

# 10 Fun Must-Do's this Spring in the Netherlands

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Spring is in the air- are you as excited as we are?! Dutch tulips, sunny bike rides, the first ice cream cone of the year, boat rides, drinks on a terrace, beach visits... the Netherlands offers a ton of fun activities in springtime!

Here are Abroad Experience' Top 10 things to do this spring in the Netherlands. We challenge you to try out all of them and to add these to your own spring bucket list.

1. Don't forget to bring your camera when you **go and see the tulips at the Keukenhof** this spring. The Keukenhof is one of the largest flower gardens in Europe and is located between Amsterdam and Leiden. You can book a guided tour, take a boat ride on the water or enjoy a coffee & traditional Dutch cake at one of the restaurants in the park. Did you know that there is also a flower parade, which takes place in April? Plan your visit soon- the park will open its door per March 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 and will open until May 15<sup>th</sup> 2022.
2. **Visit the National Park de Hoge Veluwe** and rent their famous 'white bikes' for free to explore the beautiful park in all its capacities. Make sure to bring a picnic blanket or plan in some time to grab lunch at one of the scenic restaurants. One of the most beautiful monuments in the park is the "Jachthuis Sint Hubertus", which is actually also one of the most important monuments in the Netherlands. You can book a guided tour in different languages to see the inside of the building. The Hoge Veluwe also offers open-air concerts, make sure to check their calendar for more information. Every first Sunday of the month between March and October a hunting horn concert is given, which is free of charge. There are many other beautiful national parks to check out this spring too- some of our favorite ones are the Utrechtse Heuvelrug, the Meinweg National Park, de Loonse Duinen National Park, Dwingelderveld National Park and Veluwezoom National Park. Which one is your favorite?
3. **Visit a Dutch beach island** or enjoy the **Dutch coast**- beach please! Some beaches tend to be very crowded as soon as the sun comes out, such as Scheveningen. Here are our favorite beaches to get your next tan, dive into the sea and hang out at a beach tent: Zeeland has some of the most beautiful beaches of the whole Netherlands- Vrouwenpolder near

Domburg is a peaceful and quiet beach that is not touristy. We also suggest to visit the Dutch beach islands, such as Texel where there is plenty of space for beach visits and other outdoor activities.

4. **Rent a pedal boat, kayak or canoe** in large cities, such as Utrecht or Amsterdam. Insider tip: One of our favorite places to rent a canoe or kayak is at the 'Kanoverhuur de Rijnstroom', which is close to the football stadium FC Utrecht and opposite of the swimming pool Krommerijn. Rent a boat for a couple of hours and paddle down the canal in the direction of Amelisweerd where you will pass along beautiful castles and peaceful nature. Park your boat at the Teahouse Rhijnauwen to eat a traditional Dutch pancake while sitting on the terrace at the water.
5. Visit one of many **local street markets** in spring to buy yourself some beautiful flowers, fresh fruits & vegetables, some nice antiques, clothes or piece of art. For a great overview about must-see markets, visit <https://theculturetrip.com/europe/the-netherlands/articles/7-must-visit-markets-in-the-netherlands/>
6. Experience a **magical day at the most traditional amusement park of the Netherlands- The Efteling!** The Efteling is open year-round but certainly has its extra charm in spring and summer with its fun water rides, magical forests and sunny walks in all areas of the park. Did you know that the Efteling is one of the oldest theme parks of the world and was initially a fairytale forest before it expanded to a park with attraction rides?
7. Do a **castle tour**- yes, the Netherlands is home to quite some impressive & historical castles that will take your breath away. The "De Haar" Castle in the Utrecht area is most likely one of the most popular and luxurious castles of the Netherlands. The tour that they offer to visit the inside of the castles is worth every penny. Other traditional castles to include on your list are 'Paleis Het Loo' in Apeldoorn, the Valkenburg castle and the Zuylen castle with its excellent café in the palace garden. These castles are especially attractive in spring & summer time, as many of them offer beautiful gardens, ponds and even outdoor festival events.

8. Feel extra Dutch for a day by visiting the **Kinderdijk windmills** – The Netherlands is very much known for its windmills after all! These 19 windmills in the Ablasserwaard Polder area are actually part of the UNESCO world heritage. As there are so many windmills to see here, you can easily fill up a whole day by biking past these windmills and visiting the two museums. Kinderdijk is easy to reach from Rotterdam by public transport too.
9. Celebrate the King's birthday on **Kings Day (April 27<sup>th</sup>)**. Kings Day is a very popular highlight of the year in the Netherlands- everybody dresses up in orange, the national color of the Netherlands and celebrates on the streets. Another fun fact: On King's Day people are allowed to sell things on the street without needing a permit, so you can find plenty of flea markets. In many large cities, such as Utrecht these flea markets already start the day before King's Day.
10. Get fit for summer and meet new people by signing up for a **Boot Camp Outdoor Class**. Especially the past few years, boot camps have become very popular all around the Netherlands. This is the perfect season to get to know new people and workout together. You can find boot camp groups near you in the Meetup App or online.

Abroad Experience Recruitment wishes you a sunny spring with new adventures, time for exploration and fun!