

The Netherlands

Welcome to the Netherlands, a tiny country that only extends, at its broadest, 312 km north to south, and 264 km east to west - **(1)** ... the land area increases slightly each year as a **(2)** ... of continuous land reclamation and drainage. With a lot of heart and much to offer, 'Holland,' as it is **(3)** ... known to most of us abroad - a name stemming **(4)** ... its once most prominent provinces - has more going on per kilometre than most countries, and more English-speaking natives. You'll be impressed by its **(5)** ... cities and charmed by its countryside and villages, full of contrasts. From the exciting variety **(6)** ... offer, you could choose a romantic canal boat tour in Amsterdam, a Royal Tour by coach in The Hague, or a hydrofoil tour around the biggest harbour in the world - Rotterdam. In season you could visit the dazzling bulb fields, enjoy a full day on a boat, or take a bike tour through the pancake-flat countryside spiced with windmills. The possibilities are countless and the nationwide tourist office, which is on hand to give you information and **(7)** ... reservations. You'll have **(8)** ... language problems here, as the Dutch are true linguists and English is spoken here almost universally.

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| a) so | b) despite | c) in spite of | d) although |
| a) whole | b) consequently | c) rule | d) result |
| a) regularly | b) occasionally | c) commonly | d) unusually |
| a) in | b) from | c) on | d) of |
| a) historic | b) historical | c) historically | d) historian |
| a) at | b) in | c) on | d) for |
| a) sit | b) catch | c) do | d) make |
| a) few | b) a few | c) little | d) a little |