

# Main venue: TivoliVredenburg

([info](#), more detailed info [in Dutch](#))

Address: Vredenburgkade 11, 3511 WC Utrecht ([Google Maps](#))

## Notes for persons with disabilities – TivoliVredenburg premises

TivoliVredenburg is fully accessible to visitors with mobility requirements. All entrances to TivoliVredenburg are accessible, but the most accessible entrance is on the [Vredenburgkade](#). This entrance leads to the central lobby, where you can ask for a worker to lead you to the right space. There are also elevator passes available to borrow from the front desk. The different halls of TivoliVredenburg are connected by squares, corridors, stairs, elevators and some also by escalators. The route to a hall can differ per day. The oral sessions will take place in the Room Hertz Zaal ([info in Dutch](#)), which is on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor and has fixed seating. Wheelchair spaces are available. It can be useful to ask one of our staff to accompany you to the right location, because the building is very large. Please contact us ahead of your visit if you have questions. We will try to enable you to take part in our activities.

## Facilities for the hearing impaired

At the Room Hertz Zaal we offer the possibility to use a Sennheiser receiver with different types of headphones that can communicate with hearing aids. Simply talk to one of the cloakroom staff upon your arrival. To connect the headphones to your hearing aid, your device must be set to the T or MT position. It is also possible to borrow regular headphones from the cloakroom.



*The Room Hertz Zaal is a wide, semicircular and seated hall on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor. The wheelchair spaces in the auditorium are accessible from the 7<sup>th</sup> floor. Staff are always available to direct you to the correct space, so feel free to ask a member of staff.*

## Adapted toilets near the Room Hertz Zaal

The Room Hertz Zaal is located on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor. The adapted toilet is located on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor, also accessible with the elevator. You can also use the adapted toilet in the main hall on the ground floor.

To use the elevators independently, you can borrow an elevator pass at the front desk in the main hall (assisted use is also possible).

## **How to reach the TivoliVredenburg main venue?**

### **Train station**

You can find general information about accessibility of public transport in the Netherlands at <https://9292.nl/en/public-transport/accessible-transport/>. Specifically for train travellers with a disability, a lot of information is available at <https://www.ns.nl/en/travel-information/traveling-with-a-disability/>. The train station Utrecht Centraal Station is listed as an accessible train station and it is one of the many train stations in the Netherlands offering [NS Travel Assistance](#) free of charge. This includes the '1 Stap Verder'-service upon arrival at the train station, for travellers with visual impairment. You can request both NS Travel Assistance and the 1 Stap Verder service free of charge, from the first to the last train. You can request the '1 Stap Verder service by calling NS Customer Service on +31 30 23 57 822.

### **Walkways from train station to the TivoliVredenburg main venue**

There are no significant obstacles or barriers. You can [click here](#) for the route to the most accessible entrance to the TivoliVredenburg main venue.

### **Public buses and trams in Utrecht**

To reach the main venue from Utrecht Centraal train station, it's not necessary to use a bus, as TivoliVredenburg is right next to Utrecht Centraal Station. If you want to use the bus, the nearest bus stop is Vredenburg, which is listed as an accessible bus stop. All buses in Utrecht can accommodate a maximum of one wheelchair-bound passenger. Electric wheelchairs are also permitted. You can indicate that you want to travel on the bus using the button on the side of the bus near the second door. The driver will unfold the wheelchair ramp for you and assist you with boarding and disembarking if necessary. We recommend securing yourself with your seat belt. Even if you use an electric wheelchair, you must travel backward into the wheelchair space. Trams in Utrecht are also wheelchair accessible. Info in Dutch: <https://www.u-ov.info/reizen/toegankelijkheid>.

### **Accessible parking near the TivoliVredenburg main venue**

There are several parking spaces near TivoliVredenburg with accessible parking, see [this interactive map](#) (Dutch) where TivoliVredenburg is shown as a marker. The closest is the P5 Hoog Catharijne parking garage, which has 16 accessible spaces and an elevator. Free parking is also available in accessible spaces nearby (Varkenmarkt 16 and Bergstraat 54 are a short distance from TivoliVredenburg). With a [disabled parking permit from the Municipality of Utrecht](#), you can also park for free in paid parking spaces, except in spaces marked with the "Permit Holders" sign. This parking permit is free to apply for if you have a European disability parking card, even if you live outside of Utrecht.

