

Rotterdam major Carola Schouten & De Liefde at the Dutch Pavilion
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DE LIEFDE THE SHIP



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– After 425 years she has returned to Japan. *De Liefde. The Ship.*

Meet her at the World Expo 2025 OSAKA Kansai Japan, THE DUTCH PAVILION to be held from 13 April to 13 October 2025.

De Liefde

This sculpture combines two very different materials: strong, stone-like concrete and a light, lemonade-colored translucence. Poured together in a mold, they form an abstract shape that still recalls a historic galleon ship.

The ship 'De Liefde' was the first Dutch ship to reach Japan in 1600. It is a symbol of the maritime encounter between the Netherlands and Japan.

"I believe every good maritime artwork is about life, about adventure, about loss and desire."-
Sasja Hagens