

Events in the Netherlands 2024

Started exhibitions in 2023

Exhibition about Antoni van Leeuwenhoek

09 April 2023 until 07 January 2024

The exhibition on Antoni van Leeuwenhoek, a Dutch naturalist and the most important microscopist of the 17th and early 18th centuries, is temporarily on display at the Rijksmuseum Amsterdam.

www.rijksmuseum.nl/en/visit

Exhibition "Seeds of Memory" at the Fries Museum

April 14, 2023 until March 24, 2024

The Fries Museum presents the contemporary art exhibition "Seeds of Memory." In this large group exhibition, the artists use traces of the past to tell stories.

[Discover the Fries Museum in Leeuwarden.](#)

Exhibition "Relinking: Kabakov Cabinet

01 June 2023 until 24 March 2024

The exhibition "Relinking: Kabakov Cabinet" at the Van Abbemuseum Eindhoven provides a unique insight into the work of the artist couple Ilya and Emilia Kabakov.

On display are graphic works from different eras and disciplines - from large paintings to small prints and book illustrations.

[Relinking: Kabakov Cabinet | Museum/nl](#)

Exhibition "Farming Textiles" by Diana Scherer

October 1, 2023 to March 10, 2024

At the Kranenburgh Museum in Bergen, artist Diana Scherer exhibits her work on the boundaries between plant culture and nature.

[Museum Kranenburgh](#)

"Kiss my Soul" exhibition in Dordrecht Museum

October 15 - March 03 2024

In the group exhibition "Kiss my soul" at the Dordrechts Museum, everything revolves around the theme of love in contemporary art. More than 75 works by 30 international artists, including Marlene Dumas and Tracey Emin, provide an overview of 21st century visual art, exuberant and with a warmly beating heart.

[Kiss my soul - Dordrechts Museum](#)

Exhibition "Evelyn Taocheng Wang - The Light is Round"

September 16, 2023 until March 31, 2024

In the exhibition "Evelyn Taocheng Wang - The Light is Round", the Dordrechts Museum presents new works in a spatial installation in close collaboration with the artist.

[Discover the museum - Dordrechts Museum](#)



Photo exhibition "Japan on a Glass Plate. Photographs of the 19th Century from the Kurokawa Collection".

September 22 - March 3, 2024

The exhibition at Sieboldhuis Leiden features more than 140 color photographs as well as Japanese prints and books illustrating the opening of Japan's borders, class society, the status of women, men and foreigners in 19th century Japan customs and traditions of the Meiji period.

Photo exhibition "Tomorrow will be better" by Humberto Tan

September 23, 2023 until March 17, 2024

The Fotomuseum aan het Vrijthof in Maastricht presents an exhibition by photographer and media maker Humberto Tan. Entitled "Tomorrow will be better," the museum is showing an impressive selection of close-ups of 100-year-olds, as well as photographs of their hands and interiors.

['Tomorrow will be better' - Humberto Tan - Fotomuseum aan het Vrijthof](#)

Exhibition Ai Weiwei "In Search of Humanity"

September 30, 2023 until March 03, 2023

Kunsthall Rotterdam presents a large-scale exhibition of one of the most important contemporary artists, activist and critic of authoritarian systems of power: Ai Weiwei. In his most comprehensive retrospective to date, cultural ready-mades, paintings, works made of LEGO bricks, sculptures, installations, photographs and video works from four decades of Ai Weiwei's work can be found.

[Ai Weiwei - Kunsthall](#)

Exhibition "Nieuwe Vrijheidsbeelden" at the Stedelijk Museum Alkmaar

September 30, 2023 until March 03, 2024

The Stedelijk Museum Alkmaar celebrates the 450th anniversary of Alkmaar Ontzet with new art. The museum asked artists to create a work of art that represents a contemporary interpretation of the term "freedom". Selected were the interpretations of the artists: inside Sina Dyks, Gabriel Lester and Marinke van Zandwijk.

[Stedelijk Museum Alkmaar | Welcome:](#)



Exhibition Martin Wong "Malicious Mischief"

November 3, 2023 until April 1, 2024

The Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam presents a comprehensive European exhibition of the work of US-Chinese artist Martin Wong (1946-1999), known for his depictions of social, sexual, and political scenarios from the American 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. Wong's works reveal elements of Chinese iconography, urban poetry, graffiti, dungeon aesthetics, and sign language.

