



Introduction: As a highly developed nation in Western Europe, the Netherlands is renowned for its innovative economy, international trade, and cultural richness. With its biggest European port in Rotterdam, it is known as the 'Gateway to Europe,' which offers an extensive transportation infrastructure. The Netherlands joined the EU in 1958.

Cultural Practices: Punctuality and direct communication are highly valued. The Dutch tend to be straightforward. Give your opinion straight. It is appreciated to say what you feel or think about anything and everything to make clear where you stand.

Tipping Guidelines: Tipping is appreciated but not obligatory. Rounding up the bill in restaurants and taxis is common, and leaving a 5-10% tip for exceptional service is a thoughtful gesture.

Climate: Temperate maritime climate with mild winters, cool summers, and consistent rainfall throughout the year.

Religion: Roman Catholic 20%, Protestant 15%, Muslim 5%, other 3%, none 57%

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General Facts:

Regional Division	Western Europe
Capital	Amsterdam
Airport Code / Name:	AMS / Amsterdam Schiphol
Country Code (2 digits / 3 digits)	NL / NLD
Population	17,589,000
Language	Dutch (official), English widely spoken

Travel Facts:

Telephone Code	31
Local Emergency Phone	112
International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Right
Time Zone / Time Difference	UTC +01:00
Currency / Exchange Rate \$->€	Euros (EUR) / 1\$: 0.95€
Electricity / Voltage / Plug Type(s)	230 V / 50 Hz / C, F
Passport / Visa Requirements	Yes / 90 days in 180 days
Working Permits for US Citizens	Necessary

Filming incentives:

Film Commission National	35% cash rebate
Film Commission Federal	No
VFX Grant	No

Working conditions:

Working hours per day	9,5 + break
Working hours per week	47,5
Working days per week	5
Overtime	+25%, +50%, +100%
Breaks	30 min after 5 hours
Turnaround	10 hours
Fringes / self-employed	self-employed
Unions	No

Filming infrastructure:

Crews	internationally experienced, English speaking
Equipment	State-of-the-art equipment available
Studios in the following cities	Amsterdam, Rotterdam
Themed backlot sets include:	-
Specials	-

Landscape & Architecture: Flat terrain with extensive, unique canal systems, historic cities, rural windmill regions, coastal regions, beaches, and North Sea coastline. Architectural styles range from medieval and Renaissance to Dutch Golden Age and modern designs.