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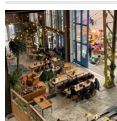
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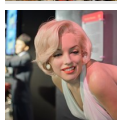
With its characteristic canals (UNESCO World Heritage) surrounded by narrow, low, and crooked 17th-century houses, Amsterdam is, undoubtedly, one of the most charming capital cities in Europe. The rich cultural life and a wide range of entertainment make Amsterdam a full-scale city which has managed to retain its small-town feel. With over 50 museums, of which many are famous across the globe, this city is a real treat for art-lovers: highlights include the Rijksmuseum, Van Gogh Museum, and the Stedelijk Museum.

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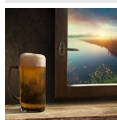
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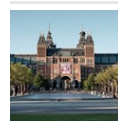
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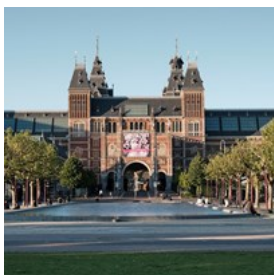
## DO & SEE



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Scenic canals, cosy bars and cafes combine with architectural masterpieces to make Amsterdam one of Europe's most beautiful cities. Take an unforgettable journey through this charming Dutch capital. The Rijksmuseum houses countless works of art, the Van Gogh Museum features 600 pieces by the famous artist, and the Anne Frank House gives you an insight into life in the Second World War. Each has its own unique story, but they all show how magnificent Amsterdam can be.

### Rijksmuseum



The Rijksmuseum is the largest and most important museum in the Netherlands. It boasts a collection of nearly 8,000 pieces spread over 80 galleries.

Dive into the history of Dutch art and marvel at the magnificent oeuvres from medieval times through the Golden Age. See iconic paintings by Van Gogh, Rembrandt, and Vermeer.

Photo: Frans Ruiter /unsplash.com

Address: Museumstraat 1, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +31 20 674 7000

Internet: [www.rijksmuseum.nl/en](http://www.rijksmuseum.nl/en)

Email: [info@rijksmuseum.nl](mailto:info@rijksmuseum.nl)

### Jordaan



The Jordaan is a neighbourhood of the city centre of Amsterdam, west of Prinsengracht canal. Originally a working-class

neighbourhood, the Jordaan has become one of the most expensive, upscale and desirable locations in the country. It is home to gorgeous historical residential buildings with cute hofjes (inner courtyards), numerous modern art galleries, speciality shops, cafes and restaurants.

Rembrandt spent the last years of his life in the Jordaan, on the Rozengracht canal. The Anne Frank House is located on the edge of the Jordaan, on the Prinsengracht canal.

Many houses in the Jordaan have a stone tablet on their facade, displaying the profession or family sign of the inhabitants, such as scissors for tailors and a piglet for butchers. See how many you can spot!

Photo: Joël de Vriend/unsplash

Address: Between Singelgracht canal & Prinsengracht canal

Internet: [www.iamsterdam.com/en/about-amsterdam/amsterdam-neighbourhoods/centre/jordaan](http://www.iamsterdam.com/en/about-amsterdam/amsterdam-neighbourhoods/centre/jordaan)

### Van Gogh Museum



The Van Gogh Museum offers an immersive look at the painter's masterpieces, from the iconic "Sunflowers" to "The Bedroom" and "The

Potato Eaters". It presents his paintings, sketchbooks and letters, and documents the evolution of his art, reflecting on themes like love

and hope, anxiety and suffering. This venue also highlights his influence on other artists, making it a beacon for art lovers worldwide. Since its inception in 1973, the museum has become a pivotal space for celebrating Van Gogh's legacy.

Photo: Rasmus Kuber/unsplash

Address: Museumplein 6, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Daily from 9am. Closing times change seasonally

Phone: +31 20 570 5200

Internet: [www.vangoghmuseum.nl/en](http://www.vangoghmuseum.nl/en)

Email: [info@vangoghmuseum.nl](mailto:info@vangoghmuseum.nl)

### Anne Frank House



The Anne Frank House is the hiding place where Anne Frank wrote her famous diary during World War II. Now a museum, it recreates the

war and holocaust years. Quotations from the diary, photographs, films and original objects belonging to the people in hiding and those who helped them all serve to illustrate the events which occurred at this location. Anne's original diary is on display in the museum as well.

Photo: Guido Coppa / unsplash.com

Address: Westermarkt 20, Amsterdam

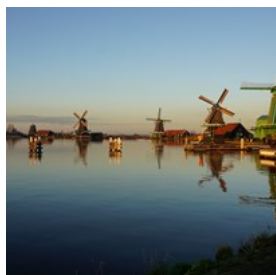
Opening hours: Daily 9am-10pm

Phone: +31 20 556 7105

Internet: [www.annefrank.org/Museum](http://www.annefrank.org/Museum)

Email: [services@annefrank.nl](mailto:services@annefrank.nl)

### Day Trip to Zaanse Schans, Edam, Volendam & Marken from Amsterdam



Discover the jewels of the Dutch countryside on a fun day trip to Zaanse Schans, Edam, Volendam, and Marken leaving from Amsterdam. See typical

Dutch windmills that are still in use today. Visit a

local cheese producer, where the cheese master will explain how they produce Gouda and Edam cheeses. Discover the secrets of the klomp, the traditional Dutch clog, and much more.

Photo: Nathalia Morales/Unsplash

Internet: [amsterdamguias.com/en/tour-to-zaanse-schans-edam-volendam-and-marken](http://amsterdamguias.com/en/tour-to-zaanse-schans-edam-volendam-and-marken)

### De Wallen



Every visitor is aware of the existence of Amsterdam's red light district, locally referred to as De Wallen. Some head there straightaway

while others prefer to walk around it — the choice is yours. The truth is, you will likely end up wandering through the area simply because of its location right in the city centre.

The best way to get acquainted with the city's most notorious neighbourhood and discover its stories and secrets is by joining a walking tour.

Follow your guide through winding cobblestone streets and narrow alleys as you learn the history behind Amsterdam's infamous adult destination.

See, along the way, oddities like the world's first condom shop, the Museum of Prostitution as well as little-known sculptures, and sex theatres.

Photo: Massimo Catarinella/cc by-sa 3.0/Wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Beursplein, Amsterdam

More Info: It is strictly forbidden to take pictures or film people behind their windows.

### Jewish Historical Museum & Jewish Cultural Quarter



When visiting the Jewish Quarter, make sure to make time for its several attractions — the Jewish Historical Museum, Children's Museum, the Great Synagogue and the Dutch Theatre (Hollandsche Schouwburg). All of these are located within a short walking distance from one another.

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Address: Joods Museum, Nieuwe Amstelstraat 1, Amsterdam

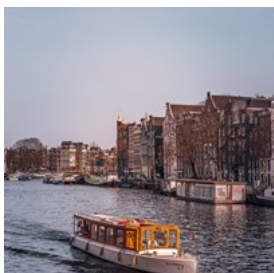
Opening hours: Daily 10am–5pm

Phone: +31 20 531 0310

Internet: [jck.nl/en/location/jewish-museum](http://jck.nl/en/location/jewish-museum)

Email: [service@jck.nl](mailto:service@jck.nl)

### Amsterdam Open Boat Canal Cruise



Admire the sights along Amsterdam's UNESCO World Heritage canals on a 1-hour luxury boat ride. Get comfortable in your seat, grab a drink from the cash bar, and enjoy the scenic ride through several of the city's landmarks like the Museum Quarter and the infamous Red Light District.

Photo: Yiorgos Ntrahas/Unsplash

Internet: [flagshipamsterdam.com](http://flagshipamsterdam.com)

### Royal Palace



The Koninklijk Paleis (Royal Palace) on Amsterdam's Dam Square is one of three palaces still in use by the Dutch royal family. When not used for state visits, award ceremonies or other official functions, visitors can explore the

magnificent interior and discover the rich history of the building.

Photo: Anibal Trejo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Koninklijk Paleis, Dam, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Tue–Sun (when not used for state visits)

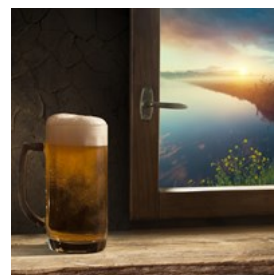
10am–5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +31 20 522 6161

Internet: [www.paleisamsterdam.nl/en](http://www.paleisamsterdam.nl/en)

Email: [info@dkh.nl](mailto:info@dkh.nl)

### Heineken Experience



The former Heineken Brewery in Amsterdam offers some 3000 square metres of special exhibition space. Learn more about Heineken's rich history, the tradition and craft of brewing, and the people behind this multinational company in this monumental building located at the Stadhouderskade. Good to know: two drinks are included in the admission price.