[Martin Wong \(stedelijk.nl\)](https://stedelijk.nl)

Exhibition by Ellen Gallagher

02 December to 10 March 2024

In her first solo exhibition in the Netherlands, Ellen Gallagher presents intricate, multi-layered works that move between the natural world, mythology and history, speculating on music, archaeology and relationships. On view at the Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam.

[Ellen Gallagher \(stedelijk.nl\)](https://stedelijk.nl)

Multimedia show "'Discover the history of Hoorn".

Since June 2023, a new multimedia show allows visitors to discover for themselves the history of the port city of Hoorn and its monumental riches with an accompanying podwalk or walking guide.

[Tickets - Westfries Museum](https://www.westfriesmuseum.nl)

Christmas market in the Fluweelengrot in Valkenburg

17 November 2023 until 07 January 2024

A very special Christmas market in the Fluweelengrot (grotto) in Valkenburg. Besides this Christmas market, there are many other activities in the "Christmas City Valkenburg".

[Welcome in Christmas Town Valkenburg](https://www.valkenburg.nl)

Dutch ice sculpture festival Zwolle

December 16 - January 25, 2025

Europe's largest ice sculpture festival will once again take place in the Hanseatic city of Zwolle from December 16, 2023 to February 25, 2024.

[Dutch Ice Sculpture Festival Zwolle - 16 Dec 2023 - 25 Feb 2024 - Holland Hanse \(holland-hanse.co.uk\)](https://holland-hanse.co.uk)

Amsterdam Light Festival

December 2023 until January 2024

The Light Festival, held every year, decorates the entire center of Amsterdam with beautiful and elaborate artworks and light constructions.

[Amsterdam Light Festival](https://amsterdamlightfestival.nl)



The national fireworks

31.12.2023

On New Year's Eve, the big fireworks display with laser show takes place at the Erasmus Bridge in Rotterdam, right on time at midnight. Along the Boompjeskade, a festival area is set up for spectators, where champagne and oliebollen are traditionally served.

January 2024

New Year Diving Scheveningen

01 January 2024

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.

www.neujahrstauchen.de/

Music event Eurosonic Noorderslag

17 - 20 January 2024

The annual music conference in Groningen with more than 300 performances by up-and-coming and well-known bands

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

National Tulip Day

January 20, 2024

On the Dam in Amsterdam, the opening of the tulip season is organized by the Dutch tulip growers. In a specially created picking garden on the Dam, everyone can pick tulips for free.

[It's time for tulips! Tulipseason starts at National Tulip Day. \(tulpentijd.nl\)](http://tulpentijd.nl)

The Rotterdam Drag Show

January 27, 2024

A great show with the most famous drag queens in the world! With a cast of international caliber, this performance promises to be a fantastic evening.

February 2024

Wonderlicht Alkmaar

Wonderlicht is an evening walk through the historic fortress in Alkmaar. Visitors experience a beautifully lit route with fire trees, fire pits, braziers, torches and international plays.

www.wonderlichtalkmaar.nl



Dutch carnival

In the Netherlands, Carnival is mainly celebrated in the south. The provinces of Limburg and North Brabant are predominantly Catholic provinces in the Netherlands, where most residents celebrate carnival. Although some people take carnival traditions very seriously, most keep it simple and drink, sing and dance in colorful costumes. The province of North Brabant is known for the many carnivals that take place there every year. www.holland.com/de/tourist/informationen/veranstaltungen/feiern-sie-kerneval-in-denniederlanden.htm

Model building fair Zeelandhallen

The model building fair has developed into a meeting place for all exhibitors and clubs involved in model building. From life-size courses to farm miniatures, there is everything to see and experience. www.modelbouwshow.nl

Exhibition of Frans Hals at the Rijksmuseum Amsterdam

February 16 - June 09, 2024

Starting in February 2024, the Rijksmuseum will present a major exhibition on the work of Frans Hals, one of the "big three" of 17th century Dutch painting. The more than 50 paintings, drawn from the best collections in the world, will present the best of one of the greatest portraitists in the history of Western art.

[Frans Hals - Rijksmuseum](#)

Exhibition at the Wadden Sea Center Afsluitdijk, Kornwerderzand

February 01, 2024 to August 01, 2025

At the Afsluitdijk, near Kornwerderzand, there is a striking building that sits like a foam head on the dike. Enter the exhibition through the storm room and then make your way through the storms of the past to the solutions of today

BarokOper Amsterdam - The Fairy Queen, A Midsummer Night's Dream (premiere)

09 February 2024

Purcell's most beautiful music, inspired by Shakespeare's masterpiece to be seen at the Posthuis Theater, Heerenveen

March 2024

Spring garden Breezand

Spring Garden Breezand will bring a little joy to people's homes in the spring. On the weekend that the spring garden takes place, 200 bouquets of tulips will be delivered to nominees in the municipalities of Den Helder, Hollands Kroon and Schagen.

www.lentetuin.nl/41ste-editie-lentetuin-breezand-verschuift-naar-2023/



Exhibition Marina Abramovic "Coming and going".

