageningse Berg is not only known for its natural beauty, but also for its historical significance. This area played an important role during the final stages of the Second World War and remains closely connected to Wageningen’s identity as the City of Liberation. Today, Beeldengalerij Het Depot contributes to this landscape as a place of reflection, where art, history and nature come together.

Open year-round with free admission, the gallery welcomes individual visitors, groups and international delegations. Its proximity to key Liberation sites, including Hotel de Wereld, makes it a valuable cultural destination and a meaningful addition to programmes focused on remembrance, freedom and international exchange.



At Het Depot, visitors are encouraged to “see, feel, touch” — a rare invitation to experience sculpture in a direct and personal way.



**Arboretumlaan 4**  
**6703 BD Wageningen**

# Junushoff Theatre

## The cultural heart of Wageningen

Junushoff Theatre is Wageningen's premier cultural venue, offering a wide range of cabaret, music, theatre, and dance. A place where the city comes together for an unforgettable theatre experience.

Junushoff Theatre – the heart of culture in Wageningen

At Junushoff Theatre, you can experience performances that inspire, move, and surprise. From cabaret and theatre to music, dance, and film, there is always something to discover. Every show is a unique experience, where you can laugh, empathize, or be amazed.

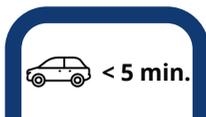
The atmosphere is warm and welcoming, with a stage that invites you to explore new stories. The theatre attracts a diverse audience: young and old, local culture lovers, and visitors from the region.

Junushoff is more than just a theatre; it is a meeting place and the cultural hub of Wageningen. It nurtures local talent, brings people together, and enriches the city's cultural life.

**Junushoff has been Wageningen's oldest active theatre since 1880.**



**Junushoff Theatre is a versatile venue offering a wide range of cultural events in the heart of Wageningen.**



**Plantsoen 3  
6701 AS Wageningen**

# De Casteelse Poort

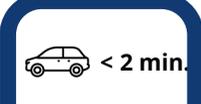
## Museum of the City of Wageningen

Located in the heart of Wageningen near the lively Markt, Museum De Casteelse Poort offers a compact yet rich journey through 4,000 years of the city's history, from early farming settlements to a vibrant university town. The museum stands on the remnants of Wageningen Castle, surrounded by historic city walls, a moat, and the picturesque Torckpark with monumental trees.

The highlight is Room 40–45, dedicated to World War II, where visitors can explore Wageningen's dramatic wartime experience: evacuations, bombings, acts of resistance, and the city's liberation on April 17, 1945. A key artifact is the table, chairs, and pen used by Canadian commander Foulkes and German general Blaskowitz to formalise the surrender in Hotel de Wereld, visitors can also enjoy temporary historical and art exhibitions, a media-guided tour in the History Room, and the Liberation Route, including a listening point outside the museum recounting the historic capitulation. Museum De Casteelse Poort combines history, culture, and experience in a unique and intimate setting.



**The museum displays the history of the city of Wageningen in two permanent exhibitions.**



**Bowlespark 1-A  
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# Visum Mundi

## View of the world

The building currently housing Visum Mundi has been a cornerstone of Wageningen since its completion in 1935. Originally known as “De Aula,” the building was gifted to the university by its alumni as a venue for academic ceremonies, such as PhD defences. This location has gained significant historical weight during the Second World War: following negotiations about the surrender of Germany in Hotel de Wereld, the final act of capitulation was signed within the walls of De Aula.

Since 2024, this monumental building has taken on a new purpose. While its exterior has remained unchanged, the interior has been renovated to host several cinema rooms and a café. Despite this makeover, the building's defining features – including the stained-glass window and wooden ceiling – still hold a central place in its interior design.

Visum Mundi is open for visitors to enjoy contemporary cinema in a historic setting or attend one of the many other cultural events hosted here. During the day, visitors interested in the history of Wageningen or its role in World War II are welcome to drop in to view two short films on these subjects (available both in Dutch and English). Of course, Visum Mundi also invites guests to simply have a drink and admire the architecture from within.



