

# Mauritshuis

The Hague

*Royal Picture Gallery*

*An outstanding  
painting collection*

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## Around 200 paintings

The permanent collection consists of some 200 paintings.

## 14th best art museum

The Mauritshuis is one of the 14 best art museums in the world according to the online art platform 'Artspace'.

## The Bull Paulus Potter

Paulus Potter's *The Bull* is the largest painting in the Mauritshuis. What makes *The Bull* so special is the fact that Potter painted in this large format something as ordinary as a farmer, a bull and other animals. A major research and restoration project on this masterpiece will begin in 2024.

## Museum since 1822

The Mauritshuis has officially been a museum since 1822 when it was given the name *Royal Picture Gallery Mauritshuis*.

## Sixty minutes

From Amsterdam you can be in The Hague within 60 minutes.

## A city palace in The Hague

The Mauritshuis was originally built in the 17th century as a residence for Johan Maurits, Count of Nassau-Siegen (1604 – 1679). It is therefore literally the house of Johan Maurits.

## Two sites

In addition to the Mauritshuis, your ticket also allows you to visit Gallery Prins Willem V. A hidden gem just steps away from the Mauritshuis. This is where the Mauritshuis collection originated. In the Gallery you will find about 150 paintings from this collection.



# Practical information

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## Mauritshuis opening hours

Monday 1 pm – 6 pm  
Tuesday – Sunday 10 am – 6 pm

Public holiday opening hours can be found on the [website](#).  
A visit to the Mauritshuis lasts 90 minutes.

## Admission

Adults\* € 19,50  
Tour operators\* € 16,50  
Young people (18 and under)\* free

\* Prices subject to change

\* Includes entry to the Prince William V Gallery

## Mauritshuis app

Discover all the stories behind the paintings with our audio tour. The tour is available in eleven different languages and can be downloaded from the AppStore or Google Play. For groups it is also possible to rent a device at the museum for €2,50 per person. We kindly ask to book this in advance.