16 March until 14 July 2024

The Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam will host the first solo exhibition of world-renowned performance artist Marina Abramovic beginning in March 2024. This retrospective will consider her entire oeuvre, including revolutionary works on the themes of spirituality and shamanism, the natural environment, transience and the temporality of the body.

[Marina Abramović \(stedelijk.nl\)](https://stedelijk.nl)

Keukenhof

March 23 - May 14, 2024

Millions of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and other bulbous plants form a colorful sea of flowers. Splendid park with flowerbeds, plant pavilions, exhibitions, etc.

[Welcome to Keukenhof](https://www.keukenhof.nl)

Museum Week

As part of National Museum Week, you can visit hundreds of well-known and lesser-known museums across the country.

www.museum.nl/de

Indoor Brabant Horse event in 's-Hertogenbosch

March 7 - March 10 2024

Be amazed by the skill of the world's best riders who will demonstrate their skills during these four days.

Theater premiere Ground Floor Leeuwarden

Five people are trapped and cannot leave for the time being. How do we behave when all security falls away, we are cornered and we have to deal with strangers? Ground Floor is the theater debut of writer and columnist Maartje Wortel.

<https://harmonie.nl/agenda/ground-floor/51530>

Kennedymarch Klarenbeek and 7th long distance walk

March 15 and March 16, 2024

Seventh long-distance walk and eleventh Kennedy March next year. The march through four villages on March 15 and 16, 2024, will start at 15:30 or 22:00 in Klarenbeek.

Pink Floyd Project Leeuwarden

March 16, 2024

After the spectacular, five-star show The Wall 40 Years, Pink Floyd Project now takes you back to 1973, the year the band evolved from an underground band into a global star.

Paaspop in Schijndel

March 29 - March 31, 2024

The start of the season for the Dutch festivals with over 175 acts from home and abroad.



Electronic Festival DGTL Amsterdam

March 29 - March 31, 2024

DGTL Amsterdam is an electronic dance music festival in the Dutch capital that has been putting together innovative lineups since 2013. A special focus of the festival is innovation and sustainability.

April 2024

Flower parade Bollenstreek

The wagons start in Noordwijk in the morning and travel via Sassenheim, Lisse, Hillegom, Bennebroek and Heemstede. In the evening they reach Haarlem, where they are displayed in the city center during the weekend.

[Bloemencorso \(Flower Parade\) Bollenstreek 22 April 2023 - Bollenstreek](#)

Art moment Diepenheim

April 19 - April 28, 2024

For 10 days you can admire art in various places in the center and outside Diepenheim.

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

King's Night

April 26, 2024, throughout the country

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 (birthday of the king)

April 27, 2024, throughout the country

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

www.holland.com/de/tourist/informationen/allgemein/die-konigsfamilie/konigstag.htm

Tulip Festival Noordoostpolder

April - May 2024

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.

www.tulpenfestival.nl/de/

May 2024

Liberation day

05 May 2024

Celebration of the liberation from the German occupation in World War II. Various events are held, such as the great "Liberation Festivals.



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

Statewide Mill Day

May 13 and 14, 2024

Open day in many mills of the country. Many of these beautiful and characteristic monuments are in operation on these days and can be visited.

www.molens.nl/english

Four days evening hike Epe

May 28, 2024 until May 31, 2024

Four days in a row in Epe are organized joint evening walks with distances of 5 and 10 km.

June 2024

Kaeskoppenstad

Kaeskoppenstad transforms the city center of Alkmaar into d'Oude Stad (old city). This annual event is all about the 16th century.

[Kaeskoppenstad - Kaeskoppenstad](#)

Opening surf wave Rif010 Rotterdam

Rotterdam celebrates the opening of the world's first surf wave in the middle of a city center. The wave pool RIF010, located in a canal in the center of Rotterdam, offers both professionals and beginners ideal conditions for surfing, bodyboarding and kayaking. The foundation wants to make surfing accessible to a wide audience and will offer lessons to children in the area.

Vlaggetjesdag in Scheveningen (Flag Day)

Vlaggetjesdag celebrates the arrival of the Dutch herring (matje). In addition, many different activities take place in Scheveningen (The Hague).

