



# The Hague: A Warm Welcome for Internationals

The International City of Peace and Justice offers the opportunity to work toward creating a better world while instantly feeling at home. Providing the best of both worlds, The Hague offers all the possibilities of a big city with small-town charm. Made up of various neighbourhoods, each with its own distinct character, and a picturesque 11 km coastline just 10 minutes from the centre. What's more, The Hague is known as one of the greenest cities in Europe with plenty of parks and gardens to enjoy. These are just a few of the reasons why the 'Hagenaren', as they are fondly known, are so proud of their city.

## The Next Step

The Hague is the place to be when it comes to the next step in your professional career. Many international organisations call the city home, with people from all over the world working in The Hague towards creating a better, more secure and just world. Think of potential employers, such as the International Court of Justice or the Unified Patent Court. Next to the Dutch government, one of the largest employers in the city with a total of over 35,000 employees, many multinational head offices such as Shell, Total, Siemens, Huawei, Aegon and the NN Group can be found in The Hague. Also, the number of entrepreneurs in the city is growing, creating start-ups that offer innovative services and products, not only focusing on commercial success but also on social responsibility. That's what we call 'doing good & doing business'.

## Education and Talent

The Hague is known as a hub for creativity and talent. With both the world-class University of Leiden and the Technical University of Delft on the city's doorstep, alongside several other universities of applied sciences such as the Haagse Hogeschool, The Hague

offers an attractive environment for international students. The diverse opportunities for lifelong learning include the Clingendael Academy, which is one of the largest independent training centres in the world. Every year, around 2,500 international professionals from over 60 countries participate in courses on diplomacy and international relations at the Clingendael Institute. The Hague Academy of International Law, situated in the iconic Peace Palace, is a high-level teaching institution designed to bring together young international lawyers from all over the world.

## The Advantages of Living in The Hague

- Coastal city  
The Hague is the only major city in the Netherlands located by the sea. The city has two seaside resorts which can easily be reached by bicycle or tram within 15 minutes from the historic city centre. The beaches of The Hague are ideal for sport and relaxing, or for a sunset diner in summer. For many residents, the 11 kilometres of coastline is one of the biggest assets the city has to offer.
- Compact and relaxed  
With over half a million residents, The Hague is the third-largest city in the Netherlands. You can find everything you need here, including a rich cultural environment. At the same time, The Hague is compact and easy to navigate.
- Career opportunities  
There are over 250,000 jobs across many industries in The Hague; this includes many career opportunities in specific sectors that can't be found elsewhere. Sustainability, ethics, law, SDG's and ethical dilemmas in a digital age on ➡➡

◆ The City  
The Beach  
The **Hague.**



# Facts & Figures

a regional, national or even global level. A career in The Hague, therefore, often has a bigger impact than most.

- **Family**  
The city boasts the most international educational possibilities in the Netherlands, including multiple international schools and a broad range of multilingual day-care facilities.
- **Appealing neighbourhoods**  
Perhaps you like to live in the vibrant city centre, or maybe you prefer more peaceful residential areas? You might even see yourself living directly behind the dunes, just a few steps from the beach. The Hague offers a variety of diverse neighbourhoods, and what's more, the city is affordable at the same time. Research shows that The Hague is not only the top city in the Netherlands where most young families love to live, but also where they plan to stay for the long term.

## The Hague International Centre

The Hague International Centre is the official point of contact for international employees from international organisations and companies in The Hague, Delft, Leidschendam-Voorburg and Rijswijk. By supporting them with the paperwork concerning their move and offering them the information and guidance they need to get started in The Hague, the centre makes those who have just arrived feel welcome right from the start. Internationals can get in touch for support concerning formalities such as registration, applications for a citizen service number and work or residence permits. The centre can offer guidance about finding the right school or day-care for your children, arranging your health insurance, how to search for your new home or how to get around the country. Also, the centre regularly organises welcome events and thematic seminars to help those new to the city feel at home as soon as possible.



**540,000**  
inhabitants



**60,000**  
internationals



**5,000+**  
international students



**10.000**  
children on international schools  
in The Hague region



**450+**  
international organisations



**111**  
embassies & consulates



**11 km**  
coastline



**74**  
hotels