### Visum Mundi: where Wageningen's history meets contemporary cinema and culture

- 100+
- <5 min.
- <1 min.
- <10 min.
- [visummundi.nl](http://visummundi.nl)
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**Generaal Foulkesweg 1  
6703 BG Wageningen**

# Grote Kerk

## Historic monumental venue for community events

A historic, versatile event venue in the heart of Wageningen's market square, hosting concerts, weddings, receptions, exhibitions, symposia and cultural activities.

The Grote Kerk Wageningen, also known as the Johannes de Doperkerk, is a three-aisled cruciform church with origins dating back to the 13th century, prominently located on Wageningen's historic market square. Today, the church serves as a distinctive and versatile venue for concerts, exhibitions, weddings, receptions, dinners, symposiums and other cultural events. Its monumental architecture and serene atmosphere are complemented by flexible facilities, including a professional catering kitchen and bar, allowing events for up to 300 guests.

The Grote Kerk is not continuously open to the public, which helps preserve its character and quality. Visitors can experience the building during guided tours organised by the local Guild (Gilde), during Sunday church services, and when attending cultural or private events. As an active monument, the Grote Kerk plays an important role in Wageningen's cultural life and continues to connect heritage, community and contemporary use.

Contains national liberation stained-glass window (World War II).

 **200+**

 **<5 min.**

 **<1 min.**

 **<10 min.**



 **grotekerk  
wageningen.nl**

**Markt 1  
6701 CJ Wageningen**



**Multifunctional monumental church venue  
with cultural and community significance.**

# Cultuurplein de Blaauwe kamer

**A cultural meeting place in the heart of nature.**

De Blaauwe Kamer is a vibrant cultural square along the Nederrijn, surrounded by wide river views and greenery. It is a place for gatherings, performances, shared meals and meaningful moments, rooted in history and open to new encounters.

De Blaauwe Kamer brings together culture, nature and community in an open and welcoming setting along the river. Shaped by its industrial past, this historic site invites people to gather for events, shared meals, celebrations and reflection. Throughout the year we host cultural evenings, private gatherings and performances that create meaningful moments. Guests can enjoy lunch or dinner in our restaurant, or join our generous weekend buffets designed for sharing. Large windows open onto the surrounding landscape, making nature part of every visit. Run by an Iranian family with a deep love for hospitality, De Blaauwe Kamer offers a warm and sincere place to meet, connect and experience something truly special together.



 **200+**

 **2 min.**

 **<1 min.**

 **<25 min.**

 **deblaaue kamer.nl**



**Blaauwe kamer 15  
6702 PA Wageningen**

**At De Blaauwe Kamer, landscape becomes the stage and culture the quiet conversation**





Surrounded by the river Rhine, forests and rolling landscapes, Wageningen is made for walking, cycling and outdoor recreation.

# Nature, Water and Freedom: The Landscape Around Wageningen

Wageningen is uniquely located where history, nature and freedom come together. Within just ten minutes from the city centre, visitors step into an oasis of peace, space and greenery, a striking contrast that makes Wageningen both vibrant and restorative.

To the south lies the Rhine River, a defining element of the landscape. Its broad waters and floodplains invite recreation and reflection: walking along the riverbanks, cycling through the uiterwaarden, or simply enjoying the open views shaped by water and sky. The Rhine has long been a lifeline for trade, connection, and for freedom.

Nearby, the war cemeteries in Rhenen offer a place of remembrance and quiet contemplation. Set within a serene natural environment, they underline the deep connection between this region and the story of liberation, sacrifice and peace. In Rhenen, visitors can see and feel where the war began for the Netherlands. Nearby in Wageningen, at Hotel de Wereld, peace was signed.