[Mauritshuis app](#) →

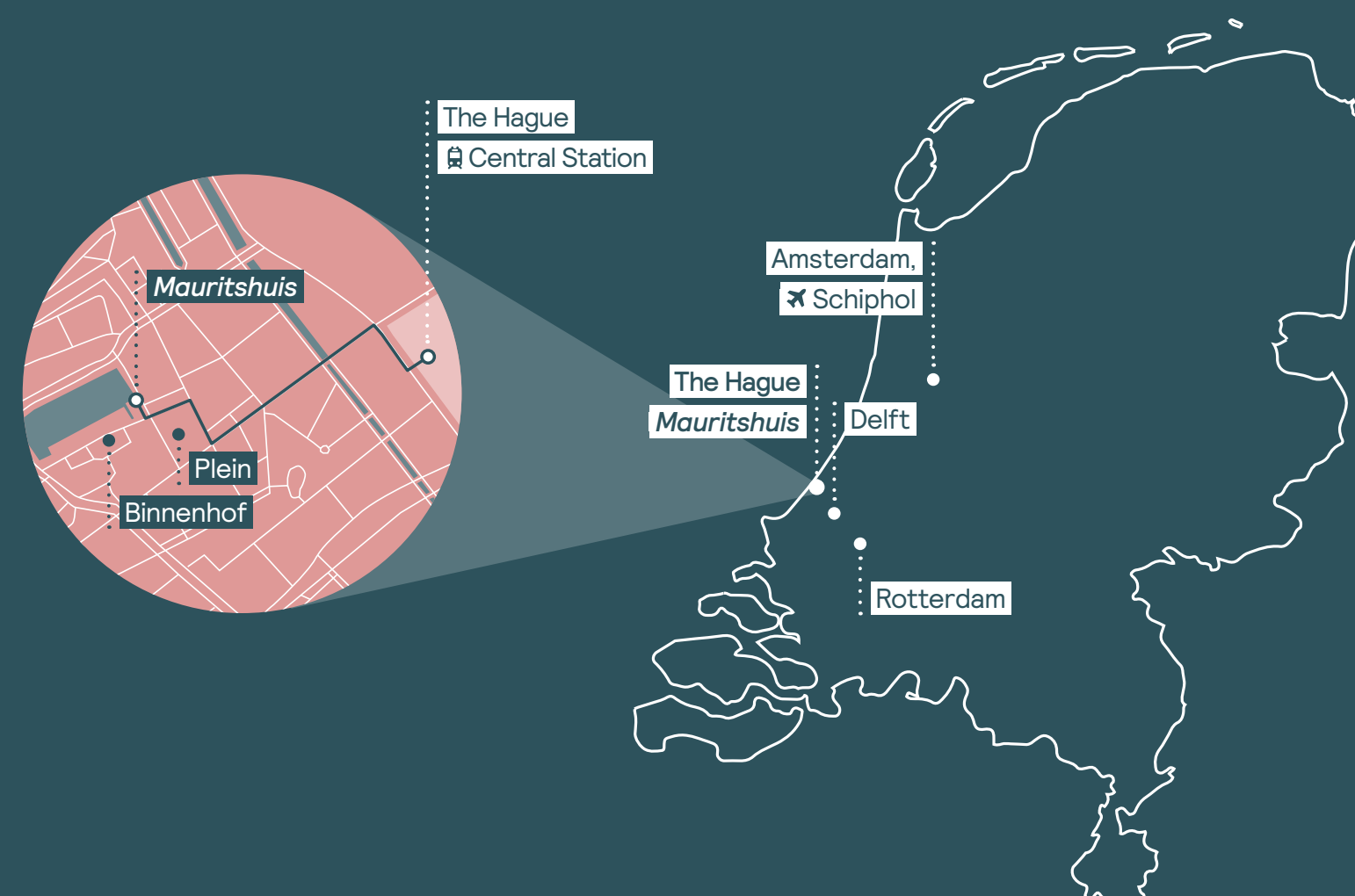
## Guided tours

Our paintings come alive even more through our enthusiastic tour guides. They will point out special details and reveal hidden stories. For a guided tour you pay € 100,- per hour for a group of max. 15 persons. Prefer to bring your own guide? That is also possible with a group of up to 15 people.

A request with special wishes? We will gladly discuss the possibilities together.

## Exclusive visit

For a truly unique experience, come to the Mauritshuis for an exclusive view of the collection. Your group will be the only visitors in the museum, meaning you can get even closer to the artworks.



## Contact

For more information about guided tours and exclusive group reservations, contact [trade@mauritshuis.nl](mailto:trade@mauritshuis.nl).

## Distance

- From Delft, you can be in The Hague within 20 minutes.
- From Rotterdam, you can be in The Hague within 30 minutes.
- From The Hague Central Station, it is a 10-minute walk to the Mauritshuis.
- From Schiphol, you can be in The Hague within 30 minutes.

## Would you like to know more about The Hague?

Click on: [The Hague](#).

## Address

Plein 29, 2511 CS The Hague





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Paulus Potter, *The Bull*, 1647



Rembrandt, *The Anatomy Lesson of Dr Nicolaes Tulp*, 1632



Frans Hals, *Laughing Boy*, c. 1625



Jan Brueghel de Oude & Peter Paul Rubens, *The Garden of Eden with the Fall of Man*, 1615



Johannes Vermeer, *Diana and her Nymphs*, c. 1653-1654



Jan Steen, *'As the Old Sing, So Pipe the Young'*, c. 1668-1670





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Jan Davidsz de Heem, *Vase of Flowers*, 1670

## Our masters

The Mauritshuis is home to the best of Dutch and Flemish painting of the seventeenth century. In 90 minutes, you can discover famous works by Vermeer, Rembrandt, Frans Hals, Fabritius and Rubens in the classical rooms of this magnificent city palace in The Hague



Johannes Vermeer, *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, c. 1665

## A glimpse of the Girl at home

The most famous masterpiece at the Mauritshuis is without a doubt Johannes Vermeer's *Girl with a Pearl Earring*. Before 1881, this painting was unknown. The art collector A.A. des Tombe purchased the forgotten work for the equivalent of 1 euro, plus the buyer's premium of 30 cents. Today it is a priceless art piece. During the expansion and renovation of the Mauritshuis in 2012 – 2014, 'The Girl' went on a world tour for the first time. The painting became an even greater icon as a result. Some 350 years after Vermeer painted the masterpiece, 'The Girl' has become a daily source of inspiration for many around the world.







Did you know?

*The Mauritshuis owns as many as three paintings of Vermeer's 36 masterpieces known worldwide.*





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## Residential house in the heart of The Hague

The Mauritshuis in The Hague was built as a residence for Count Johan Maurits of Nassau-Siegen (1604 – 1679). He was a cousin of William of Orange and governor of the Dutch colony in Brazil between 1636 and 1644. Johan Maurits was both commissioner and first occupant of the house, hence the name: Maurits' house. Later, the building was given various other functions. In 1822 the Mauritshuis became a museum.

