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Here are a few photos from a couple of days in Holland as part of a trip including other countries in Europe.

This is not a thorough tour of the Netherlands, just a brief sample of a few places.

I had been to Holland before, but not with a digital camera, so I know that it would be great to return for a more leisurely visit.

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Major places visited are underlined in red.

The walled town of Naarden is just east of Amsterdam.

Scheveningen, on the North Sea coast, is slightly north of The Hague.



Amsterdam, founded in 1275, is the capital of the Netherlands. Metro population 2.2 million.



Amsterdam Typical Amsterdam "street" scene.



Amsterdam The former Post Office in downtown Amsterdam, now Magna Plaza





Amsterdam is on the edge of a lake ...



Amsterdam

... and distinguished by its extensive canal system.



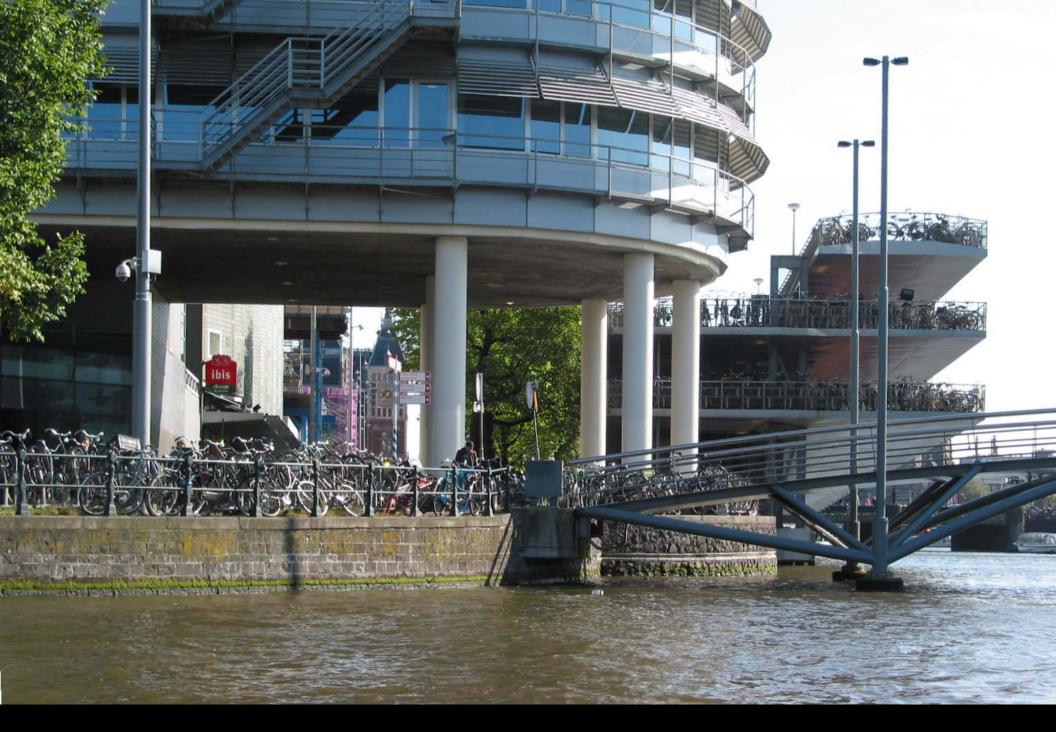
Amsterdam Houseboats line some canals.



Amsterdam Montelbaanstower lookout tower



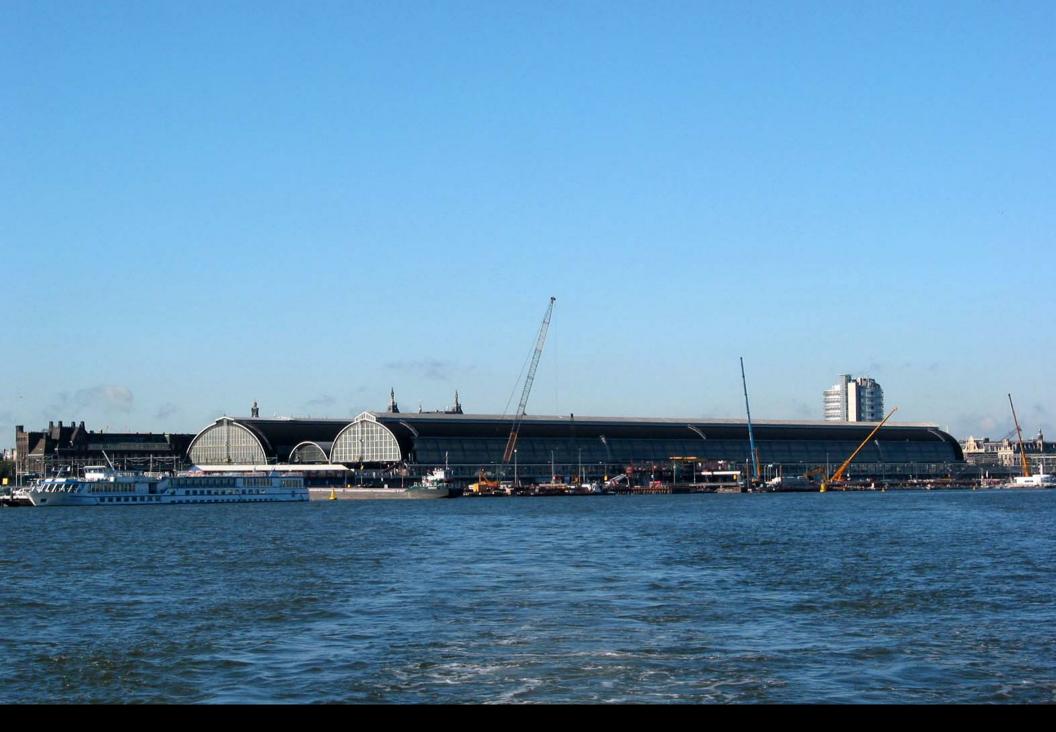
Amsterdam There seem to be a lot of bicycles.



