



# JOURNEY TO HOLLAND

## LAW & CULTURE IN THE NETHERLANDS



October 2-8, 2024

The Hague, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Kinderdijk

*By Invitation of the D.C. Bar*

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## INCLUDED

- 5 Star Accommodations, if selected
- Daily ground transportation and walking tours
- Select group meals at top restaurants (including tips)
- Fully guided tours with local guides and specialists
- Lecture series with local attorneys, academics, experts and influencers (CLE credits anticipated)
- 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*

## 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 D.C. Bar invites you to join this exciting **cross-cultural tour** exploring Rule of Law and justice themes in Holland. We make home base in **The Hague (Den Haag)** - the political heart of the Netherlands as well the Center of International Law hosting institutions such as the **International Court of Justice (ICJ)** and the **International Criminal Court (ICC)**.

Besides affording us **fascinating legal education with privileged access to institutions and experts**, 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 making it the perfect home base. We spend a day in **Amsterdam**, the 17th century capital of Holland known for its museums, beautiful architecture and canals. Other day trips include a visit to the modern city of **Rotterdam**, and the iconic windmills of **Kinderdijk**.

Our group meals will be selected for their authenticity and **elevated culinary experiences** ensuring we make the most of every meal and taste the best of Dutch cuisine recognized for its purity, high quality, and honest presentation.

**Please note: The program requires considerable walking and at times we will traverse uneven "old world" cobblestone streets and stairs where an elevator may not always be available. Participants must be able to walk unassisted.**

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# AT A GLANCE: NETHERLANDS



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# RULE OF LAW AT THE HAGUE

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

### Day 1 Wednesday Oct. 2

#### Morning

Participants arrive at **Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)** and transfer independently to **The Hague**, approximately 45 minutes by taxi or train. *Contact [events@desindes.com](mailto:events@desindes.com) for private car service, use your Uber app or take the train to Den Haag from Schiphol Airport.*

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

#### Afternoon

Check into 5\* **Hotel Des Indes**.

A short walk from our hotel, we board a **canal boat** for a panoramic orientation and Welcome to the Hague. After our cruise, we enjoy a bit of time for freshening up before our evening activities.

#### Evening

**Welcome Reception** with representatives of the **Haagse Orde van Advocaten (The Hague Bar Association)**. From our counterparts we learn about the well-developed **system of legal aid** in the Netherlands and the European Union.

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

### Day 2 Thursday Oct. 3

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

**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.

#### Afternoon

Lunch at **t'Goude Hoofd** (The Golden Head), the oldest inn in The Hague. Over the years, this institution has evolved into a rather eclectic dining establishment.

Visit to the **Peace Palace**, home of the **International Court of Justice (ICJ)** and the **Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)**.

#### THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE 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. In this privileged visit, we meet with **representatives of the ICJ** for a private briefing.

After our briefing, Optional visit to the Peace Palace Library.

Some may choose to visit the Mauristhous home to a fine collection of classical art from the age of Rembrandt including **Vermeer's** most famous work, **Girl with a Pearl Earring**.

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.

Return to hotel/remainder of evening free. Dinner on your own.

## Day 3 Friday Oct. 4

### Morning

#### WAR CRIMES & GENOCIDE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

This morning 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** and **Palestine**.

OR

#### JUDICIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

Guided visit to the **International Criminal Court (ICC)**. During our visit, we will be given a presentation on the Court and its current developments by an ICC Legal Officer, followed by Q&A. We will possibly attend a hearing at ICC.

Following our visit to the ICC, optional visit to the **National Monument Oranjehotel** – the name the Dutch attributed to the Scheveningen prison during the 2nd World War. The Germans detained over 25,000 people for interrogation and prosecution purposes. Those who violated regulations imposed by the Germans came from all of the Netherlands and included Resistance Members, Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses and those who were caught dealing on the black market or other economic offenses.

### Afternoon

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

Some may wish to have lunch in **Scheveningen** or visit the **Van Kleef** distillery.

Time permitting, we have a private behind-the-scenes tour with the Director of the **Museum Panorama Mesdag** featuring 19th-century artist Hendrik Mesdag's striking panoramic beach painting. Housed in a purpose-built museum, this cyclorama is more than 130 feet in diameter and over 45 feet high. The cylindrical perspective creates the illusion that the viewer is on a high sand dune overlooking the sea, beaches and village of Scheveningen in the late 19th century.

### Evening

**Group Dinner.**

## Day 4 Saturday Oct. 5

### 8:00 am

Depart 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.

### 12:00 pm

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

### 2:30 pm

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.

### 4:30 pm

**THE REGULATION OF PROSTITUTION IN THE NETHERLANDS**. Lecture followed by an exploration of the "**Life of a Sex Worker**," a behind-the-scenes tour of the Adult Club **BonTon**.

OR

**POLICY OF TOLERANCE: DUTCH DRUG LAWS & POLICIES**. 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.

OR

**Cultural Heritage Law and the Case for Restitution of Stolen Art**. In this lecture, **Dr. Evelien Campfens** tells us about the growing movement in the Netherlands and the EU 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 around the world, some of which have resulted in the successful return to the heirs of stolen art collections.

Return to the Hague. Dinner on your own.

## Day 5 Sunday Oct. 6

### 8:00 am

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.

Travel to **Rotterdam** and see the cities' dynamic skyline including the iconic, white Erasmusbrug bridge nick-named 'The Swan'.

### 1:00 pm

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. Guest speaker at Lunch.

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.

Rotterdam is home to one of the largest ports in Europe with a rich maritime history. Time and 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.

### Late Afternoon

Return to the Hague. Dinner on your own.



## Day 6 Monday Oct. 7

### Morning

We continue to Leidschendam for a relaxed private tour of the family owned & operated organic cheese farm, **Kaasboerderij de Vierhuizen**, for an **artisanal cheese tasting with wine pairings**. We are greeted by several generations of farmers and cheese makers who show us their process to create some of the finest cheeses in the country. We enjoy a peaceful stroll along the quiet canals and country lanes to see the multi-generational homes, orchards, gardens and cheese shop with time to meet some gentle farm animals and pets.

### OR

Travel to **Gouda** and the famous Cheese Market that takes place every Thursday morning from April to August. This visit offers visitors the chance to see traditional cheese trading techniques and learn about the history of Gouda cheese.

Walking tour of Gouda's Historic City Center, charming streets and canal network, which are lined with medieval architecture, quaint shops and stylish cafes. We sample some traditional Dutch delicacies, including stroopwafels (caramel waffles), poffertjes (mini pancakes) and bitterballen (deep-fried meatballs).

We stop at **St. John's Church**. This 15th-century church is renowned for its stunning stained glass windows, ornate ceiling decorations and impressive pipe organ.

Lunch on your own in Gouda.

Time permitting we explore the Gouda Museum dedicated to the history of Gouda and the surrounding area, with exhibits covering everything from the city's medieval past to modern art. Return to the Hague.

Farewell Dinner in Den Haag.

## Day 7 Tuesday Oct. 8

Optional morning activities depending on departure time. Participants will make independent transfers to Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS). *Contact [events@desindes.com](mailto:events@desindes.com) for private car service, use your Uber app or take the train to Schiphol Airport.*



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