



NETHERLANDS



The Netherlands informally Holland, is a country located in northwestern Europe with overseas territories in the Caribbean. Also known for a flat landscape of canals, tulip fields, windmills, cycling routes, excellent public transportation, vibrant cultural scene, and liberal attitudes.

In The Netherlands, au pairs can live directly with local host families and enjoy the famous “Hygge” way of life in essence, of creating a warm atmosphere and enjoying the simple things in life with good company. Dutch, is very similar to English, German, Yiddish, and Afrikaans, and a stay in Holland also provides great opportunities to learn the Dutch language.

An au pair is a helper from a foreign country working for, and living as part of, a host family. Typically, au pairs take on a share of the family’s responsibility of childcare & light housework, in exchange for boarding, food and a monetary (money) allowance or stipend

for personal use as a temporary member of the family. Host families get help with children and have the benefits of cultural exchange right at home a clear win-win.

As an agency we choose our au pairs as well as our families, very well to ensure that both sides have a wonderful experience.

Requirements for the Netherlands au pair program:

- ❖ You are between 18-25 years old.
- ❖ You are not married and have no children or foster children.
- ❖ Namibian and/ or South African citizen
- ❖ You must have a school leaving certificate (Matric)
- ❖ Childcare experience
- ❖ Can ride a bike
- ❖ Pay for your flight ticket
- ❖ You are willing to attend a language course during your stay in the Netherlands
- ❖ No criminal record

The au pair and host family should discuss the “duties of the au pair” in detail prior to the commencement of the au pair stay and put the agreed tasks into the written contract as precisely as possible.

Why choose The Netherlands as your next Host Country?

- ❖ Amsterdam, the capital, is home to the Rijksmuseum, Van Gogh Museum and the house where Jewish diarist Anne Frank hid during WWII.
- ❖ The Netherlands is the world's safest country for cycling.
- ❖ Transportation is very safe and it's possible to explore many cities in a short period of time.
- ❖ Very low crime rate and safe to live in.
- ❖ Dutch food is meat and potato or fish based for dinner and bread, milk and cheese based for everything else with a touch of delicious stroopwafel, a thin, round waffle cookie made from two layers of sweet baked dough held together by syrup filling, a must try.
- ❖ As an open nation you can share your skills, passions and culture from your home country.
- ❖ Perfect opportunity to learn how to properly ride a bike cycle.
- ❖ Find the thrill of hopping between buzzing street markets and shopping streets.

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