



## welcome to Groningen

Groningen is an attractive city. It is receiving more and more visitors. People arrive here to work, to shop, to visit a museum or to have an evening out. With 15,000 parking spaces, there is enough space for everyone.

Groningen has a splendid historical city centre. That largely accounts for the city's charm. It does however mean that we have to be careful about admitting car traffic. For that reason the inner city is low-traffic and partly traffic-free. But visitors are of course more than welcome in the inner city, with or without a car!

## parking in the city

A **parking zone** is operated in the inner city and the surrounding districts. That means that you have to pay to park in these areas. Those areas are indicated with signs.

For a short visit or a quick errand you can park in the streets, but only in the parking spaces. In the **city centre** (within the canal ring) there are 900 parking spaces along the streets. A parking fee of € 2.00 per hour is charged. In most of the streets you can park for a maximum of 1 hour in this district. Paid parking is operated in the inner city canal ring from Monday to Wednesday from 09.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. and from Thursday to Saturday from 09.00 a.m. to midnight.

The parking fee is € 1.40 per hour in the districts **outside of the canal ring**. These parking spaces are not intended for visitors to the inner city. Paid parking is operated in most districts from 09.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m., other than in Binnenstad-Oost and Meeuwen/Oosterpoort. In those areas paid parking is operated from 09.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. In the district De Linie, paid parking is operated every day – including Sunday shopping days – from 09.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.

On official **public holidays** parking is free, as it is on Sunday shopping days. The official national holidays are: 1 January, Easter Monday, the Queen's Birthday, 5 May, Good Friday, Ascension Day, Whit Monday and Christmas Day and Boxing Day. NB: Paid parking is however operated on 1 and 4 May and 28 August.

People with a **disabled parking** sign can park at all general parking spaces for the disabled. The parking disc can also be used to park free of charge in the normal parking spaces on the streets for a maximum of 3 hours.

If you are staying in the city for longer, you can park in one of the 13 **car parks**, offering a total of 5,700 parking spaces. The rates at each car park range from € 1.80 per hour in most of the municipal car parks to € 2.00 per 56 minutes at the Q-Park garages. All of the opening times and rates are given in the price list.

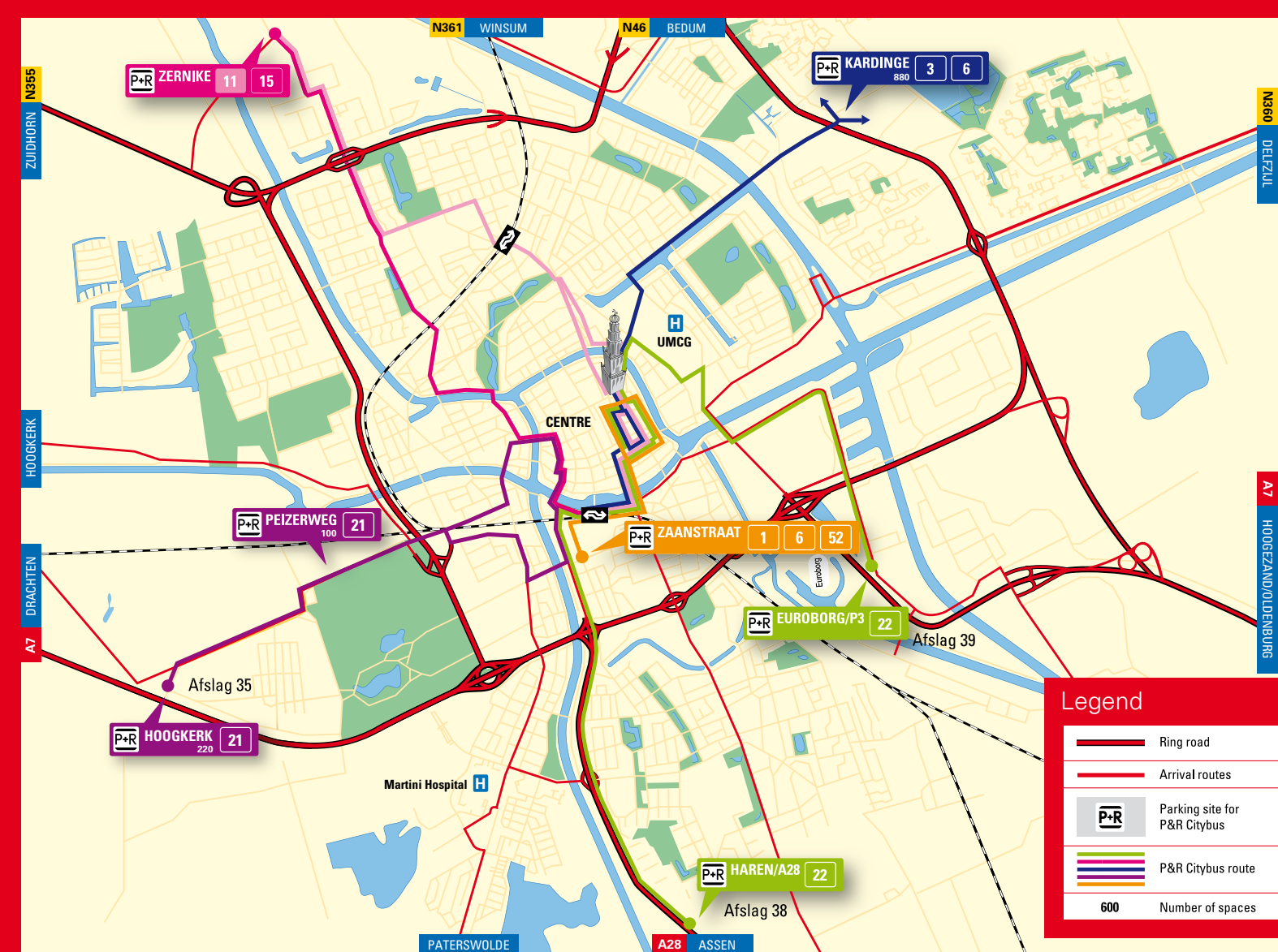
Signs along the entry routes to the inner city direct visitors to the nearest car park. Electronic vol/vrij (full/spaces free) signs indicate the best route to follow.

