

Children's World's Fair



LCM LOUISIANA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

In the Louisiana Children's Museum's Learning Framework, a comprehensive document that guides all our decision-making, we have identified "Essential Experiences" that "allow children to become strong adults who are healthy, caring, and responsible." One of the five key essential experiences is "experiences that Expand a Child's World," connecting with others of varied backgrounds, abilities, and interests and giving a child a sense of place in the community, Louisiana, and the world.

Our annual Children's World's Fair is an extraordinary opportunity to allow children to connect with others of varied backgrounds and build broader perspectives about the many, many people in our global community.

LCM was counting down the days for our Children's World's Fair when the Stay-at-Home orders were received, and will, sadly, be unable to deliver our plans to you in person this year.

BUT – we have lots of fun we'd like you to explore – virtually – that will expand your world!

Destination #7: The Netherlands

Capital: Amsterdam

Official Language: Dutch

Population: 17,151,228

Currency: Euro

Did you know?

- UNICEF chose Dutch children as "the #1 Happiest Kids in the World" because they spend lots of time playing outside, riding bikes, sleeping, relaxing with family, and getting encouragement from their families and teachers.

What makes you happy? Ask your family members what makes them happy, and try to do those things together at least once a week.

- The Netherlands sells and sends out more flower bulbs than any other country in the world. The Dutch are well known for their beautiful tulips.

Ask your parents about planting flowers in your yard. Gardening is great exercise, and flowers help keep the environment healthy.



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Fun Facts

- Historically, **windmills** in The Netherlands have served many purposes. The most important purpose may have been pumping water out of the land and back into the rivers beyond the dikes so that the land could be farmed.
- Kruidnoten** are Dutch spice cookies that are thrown to children during festivities celebrating the *Sinterklaas* holiday. Before going to bed, children put their shoes out with a carrot or hay inside and a bowl of water for the horse of *Sinterklaas*. The next morning, they hope to find candy or small presents in their shoes.
- Soccer**, or *voetbal*, is the most popular sport in The Netherlands. More than 1.2 million Dutch people play the game, and Dutch fans wear orange, the national color.

Home Activity

TULIP TIME

Create your own Dutch tulip garden!

- Gather your supplies: empty toilet paper roll, colored paper, green crayons or paint, scissors, glue.
- Use a green crayons or paint to color your toilet paper roll. This will be your flower stem.
- Cut out two leaves from green paper or use another color paper and color it green. Glue the leaves onto your flower stem.
- Draw the shape of a tulip flower, and then cut it out.
- Cut two half inch slits on the sides of the paper roll.
- Place the tulip flower in the slits so it sits on top of your flower stem.
- Put your tulip on the kitchen table as a centerpiece, in your bedroom, or work on making more to create a garden of paper tulips to put in your yard, in a flower box, or somewhere in your house.



Activity reference:
[The Best Ideas for Kids](#)

To learn more about The Netherlands, visit:

www.kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/netherlands



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