

## 1. Arrival

Welcome to the city of Leiden! The host of Leiden University, the oldest university in the Netherlands existing since 1575. As you find your way around town, you will discover that the university premises are scattered throughout the city. The large numbers of students who live and study in Leiden give the city a relaxed and vibrant atmosphere.

Take a look at these websites for everything you want to know about Leiden:

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

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/the-netherlands/the-randstad/leiden>

BaSIS conference will take place in one of Leiden University buildings:

- ✓ **Lipsius (room 1.47)**

Address: Cleveringaplaats 1

Website (opening hours can be found there as well):

<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/locations/lipsius#tab-1>

## 2. Transportation

### 2.1 Public transport

General information regarding public transportation in the Netherlands can be found on this website:

<https://www.holland.com/global/tourism/plan-your-holiday/getting-around-in-holland/public-transport.htm>

On these websites you can plan your trip online:

<https://9292.nl/en>

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

General information regarding local and regional public transportation:

- ✓ **Busses:** most busses leave from the bus station in front of Leiden Central Station. Also at the bus station there are timetables to inform you about the departure times of the busses.
- ✓ **Trains:** from Leiden Central Station you can take trains in the direction of for example Amsterdam, Utrecht, The Hague, and Gouda. The website <https://www.ns.nl/en/journeyplanner/#/> allows you to plan your train trip in detail.



Keep in mind that you will need an OV-chipkaart if you want to use the public transport (see: 'OV-chipkaart'). But it is also possible to buy various tickets at the ticket machines at the stations or on the NS website/app. All the information can be found here:

<https://www.ns.nl/producten/en/losse-kaartjes-toeslagen>

## 2.2 OV-chipkaart

The OV-chipkaart is the payment system for public transport in the Netherlands. You can load credit in Euro onto the card. At the start of your journey you check in and at the end you check out again. If you wish to use the public transport (bus, tram, metro, or train) in the Netherlands, it is highly recommended to buy an OV-chipkaart. Buying separated tickets is often more expensive and can be a hassle. The following websites will provide you with useful information regarding how you can buy and use the OV-chipkaart.

- ✓ Information on different types of OV-chipkaart  
<https://9292.nl/en/fares-and-public-transport/ov-chipkaart>
- ✓ How to use the OV-chipkaart  
<https://9292.nl/en/fares-and-public-transport/travelling-with-the-ov-chipkaart>

## 2.3 Bicycle rent

The most convenient and common transportation in and around the city is a bicycle. There are several bike shops in the city where you can rent a bicycle. Here are two examples, but there are many more places where you can rent. Take a look at their websites for prices and additional information.

- ✓ **Oldenburger Fietsspecialist**  
Address: Stationsplein 1B-C  
Website: [www.olden-burger.nl](http://www.olden-burger.nl)
- ✓ **Easy Fiets**  
Address: Haagweg 8  
Website: [www.easyfiets.nl](http://www.easyfiets.nl)
- ✓ **OV-fiets (personal OV-chipkaart is needed with a OV-fiets season ticket)**  
Address: Stationsplein 3S  
Website: <https://www.ns.nl/en/door-to-door/ov-fiets>  
Actual availability of OV-fiets at Leiden Central Station:  
<https://ovfietsbeschikbaar.nl/locatie/ledn002>



## 2.4 Taxi

In case you need a taxi, you can contact the following taxi companies. Keep in mind that taxis in the Netherlands are often much more expensive than public transport. However, you can also always try to get an Uber, which is often much cheaper.

- ✓ **Taxi Centrale Leiden**  
Bargelaan 188, Leiden  
Telephone number: + 31712100210
- ✓ **Taxi Wielkens**  
Haagweg 8, Leiden  
Telephone number: +31715890503



## 3. Tourist information

### 3.1 Tourist information center Leiden

The Tourist Information Centre in Leiden at Stationsweg, 26 can provide you with ideas for trips, walking tours, information on public transport, maps, but you can also buy souvenirs, postcards and much more here.

<https://www.visitleiden.nl/en/plan-your-visit/tourist-information>

### 3.2 How to spend your free time and weekend

There are many ways how you can spend your free time and weekend in and around the city. Leiden offers a broad variety of options and the Netherlands is a relatively small country in which you can easily travel around and discover many new places. Take a look at these websites for some inspiring ideas and recommendations.

