

Events in the Netherlands 2022

Started exhibitions in 2021

Exhibition *In het licht van Cuyp. Aelbert Cuyp & Gainsborough – Constable – Turner*

3 October 2021 - 8 May 2022

The exhibition at the Dordrechts Museum explores the influence of Aelbert Cuyp (1620 - 1691) on British landscape painting.

<https://www.dordrechtsmuseum.nl/english/>

January 2022

New Year's Dive Scheveningen

1 January 2022

On the first of January of each new year, New Year's Diving begins at 12 noon. Hundreds of people plunge into the waters to ring in the New Year. This tradition has already existed for 40 years. The New Year's Diving takes place directly in front of the Kurhaus Hotel in Scheveningen.

<https://www.holland.com/global/tourism/activities/events/scheveningen-new-years-dive.htm>

<https://denhaag.com/en>

Leiden 2022, European City of Science

A 365-day science festival is full of activities, lectures, workshops. Excursions, exhibitions and events to connect science and society.

<https://leiden2022.nl/en>

Hortus botanicus Leiden

January – December 2022

In 2022, the theme of science is the focus of the oldest botanical garden in the Netherlands. Under the title "Plants under the microscope", the Hortus will be devoting itself to eleven topics of plant research during the year, such as light, ethics and sustainability.

<https://hortusleiden.nl/en/>

February 2022

200 Years Mauritshuis

10 February - 5 June 2022

The Mauritshuis hosts unique paintings of the Golden Age. In 2022, the Royal Picture Gallery will be celebrating exactly 200 years. This will be marked with a series of spectacular exhibitions and festive events. The anniversary year begins with the exhibition "Flowers".

<https://www.mauritshuis.nl/en/>



Dutch Carnival

26 February - 1 March 2022

In the Netherlands, Carnival is mainly celebrated in the South. The provinces of Limburg and North Brabant are predominantly Catholic provinces, where most residents celebrate carnival. Although some people take carnival traditions very seriously, most keep it simple and celebrate it singing and dancing in colourful costumes and attending one of the many carnival parades.

<https://www.holland.com/global/tourism/activities/events/celebrate-carnival-in-holland.htm>

March 2022

Amsterdam Museum

5 March 2022

The Amsterdam Museum is moving to the Hermitage Amsterdam, and from March 2022 to 2025 will showcase an entirely new collection exhibition that offers plenty of space for dissenting voices and lesser-known and more recent city histories, in addition to Amsterdam's traditional history..

<https://www.amsterdammuseum.nl/en>

Keukenhof

24 March – 15 May 2022

Millions of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and other bulbous plants form a colorful sea of flowers.

Magnificent park with flowerbeds, plant pavilions, flower displays, shows etc.

<https://keukenhof.nl/en/>

Lobster Season Zeeland

24 March - 15 July 2022

The last Thursday in March traditionally marks the opening of the lobster season on the Oosterschelde in Zeeland.

<https://oosterscheldekreeft.nl/>

Cheese Market Alkmaar

25 March 2022

Traditional cheese market with people wearing historical guild costumes and demonstrations of old crafts.

<https://www.visitalkmaar.com/en/cheese-market>

Born Free Mandela's Generation of Hope Exhibition

25 March – 28 May 2022

In the exhibition, Ilvy Njiokiktjien uses haunting photographs, film images and stories to show how Born Free Youth in South Africa are affected; the generation born after the abolishment of Apartheid.

<https://grotekerk-alkmaar.nl/agenda/seizoen-21-22/ilvy-njiokiktjien-born-free-mandela-s-generation-of-hope/?eventId=2998918145-1640290023>



April 2022

Cheese and Craft Market Gouda

14 April - 15 September 2022

Weekly Thursdays. Handshake trading of farmhouse cheeses. Demonstrations of artisan cheese and clog making, pipe making, faience painting and barrel organ book making. You can taste cheese and buttermilk from the farmer.

<https://welcometogouda.com/discover-gouda/highlights/gouda-kaasmarkt>

Gouda750 – Gouda celebrates 750 years of City Rights

14 April - 17 September 2022

This year Gouda looks back on 750 years of city rights. For six months, a variety of large and small events will take place.

