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# A Lakeside Retreat Celebrates Dutch Maritime Heritage, and Other News

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De Durgerdam hotel in Amsterdam; credit: Studio Unfolded.

## A Lakeside Retreat Celebrates The Netherlands' Maritime Heritage

Six hundred years ago, the port village of Durgerdam was erected on the banks of the Zuiderzee lake just a few miles from Amsterdam. Today, Dugerdam retains its traditional wood-clad houses on the lake, the result of their protection as a heritage site. One, in particular, holds a special history: Built in 1644, its white-painted timber exterior reflected the moonlight so well it acted as an ersatz lighthouse leading fishermen home to the village.

Today, the building is a siren song for design aficionados in its new incarnation as [De Durgerdam](#), a new Aedes hotel featuring 11 rooms and three distinctive suites. For its first hotel interior, local studio [Buro Belén](#) crafted bespoke furniture pieces, including headboards of Dutch tulip, complemented by custom tiles by [Royal Tichelaar Makkum](#), the Netherlands' oldest ceramics company. Suites feature wood-burning stoves and even a sky-blue raincoat by [KASSL Edition](#), perfect for a misty morning walk through the abundant neighboring meadows before dinner at the [De Mark](#) restaurant on the property's ground floor. There, chefs Richard van Oostenbrugge and Thomas Groot—of Amsterdam's two-Michelin-star [Restaurant 212](#)—offer seasonal menus based on local harvests, including the treasures of the deep that fishermen have been lugging home for centuries. —*Jesse Dorris*