

Netherlands



	Programme fee Euros	Departure date	Return date	Application deadline	Departure Date	Return Date	Application Deadline
Semester 5 months	E4227*	January**	June ***	October 1	August**	February***	May 1
Academic year 10 months	E4743 or E5100**	January**	November***	October 1	August**	June***	May 1

*Prices are subject to change without notice as flight charges, exchange rates fluctuate and contracts are renegotiated.

Airfares are charged separately. An extra \$200 is payable for late visa applications

**Actual dates are proposed by our affiliate when the application is complete. Costs depend on start date.

***Students leave the Netherlands within two weeks of the end of the programme.

Visa costs of about \$100 are payable on registering in Holland.

Language and Culture

You need to be fluent in English and it is preferable for you to have some knowledge of Dutch before you leave. It is also desirable that you have some idea of Dutch culture and ways of communicating.

Bicycles are a major, daily form of transport and you can expect to be involved in this. Some Dutch people cycle for a considerable distance each day. Food and meals are very different from most NZ families.

Placements

These are made before you leave and if you have applied at the correct time you should be in contact with your host family for at least a week before you leave. Some students are in contact for a month or more. Host families have to go through an interview and vetting process and your personality and preferences are taken into account if at all possible. However, it is best to keep an open mind about which situation is going to give you a good experience.

Successful placements depend as much upon you as upon the family you're given. Some students stay with the same family for a whole year while others may have two or three families.

Applications

These begin with the simple form in the initial application brochure. It requires basic details, a photo, the permission of your parents or guardians, a copy of your passport and \$50 to convince us that you're serious. It is followed by a full application form. This takes most people quite a while to complete. Then comes an interview/chat at home with at least one of your parents/guardians present. This takes about two and a half hours. Most people who get to this stage are able to go on exchange. If the interview works well, we'll begin looking for a placement for you, booking flights, and buying insurance. This can take three months so it is good to apply early.

Visas

If you have a UK or European passport you will not need a visa. If you are travelling on a New Zealand passport, your visa will be arranged after you have arrived. There is an extra fee for this of around \$950 and you will need a special kind of birth certificate with you.. Five month programmes can be extended but there is a substantial additional fee.

Orientation

You will receive a brief orientation before you leave and on arrival will be transferred to accommodation with other exchange students. Everyone will have an orientation session which will include language instruction.



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