

Facts about our 'small' Netherlands.

All facts and figures written below are correct. It's the truth and only the truth even when you don't believe what you are reading.

Everyone knows Holland is small. Not only the town Holland (Michigan USA) but also the country of Holland. It's official name is: Kingdom of the Netherlands. This Kingdom only covers 0.008% of the world's surface. But we are the world's third biggest exporter of agricultural products!

In the Netherlands over 16.700.000 people live. This results in the most density population on earth: 480 persons/square kilometre. They own even more bicycles for which over 15.000 km special cycling roads are available.



This is how you do it (clothes are optional.....)

Cycling and eating raw herring with unions (a real Dutch habit) must be very healthy: the Dutch are the tallest Europeans. Or is it an evolution by living under the sea level, 25% actually is, to keep the head above the water surface. Small? We own world's longest sea barrier (36 km)

Vincent van Gogh was a 'small' painter: he sold only one painting during his life!

Although Amsterdam is actually small, it contains only about 850.000 inhabitants, it also houses 1281 bridges.



Did you know tulips are originally from Turkey? We manage to produce about 80% of the world's production of tulips today. Another big figure: we are number eighth biggest export country.

Want to see 22 Rembrandt's and 206 van Gogh's?. Amsterdam has 42 museums. There are over 100 museums in the Netherlands.

Anne Frank was Dutch.

In the south off the Netherlands we have the Dutch mountains. Small, 323 meters high, but beautiful.

Still the Netherlands are not completely full: Rotterdam harbour still fits in. It is world's second biggest port. (in the next years it will grow..... into the sea)

Another great fact: in case you arrive by airplane you will enter the Netherlands 4.5 meters below sea level.

Some people die, many babies are born, emigrants come and emigrants go. Every day our population grows with about 195 human beings.

Again: the Netherlands aren't small! We have the biggest on land oil field of Western Europe

Don't walk along the lanes reserved for bicycles, it drives us mad!



Oops, what is this?

Already about 86% of Dutch households have a pc and internet access

Still having some space left, we invite the International Peace Court the come to the Hague.

Dutch inventions: CD player, Bugaboo, color tv, transistor, Senseo, the microscope and telescoop too, going Dutch.....

Besides we were the first ones to discover America, we also discovered Australia. At least nearly the first one. We sail by and wrote it down in a journal.....

By now it must be clear to you. Maybe we are small in size, we are big in many other things. Some of them are visible some are not. The ones which are, are the ones we want to show you. Next to our habits, believes and traditions it will be a true experience to know what we are. What we do. What the fun is to live like we do.

If you want to we are more than willing to guide you through our 'beautiful country below the sea'.

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