Photo: Kishivan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Stadhouderskade 78, Amsterdam

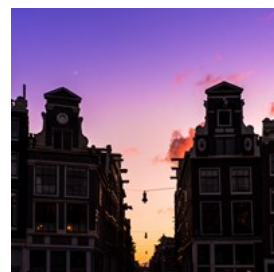
Phone: +31 20 721 5300

Internet: [www.heinekenexperience.com](http://www.heinekenexperience.com)

Email: [sales.experience@heineken.com](mailto:sales.experience@heineken.com)

More Info: People under 18 are welcome to participate in the tour

### Negen Straatjes



The Negen Straatjes (nine little streets) intersect the main canals between the Leidsestraat and the Jordaan district, and are dotted with great restaurants, cafes, art galleries, jewellers, boutiques and vintage stores. With an exceptional array of styles, trends and prices, this area is truly a shopper's paradise.



Photo: Dennis van de Water/Shutterstock.com

Address: Wolvenstraat 9, Amsterdam

Internet: [www.de9straatjes.nl/en/home](http://www.de9straatjes.nl/en/home)

Email: [info@de9straatjes.nl](mailto:info@de9straatjes.nl)

### Vondelpark

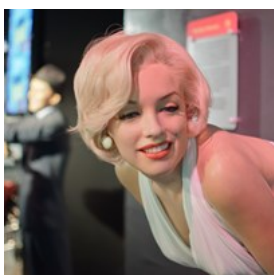


The Vondelpark is one of the most popular parks in the Amsterdam, right next to the Rijksmuseum. Locals and tourists alike come here to spend some time in the sun, play games together, bike, stroll hand-in-hand, read a book or simply enjoy the serene ambiance that this cosy park has to offer. It is a favourite haunt of dog owners and their pets. Don't miss the colony of about 4,000 wild parakeets that has flourished in the park since the mid-1970s.

Photo: Srdjan Stojiljkovic/cc by-sa 2.0/Flickr (image cropped)(image cropped)

Internet: [www.hetvondelpark.net](http://www.hetvondelpark.net)

### Madame Tussauds Amsterdam



You won't see so many celebrities gathered together anywhere else. From film stars to sporting heroes, from the Golden Age to modern times, national and international artists, Madame Tussauds truly has something for everyone.

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Address: Dam 20, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Most weeks Sun & Mon 10am-5:30pm,  
Tue-Fri 10am-8pm

Phone: +31 20 522 1010

Internet: [www.madametussauds.com/amsterdam/en](http://www.madametussauds.com/amsterdam/en)

Email: [info@madametussauds.nl](mailto:info@madametussauds.nl)

### A'dam Tower



A'dam is the iconic and controversial tall building next to the Eye Film Institute and opposite Central Station. It calls itself "a tower of many talents": you can grab a bite, work in a coworking space, rave at the club and spend the night at the hotel here. The tower hosts some major creative labels, so the crowd is always interesting.

For some adrenaline, check out the A'dam Lookout — an observation deck with a panoramic view of Amsterdam, an interactive exhibition and free audio tour about Amsterdam's history and culture. A swing that lets you dangle your feet off the edge of the building is the cherry on top.

Photo: Ruben Hanssen/unsplash

Address: A'DAM Toren, Overhoeksplein 1, Amsterdam

Public Transport: Follow the signs 'IJ-Zijde' (IJ-Side) to the ferry platforms at the Central Station. Take the ferry to 'Buiksloterweg' and enjoy a two-minute cruise to Noord (the ferry is available 24/7 and free)

Internet: [adamtoren.nl](http://adamtoren.nl)

Email: [info@adamtoren.nl](mailto:info@adamtoren.nl)

### Rembrandt House Museum



The Rembrandt House Museum will be interesting for people who want to know more about the painter's life, his work and about the

Dutch Golden Age in general. The painter lived and worked in the house between 1639 and 1656 and these days visitors can see the reconstruction of the 17th-century interior.

In addition to the main attraction, Rembrandt

House has great temporary exhibitions as well as an interactive one for kids. A worthy cultural destination for the entire family.

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Address: Museum Het Rembrandthuis, Jodenbreestraat 4, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

Phone: +31 20 520 0400

Internet: [www.rembrandthuis.nl/en](http://www.rembrandthuis.nl/en)

Email: [museum@rembrandthuis.nl](mailto:museum@rembrandthuis.nl)

## Westergas



Once the city's gasworks, the late 19th-century industrial buildings of Westergas are now one of Amsterdam's most vibrant creative hubs. At

its core, Westergas is an event venue surrounded by hip tempting bars, restaurants, coffee roasters, an artisanal microbrewery, a small arthouse cinema, and a whole lot of creative businesses.

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Address: Westerpark, Amsterdam

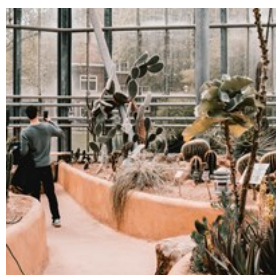
Phone: +31 20 586 0711

Internet: [www.westergas.nl/en](http://www.westergas.nl/en)

Email: [info@westergas.nl](mailto:info@westergas.nl)

More Info: Sunday market is held on the first Sunday of every month. Check the event calendar before visiting.

## Hortus Botanicus



Hortus Botanicus is one of the world's oldest botanical gardens established in 1638 as an herb garden with medicinal plants for

Amsterdam doctors and pharmacists. The plants were brought here from all over the world by the traders of the Dutch East India Company (VOC).

Today, Hortus Botanicus holds more than 6,000 different plants, including unique ones, like the 2,000 years old agave cactus and a 300-year-old Eastern Cape giant cycad. The garden's orangery has a beautiful cafe with large outside terrace open to the garden. Find some peace and quiet here, especially on a drizzly day.

Photo: Sabrina Mazzeo/unsplash

Address: Plantage Middenlaan 2a, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm. In summer, until 9pm on Thu & Sun

Phone: +31 20 625 9021

Internet: [www.dehortus.nl/en](http://www.dehortus.nl/en)

## Diamond Museum



Located in the city centre, the Amsterdam Diamond Museum grants visitors an insight into the development of diamond production (from billions of years ago to modern times), and showcases some rare exhibits such as the incredible Rembrandt Diamond, the Katana and the Ape Skull.

Photo: The Adventurer/Shutterstock.com

Address: Paulus Potterstraat 8, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +31 20 305 5300

Internet: [www.diamondmuseum.com](http://www.diamondmuseum.com)

Email: [info@diamondmuseum.com](mailto:info@diamondmuseum.com)

## New Church



The New Church (or Nieuwe Kerk) isn't just a regular 15th-century church. It played an important role throughout history, and hosted the inaugurations of multiple Dutch kings and queens. Today's royalty — the Dutch king

and queen — exchanged vows here, too. These days the church frequently hosts various exhibitions.

Photo: mareandmare/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nieuwe Kerk, Dam Square, Amsterdam

Opening hours: See the official website for list of current and upcoming events

Phone: +31 20 626 8168

Internet: [www.nieuwekerk.nl/en](http://www.nieuwekerk.nl/en)

Email: [pressoffice@nieuwekerk.nl](mailto:pressoffice@nieuwekerk.nl)

### Amsterdam Noord's Renovated Shipyard (NDSM)



NDSM, the renovated shipyard in Amsterdam Noord is a live music performance space with a strong industrial vibe.

The complex houses creative businesses, small workshops, clubs, bars and eateries.

Take one of Amsterdam's free ferries and come here for hip waterside hangouts, frequent festivals and events. The famed Botel and Crane Hotel Faralda are located nearby, so consider spending the night in the neighbourhood.

Photo: Sabrina Nedjah/unsplash

Address: NDSM-Plein 28, Amsterdam

Internet: [www.ndsm.nl/en](http://www.ndsm.nl/en)

Email: [info@ndsm.nl](mailto:info@ndsm.nl)

More Info: Located on the premises of the former Nederlandsche Dok en Scheepsbouw Maatschappij (NDSM) shipbuilding company.

### Amsterdam Museum



The Amsterdam Museum tells the compelling story of the growth and heyday of the Dutch capital. Discover seven centuries of the city's history —

once a small settlement on the banks of the Amstel, and now a bustling, diverse metropolis. The rich collection of works of art, objects and archaeological finds brings to life the fortunes of the Amsterdammers of days gone by.