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# Informal icebreaker reception: Winkel van Sinkel

## (info)

Address: Oudegracht 158, 3511 AZ Utrecht ([Google Maps](#))

### Notes for persons with disabilities – Winkel van Sinkel premises

Winkel van Sinkel is accessible with (electronic) wheelchairs/mobility scooters via the side entrance with a ramp. If no one is available on the terrace to set up the ramp, we will call +31 30 23 03 030 for you and request assistance. Accessible toilets are available in the Grand Café and on the first floor. The elevator also provides access to the first floor. Feel free to ask the staff if you have any questions or need assistance.

### How to reach the Winkel van Sinkel icebreaker reception venue?

#### Public transport

From the main TivoliVredenburg venue, it's about a 7-minute walk (550 m) to Winkel van Sinkel at Oudegracht 158. You can also take bus 2, 4, 8, 55, or 74 from the '[Vredenburg](#)' bus stop and get off at the '[Neude](#)' bus stop, from there it's a 4-minute walk (320 m) to Oudegracht 158. If you want to plan an accessible route by public transport from any location in Utrecht (or the Netherlands), it's recommended to use [this public transport planner](#). As options you can choose 'Less walking' and 'Plan accessible journey'.

#### Accessible parking near the Winkel van Sinkel icebreaker reception venue

There are several parking spaces near Winkel van Sinkel with accessible parking, see [this interactive map](#) (Dutch) where Winkel van Sinkel is shown as a marker. The closest parking garage is the La Vie Q-park parking garage, which has 2 accessible spaces and an elevator. Free parking is also available in accessible spaces nearby (Minrebroederstraat 4 is a short distance from Winkel van Sinkel). With a [disabled parking permit from the Municipality of Utrecht](#), you can also park for free in paid parking spaces, except in spaces marked with the "Permit Holders" sign. This parking permit is free to apply for if you have a European disability parking card, even if you live outside of Utrecht.

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# Conference dinner: Nicolaïkerk / St Nicholas' Church

## (info [in Dutch](#))

Address: Nicolaaskerkhof 8, 3512 XC Utrecht ([Google Maps](#))

### Notes for persons with disabilities – Nicolaïkerk (St Nicholas' Church) premises

St Nicholas' Church is wheelchair accessible. An accessible toilet is available inside the church. Feel free to ask the staff if you have any questions or need assistance.

### How to reach the Nicolaïkerk (St Nicholas' Church) conference dinner venue?

#### Public transport

From the main TivoliVredenburg venue, it's quite a walk (1.6 km) to Nicolaïkerk (St Nicholas' Church) at Nicolaaskerkhof 8. You might prefer to take bus 2 from the '[Vredenburg](#)' bus stop and get off at the '[Centraal Museum](#)' bus stop, which is right in front of Nicolaïkerk (St Nicholas' Church). If you want to plan an accessible route by public transport from any location in Utrecht (or the Netherlands), it's recommended to use [this public transport planner](#). As options you can choose 'Less walking' and 'Plan accessible journey'.

### Accessible parking near the Nicolaïkerk (St Nicholas' Church) conference dinner venue

There are several parking spaces right at Nicolaïkerk (St Nicholas' Church) with accessible parking, see [this interactive map](#) (Dutch) where St Nicholas' Church is shown as a marker. The closest parking garage is the Vaartsche Rijn parking garage, which has 3 accessible spaces. Free parking is also available in accessible spaces nearby (Vrouwjuttenhof 11, Agnietenstraat 30, and Bijlhouwerstraat 4 are a short distance from Nicolaïkerk (St Nicholas' Church)). With a [disabled parking permit from the Municipality of Utrecht](#), you can also park for free in paid parking spaces, except in spaces marked with the "Permit Holders" sign. This parking permit is free to apply for if you have a European disability parking card, even if you live outside of Utrecht.

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# Social events 1, 2 and 3:

## Dom Tower, walk and bike tours

Starting point address: Domplein 9, 3512 JC Utrecht ([Google Maps](#))

### How to reach the starting point?

#### Public transport

For the tour up the Dom Tower, as well as the guided city walk and bike tours, the starting point will be the entrance of Winkel van Utrecht / VVV / Tourist Information Centre (Domplein 9, 3512 JC Utrecht). From the main TivoliVredenburg venue, it's about a 10-minute walk (750 m) to the starting point. You can also take bus 2 from the '[Vredenburg](#)' bus stop and get off at the '[Domplein](#)' bus stop, from there it's just a 1-minute walk (40 m) to Domplein 9. If you want to plan an accessible route by public transport from any location in Utrecht (or the Netherlands), it's recommended to use [this public transport planner](#). As options you can choose 'Less walking' and 'Plan accessible journey'.

