Kingsday, or, as most people call it, Koningsdag, is one of the biggest, yet most festive street parties in the Netherlands. This celebration is definitely something you do not want to miss! It is the birthday party of King Willem-Alexander, which is celebrated on April 27th each year.

On this particular day, wherever you go in this country, there will always be celebrations. There are live music performances, and the city itself becoming one huge market. Many people set up stalls and trading their vintage things in the street. Shop-owners decorate their shop in Orange, and people wear orange hats, t-shirt, wigs, and some other orange-themed stuff.

For all the munchies, Koningsdag is also the perfect time to fill the tummy with delicious treats. Tasty street food vendors can be found all over the city. Wanting more? There are also many kinds of king-themed desserts for you to try!

For those party-goers, you can even start the celebration early in the King’s Night. Some big cities such as Amsterdam and Den Haag offer various live performances you can enjoy with friends.

This event can be one of the highlights of your Dutch-experience!

BY VINDA HARDIKURNIA
Study trips

Beyond the school’s courses, there are endless opportunities to put the theory and skills into practice with real-life cases and cooperations with companies and design consultancies. Every year several study trips are organised for example, by the student association I.D., by the master communities and also by enthusiastic students. These trips happen all year round, locally as well as abroad. Two examples of these trips are the recent trip of the master community of Strategic Product Design to Munich and the recent trip of the master community of Design for Interaction to Berlin.

SPD Munich trip

Studio 360 (The Master Community of Strategic Product Design) organizes a yearly study trip to bridge the gap between academic and professional practice. This year the trip took place in Munich from 2 to 7 May, 25 SPD students and professor Giulia Calabretta visited 6 companies of different expertises: IDEO, Format D, Lunar, Harman Kardon, IXDS and Pilotfish. During the time, students did company visits, workshops and business cases to experiment the knowledge acquired in the master under professional conditions.

The unique experience motivated SPD students to understand the value of strategic designer in a broader scope. Additionally, it also paved the way for possible career directions by giving students the opportunity to get in contact with various types of companies which might be their future workplace.

DFI Infuse trip to Berlin: many things to learn only in one week!

Infuse is the Master community of Design for Interaction which aims to get students, teachers and graduates closer together in order to improve skills by organizing events especially for DfI students. Renan Jordano, a master’s student from Design for Interaction Programme tells us about the Infuse Trip to Berlin! He first explains how motivated he was to work on the cases that the city didn’t matter a lot! During this 6-day trip, students had the chance to meet different companies each day such as Mimi Hearing Technologies, Bosch & Siemens House Appliances, Microsoft Accelerator etc. and to share the Design for Interaction vision with them.
Housing in Delft (DUWO)

1 - PAPENSTRAAT 20
9 minutes by bike from TU Delft
Kitchen: shared with 7 other tenants
Bathroom: private

2 - ROLAND HOLSTLAAN
7 minutes by bike from TU Delft
Kitchen: private
Bathroom: private

3 - VAN HASSELT LAAN
12 minutes by bike from TU Delft
Kitchen: shared with 1 tenant
Bathroom: shared with 1 tenant

5 - ROTTERDAMEWEG 139A
2 minutes by bike from TU Delft
Kitchen: shared with 4 other tenants
Bathroom: shared with 4 other tenants

6 - ROTTERDAMEWEG 139B
2 minutes by bike from TU Delft
Kitchen: private
Bathroom: private

7 - STIELTJESWEG
1 minute by bike from TU Delft
Kitchen: shared with 7 other tenants
Bathroom: private

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CITY AND MUNICIPALITY OF DELFT
- TOTAL: 24.06 KM² (9.29 SQ MI)
- LAND: 22.82 KM² (8.81 SQ MI)
- WATER: 1.24 KM² (0.48 SQ MI)
Exceed! ’17: Design that makes you think

From 7 to 22 June the faculty of IDE organises the Exceed! ’17 exhibition. 25 of the most outstanding, exhilarating design projects of students, PhD students and researchers from the faculty of the past two years are featured at Exceed! ’17. The selected projects are all different, but have at least one thing in common: they make you think.

Exceed! ’17 is part of the run-up to the 50th anniversary of the faculty of IDE in 2019. The intention of the exhibition is to reflect on and discuss the role of the various (often overlapping) design fields, design research and technology, and their mutual interaction. www.io.tudelft.nl/exceed

Beyond Delft

There is never a dull moment during your free time in the weekends or holidays. Delft offers easy access to many travel bucket-list destinations in The Netherlands and Europe. For one, Schipol International Airport is only 45 minutes away by train and from there you can jet off to every major European cities for as cheap as 20 euros. Closer to Delft, beautiful cities with numerous historical landmarks and shopping options like The Hague and Rotterdam are both only a 20 minutes train ride away. Most importantly, being in the land of strong winds, you must definitely visit the UNESCO heritage site - Kinderdijk, where you can cycle and picnic with a backdrop of 18th century windmills.

Beyond Delft

September 4
Start Academic Year

Student Interaction Design Research Conference

This year, the Student Interaction Design Research Conference (SIDeR) was held in Delft on the 1st and 2nd of April. The two days event saw students of renowned universities from all across Europe come together to share their design research and projects. This year’s theme was The Design Virus and it aimed to showcase the pivotal role that design is taking up in new disciplines like healthcare, commerce and public policy. More than 50 speakers shared information on a wide variety of interesting topics that ranged from sustainable waste management techniques to self-moderating dessert machine.

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