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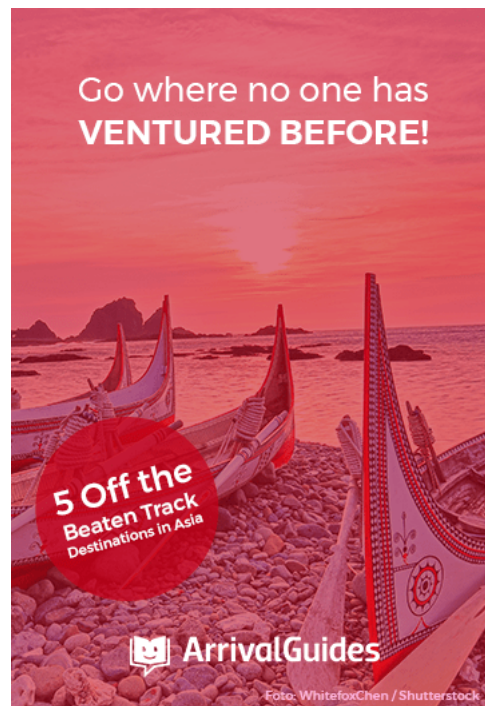
With its characteristic canals (UNESCO World Heritage) surrounded by narrow, low and crooked 17th-century houses, Amsterdam is, without a doubt, one of the most charming capital cities in Europe. The rich cultural life and a wide range of entertainment make Amsterdam a full-scale city which has managed 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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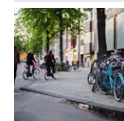
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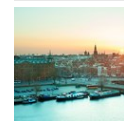
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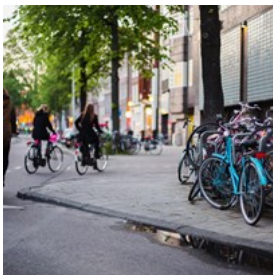
## EXPLORE AMSTERDAM



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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 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 dunes.

### Cycling in Amsterdam



See Amsterdam the way locals see it - by bike. Familiarise yourself with Amsterdam and 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.

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

### 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.

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Address: Zandhoek 10A, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 10:00 - 22:00.

Phone: +31 204 227 007

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.

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Address: Prins Hendrikkade 33A, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 202 170 501

Internet: [www.stromma.nl/amsterdam](http://www.stromma.nl/amsterdam)

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

## City Sightseeing Amsterdam Hop On and Hop Off



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.

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Address: Damrak 26, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 204 204 000

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

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

## Walking tours



With so many places of interest close together, Amsterdam is a great city where to take 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.

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Address: Keizersgracht 346, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 -16:00.

Phone: +31 206 254 450

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

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

## Last Minute Ticket Shop



The Last Minute Ticket Shop (LMTS) sells tickets to events in Amsterdam for just 50% of the regular price. A new selection of tickets for

concerts, theatre performances and other events at a huge assortment of Amsterdam venues is on offer every day of the week.

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Tickets: [lastminuteticketshop.nl](http://lastminuteticketshop.nl)

Email: [lmts@pink-tie.com](mailto:lmts@pink-tie.com)

## AMSTERDAM METROPOLITAN AREA



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For the visitors who have already seen the beautiful canals, visited the highlights, pioneered the Jordaan and got the hang of the never-ending nightlife, here's news for you: there is plenty more to experience. The stunning 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.

## 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.

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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.zaanseschans.nl](http://www.zaanseschans.nl)

## Keukenhof Gardens



Come tip-toe 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.

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Address: Stationsweg 166A, Lisse

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 8:00 - 19:30.

Phone: +31 252 465 555

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.

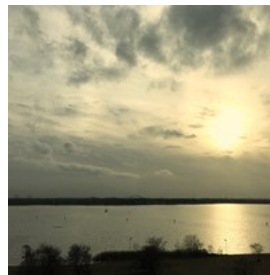
Its beauty provided inspiration for many of the Golden Age painters. Fill your day with excellent shopping, spectacular museums and sunny terraces amongst monumental buildings.

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Address: Haarlem

Public Transport: Connexxion bus 80 from Marnixstraat bus station (near Leidseplein) or bus 300 from Amsterdam Bijlmer Arena station to bus stop Tempelierstraat in Haarlem.

## 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.

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Address: Almere, Amsterdam

Public Transport: Connexxion R-Net bus 327 to Almere Haven, departing from Amstel train station.