In Leiden: <https://www.visitleiden.nl/en>

Leiden event calendar: <https://www.visitleiden.nl/en/event-calendar>

In the Netherlands: <https://www.holland.com/global/tourism.htm>

To give you a brief idea on what you can do in and around Leiden, several recommendations from a local living and born in Leiden:

- ✓ Go for a walk through the historic city center of Leiden and do not forget to visit some of its hidden treasures called 'hofjes':  
<https://www.visitleiden.nl/en/highlights/courtyard-gardens>
- ✓ Visit one of the interesting museums
- ✓ Visit the lively weekly Saturday street market along the Nieuwe Rijn  
<https://www.visitleiden.nl/en/what-to-do/shopping>

- ✓ Marvel at the beautiful plants and relax after class in the botanical garden of Leiden called De Hortus Botanicus <https://www.hortusleiden.nl/en/>
- ✓ Discover the lake district called De Kaag & Braassem next to Leiden: <https://rondomkaagenbraassem.nl/en/homepage>
- ✓ Go to the beach, eat fresh haring, and walk or cycles through the sand dunes in Katwijk or Noordwijk. Both towns are also easy to reach by bus from Leiden Central Station.  
Katwijk: <https://www.vvkatwijk.nl/en>  
Noordwijk: <https://www.noordwijk.info/en/discover-noordwijk/visit-noordwijk/about-noordwijk>
- ✓ Visit other cities close to Leiden such as Delft, Den Haag, Utrecht, Rotterdam and Amsterdam.

### ***3.3 Restaurants and lunch rooms***

The city of Leiden hosts many great restaurants and lunch rooms with delicious food. If you feel like going on a small adventure, but at the same time you don't want to get lost, you can go for a walk through streets such as: Kloksteeg, Heresteeg, Nieuwe Rijn, Beestenmarkt, and Noordeinde. In these streets you will find several places where you can get something to eat. For more information take a look at: <https://www.visitleiden.nl/en/what-to-do/food-drinks>

Ten recommendations from a local living and born in Leiden:

- ✓ Koffiehuis 't Suppiershuysinghe, Gerecht 2
- ✓ Restaurant BurgerZaken, Breestraat 123
- ✓ Italian bar-bistro City Hall, Stadhuisplein 3
- ✓ Annie's, Hoogstraat 1a
- ✓ Café Barrera, Rapenburg 56
- ✓ Hortus Grand Café, Rapenburg 73a
- ✓ Café l'Espérance, Kaiserstraat 1
- ✓ Bistro Noroc, Pieterskerk-Choorsteeg 4,
- ✓ Bagels & Beans, Maarsmansteeg 8



### ***3.4 Dutch language and culture***

In case you wish to learn a bit more about Dutch language and culture we have written down some basic words and phrases for you to practice. In addition, take a look at this website and YouTube channels for more information:

Stuff Dutch People Like: <https://stuffdutchpeoplelike.com/>

Survival Guide to the Dutch <https://www.youtube.com/user/dutchsurvivalguide>

### Acquaintance

- ✓ Hi = Hallo / Hoi / Hi
- ✓ How are you? = Hoe gaat het?
- ✓ I'm good = Met mij gaat het goed
- ✓ Bye! = Doei!
- ✓ See you! = Tot ziens!

### Greetings

- ✓ Good morning = Goedemorgen
- ✓ Good afternoon = Goedemiddag
- ✓ Good evening = Goedenavond

