

World66's guide to Amsterdam

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Amsterdam

Amsterdam is one of the coolest cities in Europe. Beautiful, hip, laid back, lots to do, lots to see, many pubs, food from all over the world and very friendly people.

A visit to this very beautiful city is sometimes like taking a walk in the 17th century. The center of Amsterdam has a lot of charming architecture dating from this period. It's an excellent city to tour on foot or bicycle. However, Amsterdam may boast a lot of 17th century architecture, but that's about all that's old fashioned about the place.

Amsterdam was originally built on the shores of the saltwater 'Zuiderzee' but as a result of centuries of land-reclamation projects the city now borders the freshwater of IJsselmeer. The center of Amsterdam is shaped like a horseshoe, surrounded by four famous canals called the "Singel", "Herengracht", "Keizersgracht" and "Prinsengracht". These are best to walk along if you want to see the city's beautiful gabled houses. At the open end of the horseshoe you will find the ornate Central Railway Station, the place where most of the tourists arrive and depart.

Amsterdam – History

Amsterdam was founded as a fishing village around the thirteenth century. A dam was built on the river Amstel, hence the name Amstelredam, dam on the river Amstel. Before long the "Amsterdammers" discovered they had a talent for trade and from the fourteenth century onwards trade with the Hansic cities flourished.

Then in the 16th century, the Dutch war of independence began against the Spanish rule. Although originally on the Spanish side, Amsterdam switched side in 1578. As a result, freedom of religion was reinstated, a very smart move at the time. Religious wars raged throughout Europe and a lot of people were looking for a place of refuge where they would not be condemned by their religion. Wealthy Jewish families from Spain and Portugal came to settle in the Netherlands. Merchants of Antwerp fled the destruction and ransacking of their city by the Spanish. The "Huguenotes" from France sought refuge in Amsterdam so they could practice their religion. But in Amsterdam nobody really had a belief, as long as you were willing to pay your taxes and do your bit for the economy.

The Seventeenth century was Amsterdams Golden Age. Amsterdams ships sailed to Indonesia, Brazil and Africa, gathering an impressive Empire in the process. This was also the same century as Rembrandt and the construction of the Canals. Amsterdam became the most important port of the world and an international center for banking.

The 18th and 19th century saw a decline in the prosperity of Amsterdam. Wars against England and France took their toll on the city and trade was lost in London. At the end of the 19th century, the Industrial Revolution reached Amsterdam. Waterways to the sea and to the river Rhine improved communication with the rest of Europe and the World. Amsterdam got a new lease on life, but never reached the same supremacy as before.

The First World War did not affect Amsterdam, although trade and industry suffered. During the Second World War about 100.000 Jewish people were deported from Amsterdam, almost completely wiping out the Jewish community.

The sixties put Amsterdam back on the map, for reasons other than trade. The tolerance of soft drugs made the city an ideal place for the hippie generation. Riots and clashes against the police become common, reaching their high point in 1980 when a battle of protesters against the police fought while Queen Beatrix pledged her oaths to become the new Queen of The Netherlands.

Nowadays Amsterdam has become more peaceful and has retained its tolerance of soft drugs and also to social problems.

Amsterdam – Practical Information

The Tourist Information

The VVV is the official tourist information office in Amsterdam. It is efficient and friendly, but can become very busy especially during the summer and the queues can be quite long.

The VVV has two outlets in Amsterdam, one just opposite the Central Station and one on the corner of Leidseplein/Leidsestraat. There is also a Buro De Change situated next to the VVV on the Leidseplein. You can also call the VVV at 0900–4004040, but it costs 0.50 per minute.

Telephone numbers

Emergency: 112

Police: 5599111

Police stations centre:

Beursstraat 33

Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal 104

Keizerstraat 3

Lost and Foundstation:

Tel: 020 5593005

Stephensonstraat 18, near Amstelstation

Directory Assistance: 0900–8008, for the Netherlands, 0900–8418 International.

Collect Calls: 0800–0410

Public Transport Information: 0900–9292 (75ct/min)

Lost credit cards: Amex: 5058504, Eurocard/Mastercard: 030–2835555, Visa: 6600611

Telephone

Phone booths are dotted throughout the city, though the wide use of cell phones means they are not used that much today and the number of them has decreased. Within Central Station, the telephone company, Telfort has the operational rights over the telephone booths and require Telfort calling cards. Whereas outside the Central Station KPN public phones are in operation and require KPN telephone cards.

For international calling, dial 00 followed by the country code. If you are going to call for any length of time to a foreign country, pick up a calling card from one of the 'call centers' scattered around town or from some of the exchange booths. You have to dial a special number, type a PIN code and you can call for the amount of money that you have bought the card for allows you too. This is very good deal when compared to calling directly.

If you're going to stay for a while in the Netherlands and you are going to use the phone extensively, you might consider buying a cell phone. Cell phones with prepaid calling cards start at round 50,- including 25,- of calling value. Calling costs are 0.10 to 0.50 guilders a minute depending on which phone company you use.

Post

The main post office is at the Singel 250, on the corner with the Raadhuisstraat and can be very efficient despite the long queues. Just make sure you have the right ticket for the right queue. There are lots of shops that sell stamps too but they often require you to buy a postcard with it.

The postal address of the main post office is:

Poste Restante,

Hoofdpostkantoor PTT,

Singel 250,

1012 SJ Amsterdam,

The Netherlands.

You'll need your passport to pick up mail.

Left luggage

You can leave your luggage at Central Station for 4 to 6 guilders a locker, for 24 hours. This is a great service if you have to check out of your hotel early but still have some time left to explore the city before you depart.

If you don't want to spend your money in Central Station, you can try your luck at any of the big museums or

with the client service at *Bijenkorf* department store on Dam square. They won't accept great backpacks or suitcases though and you have to collect your luggage before closing time.

Money

Finding a place to change money in Amsterdam is easy, but chances are you have to pay a hefty commission. A lot of places advertise 'no commission', but the small print usually reads that this is only when purchasing foreign currency only, not if you want guilders.

The best thing is to avoid changing money altogether and get your money from one of the many ATMs machine. If you have a Euro pass or Cirrus on your bankcard, you can take money from most ATM machine around the city. It seems that there are never enough machines, cause there are always people waiting in line. If there are no people waiting, you can bet the machine is out of order. A lot of restaurants around the city accept credit cards but always carry some cash just in case or ask before ordering. You can also obtain cash withdrawals from most ATMs with all major credit cards, but this is usually more expensive due to the service charge.

If you do change money, GWK is a good option, right in the middle of Central Station and elsewhere, especially for smaller amounts. For larger amounts shop around, some of the smaller exchanges have good deals.

There is also a money exchange and transfer center at the corner Leidsestraat/Leidseplein.

Other things

Electricity comes in 50Hz/220 volt, so bring a converter if you're from a country that uses a different voltage. Business hours are generally 9:00 to 17:00/18:00 during the week and for shops also on Saturday until 16:00/17:00 although since the liberalization of shop opening times it is not as predictable as it used to be.

Public toilets are not very hard to find. You might be struck by the smell of urine sometimes as you walk about the streets. This is due to the very public, men only urinals situated throughout the streets. Most toilets have a toilet lady who you have to pay around 25 to 50 cents but it means that the toilets are always clean.

Watch out for pickpockets! It is a great place but keep your wits about you..

Amsterdam – Eating Out

The number of international restaurants in Amsterdam is rather mind-boggling. Name a country and there will be a restaurant with that specific cuisine (see sublocations). Typically Dutch are the snackbars, where most Dutch people enjoy the large fries topped with mayonaise (Vlaamse frites) or the famous croquets, called 'vleeskroketten'. Very Dutch also are the pancake-restaurants, called 'pannenkoekhuizen'. Originally, Dutch dishes are based on simple ingredients, (boiled potatoes, boiled vegetables, country food) but nowadays Dutch cuisine is largely influenced by the French.

A good place to start your search for restaurants are the Korte Leidsedwardsstraat and Lange Leidsedwardsstraat, close to the Leidseplein. If you want to eat something, but if you're not sure what, walk

these streets and discover the enormous variety of restaurants. Spuistraat (which runs parallel to Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal) also has a good selection of more upmarket restaurants.

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Dwaze Zaken

Kunst/Lunch Café

Live music on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th friday

zipcode: 1012 Ac
email: eric@dwazezaken.nl
PriceOfMenu: 10 euro
address: Prins Hednrikkade 50
url: www.dwazezaken.nl

Luna

Merel van Dijk : Mooie en knus ingerichte Argentijn met live (gitaar) muziek en mooie foto's van Argentijnse cultuur goed aan de muur. Argentijnen eten er zelf ook. Erg lekker en voor alle kwaliteit betaal je ook.

address: Lindegracht 152
tel: 020 6274149
zipcode: 1015 KK

Argentino Exotica

address: 02044212312
tel: Paastraat 12
zipcode: 1112XC

De Waaghals

A nice vegetarian restaurant near the famous Albert Cuypmarkt.

address: Frans Halsstraat 29
url: www.waaghals.nl
openinghours: 5 pm – 9:30 pm
tel: (0)20–6799609

Raan Phad Thai

Small, but very nice little Thai restaurant. One of my favourites. Tom Yam Koeng, the famous shrimp soup with lemon grass, is excellent here.

open every day from 13.00–21.00h, from Nov. till Febr. only 15.00–21.00h *Sytske Geertsma* : Ruim restaurant en zeer populair, want er is zelden plek. Als je van pittig houdt, kun je hier heerlijk eten. Bediening is Thais en zeer vriendelijk.

zipcode: 1092 HZ Amsterdam

Take Thai

Thai Haute Cuisine, but rather expensive. Nice environment.

address: Utrechtsestraat 87

tel: (0)20–6220577

American Café and Brasserie

Prestigious café and restaurant in the famous American hotel. The interior is lavishly decorated in art–deco style. The café is famous for its high teas. *Veronique* : Café en brasserie horen bij het befaamde hotel American. Het art deco interieur is indrukwekkend. Het café is beroemd om zijn 'high tea' en is het favoriete stekje van schrijver Harry Mulisch.

address: Leidsekade
97

tel: 1017 PN

De Waag

Arthur : In een sfeer die net zou misstaan in de Middeleeuwen, kun je zo groot en zo klein eten als je wilt, zowel binnen als buiten. 's Zomers staan buiten lange tafels waar je kunt aanschuiven. Ietsje bourgondisch, al zou je een wat zwaardere steak verwachten. Hoewel, het gewicht MOET wel kloppen. Het blijft natuurlijk 'De Waag'.

address: Nieuwmarkt 4

tel: 020–5579844

zipcode: 1012 CR

De Rozenboom

A small, three–story restaurant just off the Kalverstraat and near the Spui. Offers LARGE portions of traditional Dutch food at very reasonable prices. A GREAT VALUE, and very conveniently located in the center of town. Had we found this restaurant sooner, we would definitely have returned!

address: Rozenboomsteeg 6

openinghours: Mon. – Sat. from Noon

tel: 020–622–5024

WIJNBAR Boelen, Janssen & Van Bergen

de Wijnbar is at the moment the most trendy place to go when you don't really want to eat or lounge, but just want to enjoy good wine and taste some goodies. It might be considered a tapas bar, but not strictly Spanish. It's cozy, well looked after and not too expensive. It's not cheap either, but if you check before you order and

if you don't order extraordinary things you'll be all right even on a smaller budget.

address: 1e van der helststraat

tel: +31 (0)20 6712242

zipcode: 1072NV

Paso Doble

Very busy tapas restaurant where you might want to book a table in advance or just squeeze in with the people at the big wooden table in the back and make friends for the evening. Great staff, quick service, sizzling pots and pans and excellent tapas that will finally make that girl keep her mouth shut, if only for a few seconds.... Be aware that you'll always stay longer than you intended and that jugs of Sangria do contain alcohol.

address: Westerstraat
86

tel: 020 421 2670

Portugalia

Original Portuguese restaurant that offers delicious fish and seafood, nice wine selection, good deserts. Open every day from 1pm to 12pm.

address: Kerkstraat 35, 1017 GB Amsterdam

tel: 020 – 625 64 90

Ibis Eetcafe

This restaurant serves Ethiopian food on huge silver plates. Usually you eat with your hand. Kitchen is open daily from 5 pm – 10 pm. It is located near a stop of the Tram No. 3 or five minutes walk from the Metro Wibautstraat.

address: Weesperzijde 43

tel: +31–20–6926267

email: ibisafrikan2@hotmail.com

url: www.eetcafeibis.nl

Genet

An Ethiopian restaurant. It is located a bit out of the city–centre on the Amstelveense weg, near the southern exit of the Vondelpark. This means that it is an option if you are 'doing' the Vondelpark.

