



LAW & CULTURE IN THE NETHERLANDS

JOURNEY TO HOLLAND



4 & 6 Night Program Options

MAY 1-5, 2022 in the Hague

MAY 5-7, 2022 in Amsterdam

Open to Members and Guests of the Dallas and Austin Bar Associations

Register online at www.cle-abroad.com/trip/txn1

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INCLUDED

Historic 4+ Star Accommodations

Daily ground transportation and walking tours

Select group meals at top restaurants (including tips)

Fully guided tour with local guides and specialists

CLE Lecture series with local experts and influencers (engaging to both attorneys and non-attorney guests)

Admission to all venues / attractions in program



NOT INCLUDED

Airfare to/from Netherlands
Airport transfers

Suggested tips for drivers and local guide(s)

Additional meals not provided in itinerary

Incidentals / Individual hotel expenses (e.g., mini bar, room services, laundry fees)

Trip cancellation insurance



TOUR COST

May 1-5, 2022: \$2,885

May 5-7 (Extension): \$1,210

Prices are per person in double occupancy (Single Supplements apply to single occupancy, see registration page for more details)



YOU'RE INVITED



The **Austin** and **Dallas Bar Associations** invite you and your guest(s) to join our delegation for a journey to the marvelous Holland.

We make home base in **The Hague (Den Haag)** - the political heart of the Netherlands as well the Center of International Law hosting such institutions as the **International Court of Justice (ICJ)**. Besides affording us fascinating education for lawyers and non-lawyers alike, the city's wide streets and numerous green zones make for an incredibly pleasant pedestrian experience with charming boutiques, cafes and fine dining around.

The Hague is also ideally situated within reach of some of Holland's greatest attractions. We visit the Royal Delft, Rotterdam Harbour, and the iconic windmills of **Kinderdijk**. And of course, no visit to Holland is complete without a thorough immersion into Dutch cuisine. Our group meals will be selected for their **elevated culinary experiences** ensuring we make the most of every meal and taste the best of Holland's cuisine recognized for its purity, high quality, and honest presentation.

Participants with additional time can join the extended program for 2 additional nights in **Amsterdam**, the 17th century capital of Holland known for its museums, fine dining, beautiful architecture, and unique nightlife.

You do not want to miss this opportunity to visit the Netherlands while receiving CLE credit (pending).

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

BOOK BY DECEMBER 1 TO RECEIVE \$100 OFF FINAL INVOICE

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AT A GLANCE: NETHERLANDS



Select group meals will be curated for quality and diversity including beverages and tips:

- ❑ Authentic Dutch and refined International cuisines
- ❑ Curated Food / Beverage Tastings and culinary experiences

***Dietary restrictions will be accommodated - Food surveys** distributed to participants at a later date.*

B - Breakfast

L - Lunch

D - Dinner

DUTCH LAW, POLITICS, CULTURE & INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE

Itinerary subject to change and final confirmation. Program schedule will be adapted to enrolled participants and then-in-place safety measures. Special requests are encouraged. Suggested air will be provided at a later date.

Day 1 Sunday, May 1

If arriving on non-recommended air, participants will arrive independently to the **Hotel Carlton Ambassador** or **Park Hotel Den Haag** (or similar), ideally located in the Hague's tree-lined town center.

Hotel Carlton Ambassador (or equivalent)
Sophialaan 2, 2514 JP Den Haag, Netherlands

For those arriving this morning on the suggested flight, we visit **Keukenhof** en route to the Hague.

For just a few weeks each year, Keukenhof opens its grounds to visitors to see one of the most beautiful spring gardens in the world. This world-famous park holds more than 7 million spring flowering bulbs, with over 500 growers presenting an enormous variety of flowers and their iconic tulips in bloom.

From Keukenhof, we continue to **Den Haag** (The Hague). Early hotel check-in may be available subject to availability and can be reserved upon request.

Meet at the hotel lobby and depart for 'pre-orientation' walking tour to see nearby sights and landmarks including the **Peace Palace**.

Evening

Welcome Reception and early evening **Dinner** for our first taste of refined Dutch cuisine.

Optional after-dinner walking orientation of the nearby nightlife including bars, coffee shops, live music.

Day 2 Monday, May 2

Morning

INTRODUCTION TO DUTCH RULE OF LAW, POLITICAL SYSTEMS & CONSTITUTION WALK

This interactive presentation provides an engaging introduction to the Dutch political system and the unique political cultures in the Netherlands. We see the **Hall of Knights** (*Ridderzaal*) and the **House of Representatives** (*Tweede Kamer*).