To the north, the Veluwe begins almost at Wageningen's doorstep. One of the largest and most diverse nature areas in the Netherlands, it offers forests, heathlands and sandy paths that can be reached within minutes. Closer still, the Belmonte Arboretum provides panoramic views over the Rhine valley, combining botanical richness with a sense of calm and perspective.

Wageningen is a paradise for walkers and cyclists. A wide range of walking and cycling routes, presented on the following pages, guide visitors through ever-changing landscapes: from the rolling Bergpad, the open fields of the Wageningse Eng, and tranquil forests, to the botanical richness of multiple arboreta, the nature of the Blaauwe Kamer, the expansive Binnenveld, and the dynamic river floodplains.

Several routes and places on the next pages deserve special attention.

# Belmonte Arboretum

## Where science, landscape and biodiversity meet

Belmonte Arboretum is a historical museum garden, located on the highest point of Wageningen. The name Belmonte means 'beautiful mountain'. Come and enjoy the beautiful view over the river Rhine and the many gorgeous flowers and trees.

Belmonte Arboretum is one of the largest botanical gardens in the Netherlands. The garden houses a large collection of interesting trees, shrubs and plants. It is famous for its rhododendrons, roses and camellias, which bloom from early spring to deep into summer. Every species has a nameplate.

Belmonte Arboretum is a living museum, but also a beautiful garden to just walk around in. Coffee and cake are available from Tuesday to Sunday on the terrace of the cafe.

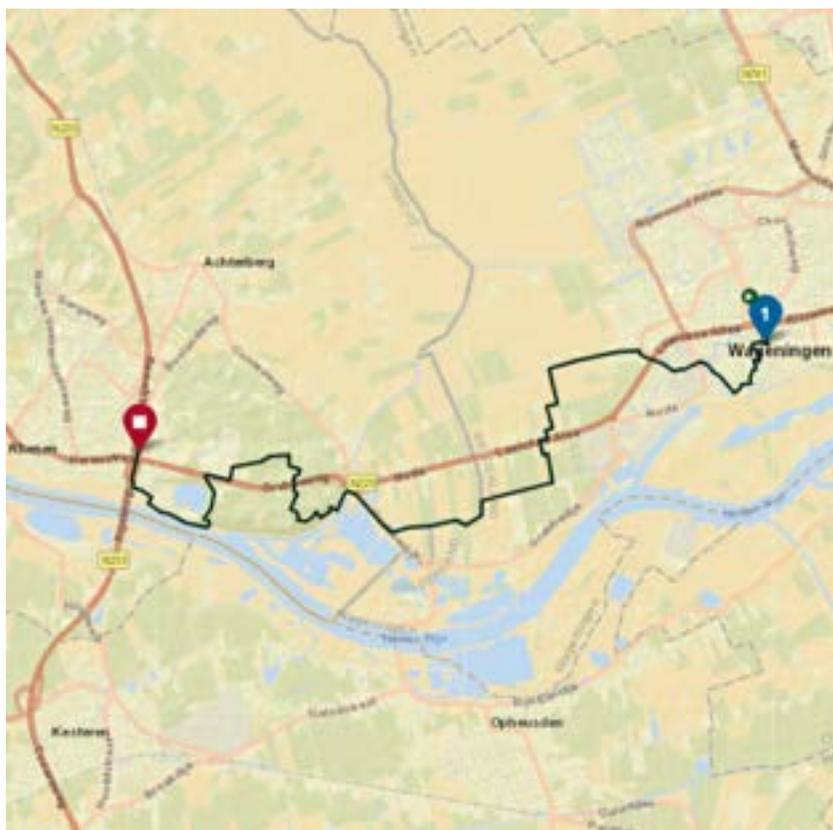
Belmonte Arboretum keeps history alive. During the Second World War it was the scene of intense fighting and a German command post. Visitors can learn

about the War history of Belmonte during a self-guided walk. The Wageningen parade of military vehicles and veterans that takes place each year on Liberation Day (May 5), starts at Belmonte Arboretum.

