
PENTHOUSE PRISON

WHAT IS PENTHOUSE PRISON?

PENTHOUSE PRISON IS AN INITIATIVE OF HEILIGE BOONTJES

'Heilige Boontjes' is in turn an initiative of police officer Marco den Dunnen and social broker Rodney van den Hengel. A place where young people who are at a distance to the labor market are coached to work structurally. Marco and Rodney started with a small coffee bar with its own coffee roaster and this has now grown into a grand café where you can also eat in the evening and with its own coffee brand that is already enjoyed in many places.

The young people have different backgrounds. They often come from disadvantaged families, the upbringing comes from the street. In addition, wrong choices in life are made and often lead to situations that, due to lack of knowledge, examples around and many other factors, lead to situations where there is no longer a way out. Heilige Boontjes aims to get these young people back on the right path by supporting them on all fronts. By providing assistance with housing, debt rescheduling, relationship issues but above all by instilling self-esteem and independence.

Nothing is as good for a person as having a solid basis and being appreciated.

Heilige Boontjes is not only unique in its set-up with qualified guidance, but can also look forward to broad support from the police, the Public Prosecution Service and the Municipal Administration. The aim is to have around fifty young people reintegrated on an annual basis.

Heilige Boontjes tries to connect and to exclude nobody, for whatever reason.



THE BUILDING

Penthouse prison is located in the former police station Eendrachtsplein. At the end of the 19th century, the building was used as a school for special education.

Most of the buildings on the Eendrachtsplein survived the bombing of the 2nd World War. The unique architecture has been preserved and makes Eendrachtsplein a special place in Rotterdam.

In the 2nd World War the building was in the service of the German occupiers. It was subsequently purchased by the police in 1945 and until 2016 the Eendrachtsplein office was located here.

After Mayor Aboutaleb during a visit to the first location (Burg. Meineszplein) in 2016 to the Heilige Boontjes, he drew their attention to the possibility of an establishment on the Eendrachtsplein. The larger pop-up store was quickly realized here.

In order to be able to guarantee this fantastic location for the Heilige Boontjes, in the longer term, a group of people from Rotterdam - with a big heart for the city and care for the less fortunate - have purchased the building.

Bureau Eendracht: in the meantime the building has been renovated and on the upper floor, companies and institutions goal are housed that have a social goal. They all contribute in their own way to the financial independence of the whole and to the main objective "reintegration of young people from Rotterdam" through, for example, internships and courses.

On the fourth and top floors, the police had six cells for the night care of suspects. These cells were intended for temporary use, mainly for custody. Here is now a Bed & Breakfast established, listening to the name Penthouse Prison. This striking building has been able to continue the - traditionally - social function.



THE BED & BREAKFAST

The cell complex contains six cells; four are bedrooms, one is a laundry room with toilet (note: the toilet's flush is in the hallway, blue button on the left around the corner, that the jailer had to press for you ...) and there is a cell intended as a relaxation room. Here you will find books, games and a television, among other things.

Nothing has changed in the original appearance, including the original boat text. But to make the somewhat grim atmosphere of a prison a little more pleasant, comfortable beds have been placed and the decoration is not too sober. The original stainless steel toilets have been transformed into plantpots.

This cell complex is the exclusive site of the guests of Penthouse Prison. This is also lockable.

In the toilet room you will find bathrobes that you can wear go to the shared shower. This shower is shared with the other residents of the building. The shower is still of the Spartan prison level, but hot water does come out.

Upstairs is a kitchen and a roof terrace, you have access to this. The red table on the roof terrace may only be used by guests of Penthouse Prison. You can make a cup of coffee or tea in the kitchen and prepare simple meals. But of course you can also go to the "Heilige Boontjes" on the ground floor for breakfasts, lunch or dinner. And in consultation they will bring your breakfast upstairs.

You can therefore use the entire fourth floor, part of which is completely exclusive.

During the opening hours of Heilige Boontjes you can just enter the house through the front door and take the elevator to Penthouse Prison. After closing time (11 p.m.) it is a bit more complicated and you have to "break in" through the back entrance.



DO'S AND DONT'S

**MAKE SURE YOU
HAVE YOUR KEY
IN YOUR POCKET
AT ALL TIMES!**

When you go up to the roof terrace **ALWAYS TAKE A KEY WITH YOU.**
If the door closes, it falls into the lock!