## 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 Muider slot Castle in Muiden.

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Public Transport: Connexxion R-Net bus 320, 322, 327 departing from Amstel train station. Bus stop P+R Terrein Muiden

## DO & SEE



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Amsterdam is home to a variety of world-famous museums. A trip to the city isn't complete without stopping by the Rijksmuseum, the Van Gogh Museum or the Anne Frank House. However, Amsterdam has much more to offer. A stroll through the heart of the city and beyond will reveal the countless attractions catering to young and old.

## 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.

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Address: Dam, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 205 226 161

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

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

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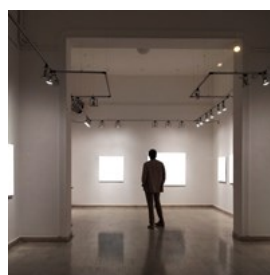
Address: Plantage Kerklaan 38-40, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 205 233 670

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

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

## 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.

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Address: Beursplein 5, Amsterdam  
Opening hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 - 17:30.  
Internet: [www.aex.nl](http://www.aex.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.

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Address: Oude Turfmarkt 127, Amsterdam  
Opening hours: Tuesday - Friday 10:00 - 17:00. Saturday - Sunday 13:00 - 17:00.  
Phone: +31 205 252 556  
Internet: [www.allardpiersonmuseum.nl](http://www.allardpiersonmuseum.nl)  
Email: [allard.pierson.museum@uva.nl](mailto:allard.pierson.museum@uva.nl)

### 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.

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Address: Paulus Potterstraat 8, Amsterdam  
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 9:00 - 17:00.  
Phone: +31 203 055 300

Internet: [diamonds-amsterdam.com](http://diamonds-amsterdam.com)  
Email: [info@diamantmuseumamsterdam.nl](mailto:info@diamantmuseumamsterdam.nl)

### New Church



The New Church (or Nieuwe Kerk) isn't just a simple 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. Today, the church frequently hosts various exhibitions.

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Address: Dam Square, Amsterdam  
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 10:00 - 18:00.  
Phone: +31 206 268 168  
Internet: [www.nieuwekerk.nl](http://www.nieuwekerk.nl)  
Email: [pressoffice@nieuwekerk.nl](mailto:pressoffice@nieuwekerk.nl)

### 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 9006 718 345  
Internet: [www.concertgebouw.nl](http://www.concertgebouw.nl)  
Email: [contact@concertgebouw.nl](mailto:contact@concertgebouw.nl)  
More Info: Van Baerlestraat.

## 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: Nieuwe Amstelstraat 1, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 11:00 - 17:00.

Phone: +31 205 310 310

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

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

## Rijksmuseum



The Rijksmuseum is the largest and most important museum of the Netherlands with a collection of nearly 1 million objects, including many masterpieces and artefacts from all over the world. Following years of extensive renovations, the Rijksmuseum has reopened its doors with an entirely refreshed layout.

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Address: Museumstraat 1, Amsterdam

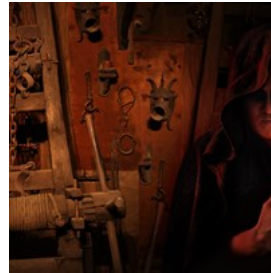
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 09:00 - 17:00.

Phone: +31 206 747 000

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

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

## The 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.

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Address: Rokin 78, Amsterdam

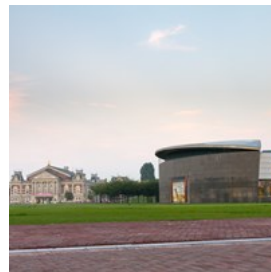
Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 11:00 - 18:00. Friday - Saturday 11:00 - 19:00.

Phone: +31 205 308 500

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

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

## Van Gogh Museum



The Van Gogh Museum goes well beyond the traditional permanent collection: the exhibition Van Gogh at Work is the culmination of seven years of fastidious research into his oeuvre and development as an artist. More than 200 paintings, works on paper, sketchbooks and letters by Van Gogh and his peers offer manifold insights into the fascinating creative processes behind his paintings and drawings.

Photo: Dennis van de Water/Shutterstock.com

Address: Museumplein 6, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 9:00 - 17:00. Friday 9:00 - 21:00. Saturday 9:00 - 18:00.

Phone: +31 205 705 200

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

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

## Hermitage Amsterdam



The Hermitage Amsterdam is the Dutch branch of the world-famous Hermitage in Saint Petersburg, Russia. Located on the

banks of the Amstel River, the Hermitage Amsterdam is an exhibition space and cultural education centre with a focus on Russian history and culture.

