Radboud University Nijmegen
Radboud University Nijmegen is one of the leading academic institutions in the Netherlands. The Dutch Ministry of Education recently called Radboud University the top research university in the Netherlands. Renowned for its beautiful campus, modern buildings and state-of-the-art equipment, it has eight faculties and over 16,000 students enrolled in approximately 90 study programmes (40 Bachelor programmes and more than 50 Master programmes).

Nijmegen
The beautiful and lively city of Nijmegen was founded by the Romans (its original Latin name, Noviomagus, means New Market) and is the oldest city in the Netherlands. It is situated near the German border on the banks of the Waal river, a branch of the Rhine delta.

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Studying Cultural Geography and Tourism
Tourists travel to places which are different, attractive, challenging and special, and which provide them with a thrilling experience. Geographers study, how these experiences actually evolve, how they are created and produced, how these experiences differ from group to group and how places can be designed accordingly?

Tourism also has a profound effect on places, on the local economy, on the culture of the people who live there and on the ecology and landscape. Also these aspects are of central interest for the scholars in this Master’s specialisation. Finally, not just places are affected, but the movements, flows and related streams of people, goods, money, information, images, and traffic have an enormous effect on our global landscape, which we study in the framework of this Master’s specialisation.

This Master's specialisation is a concise and intensive one-year Master's programme preparing you as a full-fledged academic in this field and as such is unique in the Netherlands. Our Human Geography Master's programme, regularly ranks as the best Dutch master programme in this field in the Netherlands.

This Master's specialisation has an international character, with students and lecturers from all over the world, and at the same time offers many opportunities to do research abroad or to gain professional experience abroad.

Although the foundation of this specialisation is geographical, our approach to this theme is highly interdisciplinary to include related fields as cultural studies, psychology, anthropology, economics, spatial planning, environmental policy studies, etc..

Programme
This programme is conducted in close cooperation with the close by University of Wageningen. Some of the courses will therefore take place in Wageningen. From the start of the master specialisation, you will be giving attention to your final thesis. This process starts with an intensive training to help you develop and design your master research. Furthermore you will delve into a number of core research themes which are covered by the three main courses of the programme. These are:
- Urban and Cultural Geography
- two of the following:
  - Leisure, Tourism and Environment: Experience and Environment
  - Governance of Tourism and Natural Resources
  - Leisure, Tourism and Globalisation
- Especially for the RU adapted version of: Introduction to Leisure, Tourism and Environment

Furthermore you will choose two relevant elective courses for your master research. Useful choices e.g. can be ‘Placemaking and Spatial Practice’ or ‘Multiculturalism, Diversity and Space’ but also other courses, from our university or beyond would be possible. You will conduct your master thesis research in the framework of an internship as part of the programme.

In this way you get a feeling of professional life in the field and enhance your chances on the job market.

Admission
The requirements for admission are either:
- a bachelor degree in Human Geography
- a bachelor degree in one of the disciplines of the Faculty of Management
- a bachelor degree in one of the disciplines of the Faculty of Social Sciences or
- another relevant bachelor degree

For more information on prerequisites for admission please contact the study advisor.

More information can be found on the website: www.ru.nl/masters/cgt.