

Money

Currency: Euro (€)

- Credit and debit cards are widely accepted throughout the Netherlands and Germany.
- Contactless payments are the norm.
- It is still useful to carry a small amount of cash for markets, cafés or public facilities.
- ATMs are readily available.

Tip: Most prices already include GST/VAT, so there is no need to calculate additional tax on purchases.

Weather in September

Netherlands

Average temperatures: **12°C - 20°C**

Germany

Average temperatures: **10°C - 22°C**

What to Pack

- ✓ Comfortable walking shoes
- ✓ Light waterproof jacket
- ✓ Layers for cool mornings and evenings
- ✓ Business casual clothing for company visits
- ✓ Smart casual attire for dinners and networking events

Walking and Cycling

The Netherlands is one of the most bicycle-friendly countries in the world.

Remember:

- Cycle lanes are everywhere.
- Cyclists have right of way in many areas.
- Always check before stepping onto a cycle lane.

In many Dutch cities the bicycle traffic can be busier than the roads!

Power

Both the Netherlands and Germany use:

- Type C and Type F plugs
- 230V electricity supply

Participants travelling from New Zealand will require a travel adaptor.

Drinking Water

Tap water is safe to drink throughout the Netherlands and Germany.

Keep a reusable water bottle handy during the trip.

Time Zone

Both countries operate on:

Central European Summer Time (CEST)

This is generally:

- 10 hours behind New Zealand during September

Jet lag is common for the first few days, so staying hydrated and getting plenty of daylight can help.

Café Culture

Coffee culture is strong throughout Europe.

Some local customs:

- Table service is common.
- Water is often purchased rather than automatically provided.
- Tipping is appreciated but generally modest (around 5-10%).

Handy Dutch Phrases

Although most Dutch people speak excellent English, knowing a few words is always appreciated.

English	Dutch	Pronunciation
Hello	Hallo	HAH-lo
Good morning	Goedemorgen	HOO-duh-mor-gun
Thank you	Dank u wel	DANK oo vell
Please	Alstublieft	AL-stu-bleeft
Yes	Ja	Yah
No	Nee	Nay
Excuse me	Pardon	Par-don
Goodbye	Tot ziens	Tot zeens
Cheers	Proost	Prohst

Potato Word

 Potato = **Aardappel**

Pronounced: *AR-da-pel*

Handy German Phrases

Many Germans speak English, particularly in business settings, but these are always useful.

English	German	Pronunciation
Hello	Hallo	HAH-lo
Good morning	Guten Morgen	GOO-ten MOR-gen
Thank you	Danke	DAN-kuh
Thank you very much	Vielen Dank	FEE-len Dank
Please	Bitte	BIT-uh
Yes	Ja	Yah
No	Nein	Nine
Excuse me	Entschuldigung	Ent-SHOOL-di-goong
Goodbye	Auf Wiedersehen	Owf VEE-der-zayn
Cheers	Prost	Prohst

Potato Word

🥔 Potato = **Kartoffel**

Pronounced: *Kar-TOFF-el*

🥔 European Potato Fun Facts

Netherlands

- The Netherlands is one of the world's largest exporters of seed potatoes.
- Flevoland, home to Emmeloord, was reclaimed from the sea and is now one of Europe's most productive agricultural regions.

Germany

- Germany is one of Europe's largest potato-producing nations and is renowned for agricultural engineering and machinery innovation.

Potato Europe

- Potato Europe rotates between Germany, Belgium, France and the Netherlands and is recognised as one of the world's leading potato industry events.



Recommended Apps Before You Travel

- ✓ Google Translate
- ✓ Google Maps
- ✓ WhatsApp
- ✓ XE Currency Converter
- ✓ Airline App
- ✓ Weather App

Tour Motto

"Explore. Learn. Connect. Bring ideas home."