

Human Geography introduces students to the "Why of Where." Using The Netherlands as our case study, we will explore the country by bike, riding town-to-town to examine the traditional and global influences on the landscapes and culture of Holland. Highlights include learning how painter Vincent Van Gogh was influenced by Japanese art, visiting a floating dairy farm, exploring the silver trade and the skills of the silversmith, discovering how windmills are used in water management, and meeting with city planners to understand how the city center in Utrecht became car-free.

## **Dates**

Depart: Saturday, June 1

Return: Sunday, June 16

## Cost

\$5299

Some financial aid available

Includes: roundtrip airfare from EWR to AMS, all transportation in the Netherlands, all meals and accommodations, bike rental, all group excursion admissions, and basic group insurance coverage.

Does NOT include: spending money, extra snacks, or individual travel

## **Application Process**

Step 1: Complete the application by November 1, 2023 including:

- Student Application Form
- Parental Consent Form

Step 2: Interview (rolling dates with submission of application materials)

Step 3: Bike Test

Decision notification to families: 11/17

Notes: Students must be able to ride a bike well to participate. The target size of the group for this immersive experience is 14 students. This experience is designed for students in the Class of 2027 who have completed Human Geography



Itinerary\*

Day 1: Fly from Newark, NJ to Amsterdam

Day 2-4: Amsterdam

- Mike's Bike Tour of Amsterdam
- Albert Cop Market
- Anne Frank House
- Van Gogh Museum

Day 4: Travel to Haarlem

• Bike Orientation

Day 5: Leiden (40 km)

- Bike through the coastal national park
- Explore cultural landscape of Leiden

- Day 6-9: Delft (44 km)
  Enjoy Dutch pancakes
- Delftware Factory
- Peace Palace (The Hague)
- House of Parliament (The Hague)

Day 9-11: Dordrecht (45 km)

- Floating Dairy Farm (Rotterdam)
- Kinderdijk see some of the iconic windmills of Holland
- Beisbosch Museum

Day 11-12: Gouda (49 km)

- Pit stop in the walled city of Schoonhoven for the Dutch
- De Goudse Waag Museum
- Siroopwaffel Factory

Day 12-14: Utrecht (47 km)

- Cheese Farm Ruyge Weide
- Learn about infrastructure in the car-free city
- Kayaking

Day 14: Naarden (45 km)

- Explore the landscape of a town designed to be a fort
- Naarden Vesting Fort Museum

Day 15: Bike to Haarlem (44 km)

• Final group dinner at a windmill

Day 16: Fly home!



\*Subject to change based on availability (Biking distances)



## Meet your trip leaders

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