<https://welcometogouda.com/discover-gouda/events/gouda750>

Floriade Expo 2022

14 April - 9 October 2022

Almere will be the venue for the World Horticultural Exhibition for six months. Floriade Park is a celebration of green and sustainable technology. There will be congresses, workshops and exhibitions with impressive attractions, tastings, art and culture.

<https://floriade.com/en/at-the-expo/>

Reopening Paleis het Loo

15 April 2022

One of the most popular museums in the Netherlands, Paleis Het Loo in Apeldoorn, is reopening after extensive renovation.

<https://www.paleishetloo.de/>

Tulip Festival Northeast Polder

14 April - 8 May 2022

The annual festival has the most extensive tulip fields in the Netherlands and is located near the World Heritage Site of Schokland, picturesque Urk, De Orchideen Hoeve and other attractions.

<https://tulpenfestival.nl/en/>

Flower Parade Bollenstreek

20 – 24 April 2022

The parade starts in Noordwijk in the morning and travels through Sassenheim, Lisse, Hillegom, Bennebroek and Heemstede. In the evening they reach Haarlem, where they are displayed on the historic main square (Grote Markt) in the city centre during the weekend.

<https://bloemencorso-bollenstreek.nl/en/>



King's Night

26 April 2022, countrywide

The night before King's Day is a highlight in many major cities. For example, special events and activities take place in Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague, Utrecht or Eindhoven.

King's Day (King's Birthday)

27 April 2022, countrywide

The whole country is in a celebratory mood on this day. Young and old take part in the outdoor festivities such as flea markets, theater performances, music and games.

<https://www.holland.com/global/tourism/information/general/the-royal-family/kings-day.htm>

May 2022

Liberation Day

5 May 2022

Celebration of the liberation from the German occupation in WWII. Various events are held, such as 'Liberation Music Festivals'.

<https://www.4en5mei.nl/english>

National Mill Day

13 and 14 May 2022

Open day at many of the country's mills. The beautiful and characteristic for the Netherlands monuments are open for visitors.

<https://www.molens.nl/english/>

Rotterdam Rooftop Walk

26 May - 24 June 2022

This spring, Rotterdam gets a sky bridge over the Coolingsingel, the main boulevard of the metropolis. On the sky bridge, visitors will experience a unique view and how innovative roof utilization contributes to a better future for cities and city residents.

<https://rotterdamsedakendagen.nl/en/rooftopwalk/>

Museum Voorlinden: Antony Gormley – GROUND

26 May - 25 September 2022

Major exhibition by British artist Antony Gormley. The exhibition consists of sculptures, installations and works that deal with the relationship between the human body and its environment.

<https://www.voorlinden.nl/exhibition/antony-gormley/?lang=en>



June 2022

Aaltjesdagen in Harderwijk

10 - 12 June 2022

A festival in Harderwijk that takes place every second weekend in June since 1983. With music, dancing, water sports, boats and food, the city presents itself as a cultural, historical and worth seeing place. The festival is attended annually by about 50,000 visitors.

<https://www.aaltjesdagen.nl/>

Kom in de Kas

11 and 12 June 2022

Hundreds of vegetable and flower breeders open their greenhouses for a weekend. In more than 24 Dutch regions, gardeners are welcoming visitors and explaining their work.

<https://www.komindekas.nl/home/>

Parkpop – Den Haag

12 June 2022

One of the biggest Open Air Pop festivals in Europe.

<http://www.parkpop.nl/>

Flag Day in Scheveningen (*Vlaggetjesdag*)

14 – 16 June 2022

Vlaggetjesdag celebrates the arrival of the New Herring (matjes). In addition, many different activities take place in Scheveningen (The Hague).

<https://vlaggetjesdag.com/contact-route/english/>

Pinkpop Festival

17 - 19 June 2022

The open-air festival is the oldest annually organized festival in Europe and takes place in Landgraaf. International top artists perform there every year.

<https://www.pinkpop.nl/2022/en/>

Westland Flower Parade: Varend Corso

23 - 26 June 2022

The Westland Flower Parade is an annual celebration featuring all that Het Westland has to offer. Hundreds of boats, beautifully decorated with locally grown flowers, plants and vegetables sail through the region over three full days.

