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Passport and Tourist Visa Conditions

The Netherlands forms part of the Schengen Area. Australian passport holders are usually allowed to enter the Schengen Area for Tourism or Business purposes for up to 90 days in any 180 day period without a visa. The countries which make up the Schengen Area are Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

Travellers to the Schengen Area are recommended to ensure their passport is valid for at least six months beyond their intended stay. Travellers are also recommended to be able to provide documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay as well as tickets and entry documents for their onward destination. For further information and to confirm that you are able to travel to the Schengen Area without a visa, please contact a Dutch mission on the details below.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against Hepatitis B should be considered by frequent travellers to the Netherlands or those intending on a long stay overseas. Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations, including a recent annual Influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to disease and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to the Netherlands should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Under the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement, Australians visiting the Netherlands are entitled to free access to the public health care system. To take advantage of this, travellers must obtain a Certificate of Eligibility by forwarding a copy of their Australian Passport, Medicare card and an A111 application form to Zilveren Kruis Insurance (further details are located on the Human Services website listed below). This agreement does not replace the need for travellers to take out travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. For information regarding the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement, please go to www.humanservices.gov.au.

Dutch Representation in Australia

Embassy of the Netherlands, Canberra

120 Empire Circuit
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

Tel: (02) 6220 9400

Web: www.netherlandsandyou.nl

Consulate of the Netherlands, Sydney

Tower 2, 101 Grafton St
BONDI JUNCTION NSW 2022

Tel: (02) 9387 6644

Fax: (02) 9387 3962

The Netherlands also maintains consulates in Adelaide, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne and Perth. For the contact details of these missions please see the website of the Embassy of the Netherlands listed above.

Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

Exercise normal safety precautions in the Netherlands. Use common sense. Look out for suspicious behaviour, as you would in Australia. There remains a heightened threat of terrorist attack in a number of European countries, including the Netherlands. The Netherlands' national terrorism threat level is at 'substantial'. This is the fourth of five levels. See [Safety and security](#).

There are new security measures at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. Allow extra time for pre-departure and transfer formalities. See [Safety and security](#). Robbery, pickpocketing and bag snatching are common, particularly around tourist attractions. See [Safety and security](#).

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in the Netherlands at www.smartraveller.gov.au.



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The Netherlands are Greenwich Mean Time +1 hour (+2 during daylight saving). The applicable time zone is Central European Time (CET) or Central European Summer Time (CEST). Daylight saving is observed in the Netherlands from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October.

Netherlands, 12 noon, December = Perth 7pm, Darwin 8:30pm, Brisbane 9pm, Adelaide 9:30pm, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 10pm.
Netherlands, 12 noon, June = Perth 6pm, Darwin 7:30pm, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 8pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for the Netherlands: +31
To Dial Australia Call: 00 61 <City> <Number>
Australian Reverse Charges Direct:
0800 022 0061. Users may need to insert coins.
Not available from mobile phones.
Travelex Card Services: 0800 022 8308
Visa Global Assist: 0800 023 2964
MasterCard: 0800 022 5821
American Express Travellers Cheques:
0800 023 3405
Directory Assistance:
Domestic 0900 8008
International 0900 8418
National Prefixes:
Rotterdam 010
Amsterdam 020
The Hague 070
Emergency Services: 112
All emergency services in the Netherlands should have English speaking operators.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _____
Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____
Card Number: _____
Name: _____ Institution: _____
Card Number: _____

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____
Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____
Name: _____ Institution: _____
Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in The Netherlands

Embassy of Australia, The Netherlands

Carnegielaan 4
THE HAGUE 2517 KH

Tel: (+31 70) 310 8200
Fax: (+31 70) 310 8250

Web: www.netherlands.embassy.gov.au

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in the Netherlands are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Australian Embassy in The Hague, or online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances

Allowances when entering the Netherlands from a non EU state:
 Alcohol: 1 L spirits (>22% alc vol) or 2 L other beverages; as well as 4 L of still wine and 16 L of beer.
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250 g of tobacco.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of €430 for commercial air and sea travellers, €300 for others.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:
 Alcohol: 2.25 litres.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering the Netherlands and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before entering either country. For information on European Customs regulations please visit www.ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/individuals, or for information regarding Australian customs regulations please visit www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: European

Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia, no voltage/frequency converter required).