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info@belmontearboretum.nl**



## Botanical garden with unique collections, spectacular views and interesting history



# The Path of Freedom

 **11,6 km**

## **The Path of Freedom, for Liberation Tourism**

The Path of Freedom is a clearly defined walking route via the book or GPX and rooted in Wageningen, the City of Liberation. Designed for liberation tourism, the route connects key historical locations with the landscapes where the final phase of the Second World War in the surroundings of Wageningen.

The route leads visitors through river landscapes along the Rhine, former military corridors, nearby war cemeteries in Rhenen and natural areas such as the Veluwe and Belmonte Arboretum. These locations combine authentic WWII heritage with space for reflection, storytelling and guided

### **interpretation.**

For tour operators, The Path of Freedom offers a flexible product: themed multi-day programmes and tailor-made itineraries. The route links seamlessly with existing Liberation Route Europe networks and regional walking and cycling trails. Starting in Wageningen, visitors experience liberation history within minutes of the city, set in a calm and accessible landscape. The Path of Freedom adds depth, authenticity and emotional impact to liberation-focused travel programmes.

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



oorlogspad

# Podwalk Oorlogspad

 1,8 km



## Podwalk Oorlogspad – Walking Through History

Oorlogspad is an immersive podwalk that guides visitors straight through the heart of World War II history in Gelderland. This unique experience invites you to walk in the footsteps of liberators, resistance fighters, persecuted civilians, refugees, and even the German occupiers. Along the route, history comes alive through videos, dramatized personal stories, and discoveries in augmented reality.

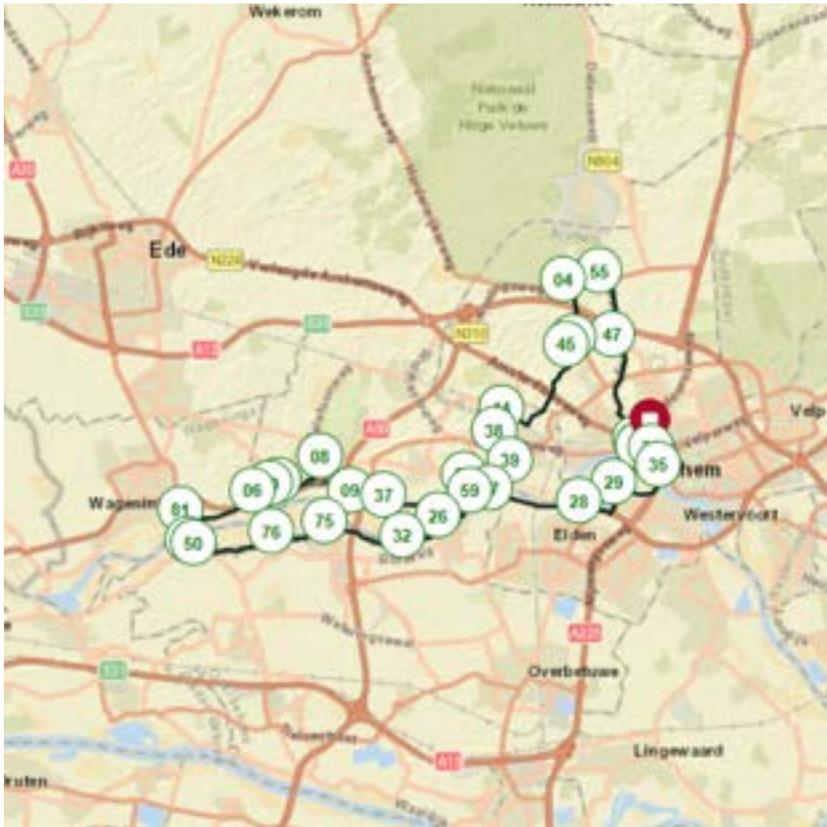
One of the routes leads through Wageningen, the city where the German surrender was signed and which became known as the City of Liberation. During this walk through the historic city centre, visitors discover why Wageningen holds such a special place in Europe's liberation story.

