



“At Home in Holland”- expat experiences

Why?

Living and working in another country requires adaptation to different ways of organising one's life. A new working environment, new colleagues and friends, social conditions, housing, medical assistance, dealing with government institutions are all embedded in the local culture and circumstances.

'At Home in Holland' provides newcomers to The Netherlands a better understanding of the key aspects and backgrounds of Dutch culture and helps them to find their way in getting around and feeling at home.

Goals:

- insight in the Dutch culture and its backgrounds
- insight into the interaction with one's own culture
- creating a successful stay in The Netherlands

Program:

The program will be tailor-made to the needs of the participants and the company. The training program will focus on gaining insights on Dutch culture and communication with other cultures first and continues to address the practical questions and needs of the participants. At the end of the program the participants have gained a better understanding of the Dutch way of living and of what it takes to create a successful stay in The Netherlands for themselves.

Elements:

- Experiences & Expectations
interactive session with the participants on living in The Netherlands
- Dutch Culture and its backgrounds
introduction of the key aspects of society, politics, behavior, communication
- Traditional Dutch Lunch
- Expat Exchanges;
practical exercises and role play on dealing with the Dutch (shops, service people, doctors etc)



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Elements:

- managing your Culture Shock; ups and downs in your new home town
- at Home in Holland;
a personal story by a guest speaker
- Tips & Trips in getting around
- Personal action plan; what defines your success?

Extra Modules:

- Working in The Netherlands;
understanding Dutch corporate culture, work ethics, meetings etc.
- Experience Dutch Culture; practicing typical Dutch Arts, Sports or Leisure

Participants: arriving expats in the Netherlands and their partners (max. 16)

Duration: 1 or 2 days (depending on the program)

Location: in-company or on location (e.g. typical Dutch)



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