

## From Vermeer to Vrel: 12 great things to do in February

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Unless you have been staying on Mars for the last couple of months it cannot have escaped your attention that the hottest ticket in town is the one for *Vermeer* at the Rijksmuseum. But despair not, those of you who did not manage to prebook, there are plenty of other gems on offer in February

### See some old masters that are not Vermeer

The Hermitage is presenting 35 paintings from the Leiden Collection in New York. The private collection consists of works by Rembrandt and his contemporaries, all of whom worked in Rembrandt's native city.



Rembrandt van Rijn, Bust of an Old Man with Beard (1633). © The Leiden Collection

Artists include Pieter Lastman, Carel Fabritius, Arent de Gelder, Jan Lievens, Gerrit Dou, Frans van Mieris and Jan Steen. The unifying theme of the exhibition is history painting, a much prized genre in 17th century painting. Fun fact: it also includes Rembrandt's tiniest painting Bust of a Bearded Old Man which measures 10.6 by 7.2 centimetres. From February 4. [Website](#)