The Mauritshuis is located on the Hofvijver, next to the buildings of the Dutch government and parliament. In the 19th and 20th century the Mauritshuis grew into a museum that receives many visitors from home and abroad every year.

Not only the paintings, but the building itself is a sight to behold. Thanks to the creaking wooden floors, silk wallpaper on the walls and chandeliers on the ceiling.





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## Exclusive visit

For the very best museum experience, we offer exclusive customized options. Consider, for example, a themed tour during the day or in the evening. The whole museum exclusively for yourself? It's possible! Besides just standing face to face with the works of art, putting together your own program is also possible. Discover the stories behind the paintings with our Mauritshuis app. Or do you prefer a guided tour by our enthusiastic tour guides? They are ready to tell the stories behind your favorite paintings. Any special requests or ideas? Please contact us. We like to think along with you!

## Prices

Groups of up to 19 persons	€ 1.250,-
Groups of 20 – 39 persons	€ 2.250,-
Groups of 40 – 59 persons	€ 3.150,-
Groups of 60 – 79 persons	€ 3.950,-
Groups of 80 – 99 persons	€ 4.650,-
Groups of 100 – 150 persons	€ 5.250,-
Groups of more than 150 persons	€ 6.000,-

\* Prices are inclusive of entry, but exclusive of 21% VAT and guide.  
Price per guided tour €175, 20 people per guide.

## Champagne reception

Make your visit extra special by starting or ending with a glass of champagne in our beautiful Brasserie. This option is available for groups of 12 or more. Upon request it is also possible to raise a glass with your group in our magnificent Golden Room. This is the most beautiful space in the Mauritshuis, decorated in 1704 in the gilded Louis XIV style.

### Brasserie

Glass of champagne and amuse-bouche € 16,50 pp

Glass of cava and amuse-bouche € 11,50 pp

## Paint together

We like to challenge you to paint together. This activity begins with a tour of some of the highlights from our collection, such as Vermeer's *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, Peeters' *Cheese stilllife* and Rembrandt's *Anatomy lesson*. After everyone has been inspired gained inspiration from these masterpieces, they take their seats behind an easel in the Art Workshop for a painting workshop.

Capacity: max. 30 participants

Duration: 150 minutes

Cost: € 1.750,-

\* You can supplement this activity with an hour-long guided tour (cost: €100 per guide during opening hours/ €150 per guide outside of opening hours).

## Portrait painting

Take a good look into each other's eyes. Our museum educators reveal the secrets of an expressive self-portrait by looking at a number of our masterpieces. Afterwards everyone can have a go at applying these secrets themselves when they paint their own portrait.

Capacity: max. 30 participants

Duration: 90 minutes

Cost: € 900,- per session, exclusive of museum visit





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## Bring the Mauritshuis into your home

Treat yourself to a masterpiece from the collection in the form of a wonderful piece of jewellery, a beautifully-designed greetings card or an accessory for the home: a fridge magnet, cushion or tea light holder. For children, there are games and fun children's books. One of these tells the story of the Mauritshuis's resident mouse: Maurits Mouse (only *Maurits Mouse and Rembrandt* is available in English). As you would expect, the *Girl with a Pearl Earring* is everywhere in the shop. Let her protect you from the rain (umbrella, rain hat and jacket) or help you cook (apron and oven gloves), take her travelling (suitcase) or cycling (bicycle bell), enjoy a cup of coffee with her (tray) or take her into the bath (a bestseller: the Girl rubber duck)!

Flowers are a popular theme in the shop, with magnificent bouquets adorning various items. These include gloves, charger plates, serving trays and shawls decorated with tulips, roses, peonies, lilies and other deliciously scented plants. Everything is also available to browse and buy online:

[Mauritshuis Shop →](#)







Did you know?

*Eleven paintings by Rembrandt adorn the walls of the Mauritshuis. This makes it the second largest Rembrandt collection in the Netherlands.*





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## Art and cuisine are the perfect combination

There is something delicious for every taste, from coffee with the (in The Hague legendary!) hazelnut cream pastry from 'Maison Kelder' to a glass of fine wine with a fresh salad. There is always a 'soup of the day', a changing selection of the tastiest sandwiches and you can have an extensive drink with the equally famous bitterballen from the Dutch firm 'Van Dobben', always served with spicy mustard. The menu features contemporary dishes, inspired by the works of art in the museum, often prepared with home-grown ingredients.

