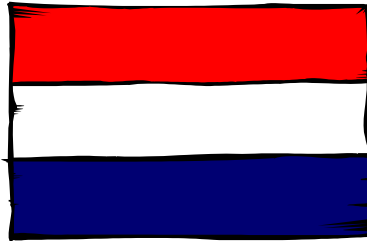


The Netherlands Holland



Holland, or the Netherlands, is located in Western Europe. It is a small country nestled between Belgium and Germany. The North Sea borders the country to the north and west.

In Holland, people greet each other with 3 kisses the cheek. They kiss on one side first, then the other side, and back to the first side. However, when men greet other men, they usually just shake hands.

The official language of the Netherlands is Dutch.

Hallo means hello

Goedemorgen "KHOO duh MORE khien" means good morning

Dag "dahn" or doi "doeey" mean bye

About 20% of the land is below sea level and almost half of the land is just one meter above sea level. Being such a low lying country, Holland has built dams, dikes, and pumping stations to keep the sea and rivers out.

Windmills were first used to help drain the water. Now the windmills are mainly tourist attractions.



The Dutch wooden clog shoes are called Klompen. They are very good for wearing around the farm to protect your feet.

Many people in Holland ride bicycles as their main form of transportation. In fact, there are three times as many bicycles as there are cars.

Tulips grow extremely well in the Netherlands.