

The Netherlands - More than just a royal family, tulips and windmills.

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Linen village - part of a sculpture depicting village life (recent sculpture in the Dutch Scheme of things). It reflects the Dutch rural love of hard work and enjoyment.



Bourtange - originally a Roman fort to safeguard a trade route near the German border. Reconstructed/renovated by locals to preserve its history.



Vermeer - girl with a pearl earring - the Nation sure knows how to market its rich artistic heritage. In Mauritshuis, Den Haag, earlier this year works, credited to Vermeer, were gathered together for an exhibition in the Rijksmuseum for the first time. Tickets were needed, numbers were limited each day and hour. the exhibition ran for some weeks, but tickets were all sold by the second day of sale. The event made millions of Euros....needed to maintain the swag of museums and works of art across the Netherlands.