

Newsletter - April 2021

Dear international,

The Dutch expressions "maart roert zijn staart" and "april doet wat hij wil" describe that the weather in these months can be unpredictable. And how! One day we enjoyed drinks in the sun with 23 degrees Celsius, and the next day we saw snow bringing us a white Easter. The weather does whatever it wishes to do, and Dutch people love to talk about it! Next time you can impress them by simply throwing in a sunny "lekker weertje, hè?" (lovely weather isn't it?).

No matter the weather in the coming weeks, this newsletter has got you covered. Have a look at our calendar with online events that you can enjoy from home. And on sunny spring days, go outside to enjoy cycling routes or come to our centre to collect your free welcome bag. To help you enjoy your time safely and responsibly, we will provide you with timely coronavirus updates through social media. Check out the news items below for more information.

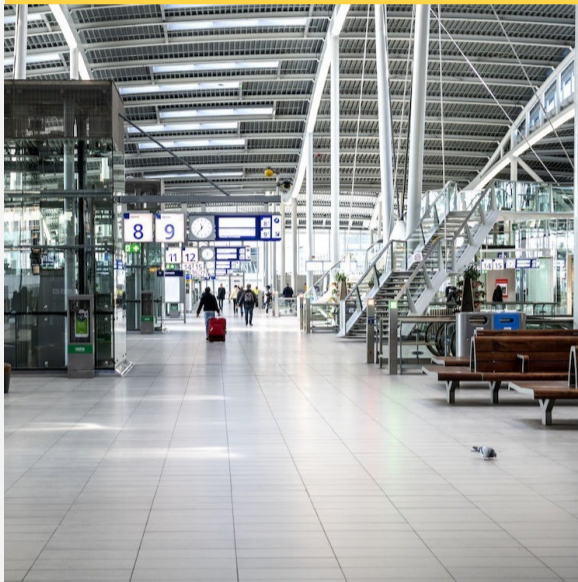
Kind regards,

The International Welcome Centre Utrecht Region team

Welcome Bag

Did you already collect your free welcome bag? It is filled with useful brochures and goodies that will contribute to a smooth start of your new life in Utrecht Region. Come and get yours at the International Welcome Centre! And while you're at it, don't hesitate to have a coffee with our amazing volunteers of ACCESS who are always happy to help you with any questions about living in the Netherlands. Click [here](#) to schedule a free meeting.

> Visit us



COVID-19 Updates

Looking for accurate information in English about the Dutch coronavirus measures? Find recaps of the COVID-19 press conferences, useful overviews of the measures and links to official government statements in English on the International Welcome Centre's [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) page. And don't forget to follow us to find the latest updates directly in your timeline.

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The New Locals

Exciting news! To celebrate the wonderful international community of the city of Utrecht, the English magazine MAG Utrecht has introduced a column called The New Locals. In this column, internationals living in the region share their unique experiences and favourite spots to visit. Do you want to check it out? Find a free copy in your local supermarket and at the International Welcome Centre, or read the latest issue online.

> Read the April issue



Discover Utrecht Region

It is important to stay active, especially in these challenging times. Now that spring has arrived (or so they say), what better way to get some exercise than grabbing a bike and enjoying the outdoors? There are plenty of beautiful destinations in Utrecht Region such as the Utrechtse Heuvelrug National Park. Check out the five cycling routes in the link below and go discover our region's stunning countryside and fabulous estates and castles.

> Let's go

News



Driving licence in the Netherlands

by Santa Fe Relocation

Are you allowed to drive with your foreign driving licence in the Netherlands or do you need to change it? Read this article to find out.

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Live encounters at the SPRING Festival

by SPRING

Join the SPRING performing Arts Festival in May and experience innovative artistic one-on-one encounters, sensory experiences, art installations and theatre productions.

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Calendar



8 Apr New in Town

Did you move to Utrecht Region and do you want to meet fellow internationals? Join this free dialogue session by our partner Utrecht in Dialog to share your experiences and get inspired by the stories of others. [Check out the event.](#)



27 Apr King's Day

One of the Netherlands' best-known national holiday is almost here: King's Day. Save the date and join us online to celebrate this typical Dutch event. More information will be coming up in the next newsletter and on our [Facebook page](#).



18 May NL Housing Event

Are you looking to buy or rent a house or apartment in the Netherlands? Housing expert will provide you with useful information during this free webinar. More information will follow shortly.

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