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Netherlands

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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Netherlands

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

**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 Dam Square



Amsterdam 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.



Amsterdam

Centraal Station



Amsterdam

One of Amsterdam's 1,280 bridges



Naarden

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



Naarden

**Moat and fortifications of
the ancient walled city**



Naarden

Naarden City Hall, 1601



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.



Delft

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



Delft

**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.



Delft

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**

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five continents were united to create
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Scheveningen We drive along the North Sea coast for a couple of blocks.



Scheveningen Drive-by sightseeing



Scheveningen We don't stop for pictures here either.



Madurodam

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

St. John's Cathedral, in Brabant



Madurodam

Dam Square, Amsterdam



Madurodam

Another familiar sight.
The Peace Palace in The Hague.



Madurodam A model of Amsterdam's airport, Schipol



Schipol

The real thing



Schiphol

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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