The Netherlands ranks first in the world for English as a second language

That is the EF English Proficiency Index 2025. Americans can also use the DAFT visa, which needs a business investment of €4,500.



#1

on the EF English Proficiency Index 2025

Capital	**Amsterdam**
Languages	**Dutch, Frisian**
Currency	**Euro**
Population	**18,044,027 (2025)**
Price level 2024 (EU = 100)	**116**
Minimum wage	**€2,295 a month**
Tax	**49.5% top income tax, 21% VAT**
Years to	**PR 5, citizenship 5**
English (EF index 2025)	**#1 in the world**

★ Capital ● City we cover ● Other city

WAYS TO MOVE

DAFT Visa	**from €4,500**
Highly Skilled Migrant Permit	**€5,942/mo**

Income or funds asked for one person

COST FOR ONE, A MONTH

Rotterdam	**€2,650**
Amsterdam	**€3,100**

Our estimate for a comfortable life

EAT LIKE A LOCAL

Stamppot
Soused herring

EMERGENCY
112

PLUGS
C, F

EU AND SCHENGEN
EU, Schengen

WORK-DAY OVERLAP
2 hours with New York

Visas, costs, taxes and cities for Netherlands: **livingineurope.net/countries/netherlands**

Sources: Population, price level and minimum wage: Eurostat. English: EF English Proficiency Index 2025. Peace: Global Peace Index. Visas and tax: official government pages, as listed on each of our guides. Europe-wide comparisons: Tax Foundation 2026 and Eurostat. City costs are our estimates. Dishes: Wikipedia, National dish. Map: Natural Earth. Rules change, so confirm with the immigration office. Checked 7 October 2026.