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Address: Amstel 51, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 10:00 - 17:00.

Phone: +31 205 308 758

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

Email: [mail@hermitage.nl](mailto:mail@hermitage.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

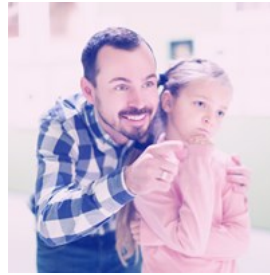
Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday 11:00 - 17:00. Sunday 12:00 - 17:00.

Phone: +31 235 115 775

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

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

## 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 Amsterdamers of days gone by.

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Address: Kalverstraat 92, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 10:00 - 17:00.

Phone: +31 205 231 822

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

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

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Address: Prinsengracht 267, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 205 567 105

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



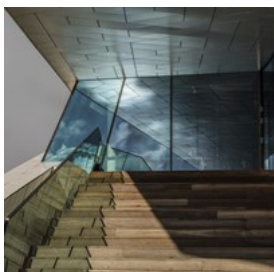
## Museum of the Canals



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: Kelly Kline/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Herengracht 386, Amsterdam  
Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday 10:00 - 17:00.  
Phone: +31 204 211 656  
Internet: [www.hetgrachtenhuis.nl](http://www.hetgrachtenhuis.nl)  
Email: [mail@hetgrachtenhuis.nl](mailto:mail@hetgrachtenhuis.nl)

## EYE Film Institute Netherlands



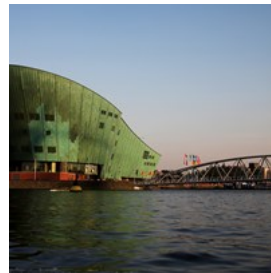
If you love films and cinematography, be sure to visit the EYE Film Institute Netherlands. Located in a new ultramodern building

along the IJ waterway, this museum 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. It screens classic and art-house movies on a daily basis.

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Address: IJpromenade 1, Amsterdam  
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 10:00 - 19:00.  
Phone: +31 205 891 400  
Internet: [www.eyefilm.nl](http://www.eyefilm.nl)

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

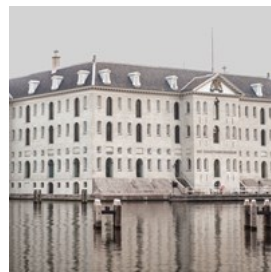
## NEMO



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.

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Address: Oosterdok 2, Amsterdam  
Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday 10:00 - 17:30.  
Phone: +31 205 313 233  
Internet: [www.e-nemo.nl](http://www.e-nemo.nl)  
Email: [info@e-nemo.nl](mailto:info@e-nemo.nl)

## The 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 being 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.

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Address: Kattenburgerplein 1, Amsterdam  
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 09:00 - 17:00.  
Phone: +31 205 232 222  
Internet: [www.hetscheepvaartmuseum.nl](http://www.hetscheepvaartmuseum.nl)  
Email: [info@hetscheepvaartmuseum.nl](mailto:info@hetscheepvaartmuseum.nl)

### 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: Monday - Sunday 10:00 - 20:00.

Phone: +31 205 221 010

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

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

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 10:30 - 19:30. Friday - Sunday 10:30 - 21:00.

Phone: +31 207 215 300

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

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

### 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 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: arkanto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Singel 630 - 600, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 09:00 - 17:30. Sunday 11:00 - 17:30.

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

### 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 historical watering holes to Michelin stars and the best in 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 is located on the Rembrandtplein in Amsterdam and is inspired by the beauty and the masterpieces of

Rembrandt van Rijn. In a cosmopolitan atmosphere with open kitchen, you can enjoy authentic Dutch cuisine for lunch and dinner. At weekends there is even live music and a DJ.

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Address: Rembrandtplein 17, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 10:00 - 1:00. Friday - Saturday 10:00 - 2:00.

Phone: +31 204 500 555

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

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

## Teppanyaki Restaurant Sazanka



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

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

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Address: Ferdinand Bolstraat 333, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 18:30 - 22:00.

Phone: +31 206 787 450

Internet: [www.okura.nl/culinary/sazanka](http://www.okura.nl/culinary/sazanka)

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

More Info: Located inside the Hotel Okura.

## 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.

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Address: Nieuwebrugsteeg 24, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 - 16:00. Saturday - Sunday 8:00 - 16:00.

