

Tuesday December 25 – Wednesday Dec 26

Day 1 – USA to Amsterdam & Apeldoorn

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Northern Lights 16-2

At 11 am we arrived at the airport in Amsterdam, Netherlands. The first thing we were told to acknowledge was that Americans are very loud and to be cautious of being “too American”.

After that we headed to the Windmill villages and got to explore the different stores. There was a bakery museum, cheese factory, and clog shoe factory. One thing that we noticed there were stroop waffles everywhere and we were even lucky enough to try one, thanks to Curt. Our favorite thing about the village was the unique landscape of streams and the large windmills.

On the drive we noticed lots of things that were very different from the places back home. For one, the houses were all very different from each other and had extremely pointed roofs. The houses were also much smaller than ours. Another thing was there were not many large cars but instead small cars and many bicyclists. Lastly the roads were a lot narrower and their intersections were different from ours. Many intersections had lights for cars and bikes.

To end the day we arrived in Apeldoorn and checked in to our rooms. The hostels were very cozy and surrounded by woods. The rooms were very small and had bunkbeds. Some rooms had as many as nine girls in one room. So far we’ve had an amazing time and we can’t wait to continue this adventure.

We miss you all!

Kali & Aryana ☺