



HAGAMUN 2024

Cultural Booklet

Welcome to the HagaMUN 2024 cultural booklet!

This booklet provides an extended overview on:

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Hotel suggestions

- *Court Garden Hotel*

The Court Garden Hotel is an eco-friendly hotel with a cosy atmosphere. There are single, twin and double rooms available. An organic breakfast can be bought additionally. The hotel is located across the street from Gymnasium Haganum, the venue of HagaMUN. Participants of HagaMUN 2024 get a 15% discount!

<https://www.hotelcourgarden.nl/en/>

- *The Hague Marriott Hotel*

The Marriott Hotel is located nearby many attractions as well as significant international institutions, among which the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. Twin and double rooms are available, with breakfast included. To get from the HagaMUN venue to the hotel, you could take a 20 minute walk or use the public transportation system.

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/rtmhc-the-hague-marriott-hotel/overview/>

- *Fletcher Hotel-Restaurant Scheveningen*

This hotel is located in the seaside district Scheveningen, at a short walking distance from the beach. Transport from the HagaMUN venue to Fletcher Hotel-Restaurant Scheveningen takes 20 minutes when using the public transportation system.

<https://www.fletcherhotelscheveningen.nl/en/hotel/about-the-hotel>



Recommended sights in The Hague

- *Scheveningen Beach*

A short bike ride away from Gymnasium Haganum is the beach! There, you will be able to find an activity that suits everyone: whether you like to go for a walk, to swim, to enjoy great food or to discover a museum, the beach is definitely worth a visit.

<https://scheveningenbeach.com/>

- *Mauritshuis*

The Mauritshuis is a beautiful museum established in 1822 and located in the centre of The Hague. It is highly popular among tourists as well as locals, for masterpieces such as the ‘Girl with a Pearl Earring’ (Johannes Vermeer) and the ‘Anatomy lesson of Dr Nicoleas Tulp’ (Rembrandt). Buying your tickets and a time slot online beforehand is recommended.

<https://www.mauritshuis.nl/en/>

- *Passage*

De Passage is the oldest shopping arcade in the Netherlands. It is easily accessible due to its location in the centre of the city. You will find beautiful shops, cosy cafés and amazing architecture. It is open seven days a week, so make sure to check it out!

<https://depassage.nl/?lang=en>

- *Buitenhof and Binnenhof*

Just to be clear: The *Buitenhof* is a square adjacent to the *Binnenhof*. For centuries, The Binnenhof (Inner Court) was the centre of Dutch politics. It is currently under renovation, but you can still visit the *Information centre Binnenhof renovation*. The Buitenhof is a historical square surrounded by important buildings, but is still very vivid because of all the eating establishments, the cinema, the shops and the hotels.

<https://denhaag.com/en/search/buitenhof>

<https://denhaag.com/en/information-centre-binnenhof-renovation>

- *Escher Museum*

Escher in The Palace is a museum where the most famous works of M.C. Escher are permanently on display. The venue, built between 1760 and 1764, used to be property of rich and famous people, but since 2002 it houses the permanent exhibition of the work and life of the artist popular for his lithographs featuring impossible objects, exploration of infinity, symmetry and reflection. This artist is Maurits Cornelis Escher.

<https://www.escherinhetpaleis.nl/?lang=en>



- ***Madurodam***

Madurodam is a miniature park where you can see all the famous Dutch landmarks in one hour! The replicas are made on a scale 1:25 and the details are gorgeous. Discover the highlights and history of the Netherlands in a fun and accessible way!

<https://www.madurodam.nl/en>

- ***Voorlinden***

Museum Voorlinden is a museum for modern and contemporary art. The museum's vision is to connect people, art, nature and architecture. It is not directly in The Hague, but you should still consider a visit to this fairly new museum in Wassenaar.

<https://www.voorlinden.nl/?lang=en>

- ***Kunstmuseum Den Haag (Art Museum of the Hague)***

For those that prefer modern art to classical, the Art Museum of the Hague is the place to be! Not only is this museum free for anyone 18 or under, it also has a direct connection by tram from the Haganum. The museum features the work of the Netherlands' most famous modern painter: Piet Mondriaan. His final (and never finished) piece "Victory Boogie Woogie" can be found here on display.

If art's not your thing, do not worry, for the building alone is full of surprises. Designed in the early 20th century by renowned architect Berlage, it echoes the style of its modernist paintings and is more than worth the time spent there.

<https://www.kunstmuseum.nl/nl>

- ***De Gevangenpoort (Prison's gate) - it keeps you captive(ated)!***

For the history lovers out there, look no further than De Gevangenpoort (Prison's Gate), situated right at the edge of the Buitenhof. Before and during the forming of the Republic of the Netherlands, in the 16th and 17th century, this building was used not only to imprison, but also to torture criminals, which were often guilty of rebelling or piracy.

For its most famous prisoner, Cornelis de Witt, you do not even need to enter the building, as he and his brother were lynched by an enraged crowd right before the Prison's Gate.

Fun times!

