

RECOMMENDED READING

The Holland Handbook 2007-2008 edition

A veritable encyclopedia about Holland, this indispensable reference book - for expatriates and émigrés alike - appears in its 8th edition for 2007-2008, and is by far the most popular and well-read book about living and working in the Netherlands. With over 70,000 copies sold, *The Holland Handbook* has become required reading for anyone wanting to be 'in the know' about all aspects of life in this small country.

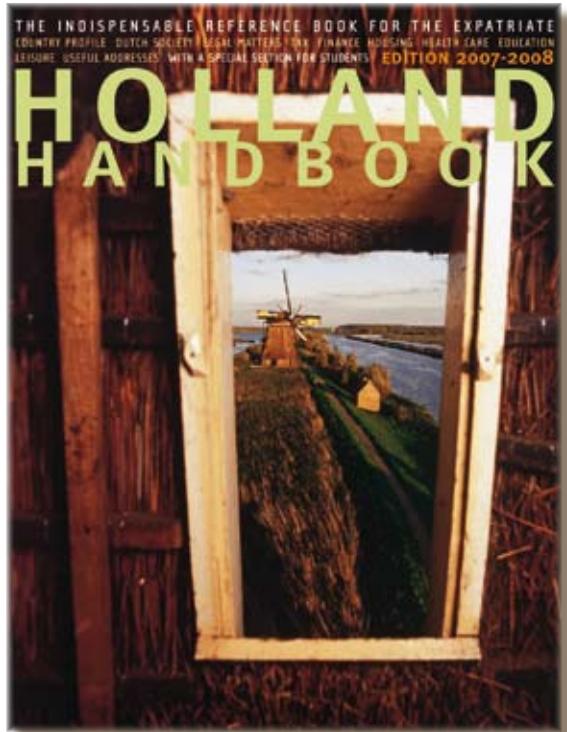
Written by over 20 contributors - all professionals in their fields - *The Holland Handbook* is a well-researched, comprehensive resource providing detailed information on a wide range of subjects. Topics include a country profile, Dutch culture and society, etiquette, legal matters, tax and finance issues, housing, health care, education, leisure, language, as well as

numerous useful contact addresses, phone numbers and websites. There is also a special section for international students.

Explanations are given in a clear, concise manner, and segmented with numerous headings under each subject, making it easy to use. This full-color book is richly illustrated with stunning photography, illustrations and select advertisements of useful services for both newcomers and residents.

Whether you are employed, a trailing partner, a student or a single newcomer, *The Holland Handbook* has something for everyone, and the answers to almost any conceivable question. It will prove to be of immeasurable value in improving the quality of your stay in Holland.

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Dutch for Dummies

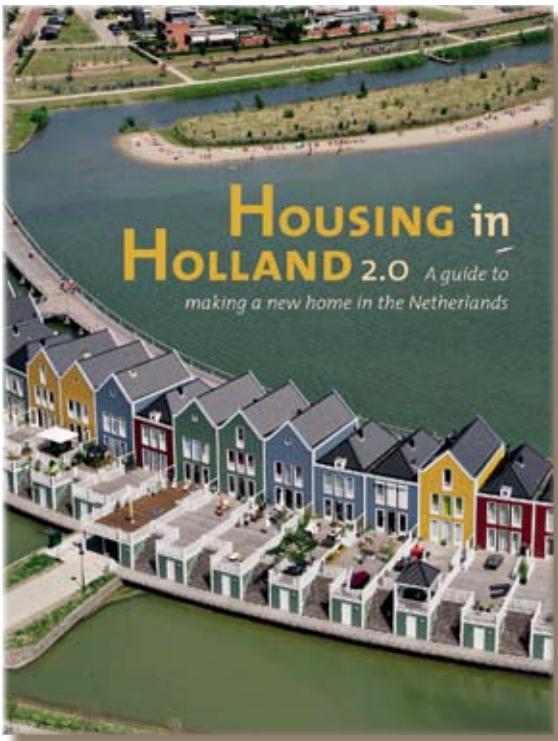
For anyone who has ever thought about learning Dutch but just can't seem to get out the door to take a course, *Dutch for Dummies* may be the answer to your linguistic dilemma. This self-study language learning book includes dialogues from the book on the accompanying audio CD. Written by Margreet Kwakernaak, a language instructor for over a decade and founder of Suitcase Talen in Almere, the book's format (in typically Dummies style), is accessible, easy to use and provides just the right touches of humor coupled with practical language information and tidbits on Dutch culture.

