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ROTTERDAM

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For Elizabeth

Delfshaven

The most modern city in the Netherlands is very old. You can see that history best in the Delfshaven district. The Rotterdammers worked hard, traded and levied tolls. Ships carrying goods arrived in the harbour and were unloaded by dockworkers. From here the Pilgrim Fathers first set sail for America.



Zakkendragershuisje
Dockworker's
guild house

Pilgrim
Fathers'
Church

Rotterdam began as a village on dwelling mounds near the River Rotte. It received its name when a water barrier was built in the river: Dam in the Rotte. Delfshaven was established

as a village in 1389. Jenever, Dutch gin, was made here from grain and still is today. Ketel 1 is now world famous. Piet Hein, the Netherlands' greatest 'pirate' – who seized the

silver of a Spanish treasure fleet – was born here in 1577. In the harbour you'll find the small church of the Pilgrim Fathers, originally from 1417. Nine American presidents,

including the Bushes and Obama are descended from them. A bit farther down, the Dutch fast-food 'kapsalon' was born: chips, shawarma meat, topped with melted

cheese and lettuce in a take-out tray. When Hair Salon Tati's owner ordered this dish, the counter men called: 'It's for the hair salon!' And the name stuck.