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Address: Kalverstraat 92, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +31 20 523 1822

Internet: [www.amsterdammuseum.nl/en](http://www.amsterdammuseum.nl/en)

Email: [info@amsterdammuseum.nl](mailto:info@amsterdammuseum.nl)

### Singel Flower Market



The Singel Flower Market is one of Amsterdam's most colourful attractions. The small shops are located inside a row of floating barges —

a holdover from the days when the flowers arrived in Amsterdam every day from the countryside by boat. At the flower market you'll find tulips of every colour — either in bouquets or as bulbs to plant at home. If you plan to buy bulbs to take out of the country, be sure they have a "customs cleared" stamp on the packet so you won't have trouble at the border.

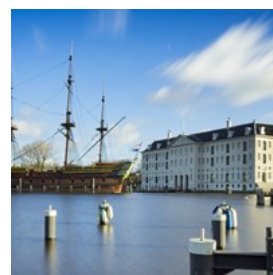
Photo: Emico/Public Domain/Wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Singel 630-600, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5:30pm, Sun 11am-5:30pm

More Info: On the Singel canal between the Koningsplein and the Muntplein.

### National Maritime Museum



The National Maritime Museum invites its visitors to discover how the Dutch culture has been shaped by the sea. The building has been completely restored and modernised, the



courtyard now covered by a glass roof. The museum includes a restaurant, a waterside terrace and even a replica of the Dutch East India Company ship "Amsterdam" moored outside.

Photo: Milad Alizadeh/unsplash

Address: Het Scheepvaartmuseum, Kattenburgerplein 1, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +31 20 523 2222

Internet: [www.hetscheepvaartmuseum.com](http://www.hetscheepvaartmuseum.com)

Email: [info@hetscheepvaartmuseum.nl](mailto:info@hetscheepvaartmuseum.nl)

### Amsterdam Dungeon



The Amsterdam Dungeon brings 500 years of dark history to life with 12 shows, 7 actors and 1 terrifying experience.

Can you survive the horrific plague during the 80 minute tour? Make sure you don't get tortured by the executioner Peter Titelmann from the Spanish Inquisition or get lost in the mirror labyrinth. There is also a roller coaster for the really brave visitors.

Photo: Tereshchenko Dmitry/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rokin 78, Amsterdam

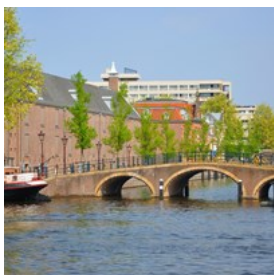
Opening hours: From 11am

Phone: +31 20 5308 500

Internet: [www.thedungeons.com/amsterdam/en](http://www.thedungeons.com/amsterdam/en)

Email: [info@theamsterdamdungeon.nl](mailto:info@theamsterdamdungeon.nl)

### H'ART Museum (formerly Hermitage Amsterdam)



H'ART Museum, situated along the Amstel river in Amsterdam, showcases a diverse array of global art and stories. Unique exhibitions, ranging from

world-renowned collections to innovative displays, are featured in this iconic location.

Once affiliated with Saint Petersburg's Hermitage Museum, H'ART now stands independently. Housed in the historic Amstelhof, a classic 1681 edifice, the museum also offers an array of activities including concerts, educational programs, and a vibrant café, all set within an inviting indoor garden.

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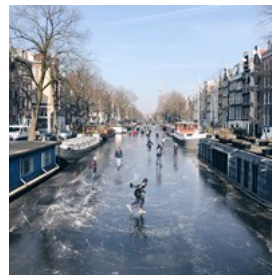
Address: Amstel 51, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +31 20 530 8755

Internet: [hartmuseum.nl/en](http://hartmuseum.nl/en)

### Museum of the Canals



A visit to Het Grachtenhuis (the Canal House) is the perfect way to learn more about the history of Amsterdam's canal ring. The museum

looks at the 17th-century city expansion projects that led to Amsterdam's ring of canals which received UNESCO world heritage status in 2010. After seeing the interactive displays, you'll look at Amsterdam in a whole new light when wandering through the city's streets or taking a canal cruise.

Photo: Robbert Esser/unsplash

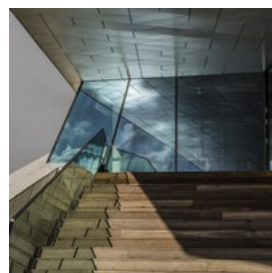
Address: Grachtenmuseum, Herengracht 386, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Mon noon-5pm, Tue-Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +31 20 4211 656

Internet: [grachten.museum/en](http://grachten.museum/en)

### EYE Film Institute Netherlands



The EYE Film Institute screens classic and art-house movies on a daily basis. If you love films and cinematography, be sure

to visit this new ultramodern building along the



IJ waterway, which is home to an internationally-renowned collection of films covering the whole history of cinema. The museum's extensive programme includes exhibitions and events examining the history of film and contemporary cinematographic developments. Pop in to see their collection of film posters!

Photo: AlejandroQuinto/Shutterstock.com

Address: IJpromenade 1, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Temporary exhibitions: daily 10am-7pm. Box office 10am-final show. Eye Bar Restaurant: daily 10am-midnight

Phone: +31 20 589 1400

Internet: [www.eyefilm.nl/en](http://www.eyefilm.nl/en)

Email: [info@eyefilm.nl](mailto:info@eyefilm.nl)

### Artis Royal Zoo



One of the oldest zoos in all of Europe, Artis Royal Zoo contains multiple species of land and marine animals, as well as an aquarium and a planetarium. The zoo grounds invite for a pleasant stroll among the trees and give the visitors the opportunity to admire a myriad of animals ranging from chimps to elephants.

Photo: Hans Meerbeek/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plantage Kerklaan 38-40, Amsterdam

Opening hours: November through February: daily 9am-5pm. March through October: daily 9am-6pm

Phone: +31 20 523 3670

Internet: [www.artis.nl/en](http://www.artis.nl/en)

Email: [info@artis.nl](mailto:info@artis.nl)

### Frans Hals Museum



Haarlem's Frans Hals Museum is home to the largest collection of paintings by Frans Hals in the world. Hals, the most famous Haarlem painter of the Golden Age, specialised in portraits. In addition to paintings by Hals, the museum has works by his predecessors and his contemporaries, as well as furniture, ceramics, glass and silver.

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Address: Groot Heiligland 62, Haarlem

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 11am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +31 23 511 5775

Internet: [www.franshalsmuseum.nl](http://www.franshalsmuseum.nl)

Email: [meet@franshalsmuseum.nl](mailto:meet@franshalsmuseum.nl)

More Info: The museum is divided between two locations: Hof and Hal, a 7-minute walk apart

### Het Concertgebouw



Built in 1888, the Concertgebouw is a world-famous concert hall located in the city centre. Take a guided tour and discover some of the hidden areas of this magnificent building, such as the backstage and the attic above the Main Hall, while listening to some interesting anecdotes.

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Address: Concertgebouwplein 10, Amsterdam

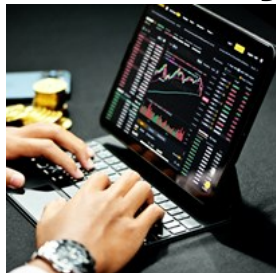
Phone: +31 20 573 0 573

Internet: [www.concertgebouw.nl/en](http://www.concertgebouw.nl/en)

Email: [contact@concertgebouw.nl](mailto:contact@concertgebouw.nl)

More Info: Entrance from Van Baerlestraat. The Dutch term "concertgebouw" translates into English as "concert building"

### Amsterdam Exchange Experience



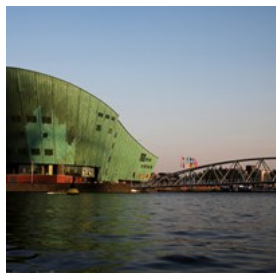
The famous Amsterdam Exchange index (AEX) throws open its doors to the public with this new attraction taking visitors on an exciting interactive journey from the beginnings of the Dutch East India Company right through to today's modern electronic trading floor.

Photo: Executium/unsplash

Address: Beursplein 5, Amsterdam

Internet: [www.euronext.com/en/markets/amsterdam/amsterdam-exchange-experience](http://www.euronext.com/en/markets/amsterdam/amsterdam-exchange-experience)

### NEMO



NEMO is the largest science centre in the Netherlands. With five floors full of exciting things to do and discover, this is the perfect place for anyone with an inquisitive mind. Exhibitions, theatre performances, films, workshops and demonstrations: you will smell, hear, feel and see how the world works.

