



JOURNEY TO HOLLAND

LAW & CULTURE IN THE NETHERLANDS



April 29 - May 5, 2025

Keukenhof - The Hague - Rotterdam - Kinderdijk - Amsterdam



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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

Private 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.

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

Participating **California Metro Bars** invite you and your guest(s) to join our exclusive journey to the marvelous Holland.

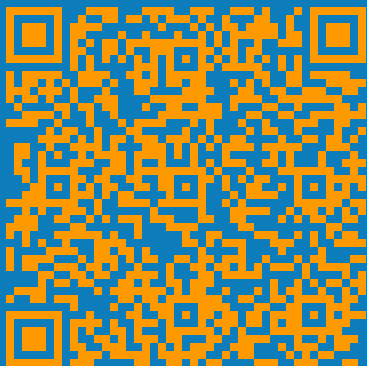
We make home base in **The Hague (Den Haag)** - the political heart of the Netherlands as well as the Center of International Law - providing a fascinating education for lawyers and non-lawyers alike. The city's wide streets and numerous green zones make for an incredibly pleasant pedestrian experience where 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 modern city of **Rotterdam** and the iconic windmills of **Kinderdijk**.

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

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

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AT A GLANCE: NETHERLANDS



DUTCH LAW, POLITICS, & INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE

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

Day 1 Tuesday April 29

Morning

Participants arrive at **Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)**.

From the airport we travel to **Keukenhof** and see the iconic Tulips in bloom. 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. Free time to explore the grounds on your own.

After our visit to **Keukenhof**, we walk to **Keukenhof Castle** for a brief lunch at **Restaurant de Hofboerderij**. This restaurant is located within the lush grounds of the Estate.

After our seasonal 2-course lunch, we depart for The Hague by private coach.

3:00 pm

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 & Guest Speaker in Den Haag.

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

Day 2 Wednesday April 30

Morning

Breakfast is served daily at the hotel.

Visit the **Supreme Court of the Netherlands**

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 Lectures at Sofiahof Museum 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.

4 NIGHTS IN DEN HAAG

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

AND/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**.

Optional 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 Thursday May 1

Today 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).

Morning

Meet in the hotel lobby and depart 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.

Afternoon

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

Remainder of the afternoon free.



Optional Evening 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.

Day 4 Friday May 2

Morning

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 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. Guest speaker at Lunch to discuss **U.S. - Netherlands Trade Relations**.



Time permitting after lunch, **Harbour Tour** or visit the top of the **Euromast** tower for stunning panoramic views over Rotterdam and surrounding areas, including a rotating glass elevator.



Late Afternoon

Return to the Hague.

Evening

The Hague Farewell Dinner.

Day 5 Saturday May 3

Morning

Hotel Checkout and Board Bus for Amsterdam.

On arrival: **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.*

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



At the conclusion of the canal cruise, our boat will dock in front of our hotel. Group Check-In.

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

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**. This informative presentation provides a glimpse into the world of the workers and patrons alike.

Remainder of the evening is free . Dinner on your own.

2 NIGHTS IN AMSTERDAM

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.

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.

Amsterdam **Farewell Dinner** and entertainment.



Optional morning activities depending on departure time.

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

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