Veronique : Een Ethiopische restaurant dat zich net buiten het centrum bevindt bij de zuidelijke uitgang van het Vondelpark.

richard: They have great coffee!

address: Amstelveense weg 152

tel: 020–6734344

Abyssinia

Make sure you make a reservation when you want to enjoy one of the Ethiopian or Eritrean dishes in this charming little restaurant. Great staff, good prices, don't forget to wash your hands and do take an African beer (served in a wooden bowl with a slice of lemon) instead of your usual Heineken. Only problem is how to eat the pieces of oranges that come with the bill without scaring away your table company. : That's really cool stuff!

address: Jan Pieter Heijestraat 190hs

tel: 020-8830792

Tibet

Close to the central station, cosy, very tasty, cheap... I go there everytime I'm in Amsterdam and even now when I write it I start feeling hungry :)

Try sizzling duck – this is my favourite...

address: Lange Niezel 24

tel: +31 (0)20 634 11 37

email: info@tibet-restaurant.nl

PriceOfMenu: 20 Euro

priceofmenu: 20 Euro

zipcode: 1012 CT

url: www.tibet-restaurant.nl

Cafe Sem

The place does not Japanese at all, but it is a very nice small bar/cafe and the food is very good. Very friendly staff. Closed on Saturday!

address: Stadionplein 5

tel: +31-(0)20-6796681

Bojo

*Antho*n : Als je beestjes in je sla niet erg vindt is dit een prima plekje.

address: Lange Leidse Dwarsstraat 49 & 51

tel: 020 6227434/6268990

zipcode: 1017 NG

Purna

A nice small Indian restaurant near the Jordan. Friendly staff. The curries are very nice, although the rice portions could be larger. On the other hand the prices are rather modest in comparison to other Indian restaurants in Amsterdam.

address: Harten Straat 29, 1016 CA Amsterdam

tel: +31-(0)20-6236772

Chicano's

Tex–Mex restaurant near the Leidseplein.

address: Korte Leidsedwarsstraat 105,

tel: 020–6261104

Paloma Blanca

Great Moroccan place in the West of Amsterdam.

address: JP Heijestraat 145

openinghours: 1800–2300

tel: 020–7714606

zipcode: 1054 MG

Mamouche

Very hip Moroccan restaurant in the Pijp (not far from Museumplein). You need to reserve.

address: Quellijnstraat 104,

openinghours: 18:30–22:30

tel: 020 – 673 63 61

Trez

Good international cuisine with a focus on mediterranean food. If the weather is good you can sit outside on one of the most trendy spots of the Pijp quarter. It is a bit on the expensive side though, with prices of 20 Euro for a main dish.

address: Saenredamstraat 39 hs

tel: 020–6762495

zipcode: 1072 CC

Febo

The Febo is the Dutch answer to MacDonalds. Everything is deep fried in oil, most of it can be purchased 'from the wall'. Little windows separate you from your food. Insert a few guilders and the window opens and the goodies are yours.

The fried chicken is not too bad though after a night of drinking beer. Note that the one in Leidsestraat becomes rather crowded at 1:30am when a lot of pubs close and people go for a quick snack. *Veronique* : Het Nederlandse antwoord op de MacDonalds. Alles is gefrituurd en het meeste haal je gewoon uit de muur. De vestiging in de Leidsestraat wordt vooral druk na 01.30, als de meeste cafés in de buurt dichtgaan en mensen nog even een vette hap komen halen. *Anthou* : Voor elke Amsterdammer is dit natuurlijk de plek om een vette bek te halen. De kwaliteit is niet beter dan andere snackbars, maar nostalgie wil ook wat. In de Ferdinand BOI zit de eerste vandaar de naam. Tegenwoordig zitten ze over de hele stad dus dat's makkelijk zat.

Anders

Quite spacious café where you can get all sorts of reasonably priced meals. Probably due to the fact that the restaurant is part of the Fijnhout theater complex, they know how to serve a meal quickly (but not rushy) before you have to keep going again. Good option when your in the western part of town. However, we didn't understand why in the world the waitresses had to drag around the blackboard with the menu on it and almost lose their lives?

address: Jacob van Lennepkade 334h

tel: 1053 NJ

Sandwichshop Sal. Meyer

Arthur : Maurits serveert het heerlijkste koshere ORT broodje van Amsterdam. Altijd druk, altijd gezellig. Het beste pekelvlees dat je ooit hebt gegeten, de beste sfeer waarin je ooit hebt gezeten. Natuurlijk 's zaterdags dicht, de rest van de week het omrijden waard. Iets duurder dan andere broodjes zaken.

address: Scheldestraat 45

tel: 020-6731313

zipcode: 1078 GG

1e Klas

Wil: This is a really nice place if you have to wait for your train. Do take some time for the service is not that fast, but the scene itself is marvelous, just like a century ago. *Arthur* : Dit mag je eigenlijk geen lunchroom meer noemen, een prachtige locatie midden in het Centraal Station. De kaart is wat beperkt, soms zijn ze zomaar dicht. Er is in Haarlem eenzelfde etablissement, waar je natuurlijk per trein naar toe kunt. Erg leuk voor de zondagse brunch.

address: Perron 2, Centraal Station

tel: 020-6250131

Zuivere Koffie

A very small and inconspicuous lunchroom squeezed in between the larger restaurants and shops in the Utrechtse straat. Not a place for claustrophobics, but with a intimate atmosphere.

address: Utrechtse straat 39

tel: +31 (0)20 6249999

New York

This American styled cantina can be really crowded with either school kids or taxi drivers, but thats usually a good sign for value for money.

address: Kleine Gartman plantsoen 28

tel: +31 (0)20 622 7481

zipcode: 1017RR

Aroma

A modern white lunchroom/lounge, which brings in mind the Milkbar from Kubricks A Clock Work Orange. They serve extravagant sandwiches and have a really cool 50s espresso machine. **Wil:** Very hip, but slightly would be cocktail bar with excellent sandwiches and breakfast served with home made bread. You should try the date shake, drinking a pint seems a bit out of place here. Unfortunately they have a bit to much staff, at least when I was there for they hardly let you finish your plate or they take it, for they dont have much to do otherwise. If you dont like a house beat while you eat this is not your place.

address: Leidsestraat 96

tel: +31 (0)20 624 2941

zipcode: 1017PE

Spek & Boontjes

address: Wyde Heistg 1

tel: +31 (0)20 620 5768

zipcode: 1016AS

Enorm

address: P C Hoofstr 87

url: www.enorm.com

tel: +31 (0)20 670 9944

zipcode: 1071BP Amsterdam

Downtown

address: Reguliersdwstr 31

tel: +31 (0)20 622 9958

zipcode: 1017BJ

Van Dobben

This is probably the most famous sandwich bar in Amsterdam.

address: K Reguliersdwstr 5

tel: +31 (0)20 624 4200

zipcode: 1017BH

Coffee Connection

address: Nieuwezijds Kolk 33

tel: +31 (0)20 421 8888

zipcode: 1012PV

Zushi

Trendy sushi-bar overlooking the Amstel river, close to the Munt square. In a cold high-tech interior Japanese delicacies roll by on a moving belt, in the Yo Sushi formula. **Gijs** : Hippe tent aan de Amstel. Als je van sushi houdt, of aan de lijn doet is het wel OK, je moet er op gekleed zijn, wil je je niet ongemakkelijk

gaan voelen. Het is een beetje de vraag of dit soort lopendeband zaken blijft bestaan als de hype voorbij is. Vaak is het benauwend rustig.

address: Amstel 20

tel: +31 (0)20 3306882

zipcode: 1017 AA

Amsterdam – Accommodation

Amsterdam has a large variety of hotels. From the luxurious Amstel Hotel to the small boat hotels to the run down places in the red light district. For the cheapies, check out the region around the Warmeostraat, although some youth hostels are a little further afield. Try to book a place before you arrive because it can be very hard to find place during the summer and during most other seasons also.

We have put the places to stay in four categories. Probably the cheapest way to stay in Amsterdam is camping, but this obviously not for all. The cheapest has some the smaller backpack places that could set you back usually around 50 Euro's for a double room.

Middle places go up all the way to slightly over a hundred and are usually you can book directly over the Internet. Note that if you show up directly, you usually pay more than if you book ahead. The top hotels are of course the nicest, but only for those who can afford them.

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The Flying Pancake Amsterdam Bed and Breakfast the Business Class Way

The Flying Pancake offers the choice of two spacious suites; bed and breakfast the Business Class way, in a 18th century monumental house in the historic city center of Amsterdam. All modern comfort, including a network connection for the unlimited use of ADSL (broadband) internet. All major attractions on your doorstep.

zipcode: 1018 VL

email: info@theflyingpancake.com

address: Nieuwe Kerkstraat 153

CostOfDoubleForANight: 135

url: www.theflyingpancake.com

tel: +31 638305219

Amsterdam Escape Apartments

Amsterdam Escape apartments offer something different, a convenient and fuss-free *alternative to hotels*: luxurious apartments in amsterdam all overlooking the famous Amsterdam canals right in the heart of the city centre

zipcode: 1012BN
email: info@amsterdamescape.com
address: geldersekade 106
CostOfDoubleForANight: 159 Euros
url: www.amsterdamescape.com
tel: +31 203206402

Flying Pig Down Town Hotel

Don't let the name put you off. It's not a bad place. Well situated in the centre.

address: Nieuwendijk 100
tel: +31 20 420 6822
zipcode: 1012 MR Amsterdam

Art Gallery Hotel

Cosy little hotel, opposite the Rijksmuseum, close to the Museumplein and Leidseplein. The hotel has a very nice roof-terrace with a splendid view over Amsterdam city centre. A daily buffet breakfast is included in the roomrate. Very good.

zipcode: 1017 RX Amsterdam

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Hotel La Bohème

Hotel La Bohème is a friendly little hotel, only 200 meters from the biggest night live area of Amsterdam, the Leidseplein. The rooms have just been renewed and our crew is young and flexible. From Schiphol Airport you can take , the interliner bus 370 directly to our hotel, or you can take tram 1, 2 or 5 from Central Station to Leidseplein.

address: Marnixstraat 415

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Hotel Abba

Hotel Abba is a friendly and welcoming hotel with comfortable rooms at sensible prices. Hotel Abba is centrally located to The Leidseplein (nightlife area), Rijksmuseum, Van Gogh Museum, Stedelijk Museum, Vondelpark, Jordaan and the main shopping streets and markets.

address: Overtoom 118/122

tel: 020 618 30 58

zipcode: 1054 HM Amsterdam

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Hotel Fantasia

Hotel Fantasia is a friendly family hotel with an outstanding service. The hotel, situated in a canal house from 1733, is located on a very quiet canal in the center of Amsterdam. Many places of interest are on the doorstep.

address: 16 Nieuwe Keizersgracht

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Hotel Asterisk

A friendly familyhotel located in the city center of Amsterdam. The Rijks- & Van Goghmuseum are just around the corner. The famous Amsterdam nightlife is within walkingdistance. The hotel is located in a building build in 1892 bus has been completely renovated and equipped with all modern conveniences, but still retaines its friendly atmosphere

address: Den Texstraat 16

tel: 020 626 23 96

zipcode: 1017 ZA Amsterdam

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Armada Hotel

Friendly hotel in the center of Amsterdam near the Rembrandt square. Well known because of the helpfull receptionists and relaxed atmosphere. Rooms are small but furnished with all requirements. All rooms have TV, telephone and hairdryer

address: Keizersgracht 713/715

tel: 020 623 29 80

zipcode: 1017 DX Amsterdam

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Hotel Engeland

The Hotel Engeland is situated in the heart of Amsterdam, set in beautiful seventeenth and nineteenth century houses. At this quiet and beautiful location, nearby the shopping and entertainment center (Leidseplein) you can enjoy the real atmosphere of Amsterdam. There are bars and museums in great numbers around the Hotel Engeland as well as many galleries, antique and auction houses and of course the numerous canals with beautiful historic buildings

address: Roemer Visscherstraat 30/A

tel: 020 689 23 23

zipcode: 1054 EZ Amsterdam

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Hotel Atlanta

Hotel Atlanta is situated in the centre of Amsterdam overlooking the famous Rembrandtplein. As a guest of Hotel Atlanta you will be within a few minutes walk of museums, galleries, theatres, cinema's, shops, restaurants, canals, bars, disco's, nightclubs and casino's. Various attractions will ensure for plenty of diversion

address: Rembrandtplein 8
tel: 020 625 35 85
zipcode: 1017 CV Amste, rdam

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Hotel Kap

A friendly family hotel, unpretentiously furnished but providing all the comfort you need. Hotel Kap is situated very conveniently, in the centre of Amsterdam. It's just ten minutes walk from the major museums, the floating flower market, the Albert Cuyp market with its international range of wares, trendy shopping centres and, of course, Amsterdam's swinging nightlife. But it's also quiet enough for you to enjoy a perfect night's sleep, undisturbed by any hustle and bustle of the city

address: Den Texstraat 5/B
tel: 020 624 59 08
zipcode: 1017 XW Amsterdam

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Hotel Di-Ann

Hotel DI-ANN is beautiful historic canal house, completely renovated in July 1998. It offers a view along the charming canals Herengracht and Keizersgracht and is centrally located in historic surroundings next to the Royal Palace, Westerchurch and the Jordaan

address: Raadhuisstraat 27
tel: 020 623 11 37
zipcode: 1016 DC Amsterdam

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

France Hotel

The France Hotel is a modern, comfortable 3 star hotel, peacefully situated in the heart of Amsterdam. Various rooms have a splendid view on one of the canals of Amsterdam. The France Hotel is so central that you can easily reach every tourist attraction by foot or with public transport. The Amsterdam Central Station is situated only 100 meters from the hotel

address:

[Book
this hotel](#)

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Hotel Amsterdam

Hotel Amsterdam is a First Class hotel in the centre of town, in the heart of the business and shopping area, like department stores De Bijenkorf and Magna Plaza, Madame Tussaud, Anne Frank House, Diamond Centres and the stock exchange.

address:

[Book](#)
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Hotel La Richelle

Hotel La Richelle is situated in the 'Old Chic of Amsterdam, close to the RAI Congress and Exhibition Centre and the World Trade Centre. The hotel is easily reachable as it is approximately 10 minutes from the city centre and there is ample parking space available. Hotel La Richelle is situated in an important business area, whereby our hotel is a worthy exception based on the other hotels in the city.