Photo: Joel Shawn/Shutterstock.com

Address: Oosterdok 2, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-5:30pm, also open on Mondays during school holidays

Phone: +31 20 531 3233

Internet: [www.nemosciencemuseum.nl](http://www.nemosciencemuseum.nl)

Email: [info@e-nemo.nl](mailto:info@e-nemo.nl)

### Allard Pierson Museum



Allard Pierson Museum narrates stories of ancient civilisations via informative displays which include artefacts from the Great Roman

Empire, ancient Egypt, ancient Greece, Etruria, and Near East. This archaeological museum is sponsored by the University of Amsterdam.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Oude Turfmarkt 127-129, Amsterdam

Public Transport: From Central Station by tram 4 14 (alight at Spui), and by metro 52 (Rokin Station)

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-5pm, Mon closed. Open on Mondays during the autumn break

Phone: +31 20 525 73 00

Internet: [allardpierson.nl/en](http://allardpierson.nl/en)

## EXPLORE AMSTERDAM



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Sign up for a tour or excursion to discover a side of Amsterdam you might never see on your own. For example, a canal cruise is an absolute must for every first-time visitor. Amsterdam's fantastic architecture is best seen from a sightseeing boat on the canals. But Amsterdam is also a great city to explore by bike or on foot. Travel outside the city and experience the typically Dutch landscape of windmills, dikes and manicured green pastures. Stroll through quaint fishing villages, take a boat tour along the scenic waterways or cycle along the sand dunes.

Be a savvy traveller and get to know the city of canals like a local with our free guide to Amsterdam. Check out the best cafes and restaurants, get ideas for things to do and see every day of your trip and don't miss out on the

nightlife.

### Cycling in Amsterdam



Experience Amsterdam like a local — by bike. Familiarise yourself with the city with its diverse neighbourhoods and architecture, cycle along the waterfront and enjoy a local beer across from an iconic windmill. Thanks to the many bike paths in the city, pedal power is all you need to discover the city's gems on your own, or as part of a guided bike tour.

Photo: iiphevgeny/Shutterstock.com

Internet: [www.iamsterdam.com/en/whats-on/calendar/transportation/rental](http://www.iamsterdam.com/en/whats-on/calendar/transportation/rental)

### Canal Motorboats



At Canal Motorboats you can hire a specialised boat for an hour or more. Make your way around the city taking tons of photos and making fantastic memories with friends and family. The company's marina is just 10 minutes from Central Station and five minutes from the beginning of the Prinsengracht. Each boat can carry up to seven people and naturally larger parties can hire multiple boats.

If you don't feel like piloting the boat yourself, hop onto one of the many cruise boats that take you on a long loop of the winding canals.

Photo: Dmitry Eagle Orlov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Marina Realeneiland, Zandhoek 22, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +31 20 422 7007

Internet: [www.canalmotorboats.com](http://www.canalmotorboats.com)

Email: [Info@canalmotorboats.com](mailto:Info@canalmotorboats.com)

### Canal Cruise



Besides providing a stunning backdrop to the city's historical centre, floating down Amsterdam's canals is one of the most

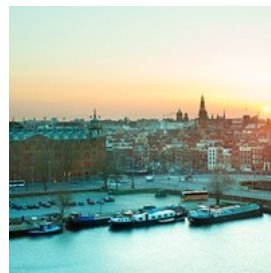
memorable ways to discover the city. Whether you're a first-time or frequent visitor, everything in Amsterdam seems a bit more magical when viewed from a boat.

Photo: Samot/Shutterstock.com

Internet: [flagshipamsterdam.com/canal-cruise-amsterdam](http://flagshipamsterdam.com/canal-cruise-amsterdam)

More Info: Many tours depart in front of the Anne Frank House

### Amsterdam Hop-On Hop-Off Sightseeing



With distinctive buses and friendly staff, the choice in selected cities between multi-lingual commentary or live guide sightseeing has never

been so much fun. Hop on and hop off as much as you like at any of the bus stops on the route and see all the best sights and attractions that Amsterdam has to offer. There are combination tickets that let you switch between busses and boats at will.

Photo: joyfull/Shutterstock.com

Address: City Sightseeing Amsterdam, Damrak 34, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 20 420 4000

Internet: [www.citysightseeingamsterdam.nl](http://www.citysightseeingamsterdam.nl)

Email: [info@citysightseeingamsterdam.nl](mailto:info@citysightseeingamsterdam.nl)

More Info: Free WiFi and GPS guide in 18 languages on board



### 'Mee in Mokum' Walking Tours



With its vast number of exciting places close together, Amsterdam is a great city for a long walk. Nowhere else will you find so many points of interest within a single square kilometre. Join one of the various 'Mee in Mokum' walking tours, or discover the areas beyond Amsterdam's city centre on your own by using the walking tour maps available at the official tourist information centres.

Photo: TravnikovStudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Departure point: Restaurant Luciëns, Luciensteeg 15, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 20 625 4450

Internet: [www.gildeamsterdam.nl](http://www.gildeamsterdam.nl)

Email: [info@gildeamsterdam.nl](mailto:info@gildeamsterdam.nl)

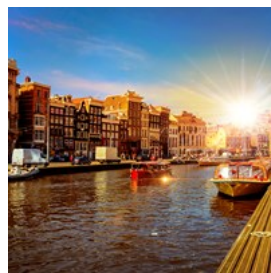
### AMSTERDAM METROPOLITAN AREA



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For the visitors who have already seen the beautiful canals, visited the highlights, pioneered the Jordaan neighbourhood and got the hang of the never-ending nightlife, here's news for you: there is plenty more to experience. The vast Amsterdam Metropolitan Area offers a great variety of products and activities: beaches, shopping centres, history museums and much more. All of these attractions are within an hour's reach using public transportation.

### Zaanse Schans — the Old Holland



Windmills spin in the breeze at Zaanse Schans, church bells ring out and cows wander around Old Holland's farmhouses.

The Waterland region and

small town harbours such as Marken and Volendam are packed with industrial heritage, showcasing traditional skills like shipbuilding, fishing and cheese making.

Photo: Olena Z/Shutterstock.com

Public Transport: To the Zaanse Schans: Connexxion bus 391 (Industrial Heritage Line) from Amsterdam Central Station to bus stop Zaanse Schans. To Volendam: EBS bus 110 & 118 from Amsterdam CS to bus stop Zeestraat.

Internet: [www.dezaanseschans.nl/en](http://www.dezaanseschans.nl/en)

### Keukenhof Gardens



Come tiptoe through the tulips, admire the amaryllis and cruise past the crocuses at the Keukenhof Gardens in Lisse, the world's largest

flower gardens. Each year, the Keukenhof Gardens burst into a kaleidoscope of colours as the rolling grounds are carpeted with blooming flowers from the end of March to May.

Photo: Andrew Mayovskyy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Stationsweg 166A, Lisse

Opening hours: 21 March to 12 May: daily 8am-7:30pm

Internet: [www.keukenhof.nl](http://www.keukenhof.nl)

Email: [info@keukenhof.nl](mailto:info@keukenhof.nl)

## Haarlem



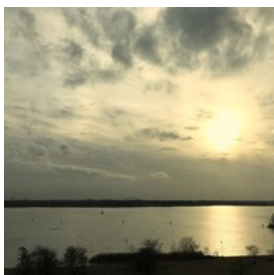
Enjoy a perfect trip to Haarlem, an authentic city of remarkable history and culture right at Amsterdam's doorstep. Its beauty provided

inspiration for many of the Golden Age painters. Fill your day with excellent shopping, spectacular museums and sunny terraces amongst monumental buildings.

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Internet: [www.visithaarlem.com/en](http://www.visithaarlem.com/en)

## Almere



The Amsterdam Metropolitan Area owes everything to innovation and it is still evolving. New Land locations such as Lelystad and Almere

offer fascinating examples of interesting architecture and creative developments. Located to the east of Amsterdam, Almere is a so-called 'new town' which was planned and built entirely from scratch. Come and enjoy both its architecture and the natural landscape surrounding the urban areas.

Photo: Evannovostro/Shutterstock.com

Address: Almere, Amsterdam

## Castles & Lakes



Retreat to the Amstel River countryside and discover the maritime and military history of the area with its fortresses and lakes. This region is

especially rich in historical estates and extravagant castles, such as the Muiderslot

Castle in Muiden.

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## DINING



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Looking for a quick snack, a refreshing drink, or a romantic three-course dinner? Amsterdam has all of that and more. From grand cafes and historic watering holes to Michelin stars and the best seasonal produce, keep reading for tips on where to have a memorable meal or drink in Amsterdam.

## Kitchen & Bar Van Rijn



Kitchen & Bar Van Rijn on the Rembrandtplein is inspired by the beauty and the masterpieces of Rembrandt van Rijn. In a cosmopolitan atmosphere

with an open kitchen, you can enjoy authentic Dutch cuisine for lunch and dinner. At weekends there is even live music and a DJ.