The walk starts at Museum De Casteelse Poort. Simply scan the QR code on the location sign to begin the podwalk and let a digital guide lead you through real locations where history unfolded.

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

# Liberation Route

 48 km



## Operation Market Garden

Operation Market Garden is widely regarded as one of the most well-known military operations of the Second World War. The Battle of Arnhem, fought between 17 and 26 September 1944, marked its dramatic final chapter. During this route, visitors cycle across the iconic Rhine Bridge in Arnhem, the very bridge the Allied forces were unable to capture due to a combination of misfortune, miscalculations, and unexpected resistance.

When it became clear that Operation Market Garden had failed, thousands of Allied paratroopers found themselves trapped on the wrong side of the Rhine. Thanks largely to the courageous efforts of Polish paratroopers under the command of General Stanisław Sosabowski, approximately 2,400 soldiers managed to escape across the river near the Westerbouwing.

The story of liberation ultimately leads to Wageningen, where in May 1945 the German capitulation was signed at Hotel de Wereld, bringing the war in the Netherlands to an end. Along the route, key locations such as the Airborne Museum Hartenstein—the former British headquarters—and the information centre Airborne at the Bridge bring the events of the Battle of Arnhem vividly to life. Together, they tell the full story of courage, sacrifice, and the long road to freedom.

**More info:** [www.proefwageningen.nl](http://www.proefwageningen.nl).

## Meetings & Conferences in Wageningen

Wageningen offers a distinctive setting for business meetings, conferences and congresses, where knowledge, nature and history come together.

As an internationally recognised university city, Wageningen attracts professionals, researchers and organisations from around the world.

Meeting venues are located in inspiring surroundings: from historic monuments in the city centre to modern facilities on the Wageningen Campus and hotels surrounded by nature.

The city combines high-quality meeting rooms with comfortable accommodation, excellent catering and strong accessibility by public transport and road.

Whether hosting an intimate board meeting, a multi-day conference or a large international congress, Wageningen provides flexible venues, professional support and a welcoming atmosphere, all within short distances and a compact, walkable city.

Come and meet Wageningen.



	Wagenings che Berg	Hotel de Wereld	Hotel Wander	Nol in 't Bosch	De Nieuwe Wereld	Omnia Campus	Visum Mundi	Grote Kerk
Overnight stay						—	—	—
Meeting Rooms	11	3	27	7	3	11	3	4
Largest capacity	800	200	650	300	150	270	120	250
Historic setting	—		—		—	—		
Natural surroundi		—	—		—	—	—	—
Knowledge	—	—	—	—			—	—
On-site catering								
Accessible								
Easy public								

## Discover the Flavours and Experiences of Wageningen with ProefWageningen.nl

ProefWageningen.nl is the digital gateway to everything that makes Wageningen special, from its rich cultural heritage and beautiful natural surroundings to its lively restaurants, cafés, and local hotspots. The site showcases the unique attractions, walking and cycling routes, historic landmarks, and vibrant international atmosphere that define this charming Dutch city.

Whether visitors are planning a short city break, exploring the region's scenic landscapes, or seeking authentic local experiences, ProefWageningen.nl offers curated insights and recommendations for making the most of every visit. With listings of top eateries, entertainment venues, cultural sites, and seasonal events, the platform serves as a comprehensive guide for both tourists and locals alike.

Explore ProefWageningen.nl, your starting point for unforgettable experiences in Wageningen.



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Wageningen Wereldstad



Film en theater

Wat je dat Wageningen maar lecht drie bioscopen heeft? Heerenstraat Theater, Vision Munt en Movie 16 En je leest ook naar ons prachtige Theater Juraatshof en het intieme theater De Wilke Wereld.



Mooie wandel- en fietsroutes



Beeldengalerij Het Depot



Museum De Caestele Poort





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