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[Holland in miniature](#) is a picture city located in Scheveningen, The Hague, in the Netherlands. It is a model of a Dutch town on a 1:25 scale, composed of typical Dutch buildings and landmarks, as are found at different locations in the country. This major Dutch tourist magnet was built in 1952 and has been visited by tens of millions of visitors since then. The figure urban center was titled afterward George Maduro, a law enrollee from Curaçao who fought the Nazi business forces as a member of the Dutch resistance and died at Dachau concentration camp in 1945. In 1946 Maduro was posthumously given the rank of Knight 4th-class of the Armed forces Order of William, the highest and oldest rank in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, because he had distinguished himself in the Combat of the Kingdom of the Netherlands against German soldiery. His parents donated the money to start the Madurodam project.

On July 2, 1952, the then teenaged princess Beatrix was appointed mayor of Madurodam, after which she was given a tour of her town. When Beatrix became queen of the Netherlands, she relinquished this function. Today, the mayor of Madurodam is elected by a youngness municipal council consisting of 25 pupils from schools in the region. This attraction was the inspiration for Storybook Land.

If you are used to visiting example villages in England be prepared to have your eyes wide open. This place is Brobdingnagian and even though we were mildly strolling almost it took a couple of hours. Virtually every monument, palace and tourist attraction in The Netherlands has been recreated in miniature at 1:25 scale. Try and go during dry sunny days if at all possible and be there when it opens as it got rattling busy when we visited and that was a week day. This is a place that will amaze your kids and to be spread out you also... you will never look at an example town once more in the aforementioned direction.

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