



JOURNEY TO HOLLAND

LAW & CULTURE IN THE NETHERLANDS

OCTOBER 2-9, 2024



Featuring The Hague and select visits to Amsterdam & Rotterdam

Select from 3, 4 or 7 night program packages

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 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 D.C. Bar invites you to join our 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 be available. Participants must be able to walk unassisted.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

Register by June 15th, 2024 to receive \$150 off per person

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AT A GLANCE



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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)** or **Rotterdam The Hague (RTM) airport** and transfer independently to **The Hague**.

Contact 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**. Located a short walking distance from The Hague's city center, Centraal Station and many restaurants and attractions, the Hotel Des Indes is considered the best hotel in Den Haag. The property features a palatial restaurant, cocktail bar and spa.

Lange Voorhout 54-56

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For Extra Room Nights or Private Car Service to/from the airport please contact events@desindes.com and mention CODE ROO03OCT.

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 Dinner with guest speaker.

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.

Time permitting, we visit the **Prison Gate Museum**. The museum tells the story of **crime and punishment** from the 15th century onward.

Afternoon

Lunch at Bayonne.

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.

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

Day 3 Friday Oct. 4

Morning

Visit to 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**. You may opt for a guided tour of the museum's highlights or a self guided visit.

Group Luncheon and Tasting at **Van Kleef**. Founded in 1842, Van Kleef is the sole surviving jenever and liqueur distillery in The Hague, formally closing its doors in 1986 before reopening in 1995 as a museum, liquor shop and event space.

Afternoon

WAR CRIMES & GENOCIDE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

This afternoon 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 **Gaza**.

Remainder of the afternoon/evening free.

Day 4 Saturday Oct. 5

Morning

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

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. We dine privately upstairs alongside two presentations.

DUTCH DRUG POLICY, ENFORCEMENT, AND CHALLENGES

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 individuals and society. Famous for its **Policy of Tolerance** and cannabis-serving "coffee shops," the Netherlands has recorded a lower drug-related death rate ever since. In this controversial Lunch presentation from a political activist, we learn about the many harms and benefits to the longstanding Dutch Drug policies.

Remainder of evening free. Dinner on your own.

Day 5 Sunday Oct. 6

Morning

If on extended program: meet in hotel lobby to depart for Amsterdam

If joining program today for the first time: Arrive AMS

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.

THE REGULATION OF SEX WORK 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.

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.

Afternoon

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

Special visit to the **Anne Frank Museum** including private presentation / introductory program with museum staff before touring the house.

Before returning to the Hague, **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.

Return to the Hague. Dinner on your own.

Day 6 Monday Oct. 7

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 nicknamed '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 7 Tuesday Oct. 8

Morning

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

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.

1:30 pm

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW DEVELOPMENTS

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. Schedules permitting, we may have the opportunity to attend a hearing.

4:00pm

Afternoon visit to the **National Monument Oranje-hotel** - 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.

We continue to Scheveningen Beach where we board **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 sunset and sweeping views of the Boardwalk or the Sand Dunes.

Farewell dinner at **Catch by Simonis** on Scheveningen Harbour. A former eel smokehouse, this family run business has been in operation since the end of the 19th century.

After dinner, return to the hotel by bus.

Day 8 Wednesday Oct. 9

Optional morning activities depending on departure time. Participants will make independent transfers to Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS).

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