

## NL9- 2011 DUTCH SUMMERTOUR

**June 25<sup>th</sup> / July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Organized by: RC Zoetermeer and RC Doesburg**

**Theme: Old and New**

**Group size: max. 14 participants**

**Age: 18-20 years**

**Able to swim and bike**

**Arrivals to Amsterdam airport or Rotterdam airport. By train to Rotterdam cs or Amsterdam/Utrecht cs.**



The First week of your stay in The Netherlands, you'll be the guests of Rotaryclub Zoetermeer.

Although it's city center dates back to the Medieval ages, Zoetermeer is considered as one of Hollands 'New Cities'. Located at the center of the densely populated Randstad – the economical and cultural centre of our country - it's growth rocketed from a small village in the 1950's to the 16th largest city of the country in 2009, holding over 120,000 residents.' The country's largest cities The Hague, Rotterdam and our capital city Amsterdam are all located in the vicinity of Zoetermeer.

Your arrival will be on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>. You will be picked up at the airport or railway station. Then you will meet your host family. They will give you hospitality for the first week of your stay in Holland.

Below you can see a summary of the program, besides there will be enough time to chill and relax and to do some shopping!

On Sunday we are going to make a cycling tour and you will meet the other members of the group. Monday and Tuesday we will visit the cities of Rotterdam (which houses the largest harbour in the world) and The Hague (where the Dutch government and parliament reside) and when the weather is good, we will spend some time on the Scheveningen-beach. Wednesday is the day we are going to do some cultural things. We will visit the Cultural Centre of Zoetermeer where we can do some workshops. In the evening you are the guest of the Rotaryclub for dinner. Thursday will be a typical Dutch day: rowing on a lake and visiting the old city centre of Gouda and off course, eating "stroopwafels"! The last day of your stay in the western part of our country we will visit Amsterdam. Obviously you will see the Anne Frank house and do a boat trip through the canals which gives you a very different point of view of our capital!

On Saturday Rotaryclub Doesburg, located in the eastern part of Holland, will continue the program.



The second week of your stay in The Netherlands, you'll be the guest of Rotaryclub Doesburg.

We give you a warm welcome in a small, old town, in the east of the Netherlands, "Doesburg". It has a beautiful old setting.

First you will meet your host family. They will give you hospitality for the second week of your stay in Holland.

The program will be a mix of activities.

This week you are going to visit to the smallest (and one of the oldest) city of the country "Bronkhorst". In Bronkhorst the time stood still. A visit to a museum and a windmill are standing on the program. But also outdoor activities as abseiling from the church tower. We don't forget to shop in Arnhem. Also you go to sail and swim.

At the end of the week makes everyone a dish from his or her country. That promises a great buffet. We pay attention to history, culture and entertainment. It promises a lot of fun!

Your departure will be on Saturday, July 09<sup>th</sup>. We bring you to the airport or railway station. After two wonderful weeks in the Netherlands we say goodbye to each other.

We look forward to having you!