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JOURNEY TO HOLLAND

LAW & CULTURE IN THE NETHERLANDS

JUNE 9-15, 2024



4 or 6 Night Program Options

The Hague - Rotterdam - Kinderdijk

Optional 2 night extension in Amsterdam

By Invitation of the Trial Lawyers of Florida

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INCLUDED

4 Star Accommodations (if selected)

Daily ground transportation and walking tours

Select group meals at top restaurants (including tips)

Fully guided tour with local guides and specialists

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

Admission to all venues / attractions in program

Travel Tips and Guidance

Authentic Dutch & refined International cuisines

Curated Food & Beverage Tastings and culinary experiences

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

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



YOU'RE INVITED



The **Trial Lawyers of Florida** invites you and your guest(s) to join our exclusive 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 abound.

The Hague is also ideally situated within reach of some of Holland's greatest attractions. We visit the Royal Delft, the modern city of Rotterdam, and the iconic windmills of **Kinderdijk**.

Add two nights and explore **Amsterdam**, the 17th century capital of Holland known for its museums, fine dining, beautiful architecture, and unique nightlife.

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.

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AT A GLANCE: NETHERLANDS

Day 1



Day 2



Day 3



Day 4



Day 5



Day 6



Day 7



DUTCH LAW, POLITICS, & INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE

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*Itinerary subject to change and final confirmation. Special requests are encouraged.
Suggested air will be provided at a later date.*

Day 1 Sunday June 9th

Morning

Participants arrive at **Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)** and transfer independently to **The Hague**, approximately 45 minutes by taxi or train.

Suggested activities and adhoc guiding will be made available to the early arrivals.

Afternoon

Check-in to Hotel [Carlton Ambassador \(or similar\)](#)

Sophia Lan 2,2514 JP Den Haag

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5:00 pm

A short walk from our hotel, we board a **canal boat** for a panoramic orientation and Welcome to the Hague.

Evening

Welcome Dinner at Restaurant **Sophia**. Over dinner we receive an **OVERVIEW OF DUTCH HISTORY, POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS** with guest lecturer.

Remainder of the evening is free to rest and get acclimated to the time zone.



Day 2 Monday June 10th

Morning

Breakfast is served daily at the hotel.

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. Notable is that the **Dutch Constitution** plays an important role in the history of numerous locations throughout the city.

Mid-Morning

Depart the hotel for a guided **Walking Tour** of the Hague's city center and historic and political landmarks.

Tour of the medieval **Prison Gate Museum**. The museum tells the story of crime and punishment from the 15th century onward.

1:00 pm

Lunch at **t'Goude Hooft** (The Good Student), the oldest inn in The Hague. Over the years, this institution has evolved into a rather eclectic space and dining establishment.

Afternoon

Visit the **Supreme Court of the Netherlands** AND/OR Lecture.

DUTCH DRUG POLICY & ENFORCEMENT

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 this controversial presentation for a political activist, we learn about the many harms and benefits to the longstanding Dutch Drug policies.

OR

WAR CRIMES & GENOCIDE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

We welcome a panel of distinguished international law practitioners and leading women in the field of international criminal law for an informative discussion on the **prosecution, defense and administration of justice in war crime tribunals** including the latest from **Ukraine**.

Afternoon visit the **Mauritshuis Museum**, home to a fine collection of classical art from the age of Rembrandt including **Vermeer's** most famous work, **Girl with a Pearl Earring**.

Alternatively, some may choose to visit **Escher in Het Paleis** (Escher in The Palace) to see the permanent collection of the renowned Dutch graphic artist's work. Or return to the hotel.

Dinner on your own. Remainder of the evening free.

Day 3 Tuesday June 11th

8:45 am

*Today please consider Business Casual / Smart Casual for our visit to the Peace Palace. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING: Passport-in-hand required for Peace Palace entry** (no photocopies accepted).*

Depart the hotel for our visit to the **Peace Palace**, a short walk from the hotel and home to the **International Court of Justice (ICJ)** and the **Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)**.

THE FOUNDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE HAGUE AS A CITY OF PEACE AND JUSTICE

Financed and maintained by the **Carnegie Foundation**, the Peace 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, the League of Nations was dissolved and the United Nations was founded. The ICJ of the United Nations then took up residence in the Palace. During our visit, we tour the gardens of the Peace Palace and meet the director of the Peace Palace Library.



12:00 pm

Group lunch at **Bayonne** for Dutch-Spanish style tapas and pinchos.

Remainder of the afternoon free.

Optional Add-on: For those who have purchased this option, we continue to nearby Scheveningen Beach for time to walk the Boardwalk or the Sand Dunes. Continue to dinner at **Catch by Simonis** on **Scheveningen Harbour**. This family run business has been in operation since the end of the 19th century. A former eel smokehouse, Catch is known for international seafood recipes using a daily fresh supply from the local fish auction. We dine on the rooftop terrace overlooking the marina filled with sailboats.

