



Fall Break in The Netherlands

A travel/study program for eighth
grade and high school honors
students and interested adults

October 1-10, 2027



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This program is an opportunity for eighth grade and high school honors students and interested adults to spend eight days learning about the history, culture, and people of The Netherlands. Sponsored by The Center for Gifted Studies at Western Kentucky University, the program provides a carefully structured experience. Twenty-five qualified applicants will be accompanied by the program director.

Application

All travelers must be able to participate in everyday physical activities. Student applicants also must meet the following criteria:

- Enrollment in 8th-12th grade;
- Involvement in high school honors or gifted services; and
- A recommendation from a teacher, counselor, principal, or gifted and talented coordinator if traveling without an adult.

Apply at wku.edu/gifted/travel or scan the QR code on the right.

A nonrefundable \$500 deposit is required when you apply. Passport expiration must not be within 6 months of travel, and you will need to provide a copy of your passport information page to The Center.

NOTE: The group is capped at 25; eligible participants will be admitted in the order in which applications are received. The deposit will be returned if the tour has reached capacity.



Cost

The program cost of \$6,500 includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from Nashville, TN;
- Accommodations in double rooms (an adult may request a single room for an additional charge);
- Breakfast each day at the hotel;
- Admission to historic sites, museums, and other points of interest listed on the itinerary;
- Travel by motor coach for excursions.

Apply and submit your deposit by December 1 to receive a \$250 discount!

Payment schedule

- \$500 deposit and a passport-sized photo are due with application
- \$3,000 due May 1, 2027
- \$3,000 due June 1, 2027

NOTE: Cost is subject to change should there be changes in airfares, monetary exchange rates, or service costs. The itinerary is subject to minor changes in daily activities.

Itinerary

Friday, October 1

Travel nonstop from Nashville to Amsterdam.

Saturday, October 2

Arrive in Amsterdam and meet our guide. Travel by private motor coach to Dam Square in central Amsterdam. Tour the Royal Palace, the official residence of the Netherlands' King Willem-Alexander. Visit the area around Dam Square, then check into our hotel.

Sunday, October 3

In the morning, attend church service at Westerkirk. After lunch, take a step back in time by visiting Our Lord in the Attic Museum, a charming Catholic church hidden away in the attic of a 17th-century merchant's house.

Monday, October 4

Spend the morning visiting the Aalsmeer Flower Auction, held in what is claimed to be the world's largest commercial building. About



half of all the flowers exported from Holland are auctioned here. In the afternoon, visit the Van Gogh Museum, which houses 200 paintings owned by Van Gogh's brother, Theo. In the evening, take a canal boat tour of Amsterdam.

Tuesday, October 5

Take a full-day excursion to Arnhem to tour the Netherlands Open-Air Folk Museum. This park provides the opportunity to visit windmills, old farmhouses, and other buildings relocated from throughout the Netherlands.

Wednesday, October 6

In the morning, visit the Rijksmuseum. This magnificent museum houses the world's finest collections of Dutch Masters. In the afternoon, visit the Anne Frank House, where, for two years, eight Jews from Amsterdam hid from Nazi persecution during World War II. Their story became famous through *The Diary of Anne Frank*.



Thursday, October 7

Visit the Jewish Quarter of Amsterdam to learn about the impact of the holocaust on the Jewish community of Amsterdam. Points of interest to be visited include the Portuguese Synagogue, the National Holocaust Museum, the Dutch Resistance Museum, and the Dutch Theater Memorial.

Friday October 8

Travel to Delft, famous as the home of the artist Vermeer and the Delft blue and white earthenware. Take a walking tour of the beautiful old city. In the afternoon, visit the Royal Delft Museum to see how the famous earthenware is made.

Saturday, October 9

In the morning, visit Rembrandt's house. The afternoon will provide one last chance to explore points of interest in Amsterdam.

Sunday, October 10

Depart Amsterdam for Nashville.