#### Accessible parking near Domplein 9, Utrecht

There are several parking spaces near the starting point at Domplein 9 with accessible parking, see [this interactive map](#) (Dutch) where Domplein 9 is shown as a marker. The closest parking garage is the Hoog Catharijne P6 parking garage, which has 8 accessible spaces. Free parking is also available in accessible spaces nearby (Voetiusstraat 1, Pieterskerkhof 18, and Hamburgerstraat 20 are a short distance from the starting point. With a [disabled parking permit from the Municipality of Utrecht](#), you can also park for free in paid parking spaces, except in spaces marked with the "Permit Holders" sign. This parking permit is free to apply for if you have a European disability parking card, even if you live outside of Utrecht.

#### Toilets

There are toilets downstairs in the Reception Building of the Dom Tower. There is no accessible toilet available.

### Notes for persons with disabilities – Dom Tower (option 1)

The Dom Tower tour can only be done by stairs and is therefore unfortunately not accessible for people who are unable to climb hundreds of stairs. Assistance dogs are welcome, but please let us know in advance. For the blind and partially sighted there is the option to climb the tower together with an attendant. The supervisor may participate in the tour free of charge. However, it is necessary to indicate this in advance. We offer the opportunity for hearing impaired people to climb the tower together with a sign language interpreter. This interpreter may come free of charge. However, it is necessary to indicate this in advance. An information sheet is also available in Dutch, which can possibly be read yourself (maybe using a translation app with camera option such as Google Translate) when the guide is speaking.

### General notes for the walk and bike tours (options 2 and 3)

Both the guided city walk and bike tours are 1.5-hour tours. They will continue even in bad weather. If extreme weather conditions make it impossible to proceed with the tour, the tour will be canceled. For the walk tour it's recommended to wear comfortable shoes.

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## Social event 4:

### Boat tour along Utrecht's canals with digital guide

Starting point address: Schuttevaer boarding point ("aanlegplaats") at Oudegracht 69, 3511 AD Utrecht. It's under the Rembrandt Cinema, right along the canal down the stairs. ([Google Maps](#)).

#### How to reach the starting point?

##### Own transport / on foot

From the main TivoliVredenburg venue, it's only about a 4-minute walk (350 m) to the starting point. If you want to plan an accessible route by public transport from any location in Utrecht (or the Netherlands), it's recommended to use [this public transport planner](#). As options you can choose 'Less walking' and 'Plan accessible journey'.

##### Accessible parking near Oudegracht 69, Utrecht

There are several parking spaces near the starting point at Oudegracht 69 with accessible parking, see [this interactive map](#) (Dutch) where Oudegracht 69 is shown as a marker. The closest parking garage is the La Vie Q-park parking garage, which has 2 accessible spaces and an elevator. Free parking is also available in accessible spaces nearby (Oudegracht 30 is a short distance from the starting point. With a [disabled parking permit from the Municipality of Utrecht](#), you can also park for free in paid parking spaces, except in spaces marked with the "Permit Holders" sign. This parking permit is free to apply for if you have a European disability parking card, even if you live outside of Utrecht.

##### Toilets

A toilet is available on the boat, but it's not an adapted toilet.

#### Notes for persons with disabilities – Boat tour (option 4)

Unfortunately, the boat tour is not accessible for those who are completely dependent on a wheelchair or mobility scooter. Even if you can walk (short) distances, the accessibility of the boats depends on your own mobility. The staff is always happy to assist with boarding. The boats have a staircase of roughly four steps to reach the boat floor. Access to the boarding point is only possible via a staircase of approximately 21 steps. This staircase has a handrail on either side to hold on to. The access from the dock to the boat is very narrow here, due to a small, sloping jetty. If you have specific questions, you can contact the [boat tour operator Schuttevaer](#) directly ([info@schuttevaer.com](mailto:info@schuttevaer.com) / +31 30 27 20 111) or feel free to contact us.

#### General notes for the boat tour (option 4)

A digital audio guide will be available in English.

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