Notable is that the **Dutch Constitution** plays an important role in the history of numerous locations throughout the city. On the walking portion of this tour we learn how the **Prison Gate** (*Gevangenpoort*) relates to the separation of powers and hear the thrilling tales of crime and punishment in days gone by. In concluding our tour, we discover the historical background of the *Binnenhof*, and see the **Constitution Bench** (*Grondwetbank*).

12:30 PM

Group lunch in the City Center with Invited Speaker.

Afternoon

After lunch, optional visit to the **Supreme Court of the Netherlands** or free time.

(After or During Lunch) we receive a presentation on either of the two most controversial aspects of Dutch Law: Drugs and/or Prostitution.

DUTCH DRUG POLICY: A MODEL FOR THE WORLD?

In 1976, the Netherlands officially amended its **Opium Act** to create a distinction in law between cannabis and other "harder" drugs with the stated goal of reducing harm to both individuals and society. Famous for its cannabis-serving "coffee shops," the Netherlands has recorded a lower drug-related death rate ever since. In 2010, new guidelines went further decriminalizing the possession of some 'hard drugs' including heroine, ecstasy and LSD.

THE REGULATION OF PROSTITUTION IN THE NETHERLANDS: LIBERAL DREAM OR GROWING REPRESSION?

In this engaging presentation, we explore the controversial policies, legal narratives and black letter law prescribed in Dutch criminal and administrative law concerning the regulation of prostitution.

Evening

Remainder of evening free. Dinner on your own. Suitable recommendations will be provided.



Day 3 Tuesday, May 3

Morning

THE HERITAGE OF PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW: PAST AND PRESENT

The **Peace Palace** is home to two judicial institutions, the **International Court of Justice (ICJ)** and the **Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)**. Financed and maintained by the **Carnegie Foundation**, the Palace was built in 1913 to house the PCA and a library. Soon after, they were joined by the Permanent Court of International Justice, the official court of the League of Nations. After the Second World War, when the League of Nations was dissolved and the United Nations founded, the ICJ of the United Nations took up residence in the Palace.

We see the **Peace Palace Museum** Welcome Center and receive a guided visit of the PCA, ICJ or Library.

12:30 pm

Group lunch with Invited Guest(s) and/or local attorneys and judges.

Afternoon

Optional visit to **Scheveningen Beach** & Boardwalk.

Or you may take free time for Shopping in the City Center.

Evening

Dinner on your own.

Day 4 Wednesday, May 4

Morning

We depart for the UNESCO World Heritage site of **Kinderdijk** and the iconic **Wind Mills**. We see the Museum **Museummolen Blokweer**.

Returning towards **Rotterdam** we see **Delfs Harbour** from where the Pilgrim Fathers left.

Lunch at a local farm with **organic cheese tasting**.

Harbour tour in Rotterdam and/or visit local Beer garden / private Beer Tasting at **De Kaapse Brewers**.

Afternoon

Time permitting before returning to the Hague, we visit the **Royal Delft** – a 17th-century earthenware factory still in operation.

Evening

Return to the Hague. **Den Haag Farewell Dinner**.

Day 5 Thursday, May 5 (Departure/Extension)

Morning

If on extension: depart for **Amsterdam** as a group.

GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS & ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Visit to the International Headquarters **Amnesty International** to meet with its Legal Department. Alternatively or additionally - time permitting - we meet with other prominent International NGOs based in Amsterdam.

1:00 pm

Private **Canal Cruise** and Lunch.

Afternoon

Hotel Check-In Amsterdam.

Optional guided tour of an Amsterdam "Coffee Shop" and/or Amsterdam's **Red Light District**.

Evening

Remainder of evening free. Dinner on your own.

Day 6 Friday, May 6 (Extension)

On the last day of the program, please enjoy as much free time as desired.

Morning

Morning lecture/visits or **breakout Museum tours** to be organized around participant interest, solicited at a later date.

Lunch on your own. Suitable recommendations will be provided.

Suggested visits: **Rijksmuseum**, **A'Dam Lookout**, **The Heineken Experience** and/or **VanGogh Museum**.

Evening

Group **Farewell Dinner**.

Day 7 Saturday, May 7

Optional morning activities depending on departure time. *Participants may elect to extend their stay in Europe or the Netherlands – additional travel and booking assistance available at cost.*



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