Directions Old Observatory Leiden

Visiting Address
Old Observatory
Sterrenwachtaan 11
2311 GP Leiden

The Old Observatory as seen from bus stop ‘Witte Rozenstraat’.

By car to carpark Haagweg and from there by shuttlebus to Old Observatory
The Old Observatory does not have parking space for visitors. You can opt to park your car in the city centre or at carpark Haagweg. If you choose the latter option, you can follow the 6 steps below:

1. On the A4, take the exit Zoeterwoude-Dorp (exit 7)
2. Stay on the N206 to Leiden
3. After 1,8 km, turn right at the traffic lights towards the Churchilllaan
4. After another 1,8 km, turn right at the traffic lights towards the Haagweg
5. Stay on the Haagweg, the carpark is on the right-hand side past the train tracks

After parking your car, a cityshuttle will take you anywhere within the Leiden city centre (including to the Old Observatory) free of charge. When you wish to be collected again, please call +31 71 51 20 071. For more information, visit www.stadsparkeerplan.com.

By bike (10 minutes) or on foot (20 minutes) from Leiden Central Station
1. Exit Leiden Central Station through the front entrance (city centre)
2. Go straight-on (Stationsweg) and over the bridge (Steenstraat)
3. Turn left, crossing the Blauwpoortsbrug, and then straight on (crossing another bridge)
4. Keep to the right on Kort Rapenburg and continue on to Rapenburg
5. Stay on Rapenburg, after approximately 1,4 km take a gentle turn to the right (Kaiserstraat)
6. Turn right on the Sterrewachtlaan (last possible right turn before the bridge) and continue on this street until you reach the Old Observatory

Public transportation from Leiden Central Station
1. Exit Leiden Central Station through the front entrance (city centre)
2. The busses are on your right-hand side, as well as a screen displaying all the busses set to depart
3. Take either line 1 (‘Leiderdorp Ziekenhuis’ or ‘Station De Vink’) or line 3 (‘Merewijk’ or ‘Station De Vink’)

4. Get off at bus stop ‘Witte Rozenstraat’

5. Facing the Old Observatory (across the canal) go right along the Witte Singel until you reach the pedestrian crossing

6. Cross the Witte Singel and the bridge, then go left and follow the canal and the Sterrenwachtlaan towards the Old Observatory

Old Observatory (Google Maps)