
Subject: Re: Travel Destination: Holland

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David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,

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> I'm putting together a short tour of Europe mid-Feb and plan

> to set aside 3-4 days to travel in Holland. What's

> on your list of things I *must* see or do while I am there?

Just Holland? Or other parts of the Netherlands as well? :o)

Dunno about "must" but I enjoyed a coffee verkeerd on the square in Alkmaar watching all the blokes jog about with their kaas boats :o) Dunno if they have it in mid Feb though. A walk through the dunes just north of Beverwijk is pretty neat - so much open space always seemed incongruous to me (I suspect it's manufactured open space, but I'm not sure).

And if you've got a car, you do have to visit the delta werken down south. Pretty impressive project to protect people and wildlife that was conceived after the '53 flood.

The Frisian islands are neat in a relaxed sort of way, but I dunno about February. Brrr...

There's also a cool old cathedral in Utrecht - the Domkerk? Can't remember. Built in the 1200's or somesuch. I remember climbing up the worn stone steps of the tower thinking about all the poor monkly buggers who made the climb before me.

And then, of course, there's Amstel-o-dam... :o) There a bzillion things to do and see (various museums, Anne Frank's house, "cafes") and it's the only place where I've seen grannies out for their evening walk, prostitutes, policemen, and pick pockets all plying their trades in peaceful coexistence in canal-crossed neighbourhoods built in the 1400's. Quite surreal. Good chips and mayo tho' (well, better than here).

cheers,

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