

# *18<sup>th</sup> International Wildlife Law Conference*

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## *Sightseeing Tips for Tilburg and Beyond*

### **1. In and Around Tilburg**

General information about Tilburg is available in [Tilburg in Your Pocket](#).

Some suggestions from members of our Team about our favourite spots to visit include the following:

#### ***Oude Warande***

Immediately across the road from the west entrance to campus is the Oude Warande. Designated in 1712, this is the only remaining 'star forest' in the Netherlands. The eight paths crossing the forest converge in the centre, forming a star pattern. The forest's centre is also the location of the Grotto pavilion, which houses a small café.

#### ***La Trappe Brewery***

The [La Trappe Brewery](#) is located on the grounds of a Trappist monastery less than five kilometers from Tilburg city centre, and can be reached by car, bus (#141), bicycle, or foot. Both beer tastings and meals can be enjoyed in the monastery's gardens, and excursions of the brewery are also possible.

#### ***Nationaal Park De Loonse en Drunense Duinen***

The [Loonse en Drunense Duinen](#) is a national park covering approximately 35 km<sup>2</sup>, and can be explored by foot or bicycle. The park is situated only 10 kilometers north of Tilburg, and is well connected to the city by cycling paths and bus routes.

#### ***'s-Hertogenbosch ('Den Bosch')***

A short train ride away from Tilburg, Den Bosch is the largest walled city in the Netherlands. Key attractions include the gothic [St Johns Cathedral](#) and boat tours on the medieval [Binnendieze](#) canals. The [Bossche Broek](#) nature reserve forms part of the European Union's *Natura 2000* network. Further information is available in [Den Bosch in Your Pocket](#) and [Bezoek Den Bosch](#).

#### ***Baarle-Hertog/Baarle-Nassau***

Tilburg is situated relatively close to the Dutch border with Belgium, and the [strange and complex](#) manner in which this border is delineated between the municipalities of Baarle-Nassau (NL) and Baarle-Hertog (BE) can be explored by taking a bus (#132) from central Tilburg to Baarle-Nassau.

## 2. Farther Afield

### *Accessing Other Dutch Cities*

The train ride from Tilburg central station to [the Hague](#) (Den Haag) takes roughly one hour, and this train line also passes through the popular cities of [Rotterdam](#) and [Delft](#). [Utrecht](#) can also be reached by train in approximately one hour, while the trip to [Amsterdam](#) takes about one and a half hours.

### *Kröller-Müller Museum*

The [Kröller-Müller Museum](#) boasts the second-largest Van Gogh collection in the world: almost 90 paintings and over 180 drawings. You will also find masterpieces by modern masters such as Claude Monet, Georges Seurat, Pablo Picasso and Piet Mondriaan. In the sculpture garden, one of the largest in Europe, you can enjoy both sculptures and nature. The museum is situated in the [National Park Hoge Veluwe](#). The park covers 5,500 hectares of woodland, heath, grasslands and shifting sands, and is the natural habitat for deer, moeflon and wild boar. On foot or on one of the free White Bicycles, you are free to roam around in nature, to naturally arrive at the museum. The free White Bicycles (1,800 in total) are stationed at the three entrances to the park, at the visitors' centre and at the museum.

### *Nature*

For nature lovers with extra days in the Netherlands, additional trip options to consider include the [Dutch Wadden Sea islands](#) and the [Oostvaardersplassen](#). Other suggestions can be found on the websites of [Staatsbosbeheer](#) and [Natuurmonumenten](#).

### *Tulips*

IWLC18 is being held at the perfect time of year for participants to experience Holland's famous tulips. Those wishing to do so should consider taking a daytrip to [Keukenhof](#) gardens or exploring the [tulip route](#) in the Noordoostpolder. In addition, the annual [Flower Parade](#) from Noordwijk to Haarlem will be held the weekend after the conference, on Saturday 21 April.



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