Phone: +31 202 332 406

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

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

## Foodhallen



The impressive food court housed inside De Hallen contains 21 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](https://www.shutterstock.com)

Address: Bellamyplein 51, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 11:00 - 23:30. Friday - Saturday 11:00 - 01:00.

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

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

More Info: Located in De Hallen cultural centre.

## 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: Ferdinand Bolstraat 333, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 18:30 - 22:00.

Phone: +31 20 6786 450

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

Email: [restaurants@okura.nl](mailto:restaurants@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 specialities (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: Monday - Friday 17:00 - 24:00. Saturday - Sunday 12:00 - 24:00.

Phone: +31 206 267 957

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

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

## The 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: MT. Ondinaweg 15, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 9:00 - 23:00.

Phone: +31 206 337 162

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

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: SedovaY/Shutterstock.com

Address: Prinsengracht 191, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 9:00 - 21:30.

Phone: +31 206 251 333

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

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



## Bazar Amsterdam



Immerse yourself in the wondrous culinary world of Bazar. This Middle Eastern and North African restaurant hides behind the doors of an old church in the heart of De Pijp neighbourhood of Amsterdam. The buzz of the Albert Cuyp market outside carries over into the restaurant - a visit to Bazar is like stepping into an eastern fairy tale.

Photo: DenisFilm/Shutterstock.com

Address: Albert Cuypstraat 182, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 206 750 544

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

## Brasserie FLO Amsterdam



Enjoy the French cuisine at Brasserie FLO Amsterdam. The restaurant is famous for its seafood buffet and classic French menu.

Oysters, lobster and langoustines but also escargots, steak tartare and crème brûlée are always on the menu. Needless to say that all dishes are accompanied by great wines.

Photo: Ruslan Semichev/Shutterstock.com

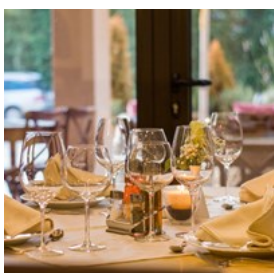
Address: Amstelstraat 9, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 208 094 757

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

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

## BAUT



Creative, dynamic, diverse, and above all, good food - in other words, everything you need for a fun night out. For every moment of the

day this trendy bar-restaurant becomes a relaxed hot spot, where Chef Michiel van der Eerde and his team will be pleased to serve you local and international dishes.

Photo: Fieldwork Inc. / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Spaarndammerstraat 460, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 204 659 260

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

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

## 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 tipples.

## Grand Cafe Ovidius

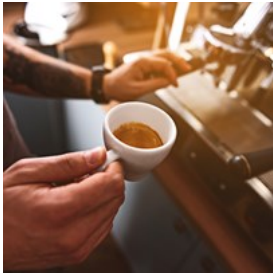


Cafe and brasserie Ovidius is located in the very heart of Amsterdam, close to the Royal Palace, inside the luxurious shopping mall Magna

Plaza. The building dates from 1895 and is Amsterdam's former main post office. It is listed among the top 100 most important public buildings from a cultural and historical perspective, and is an excellent place for a break during your shopping spree.

Photo: jan kranendonk/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: Spuistraat 139, Amsterdam  
 Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 10:00 - 23:00. Friday - Saturday 10:00 - 1:00.  
 Phone: +31 206 208 977  
 Internet: www.ovidius.nl  
 Email: info@ovidius.nl

### Cafe de Jaren



Cafe de Jaren is one of the largest cafes in Amsterdam. The building features a spacious cafe on the ground floor with an international reading-table, a pleasant restaurant with large-choice salad bar on the first floor, as well as a superb canal-view terrace.

Photo: Olena Yakobchuk/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: Nieuwe Doelenstraat 20-22, Amsterdam  
 Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 8:30 - 1:00. Friday - Saturday 8:30 - 2:00.  
 Phone: +31 206 255 771  
 Internet: www.cafedejaren.nl  
 Email: info@cafedejaren.nl  
 More Info: The restaurant opens daily 17:30 - 22:30.

### Cafe 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.

Photo: Palplaner/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: Prinsengracht 124, Amsterdam  
 Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 10:00 - 1:00. Friday - Saturday 10:00 - 2:00.  
 Phone: +31 206 249 382

Internet: www.deprins.nl  
 Email: info@deprins.nl

### Cafe 't Blauwe Theehuis



This unusual construction in the centre of the 19th century Vondelpark and its large surrounding terrace (700 places) attract hoards of creative Amsterdam residents at the first ray of sunshine. You can even enjoy yourself here in the winter thanks to the outdoor electric heaters. On Sundays, deejays spin laid-back music.

