



GRADE Workshop Information Package

Leiden Institute for Area Studies (LIAS)

June 19–20, 2025



Welcome to Leiden

Leiden is a historic university city in South Holland, renowned for its rich academic heritage and vibrant cultural scene. Home to the Netherlands' oldest university, founded in 1575, Leiden boasts picturesque canals, centuries-old architecture, and a lively atmosphere fueled by its diverse student population.

Getting from Schiphol Airport to Leiden



By Train

- **Duration:** 15–20 minutes
- **Cost:** Approximately €7–€9 one-way
- **Departure:** From Schiphol Airport station (beneath Schiphol Plaza)
- **Arrival:** Leiden Centraal Station
- **Tickets:** Available at ticket machines or online via [NS.nl](https://www.ns.nl) or the NS app

By Taxi

- **Duration:** 25–30 minutes
- **Cost:** Approximately €90
- **Tip:** Use the official Schiphol Taxi stand for fixed rates

By Uber

- **Availability:** Uber operates at Schiphol Airport
- **Pickup Point:** Departures level (Upper Level, Door A)
- **Estimated Fare to Leiden:** €55–€80, depending on traffic and Uber type
- **Tip:** Schedule a ride in advance using the Uber app for early morning or late-night arrivals

Recommended Accommodations in Leiden

Hotel	Stars	Price Range	Notes
Ibis Leiden Centre	★★★	€90–€130	Opposite Leiden Centraal
Tulip Inn Leiden Centre	★★★	€100–€140	Modern and central
Fletcher Wellness-Hotel	★★★★	€130–€160	Includes spa access
Hotel VIC	★★★★	€120–€150	Trendy, across from the station
Boutique Hotel D'Oude Morsch	★★★	€110–€140	Historic charm near city gate
Van der Valk Hotel Leiden	★★★★	€130–€170	Riverside hotel with on-site restaurants, gym, bike rental, and parking

Sights and Cultural Highlights in and Around Leiden

In Leiden:

- Rijksmuseum van Oudheden – Ancient artifacts
- Hortus Botanicus – Historic botanical garden
- Museum Boerhaave – History of science and medicine
- Leiden Canals and Windmills – Picturesque traditional Dutch scenery

Near Leiden:

- Corpus Museum (Oegstgeest) – Journey through the human body

- Katwijk & Noordwijk Beaches – Coastal towns with sandy beaches
- The Hague (15 min by train) – Peace Palace, Mauritshuis, Dutch Parliament

Budgeting with the **COST Daily Allowance (€220)**

Category	Estimate (per day)
Accommodation	€90–€140
Meals	€40–€60
Local Transport	€10–€20
Miscellaneous	€10–€20

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