Beyond the required basics of getting started with pronunciation, grammar, tenses, sentence construction, spelling and counting, *Dutch for Dummies* takes a practical approach to Dutch in action. Polite greetings, introductions, explanations and chit-chat quickly move the language-learner forward into social situations requiring specific vocabularies, such as dining out in restaurants, shopping excursions

and leisure activities, as well as the workplace. The book includes simple phrases for when you are out and about for dealing with money, banks and the post office, asking for directions, staying in a hotel, organizing transportation and emergency situations. Further tips are included on ways to pick up Dutch quickly, favorite Dutch expressions, as well as things you should never say, and a mini-dictionary. The practical Dutch dialogue you learn makes speaking Dutch fun and easy.

SPECIAL OFFER for our readers! The publisher has provided five copies of *Dutch for Dummies* to give away free to the first five people that e-mail us at: info@xpat.nl with the title in the topic header.

Author: Margreet Kwakernaak, published by Pearson Education Benelux, ISBN 90 430 0892 3, € 32.95 - 400 pages plus audio CD



Housing in Holland 2.0 A Guide to Making a New Home in the Netherlands

As the title suggests, *Housing in Holland* is a practical guide for all of your queries regarding the system of rules and regulations you need to navigate to find your new living quarters in the Netherlands. This revised 2nd edition provides everything you need to know about making a new home in the Netherlands.

Housing in Holland was developed in order to guide the English-speaking foreigner through the process involved in rentals and purchase. Options on where to look, search tips, help in securing legitimate assistance, and arranging financing for home purchases are presented, as are housing inspections, pests and problems and insurances for both the renter and homeowner. The extra costs, levies and

taxes encountered here in the Netherlands are also clearly explained. Informative, well-researched chapters provide assistance in contracting specialists for home repairs or remodeling, where to find furnishings - from modern to antique - beautifying the garden, recycling, utilities, and much more. Beautiful photography, important addresses, recommended reading as well as a chapter on safety for the protection of property and goods all add to this invaluable guide. Selected advertisers who are specialists in the Dutch housing market have also contributed to the publication. In short, whether you choose a room, a city apartment, a houseboat, a townhouse or a country manor, *Housing in Holland* has the answers you are looking for.

Author: Connie Moser, RMS Relocation Management Services and Finsens. Published by XPat Media, ISBN 978 90 5594 516 0 / NUGI 530, € 24.90 - 240 pages

Here's Holland

Touted as "One of the best all-in-one guides to travel in Holland," this book makes a great travel companion, taking you on an incomparable journey through Holland - province by province. Weighing in at just under 500 pages, *Here's Holland* is a veritable treasure chest of travel gems.

Whether you are just visiting or living here in the Netherlands, this comprehensive guide to the best that Holland has to offer is presented from an insider's point of view. Written by British expatriate author Sheila Gazaleh-Weevers and updated by American expatriate editors Shirley Agudo and Connie Moser - all long-time residents of Holland - the book is full of tips, practical advice and contains a wealth of resources.

Here's Holland tells you where to go, what to see, where to stay, from hotels

to castles and contains recommendations for favorite restaurants, along with entertainment guides. Each chapter details well-known and less familiar sites, from world-class museums, savvy city-tours, to picturesque villages and idyllic landscapes dotted with windmills and cows. Plus inside information on characteristic Dutch culture and customs, local crafts and products, bicycling, shopping opportunities, sport venues, international clubs, markets and much, much more. There is a chapter on the beaches, a quick-reference section, and a yearly calendar of festivals and events throughout the country.

By Sheila Gazaleh-Weevers with Shirley Agudo and Connie Moser. Published by Eburon Academic Publishers, ISBN 978 90 5972 141 8, € 27.50 - 492 pages