<https://varendcorso.nl/en/>



July 2022

Cheese Market Edam

6 July - 31 August 2022

Traditional cheese market on Wednesdays from 10.30 to 12.30. The cheese is delivered with special carriers, unloaded, weighed and then traded.

<https://www.kaasmarktedam.nl/>

Duurzame Week (Sustainable Week)

9 - 11 July 2022

In Utrecht, everything revolves around sustainability and a liveable future for a whole week. From presentations, readings, food stalls, workshops and music, the event has it all.

<https://duurzameweek.nl/over-dw>

Vierdaagse in Nijmegen

19 - 22 July 2022

40,000 people come together to participate in the largest walking- and running event in the world - the Vierdaagse. In addition, the 4-Daagse celebrations include various festivals, concerts and food markets taking place in Nijmegen.

<https://www.4daagse.nl/en/>

Tilburg Fair

22 - 31 July 2022

With more than 230 attractions and about 1.5 million visitors, the Tilburg funfair is the largest in the Benelux countries.

<https://www.kermistilburg.nl/>

RU Rotterdam Unlimited

26 - 30 July 2022

The event of the city of Rotterdam is a weekend long center for culture, art, music and party. Part of this festival is also the well-known Dunya Festival and Zomerkarneval (Summer Carnival).

<https://rotterdamunlimited.com/en/>

Delft Chamber Music Festival

27 July - 7 August 2022

Delft Music Festival with world-famous musicians and performances of, among others, Brahms, Richard Strauss and Clara Schumann.

<https://delftmusicfestival.nl/en>



World Police & Fire Games, Rotterdam

22 - 31 July 2022

Every two years, a kind of Olympic Games is held for members of the police forces, correctional services, customs and professional fire departments. In 2022 the games will be held in Rotterdam.

<https://wpfgrotterdam2022.com/>

August 2022

Sneekweek

5 - 11 August 2022

Largest sailing event in Europe in the Frisian town of Sneek.

<http://www.sneekweek.nl>

Flower Parade Sint Jansklooster

20 - 21 August 2022

Parade with beautifully decorated flower floats along with cultural and artistic entertainment. Mainly dahlias are used.

<https://www.corsoklooster.nl/en/>

Lowlands Festival

19 - 21 August 2022

Lowlands is a three-day music festival in Biddinghuizen.

<https://lowlands.nl/>

Holland Festival Oude Muziek (*Early Musik*) Utrecht

26 August - 4 September 2022

Ten days of music from the Middle Ages, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical and early Romantic periods. At the same time there will be other concerts, such as carillon, a symposium, video screenings and a market on early music.

<https://oudemuziek.nl/festival/>

HISWA te water

31 August - 4 September 2022

'HISWA te water' is known as the most comprehensive boat show in Europe due to the variety of boats and brands from home and abroad. More than 250 new vessels are presented in the Bataviahaven in Lelystad.

<https://www.hiswatewater.nl/en/>



September 2022

World Port Days Rotterdam

2 - 4 September 2022

The World Port Days promise maritime adventures such as breathtaking feats on the water or a journey through the port. Many different activities take place at the Meuse.

<https://wereldhavendagen.nl/>

Open Monumentendag

10 – 11 September 2022, countrywide

During this weekend, thousands of monuments in the Netherlands are open to the public.

<https://www.openmonumentendag.nl/>

Flower Parade Lichtenvoorde

11 - 12 September 2022

Flower Parade through Lichtenvoorde with hundreds of floats decorated with sculptures made of flowers.

<https://bloemencorso.com/en/index.php>

The Half Marathon in The Hague

25 September 2022

The NN Half Marathon is one of the most popular half marathons in the Netherlands. Due to its fast course many personal bests are set every year. Many runners plan this race as a preparation for a marathon.

<https://www.nncpcloopdenhaag.com/>

Dutch Dance Days in Maastricht

29 September - 6 October 2022

At the Dutch Dance Days festival in Maastricht, numerous dancers present what the Netherlands has to offer in terms of choreography and show dance.