Photo: Ekaterina Pokrovsky / Shutterstock.com

Address: Rembrandtplein 17, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Daily 11am-late

Phone: +31 20 4500 555

Internet: [www.vanrijnamsterdam.nl](http://www.vanrijnamsterdam.nl)

Email: [reserveringen@vanrijnamsterdam.nl](mailto:reserveringen@vanrijnamsterdam.nl)

### **Tteppanyaki Restaurant Sazanka**



Michelin-starred restaurant Sazanka at Hotel Okura invites to a dinner and a show — skilled chefs prepare the finest Japanese dishes

right before guests' eyes. The extensive menu features meat, seafood, and vegetarian dishes. Book in advance to ensure being seated.

Photo: Rod Long/unsplash

Address: Hotel Okura, Ferdinand Bolstraat 333, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Thu-Tue 6pm-8:30pm, Wed closed

Phone: +31 20 6788 300

Internet:

[www.okura.nl/dine-and-drink/teppanyaki-restaurant-sazanka](http://www.okura.nl/dine-and-drink/teppanyaki-restaurant-sazanka)

Email: [restaurants@okura.nl](mailto:restaurants@okura.nl)

More Info: Smart casual dress code.

### **Omelegg**



The first Dutch omelettery offers a great selection of egg-based dishes for breakfast, lunch, or weekend brunch. Omelettes come

in a plethora of varieties, from BBQ to banana & peanut butter. Fresh juices and an assortment of hot and cold drinks are served.

Photo: Sara Dubler/unsplash

Address: Nieuwebrugsteeg 24, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-4pm, Sat & Sun 8am-4pm

Phone: +31 20 233 2406

Internet: [www.omelegg.com](http://www.omelegg.com)

Email: [info@omelegg.com](mailto:info@omelegg.com)

More Info: Omelegg has a second location at Ferdinand Bolstraat 143,

### **Foodhallen**



The impressive food court housed inside De Hallen contains 47 international restaurants, with offerings ranging from dim sum to steaks to

tacos. Some reputable local restaurants have branches here. The common dining area is always buzzing, and live DJ sets are hosted Friday and Saturday nights.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bellamyplein 51, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-midnight, Fri & Sat noon-1am

Internet: [foodhallen.nl/venues/amsterdam](http://foodhallen.nl/venues/amsterdam)

Email: [info@foodhallen.nl](mailto:info@foodhallen.nl)

More Info: Located in De Hallen cultural centre.

### **Restaurant Olijfe**



At the restaurant Olijfe, Mediterranean meat or fish delicacies will be prepared for you on the restaurant's charcoal grill. In the meantime,

you can start off your dinner experience with some Spanish tapas, Mediterranean meze, Turkish feta cheese or Greek dolmas.

Photo: zarzamora/Shutterstock.com

Address: Valkenburgerstraat 223D, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 3pm-10pm, Sun closed

Phone: +31 20 330 4444

Internet: [www.restaurantolijfe.nl/en/home](http://www.restaurantolijfe.nl/en/home)

Email: [info@restaurantolijfe.nl](mailto:info@restaurantolijfe.nl)



### De Kas



De Kas is a chic garden conservatory serving Mediterranean dishes. This restaurant housed in a collection of greenhouses that date to

1926 serves a fixed daily menu prepared with vegetables and herbs grown in their own nursery. Their motto is "Harvested in the morning, on your plate in the afternoon".

Photo: Kent Wang/cc by-sa 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Kamerlingh Onneslaan 3, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Lunch: Tue-Sun noon-1:45pm. Dinner: Tue-Sun 6pm-9pm. Mon closed

Phone: +31 20 462 4562

Internet: [www.restaurantdekas.com](http://www.restaurantdekas.com)

Email: [info@restaurantdekas.nl](mailto:info@restaurantdekas.nl)

### Ciel Bleu



Chefs Onno Kokmeijer and Arjan Speelman and their team will serve you daring original dishes inspired by French cuisine while you take in the panoramic view of Amsterdam. A selection of classic and innovative wines completes this unparalleled culinary experience. The restaurant is the proud holder of two Michelin stars.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hotel Okura, Ferdinand Bolstraat 333, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 6:30pm-8pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +31 20 678 7450

Internet: [www.cielbleu.nl](http://www.cielbleu.nl)

Email: [cielbleu@okura.nl](mailto:cielbleu@okura.nl)

More Info: Located on the 23rd floor of Hotel Okura.

### Moeders



Moeders is characterized by an informal atmosphere and friendly service and is known for several Dutch specialties (beef stew, Flemish stew and stamppot), but there are plenty of other things to choose from the extensive international menu. The walls here are filled with hundreds of framed and unframed pictures along with antique pans, plates and biscuit tins, which will complete your culinary experience.

Photo: AS Food studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rozengracht 251, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 5pm-midnight, Sat & Sun noon-midnight. Kitchen open until 10:30pm

Phone: +31 20 626 7957

Internet: [www.moeders.com](http://www.moeders.com)

Email: [info@moeders.com](mailto:info@moeders.com)

### IJ-kantine



The IJ-Kantine is more than just a canteen on the IJ. This striking and transparent brasserie with its fabulous terrace on the NDSM harbour has just about everything: in the morning you can go there for coffee, during the day you can have a royal lunch, in the evening enjoy a cocktail next to the fireplace in the lounge and at dinner time, eat dishes such as wild sea bass, potato cannelloni and half lobster.

Photo: HQuality/Shutterstock.com

Address: NDSM-kade 5, Amsterdam

Public Transport: Regular free ferries depart from the Central Station

Opening hours: Daily from 9am. Kitchen closes at 10pm

Phone: +31 20 633 7162

Internet: [www.ijkantine.nl/en](http://www.ijkantine.nl/en)

Email: [info@ijkantine.nl](mailto:info@ijkantine.nl)

### The Pancake Bakery



A cosy pancake house (former warehouse) located in a 17th-century Dutch East India Company canal house at the Prinsengracht in

Amsterdam. The famous 'international' pancakes are based on various dishes from all over the world. Both sweet and savoury varieties are available.

Photo: Monika Grabkowska/unsplash

Address: Prinsengracht 191, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 9am-8:30pm, Fri & Sat 9am-9pm

Phone: +31 20 625 1333

Internet: [www.pancake.nl/en](http://www.pancake.nl/en)

Email: [office@pancake.nl](mailto:office@pancake.nl)

### Momo



Located in the Park Hotel and not far from the Leidseplein, the ultra cosmopolitan Momo has been decorated in such a

way that Amsterdam's in-crowd and visiting international beauties don't look out of place. This cafe-restaurant boasts some of the best chefs and barmen from all over the world. Come here and try their great cocktails and pan-Asian dishes.

Photo: Still AB/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hobbemastraat 1, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Daily noon-midnight

Phone: +31 20 671 7474

Internet: [www.momo-amsterdam.com](http://www.momo-amsterdam.com)

Email: [info@momo-amsterdam.com](mailto:info@momo-amsterdam.com)

### CAFES



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Whether you're after soaking up the atmosphere of a traditional Dutch brown cafe, lounging in a city luxurious grand cafe, enjoying a summer drink on one of the city's many terraces, or checking out the thriving bar scene, Amsterdam is the perfect place to enjoy a tippie.

### De Koffieschenkerij



Located in the Old Church, the oldest building of Amsterdam, this coffee bar serves daily breakfast, organic coffee, tea, hand-made pies and freshly baked cakes to be enjoyed in a relaxing and historical ambiance. For the ones who prefer other refreshments, homemade lemonade and fresh juices are also on the menu.

Photo: Awana JF/Shutterstock.com

Address: Oudekerksplein 27, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Daily 9am-6pm

Phone: +31 6 5265 3302

Internet: [www.koffieschenkerij.com](http://www.koffieschenkerij.com)

Email: [info@koffieschenkerij.com](mailto:info@koffieschenkerij.com)

### Café de Jaren



Café de Jaren is one of the largest cafes in Amsterdam. The building features a spacious cafe on the ground floor with an international press

reading-table, a pleasant restaurant with large salad bar on the first floor, as well as a superb terrace with a canal view.

Photo: Nathan Dumlao/unsplash

Address: Nieuwe Doelenstraat 20-22, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Sun-Wed 10am-10pm, Thu-Sat 10am-11pm.

