

# **NETHERLANDS**

## ABOUT NETHERLANDS VACCINATIONS

The Netherlands is bordered on the north and west by the North Sea and on the east by Germany. The land is low and flat except in the southeast where some hills rise to 300 m. The warmest period falls between June and September; the other months are cool or cold.

#### OVERALL RISK

Low Risk - Preventable disease at similar rates to Australia. Consult a Travelvax clinic for your specific risk based on the information set out below.

## **MALARIA RISK**

No risk to travellers.

## **VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES**

#### YELLOW FEVER

No certificate required and no risk to travellers.

#### COVID-19

For the most up to date requirements for entry into Australia, go to Smartraveller.

Please click this COVID-19 Travel Regulations Map (IATA) to view the latest Netherlands COVID travel requirements.

#### **HEPATITIS A**

Low risk.

#### **HEPATITIS B**

Low presence of Hepatitis B in local population, discuss whether vaccination would be recommended with a medical practitioner. Vaccination is recommended for specific high-risk travellers (sport/adventure/occupational/sexual). Consult a medical practitioner for your specific risk.

#### **TYPHOID**

Low risk for most travellers. Consult a medical practitioner for your specific risk.

#### **INFLUENZA**

Northern hemisphere winter risk (November to April). Most common vaccine preventable illness in travellers. Vaccine recommended, effective for 1 year.

#### **RABIES**

Disease present. Recommendation for vaccination will depend on specific itinerary and activities planned. Generally rabies vaccination is advised for high risk individuals such as veterinarians or animal handlers, cavers. Additionally for higher risk travellers who plan: extended periods outdoors, rural travel, adventurous activities including bicycling; also expats or long-term travellers to endemic regions and children (risk of more severe or risk-prone bites and may not report contact at all).

#### **JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS**

No risk to travellers.

#### **POLIO**

No risk to travellers.

### **TICKBORNE ENCEPHALITIS**

No risk to travellers.

#### **MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS**

Low risk to travellers.

## **CHOLERA**

No risk to travellers.

## OTHER DISEASES

#### TRAVELLERS DIARRHOEA

Low risk to travellers.

#### **INSECT-BORNE DISEASES**

No risk to travellers.

## **SCHISTOSOMIASIS**

No risk to travellers.

#### STIs

Low incidence of sexually transmitted and blood-borne diseases. Safe sex and needle precautions should be followed by all travellers.

#### **ALTITUDE**

No risk to travellers.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **PERSONAL SAFETY**

In order to check before and during travel for any high-risk areas visit the Smartraveller website. Avoid unnecessary displays of wealth or valuables and minimise the amounts of cash carried. Keep secure records of passport/credit card/licence numbers. For more safety tips visit: www.smartraveller.gov.au.

#### **MEDICAL CARE**

Comprehensive medical facilities accessible throughout the country. Check for any contacts supplied by your emergency assistance organisation (nominated by your travel insurer) or with IAMAT (International Association of Medical Assistance for Travellers).

#### FIRST AID KITS & ACCESSORIES

For stays outside high-quality accommodation, carry a mosquito net and insect repellent (containing DEET, Citriodiol or Picaridin).

More information on Netherlands is available during your pre-travel consultation with Travelvax. Call 1300 360 164 for the location of the clinic nearest to you.