<https://en.nederlandsedansdagen.nl/>

October 2022

Leiden's Liberation (*Leidens Ontzet*)

2 – 3 October 2022

Leiden celebrates the liberation from the Spanish occupation on October 3, 1574. During the festivities there are performances by DJs and music groups, as well as fairs.

<https://www.holland.com/global/tourism/activities/events/leidens-ontzet.htm>



Zotte Zaterdag Gouda

22 October 2022

Zotte Zaterdag ("Crazy Saturday") is a medieval festival on the day when Erasmus, scholar and writer of the "Praise of Folly" traditionally returns to Gouda - the city where he grew up.

<https://www.zottezaterdag.nl/>

Battle of Grolle

18 - 20 October 2022

A journey back in time to the year 1627: In October, hundreds of actors from all over the world gather in Groenlo to recreate the famous Battle of Grolle as accurately as possible - including cannons, market clamor, torches etc.

<https://www.slagomgrolle.nl/en/>

Dutch Design Week Eindhoven

22 - 30 October 2022

During DDW, numerous national and international exhibitors present the design of the future and the future of design.

<https://www.ddw.nl/en/home>

Kunst10daagse in Bergen

21 – 30 October 2022

Kunst10daagse is a cultural festival where almost 300 artists exhibit at about 160 different locations in the green artists' village of Bergen and the beach village of Bergen aan Zee in North-Holland.

It includes a wide of paintings, sculptures, installations, photography, etching and ceramics.

<https://dekunst10daagse.nl/>

November 2022

GLOW Eindhoven

12 - 19 November 2022

During the annual light art festival GLOW, numerous artists from home and abroad present their thematically coordinated light installations. As soon as dusk falls, numerous building facades in downtown Eindhoven are illuminated and bathed in a new light.

<https://www.gloweindhoven.nl/en>

Christmas market in the Fluweelengrot in Valkenburg

18 November 2022 - 8 January 2023

A very special Christmas market in the Fluweelengrot in Valkenburg. Apart from the Christmas market, there are many different activities in the "Christmas City Valkenburg".

<https://www.christmastownvalkenburg.com/>



Jumping Indoor Maastricht

4 - 6 November 2022

JIM offers top sport with, among others, the FEI Driving Worlds Cup and the Grand Prix of Maastricht combined with the Limburg hospitality. An event for the whole family.

<http://www.jumpingindoormaastricht.com/en/programme>

December 2022

Saint Nicholas Day

5 December 2023

On the evening of December 5, the so-called Pakjesavond (gift-giving evening) takes place. While parents and friends dressed as Sinterklaas and Piet visit the children, gifts are exchanged, songs are sung and sweets are eaten.

<https://www.holland.com/global/tourism/activities/events/sinterklaas.htm>

Gouda by Candlelight

16 December 2022

On this day, many activities and markets take place in the streets of Gouda. When it gets dark, the city is lit only by candlelight. The Gothic town house and the buildings in the old market square are also illuminated by candlelight Christmas. The mayor recites the Christmas gospel. After that, Christmas carols are sung together under the fir tree.

<https://welcometogouda.com/discover-gouda/events/gouda-bij-kaarslicht>

Charles Dickens Festival and Deventer Christmas Town

10 – 11 December 2022

Under the motto "Christmas City Deventer", the historic city center of Deventer is in the Advent spirit with numerous activities: in addition to the Christmas market on Sunday, the Dickens Festival takes place with various characters from Dickens' novels.

<https://dickensfestijn.nl/english/>

Ijsbeelden Festival Zwolle

At the end of the year, the largest ice sculpture festival in Europe takes place in Zwolle. Only 100 km from the German border, numerous sculpture artists create figures of a special kind from 275,000 kg of ice and snow.

<https://www.ijsbeelden.nl/en>

"Winter in the Fortress" in Elburg

18 December 2022 - 6 March 2023

Under the motto "Winter in the Fortress", the town of Elburg is transformed into a medieval town of the early nineteenth century.

<https://www.winterindevesting.nl/>



New Year's Eve in Rotterdam

31 December 2022

In Rotterdam, a huge fireworks display is held annually at the Erasmus Bridge.

<http://hetnationalevuurwerk.nl/>

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