Amsterdam Everywhere.



Amsterdam When we head out into the more open water there's not much heavy industry.







Naarden, just east of Amsterdam, dates from the 14th century.



Naarden

Moat and fortifications of the ancient walled city





Aalsmeer

Early morning activity at the Aalsmeer Flower Auction ...



Aalsmeer ... the world's largest flower auction. One of five auction rooms.



Aalsmeer This is the third-largest building in the world in terms of floor space.



Aalsmeer 10.6 million square feet / 990,000 m² of flowers and auction areas.



Aalsmeer Every day Aalsmeer processes 22 million cut flowers and plants, most of them grown in the surrounding area.



Rotterdam

My day tour of Holland goes "through" Rotterdam. Non-stop.



Rotterdam The Port of Rotterdam is Europe's largest, and it attracts multi-national businesses.



Rotterdam ING is Holland's player in multi-national banking.



Rotterdam

Somehow this tour leaves Rotterdam without ever showing us any of the port.



In Delft we pass by the twin towers of the Oostpoort (Eastern Gate), built around 1400.



Delft's Nieuwe Kerk (New Church) dates from 1381. Prince William of Orange is buried here.



Delft Delft's 1620 Town Hall replaces an earlier structure destroyed by fire.



We spend most of our time in Delft at a pottery and its retail shop. I think our tour guide is on commission.



The Hague The Peace Palace at The Hague, home of the World Court.



The Hague World Peace Flame at the Peace Palace





Scheveningen We drive along the North Sea coast for a couple of blocks.





Scheveningen We don't stop for pictures here either.



Madurodam is a miniature city near The Hague.

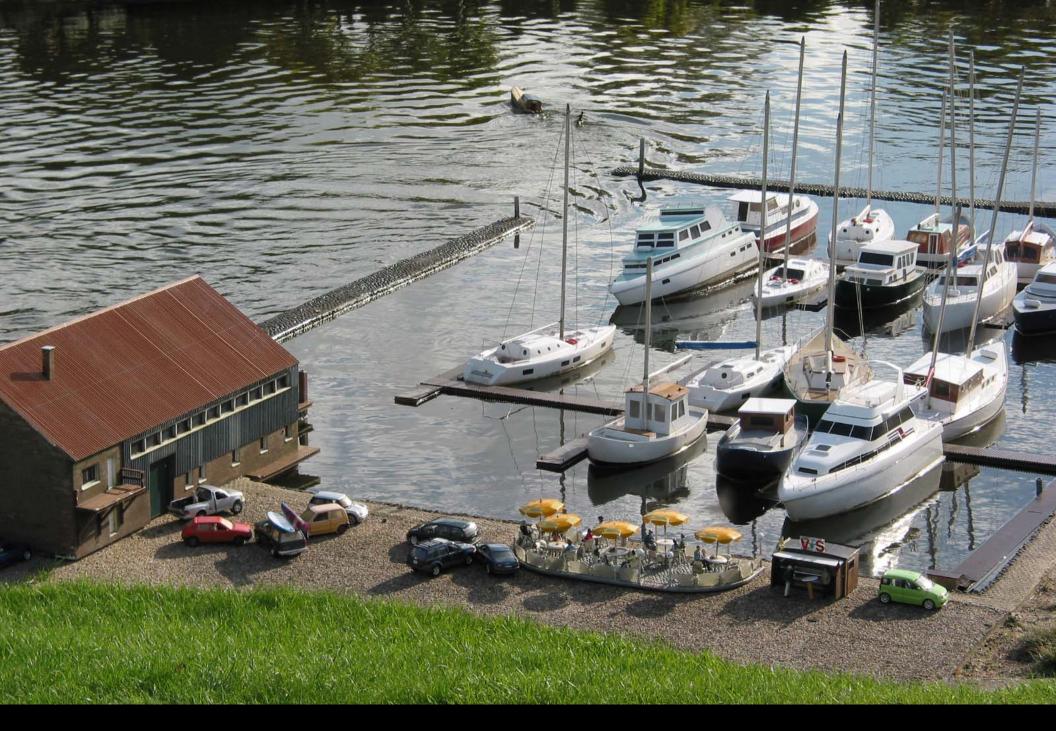


Madurodam

Madurodam consists of typical Dutch buildings and notable Dutch landmarks.



Madurodam The city is built at 1 / 25 th scale.



Madurodam The attention to detail in the models is exceptional.



Madurodam And the contrast in size to real people is amusing.







Madurodam Another familiar sight.
The Peace Palace in The Hague.







Schipol KLM, the Royal Dutch Airline, is headquartered here.



Schipol For me, this is the point of departure for returning home. Bye.

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