

Maastricht Helpful Hints

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ESN Maastricht - <http://www.esn-maastricht.nl/satellite/>

The **Erasmus Student Network** is an international student organization that looks after exchange students within the Erasmus study program. Therefore ESN Maastricht will introduce you to the Dutch and more specifically, the Maastricht student life in which you –without a doubt– will experience an awesome time abroad! In the beginning of every semester we organize a so called arrival week shortly followed by our introduction week, to welcome around 700 students in August and 500 students in January every year.

- Language exchange program - <http://www.esn-maastricht.nl/satellite/lep>
- Student travel events
- Student events in the city
- Student pick-up service - <http://www.esn-maastricht.nl/satellite/pick-service>



Travel within Europe – When traveling within Europe, there are budget-friendly websites that help students to save money along the way.

Airlines: RyanAir, EasyJet, Air Berlin; Hostels: Hotelworld.com, hostels.com, hostelz.com

Guided tours: **New Europe Tours** offers free walking tours in most European cities. Visit their website or details and locations:

<http://www.neweuropetours.eu/>

Major cities in the Netherlands – The following websites help to find events and transportation in major cities in the Netherlands: <http://www.destination360.com/europe/netherlands/central-station#> Click on the following links to find out more about the following cities in the Netherlands:

Amsterdam – museums (Van Gogh Museum), red light district, street market, etc.

Eindhoven – airport that is easy to access from Maastricht. You can book RyanAir flights to and from. Take the train from Maastricht and then a short bus ride will lead you to the modern-looking facility. There is also a great café on-site for last minute snacks!

Rotterdam – One of the largest ports in Europe. Great for a day trip from Maastricht – make sure to journey to the top of the Euromast or take a pancake cruise on The Meuse!

The Hague – seat of the national government. Enjoy an afternoon in museums and finish the day with dinner on the beach looking out over the North Sea.

Utrecht – The city is one of the most modern cities in the Netherlands, and its modern design is apparent from the moment you enter the city.

Shuttle Service – In previous years, there have been students who chose to take a shuttle service to and from the airport instead of the train system. Some students find it more accommodating to use a taxi service when traveling with luggage. In the past, students have used a company called Cromex. Their email is: cromexa2005@yahoo.fr. If you are interested in using the service, it is helpful to email and tell them location, number of people and the amount of luggage. They will then give you an estimate on the cost and verify pick-up and drop-off location.



Airport – Although there is an airport in Maastricht, it no longer accommodates international flights. If you are booking an international flight, www.studentuniverse.com usually has inexpensive tickets. Therefore, the most convenient airports to fly into include:

- Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- Brussels, Belgium
- Dusseldorf, Germany

Trains – This will be your primary method of transportation when studying in the Netherlands. Most major airports have stations in the basement that will allow you to easily access Maastricht. You will probably have to switch trains before arriving at your final destination. For more information and times, visit the following website: <http://ns.nl/cs/Satellite/travellers>

Housing— Guesthouse email: guesthouse@maastrichtuniversity.nl

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