<https://www.gevangenpoort.nl/nl/bezoek/zien-en-doen/ontdek-de-gevangenpoort>

Recommended restaurants and cafes

- ***Bakery Maxima***

If you want to have the real experience of being a student at Gymnasium Haganum, make sure to visit Bakery Maxima. This bakery offers delicious (and cheap) Turkish food specialties such as a Turkish pizza for €3,50 and many different kinds of 'kapsalon'. The bakery is within walking distance from the school and it certainly is a must-try.

<https://zeeheldenkwartier.com/zaak/bakkerij-maxima>



- ***Takumi Ramen Kitchen***

This Japanese restaurant chain has locations all over Europe. The one in The Hague is located near *Central Station*. At Takumi you can sit down and enjoy amazing authentic Japanese ramen for acceptable prices.

<https://www.takumiramenoodles.com/>

- ***HEMA***

This Dutch department store that is found on the *Grote Marktstraat* carries a great collection of household goods, clothing and adorable school supplies. At HEMA you can not only buy quality stuff for a good prize, but the store also sells food. If you are in The Netherlands, you must try a *tompouce* from HEMA (good luck with finding out how to eat them, we do not know either).

<https://www.hema.nl/department-store>

- ***Lily's Bubble Tea & Coffee***

If you could use a good Bubble Tea after a long day of MUN, Lily's is where you must go. The cafe is located almost directly next to the Palace Garden ('de Paleistuin'). Grab your Bubble Tea or Coffee, admire the beautiful cafe and wander around the Palace Garden that is almost always open to visitors.

<https://www.lilysbubbletea.com/>

- ***Kicking Horse Cafe (Paagman)***

When the vibrant city becomes a bit too much, you could choose to visit the *Frederik Hendriklaan* ('Tram 17 richting Scheveningen-Noord', check out at 'Frederik Hendriklaan'). This street does not only look very cute, but is also the place where Kicking Horse Cafe is located. The cafe offers delicious fairtrade-coffee and because it is located in bookstore *Paagman*, you can enjoy your coffee while reading a book.

<https://www.paagman.nl/kicking-horse-cafe> (Dutch website)

- ***'T Kleinste Winkeltje (The Smallest Shop)***

There is a narrow street in the Hague that looks just like all the other narrow streets. You may walk through it many times without ever noticing anything strange. Yet there may be a moment when, in what appears to be simply a shadow, the golden light of fries beckons, like a lantern in the abyss. You will find yourself, as if led by Fate, in front of "The Smallest Shop": a chip shop, wedged between two buildings, barely a metre across.

The fries are great, the sauce-range is wide, the shop is incredibly tiny.

What's not to like?

Address: Papestraat 1A



Recommended shops

- *Vintage clothing stores: Kilo Kilo and the Episode*

In the centre of the Hague and a mere 10 minute walk away from Central Station (or 5 by tram) you will find the Kilo Kilo: a vintage store that, as the name suggests, sells its clothes for about 30 euros per kilo. All of the clothing is second-hand, most of it is vintage, and there is something for everyone: from thick “grandpa” sweaters to denim skirts, from band T-Shirts to sunglasses.

For more vintage, the Episode (Molenstraat 139) offers an ever bigger collection (it covers quite literally every wall and reaches to the ceiling) though for a more expensive price than at the Kilo Kilo.

<https://www.kilokilovintage.nl/> (Dutch website)

<https://episode.eu/index.php/den-haag-molenstraat/>

- *Book stores: The American Book Center and Colette's*

In the same street as the Kilo Kilo, the American Book Center (ABC) resides: a fully-English bookstore, with an extensive YA-collection at the front, and books on philosophy, history, music and much more in the back.

If you find yourself sitting idle during one of the MUN-days, do not hesitate to take a short walk to Colette's: a small, antique bookstore completely run by (elderly) volunteers. This store sells books on every subject imaginable. It sells more books than fit in it: these are stacked on towering piles on the ground over which you sometimes literally have to climb in order to get to the back.

Though most of the books are in Dutch, you'll find more than enough in English, French, German and other languages. The books are cheap, often not exceeding 4 euros, and some are antique with a capital letter A. You will also get a free bookmark with every purchase!

<https://colette.red/> (Dutch website)

<https://abc.nl/info/store-locations>

Transportation web

The Hague

The Hague boasts an excellent public transport system. Over 30 bus and tram lines will take you quickly and safely from and to your destinations in and around The Hague.

HTM is the main public transportation company in The Hague. You can choose to buy a ticket, but the regular credit card can also be used to check in.

<https://www.htm.nl/en/>

If you want to go somewhere else, use 9292. You only have to fill out your departure location and the desired arrival, and 9292 gives you various options to get to your destination.

<https://9292.nl/en>



The Netherlands

For transportation by train in The Netherlands, it is very convenient to use the website of the Nederlandse Spoorwegen (NS). You can either buy a ticket for your trip on the website or you can use your debit or credit card to check in at the gates. It is also possible to use Apple Pay or Google Pay on your phone to check in.

<https://www.ns.nl/en>

HOW TO GET TO THE CITY CENTER FROM GYMNASIUM HAGANUM

There are two tram stops near the school. The tram stop right in front of the school (**‘Zoutmanstraat’**) is the most convenient option when going to the city. You can either check out at the tram stop **‘Gravenstraat’** or at **‘Buitenhof’**. Make sure to take ‘Tram 17 richting Wateringen’!