## P&R for a longer visit to the city

If you are planning a longer visit, you can park at one of the 7 P&R sites offering a total of 3,600 parking spaces. The Citybus will take you in comfort to the city and back. That is a very convenient way to go shopping, but also makes commuter travel easier. The Citybus uses the bus lanes and is therefore faster than going by car. Also, the Citybus stops are closer to the shops than the car parks.

When you approach the city by car, you will see signs directing you to the nearest P&R site. The Citybus provides a shuttle service from this site to the city centre. For Sunday shopping, too! (With the exception of Peizerweg and Hoogkerk). Parking is free of charge: for the return trip you pay € 3 for a maximum of 5 people. Paid parking is operated only at P&R Zaanstraat, but the bus ticket is free of charge. Special P&R bus season tickets area available for all P&R sites other than Zaanstraat.

From P&R site	Line number	To	Mon-Wed, Fri	Thurs	Sat	Sun	Sun shopping	Interval	Last bus back	Mon-Wed, Fri	Thurs	Sat	Sun	Sun shopping
Haren/A28	22	Grote Markt	06.15-19.00	untill 21.23	08.55-18.25	not available	11.35-18.25	3-6 x per hour	from Grote Markt	21.43	21.43	18.30	not available	18.20
Euroborg/P3	22	Grote Markt	06.30-19.10	untill 21.30	08.45-18.15	not available	11.15-18.05	6 x per hour	from Grote Markt	21.37	21.37	18.41	not available	18.41
Kardinge	3 and 6	Grote Markt	06.00-00.48	untill 00.48	06.00-00.48	08.00-00.48	08.45-00.48	4-10 x per hour	from Grote Markt	01.12	01.12	01.12	01.12	01.12
"Zaanstraat/halte Parkweg"	6	Grote Markt	05.50-00.44	05.50-00.44	06.14-00.44	07.44-00.44	07.44-00.44	2-5 x per hour	from Grote Markt	00.39	00.39	00.39	00.39	00.39
"Zaanstraat/halte Hoornse Diep"	1 and 52	Grote Markt	06.45-00.23	06.45-00.23	07.54-01.24	07.54-00.24	07.54-00.24	1-4 x per hour	from Grote Markt	00.29	00.29	00.29	00.29	00.29
Zernike	11 and 15	Grote Markt	05.30-00.17	05.30-00.17	06.00-00.17	07.47-00.17	07.47-00.17	2-12 x per hour	from Grote Markt	00.53	00.53	00.53	00.53	00.53
Hoogkerk/Peizerweg	21	Train station	05.58-00.24	05.58-00.24	08.24-00.24	08.24-00.24	08.24-00.24	1-2 x per hour	from Train station	00.43	00.43	00.43	00.43	00.43
Hoogkerk/Peizerweg	21	A-kerk	not available		09.00-18.00	not available		6 x per hour	from A-kerk	not available		18.12	not available	



## Prices Zaanstraat

First 4 hours € 2.20  
5th hour € 1.30  
Day ticket € 13.00  
Paid parking  
08.00-22.00 hours.  
Entering and exit 24/7

**Paid parking is operated here**  
**The parking ticket is also the bus ticket.**

## benefits of P&R

- no need to queue if there is traffic congestion, travel is faster by Citybus
- P&R is the cheapest way of parking if you are planning to spend a whole day shopping.

## useful information

### The collective Sunday shopping days for 2010 in Groningen

7 March, 28 March, 2 May, 5 September, 3 October, 7 November, 28 November and 19 December.

On Sunday shopping days parking is free, except in the train station area, district De Linie and at Martiniplaza.

### Events in Groningen

EuroSonic Noorderslag	13 to 16 January
Annual flower show	2 April
Queen's Birthday	30 April
Liberation festival	5 May
Mayfair	7 to 16. May
Noorderzon festival	19 to 29 August
Gronings Ontzet	28 August 2010

## more information

For more information about parking in Groningen, please see [www.groningen.nl/parkeren](http://www.groningen.nl/parkeren) You will also find a list of all parking leaflets there.