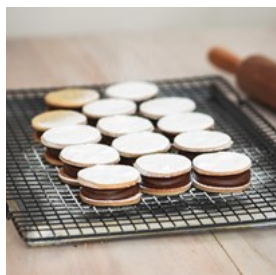
Kitchen closes at 9pm

Phone: +31 20 625 5771

Internet: [www.cafedejaren.nl/en](http://www.cafedejaren.nl/en)

Email: [info@cafedejaren.nl](mailto:info@cafedejaren.nl)

### Melly's Cookies Bar



If you would like to treat yourself, Melly's Cookies Bar pairs sweet recipes from Latin America with traditional Dutch specialities. Get yourself

a Dutch stroopwafel with different toppings, a cookie, a piece of cake or try one of the Argentinian alfajores or some dulce de leche alongside a cup of coffee or traditional mate tea.

Photo: Delfina Iacub / unsplash.com

Address: Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal 137, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Mon & Wed-Sat 9am-7pm; Sun 10am-7pm;

Tue closed

Phone: +31 20 423 4797

Internet: [www.mellyscookiebar.nl](http://www.mellyscookiebar.nl)

Email: [info@mellyscookiebar.nl](mailto:info@mellyscookiebar.nl)

More Info: Near the Royal Palace Amsterdam

### Café de Prins



Across from the Westerkerk (Western Church) and the Anne Frank House, on the edge of the Jordaan, this cafe is surrounded by history.

Although the Prins has retained its typical 'brown cafe' character, its kitchen has become one of its most important features in recent years. Stop by for beer, fondue and cheese plates, as well as sweet and cute mini-pancakes — poffertjes.

Photo: Nick Fewings/unsplash

Address: Prinsengracht 124, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-1am, Fri & Sat 10am-2am.

Kitchen open until 10pm

Phone: +31 20 624 9382

Internet: [www.deprins.nl](http://www.deprins.nl)

Email: [info@deprins.nl](mailto:info@deprins.nl)

### Proeflokaal 't Blauwe Theehuis



This unusual construction in the centre of the 19th century Vondelpark and its large surrounding terrace (700 places) attracts crowds of

creative Amsterdammers at the first ray of sunshine. You can even enjoy yourself here in the winter—thanks to the outdoor electric heaters. Proeflokaal 't Blauwe Theehuis offers craft beers, breakfasts, and pizza. And on Sundays, DJs spin laid-back music.

Photo: Alf van Beem/Public Domain/wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Vondelpark 5, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-7pm, Fri & Sat 10am-8pm

Phone: +31 20 235 7170

Internet: [www.brouwerijhetij.nl/taproom-het-blauwe-theehuis/?lang=en](http://www.brouwerijhetij.nl/taproom-het-blauwe-theehuis/?lang=en)

Email: [info@brouwerijhetij.nl](mailto:info@brouwerijhetij.nl)



### Winkel 43



Winkel 43 stands not only for a friendly atmosphere, but also for its straightforward menu served for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Spend

some time on the terrace and enjoy a piece of their homemade apple pie while absorbing the surroundings of the Jewish quarter Jordaan.

Photo: Pounsaed-Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Noordermarkt 43, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Mon–Thu 8am–1am, Fri 8am–3am, Sat 7am–3am, Sun 9am–1am

Phone: +31 20 623 02 23

Internet: [www.winkel43.nl/en](http://www.winkel43.nl/en)

Email: [info@winkel43.nl](mailto:info@winkel43.nl)

### Screaming Beans



The Screaming Beans will make sure to find the best coffee blend in their assortment to match your individual taste. Relish one of the carefully

sourced and roasted single origin coffees (or the cafe's own house blend), together with a croissant, on their terrace.

Photo: Visit Roemvanitch/Shutterstock.com

Address: Runstraat 6, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 8am–6pm, Sat & Sun 9am–6pm

Internet: [screamingbeans.nl](http://screamingbeans.nl)

Email: [contact@screamingbeans.nl](mailto:contact@screamingbeans.nl)

More Info: Screaming Beans has three locations in central Amsterdam

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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The dance clubs in Amsterdam might feel too small for somebody who is used to flashy clubs in NY, LA, or London, but don't worry — they can be just as entertaining and delightfully crazy. Hip, laid-back or sophisticated — the choice is yours.

### Canvas



Located on the 7th floor of the former office building of the Volkskrant newspaper, this club/cafe/restaurant is characterised by an

easy-going vibe. Canvas is renowned for its affordable yet lush cocktails and a stunning view of Amsterdam which, in the summer can be taken in fully from the spacious roof terrace.

Photo: funkyfrogstock/Shutterstock.com

Address: Wibautstraat 150, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Mon–Thu 7am–1am, Fri 7am–3am, Sat 8am–3am, Sun 8am–1am

Phone: +31 20 261 2110

Internet: [www.volkshotel.nl/canvas](http://www.volkshotel.nl/canvas)

Email: [info@canvasopde7e.nl](mailto:info@canvasopde7e.nl)

More Info: Located at Volkshotel

### Panama



As well as being a nightclub with great theatre shows, live music and popular club evenings, Panama also offers a trendy dance

studio and a cafe-restaurant with a grand terrace to the south for those mid-summer nights. It frequently hosts renowned DJs from all over the world.

Photo: mimagephotography/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Oostelijke Handelskade 4, Amsterdam  
Phone: +31 20 311 86 86  
Internet: [www.panama.nl](http://www.panama.nl)  
Email: [info@panama.nl](mailto:info@panama.nl)

### Boom Chicago



This American comedy troupe is renowned for their English-language comedy, theatrical shows, improvisation, stand-up and burlesque.

Improvisation comedy, good food and tasty cocktails have long been Boom Chicago's recipe for success. This venue, which also features a bar and a restaurant, is regularly transformed into a nightclub with local electro and house DJs filling the dance floor until the small hours.

Photo: Forja2 Mx/unsplash  
Address: Rozengracht 117, Amsterdam  
Phone: +31 20 2170 400  
Internet: [www.boomchicago.nl](http://www.boomchicago.nl)  
Email: [hello@boomchicago.nl](mailto:hello@boomchicago.nl)

### Karaokebar 24K



For a fun night out, especially with a group of people, the Karaokebar 24K is a location to uncover hidden talents or to simply enjoy singing

along to one of your favourite songs. Fetch yourself a drink and choose one of more than 80,000 songs, available in several languages.

Photo: Maksym Fesenko/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Halvemaansteeg 8bg, Amsterdam  
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 7:30pm-1am, Fri & Sat 6pm-3am  
Phone: +31 6 4705 5022  
Internet: [www.karaokebar24k.nl](http://www.karaokebar24k.nl)  
Email: [info@karaokebar24k.nl](mailto:info@karaokebar24k.nl)

### The Waterhole



Find The Waterhole in the centre of Amsterdam and listen to live music in different genres (but mostly rock) every day, play pool or ask the staff

to turn on your desired sports match on one of the 7 available screens. Make sure to join the daily happy hours for cheaper beer and mixed drinks.

Photo: Cris\_mh/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Korte Leidsedwardsstraat 49, Amsterdam  
Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-3am, Fri & Sat 12:30pm-4am  
Phone: +31 20 620 8904  
Internet: [waterhole.nl](http://waterhole.nl)  
Email: [info@waterhole.nl](mailto:info@waterhole.nl)

### Cafe de Druif



Cafe de Druif — ‘The Grape’ — has been a local institution for at least 400 years. Wooden casks line the walls and plenty of earthenware jenever bottles can be found behind the bar. Virtually unknown to tourists, De Druif feels like a glimpse into Amsterdam’s past.

Photo: Jean-Pierre Dalbéra/cc by 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)  
Address: Rapenburgerplein 83, Amsterdam  
Phone: +31 20 786 8619  
Internet: [cafededruif.nl](http://cafededruif.nl)  
Email: [info@cafededruif.nl](mailto:info@cafededruif.nl)

### XtraCold IceBar

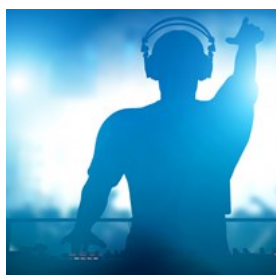


The name says it all: everything in the XtraCold IceBar is made of ice. The walls, the bar, the couch, the fireplace and even the glasses.

When entering the bar, you are given special clothing to cope with the icy cold temperature. The beautiful ice sculptures by world-famous artists provide the ultimate ice experience.

Photo: Y Photo Studio/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Amstel 194, Amsterdam  
Opening hours: Daily 11:45am-1am  
Phone: +31 20 320 5700  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/amsterdamicebar](http://www.instagram.com/amsterdamicebar)  
Email: [hello@extracold.com](mailto:hello@extracold.com)

### AIR



Raised from the ashes of legendary club iT, AIR's interior design features a host of surprises, and the theatrical, intimate result is a feast for the senses.