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Prinsen Hotel

This completely renovated hotel, which has been enlarged recently, now consists of over 40 rooms and can accommodate up to 90 guests. All rooms have private bath and/or shower and toilet as well as a telephone and color TV. The hotel is located in a quiet, residential area, and yet in a stone's throw distance from the buzzing Leidseplein, Casino, Rijks Museum, Stedelijk Museum, Van Gogh Museum, Concert Gebouw (Concert Hall) and many other theatres *Donna*: I thought the staff was very friendly and helpful. The rooms can be small so ask for one a little larger. Room #44 was nice. Amsterdam has limited space so don't think you'll get a suite, the rooms are about 12x15. But what a fun place! *Donna*: Great location !!

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Koopermoolen

The Koopermoolen is a modern, comfortable 3 star hotel, peacefully situated in the heart of Amsterdam. The Koopermolen is so central that you can easily reach every tourist attraction by foot or with public transport. The Amsterdam Central Station is situated only 200 meters from the hotel

address:

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Hotel Sander

We are pleased to welcome you to Amsterdam and to the Sander Hotel. Our three star hotel has 20 clean and pleasant rooms, all with TV sets, telephone and a safe. Each room has an en-suite bathroom. A traditional Dutch breakfast is served every morning in our breakfast room

address:

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BOOKINGS**Tulip Inn Amsterdam**

The comfortable 3* hotel Tulip Inn Amsterdam, situated in the heart Amsterdam, opened its doors in 1994. Built around 1920 in the Amsterdam School style, Tulip Inn Amsterdam perfectly represents the atmosphere of the city. Tulip Inn Amsterdam can easily be reached by car and public transportation. There are several tram stops in front of the hotel. The Amsterdam Circular (A10) offers easy access by car.

address:

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BOOKINGS**Hotel Toren**

We are situated in the heart of the city, around the corner from Anne Frank's House and five minutes walking from the Dam Square. The Central Railway Station is ten minutes walking from the hotel and Public Transport to the important museums is only one hundred meters away (one block). The Dam Square with the Royal Palace, is considered the heart of the city. At and around the Dam Square you will find the shopping centres Bijenkorf, Magna Plaza and Kalvertower.

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BOOKINGS**Toro Hotel**

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BOOKINGS**Golden Tulip Caransa**

Golden Tulip Caransa is located in the historic heart of the city on Rembrandtplein (Rembrandt Square). Department stores, boutiques, museums and canal boats are all within easy walking distance. The staff of Golden Tulip Caransa is at your service.

address:

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BOOKINGS**The Grand Sofitel Demeure**

The Grand Amsterdam stands in a category of its own. A former 16th century Royal Inn and more recently the setting for the wedding of Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands in 1966. This magnificently restored historic building now offers discerning visitors all the features & amenities of a truly world-class hotel.

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Hotel Pulitzer

Twenty-five restored 17th & 18th century canal houses have been harmoniously integrated to create a truly unique hotel. Located in the heartbeat of the city framed by two of the famous concentric canals, which give Amsterdam its warm welcome to every visitor. Nearby Dam Square, the Royal Palace, well known museums and most popular shopping centers. The hotel is situated 20 kilometers from Schiphol Airport

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Hotel Princess

Hotel Princess is a friendly and comfortable family budget hotel. It is located within walking distance from Leidseplein, Vondelpark, Rijksmuseum, Stedelijk Museum, and the main shopping streets of Amsterdam.

address: Overtoom 80/1

tel: 020 612 29 47

zipcode: 1054 HL Amsterdam

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Hotel Schirmann International

Friendly budget hotel in front of Central Station. 1 to 8 bedded rooms, with private facilities. Easy parking. Open 24 hours, night porter present *Jason Schwechter*: Hotel Schirmann is a wonderful economy hotel which I stayed at on my first visit to the Netherlands. The staff was very friendly, and the housekeeping staff is very honest. I was fortunate enough to get a twin room even though I had requested a single. The rooms were fairly small, but what else is new in Europe. There are no phones in the rooms, but there is a payphone downstairs if needed. The Ideally located, in my opinion, accross the street from Centraal Station. From there, you can catch a Tram anywhere in the city. It is an Ideal location if you are lazy and can't/won't walk measurable distances. 24 hour access is always a plus. I should note that a twin room easily can become cluttered with one person, much less too. There is a wardrobe to put clothes into, although I left mine in my backpack. Also of note, you cannot open the bathroom door at the same time as the room door. Overall, for the money, it is a wonderful deal and one could do much worse on a budget. I give it a 3-4 rating out of 5 when you figure in all the factors.

address: Prins Hendrikkade 23

tel: 020 624 19 42

zipcode: 1012 TM Amsterdam

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Hotel Ben

Budget hotel, three minutes walk from Central Station Amsterdam (between Red Light District and Dam Square).

address: Beursstraat 21

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Acacia

Hotel Acacia lies in the heart of the Jordaan, a suburb with a selection of boutiques, trash-and-treasure stores, restaurants and pubs. Situated within walking distance from numerous places worth seeing such as the Anne Frank House, the Palace at The Dam and, of course, the famous ring of canals

address: Lindengracht 251

tel: 020 622 14 60

zipcode: 1015 KH Amsterdam

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Aadam Hotel Wilhelmina

The Hotel is centrally located within walking distance of main Museums, Concert Hall and the Vondelpark and near the RAI Exhibition Centre, World Trade and Fashion Centre. The efficient management, inspired by great hospitality, will do all to enhance the pleasure and comfort of your stay

address: Koninginneweg 167 / 169

tel: 020 662 54 67

zipcode: 1075 CN Amsterdam

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The Veteran

Right in the heart of Amsterdam you will find our cosy low budget hostel hotel. The Veteran comprises 12 clean rooms overlooking the canals. The hotel is located on the corner of the Rembrandtplein and the Herengracht.

address: Herengracht 561

url: www.bookings.net

Hotel de Admiraal

Small hotel next to Rembrandtplein at the beautiful Herengracht. Take tram No. 4. Reservation recommended.

address: Herengracht 563, corner Thorbeckeplein, 1017 CD
Amsterdam

tel: +31 – 20 – 62 62 150

Amsterdamse Bos

This is pretty brilliant location, in the middle of the Amsterdam *Woods* that were created as an employment measure during the crisis years in the thirties. In summer, you'll find open air theater here and it is generally a very relaxed place. The campsite is open from April to October and you can get there from the center with busses 170,171 and 172 or take tramline 5 or 51 and walk a bit. There is no nightbus connection, but walking

or taking a taxi from Station Zuid is an option.

address: Kleine Noorddijk 1

tel: 020-6416868

Zeeburg

This is a developing place with new options every time you go there. Rather out of the center though, not too bad if you have a bike or car. Camping is 7.50 a person, plus f5 for a tent. There are also dormbeds and separate huts for hire, for those who don't have a tent.

Gaasper Camping Amsterdam

Metro no. 53 Gaasperplas/night bus no. 357. Reception open July-Aug 9am-10pm daily; Sept-May 9am-8pm daily. Rates per person per night 4,50; under-12s 2,00; car 4,00; camper 8,00; caravan 6,00; motorbike 2,50; tent 5,25-6,25; electrics 3,50; hot showers 0,75; dog 2,50. This campsite is in the South-East of Amsterdam, easily accessible by either Metro or bus. It's on the edge of the Gaasperplas park, which has a lake with a watersports centre and facilities for canoeing, swimming (for children, too), rowing and sailing, plus a surfing school. Ground facilities include a shop, café, bar and restaurant, a terrace, launderette and service station for fuel *Alen McKenzie*: Prices are good -- I've visited in the first 2 weeks of July in 2000, 1999, 1998 and 1997.... It's located in a country park with a big lake nearby which has sailing and windsurfing. They have a small shop on-site and a cafe with TV. Also have a laundry which is useful. When I've visited there's always been plenty space for my tent -- they make you move your tent every 7 days or so to let the grass recover -- so you can't pitch it on a yellowed bit of grass -- always plenty room round your tent! Lots of trees around the site and you can go for walks round the lake and in the woods. Kids playpark in near the lake and a big kids paddling pool. just 300-400metres from the Gaasperplas Metro station -- just turn left as you exit the Metro station and walk past the hotel and the Planetarium veer left and walk about 150-200metres thru the carparks to the camp site -- I can provide Photographs if anyone wants to see them e-mail me at alen666@earthling.net.

address: Loosdrechtsdreef 7

tel: 020 - 696 7326

url: www.gaaspercamping.nl

Amsterdam Youth Hostel

Nice hotel, conveniently close to the railway station.

address: Kloveniersburgwal 97

tel: 020-624.68.32

zipcode: 1011 KB Amsterdam

Amstel Botel

Fl. 147-157 a double. f129-139 a single. Not too cheap, but really nice. This hotel is a 4 story boad right in front of the Central Station. Each room has attached bathroom and shower, be it a small one. Make sure to get a room looking over the water.

address: Oosterdokskade 2-4

tel: 020-6264247

The Shelter Jordan – Youth Hostel

Cheap hostel in picturesque part of Amsterdam, only 300 meters from the Anne Frank House.

email: jordan@shelter.nl

address: Bloemstraat 179, in Jordaan district

tel: +31 20 6244717

The Shelter City – Youth Hostel

Centrally located hostel, an easy 7-minute walk from Central Station.

address: Barndesteeg 21, Close to Central Station

email: city@shelter.nl

tel: +31 20 6253230

url: www.shelter.nl

Arena

Tram 3, 6, 9, 10, 14. Metro Weesperplein. F90–F120 a double. Around 90 a single. Key deposit f10. Hotel services Bar. Currency exchange. Disabled access. Fax. Gift shop. Internet. Lift. Live music. Lobby garden. Pool table.