*A visit to our Brasserie is the perfect way to start or end a visit to the Mauritshuis!*

[Our menu →](#)

## Opening hours

Monday	12.30 – 6 pm
Tuesday – Sunday	10 am – 6 pm

## Contact

+31 (0)70 302 34 80  
[brasserie@mauritshuis.nl](mailto:brasserie@mauritshuis.nl)





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## Arrangements especially for tour groups inspired by works of art.

### Vermeer menu

- Dutch pea soup with smoked sausage
- Dutch hutspot stew with slow cooked beef
- Dutch apple tart with cinnamon and whipped cream ⑤
- Includes bread and butter, 1 (soft) drink of your choice and 1 cup of coffee/tea

#### Price

2 courses: € 25,50 pp

3 courses: € 29,50 pp

### Rembrandt menu

- Dutch mustard soup ⑤
- Dutch stamppot stew with root vegetables and braised fish
- Dutch apple tart with cinnamon and whipped cream ⑤
- Includes bread and butter, 1 (soft) drink of your choice and 1 cup of coffee/tea

#### Price

2 courses: € 25,50 pp

3 courses: € 29,50 pp

### Paulus Potter menu

- Two slices of Dutch Landbrood bread with Gouda and a beef croquet
- Soup of the day
- Iced water with mint and lemon

#### Price

€ 16,00 pp

### Frans Hals menu

- Dutch seasonal stamppot stew with slow cooked beef
- Iced water with mint and lemon

#### Price

€ 17,50 pp

### Carel Fabritius menu

- North Sea prawn cocktail
- Soup of the day
- Dutch stamppot stew with root vegetables and seasonal fish
- Traditional Dutch creamy yoghurt dessert with organic fruit compote
- Iced water with mint and lemon

*Dishes are small portions, served at the same*

*time. Price*

€ 33,- pp





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## The very first museum of the Netherlands

The Prince William V Gallery lies a stone's throw from the Mauritshuis. Around 150 Dutch and Flemish masterpieces from the Mauritshuis collection are displayed there, including works by Jan Steen, Paulus Potter, Frans van Mieris, Gerard van Honthorst and Peter Paul Rubens. Together they show how large the royal picture collection belonging to Prince William V of Orange-Nassau (1748 – 1806) was. The Prince William V Gallery was the first public art collection in the Netherlands. The prince had the gallery created in 1774 to display his impressive paintings. The walls were crammed full to clearly demonstrate the wealth of his collection.

## Address

The Prince William V Gallery is located at Buitenhof 33, a five-minute walk from the Mauritshuis.

## Opening hours

For all opening hours and more information, visit:

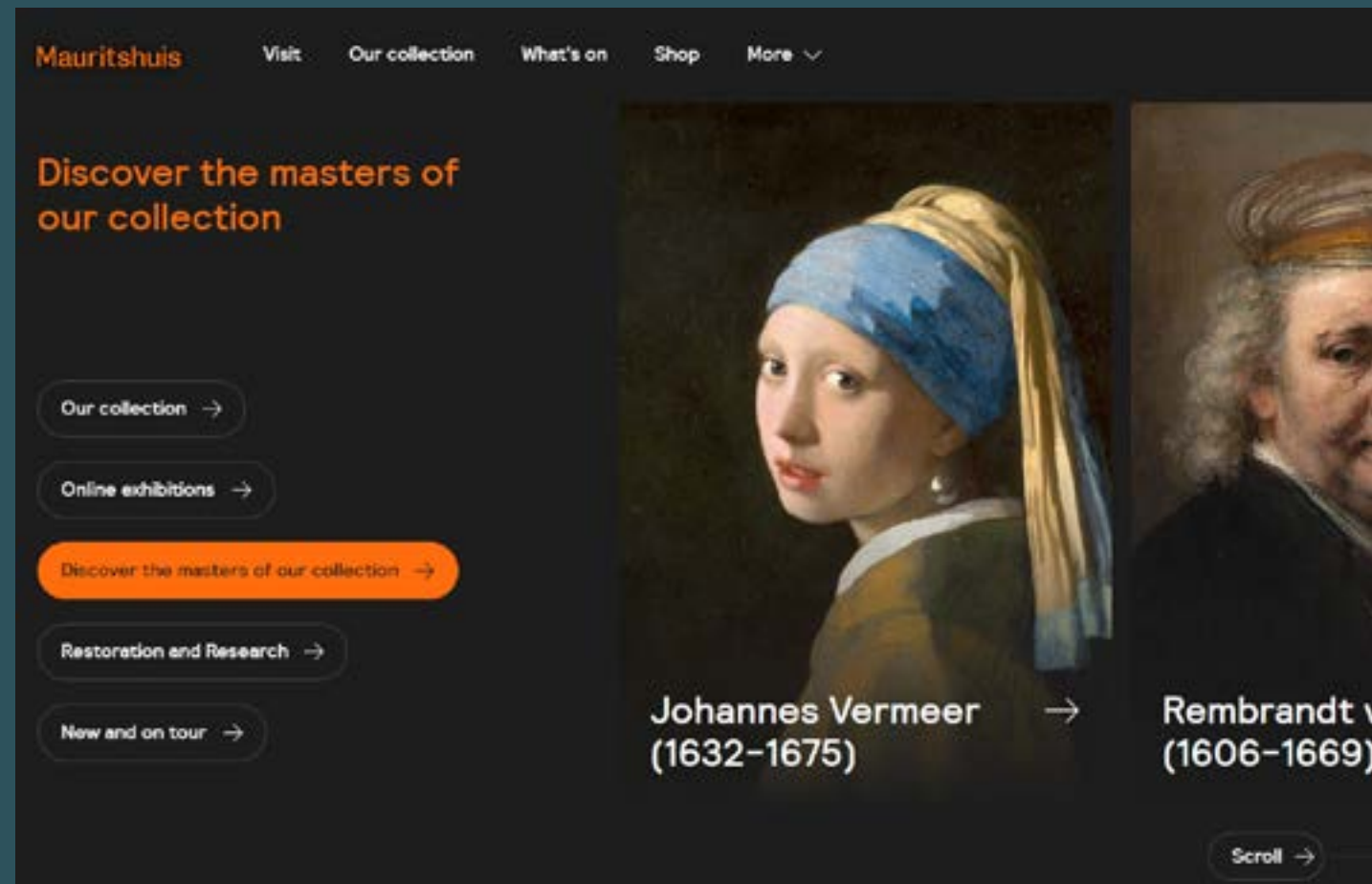
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## First gigapixel museum

The Mauritshuis is the first museum in the world to have been fully digitised in gigapixel format. By bringing this together with its Second Canvas app, the stories behind the paintings are also revealed and you can zoom in on individual brushstrokes. No fewer than 36 masterpieces, including all the Vermeers, four Rembrandts, three Jan Steens, Fabritius's *Goldfinch* and *The Bull* by Paulus Potter, can all be enjoyed in exquisite detail. Visit the virtual museum via the Mauritshuis Second Canvas app, free to download from the App Store and Google Play.

## Online workshops

Everyone can have a go at drawing, painting or photography by taking part in one of our online workshops. Discover the stories behind the artworks and the working methods of old masters such as Rembrandt and Vermeer.

## Children's activities to do at home

Explore the collection together with your children. There are lots of colouring-in pages, activities and stories to enjoy on the Mauritshuis website. Our children's mascot Maurits Mouse will introduce you to the best paintings.

## Looking and listening

Look at the stories behind our collection. All the films from our YouTube series 'WATCH: Old art, new stories' have been brought together on our website, including works by Rubens, Van der Weyden, Vermeer and a painting that was lost for 200 years.

One painting, one performer, one great song. Our new music project 'View the Mauritshuis with your ears' offers an opportunity to take a fresh look at our artworks by listening to a track inspired by a painting. Various singer-songwriters have taken their cue from well-known and lesser-known masterpieces in the Mauritshuis collection.







Did you know?

*The most famous little bird,  
The Goldfinch (known for the book  
of the same name by Donna Tartt),  
also hangs in the Mauritshuis.*





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## Sponsors and funds

The Mauritshuis has one of the finest collections of Dutch painting in the world. The collection is visited every year by many domestic and international visitors. The Mauritshuis has already entered into partnerships with various noteworthy companies and organisations. All the more reason to find out what opportunities for collaboration exist for you.

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## Friends of the Mauritshuis

With the support of our friends, we are able to continue acquiring unique masterpieces and organise inspiring exhibitions. There is also a great international commitment to the museum. This is why the Mauritshuis has established an International Friends Group with a special English-language program for the international community in The Hague.

[Read more →](#)



## Volunteers

The Mauritshuis has had a volunteer organization since 1987 who generate funds for the foundation through their work. It is one of the oldest volunteer organizations within Dutch museums. They have existed for more than 30 years. T







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