Each area has its own style and feel, which lends an extra dimension to exploring the club.

Photo: PHOTOCREO Michal Bednarek/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Amstelstraat 24, Amsterdam  
Opening hours: Thu 11:30pm-4am, Fri & Sat 11pm-5am, Sun 11:30pm-4am  
Phone: +31 20 820 0670  
Internet: [air.nl](http://air.nl)

### De Trut

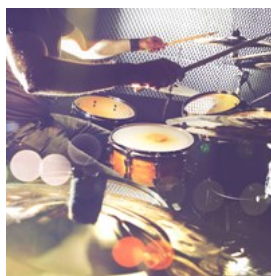


De Trut is a queer disco that has been organised 100% by volunteers for more than 35 years. The profits from the parties go to LGBTQAI+ projects

worldwide. The party is held every Sunday evening from 10pm. Expect a long line, but it's definitely worth the wait.

Photo: Cecilie Johnsen/unsplash  
Address: Bilderdijkstraat 165 E, Amsterdam.  
Opening hours: Sun 10pm-3am  
Internet: [www.detrut.amsterdam/en/index.html](http://www.detrut.amsterdam/en/index.html)  
More Info: Strict house rules: cash only, no cameras, phones off. No hard drugs.

### Bourbon Street



Bourbon Street Blues Club is hard to miss when strolling down Leidsekruistraat — the Blues Brothers are dancing on the roof. The

program here ranges from rock to soul and even reggae, with live music every night of the week. Over the years, this amazing venue has hosted many local and international artists, including some big names such as Toto and B.B. King.

Photo: carlos castilla/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Leidsekruistraat 6-8, Amsterdam  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10pm-5am, Sun 10pm-4am



Phone: +31 20 623 3440  
Internet: [www.bourbonstreet.nl](http://www.bourbonstreet.nl)  
Email: [info@bourbonstreet.nl](mailto:info@bourbonstreet.nl)

### Supper Club & Restaurant



If you are looking for an unusual dinner experience in an unexpected place and are not afraid to discover the creative corners of your personality, then knock on Supper's door. Freedom is the keyword at Supper. It's a mix of food, music, performances and art.

Photo: S\_Photo/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Singel 460, Amsterdam  
Opening hours: Mon 10pm-2am, Tue & Wed closed, Thu-Sat 6:30pm-4am, Sun 7pm-4am  
Phone: +31 20 2050 221  
Internet: [supper.nl](http://supper.nl)  
Email: [info@supper.nl](mailto:info@supper.nl)

### Escape



One of Amsterdam's biggest and most popular nightclubs, situated on the lively Rembrandtplein, Escape is always teaming with pretty young things. Musically speaking, expect all popular styles of dance music: house, electro, techno and pop by both Amsterdam's finest and world-famous DJ like Tiësto, Kevin Saunderson and Todd Terry.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rembrandtplein 11, Amsterdam  
Opening hours: Thu-Sun 11pm-early morning  
Phone: +31 20 622 1111  
Internet: [www.escape.nl](http://www.escape.nl)  
Email: [contact@escape.nl](mailto:contact@escape.nl)

### Paradiso



Paradiso has been a centre for pop culture since the 1960s. Today, after thousands and thousands of concerts, the pop venue has reached worldwide recognition. Though national and international pop music is the primary focus, programming has now been expanded to include other disciplines such as classical, world music, festivals and spoken word.

Photo: Abigail Lynn/unsplash  
Address: Weteringschans 6-8, Amsterdam  
Phone: +31 20 626 4521  
Internet: [www.paradiso.nl](http://www.paradiso.nl)  
Email: [info@paradiso.nl](mailto:info@paradiso.nl)

### Melkweg



Located in the bustling heart of Amsterdam, the Melkweg is one of the city's leading entertainment venues with two halls, a cinema, a theatre and a cafe. The venue offers a varied live programme ranging from up-and-coming bands to established names, and seated concerts as well.

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Address: Lijnbaansgracht 234A, Amsterdam  
Phone: +31 20 531 8181  
Internet: [www.melkweg.nl/en](http://www.melkweg.nl/en)  
Email: [info@melkweg.nl](mailto:info@melkweg.nl)

## SHOPPING

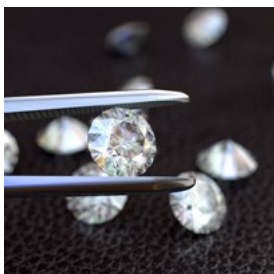


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Whether you're searching for the best souvenir, a unique vintage dress or the latest designer handbag, Amsterdam has the perfect shop for you. Hunt for antiques, score some limited-edition trainers or sample local Dutch delicacies: you can find it all in Amsterdam.

Besides the main shopping streets, Kalverstraat and Leidsestraat, home to all the shops you would expect to find in a large European city, Amsterdam has a lot to offer to the luxury shopper. De Bijenkorf department store and Magna Plaza shopping centre are two of the best spots in town for upmarket items. Furthermore, the Spiegelkwartier will fulfil your desire for antiques, while the neighbourhood markets open their doors to budget-conscious shoppers.

### House of Gassan



In the historical heart of Amsterdam, rough diamonds are transformed into dazzling jewels every day. Book a free 1-hour tour and

delve into the exciting world of diamond cutting at House of Gassan, where four centuries of craftsmanship and tradition are brought to life.

Photo: Barbra Ford/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nieuwe Uilenburgerstraat 173-175, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5:30pm

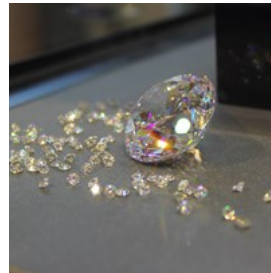
Phone: +31 20 6225 333

Internet: [www.gassan.com/en/tours/diamond-experience-tour](http://www.gassan.com/en/tours/diamond-experience-tour)

Email: [info@gassandiamonds.nl](mailto:info@gassandiamonds.nl)

More Info: Also located at Rokin 1-5.

### Royal Coster Diamonds



Each year, about 340,000 visitors come to see the Royal Coster Diamonds craftsmen at work. Free guided tours demonstrating the

process of cutting and polishing diamonds are led by Coster's accommodating staff. The tours are available in more than 24 languages.

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Address: Paulus Potterstraat 2-6, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +31 20 30 55555

Internet: [www.costerdiamonds.com/tours](http://www.costerdiamonds.com/tours)

Email: [info@costerdiamonds.com](mailto:info@costerdiamonds.com)

### Kalverstraat & Leidsestraat



A good location to start your shopping are the main shopping streets Kalverstraat and Leidsestraat. Here you will find all the shops you

would expect to find in a large European city like H&M and Zara, along with a few local stores and excellent boutiques.

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### Waterlooplein Market



There are more than 300 unique stalls at the oldest flea market in the Netherlands, Waterlooplein — a beautiful place to walk, explore or shop. Haggle for books, clothing, art, jewellery, antiques or vinyls, or buy food and drinks from one of the available food trucks on the market.

Photo: Francesco Scatena/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Waterlooplein 2, Amsterdam  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-6pm  
Internet: [www.waterlooplein.amsterdam/en](http://www.waterlooplein.amsterdam/en)  
Email: [originalflowergift@outlook.com](mailto:originalflowergift@outlook.com)

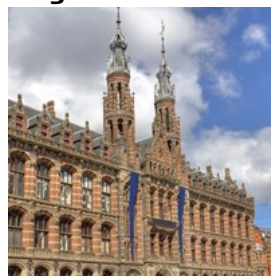
### De Bijenkorf



De Bijenkorf is an inspiring, trend-setting and dynamic department store at Dam square. The city's largest department store offers international brands such as Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Burberry, Hugo Boss, Apple and Chanel. The surprising and creative decorations in de Bijenkorf's unique shop windows make them one of Amsterdam's real attractions. Live theatre, dance and music performances can be seen there on a regular basis.

Photo: Ksenija Toyechkina/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Dam 1, Amsterdam  
Phone: +31 20 808 9333  
Internet: [www.debijenkorf.nl](http://www.debijenkorf.nl)

### Magna Plaza



Magna Plaza means indoor shopping pleasure in a historical building, right behind the Royal Palace. Built by the end of the 19th century, the former post office of Amsterdam is nowadays an exclusive shopping centre with more than 40 brand stores.