More of a youth and tourist culture centre with lodgings than a hotel, the Arena is a great budget option. It's housed in an old listed convent next to Oosterpark (the Reverend Mother would turn in her grave if she heard the live music programme going down in the old church), with a swanky restaurant and bar serving good food, and even an on-site car park. All the rooms and dorms are basic but neat and clean, and, while the Arena isn't exactly centrally located, the plethora of funky youngsters more than compensates in terms of atmosphere. There is an on-site club and bar.

address: 's-Gravesandestraat 51

tel: +31 (0)20-6633201

City Hostel Vondelpark

Near Vondelpark. Nice and popular hotel in the middle of Vondelpark, which is a good place to be, especially in summer. Reservation in recommended.

email: fit.vondelpark@njhc.org

address: Zandpad 5

tel: 020 – 589.89.96

zipcode: 1054 GA Amsterdam

Hotel Imperial

This is a small non-smoking hotel right in the center of Amsterdam. On top of the Reambrandtsplein nightlife area and on walking distance from the flower market and the Kalverstraat shopping street.

address: Thorbeckeplein 9
tel: +31 20 622 00 51
url: www.hotelimperialnl.com

Hotel Linda

Hotel Linda is situated at the Stadhouderskade and opposite De Nederlandse Bank. The hotel comprises 23 rooms and a private parking place. The Rembrandtplein, the Waterlooplein, the Albert Cuypmarkt, and the musea are at walking distance from the hotel. You can take tram 4 and 20 to the hotel when coming from Central Station.

address: Stadhouderskade 131
url: www.bookings.net

Clemens Hotel

Charming hotel set in Amsterdam center with Budget rooms (shared shower/wc) & DeLuxe rooms (private shower/wc) All rooms with tv,tel,mini-fridge,in-room safe, hair-dryer. Online reservations. Women friendly hotel

address: 39 Raadhuisstraat
tel: 0031206246089
url: www.clemenshotel.nl

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A friendly **hotel in the centre of Amsterdam the Netherlands *harry*: We stayed here twice over the last year. One personal bussiness trip and one with my family Both times were very pleasant. A very relaxed atmosphere in a quit street right in the centre. Very friendly service, good breakfast. We felt right at home. Chose this hotel over any bussiness or other higher star-ranking hotels for this price. You will feel at home as a foreigner. Sure will return on my next trip. Bruno *wouter*: Had a great stay here. Very relaxed atmosphere. large double room ensuite. Nice breakfast and friendly service. Highly recommended!

address: den texstraat 5b
tel: +31 20 6245908
zipcode: h.kap@worldonline.nl
url: www.kaphotel.nl

SInt Nicolaas Hotel Amsterdam

Friendly family run Hotel with elevator in Amsterdam city center All room with private bath/shower, wc Excellant value for money, surperb location, friendly people

address: Spuisstraat 1
tel: 0031206261384
zipcode: 1016 DC
url: www.hotelnicolaas.nl

City Hotel Amsterdam

City Hotel Amsterdam, a two–star family hotel in a 18th century building. The hotel is located in the centre of Amsterdam. It is the ideal starting place for your visit and walking distance from the redlight district of Amsterdam. Rooms from Euro 65

address: Prins Hendrikkade 130, 1011 AP, Amsterdam, Netherlands

tel: +31 20 6230836

url: www.tobook.com

Houseboat Experience

The perfect way to experience Amsterdam's unique Houseboat lifestyle It's a comfortable, casual, and quiet lifestyle living on board this floating home. Built into a Houseboat in the 1960's restored 1939 classic canal boat Perfect for single, couple, or small family.

address: Flevo Park

tel: +31 65 466 3979

url: www.experienceAmsterdam.com

Prinsengracht Hotel

A pleasant 3–star hotel situated on one of the beautiful canals of Amsterdam. All 34 rooms are provided with shower and toilet, TV and telephone. Very friendly staff and calm backyard garden.

address: Prinsengracht 1015

tel: +31 – 20 – 623 7779

De La Haye

Hotel De La Haye is a small and cosy hotel located in the city centre of Amsterdam. The rooms are clean and have recently been redecorated. All major museums (i.e. the Rijksmuseum and Van Gogh Museum) are located at walking distance from the hotel. Hotel De La Haye is situated next to the Leidseplein, the main nightlife and entertainment centre. Many pubs and restaurants are situated around this famous square.

address: Leidsegracht 114

url: www.bookings.net

Hotel Albert

This family hotel is situated at a beautiful park and is an ideal base for visiting Amsterdam. The hotel comprises 13 comfortable and well–kept rooms with shower, toilet, TV and telephone. The hotel is easily accessible by public transport.

address: Sarphatipark 58

url: www.bookings.net

Nova Hotel

The Nova Hotel is a friendly, 3–star hotel, located in five beautifully renovated 17th century buildings in the old heart of Amsterdam. Famous shopping areas as well as many museums and the colorful flowermarket are nearby. There are numerous excellent restaurants and cafes in the immediate vicinity

book,url: www.bookings.nl

Hotel de Compagnie

Next to Rembrandt- and Muntplein, very central and modern. Facilities: 100 rooms, 3 bars, 6 banquet rooms, radio, hair dryer, direct dial, films, television, mini bar, air conditioning, baby sitter, beauty parlour. Large breakfast-buffet.

Double rooms between 180 and 250 NGL. *Sabine Jacobs*: New and comfortable, nicest rooms below the roof, try to negotiate about the price, when they are not fully booked. *Mario*: I'd like to know the availability for a double room (2 nights) arrival Nov.16/ departure Nov. 18

zipcode: 1017 HE Amsterdam, Netherlands

Falcon Plaza

45 rooms, radio, direct dial, television

Rooms from US\$ 53.83 to 127.33 Nett

City center.

address: Valkenburgerstraat 72-74

url: www.asiatravelmart.com

zipcode: 1011 LZ Amsterdam, Netherlands

Avenue

50 rooms, hair dryer, direct dial, television, baby sitter

Rooms from US\$ 64.33 to 173.53 Nett

City center.

address: Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal 27

url: www.asiatravelmart.com

zipcode: 1012 Road Amsterdam, Netherlands

Singel

36 rooms, radio, hair dryer, direct dial, television

Rooms from US\$ 66.43 to 168.81 Nett

City center.

address: Singel 13

url: www.asiatravelmart.com

zipcode: 1012 VC Amsterdam, Netherlands

Westropa

36 rooms, radio, hair dryer, direct dial, television

Rooms from US\$ 66.43 to 155.16 Nett

City center.

address: Nassaukade 387–390

url: www.asiatravelmart.com

zipcode: 1054 AE, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Mercure Arthur Frommer

90 rooms, 1 bars, radio, hair dryer, direct dial, television, mini bar, air conditioning, baby sitter

Rooms from US\$ 69.06 to 154.11 Nett

City center.

address: Noorderstraat 46, NL–1017 TV Amsterdam, Netherlands

url: www.asiatravelmart.com

Rembrandt Residence

111 rooms, 1 bars, 2 banquet rooms, radio, direct dial, films, television, baby sitter

Rooms from US\$ 77.46 to 213.43 Nett

City center.

address: Herengracht 255, NL–1016 BJ Amsterdam, Netherlands

url: www.asiatravelmart.com

Inntel Ams Centre

236 rooms, radio, hair dryer, direct dial, films, television, mini bar, air conditioning

Rooms from US\$ 106.86 to 312.13 Nett

City center.

address: Nieuwezijbs Kolk 19

url: www.asiatravelmart.com

zipcode: 1012 PV, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Mercure Aan De Amstel

178 rooms, 1 bars, 11 banquet rooms, radio, hair dryer, direct dial, films, television, mini bar, air conditioning, sauna, gymnasium

Rooms from US\$ 76.41 to 229.18 Nett

Near center.

address: Joan Muyskenweg 10

url: www.asiatravelmart.com

zipcode: 1096 CJ Amsterdam, Netherlands

Acro

57 rooms, hair dryer, direct dial, television, beauty parlour

Rooms from US\$ 61.18 to 128.91 Nett

City center.

address: 44 Jan Lyukenstraat

url: www.asiatravelmart.com

zipcode: 1071 CR Amsterdam, Holland

Terminus

82 rooms, 4 bars, radio, direct dial, television

Rooms from US\$ 63.81 to 147.28 Nett

City center.

address: Beursstr 11-19

url: www.asiatravelmart.com

zipcode: 1012 JT Amsterdam, Netherlands

Victoria Hotel Amsterdam

Located in the city centre, directly opposite the Central Station and just a stroll away from Dam Square, the Royal Palace and countless places of interest. Besides the 305 comfortable rooms, the hotel also offers the Tasman Bar, Seasons Garden Restaurant, covered terrace and 10 fully equipped conference rooms. The hotel's Active Club has its own indoor heated swimmingpool, solarium, sauna, Turkish steambath, beauty parlor and a fitness room. *Linda Sheehan:* Picture of Hotel

url:

Nieuw Slotania

The doors of the comfortable three star Hotel Nieuw Slotania are opened to both tourists and business travellers. The hotel is located near the A10 highway 'ringway around Amsterdam' (exit S104). The centre of

Amsterdam is only 15 minutes away by bus or streetcar. Facing the hotel you will find one of the newest shopping centres in Amsterdam. Schiphol Airport is also close by (15 minutes by car). Ample parking facilities, also for busses, surround the hotel.

address: Sloterveerlaan 133

url: www.bookings.net

BORGMANN VILLA HOTEL

Cosy 3*** hotel, 15 rooms only. Borgmann Villa is located right on the border of the Vondelpark in a residential area. A quiet beautiful place to rest after a long day in the heart of Amsterdam.

address: Koningslaan 48

tel: +31 20 6735252

url: www.hotel-borgmann.nl

Swissotel Amsterdam

Behind the historical facade of 19th century buildings, 106 tastefully decorated rooms were built. It is an oasis amidst the hum of the busy city. Highly recommended.

address: Damrak 96, Amsterdam 1012 LP

tel: + 31- 20-522 3000

url: www.swissotel.com

Renaissance Amsterdam Hotel

The very heart of beautiful Amsterdam, between the Dam Square and Central Station, is the home of the five-star Renaissance Amsterdam Hotel. A deluxe hotel where you will immediately feel at home. One of the unique characteristics of the Renaissance Hotel is its pleasant, informal atmosphere, while our service will meet all your expectations. The 17th century domed Koepelchurch, our conference space, is located opposite the hotel and is connected by means of an underground passage. The historical landmark and eleven other function rooms are perfect for conventions, product launches and special events for groups of 10 to 700 people.

address: Kattengat 1

url: www.bookings.net

Amstel Inter-Continental Amsterdam

Since the opening in 1867, the Amstel Inter-Continental Amsterdam is celebrated as the most beautiful and luxurious hotel in the Netherlands and ranks with the best hotels in the world. It was recently voted one of the 99 finest hotels in the world by the Official Hotel Guide Magazine. The stately hotel elegantly dominates a quiet though central section of the Amstel River bank and is within walking distance of the Dutch capital. The ambience, in all of the 79 Executive Rooms and suites, breathes the grace and elegance reminiscent of a grand European estate. More than half of the rooms offer superb views of the Amstel river on which the hotel is located. The wonderful Michelin awarded restaurant, La Rive, as well as the elegant health center featuring a magnificent 15 meter heated pool, are both located at the water level.

address: Prof.Tulpplein 1

tel: + 31 20 622 6060

Sheraton Amsterdam Airport

408 rooms, 2 bars, 1 indoor pools, 16 banquet rooms, radio, hair dryer, direct dial, films, television, mini bar, air conditioning, baby sitter, heated pools, sauna, gymnasium

Rooms from US\$ 115.26 to 337.33 Nett

Airport.

address: Schiphol Boulevard 101, Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam, Netherlands

url: www.asiatravelmart.com

American

100 rooms, 3 bars, 1 indoor pools, 6 banquet rooms, radio, hair dryer, direct dial, films, television, mini bar, air conditioning, baby sitter, beauty parlour, golf, heated pools, sauna, gymnasium

Rooms from US\$ 144.13 to 193.48 Nett

City center.

address: Leidsekade 97, NI-1017 Pn Amsterdam, Netherlands

url: www.asiatravelmart.com

Radisson SAS Hotel

The Radisson SAS Hotel Amsterdam Airport offers 279 air-conditioned rooms and is located at the Schiphol-Rijk business park, at 4 kilometers from Schiphol Airport, at 1 kilometer from the exit Hoofddorp on the A4 motorway and at only 20 minutes from the Amsterdam city center.

address: Boeing Avenue 2

url: www.bookings.net

Hotel Amsterdam

100 rooms, 3 bars, 1 indoor pools, 6 banquet rooms, radio, hair dryer, direct dial, films, television, mini bar, air conditioning, baby sitter, beauty parlour, golf, heated pools, sauna, gymnasium

Rooms from US\$ 104.76 to 144.66 Nett

City center.

address: Damrak 93

url: www.asiatravelmart.com

zipcode: 1012 LP, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Crown Plaza City Centre

269 rooms, 2 bars, 1 indoor pools, 4 banquet rooms, radio, hair dryer, direct dial, films, television, mini bar, air conditioning, baby sitter, heated pools, sauna, gymnasium

Rooms from US\$ 115.26 to 442.86 Nett

City center.

address: Nieuwe Zijds Voorburgwal 5, P.O. Box 2216, NL-1000 CE Amsterdam, Netherlands

url: www.asiatravelmart.com

Sofitel

86 rooms, 1 bars, 2 banquet rooms, radio, hair dryer, direct dial, films, television, mini bar, air conditioning, baby sitter, sauna, gymnasium

Rooms from US\$ 137.83 to 291.66 Nett

City center.

address: Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal 67, 1017 KT Amsterdam

url: www.asiatravelmart.com

Vliegenbos

Relative expensive, but then, also relative close to the center (walk to the water and take one of the frequent free boats of the Ij to Central Station). f14.25 per person open from April to end September. They also have cabins that sleep four persons for 80 guilders, which is a pretty good deal. *Alen McKenzie*: Haven't stayed there myself but a friend did.... He said that the tents get put so close to eachother that your guylines get tangled with the tent next to you. He compared it to Gaasperplas and said just don't go to this one. Gaasperplas is so much better --- they also don't allow guests past the gate at reception!

address: Meeuwenlaan 138

tel: 020-6388855

Emmett Brady

Looking for A romantic place to stay in Amsterdam

Check out AmsterdamSnug

address: Nieuwmarkt

CostOfDoubleForANight: Euro 159 for 1-2 people

tel: 0031 20 320 6402

costofdoubleforanight: Euro 159 for 1-2 people

url: www.amsterdamescape.com

Jolly Carlton Hotel

The Jolly Hotel Carlton is an Italian run prestigious 4–star De Luxe Hotel, furnished in the latest elegant Italian design ambience. All 219 rooms feature colour Television, inhouse movie channel, radio, minibar, air conditioning, direct dial telephone, trouser press, private bathroom with bath and hairdryer. The Italian hotel–restaurant "Caruso" located at the flowermarket, offers the best italian and fish specialities, whilst on the ground floor the bar/coffee shop "Carlton Corner" provides an illustrious venue to meet or just relax, right in the heart of the city of Amsterdam.

