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**Sunparks Zandvoort aan zee**

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## Five reasons to visit Sunparks Zandvoort aan zee



### 1 WIDE SANDY BEACHES ... WITH

**REFRESHMENTS.** Sunparks Zandvoort aan zee is right next to the beach, sea and sun. Enjoy more than 5.5 miles of sandy beaches that are around 100 yards wide, depending on the tide. And there's a cold drink with your name on it waiting in any of the string of cheerful beach pavilions.

### 2 INDOOR BEACH FUN.

Weather not on your side? The Aquafun splash 'n slide and Aquacinema offer weatherproof fun. And at the Indoor Beach Factory, you can enjoy a game of tennis, squash or mini-golf.

### 3 DISCOVER HAARLEM AND

**AMSTERDAM.** Sunparks Zandvoort aan zee is the perfect launch pad for a shopping trip to historic Haarlem. Meanwhile, cosmopolitan Amsterdam is just half an hour away on the train. It's home to miles of shopping streets, as well as world-renowned museums, such as the Rijksmuseum, Anne Frank house and the Van Gogh museum. Artis Zoo and the city's numerous markets are also highly recommended.

### 4 A SEASIDE RESORT WITH A TALE TO

**TELL.** Zandvoort is steeped in history. In fact, in the late 19th century, Empress Sissi of Austria travelled all the way to these shores for a health spa cure. Don't miss the remnants of the Atlantic Wall – a lasting reminder of the Second World War.

### 5 ACTION-PACKED.

Had enough of lazing around on the beach? How does indoor skiing, wall climbing, a round of golf or even indoor racing grab you? Zandvoort race course is also very close by.

“Zandvoort is also known as the beaches of Amsterdam.”

THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

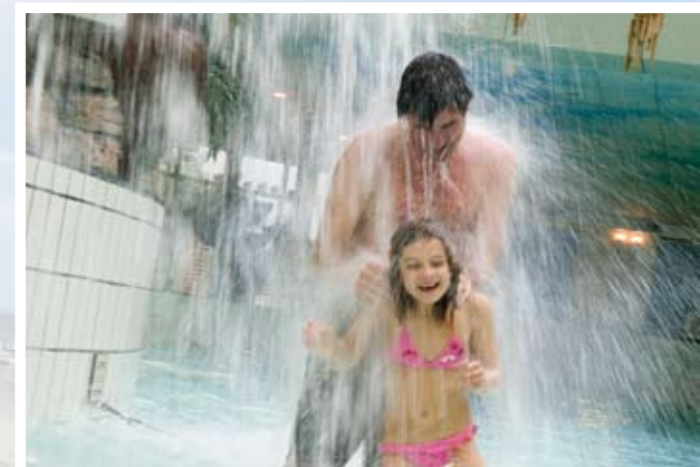
# Between sandy beaches and Amsterdam



Up until the mid 1950s, Zandvoort was an exclusive health resort for the happy few. Even the Austrian Empress Sissi was once a guest. Today, this small coastal town is a friendly holiday resort, open to all sections of society. Zandvoort has history, but has also evolved to become a modern holiday destination. And nearby Amsterdam and Haarlem are added bonuses.



Lose yourself among the dunes.



Entertainment for all the family at Aquafun.



The canals of Amsterdam.



One of the region's formal gardens.

“Welcome to Zandvoort,” the lady at the Sunparks Zandvoort aan zee reception desk smilingly says in flawless English. Our family of four feels right at home in this picture-postcard seaside town. We settle in at Sunparks Zandvoort aan zee's Strandhotel (Beach hotel) and from the window of our luxury room, we enjoy a direct view overlooking the beach and the sea. It looks so inviting that it's not long before we're all out romping around in the surf.

#### HEALTH RESORT

Zandvoort has a rather unusual history. During the 19th

century, European nobility travelled to the Dutch coastal resort for its famous health spa treatments. At the time, they believed the seawater had healing properties. A local Zandvoort physician, called Mezger, was quick to see the potential in this, and converted the fishing village of no more than 700 residents into a fashionable health resort. The Zandvoort bath houses soon became the health resort of choice for well-heeled patrons from across Europe. Under the watchful eye of doctor Mezger, the Austrian Empress Sissi conscientiously drank her ration of seawater here, as a treatment for her asthma. Today, little is left of Zandvoort's grandiose past as a health resort. >>

## What not to miss:



### 1 KEUKENHOF LISSE FLOWER GARDENS.

Enjoy a stroll around the most photographed place in the world. Millions of flower bulbs in bloom and magnificent floral shows are certain to make it a day to remember. Find inspiration for your own garden in Holland's largest sculpture garden. Please note: only open to the public in the spring, from March through May.

