



## The Netherlands in Brief

The Netherlands with its central location is the gateway to Europe and beyond. The Netherlands is a popular meetings destination and was ranked 10th in ICCA's 2006 country rankings. Meetings destinations and the conditions are certainly favourable as the country can boast a variety of conference venues in a number of different settings from large industrial cities to old historic towns, on the coast or in the secluded countryside. There are highly efficient multifunctional congress and exhibition centres offering state-of-the-art communications and audio-visual technology. An excellent transport system facilitates travel within the country. Furthermore, the price/quality ratio is impressive. The Netherlands provides a dynamic mix of old and new art forms: nearly 1,000 museums showing famous Dutch artists amongst them, Vermeer, Rembrandt and Van Gogh and the striking modern architecture of Rotterdam. The country's famous trademarks: cheese, tulips, canals and windmills are not the only incentive to visit this friendly, open country. Why not arrange a meeting during the highlight of the European cultural season – the "North Sea Jazz Festival" in July, take part in a diamond tour with diamond cocktails or make your own Delft tiles at the Royal Delft factory!



Sightseeing tour, Amsterdam ©Netherlands Tourist Authority, Cologne

## Fact File

**Government:** ..... constitutional monarchy  
**Capital:** ..... Amsterdam, seat of government: The Hague  
**Population:** ..... 16.5 million  
**Area:** ..... 41,526km<sup>2</sup>  
**Official language:** . Dutch  
**Time zone:** ..... Central European Time  
**Telephone:** ..... Dial the international code plus 31 for the Netherlands.  
**Electricity:** ..... 220 V (A/C), 50 Hz  
**Currency:** ..... 1 euro = 100 cents  
**Entry requirements:** EU citizens need only a valid passport or identity card. Other nationalities please check latest regulations.

## Travel Information

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol: 15km south-west of the town (journey time 30 minutes). There is a connection with the RAI Congress Centre every 15 minutes.

Internet: [www.klm.com](http://www.klm.com)



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