After dinner, **The Pier SkyView**. This 160' foot ferris wheel has 36 closed cars that seem to float over the water. Enjoy a glass of bubbly as you take in the sweeping views of the dunes, the boardwalk and the sun setting over the sea.

9:30 PM Return to the hotel by van or bus.



Day 4 Wednesday June 12th

8:00 AM

Board our bus and depart for the **UNESCO World Heritage site of Kinderdijk** and its iconic **Wind Mills**. The tour includes a multimedia presentation, hop-on/hop-off canal ride and time to explore the grounds on foot.

10:30 AM

Return to Rotterdam with its dynamic skyline including the iconic, white **Erasmusbrug bridge** nicknamed 'The Swan'.

Lunch at the historic **Hotel New York**, the former headquarters of Holland-America Line. The property is a prominent fixture of the **Wilhelmine Pier** in contemporary **Rotterdam**.

Time permitting, we go to the top of the **Euromast** tower for stunning panoramic views over Rotterdam and surrounding areas, including a rotating glass elevator and a restaurant or free time to explore the market halls of Rotterdam.



Afternoon

Rotterdam is home to one of the largest ports in Europe with a rich maritime history. Schedule permitting, we visit the **Royal IHC Shipyard**, one of the largest shipyards in the world. We get up close and personal with some of the ships that are currently under construction or repair.

OR

Future Land Ferry Tour for a ride around the bustling Port of Rotterdam. We'll see the latest port developments, including the latest shipbuilding technology.

5:00 pm

Return to our hotel.

Evening

Farewell Dinner at **Dekxel's** where innovative Asian street food meets fine dining. We enjoy a private dinner on the hidden patio of the restaurant with special guests.

Day 5 Thursday June 13th

8:00 am

Hotel Checkout and Board Bus for Amsterdam (*if on the extended program*).

Walking Tour of the trendy **Jordaan** neighborhood in Amsterdam. The charming narrow streets and canals of this area are home to hip pubs & restaurants, indie boutiques & galleries and the **Noordermarkt** outdoor marketplace.

Visit the **Anne Frank House**. This self-guided tour offers a poignant view into the famous young diarist's life. Note: Museum visits are by appointment. Participants who separate from the group or arrive too late may not be granted entry.

1:00 pm

Private Lunch and Canal Cruise. From the water, we have the best vantage point to see Amsterdam's most interesting Architecture.



3:00 pm

Check in to the 4 Star **Park Plaza Victoria Hotel** or **Hard Rock Hotel Amsterdam** [or similar]



5:00 pm

THE REGULATION OF PROSTITUTION IN THE NETHERLANDS

A short walk from the hotel, we explore the “**Life of a Sex Worker**” on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Adult Club *BonTon*. This informative presentation provides a glimpse into the world of the workers and patrons alike.

OR

CLIMATE CHANGE LITIGATION IN THE NETHERLANDS

On 20 December 2019, the Dutch Supreme Court, the highest court in the Netherlands, upheld the previous decisions in the Urgenda Climate Case, finding that the Dutch government has obligations to urgently and significantly reduce emissions in line with its human rights obligations. We are joined by Representatives of Foundation *Stichting Urgenda*, claimants that went against the Dutch State.

Remainder of the evening free. Dinner on your own.

This evening you may consider exploring Leidseplein, the bustling nightlife area located just steps from your hotel. The area is home to theaters, music venues, restaurants, bars and street performers.

Day 6 Friday June 14th

THE CASE FOR RESTITUTION OF STOLEN ART IN THE NETHERLANDS

There is a growing movement in the Netherlands to demand the return of stolen art. The **Goudstikker collection** is just one of many examples of art looted during World War II now subject to potential claims for restitution under Dutch law and an evolving public policy. In this lecture, we learn about the most significant cases against the Dutch government, some of which have resulted in the successful return to the heirs of stolen art collections.

Guided visit to the **Van Gogh Museum**, the largest collection of the tragic painter's work, and the most visited museum in the Netherlands.

Guided visit to the **Rijksmuseum**, the National Museum of the Netherlands. Home to Dutch Masters such as **Rembrandt** and **Vermeer**, this massive collection currently exhibits 8,000 objects of art and history.



Remainder of afternoon free. Lunch is on your own today.

10:00 am

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11:45 am / 12:00 pm

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Afternoon

Lunch is on your own today.

On your last day in Amsterdam, enjoy as much free time as desired to sightsee, shop or enjoy the hotel amenities.

After your museum visit, you may want to visit the high-end shopping area near **Museumplein** or stroll through **Vondelpark** with its entrance at Nassaukade Street just steps from your hotel.

A short walk behind your hotel is a less touristy area for dining and shopping alongside the canals on Bilderdijkstraat and Da Costakade streets.

8:00 pm

Amsterdam Farewell Dinner and entertainment.

Day 7 Saturday June 15th

Optional morning activities depending on departure time.

Participants will make independent transfers to **Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)**.



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