

# The Dutch Travel advisor

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## The Holland Journal – Newsletter for Travel Advisors

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We hope this special edition of our newsletter finds you well and in good health. We bring you this edition to inform you of the current situation in the Netherlands with regard to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. We are pleased that the situation in the Netherlands has much improved and that the ‘intelligent’ lockdown is being relaxed in steps by our government. Please see the article below.



We hope the travel ban for non-essential travel from outside the EU (that is in place until June 15) will be lifted as well. We can then finally start offering the same excellent tours again to which you have become accustomed from us.

We remain very grateful for those clients who have not cancelled their services with us, but rather have postponed them. This will go a long way to ensuring our surviving this pandemic.

In the meantime, hang on in there and stay safe and healthy!

## Dutch Government Relaxes Lockdown

Thanks to the Dutch people complying with the measures taken by the Dutch government, the situation in the Netherlands has improved much since March. The figures show a positive trend. The Dutch government has therefore started to relax restrictions.

Since May 11, many measures have already been relaxed. Everyone may participate in sports and activities outdoors, provided they stay 1.5 meters (5 feet) from others. Also, most people in ‘contact-based’ roles are able to resume their work. This includes driving instructors, health-related professionals, hair and beauty professionals. Libraries are open to the public again, and primary schools have been re-opened.



### **What changes will be relaxed on June 1, 2020?**

Restaurants, cinemas and theaters will be allowed to re-open and can admit up to 30 people at a time, not counting staff. Here, too, people must stay 1.5 meters (5 feet) apart.

The following rules apply:

- a maximum of 30 visitors inside;
- for outside seating, there is no maximum as long as people maintain a distance of 1.5 meters from others.
- people must make a reservation;
- the venue must assess possible health risks beforehand together with the customer;
- everyone must maintain a distance of 1.5 meters from others.

Museums and heritage sites can reopen if people buy tickets in advance and the health risks are assessed beforehand. The maximum number of visitors depends on size of the building. People must stay 1.5 meters apart.

The Anne Frank House, the Rijksmuseum and the Van Gogh Museum, for instance, have already started selling tickets online again.

All hotels will also be open again as of June 1.

### **What changes are likely from June 15, 2020?**

It is expected that non-essential travel from outside the EU to the Netherlands will be possible again after June 15.

### **What changes are likely from July 1, 2020?**

The Dutch government hopes that the maximum number of visitors to cinemas, restaurants, cafés and bars and cultural institutions can be increased to 100. This increase would also apply to the maximum number of participants at organized gatherings, such as church services, weddings and funerals.

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