### (Dis)agreement and politeness

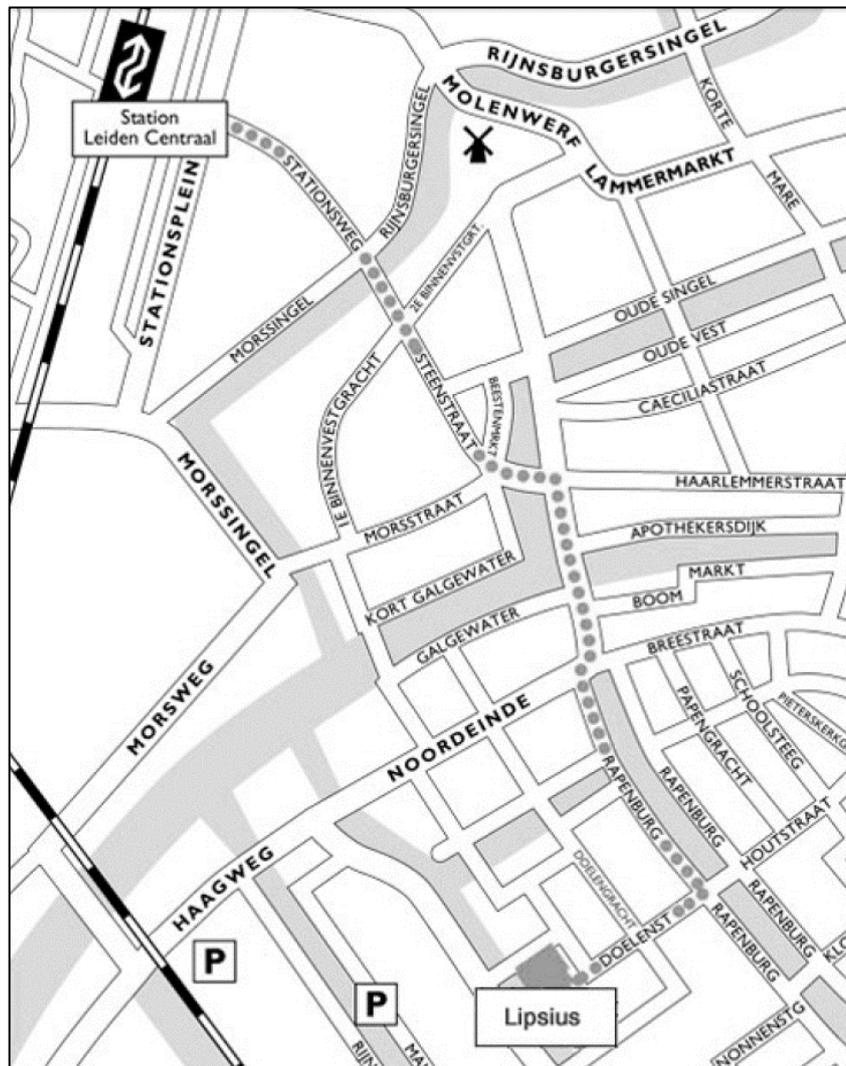
- ✓ Yes = Ja
- ✓ No = Nee
- ✓ Please = Alsjeblieft
- ✓ Thank you = Dankjewel



### 3.5 Emergency

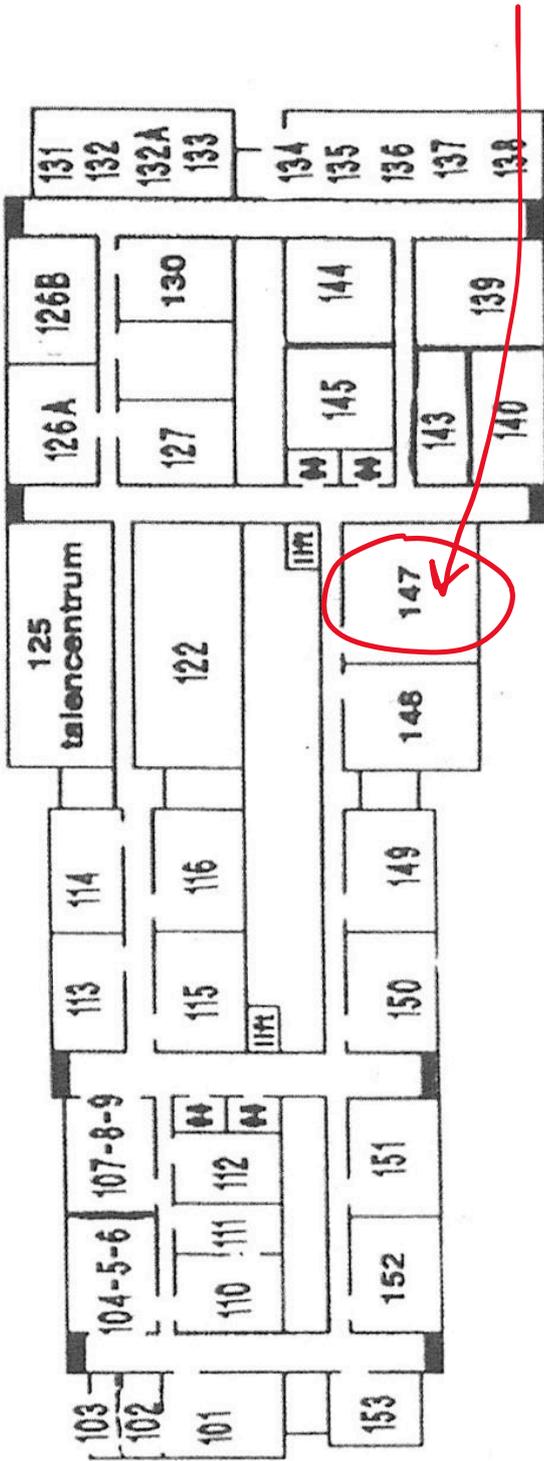
The emergency telephone number in Europe is **112**