Photo: Dennis van de Water/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: Vondelpark 5, Amsterdam  
 Opening hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 - 17:00. Saturday - Sunday 10:00 - 18:00.  
 Phone: +31 206 620 254  
 Internet: www.blauwetheehuis.nl  
 Email: info@blauwetheehuis.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  
 Phone: +31 206 717 474  
 Internet: momo-amsterdam.com  
 Email: info@momo-amsterdam.com



## 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 completely 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: Friday - Saturday 23:00 - 4:00.

Phone: +31 202 612 110

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

Email: [hello@volkshotel.nl](mailto:hello@volkshotel.nl)

More Info: Located at Volkshotel.

### Panama



As well as being a night club 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

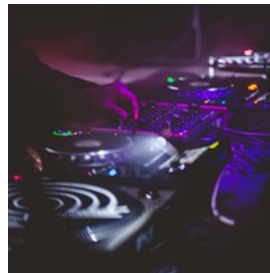
Address: Oostelijke Handelskade 4, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 203 118 686

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: Mark Vletter / flickr (image cropped)

Address: Rozengracht 117, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 202 170 400

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

Email: [hello@boomchicago.nl](mailto:hello@boomchicago.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 194-194, Amsterdam

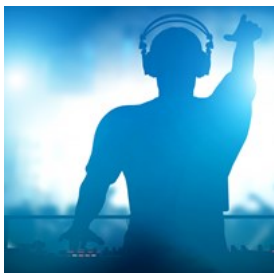
Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 12:30 - 1:00. Friday - Saturday 12:30 - 2:40.

Phone: +31 203 205 700

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

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

## AIR



Raising 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

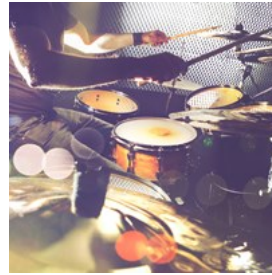
Opening hours: Thursday 23:00 - 4:00. Friday - Saturday 23:00 - 5:00. Sunday 23:30 - 4:00.

Phone: +31 208 240 670

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

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

## Bourbon Street



Bourbon Street Blues Club is hard to miss when strolling down Leidsekruisstraat - 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: Leidsekruisstraat 6-8, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 22:00 - 04:00. Friday - Saturday 22:00 - 05:00.

Phone: +31 206 233 440

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

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

## Sugarfactory



The Sugarfactory has brought a new concept into the Amsterdam nightlife: an integration of art, music, culture, theatre and club.

Multidisciplinary programming brings you innovative parties, young talent, live shows, new disco, progressive clubs, poetry, dance floor jazz, art, big bands and a creatively motivated public.

Photo: dwphotos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lijnbaansgracht 238, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 206 270 008

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

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

## Supperclub



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 Supperclub's door. Freedom is the keyword at Supperclub. It's a mix of food, music, performances and art.

Photo: S\_Photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Singel 460, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Sunday - Wednesday 7:30 - 2:00. Thursday - Saturday 7:30 - 5:00.

Phone: +31 203 446 400

Internet: supperclub.amsterdam

Email: amsterdam@supperclub.com

## Escape



One of Amsterdam's biggest and most popular night clubs, 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: Thursday 23:00 - 4:00. Friday - Saturday 23:00 - 5:00. Sunday 23:00 - 4:00.

Phone: +31 206 221 111

Internet: www.escape.nl

Email: 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: Konstantin Chagin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Weteringschans 6-8, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 206 264 521

Internet: www.paradiso.nl

Email: 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 - and a varied live programme ranging from up-and-coming bands to established names and to seated concerts as well.

Photo: melis/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lijnbaansgracht 234A, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 205 318 181

Internet: www.melkweg.nl

Email: info@melkweg.nl



## SHOPPING

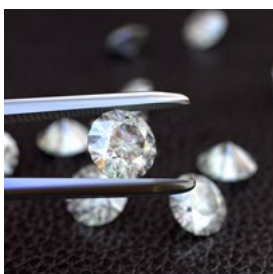


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Whether you're searching for the best souvenir, a unique vintage dress or the latest designer handbag, Amsterdam has the perfect shop for you. Hunt for antiques, score some limited-edition trainers or sample local Dutch delicacies: you can find it 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 being two of the best spots in town. Furthermore, the Spiegelkwartier will fulfil your desire for antiques, while the neighbourhood markets open their doors to budget-conscious shoppers.