2 Always fancied a round of golf? **OPEN GOLF ZANDVOORT** golf club firmly subscribes to the view that golf should be open to anyone. And who knows? One of your children might just be the next Tiger Woods! Find out at a beginner's golf clinic, while seasoned golfers can take on nine challenging holes in the Zandvoort dunes.

3 Discover historic **HAARLEM** in style. Take a boat trip on the canals. Would you prefer the 'High Tea Cruise' or the 'Borrelboot' (Tippie boat)? You'll be enraptured by the city's historic 'hofjes' (courtyards) and, if retail therapy is more your cup of tea, Haarlem is also home to many of Holland's most inviting shopping streets.

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Dutch-style mussels.



Browse the bookstalls.



Everyone is welcome at the children's zoo.

During the Second World War, the boulevards and bath houses were bombarded, as Zandvoort formed part of the Atlantic Wall: a 'wall' of bunkers, barricades and fortifications, built by the Germans to defend against the expected invasion from England. Today, we are off to Noordwijk, just 25 kilometres down the road, to see the remains of this once impressive array of fortifications. My husband and son are engrossed by the Atlantic Wall museum, housed inside a bunker, which brings out the soldier in both of them.

### THE COOLEST BEACH

In the afternoon, we discover that Zandvoort still oozes more than its fair share of class. Without question, Bloemendaal has to be the coolest beach anywhere in Holland. Our first port of call is the Rapa Nui beach tent where we enjoy a well-earned cocktail and grab a bite to eat among the tropical plants. Then it's time for some unadulterated fun on the beach. As the evening draws in, we go out on the razz at Bloomingdale's. Our daughter even ends up buying a CD with many of the tracks played at this famous beach tent. This means we have the music to continue partying back home.



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metres of sheer cycling fun in a setting that offers genuine peace and tranquillity. In the afternoon, we head off to Amsterdam, just half an hour by train from Zandvoort. The minute we arrive, it's like stepping into a different world. Our son wants to have his photo taken with Angelina Jolie, which is why we head straight for Madame Tussauds waxworks museum, on Dam Square. Afterwards, we go shopping in the hustle and bustle of Kalverstraat – just to please my darling daughter, of course. Nothing to do with me! While we are in the Dutch capital, we also tour around the Nieuwe Kerk, Westerkerk and the tranquil Begijnhof. Back 'home' at Sunparks Zandvoort aan zee, we round off a thoroughly enjoyable day with a movie at Aquacinema.

### HALF A DAY IN AMSTERDAM

Next morning, it's time for some action and loads of fresh sea air. After breakfast, we decide to explore the protected dunes around Zandvoort by bike. We choose the Duin- en Kruidbergroute, which is 34 kilo-

### GOLF FOR ALL

We begin our final day at Zandvoort idling around on the beach. The kids prefer to spend their time at the Indoor Beach Factory, where there is loads to do. Before long, it's time to take the whole family for >>



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a game of golf at the Open Golf Zandvoort golf club, where we sign up for beginners' lessons amidst the stunning dune scenery. It's just like a links course! Golf elitist? Not in Zandvoort it isn't. Everyone is welcome here. Typically Zandvoort: classy but fully in step with the present day. After lunch, we hop in the car and head out to Spaarnwoude. This recreational park in the countryside has it all. The kids want to get into a canoe straight away, but then they see the climbing wall. They can't seem to make up their minds with all the activities on offer. "Alright if I go indoor skiing, mum?" In the end, it's rollerblading for her and canoeing for him, while my husband and I take a relaxing walk and look at the beautiful scenery. Just the two of us – sheer bliss! Back at Sunparks Zandvoort aan zee, we treat ourselves to a hearty steak at Sharky's Bar & Grill. Our final evening is spent in style, as the whole family heads out to Zandvoort casino for a flutter. Who knows, we might just win enough to do the whole trip all over again?

## Did you know that?



- In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Zandvoort was not only a fashionable seaside resort, but was also an important centre of the potato industry. Massive 'dune potatoes' are still grown in the dunes.
- You can learn to kite surf on the Zandvoort beach. But be careful, because kite surfing is not a sport for the faint hearted, and is subject to strict regulations.
- You can walk and cycle around Zandvoort for hours. The seaside resort is completely surrounded by dunes. Amsterdam's water supply dunes are on the south side, with the Zuid-Kennemerland National Park to the north. Numerous paved and unpaved paths cross this 47-square-kilometre area.

## Sunparks Zandvoort aan zee

-  Aquafun, Sauna, Aquacinema
-  Indoor tennis, squash, table tennis, mini-golf, bowling, indoor beach golf
-  Bike & Fun
-  Hotspot
-  Indoor Beach Factory + outdoor playgrounds, children's farm
-  Brasserie, buffet restaurant, Italian restaurant, sport café, hamburger restaurant, take away, grill Restaurant
-  Food store

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