

Why The Netherlands?

Every two years we offer an international opportunity to the Scouts. We visit countries and places you wouldn't normally go to on a family holiday, so giving a unique experience. In the past we have stayed in an alpine building in Adelboden in Switzerland, a converted school house in a small village called Domos on the bank of the Danube in Hungary, a Castle in the small town of Rieneck in Germany, a Hostel in Reykjavik in Iceland, a Hostel on the bank of lake Bohinj in Slovenia, a Youth Hostel in Malmedy in the Ardennes in Belgium and a Hostel on the outskirts of the city of Krakow in Poland.

Although many Scouts may have heard of The Netherlands (or Holland) how many have spent a week there? By going to this country it will offer the young people cultural experiences and activities in a memorable location showing them there are far more countries and places to visit rather than just the everyday ones that you hear about. In 2023 we will be staying in a town called Noordwijk, which is the west of the Netherlands, in the province of South Holland.

About The Netherlands & Noordwijk

The Netherlands, a country in north western Europe, is known for a flat landscape of canals, tulip fields, windmills and cycling routes. Amsterdam is the capital. The language in the whole of the country is Dutch, sometimes referred to as Netherlandic, a Germanic language that is also spoken by the inhabitants of northern Belgium.

With a population of 17.6 million people the Netherlands is the 16th most densely populated country in the world and the second-most densely populated country in the European Union. Nevertheless, it is the world's second-largest exporter of food and agricultural products by value, owing to its fertile soil, mild climate, intensive agriculture, and inventiveness.

The population of the place we are staying (Noordwijk) is just 42,859 (as of 2019).



The Netherlands



The Beach



Tulip Fields

When are we going?

The Hostel is booked from Saturday 5th August to Saturday 12th August 2023. The departure and return time is yet to be confirmed as this depends on the availability of the Eurotunnel or ferry crossing. This is the second week of the Summer Holidays so will still give families the opportunity to have a week away together later during the six week break.

Who is the Trip for?

The trip is open to current Scouts, those that will have moved up from Cubs and any Scouts that will have become Explorers or Young Leaders by the time of the trip and are **ACTIVE MEMBERS OF SCOUTING**.

How many can go?

We have booked rooms for just 25 Scouts/Explorers currently but more rooms may be available at the hostel if we don't leave it too long to book extras. The rooms will be single sex with ensuite facilities.

Where are we staying?

We will be staying at the Stayokay Hostel Noordwijk. Located just a 30 minute short walk across the dunes to the beach where evenings can be spent chilling out or paddling in the sea. We will be staying full board which means breakfast, packed lunches and evening meals are all supplied by the hostel - giving us more time to do activities and enjoy the local customs and culture.

Within the hostels grounds is an outdoor seating area, a volley ball court, climbing frame and sports field. There is also a snack and drinks bar available and normally in the summer an ice cream shack.



Stayokay Hostel

How much will it cost?

We have already got some guaranteed prices for 2023 for activities etc. and have secured some funding to bring the cost down. This means at the current exchange rate the cost is estimated at £395. If it is slightly more, then there will be an additional payment in July 2023 to cover the excess. Payments will be collected by monthly by Standing Order.

What does the cost include?

The fee of £395 includes, accommodation, all meals, activities, trips, tours, days out, 'Trip Branded' clothing, badges and travel insurance.

What is not included?

The cost does not include transport. The cost of the coach and crossing is expected to be around £6000. We cannot yet get firm quotes due to fluctuations in fuel costs. If we work on £6000 and we get 40 participants (the average of our international trips) the cost would work out at £150 per person. We will try and offer fundraising opportunities to help pay for the transport part of the trip and leaders will also look for grants to bring the cost down.

What will we be doing?

Here is a brief summary of what we plan to do:-

Dune Scooters

With many walking and cycling trails through the dunes there will be plenty to see during a morning of Dune Scootering. Enjoy exploring the local country side on two wheels and a stop at the beach for lunch or a splash in the sea.



Power Kiting

This is actually the basis of kite surfing. On the beach you will work with different types and sizes of power kites. You start with relatively small power kites in order to get off to a good, quiet and safe start and to have complete control of the power kite. Then you will slowly expand to a larger one. The kites will carry you through the sand, giving you an incredibly cool feeling.



Bowling

This needs no explanation. An evening at the local bowling alley



What will we be doing continued...

Duinrell Amusement Park

A day at this family friendly theme park. Fly high, go fast and spin around! There are over 40 rides and attractions, from the fun toboggan run and monorail to the more extreme roller coasters. There will be something for everyone



Atlantic Wall Museum

The Atlantikwall Museum Noordwijk consists of a series of bunkers from the Second World War. This gives you an idea of life in the bunkers during the war and the way in which the European coast was transformed into a fortress by the Germans.



Sea Rafting

Starting with a small piece of theory about safety, sea, currents, etc. then everyone puts on a wetsuit, helmet and grabs a paddle. In teams of 6-8 people, you will take the raft to the high tide line together. Once at the high tide line, you will then play different games in the water!



Mega SUP

Fun with six to 10 people on a mega surfboard of around 6 meters long! You will dive into the sea and experience the best moments in the surf. The experienced surf instructors will give useful tips & tricks during the activity to make even better use of the SUP.



Amsterdam Canal Cruise

We will spend a day in the capital. One of the best ways to explore it is on the canal. There's a story to tell about almost every bridge or building, so you can see 100 highlights in one hour.



The Anne Frank House Museum

One of the sad stories from WWII happened at this place. The Anne Frank House is a museum with a story. As a visitor, you experience this story through quotes, photos, videos, and original items.



Resistance Museum

Travel with the 'time machine' to the Netherlands during WWII and empathize with four children in this interactive museum that brings their story to life.



High Ropes

Enjoy 2 hours of climbing activities at the largest and most spectacular indoor and outdoor adventure park in the Netherlands. SOME of the things to try are the Zipline, Via Ferrata, Freefall Jumps, High Ropes and Climbing Wall .



Water Park

The Tiki Pool is more than a tropical swimming pool. Its has 21 unique slides, making it the largest water park in the Benelux area! Enjoy 1.5 km of exciting slides, the kids water park Playa and the outdoor area.



Ice Karting

Conquer the ice circuit in a go-kart. The task is also to cross the finish line first, but what does it take to do that? With the right technique you can manoeuvre yourself forward while drifting and you are able to overtake competitors. Speed is less important than the right technique.



Jumpin Party

We finish the week by going to the local Trampoline Park for a party. Friday is disco night, so dance while you bounce! Lemonade and chips are provided for when you need a break from jumping.



AUGUST 5th - 12th

ICE KARTING

DUNE SCOOTERS

SEA RAFTING

AMUSEMENT PARK

TRAMPOLINE PARK DISCO

POWER KITING

MEGA SUP

BOWLING

CANAL CRUISE

HIGH ROPES

FREE FALL JUMP

WATER PARK

ZIP LINE

DAY IN AMSTERDAM

HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

AND MORE!