### Gassan Diamonds



In the historical heart of Amsterdam, rough diamonds are transformed into dazzling jewels every day. Delve into the exciting world of diamond cutting and see every step of the process first-hand at Gassan Diamonds, where four centuries of craftsmanship and tradition are brought to life.

Photo: Barbra Ford/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nieuwe Uilenburgerstraat 173-175, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 9:00 - 17:00.

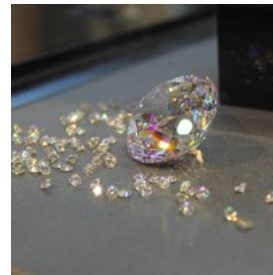
Phone: +31 206 225 333

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

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

More Info: Also located at Rokin 1-5.

### Coster Diamonds



Each year, about 340,000 visitors come to see the 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.

Photo: monsdias/Shutterstock.com

Address: Paulus Potterstraat 2-6, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 9:00 - 17:00.

Phone: +31 203 055 555

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

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

### Kalverstraat and Leidsestraat Streets



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.

Photo: connel/Shutterstock.com

Address: Amsterdam

## 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 breathtaking 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

Opening hours: Sunday - Monday 11:00 -21:00. Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 - 21:00.

Phone: +31 882 454 488

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

## Magna Plaza



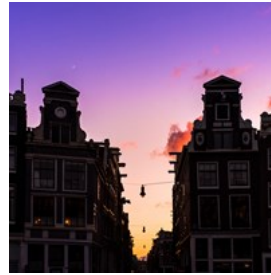
Magna Plaza means indoor shopping pleasure in a historical building, right behind the Royal Palace. Built by the end of the 19th century, the former post office of Amsterdam is nowadays an exclusive shopping centre with more than 40 brand stores.

Photo: jan kranendonk/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal 182, Amsterdam

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

## 9 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](http://www.de9straatjes.nl)

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

## The Fashion and Museum District



The Fashion & 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. In the Fashion & Museum District you can also spend hours in the stylish boutiques of P.C. Hooftstraat and Van Baerlestraat; exclusive brands have their flagship stores in these beautiful shopping streets.

Photo: kikovic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Van Baerlestraat, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 645 460 116

Internet: [www.fashion-museum.nl](http://www.fashion-museum.nl)

Email: [martijn@stadenco.nl](mailto:martijn@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: Monday - Saturday 9:30 - 17:30.

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

## 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

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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## Airport



Amsterdam Airport Schiphol 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.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Evert van de Beekstraat 202, Amsterdam

Phone: +31 207 940 800

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

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



If you want to avoid high tourist traffic, then spring is the ideal time to visit Amsterdam: mild temperatures and blooming flowers will

make your experience unforgettable, but bear in mind that the months of April and May are considered part of peak tourist season. 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 tourism drop in autumn and winter months, and so do the temperatures. 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.

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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.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Phone: +31 204 606 060

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

## 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.

Phone: +31 207 777 777

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

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

## Post



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

Post-office boxes are red.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Singel 250, Amsterdam

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 - 18:00. Saturday 9:00 - 17:00.

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

## Pharmacy



Pharmacies (in Dutch: apotheek) are usually open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 to 17:30. At night and in the weekends there is always

some pharmacy open on rotating shifts.

24-hour pharmacy: Sint Lucas Andreas Apotheek  
Jan Tooropstraat 164, Amsterdam  
+31 205 108 911

To find out which pharmacy is open, call a central number for pharmacies:

Photo: Gemma Garner

Phone: +31 205 923 315

## Telephone



Country code: +31 Area code: 020

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity



220 V

Photo: Stirling Tschan

### Population

800,000

### 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 9:00 - 18:00 from Monday to Wednesday and on Fridays, 9:00 - 21:00 on Thursdays, 9:00 - 17:00 on Saturdays and 12:00 - 17:00 on Sundays.

### Newspapers

Volkskrant  
De Telegraaf  
Het Parool  
NRC Handelsblad  
AD

### Emergency numbers

112

### Tourist information

Visitor Information Centre Schiphol Airport (Holland Tourist Information).

Schiphol Airport, Arrivals 2 at Schiphol Plaza  
Monday - Sunday 07:00 - 22:00

Visitor Information Centre Central Station  
Noord-Zuid Hollands Koffiehuis, Stationsplein 10 (across from Central Station).  
Monday - Sunday 09:00 - 17:00