

SGS Swamiji Holland Visit April 20-21 2024: Travel Advice

Saturday, 20th April, 1600 – 2200 – Welcome Program

Venue: ASAN Mandir, 1e van der Kunstraat 75, 2521 AS Den Haag

Nearest Train Station: Den Haag HS

Distance from Den Haag HS to ASAN Mandir: 1.4kms – about 20m walk

Public Transportation: Trams from Den Haag HS will take you one stop closer and then there is a 10m walk. Buses from Den Haag HS will drop you about 200m from the venue.

Sunday, 21st April, 0930 onwards – Sri Satyanarayana Vratam with SVK Eindhoven

Venue: Blixems Wijkcentrum, Ouverture 2, 5629 PV Eindhoven

Nearest Train Station: Eindhoven Centraal

Distance from Eindhoven Centraal to Blixems Wijkcentrum: 5.5kms – about 10m drive

Public Transportation: Bus 2 towards Blixembosch Oost from Eindhoven Centraal. Get down at Stiffelio stop and walk 400m to reach the venue.

Traveling from Den Haag to Eindhoven

(Note: for train/public transportation ticket related information, please see the “Miscellaneous” section at the end of this document)

By road: About 140kms, travel time will be between 1h20m to 2h depending on traffic and route taken.

By Train: Direct train approximately every 30m from Den Haag HS station. Travel time 1h22m. Fare: 23.70 euros. Train schedules are subject to changes.

From Den Haag Centraal station, multiple train options available. Travel time ranges from 1h25m to 2h. Costs will be similar.

Traveling from Schiphol Airport (Amsterdam Airport)

To Den Haag: Intercity Train (IC) takes about 30m. Avoid the Sprinter (SPR - slower and more stops). Cost – about 10 euros. Den Haag HS, Den Haag Centraal and Den Haag Laan van NOI are the three stations in the city.

To Eindhoven: Intercity Train (IC) takes about 1h30m. Avoid options that require changing trains. Cost – 23.30 euros. Eindhoven Centraal is the station to go to.

Accommodation

Given the distance between Den Haag and Eindhoven, there is no “universal best option” here. For those coming by road, especially from Germany, Eindhoven is closer to the border

and might be the easier option for the return trip. For those arriving by flight to Schiphol, Den Haag is closer and the easier trip to and from the airport. If the preference is to stay in between both cities, Breda is the most central city with good train connectivity. Den Haag event is in the evening, so one must account for evening/night travel back to hotel. Meanwhile Eindhoven event is in the morning, so one must account for early morning travel to the venue.

For those with their own mode of transportation, it is also possible to stay in smaller towns and villages near Den Haag or Eindhoven. If this is the preference, please take into consideration the extra traffic and crowds caused by the Bloemencorso Flower Parade on the morning of the 20th of April. Please visit <https://bloemencorso-bollenstreek.nl/en/programma/corsozaterdag/> for information on the parade route. It is advisable to look for accommodation in cities south and west of the parade route. This also takes you closer to Eindhoven and makes the morning journey a bit easier.

Miscellaneous

Google Maps provides sufficiently good train and local transportation information. The Dutch prefer to use the 9292 app/website - <https://9292.nl/en> for more accurate and up-to-date travel information. <https://www.ns.nl/en> is the official website for the Dutch railway company, NS.

<https://www.ovpay.nl/en/how-it-works> explains how to travel in NL using your debit/credit card. Pay attention to the cards that are acceptable. Remember that in NL, you must always check-in AND check-out.

Public transportation is quite good with buses and trams in the city of Den Haag. In Eindhoven also, there are plenty of buses to take you around the city. Those who intend to use local public transportation more extensively in Den Haag are better off buying a “dagkaart” at <https://www.htm.nl/vervoerbewijzen/uur-en-dagkaarten>. Similar options for Eindhoven can be found at <https://www.bravo.info/english/tickets>.

Taxis are generally expensive in the Netherlands. Uber and Bolt are the two ride-sharing companies that operate here and prices are usually similar. Install both applications and check for promotional fares before booking a ride.