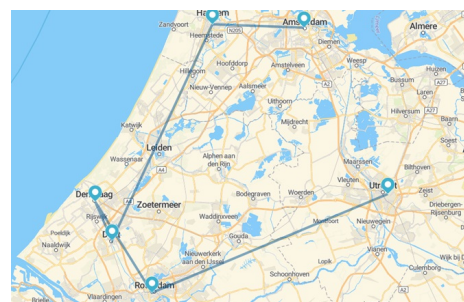




Netherlands, 5 Days · Tailor-made by car

Route through the Netherlands. A journey through Art

The Netherlands has a lot to offer as a country. There are many icons that make this beautiful enclave of northern Europe unique. Its land reclaimed from the sea, its magnificent mills, delicious cheeses, traditional clogs and beautiful tulips are joined by its magnificent works of art, prestigious museums, interesting art galleries, transgressive exhibition halls and a leisure and entertainment agenda difficult to find in any other place on the planet. Shaped by history, water and commerce, lively and cosmopolitan Dutch cities envelop the traveller in a unique atmosphere and entertain him with an historical, cultural and artistic heritage derived from a nonconformist and tireless spirit and traveller, and from the life and work of the great artists who were born or who have lived in this country. Strolling through the cities of Amsterdam, Haarlem, Delft, The Hague, Rotterdam and Utrecht will bring you closer to the essence of a pleasurable and outgoing country where you breathe pure Art almost on every corner. Join this interesting route by car and enjoy with the Dutch their authentic lifestyle, their beautiful cities, delicious cuisine, their approaches to fashion and design... An unforgettable trip for the best of the Dutch territory that will awaken all your senses.



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Departure date: Departures from May 2026 till May 2027

From: Dublin, Shannon, Cork

Travel details

DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - AMSTERDAM

Flight departure from the city of origin to Amsterdam and rental car pick-up.

Your adventure on Dutch soil begins here! Today's first stop is the vibrant, dynamic and creative city of Amsterdam, which for decades has revelled in its reputation as one of the world's top tourist destinations.

It certainly doesn't lack attractions. Criss-crossed by iconic canals and considered one of Europe's most enthralling cultural hubs in Europe, the city captivates travellers with magnificent works of art by the great Dutch maestros, which sit harmoniously alongside the latest global trends in design, art and architecture. Its modern and cosmopolitan atmosphere blends perfectly with its unique historical feel, dotted with stately mansions built in the Golden Age and the unmistakable beauty of its barge-filled canals.

A city modeled by water that invites the traveler to explore it on foot, by bicycle and by boat.

Get ready to set off on the "Route through the Netherlands. A journey through Art", one of the most fascinating and jam-packed cultural and artistic itineraries in the whole of Europe. Embark upon a once-in-a-lifetime journey and discover the great Dutch maestros whose artistic legacy has truly influenced the history of world art. Come and join us on this must-do tour for art lovers, on which you'll discover the cultural roots of European trends. Round off the day by strolling through the central Dam Square, where you'll find the majestic Royal Palace (Koninklijk Paleis), the National Monument and the New Church (Nieuwe Kerk), where the current King and Queen of Holland said 'I do'. Share the city's vibrant atmosphere with locals at trendy venues and outstanding restaurants where you can savour the delicious local cuisine and tantalising international dishes. (Note: Depending on the arrival time of your flight, you can start the suggested activities on Day 2).

Overnight stay in and around Amsterdam.

DAY 2 · AMSTERDAM - HAARLEM - DELFT - THE HAGUE

After enjoying the charms of Amsterdam, we arrive at the Route. We have around a half-hour drive to the charming city of Haarlem, capital of the province of North Holland. The city, which has a charming historic centre full of beautiful buildings, is a real haven for those who love art and the good life. Another jewel of the Dutch Golden Age adds to the city's charming atmosphere: the Frans Hals Museum. Among its exhibits you will find the largest collection by this important painter, who was considered, in the 17th Century, the country's best portrait painter for his time. Closely admiring his famous collective portraits (schutterstukken) will place you in an authentic atmosphere. You will feel that you are participating in a conversation among friends! Did you know that his work had a great impact in the centuries that followed? Great impressionist figures such as Monet, Corbet and Manet visited this museum in search of inspiration. Strolling through its exhibition halls will offer you many other surprises. Discover valuable works of other masters of the 16th and 17th Centuries, such as Jan Steen and Jacob van Ruysdael. But man does not live by bread alone. Haarlem has a wide range of cafés and restaurants. Any recommendations? Café Colette and the VIQH Art Gallery, a must if you like a sophisticated atmosphere with good wine. After lunch, we drive to the city of Delft, located some 62.5 kilometres along the A4. Delft is internationally known for its connection to Johannes Vermeer, the Royal House of Orange and the famous blue pottery ceramics of Delft, which you can admire in the Royal Delft, the only 17th Century ceramics factory still standing. (Note: Visitors will enjoy a tour of the museum and factory, a painting demonstration and a visit to the showcases which exhibit the collection of classic and modern ceramics). And if you want to relax and contemplate everything from another perspective, we recommend leaving dry land for a few minutes to take a pleasant river trip through the canals to see from the water historical buildings, churches and mansions. (Note: River trip not included). We finish the day in The Hague, located half an hour's drive away. Overnight stay in The Hague.