The Jolly Carlton Hotel also has 4 luxury conference rooms ideal for meetings, cocktail parties and private lunches and dinners. Each room is equipped with its own adjustable heating, air conditioning and direct dial telephone. All audio visual equipment can be provided.

The Jolly Hotel Carlton is situated next to the famous colourful flower market and surrounded by the most exclusive shops, bars, restaurants, cinemas and museums. It is only 5 minutes from the Central Station and 25 minutes from Schiphol International Airport.

address: Vijzelstraat 2–18, 1017 HK Amsterdam

tel: +31 – 20 – 62.22.266

Bicycle Hotel

A comfortable hotel, situated approximately 20 minutes walk from the city centre, in a residential area. Breakfast is included in the price of rooms, and it is possible to rent bikes from the hotel. Free internet access is available in the hotel and all rooms have a television.

email: info@bicyclehotel.com
 address: 123 Van Ostadestraat, 1072 SV Amsterdam
 CostOfDoubleForANight: 50 – 75 Euro
 tel: 0031–20–679 34 52
 costofdoubleforanight: 50 – 75 Euro
 url: www.sos-papa.com
 zipcode: www.bicyclehotel.com

Amsterdam – Sights

Amsterdam is home to some of the most beautiful sights in Europe. The canals that flow through the city give it great character and style and the museums are renowned all over the world.

Amsterdam has several excellent museums and two of the best are next to each other. The Van Gogh Museum is a must for anyone interested in the artists work. It houses some of his most famous masterpieces beginning with his time in Holland to the period of his death in France. On the same square is the 250–room Rijksmuseum, which contains among its treasures a handful of exquisite Vermeers and one of the best Rembrandt collections in the world. "The Night Watch" is exhibited in the Hall of Honor and is most definitely a "work of art". Astonishing is only a portion of the original painting which had to be cut down to fit its intended spot in the citys old town hall. There is a copy of an uncut version of the painting hanging in the room just before the Hall of Honor.

The excellent Stedelijk Museum displays contemporary art including traveling exhibits from other countries. Museum Amstelkring also known as "Our Lord in the Attic" is set in a 17th-century merchant house. It contains a secret Catholic church on the top floor. The house has its original furnishings giving a good idea of what life at that time was like. [Note: the Stedelijk is currently closed for renovations – February 2004]

If time permits take a look a Rembrandts house near the Waterlooplein (the artist lived there 1639–1657). And the church where he is buried at the Westerkerk, (you'll walk passed it on the way to The Anne Frank House). Have a look for the crown on top of the church given to Amsterdam by Maximilian I in 1489 and you can also climb the spire for a great view of the city. There are also a number of other Rembrandt-related sites: the 13th-century Oudekerk (Amsterdams oldest church), where Rembrandts wife Saskia is buried. The 15th-century Waag (weigh station) where Rembrandt painted "The Anatomy Lesson" (it now houses the Jewish Historical Museum) and the Zuiderkerk (South Church) where he painted "The Night Watch".

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Spui

On the spui square you find some of the oldest buildings of Amsterdam. Be sure not to miss the Begijnhof. **Sigourney:** Het Spui was in de jaren '60 de verzamelpplaats voor de provos die de samenleving probeerden te ontburgelijken. Nu is het vooral de plaats voor de boekeliefhebber, met een markt op zondag en de Atheneumboekwinkel nog altijd op de meest prominente plek. Als je een boek gevonden hebt kun je op het Begijnhof in alle rust gaan lezen, of op een van de onliggende terrassen. **Jerome:** The bookmarket here is a great place to find secondhand books about Amsterdam if you want to stay for some time in the city. If there's no market just go to the Slechte in the Kalverstraat (just around the corner) you'll probably pay a bit more, but they do have an extensive collection on Amsterdam.

address: Spui

Museumplein

Totally redesigned in 2000, the Museumplein is more of a park than a square. On the plein you find the Van Gogh, Stedelijk en Rijksmuseum as well as an Albert Hein shop. **Sigourney:** Net helemaal opnieuw ingericht, heeft dit plein het hart van Amsterdam veroverd. In de AH eronder kun je boodschappen doen voor een picknick in het gras. 's zomers worden hier allerlei culturele evenementen georganiseerd. Als er niets te doen is kun je pootjebaden in de vijver of kijken naar de halsbrekende toeren van de skaters in de halfpipe. Op dit plein vindt je ook een van de best geaccorteerde kaartenkraampjes van Amsterdam.

address: Museumplein

Beurs van Berlage

Designed by Berlage, the most famous modern architect of the Netherlands, his Beurs was the starting point of Dutch Modern architecture.

address: Beursplein 5

Chinatown

Amsterdam's China Town is located near the Nieuwmarkt. The Zeedijk is lined with Chinese shops and restaurants.

address: Zeedijk

Red Light district

The red lights section is located close the central station, between Dam square and Nieuwmarkt. For more info see the nightlife section.

Sarphati Park

Small park close to Albert Cuyp market. Good place for a picknick after a visit to the market.

address: Sarphatistraat

Amsterdamse Bos

The Dutch call it a wood, but it is closer to a park. Commisioned in the 1930–ies by the Dutch government as part of a Keynesian attempt to fight unemployment, it is the biggets city park of the Netherlands. In summer there are free Theater performances (in Dutch).

address: Amstelveenseweg

Artis

Artis is the City Zoo of Amsterdam. Very good aquarium in a 19th century classical building by the Architect Salm. **Sigourney:** Artis is de stads dierentuin. Het park is voortgekomen uit een 18e eeuwse societeit: "Artis Natura Magistra" Natuur is de meester van de kunst, oftewijl hier kun je inspiratie op komen doen. Artis was altijd een trieste bedoeling, maar recent is de boel verbouwd en uitgebreid, zodat de dieren menselijker behandeld kunnen worden.

address: Plantage Kerklaan 38

openinghours: 9:00–17:00

Hortus Botanicus

Great place to relax. You can have coffee and tea in the Orangerie. Entrance is free if you have a student card. **Sigourney:** De hortus is een prettig en rustig parkje met een oranjerie waar je lekker kunt eten. Als je op het gras wil zitten kun je echter beter naar het Wertheim plansoen er tegenover gaan. Voor exotica ben je hier wel aan het goede adres. De kassen zijn spectaculair en dan heb ik het niet alleen over de planten.

address: Plantage Middenlaan 2

openinghours: 9:00–17:00 weekdays, 11:00–17:00 weekend, closes at 16:00 in winter

Vondelpark

The vondelpark is one of the nicest parks in the world and should not be missed. It is perfect to walk, to cycle or to skate. You can rent inlines at the far end. Designed in English Landscape style at the end of the 19–th century. It runs roughly speaking from Leidseplein to the Amstelveense weg. There are several sculpures and temporary art rojects to be discovered. In the park you can find a Picasso sculpture (which is also a gay rendezvous) , a Rietveld building, and a beautiful crowd of people sunbathing, playin soccer or reading (in summer) and spitting lama's (all year round). **vandana malhotra:** Yes it's really great. A must for anyone who visits. **Erika Morales :** This was the most elegant place in Amsterdam. My complements ...**René Mans:** This

is the place to be in the summertime, check out "het Blauwe Theehuis" for cold drinks and good sandwiches.
artplein–spui

Every Sunday at the "Spui" in Amsterdam there is an exhibition in the open air with recent work of sixty Dutch and international professional artists.(in his 13th year) All techniques are present: paintings in oil and acrylics, watercolors, graphic arts, sculpture, ceramics and jewellery. Thanks to the rotating system, original work of 25 different participants is to be seen every Sunday, while the harp/guitar duo "Sunflower" is playing music that fits the atmosphere. Art Plein Spui offers a unique opportunity to buy directly from the artists without the involvement of galleries or museums, and to communicate with the makers themselves in picturesque surroundings. Art Plein Spui, in the hart of old Amsterdam, near the beautiful Begijnhof and the Historical Museum, is open every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Take a look at our website:www.artplein–spui.nl

email: info@artplein–spui.nl

address: spui

openinghours: sunday's 10–18

Leidseplein

Leidseplein is one of the most busy places in Amsterdam. There are many pubs around it that have nice lights at night on thier facade. In winter there is a skating ring, in summer there is a big terrace. **Sigourney:** Het Leidse plein is nu opgebroken, maar meestal een van de drukste en gezelligste pleinen van Amsterdam, zeker 's avonds. Met Discotheek Cash en Eijders als uitersten is hier voor iedereen wel een leuke tent te vinden. **Steve:** The Leidseplein is a great area. There are many good value priced resturants in the area. Great area for watching street perfomers and people in general.

address: Leidseplein

Rembrandtplein

You easily miss it but there is a statue of Rembrandt on the Rembrandtplein. All around are pubs, disco's and some sleazy bars.

Jerome: Rembrandt became the most important painter in the beginning of the 19th century when Belgiun separated itself from the Netherlands and claimed Rubens as their national painter. The statue on the Rembrandt plein, wich used to be called buttermarket, was meant to be cast in bronze, but typically Dutch it was cast in iron to keep costs as low as possible. **Sigourney:** The statue of Rembrandt is made of cast iron because bronze was too expensive.

address: Rembrandtplein

Waag

Today the Waag (Weigh House) is a restaurant cum Cybercafe. The Weigh House at the Nieuwmarkt is the oldest secular public building in Amsterdam. It was designed as a city gate (Sint Antoniespoort, 1488) and as such it formed part of the medieval defences.

address: Nieuwmarkt

Royal Palace

The Royal Palace (1648–1665) was designed as the most prestigious town hall of its time. It is justly famous for being a large and important cultural and historic building of 17th century Amsterdam.

Noorderkerk

At the northernmost end of the Jordaan, the Noorderkerk is an impressive building, overlooking the Noordermarkt.

In 1620 an important decision was made. The northern part of the Jordaan area was to have a church of its own. The Westerkerk, proved too far away in more sense than one. Hendrick de Keyser designed the Noorderkerk, built between 1620 and 1623. On June 15, 1620 the foundation stone was laid and as early as Easter 1623 the church opened its gates. When Hendrick died in 1621 his son Pieter took over and supervised the final phases of the construction process together with Hendrick Jacobsz Staets, the town carpenter, and Cornelis Danckerts, the city stone mason. Staets certainly managed to leave his mark on the building. The wooden vault and the elegant little tower, marking the central part of the church, demonstrate his excellent craftsmanship.

Oude Kerk

Right in the middle of the Red Light district, the Oude Kerk (Old Church) is the oldest building in Amsterdam. Although there is no absolute certainty, the church was probably consecrated in 1306 by Guy of Avennes, bishop of Utrecht. St. Nicholas of Myra was the obvious choice when it came to selecting a patron saint.

Wester Kerk

Overlooking the Jordaan, the Westerkerk and its Tower is one of the symbols of Amsterdam.

The necessity to undertake the construction of additional churches was the inevitable result of the 1613 urban expansion project. In 1620, therefore, a decision was made to build two churches, the Noorderkerk and the Westerkerk. The Westerkerk was planned as a large church catering for the religious needs of the inhabitants of the northern part of the ring of canals. A smaller church, the Noorderkerk, was designed for church-goers in the Jordaan area, a far less prestigious neighbourhood just outside the ring of canals. On September 9, 1620 the foundation stone for the Westerkerk was laid.

Zuider Kerk

Close to the Waterloo plein, this 17th century church is now surrounded by '70 city renewal architecture. The design was like the Wester, Noorder and Ooster Kerk made by the city's Architect Hendrik de Keyser.

