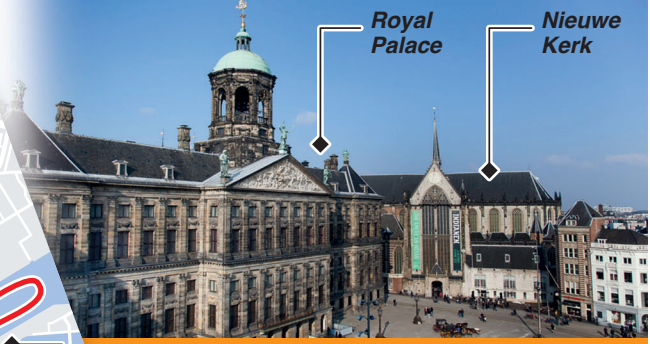


# Netherlands welcomes first king in a century

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## INAUGURATION DAY SCHEDULE

- **Apr 30, 10.00 (local time):** Abdication ceremony of **Queen Beatrix** in Amsterdam's Royal Palace. After addressing members of parliament, instrument of abdication is read aloud by Director of Queen's Office, which Queen assents to with her signature
- **10.30:** **King Willem-Alexander** and **Queen Maxima** appear with Beatrix – now **Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrix** – on balcony of palace
- **14.00:** Inauguration ceremony in Nieuwe Kerk – King delivers address and is sworn in
- **16.30:** Reception for royal and foreign missions and dignitaries in Royal Palace
- **19.30:** **Song for the King** – specially composed anthem – performed, before King and Queen take part in water pageant with their three daughters
- **21.30:** Prime Minister hosts celebration on behalf of Council of Ministers for the Kingdom