● DAY 3 · THE HAGUE - ROTTERDAM

We continue to enjoy the welcoming Dutch lifestyle, its contagious vitality and excellent cultural offerings and recreation. Elegant and indulgent, The Hague offers the traveller a lot of life on the shores of the North Sea. Internationally known for being the headquarters of the Government, the Dutch Royal Family and the International Court of Justice, its old neighbourhoods, filled with history, elegant mansions, palaces and monuments, are joined by magnificent museums such as the Mauritshuis, a gallery with a lot of history where you will find great works of the Dutch Golden Age, such as "Girl with a Pearl Earring", by Vermeer, and "The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaes Tulp", by Rembrandt.

The Hague Municipal Museum is another of the appointments of the day. Located in a magnificent Art Deco building, this magnificent temple of art enables the traveller to contemplate the largest Mondrian collection in the world.

Check out his famous "Victory Boogie Woogie" work! (Note: The Hague Municipal Museum has an excellent collection of Modern Art, with works by such figures as Monet, Picasso, Kandinsky and Bacon, among others).

We leave The Hague behind us and, after travelling about 27 kilometres along the A13, we arrive at the avant-garde city of Rotterdam, another of the great cities along this Route. Considered by major publications to be one of the 10 best destinations in the world, its creativity, vanguardism and constant pursuit of reinvention make it unique and worth knowing. And the home of Erasmus is used to breaking the mould. The city's modern urban appearance and amazing skyline have made it "the architectural capital of the Netherlands". Discover a city that never stops reinventing itself, surprising the world with enormous challenges such as De Rotterdam, the largest building in the country at 160,000 m², the Het Potlood apartments (The Pencil), the Maritime Museum, and the recently opened Markthal (the country's largest indoor market) from the architects MVRDV... No wonder it's known as "Manhattan on the Maas"! You have before you the perfect home for lovers of contemporary architecture, for sybarites and, in general, for all those with good taste. Vibrant, welcoming, cosmopolitan and possessing the largest commercial port in Europe, Rotterdam is a feast for travellers with interesting places such as its old port areas, which have been converted into today's "trendy" areas such as Katendrecht.

Overnight stay in Rotterdam.

● DAY 4 · RÓTERDAM - UTRECHT

After breakfast among the skyscrapers, we continue to explore a metropolis that continues to reinvent itself.

During today's journey, the "Route through the Netherlands.A journey through Art" stops at two Dutch jewels: Boijmans Van Beuningen and the Kunsthal.

Known for having one of the best art collections in the country, the Boijmans Van Beuningen showcases European art and design from the Early Middle Ages to the twenty-first century. Particularly famous is its series of masterpieces. Admire the priceless works of Bruegel, Rembrandt, Monet, Van Gogh, Kandinsky and Magritte and stroll through the pleasant and ever-lively Museumpark. Meanwhile, the Kunsthal offers visitors fascinating temporary exhibitions of modern art and design in a transgressive building designed by the prestigious architect firm OMA.

After lunch, we set off for Utrecht, another of the great Dutch cities.

This rough diamond combines its historical wealth and lively university atmosphere with beautiful circular channels (singels).

Founded by the Romans and known throughout the world for the famous Treaty of Utrecht (1715), this central city receives visitors with open arms.

Lively and bustling, Utrecht spreads out around the omnipresent Dom Tower, the city's main landmark and the highest bell tower in the country. Visible from anywhere in the old town, its imposing demeanour and the unmistakable sound of its bells will fascinate you.

Utrecht is famous for its enchanting cafés and charming terraces, its hundreds of monuments, churches and convents, its picturesque squares and beautiful parks, its imaginative cultural and gastronomic offerings, and an extensive list of excellent museums such as the Dick Bruna House, Catharijneconvent, the Centraal Museum, the Museum Speelklok and the famous Rietveld Schröder House, a landmark of the De Stijl art style which has been declared a World Heritage Site for its major influence on modern architecture. A short walk through the south of the city will let you see another of its most recognisable snapshots: the magnificent residences built alongside the canals by the nobility in the Golden Age. Do not leave Utrecht without visiting its lively markets or exploring the green landscapes beset by the castles that surround it. Overnight stay in Utrecht.

● DAY 5 · UTRECHT - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Amsterdam.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Amsterdam.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Hague.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Hague.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Rotterdam.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Rotterdam.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Utrecht.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Utrecht.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.
- ✓ Amount of the supplement for collection and return of the vehicle in a different office.

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Accommodation taxes in Holland direct payment in facility.
- ✗ Accommodation taxes in Hague direct payment in facility.

✗ Accommodation taxes in Rotterdam direct payment in facility.

✗ Accommodation taxes in Utrecht direct payment in facility.

✗ Possible toll charges.

✗ Insolvency protection.

Destinations Visited

Amsterdam



Haarlem



Delft



Hague



Rotterdam



Utrecht



Important remarks

- To avoid queues and crowds, you can book tickets to the most outstanding museums and exhibition halls online and in advance. We recommend trying to visit the museums early in the morning or in the afternoon. To obtain discounts on tickets and save yourself from having to queue, you can purchase cards such as the Holland Pass, the Museumkaart, the I Amsterdam City Card or the Rotterdam Welcome Card. Many museums offer special discounts for minors, students and pensioners.
- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.
- This itinerary has been developed in collaboration with the NBTC Netherlands Bureau of Tourism and Congress.