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Museum De Waag



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Visitor information

The history of Museum De Waag

Museum De Waag is located in one of the oldest weighing houses in the Netherlands. Situated on the Brink of Deventer, the building is one of the city's iconic monuments. Ideally located on the banks of the river IJssel, Deventer played an important role in the Hanzeatic League. In 1344 the city was granted the right to organise annual fairs, and by 1386 Deventer held five such events every year. Traders and merchants from all wind directions flocked to Deventer to sell their products at the Brink. Fair trade was considered to be of vital importance, and measures were put in place to ensure the accurate weighing and sizing of goods. Constructed in 1528, the weighing house employed gauges and inspectors who weighed and sized products that were offered for sale by merchants. The proceeds from weighing and inspection became a primary source of income for the city. Deventer came to full bloom and prosperity in the 14th and 15th century, but the outbreak of the Eighty Years' War led to a dramatic decline in the city's trading position.

The Late Gothic building has three floors and features a stepped tower, a clock and three spiked towers. In 1643, a Late Mannerist landing with three columns was added to the front of the building, which also features

staircases at both sides. Remarkable is the slightly slanting position of the construction. The monumental building is approximately 80 cm out of plumb, due to compacting of the soil beneath the old rampart, which ran along the Brink and on which the building was constructed.

All weighing activities were discontinued in the 19th century, after which the building became a so-called 'Teekenschool', a drawing school. For a brief period of time, it was even used as a telegraph station. The iconic building was turned into a museum in 1915, exhibiting the historical treasures of the city in a monumental setting ever since.



Museum De Waag stores, manages, preserves and exhibits the historical (art) collection of the municipality of Deventer. It tells the story of the city's rich history in a series of alternating exhibitions. In summer the museum offers a retrospective exhibition, and in other seasons a specific theme is highlighted.

Tours

Audio tour and city walk

The museum offers free of charge audio tours in English and Dutch. These audio tours provide interesting additional information about the exhibition and they can be used to guide you on a private city walk through historical Deventer. Use of the equipment outside of the museum is subject to a deposit of 30 euros in addition to the normal museum entrance fee.

Guided tours

We also offer guided tours. For more details, please visit our website.

Visitor information

The opening hours of the museum are Tuesday to Sunday, from 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Opening hours can be subject to change on public holidays and days on which our exhibitions are being assembled or disassembled. We therefore recommend that you visit our website before visiting the museum.



Entrance fee

- Adults: € 9.00
- Young people between 13 and 18 years old: € 2.50
- Children between 0 and 12 years old: free of charge
- Museum card, ICOM, Rembrandt Society, De Waag Society: free of charge
- CJP (Culture Card) 19+, student card: € 7.50
- Groups of 10 or more adults: € 7.50 per person

We offer combi cards at a reduced price for those who visit the Deventer Toy Museum on the same day. Please ask our staff or visit our website for more details.

Accessibility

The exhibition areas and toilets can be reached by elevator. The use of scoot mobiles is prohibited in view of the limited space within the premises, but there are wheelchairs available free of charge. We strongly recommend that you reserve a wheelchair in advance. The museum also has folding stools available free of charge, for which no reservation is required. You are entitled to one companion for whom no entrance fee will be charged if an OV Companion Pass is produced. Registered assistance dogs are welcome.

Children up to 14 years old can only visit the museum if accompanied by an adult.

Facilities

The museum has an elevator, toilet for the disabled, wardrobe with safe deposit boxes, wheelchairs and folding stools available. There are no private parking facilities. An overview of parking options can be found on the website www.deventer.nl/parkeren