[ENGLISH - Vlaggetjesdag Scheveningen](#)

Parkpop - The Hague

Parkpop is one of the largest free-to-attend festivals in Europe and attracts many visitors of all ages every year. Visitors enjoy the strong music program, as well as all sorts of other entertaining activities, beautiful surroundings, socializing and each other.

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

Havenfestival Ijmuiden

The Havenfestival in Ijmuiden is a free family-friendly festival themed around the harbor, ships, art and culture.



<https://www.havenfestivalijmuiden.nl>

Havendagen Woerden

07 - 08 June 2024

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[Havendagen Woerden - 9, 10 en 11 juni 2022](#)

July 2024

Cycling4daagse de Peel, starting place Deurne

09 July to 12 July 2024

Organized cycling tours through De Peel with distances of 30, 45 and 60 km.

<https://www.fiets4daagsedepeel.nl/>

Vierdaagse in Nijmegen

16 - 19 July 2024

40,000 people come together to participate in the biggest running event in the world - the Vierdaagse. In addition, the 4-Daagse celebrations with various festivals, concerts and good food take place in Nijmegen.

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

Tilburg fair

19 - 28 July 2024

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

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

HISWA te water

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. Over 250 new vessels will be presented at the Bataviahaven in Lelystad presented.

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

August 2024

Holland Festival Oude Muziek (Early Music) Utrecht

23, August - 01. September 2024

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.

www.oudemuziek.nl/festival/



Brabantsedag

August 25, 2024

Brabantsedag is a household name in North Brabant, in the Netherlands and even abroad. It now attracts over 30,000 visitors every year. No less than 16 float groups with about 2000 actors are staged in the streets of Heeze, near Eindhoven, forming an impressive theatrical parade.

September 2024

Open Monument Day

07 to 08 September 2024, throughout the country.

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

www.openmonumentendag.nl

Festival Masterly The Hague

Modern designers draw inspiration from 17th-century Dutch masters during the three-day art festival. The objects will be exhibited alongside their muses in four stately monumental buildings around the Court Pond in The Hague.

<https://www.holland.com/de/tourist/aktivitaten/veranstaltungen/festival-masterly-the-hague-2.htm>

BredaPhoto

September 13 - September 30

BredaPhoto will bring the best of contemporary photography to Breda. Nearly 70 internationally recognized photographers and emerging talents will exhibit in the historic city center and trendy Belcrum district. There will also be dozens of tours, book presentations, workshops and talk shows.

October 2024

Leidens Liberation (Leidens Ontzet)

02 and 03 October 2024

On this day Leiden celebrates the liberation of 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/de/tourist/aktivitaten/veranstaltungen/leidens-ontzet-8.htm>

Zotte Zaterdag Gouda

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

www.zottezaterdag.nl/

Art10daagse in Bergen

The 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 is broad in scope with an artistic and accessible range of painting, sculpture, installation, photography, etching and ceramics.

<https://dekunst10daagse.nl/>

Dutch Design Week Eindhoven

Dutch Design Week in Eindhoven is the largest design event in Northern Europe, presenting the work and concepts of more than 2,600 designers to more than 355,000 visitors from home and abroad.

November 2024

Christmas market in the Fluweelengrot in Valkenburg

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[Welcome in Christmas Town Valkenburg](#)

GLOW Eindhoven

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>

December 2024

Amsterdam Light Festival

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[Amsterdam Light Festival](#)

St. Nicholas Day

05 December 2024

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/de/tourist/informationen/veranstaltungen/sinterklaas-8.htm>

Royal Christmas Fair

07 - 23 December 2024

The Royal Christmas Market in The Hague is one of the largest Christmas markets in the Netherlands. Gift ideas, winter fashion and design decorations can be found among the twinkling lights and well-known Christmas carols.

[Royal Christmas Fair | DenHaag.com](#)



Gouda by candlelight

December 13, 2024

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 are also illuminated by candlelight Christmas. The mayor recites the Christmas gospel. After that, Christmas carols are sung together under the fir tree.

[Gouda bij Kaarslicht - Welcome to Gouda](#)

Charles Dickens Festival and Deventer Christmas Town

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.

[Dickens Festijn 2023 – Dickensfestijn Deventer](#)

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.

[Dutch Ice Sculpture Festival Dutch Ice sculpture Festival \(ijsbeelden.nl\)](#)

New Year's Eve in Rotterdam

December 31, 2024

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

<http://hetnationalevuurwerk.nl/>

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