Inside you'll find the informationcenter for city planning.

St. Nicolaaskerk

The new church of St. Nicholas is among the better known of the new Amsterdam churches. The tall and spacious building occupies a prominent place in the city centre, opposite the Central Station and is a rare example of the neo-Baroque style. Most new Roman Catholic Churches, in Holland as well as in other European countries, were built in the neo-Gothic style promoted by Viollet-le-Duc in France, Pugin in England and Cuypers in Holland. Neo-Gothic architecture referred back to the heyday of medieval French Catholicism and its world-famous cathedrals. Therefore, it is all the more remarkable that the architects of the church of St. Nicholas based themselves largely on the international Baroque style.

Our lord in the attic

This marvellous catholic church, hidden into the attic of an old 17th century house, is part of the Amstelkring Museum. The history of this church dates back to 1661 when a wealthy merchant, Jan Hartman, bought a house on Oudezijds Voorburgwal. He and his family lived on the first two floors, while the attic was turned into a catholic church between 1661 and 1663. To be continued.

email: info@museumamstelkring.nl
 address: Oudezijds Voorburgwal 40
 openings: Mon–Sat: 10am–5pm, Sun: 1pm–5pm
 tel: 020 6246604
 url: www.museumamstelkring.nl
 zipcode: 1012 GE

Amsterdam – Shopping

Amsterdam is no fashion capital like Paris or Duesseldorf. It is more of a place to hunt for bargains and feel comfortable in what ever you wear. Prices are relatively low, compared with other European capitals and has a wide selection to offer. Most shops close at 18:00 and on Thursday nights most shops are open until 21:00.

Shops in the center are open on Sunday, usually between 12:00 and 17:00. The shopping streets get extremely crowded on Sundays as alot of people from around Amsterdam pour in to do their shopping. So your have been warned.

A definitely recommend checking out H&M for bargains and the Waterlooplein market for a wide selection of classy second hand goodies.

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Albert Cuyp Market

The Albert Cuypmarket has more then 400 stalls selling local and exotic foodstuffs, spices and teas, clothing new and second hand and thousands of different odds and ends. You can wander around, sampling the offerings, or look at the public: On this market you notice how international Amsterdam is. People from half of all countries shop and sell here.

The market runs daily between van Woustraat and de Ferdinand Bol (not on sunday). Get there with tram 16,24,25 or 4 from Central Station. The market is within walking distance from Leidseplein.

Bloemenmarkt

The Bloemenmarkt or flowermarket in on the Singel has a wide selection of flowers, plants and herbs for home, garden or balcony. Though not extremely cheap, it is nice to look around and check out the great selection. You might consider picking up a sack of seeds to grow those wonderfull Dutch flowers at home. The time you could buy Marihana seeds here seems to have gone though. : This is really a nice site to just walk past. You don't have to buy flowers to enjoy them. You can also just sit on one of the terraces and just marvel the colors for a while. Just beautifull colors all around you!

Maison de Bonneterie

Old and very luxurious warehouse with wooden galleries and an old exciting elevator. They sell mainly clothes and sportswear. If you like the English style to dress or if you are interested in architecture you should enter. Take the elevator to the upper floor to the golf shop, there you can hit some balls .

address: Rokin 140 – 142

openings: every sunday from 12.00 till 17.30.

tel: 020 – 531 34 00

zipcode: 1012 LE Amsterdam

Pj. Hajenius

The best cigar shop of Amsterdam, located on the Rokin, close to the Dam square. Great choice and very nice interior.

Diamonds

Though no longer the Diamond capital of the world, Amsterdam is still one of the major centers for Diamond cutting. The largest diamond ever discovered, the Star of Africa, was cut in Amsterdam and even if your budget doesn't allow for the picking a gem or two, it is still interesting to visit in the Amsterdam Diamond Center near Dam Square.

Department Stores

Amsterdams oldest and grandest, if not cheapest, department store is the Bijenkorf, overlooking Damsquare at Damrak 90. But like the Amsterdammers say: you shop at Bijenkorf but you buy at the HEMA, the much cheaper little sister of the Bijenkorf. There is a Hema on the Haarlemmerdijk and one in the Kalvertoren, near Muntplein.

Another option is the V&D, also near Muntplein, on the Kalverstraat, with a great selection and relatively low prices.

Hart's Wijnhandel Amsterdam

Great choice of port and new world wines. Very nice atmosphere. The owners offer every now and then wine tasting days (minimal charge, great choice of wines). Tel. 020 – 623 83 50, Fax 020 – 624 95 48. Mail

address: Vijzelgracht 27

zipcode: 1017 HN Amsterdam

Wijnwinkel Quinta

The Wijnwinkel Quinta (wine shop) is of course not a reason to visit Amsterdam, but once you are already here and you like for example portwine, well, then you should not miss this little shop. Vintage and Tawnies back till the 40s – a great choice!

The house brand is Quinta do Castelhino, I have tried the 10 year aged tawny – really remarkable!

Nieuwe Leliestraat 4

1015 SP Amsterdam (center)

on the corner to Prinsengracht

tel: +31 20 42 70 226 **Hans:** Too expensive!! **Joey:** Maybe Hans is right, but where can you get a 50 year old vintage cheaper???

Wijn Antiquariat

It is very easy to oversee, in that corner behind the bookstore, but you should not miss this shop if you are anyhow interested in wine! Here you can buy wine, dating back long as 1895! And there are always some good bottles opened for tastings...

So far, the shop has been opened only on Saturday (12 – 5 pm) but as far as I know it is now open from Monday till Friday, too.

Nederlands Wijn Antiquariat

Buying and selling of old wines and Port.

1e Weteringsdwarstraat 2A

1017 TN Amsterdam

tel: +31-20-422 9315

Antique Wines

Cave Rokin

Located on the Rokin, just off Dam Square, the Cave (located, as its name suggests, in a cellar) stocks a good range of European and New World wines at very reasonable prices. The staff are knowledgeable and very helpful, and wine tasting can be arranged for larger parties.

address: Rokin 60

tel: 020 625 0628

zipcode: 1012 KV

Spiegelkwartier, world of fine art and antiques

Spiegelkwartier is an area close to the Rijksmuseum with many antique shops and art galleries. From old masters, silver, delfts blauw, prints, modern art, art deco, archeology, precolombian, asian you name it, they sell it.

Frozen Fountain

A very cool interior *design shop on the Prinsengracht, next to the library. They don't really sell souvenirs, but the do have* some small thingies that could serve as such.

cream

indian rose jeans

address: leidsestrat 56

tel: 02 420 30 94

zipcode: 1017 PC amsterdm

Jolanda en Fred de Leeuw

Butchershop De Leeuw (Utrechtsestraat 92) presents a wide variety of red and white meats, delicacies, truffles, pâtés, mushrooms. Top quality, ditto prices.

Supermarkets

None of the cheaper Supermarkets have dependances in the center of Amsterdam, but you could do worse then to visit Albert Heijn on the Nieuwezijdsvoorburgwal opposite Damsquare. Centrally located, this supermarket has a superb selection and is open from 9am–10pm daily, except sunday, when it closes at 7pm. A similar Albert Heijn is situated at Koningsplein.

Another good option is the Albert Heijn on the Museumplein. It is located underground and the biggest supermarket in town.

Atheneum

On the Spui, right in the center of town, Atheneum has morebooks than you can imagine to fit in this characteristic Amsterdam house. Great selection of magazines as well.

Scheltema Holkema Vermeulen

Best bookshop in Amsterdam. Good section of English books. On the Koningsplein at the end of the Leidsetraat.

Amsterdam – A perfect day in

Start your perfect day in Amsterdam at the Spui, which is located half way through the Kalverstraat. Pick up some bread rolls at Broodje van Kootje, buy a newspaper from the Atheneum magazine shop take a seat, if the weather is good .If it happens to be a rainy day there are lots of very nice coffee bars situated around the Spui also.

After having a hearty breakfast we are ready for some serious stuff. If we jump on a tram 2 or 5, these pass through the Spui regularly, we can make our way to the Museumplein. Here you are spoiled for choice with all the different kinds of museums. Firstly, there is The Van Gogh Museum, which holds a lot of Van Gogh greatest works, and also works from various other acclaimed artists. Just next to the Van Gogh there is the Stadelijk Museum. This houses a collect of modern art and has numerous expeditions throughout the year. Leaving these museums behind us we make our way towards our last museum, The Rijks Museum. This is quite a large museum and could take some time to get around, but it is worth it. Art dates from the 12th century and has a superb collection of Dutch masters, including the Nachtwacht, by Rembrandt.

Lunchtime. One of the best spots to have lunch is on top of the old shopping building Metz in the Leidsestraat. If we take a tram from the Museumplein it is not far, it is also not far to walk. You can take the elevator to the top floor where the restaurant is, here you can get a birds eye view of Amsterdam. If you want to try something Dutch try the selection of various Dutch meats and cheeses with mustard called bittergarnituur. Very nice or lekker as they say in Dutch.

After lunch a good place to check out is the Albert Cuyp Market. The best way to get there is to walk, so if you walk through the Leidseplein and go to your right in the direction in which the trams run. If you walk along the Weteringsschans for about 10 minutes it will bring to the Heinekenplein, turn to you right at the roundabout, go pass the Heineken Museum and this will bring you o the Albert Cyup Market. The Cuyp is a great place to shop for clothes and fresh food and also a great way to see the real international Amsterdam.

When you're tired of shopping, it's time to relax If we make our way back to the Heinekenplein and visit one of the two supermarkets, the Albert Hein or the Dirk Van Den Broek. Dirk is very cheap and has a good selection of goodies and the Albert is a little more expensive but it has better quality products. A good idea is to get a picnic together and take it to the local Vondelpark, its situated near the Leidseplein and is nice and chilled out on a fine day. There are plenty activities going on with a lot of rollerbladers, musicans and plenty of soccer games been played. It really is one of the best ways to sit back and watch the world go by. At night, a nice way to explore the canals a little more without having to use your feet is to take a diner cruise. Youll will be served top class cuisine and you can enjoy the beauty of the canals a night. It can be a little expensive but is definitely the perfect way to eat good food and enjoy the beauty of Amsterdam.

When you're back on the shore again, the time has come to hit the city. A good idea might be to first go to the Jordaan, the neighbourhood around the Westerkerk. Here you'll find lots of nice and cosy bars perfect for starting the evenings drinking. Afterwards possibly the best place to go to is the Leidseplein. In the summer the square is one big terrace and you can sit there until late in the night and watch the numerous attractions that are going on. It is definitely very entertaining and there is never a dull moment. A nice bar we would like to recommend is the Spuyt in the Korte Leidse Dwarsstraat, its a nice quite place to relax after a long day.

Most pubs close at 1am during the week and 3am during weekends, but that doesn't mean it is time to go home. But first you will want to eat something. The Febo on Leidsestraat caters for those who cant resist some greasy food after a few beers. Finally, one of the best places you can visit the 'Bourbon Street' in the Leidse Kruisstraat. This is a blues/jazz like club with live music. It usually stays open until 05:00. After that if youre not too tired and your ready to handle breakfast you be glad know that the bakeries will be starting to open around this time. This will bring to an end your perfect day in Amsterdam and I think now your ready for a well deserved sleep. I hope you enjoyed our way to having a perfect day in Amsterdam. ...

Amsterdam – Internet Cafes

Cyber cafés are found all over the city, with most coffee shop's having at least one computer with Internet access, and some even give access for free!

Cyber cafés come in all sizes. The easyEverything is situated on the Reguliersbreestraat and is the largest Internet Cafe in the world with 300 computers. It is also relatively cheap but can be just a bit to busy if you just want to relax and send a few emails. The Pink Floyd on the other hand, is relaxed and chilled out, were you can enjoy some good music also.

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De Balie

Near the *Leidse plein* they offer free internet to go with a beverage or snack. In a former prison building this café is also a central place to meet your friends for a night on the town.

address: Kleine Gartman Plantsoen 10

url: www.balie.nl

tel: 020 553 5151

zipcode: 1017 RR

The Cyberc@fe

Very close to the central station *Nancy Fintzy*: I tried to use this facility, but it was not open in the mornings when I would head to Centraal Station. –Nevertheless, it has an excellent atmosphere with shisha all around the place. Under floor heating, as well as speakers—for that added vibratory–bass–effect! Huge front sash–window that opens up during warm weather—definetly the best place to check your mail, then relax with a beer and a smoke!