### 3.6 Map walking route: railway station to Lipsius

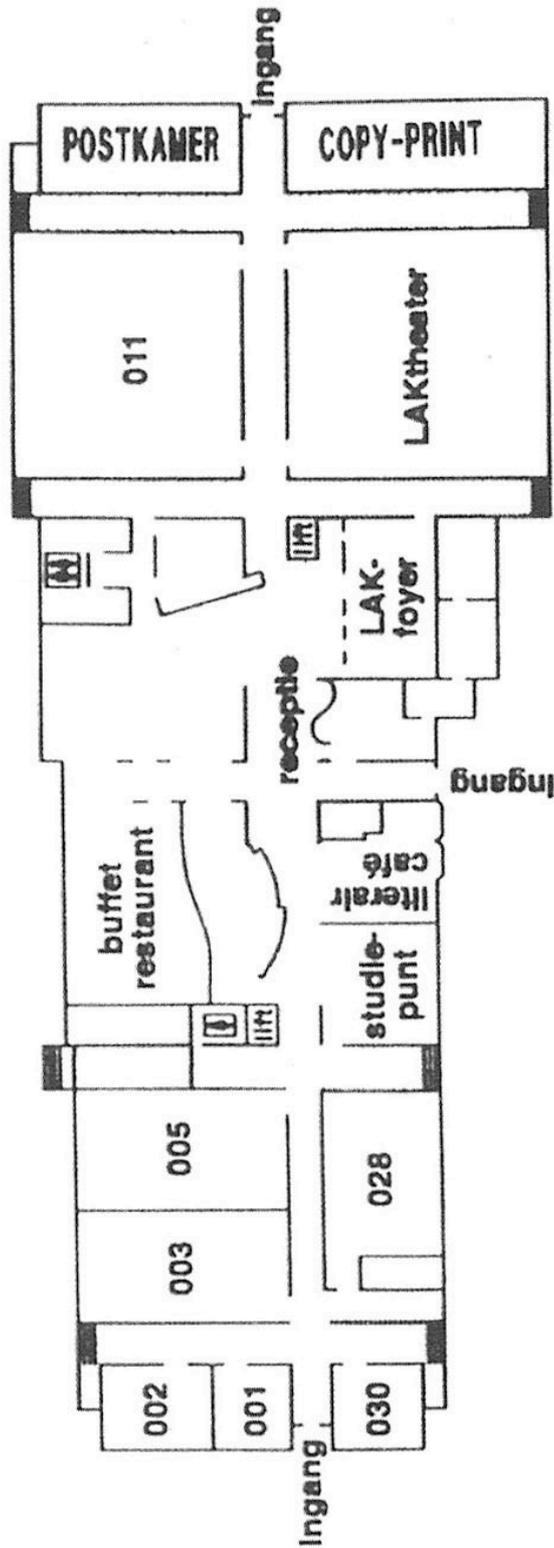


### 3.7 Map Lipsius building

The conference will happen here:



first floor



ground floor

## 4. Accommodation suggestions

### Hotel De Doelen

<https://dedoelen.com/homepage/>

Rapenburg 2

2311 EV Leiden

### Hotel Nieuw Minerva

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

Boommarkt 23

2311 EA Leiden

### Hotel Ibis

[www.ibis.com/nl/hotel-8087-ibis-leiden-centre/index.shtml](http://www.ibis.com/nl/hotel-8087-ibis-leiden-centre/index.shtml)

Stationsplein 240-242

2312 AR Leiden

### Tulip Inn Leiden Centre

<https://tulip-inn-leiden-centre.goldentulip.com/en-us/>

Schipholweg 3

2316 XB Leiden

### Golden Tulip Leiden Centre

<https://leiden-centre.goldentulip.com/en-us/>

Schipholweg 3

2316 XB Leiden

### Best Western City Hotel Leiden

<http://www.bestwesterncityhotelleiden.nl/en/>

Lange Mare 43

2312 GP Leiden

### Rembrandt Hotel Leiden

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

Nieuwe Beestenmarkt 10

2312 CH Leiden

### Hotel Mayflower

<http://www.hotelmayflower.nl/en/>

Beestenmarkt 3

2312 CC Leiden

**Boutique Hotel d'Oude Morsch**

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

Park de Put 1

2312 BM Leiden

**Boutique Hotel Huys Van Leyden**

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

Oude Singel 212

2312 RJ Leiden

*We are looking forward to seeing you in Leiden!*