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## 'Pack Your Bags'

An hilarious sit-com  
about an international Backpacker's hotel  
in Amsterdam



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## Synopsis



What do you get if you take a cockney underground boss from London, a beautiful Dutch woman who lacks social subtleties, a German teen who has somehow managed to kidnap himself, a frantic Frenchman with the desire (but not the talent) to be a great chef, and an Italian in a race against time to find a wife, and cram them all into a shabby, cheap hostel in Amsterdam for them to run? Pack Your Bags!

Each of the staff members claw for their own seemingly unobtainable goals, whilst at the same time upholding the guise of running a low-budget hostel. Their dreams, goals and desires are inevitably thwarted by their own inabilities and their peer's conniving machinations. Their dilemmas are only worsened by the constant influx of international guests staying at the hostel, who each add their own flavour and misadventure.

Is it possible for everyone to reach their dreams? Can different peoples work together?

Whatever the outcome, it's bound to make for some good watching!





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## CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS



Floortje Dyke

Floortje is a 28 year old Dutch woman who works as the hostel manager after a failed relationship with Mikey (see below). She is a compulsive organiser, a 'do-er', and as such has a tendency to be blunt, dominating and intimidating to others without realising the effect this has on them. A seeming flaw at first becomes a virtue as those who know her later seek the warmth of her honesty. She desires love but craves sex, and can't seem to combine the two.

Mikey/"Bob the Butcher"



Mikey, 38, from London, runs the joint. He used to smuggle across the English channel by boat until the tunnel between England and France ruined his business. Since then he has tried to get himself clear of his contacts and live a 'straight' life. This is easier said than done. He is an ominous character, but tries to befriend all the clientele. Each, to a man, is scared witless of his presence and ubiquitous presence. The situation is reversed, however, when he is dealing with other mobsters. He tries to be authoritative, but none see through the thin façade.



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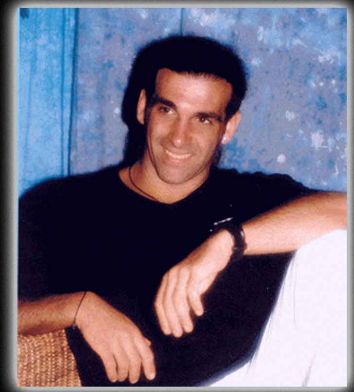


Jean-Claude  
Boulangé

Having had no success in his own country, regardless of his own impermeable beliefs in his talent, this 32 year old Frenchman has found himself working for Mikey as chef. Every meal must be perfect for Jean-Claude, and this causes needless delay and annoyance among the staff and guests. The end result is always a disappointment, yet the constant criticism slides off his feathered French pride. Oh, and he denies he's gay.

## Giovanni Cannelloni

Giovanni has come to Amsterdam to find a wife...in a hurry. In order to win his mother's praise and inheritance, Giovanni must wed. He believed Amsterdam would offer him the selection and willingness he needed, and so ended being the cleaner at Pack Your Bags. His advances on women, however, constantly, and without fail, fall flat after the first night. Needless to say he does little cleaning.





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### Karl Schwiensteiger

This 18 year old German kid ran away from home in protest of his parents lifestyle. He ran to Amsterdam and arranged his own kidnapping in order to use his ransom money for the good of the environment. He was adopted into Pack Your Bags and works as a 'Gofor', but his reality seems to run at a much slower pace than normal, and so he pretty much does nothing other than creep about the hostel and fake ransom notes.

### The Hooker Next Door

A 34 year old Russian woman who has set up shop selling her wares lives next door to the hostel. She pops in to the hostel from time to time looking for unsuspecting clients. She forms a bond with Giovanni who, after many failed seduction attempts, seeks her advice in the world of sexual pleasure. In return Giovanni turns a few of the guests heads in her direction.



### The Guy That Never Left

Every hostel has one, and Pack Your Bags is no exception. He is a 55 year old hippy, hardly ever seen, but always present. Little is known about him and even less attention is given to him. His name, at least, is Isaac.

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## ABOUT THE WRITERS

### Melcher Hillmann

Melcher Hillmann is a successful television director and comedy writer in Holland. After finishing the Amsterdam Film & Television Academy, he worked for numerous television production companies such as Endemol and SBS Productions.

### Benjamin Vos

After finishing his Audio-visual school of Arts, Benjamin Vos started to work for the internationally operating production company First Floor Features in Amsterdam. As head of the development department he was responsible for the creative and commercial start-up of various projects.

### Steve Park

Originating from Australia, Steve Park is currently working as a writer on numerous projects. At First Floor Features he wrote on international film projects and numerous Dutch and international projects.

## About the cast

The cast will be a selection from the best comedy talent around Europe. It will be the first television show where talent from different nationalities will work together to create a realistic humorous series.



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## SYNOPSIS EPISODE 3

### Episode 3: 'Swiss Coupling' (Pilot)

A Swiss couple arrive at the hostel. The wife is half the age of her husband and is eager for him to relive his youth with her. Unbeknownst to the staff, a detective has arrived also and begins snooping around the hostel. The Swiss husband can't keep up with his young wife and soon forms a bond with Floortje. Meanwhile the detective from Europol has obtained enough evidence to bust Mikey and the hostel with bestiality, kidnapping, murder and necrophilia. When the bust comes all is explained and justified, except in the Swiss wife's mind; especially how her husband came to be in bed with the manager!

\* FULL EPISODE DESCRIPTIONS AND SCRIPT  
AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

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## FACTS & FIGURES

Genre:

Sitcom (without a live audience)

Running time:

25 mins

Episodes:

12 per season

Language:

English

Market region/age:

European/15-40yrs



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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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