Is no longer called Cybercafe. New owners I guess. It has a couple of shishas but they are inexperienced in their use and upkeep. Very disappointing... they have one computer terminal only.

address: Nieuwendijk 19

url: cybercafe.euronet.nl

tel: +31–20–6231546

Blue Velvet

Blue Velvet on the Haarlemmerdijk not the only Internet 'Coffeeshop' where you can blow and surf at the same time but convenient close to Central Station.

address: Haarlemmerdijk

JoHo Cybercafes

Try surfing on a Mac. Actually this is a shop, but you can surf, mail and chat for free.

address: Taksteeg 8

tel: (+31) 020 47 15 094

url: www.qqq.com

La Bastille Internetcafe

With 37 terminals modern times have entered this 17th century canal side house near the *Leidse plein*. Surfingtime and consumptions are stored on a smartcart, so you only pay once you leave.

address: Lijnbaansgracht 246

url: www.labastille.nl

tel: (+31) 020 62 35 604

Pink Floyd Coffeeshop

A Coffeeshop with just tree screens to check your mail. The also offer sandwiches and smokes.

address: Haarlemmerstraat 44

url: www.pinkfloyd.nl

The MAD Processor

Open from 2.00pm till midnight except on Monday, but then you'll need to recover from the weekend anyway. Not just to check you e-mail but also to enter different network competitions.

address: Bloemgracht 82

url: www.madprocessor.com

tel: (+31) 020 4211 482

easyInternetcafé

At three locations, within shops for books, CD's, etc.; the largest has 276 terminals; no-nonsense internet places without any personnel (shop personnel tells you when it is closing time, that is all) and without diskette or CD facilities; there are vending machines for tickets, drinks and snacks. The less crowded it is, the cheaper. A typical price is 1.75 euro per hour. Day and month passes have been available also, but not currently.

Nancy Fintzy: I used two of these cafes in Amsterdam during May, 2001. GREAT availability, especially at the Rembrandtsplein location. And GREAT price – it was 8 times more expensive to use the computer provided at my hotel! Although I had to buy at least one hour (for about \$2), you could establish a password and return to use more time within 28 days. I was able to access all my Email, and was pleased to see that the machine was rebooted when I logged off from the service. The coffee was pretty good, but I really liked that terminals were always available when I was in the area – and visitors to Amsterdam, like myself, are frequently near the store on the Damrak – just down from Centraal Station. I recommend these centers!

address: Regulierstraat 22

url: www.easyeverything.com

cybercafes

email: sahara6666@hotmail.com

address: rootstraat98

Cyberlounge

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price: 3.25 per hour, members: 1.50 per hour
tel: +31-20-330-2365
email: info.cyberlounge@cyberlounge.nl
hours: Mo.10:00am – 7:30pm Tue. – Fri. 09.00am – 7.30pm Sat. 10:00am – 6.00pm
address: Elandsgracht 144 1016 VC AMSTERDAM
url: www.cyberlounge.nl
zipcode: 8 workstations + 3 laptops

't Nes–cafe

't Nes–cafe is a bar situated in the center of Amsterdam. It's a bar/coffeeshop and Poolbar.

price: FREE
tel: +31 020 6234250
email: info@nes-cafe.nl
hours: Tuesday till Sunday
address: nes 33
url: www.nes-cafe.nl

White Elephant Thai Restaurant

Exclusive Thai restaurant located just at the outskirts of the centrum of Amsterdam. Smaller lunch–/dinnerdishes available. After 1800 restaurant only.

price: Free
tel: +3120 6795556
email: info@whiteelephant.nl
hours: 1500–1800
address: Van Woustraat 3
url: www.whiteelephant.nl

Amsterdam – Getting Around

Bikes

Amsterdam is a compact city; most distances can be walked, if they can't be walked they can be biked. Bikes are therefore the most effective way of getting around Amsterdam. If you walk through the city, you see as many as 700,000 bikes, all seem to be worn down, half broken and protected with enough locks to guard Fort Knox. Nevertheless, about 100,000 bikes are stolen each year in this city.

If you stay longer than a week in the city, you might consider buying your own bike, otherwise rent it from one of the many places. A good second hand bike should cost you about 70 Euros. People in the street will approach you sometimes offering bikes for sale from around 4,5 Euros. One of those 100,000. bikes. Get yourself at least two good locks and make sure it's tied to something secure.

Public Transport

Public transport, especially if you stick to the center, is excellent in Amsterdam. Trams have many routes and tend to be as frequency as 5 to 10 times an hour. Busses tend to deal with less accessible destinations of the way places in the city. At night (after 01:00 Am), night busses take over so you can always get around but they are not as frequent as the trams. There is even a subway or metro but this is only of much use to people who live in the suburbs of the city.

Key to this travelling on all these public transports is the *strippenkaart*, a longish piece of paper with 2, 3, 8, 15 or 45 *strippen*. If you board the tram, bus or metro, you stamp from the top the number of zones you are going to travel plus one. After that you can change within those zones for up to an hour, also you can 1, 2 or 3 day passes which works out even cheaper.

Tram 20, the circle tram, makes it's way through the center, passing most of the tourist sites and Central Station. Getting a day card and sticking to the line 20, might be a good start to getting a grip on the city, if you don't want to walk or bike it.

Taxis

Taxis are rather expensive in Amsterdam and you're not supposed to hail them down, but find a taxi stand and call from there. They are not very cheap and sometimes they take you the long way to a destination so it cost you even more money, if necessary avoid taking taxis. Late at the night the Taxi queues can be very long and you can be waiting for up to 30–40 mins for a cab.

Cars

Don't bring your car into the city if you can avoid it. Getting around it usually slower than on bicycle or a tram/bus and certainly more expensive with all the parking fees. In the centre you have to pay until 11pm, even on Sundays. If you do bring your car, pay the parking fee. Leave your car alone for 5 minutes and you might find an additional feature on your car: the *Wielklem*, a yellow wheelblocking device. And no, you won't be able to get rid off it yourself. Getting one costs approximately 70 Euros. When your car gets towed away, it'll cost you nearly 230 Euros and is rather time consuming. You need to go to one of the four 'servicepunten' of Stadstoezicht, pay the fine and wait at your car 30–45 min, till the wheel clamp will be removed. Most cars are brought to the Daniel Goekoopstraat near metro station Spaklerweg.

Others

Getting to and from the airport is easy. Trains run from Central Station every 15 minutes and there are also trains from other stations, like Zuid. The train trip from Central Station to the airport will take you about 20 minutes. A taxi will set you back about 30 Euros, the train more like 4 Euros.

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Taxi

For taxis, TCA Tel. 6777777 is the old monopolist. Taxi Direct is the new competitor and slightly cheaper: 0900-0724.

Bike Hire

There are numerous places to hire bikes from. Some recommended include:

Damstraat rent-a-bike Damstraat 20-22, near Dam square. Tel. 020-6255029, 7 euro a day, 31 per week. Locks included. www.bikes.nl

MacBike, Marnixstraat 220, Tel. 020-6266964, not far from Leidseplein, F12.50 for the first day, going down to F5 after a week or so.

Amsterdam – Getting There

Amsterdam is easily accessible by rail, bus, boat, car and air depending on which country you are travelling from. Travel is relatively cheap and frequent.

For train travel, visit the website of the Dutch Railways: www.ns.nl

Cheap flights are available to and from Amsterdam. In the UK, I recommend Cheap Flights Online, especially for some good lastminute deals.

If you want to travel by bus which is very cheap, check out Eurolines

Amsterdam – Nightlife and Entertainment

Amsterdam is the perfect place to party! Most clubs open at 10 pm and stay open until 4 or 5 am. However, usually things only get going after midnight, so try and keep yourself awake. Sometimes the bouncers say you have to be a member of the club, but a little negotiating you can sometimes win them round. Some clubs like the Melkweg offer one night memberships for a few euro. At is worth it.

Amsterdam offers a wide range of music venues. Try to catch a performance of the Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra that performs in the Beurs, a turn-of-the-century stock exchange. In June the city hosts the Holland Festival opera, orchestra and dance performances.

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1820

Cafe 1820 is called after the housenumbers of the two houses on Ferdinant Bolstraat where the pub is located. It's a reasonably big place. Hip and trendy. It's in at Heinekenplein, the heart of Amsterdam's new hip nightlife center: the Pijp.

address: Ferdinand Bolstraat 18–20

Aura Escorts

Amsterdam Escorts Models For Quality Entertainment and Sensual Erotism.

address: Amsterdam

email: info@auraescorts.com

openinghours: 24/7

tel: +31648255034

ClosingTime: 24/7

closingtime: 24/7

zipcode: <http://www.auraescorts.com>

Joseph Lam Jazz Club

Dixieland and 1950s jazz classics at this traditional jazz club in the warehouse shipping district west of Central Station. Open weekends only. Sun free Jam sessions.

address: Van Diemenstraat 8

tel: 020 622 8086

Kale de Grote

Nice place on Heinekenplein. It's got a big terrace with sun until late if the weather helps a bit.

address: Heinekenplein

K2

Sylvia Geytenbeek : K2, laat je hooooooren! Dit is een van de meest gehoorde kreten in de k2, waarop iedereen dan ook spontaan in oordovend lawaai uitbarst. Kortom, een ga uit je dak apres ski kroeg met voor elk wat wils.

address: Paardenstraat 2

tel: 020-7718620

zipcode: 1017 CX

Vrankrijk

Merel van Dijk : Voor de echte alto's een ideale plek om zichzelf te zijn. Dit honk van krakers is alleen maar voor mensen die niet gek opkijken van de meest excentrieke types. Qua openings tijden redelijk onbetrouwbaar, zo sta je wel eens voor een dichte deur. Voor goede gesprekken is het zeker geweldig.

address: Spuistraat 216

zipcode: 1012 VT

De Balie

Merel van Dijk : Het geweldige van De Balie is, dat het niet onder te brengen is in één rubriek. Alle soorten media zijn er te vinden. Van twee computers tot een eigen theaterzaal en dan ook nog een restaurant en ieder jaar het Cinekid festival! Verder ook vaak debatten en bijeenkomsten. Voor elk wat wils dus en een mooi café.

address: Kleine Gartman Plantsoen 10

url: [href](#):

tel: 020 553 5151

zipcode: 1017 RR

Eik en Linde

A bit off center but with a great 50s interior.

address: Plantage Middenlaan 22

tel: +31 (0)20 622 5716

zipcode: 1018DE Amsterdam

Gollem

This place is almost too small to hold all the different types of beer they offer. A very good place to start your education on the difference between one beer and the other.

address: Raamsteeg 4

tel: +31 (0)20 626 6645

zipcode: 1012VZ Amsterdam

Havelaar

A bit rundown, but usually not too crowded. On the first floor you can shoot pool on two crappy tables. They do have a tendency to overexpose their customers to the favorite music of the bartender.

address: Voetboogstr 22–24

tel: +31 (0)20 638 5953

zipcode: 1012XL Amsterdam

De Heeren van Aemstel

A typical brown café and a second home to many students.

address: Thorbeckeplein 5

tel: +31 (0)20 620 2173

zipcode: 1017CS Amsterdam

Hesp

1091ER Amsterdam This café is a favorite of many journalists. **Anthón** : Een welkome afwisseling voor de bedrijfs recepties van Volkskrant en Parool. Favoriet van veel schrijvers en journalisten, die hier eens niet boven op het nieuws zitten. Je vindt hier altijd wel iemand voor een ouwehoer gesprek. Ook voor al uw

feesten en partijen. **Merel van Dijk** : Het terras is geweldig, het uitzicht nog mooier! De stoelen zitten lekker en het is er niet duur. Voor een cola betaal je maar 3,25! Alleen kan het zo zijn dat de bediening je vergeet of er gewoon niet is (lijkt het).

address: Weesperzyde 130

url: [go.to](#)

tel: +31 (0)20 665 1202

Kale

address: Weteringschans 267

tel: +31 (0)20 622 6363

zipcode: 1017XJ Amsterdam

De Karpershoek

One of the oldest cafés in Amsterdam, conveniently close to the Central Station

address: Martelaarsgracht 2

tel: +31 (0)20 624 7886

zipcode: 1012TP Amsterdam

Ter Kuile

address: Torensteeg 4–8

tel: +31 (0)20 639 1055

zipcode: 1012TH Amsterdam

t Loosje

address: Nieuwmarkt 32/34

tel: +31 (0)20 627 2635

zipcode: 1012CS Amsterdam

De Bierelier

address: Korte Leidsedwardsstraat 14

tel: 020 638 16 87

zipcode: 1017 RC

De Beiaard

address: Spui 30

tel: +31 (0)20 622 5110

zipcode: 1012XA Amsterdam

La Bastille

address: Lynbaansgr 245

tel: +31 (0)20 320 9801
zipcode: 1017RK AMSTERDAM
De Beetles

address: L Leidsedwstr 81hs
tel: +31 (0)20 625 9588
zipcode: 1017NH AMSTERDAM
Het Beurscafé

address: Beurspln 5
tel: +31 (0)20 422 7274
zipcode: 1012JW Amsterdam
De Blaffende Vis

address: Westerstr 118
tel: +31 (0)20 625 1721
zipcode: 1015MN Amsterdam
Bolle Jan

address: K Reguliersdwstr 3
tel: +31 (0)20 625 9376
zipcode: 1017BH Amsterdam
Bourbon Street

address: Leidsekruisstr 6
tel: +31 (0)20 623 3440
zipcode: 1017RH Amsterdam
Ter Brugge

address: Overtoom 578
tel: +31 (0)20 612 9983
zipcode: 1054LN
De Buurvrouw

address: St Pietersp stg 29
tel: +31 (0)20 625 9654
zipcode: 1012HM Amsterdam
 groningen

A new, scale smoking coffee shop with pool hall upstairs. Open daily 10am to 1,2 or 3 am. *Veronique* : Pool heeft het tafelvoetbal in de meeste coffeeshops helaas vervangen. Maar het toch ook wel een leuk spel en een stuk relaxter.

address: Oudezijds Voorburgwal 163

tel: 020 – 625 2891

The Tara

This is actually a huge place, but by subdividing it in separate rooms, it's still quite cozy. It looks a bit rundown, but that's what atmospheres all about. Downstairs you can play pool, but you have to get in early to get to play. It's always crowded. The bars can cope rather well, but sometimes you have to wait here as well. As with most Irish pubs you have to order in English. *Veronique* : Een grote pub tussen Rokin en Nes, deze twee ingangen maakt het afspreken ietwat gecompliceerder. Spreek bijvoorbeeld af naast de pooltafels. Door een onderverdeling in kamertjes en verschillende niveaus is The Tara erg onoverzichtelijk, maar wel intiem.