You also take the key with you when you enter the city. The cell complex is exclusively for you as a guest and you can therefore leave your belongings there, but always close the complex when you leave. If you come back after closing time you can always enter through the back.

Access from the back after 11 p.m. in the evening and before 8:30 p.m. The key fits on the fence at the Rochussenhof. There is also a bicycle shed here. Next there is an escape staircase on the right side of the building and via this staircase you reach the fourth floor and you walk through the tile path to the door. You can open this with the same key and then you are inside.

There is no room service but you can request special things from the Heilige Boonjtes. Then ask for Robin or Hanneke.

There is a smart TV where you can receive NPO Start, Netflix and Youtube via apps.

There are smoke detectors in the cells, **NO SMOKING INSIDE PLEASE!**

If an emergency occurs, there is an official escape route through the door on the south side. This brings you to the roof and the escape stairs at the rear. Via the roof terrace you can reach the flat roof of the neighbors.

Warn Robin or Hanneke if something is wrong.
Robin telephone number +31 6 15 15 53 17

Normal checkout is 11:00 am and warn Robin just before you check out.



WIFI

Log in to: HeiligeBoontjes
Password: Heiligboonjte010 (note: t and j are reversed)

FIRST AID

Erasmus MC, telephone 010 704 0 704 (emergency care)
Dr. Molewaterplein 40 - a 5-minute walk away

EXTRA SHEETS/ TOWELS

Per booking is paid for one set of clean towels and sheets per person, and one cleaning. Of course, extra can be supplied on request for a fee. Per extra cleaning 30 euros, and per extra set of sheets and towel 15 euros.



PARKING

Paid parking on the street

Parking garage: Garage Museumpark, Museumpark 32
18.50 euros per day

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Eendrachtsplein metro station on the doorstep

Tram line 4, around the corner Nieuwe Binnenweg

Tram line 7 in front of the door (Eendrachtsplein)

Central station 10 minutes walk

BICYCLE RENTAL

Various options including City Rider Westblaak 8

MUSEUMS

NEARBY

Museum park

This modern park in the center of Rotterdam is surrounded by six museums, which explains name:

■ Museum Boijmans van Beuningen www.boijmans.nl

Several years in renovation, alternative locations see their website

■ Kunsthal Rotterdam www.kunsthal.nl

The 'Kunsthal Rotterdam' is one of the icons of modern architecture

■ Het Nieuwe Instituut www.hetnieuweinstituut.nl

'Het Nieuwe Instituut' is a museum for architecture, design and digital culture

■ Natural History Museum Rotterdam www.hetnatuurhistorisch.nl

A cool museum

■ Huis Sonneveld www.huissonneveld.nl

'Huis Sonneveld' is one of the best preserved houses in the 'Nieuwe Bouwen Stijl' [New Building Style]

■ The Chabot Museum www.chabotmuseum.nl

The Chabot Museum is a museum dedicated to the Dutch painter and sculptor Henk Chabot

MARKET DAYS

Eendrachtsplein, organic market: every Tuesday
Grote markt, Binnenrotte: every Tuesday and Saturday
Book market, Wijdekerkstraat: Tuesdays and Saturdays
Market hall, Binnenrotte: every day

DINING OUT

- Westkop Rotterdam, Museumpark 25
Beer and pizza, it sounds like a crazy combination, but Thomas is happy to surprise you with perfect beer-food combinations at De Westkop
- Annabel, Schiestraat 20
Annabel is above all a pop venue, but you can also have lunch there and get a nice bite after a night out
- Restaurant Bierhandel De Pijp, Gaffelstraat 90
Student place with atmosphere and good prices for good food
- Zeezout, Westerkade 11
Seafood restaurant
- Restaurant Old Dutch, Rochussenstraat 20
Old Dutch chique
- Melief Bender, Oude Binnenweg 134
Old cozy pub
- Azura, Otto Reuchlinweg 1166
Asian at 'de Kop van Zuid'

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

see www.uitagendarotterdam.nl

ROTTERDAM TOURIST INFORMATION
COOLSINGEL 114
STATIONSPLEIN 21