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Address: Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal 182, Amsterdam  
Opening hours: Mon-Wed 10am-7pm, Thu-Sun 10am-9pm  
Internet: [www.magnaplaza.nl](http://www.magnaplaza.nl)  
Email: [info@magnaplaza.nl](mailto:info@magnaplaza.nl)

### Fashion & Museum District



The Fashion and Museum District is one of the most beautiful areas in Amsterdam, and many historical buildings, such as Amsterdam's famous museums and the Royal Concertgebouw, define its impressive character. Spend hours in the stylish boutiques of P.C. Hooftstraat and Van Baerlestraat; exclusive brands have their flagship stores in these beautiful shopping streets.

The Fashion and Museum District's official websites has several suggested walks based on your interests and the amount of time you have.

Photo: [kikovic/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/kikovic)  
Address: Van Baerlestraat, Amsterdam  
Phone: +31 6 3169 2519  
Internet: [www.museumquarter.com](http://www.museumquarter.com)  
Email: [peter@stadenco.nl](mailto:peter@stadenco.nl)



### Albert Cuyp Market



Situated in the heart of the 19th century Latin quarter De Pijp, the Albert Cuyp street market fascinates visitors since 1905 with its laid back atmosphere. Everything can be found here: from exotic shops to local craft businesses, cafes and restaurants. Whether you are a bargain hunter or a foodie, here you will surely get what you are searching for.

Photo: FMB/Shutterstock.com

Address: Albert Cuypstraat, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-5pm

Internet: [www.albertcuyp-markt.amsterdam/?lang=en](http://www.albertcuyp-markt.amsterdam/?lang=en)

Email: [info@albertcuyp-markt.amsterdam](mailto:info@albertcuyp-markt.amsterdam)

### The Haarlemmerdijk



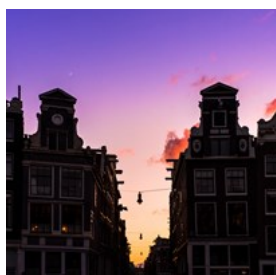
The Haarlemmerdijk is a long, trendy shopping street, stretching from east to west towards Central Station. It is a lively strip where you will find everything from shoes, independent labels and second-hand clothes to speciality food products, interior design items and Dutch collectables.

Photo: Bobex-73/Shutterstock.com

Address: Haarlemmerdijk, Amsterdam

More Info: Close to Westerpark

### Negen Straatjes



The Negen Straatjes (nine little streets) intersect the main canals between the Leidsestraat and the Jordaan district, and are dotted with great restaurants, cafes, art galleries, jewellers,

boutiques and vintage stores. With an exceptional array of styles, trends and prices, this area is truly a shopper's paradise.

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Address: Wolvenstraat 9, Amsterdam

Internet: [www.de9straatjes.nl/en/home](http://www.de9straatjes.nl/en/home)

Email: [info@de9straatjes.nl](mailto:info@de9straatjes.nl)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Airport



Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS) is a modern, efficient and traveller-friendly airport. 90 airlines depart from Schiphol to over 250 destinations worldwide. The easiest and cheapest way to travel from the airport to Amsterdam is by train. This takes about 20 minutes to the Central Station and trains leave at least every 15 minutes during the daytime (less frequently at night). The train station at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol is located directly below the airport. Tickets are for sale at the NS service desk or ticket machines.

Taxis to the city centre cost significantly more and can take a while, depending on traffic conditions.

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Address: Evert van de Beekstraat 202, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 20 794 0800

Internet: [www.schiphol.nl/en](http://www.schiphol.nl/en)

Email: [info@schiphol.nl](mailto:info@schiphol.nl)

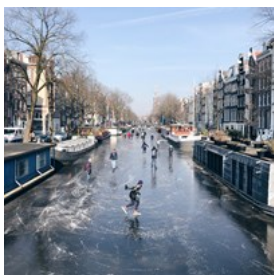
### Passport / Visa



The Netherlands can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are not sure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend you to contact the embassy or consulate in your country. In order to enter the Schengen zone, international (non-Schengen) travellers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip. Citizens from Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but they must bring with them a valid ID during their stay.

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### Best Time to Visit



Most tourists tend to plan their trip to Amsterdam for the summer, so if you want to avoid the crowds — come in April-May or September. You'll get mild temperatures, blooming flowers in spring and golden trees in autumn.

Be ready for rain regardless of the season. April and May are considered part of peak tourist season. Locals use websites like [buie.nl](http://buie.nl) to predict when the weather down to minutes.

Summer is high tourist season in Amsterdam, so

be prepared to wait in long lines when visiting popular attractions. The summer months are also the most expensive when it comes to accommodation.

Hotel prices and tourist population drop in autumn and winter months, as does the temperature. This is the best time to visit Amsterdam's many indoor attractions, such as museums and cafes. The city covered with a white blanket of snow is a marvellous sight. If the winter happens to be particularly cold, you can ice-skate on the frozen canals. Some cafes set tables and chairs straight on the ice.

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### Public Transport



Public transport is the perfect way to visit all attractions and to explore the city. Visitors arriving by car are advised to park the car at the P+R sites

at the city limits and to use public transport.

In Amsterdam, 15 tram lines, 41 bus lines, 7 ferry connections and 4 metro lines take you to a wide range of destinations throughout the city. The most convenient transport ticket is the GVB day or multi-day ticket. These tickets entitle holders to transport on all GVB lines, including the night buses, and are available at GVB Tickets & Info and tourist offices. Drivers and conductors also sell 1-hour and 24-hours disposable OV chip cards on trams and buses. No cash is accepted on busses or trams.

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Phone: +31 20 460 6060

Internet: [www.gvb.nl](http://www.gvb.nl)

More Info: [www.iamsterdam.com/en/plan-your-trip/getting-ar](http://www.iamsterdam.com/en/plan-your-trip/getting-ar)

ound/public-transport

## Taxi



Taxis can be handy when travelling to and from the airport, late at night when the trams have stopped running or when you're running late.

Depending on the traffic during peak times however, public transport may get you there even quicker. Just hail a taxi, or catch one at the designated cab-stands near tourist hotspots such as Dam square, Leidseplein and the Rembrandtplein.

Uber operates in Amsterdam.

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Phone: +31 20 777 7777

Internet: [www.tcataxi.nl/en](http://www.tcataxi.nl/en)

Email: [info@tcataxi.nl](mailto:info@tcataxi.nl)

## Post



At the main post office, you can phone, fax (retro!), buy maps and stamps, in addition to the usual services. Stamps can also be bought in

most convenient stores. Post-office boxes are red.

There is a convenient service point at the Amsterdam Central Station.

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Opening hours: Daily 7am-9pm

Internet: [www.postnl.nl/en](http://www.postnl.nl/en)

## Pharmacy



Pharmacies (Apotheek in Dutch) are usually open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5:30 pm. At night and at weekends pharmacies are open in rotating shifts, so you'll have to look around a bit.

Mediq Apotheek and Kring-apotheek are popular drug store chains. Dam Apotheek is centrally located on the Dam square and DA Apotheek on Leisestraat has one of the best opening hours.

Call the central number for pharmacies to find out which ones are open in your area:

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Phone: +31 20 592 3315

Internet: [www.amsterdam.info/health/pharmacies](http://www.amsterdam.info/health/pharmacies)

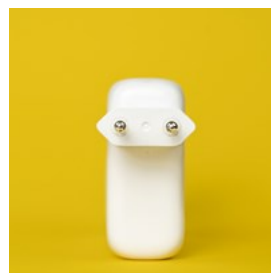
## Telephone



Country code: +31 Area code: (0)20

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## Electricity



The Netherlands uses the Type F electrical plug with two round pins, same as in many countries in Continental Europe. The standard voltage is 230 volts, but some hotels have special plugs for 110 or 120-volt shavers.



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#### Population

907,976 (2022) in the city limits,  
1.56 million in the urban area.  
2.48 million in the greater metropolitan area.

#### Currency

Euro, 1€ = 100 cents

#### Opening hours

Shops in Amsterdam are usually open every day of the week, but opening times may differ slightly per shop and district. In general, stores are open 9am–6pm from Monday to Wednesday and on Fridays, 9am–9pm on Thursdays, 9am–5pm on Saturdays and noon–5pm on Sundays.

#### Newspapers

Volkskrant — [www.volkskrant.nl](http://www.volkskrant.nl)  
De Telegraaf — [www.telegraaf.nl](http://www.telegraaf.nl)  
Het Parool — [www.parool.nl](http://www.parool.nl)  
NRC Handelsblad — [www.nrc.nl](http://www.nrc.nl)  
AD (Het Algemeen Dagblad) — [www.ad.nl](http://www.ad.nl)

#### Emergency numbers

112

#### Tourist information

[www.iamsterdam.com/en](http://www.iamsterdam.com/en)