

CHECK IN THE SLAAK IN ROTTERDAM

Sleeping in a newspaper palace in Rotterdam

Booking a hotel is not an art, but finding a special hotel is something our travel editors have a view on. This week: The Slaak in Rotterdam.

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The lobby of hotel The Slaak in Rotterdam. Image Slaak Rotterdam

As a newspaper man you prefer to sleep under a newspaper, set in velvet, including warmth to compelling stories. But sleeping in a hotel that once had a newspaper comes soon after. You already have the former *Volkskrant* news castle, the Volkshotel. Now there is the former newspaper palace of *Het Vrije Volk* , the jewel of reconstruction architecture in Rotterdam, transformed into hotel The Slaak.

The editorial building for the *Voorwaarts* newspaper, designed by HP

Slaakhuys of architect Jo Vegter in 1952, where from 1965 to 1976 *Het Vrije Volk* was the largest newspaper in the Netherlands. From here people hoped to awaken the rejected ones of nature.



Dreaming of scoops in the luxurious lofts. Image Slaak Rotterdam

After a snooker center, a squatters' stronghold and a collection of civil servants, among other things, the beautiful hotel The Slaak now resides in this model of post-war optimism. In a very tasteful way, neovintage design and restoration of the 1950s decorations have given life back to this forgotten building - as an ode to journalism at the time.



The combination of neovintage design and refurbished Fifties decorations revive old times.

Image Slaak Rotterdam

The name of the in-house restaurant, Didot34, refers to the typeface of *Het Vrije Volk*, and as beacons of letter love you will find here and there planted typewriters. You feel like a reporter back then, with a fluttering raincoat and a notepad full of information, rushing into the editorial room or occupying the beautiful Hopperian bar after scoops. Then, in extremely comfortable lofts, overlooking the workers you want to raise, you can fall asleep senang, dreaming of tomorrow's front page.

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