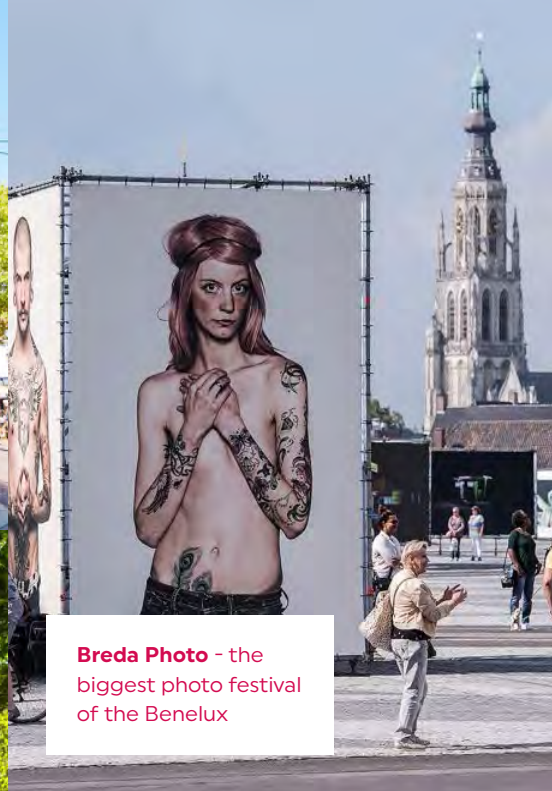




**Blind Walls** - a street art museum on the streets of Breda



**Breda Photo** - the biggest photo festival of the Benelux



**Vincent van Gogh** - born in Zundert, a village close to Breda. He spent a part of his life in and around Breda.



**La Vuelta a Holanda** - August 16, 2020: start and finish of one of the Dutch stages in Breda.





# Breda

The accessible and welcoming city

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# Welcome to Breda!

In Breda, you will find both urban and international allure and at the same time inspiring tranquillity in the landscape and a feeling of seclusion in traditional villages. The Mastbos, the Markdal, the Galderse Heide, the Liesbos, the Ulvenhoutse woods, country estates and natural gates embrace Breda with lots of greenery, which runs along cycle paths from all directions to parks far into the city centre.

It was not a coincidence that King Willem Alexander's ancestors lived in Breda for 150 years since they chose this 'pearl of the South' about six centuries ago. They made history there - partly coinciding with that of Spain - and left behind beautiful monuments. The Castle of Breda, the Grote or Onze Lieve Vrouwenkerk and the Beguinage are still 'top' in the historic city centre. The combination with leading, contemporary architecture, musical events, cultural festivals, local shops and hospitable get-togethers, makes Breda the most loveable city centre of the Netherlands.



**Breda is the winner of the European Smart Tourism Award in Accessibility 2020 and also of the Access City Award 2019. Discover accessible Breda with one of these tours.**

## HIP AMBACHT The streets of Breda

Gold- and silversmiths, bookbinders, timepieces, pastry bakers, beer brewers, leatherworkers and many more craftsmen often worked in their studios / workshops at home around the Castle of Breda. They earned a good living thanks to orders from the Nassaus. Later mainly thanks to soldiers and industrialists.

We have seen a new appreciation for craftsmanship for several years now. A creative craft culture has emerged and has the future. Passionate young entrepreneurs settle in the old buildings in the city center and make unique products. If you want to know more, go with us 'on a trip' through the city and discover the hip craft.

**The tour takes 1.5 to 2 hours.**

- 1 Visit to the Walloon Church at the Beguinage with coffee or tea and some goodies from one of the participating craftsmen (during a guided tour).
- 2 Herbal mixtures from our own recipe, old-fashioned confectionery and ingredients for making your own egg cakes. Drugstore Lamers, a traditional drugstore since 1905. The old Dutch sweets are delicious. The shop window is a feast for the eyes (Veemarktstraat 39).
- 3 Find out more about laser cutting at Brandpunt and admire the wonderful products that this technology produces in this creative hotspot (Reigerstraat 16).
- 4 Real Bread is located at Kamu, a bicycle shop and creative coffee bar (Boschstraat 31).
- 5 A visit to the Sewing Workshop, where fire department uniforms are reused, this is entirely in line with Hip Ambacht (guided tours only).
- 6 The walk ends with a beer at the Beyerd café / Brewery (Boschstraat 26).



Bridge Castle of Breda

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5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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## THE MARKDAL Excursion nature reserve

The Mastbos in Breda is the oldest planted forest in the Netherlands. Count Hendrik III had around 1500 seeds from the Vosges planted and this created the current Mastbos. Bouvigne Castle was built as a hunting lodge for the members of the Orange family. Queen Beatrix and Prince Claus celebrated their engagement party here! The river Mark meanders past the castle.

If you want to know more, go with us 'on a trip' through the outskirts of the city of Breda on the border with Flanders and enjoy green nature hotspots.

**The tour takes 1.5 hours.**

- 1 Visit to French, English and German gardens and orchards of Bouvigne castle. Because of the stories about the special inhabitants of this little castle you feel like you are in the old days. The access path in the garden is paved.

### Accessibility of the gardens:

there is a lift platform to the garden level in the hall of the Brabantse Water Board office.

### THE WALK CAN BE EXPANDED WITH:

- 2 Walk through the Markdal with the meandering River Mark.
  - 3 Wheelchair route through the Mastbos. In the Mastbos, on the side of Burgemeester Kerstenslaan and Duivelsbruglaan, there is a walking route of 2 to 3 kilometers, suitable for people with walker or wheelchair.
- The Heeren van Oranje hotel / restaurant is a great place to stay in leafy surroundings.
- 4 Experience Garden located at Mastbos. The Experience Garden is specially set up for children with a visual and / or mental handicap. Nature-related elements are combined with all senses: sight, sense of touch, sound, smell and taste.



Wheelchair route Markdal

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