Modem Plug Type: USA

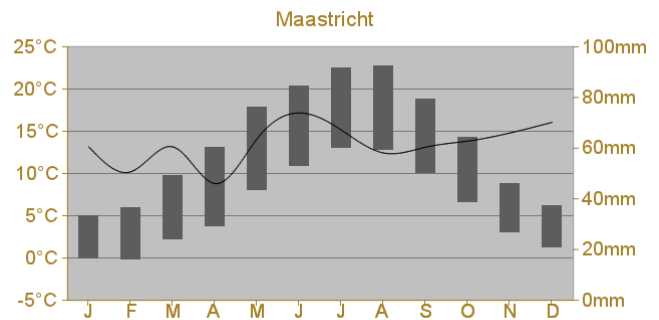
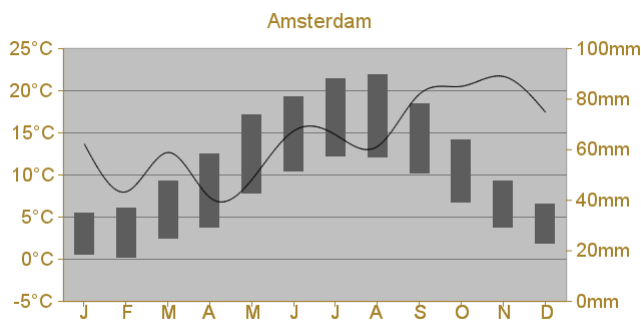
Source: Korjo Travel Products. To purchase electrical/modem adaptors, or for further information on this matter, please view the Korjo adapter guide at www.korjo.com.au.



Dutch Public Holidays 2018

01 Jan:	New Year's Day	10 May:	Ascension Day
30 Mar:	Good Friday	20 May:	Whit Sunday
01 Apr:	Easter Sunday	21 May:	Whit Monday
02 Apr:	Easter Monday	25 Dec:	Christmas
27 Apr:	King's Birthday	26 Dec:	Boxing Day
05 May:	Liberation Day		

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in The Netherlands



Source: Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute. For 5 day local forecasts please go to www.bbc.co.uk/weather.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 0.63 Euro
 1 Euro (EUR) = 1.58 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 0.61 Euro
 1 Euro (EUR) will cost 1.65 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

The following is a purchasing-power comparison of the Euro in The Netherlands and the Australian Dollar, using the Big Mac as a common good. While it is not a faultless comparison, it is a useful indicator of the purchasing-power of the two currencies.

Big Mac Australia: \$5.95 (AUD) = 3.76 Euro
 Big Mac The Netherlands: €3.71 (EUR) = 5.88 Australian Dollars

A Big Mac in The Netherlands is therefore 1% less expensive than in Australia.

This comparison is based on 2018 prices using current exchange rates. Prices may not include variations by locality or local taxes.

Currency Cheat Sheet

This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.

€0.50 = \$0.82 AUD	€10 = \$16.47 AUD	€100 = \$164.73 AUD
€1 = \$1.65 AUD	€20 = \$32.95 AUD	€200 = \$329.47 AUD
€2 = \$3.29 AUD	€30 = \$49.42 AUD	€300 = \$494.20 AUD
€3 = \$4.94 AUD	€40 = \$65.89 AUD	€400 = \$658.94 AUD
€4 = \$6.59 AUD	€50 = \$82.37 AUD	€500 = \$823.67 AUD
€5 = \$8.24 AUD	€60 = \$98.84 AUD	€600 = \$988.40 AUD
€6 = \$9.88 AUD	€70 = \$115.31 AUD	€700 = \$1,153.14 AUD
€7 = \$11.53 AUD	€80 = \$131.79 AUD	€800 = \$1,317.87 AUD
€8 = \$13.18 AUD	€90 = \$148.26 AUD	€900 = \$1,482.61 AUD
€9 = \$14.83 AUD	€1,000 = \$1,647.34 AUD	

Notes and Coins

The legal currency of the Netherlands is the Euro, which is abbreviated using the symbol € (for example €100). The subunit of the Euro is the cent, of which there are 100 in every Euro. The following units of currency are the most common but other versions and denominations are also in circulation (including a purple €500 note and other nations' coins). Pictures are not to scale.





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About The Netherlands

Full Name: Koninkrijk der Nederlanden (Kingdom of the Netherlands).

Independence: 1579 (from Spain).

Size: 41,543 sq km (60% the size of Tasmania).

Population: 16.7 million (76% the size of Australia). Amsterdam 1 million; Rotterdam 1 million; The Hague 629,000.

Ethnicity: Dutch 80%, Indonesian 2.4%, Turkish 2.2%, Surinamese 2%, Moroccan 2%, Caribbean 0.8%.

Language: Dutch and Frisian are the official languages of the Netherlands.

Religion: Catholic 30%, Protestant 20%, Muslim 5.8%, none 42%.

GDP Per Capita: US\$42,300 (Australia US\$40,800).

Significant Dates:

- 54 BC - Caesar captures the areas south of the Rhine for Rome.
- 1433 AD - Duke of Burgundy unites the Netherlands and Belgium.
- 1568-1648- Eighty Years War against the Spanish. Dutch national identity begins to develop.
- 1602 - Dutch East India Company ushers in the Golden Age in which Dutch explorers discover and claim many colonies.
- 1815 - Kingdom of the Netherlands (including Belgium) formed.
- 1830 - Belgium revolts and succeeds.
- 1914-18 - Netherlands remains neutral during World War 1.
- 1940-45 - Neutral Netherlands is invaded and occupied by Germany.
- 1949 - Indonesia (Netherlands Indies) is the first of several colonies to gain independence or become equal partners in the Kingdom.