Café De Kroon

This café was originally opened in 1898 (the year Queen Wilhelmina ascended the Dutch throne, hence the name 'The Crown'). Back in the 1930s, Café De Kroon was the location of a group of artists' weekly meetings on Monday mornings.

With this historical perspective in mind, Café De Kroon was successfully restored and reopened in the late 1980s. The landmark building was entirely remodeled – inside and outside as well. The interior now features a blend of different styles, giving Café De Kroon a very distinct character. : Café de Kroon is vooral in de zomer een absolute aanrader. Als op zwoele zomeravonden de glazen panelen van het balkon geopend worden, is er op het Rembrandt plein geen relaxtere plek te vinden om van je koele drankje te genieten.

address: Rembrandtplein 171

tel: +31–20–6252011

De Jaren

One of the nicest Grand Cafes, and really quite Grand. On the first floor there is a restaurant and there are two terraces with a great view over the Amstel. *Ijoya van Gemert* : Amsterdam op zijn best door de perfecte locatie aan het water wat een heerlijk ruimtelijke effect geeft. Uniek door de aanleg stijger voor de voorbij varende bootjes. Gezellig, sfeervol en afwisselend grand café. Grote leestafel binnen.

<Peer Schouten:> A swell place garned with a terrace from which one has a beautiful, spacial view on Amsterdam's previous main route over the water: the Amstel river. Small as well as large boats pass by and stop at the cafe's private dock. But not only the outside is spacial: the high ceiling and the seemingly randomly spread sitting–corners make it a comfortable place to enjoy a Pernod along with a newspaper. greetings to Ijoya!

address: Nieuwe Doelenstraat 20–22

tel: 020–6255771

ClosingTime: differs day to day

closingtime: differs day to day

zipcode: 1012 CP

Hard Rock Cafe

If you don't want any surprises: the Amsterdam Hard Rock Cafe is just like any other Hard Rock Cafe

anywhere in the world.

address: Max Euweplein 59

tel: 020-5237625

Club Arena (Salsa Lounge)

On the last Sunday the best Latin party takes place on two floors at the Club Arena. The so-called Salsa Lounge is a must for every Salsa and Samba friend. It starts at 6 pm. but becomes crowded at 8 pm. There is a small Salsa work shop and a Samba during the early hours. Especially the Samba work-shop is great fun. In the Samba hall a DJ plays Latin Hip Hop and more while the Salsa crowd goes crazy on the first floor in the exotic environment of a former monastery.

address: 's-Gravesandestraat 51

tel: (020) 6222510

De Badcuyp

The Badcuyp is located close to the Albert Cuyp Market. It's a 'buurthuis'-cafe with salsa on Wednesdays. The Wednesday Salsa evening has been taking place for years. For further info call 020-6759669.

address: 1e Sweelinckstraat 10

tel: 020-6759669

El Centro

El Centro is a place dedicated to salsa, with salsa nights on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The place is located at the Borgerstreet close to the Kinkerstraat. Friday and Sunday are the recommend days to go there.

Carels Eetcafe

Next to Carel's Cafe is Carel's eetcafe, where many students from the Pijp come to eat. It's not really cheap but the atmosphere is great. Opposite is Carel's nacht cafe which stays open until 3 AM. It only gets crowded after midnight.

address: Frans Halsstraat 78

tel: 020 662 24 90

Wildschut

The place for students and yups to be seen drinking beer. *Merel van Dijk* : Mooie locatie, jonge bediening en een lekker terras waar het binnen flink druk kan zijn. Geld wisselen voor de parkeermeter was geen probleem na een drankje. De tafels waren schoon en de de drankjes vrij prijzig.

address: Roelof Hartplein 1

tel: 020-6768220

zipcode: 1071 TR

De groene olifant

Nice "bruin cafe" between Artis and Tropenmuseum, perfect to sit outside and watch people passing by in summer. Always crowded in the evening.

address: Sarphatistraat 510

tel: +31 (0)20 – 620 49 04

NOA

Although NOA stands for Noodles of Asia and you can have tasty noodles, soups and snacks at the big table bar in the back, it is an inviting place to 'relax' with a cocktail if you please and preferably on the big white couch in front of the fire place. Good music, friendly staff, silverly atmosphere with a touch of the 70s and some people who think they're all that much of course.

address: Leidsegracht
84

tel: 020 626 0802

Supperclub

Restaurant and loungeclub. In the restaurant the guests lay on white beds as roman emperors. Food is good but expensive. After dinner you can dance on the music of national and international deejays. This is one of the most trendy places of Amsterdam. *Odile* : Stylish loungen, heerlijke altijd veranderende keuken, bekende nederlanders, relaxte dj's wat wil je nog meer de Supperclub is nogsteeds de meest vooraanstaande Loungeclub!

address: Jonge Roelensteeg 21 1021 PL Amsterdam

url: www.supperclub.nl

openinghours: 19:00 – 03:00

tel: 020 63 80 513

Seymour Likely 2

Alas, the Seymore Likely is no longer. The venue hash been renamed to The Getaway, losing the seedy underground designer appeal.

address: Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal 161

tel: +31 (0)20 – 420 50 62

De Kroeg

Crowded club with a black hole of an interior, cutting–edge music. Take trams 7, 10, 13, 14 or 17 to Marnixplein. Open daily till 2 or 3 am.

tel: +31 (0)20 420 0232

address: Lijnbaansgracht 163

G Force

S&M Bar for Ladies and Gents, mostly thursdays live sessions.

address: Oudezijds Armsteeg 7

OT301

This alternative stage originated from the squat scene features performances, theme parties, discussions and special children matinees.

address: Overtoom 301

tel: +31 (0)20 7794913

Kapitein Zeppos

This cafe with its small podium is hard to find if you don't know the way. The streets name "prayer without end" very well fits this small alley. The stage offers a place for people to practice their poetry or their musical abilities.

address: Gebed Zonder End 3-hs

tel: +31 (0)20 6242057

Paradiso

The famous pop temple based in an old church. Best known from the Rolling Stones Videoclip *Not Fade Away*. After the concerts you can dance to the latest hits played by local and international deejays. Their special Rocked Cinema features DJ's spinning to classic movie pictures.

address: Weteringschans 6-8

tel: +31 (0)20 626 45 21

De Badcuyp

Located in a former public bathhouse, this cultural center features both pop, rock and world music. Check out their agenda to see what's playing. It's also a good place to get something to eat if you're in the neighbourhood. Especially after visiting the Albert Cuyp market you can crash here on the terrace and enjoy the show inside when it gets to cold to sit outside on the terrace.

address: 1th Sweelinkstraat 10

tel: +31 (0)20 6759669

Arena

In this UEFA five stars stadium you can see the greats performe, next to the football matches of the Amsterdam Admirals and soccer by Ajax.

Mulligan's

Almost every night there's life music from different (Irish) groups that are stahed away on the small podium next to the entrance. Not very practical. A good thing is: your never more than two steps away from the bar.

At the back there's some sort split-level thing that gives a good view. If it's really crowded there's a small second floor above the stage, but the staircase just right next to the entrance makes it hard to get a drink.

address: Amstel 100

tel: +31 (0)20 6221330

Cafe De Koe

Live music bar focussed on Soul, kitchen open til 11pm.

address: Marnixstraat 381

openinghours: 2pm-1pm (3am weekends).

tel: (020)625 44 82

Café G-Force

S&M Bar for Ladies and Gents, mostly thursdays live sessions.

address: Oudezijds Armsteeg 7

Holland Casino / Lido

The Holland Casino offers French and American Roulette, Black Jack, Carribean Stud Poker, Sic Bo, Big Wheel, Poker en Punto Banco in a great stylish environment.

Additionally you will find there four international bars, the Vondel Restaurant and a lunchroom.

You can find the casino near Leidseplein, just across the entrance to the Vondel Park.

address: Max Euweplein 62

tel: +31-20-52 11 111

url: www.hollandcasino.com

zipcode: 1017 NB Amsterdam

Ebeling

Very close to the office where World66 is located. A nice pub with a very attractive decoration.

address: Overtoom 52, 1054HK Amsterdam

tel: +31 (0)20 689 1218

La Pachanga

The best place in Greater Amsterdam for dancing on a Thursday. At 11 o'clock the places starts to get crowded. Also a possible choice on Saturdays, but not as great as on a Thursday. *Jost Wagner*: On Thursday the best dancers meet here, but on most other days you can give this place a miss.

address: Jan van Galenstraat 24 inside Ram's Party Center

tel: 06 53428376

Amsterdam – Things to do

Amsterdam offers a lot of things to do other than museums and canal tours. Amsterdam is a city where you can try nearly every kind of sport you might think of. Check out the sections to find more details.

This should be a subsection entitled "*Canal Fishing*" but I cannot find a way to add subsections. (help?) Don't let the title fool you, canal fishing has nothing to do with fish, but you will use a length of line/rope and a hook of some fashion. Canal fishing is usually born of desperation, the desperation that comes with having your bike (fiets) stolen for the umpteenth time. Many of these stolen bikes find their way into canals for some reason or another and unless they are "fished" out will remain there in an ignoble grave. To begin, gather the necessary equipment (as described above) and walk the older canals slowly, peering over the side for the perfect fiets habitat. When you happen upon a likely spot (preferably out of plain site) toss out your hook and drag it across the bottom of the canal. If your aim is true, or your luck is phenomenal you may well land a fiets; if you are really lucky it will be an omafiets – then your riding in style. I don't think this is illegal, but if it is don't blame me :-)

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Openbare Golfbaan Spaarnwoude

The golfcourse Spaarnwoude, 25 min by car from city center, is a public course, also open for non-members and partly open even for absolute beginners.

Even though the course can be overcrowded on weekend, the atmosphere is more relaxed than on many other courses.

Over all Spaarnwoude offers six 9-holes courses of which 3 are open for beginners. Even advanced players will find a challenge on the championship courses.

Openbare Golfbaan Spaarnwoude

Het Hoge Land 2

1982 LT Velsen-Zuid

Telefoon: +31-23-5385599

Spaarnwoude info (Dutch only)

Golf Course "De Hoge Dijk"

"De Hoge Dijk" is an 18-hole competition course (PAR 71, 5755 meters), designed by the renowned golf course architect Joan Dudok van Heel. The first nine holes were inaugurated in 1990; the second nine holes have been ready for play since 1995.

The golf course is open to all golfers against payment of a green fee providing he/she has an official handicap.

The facilities consist of a driving range with 32 tees, a large putting green, a chipping and pitching green and two practice bunkers. Use of these facilities is free.

46 Abcouderstraatweg

1105 AA Amsterdam

tel: +31-294-281241

De Hoge Dijk
Klimmuur Centraal

Near the Central Station, walk in the direction of the Bote (East) then it's between the tracks. Since the other climbing halls are located outside of the center, I would recommend this one. You can hire your gear here. you can also buy great food; try the BLT, for instance.

De Ruyterkade 160, 1011 Amsterdam

tel: +31-20-427 57 77

THEA

THEA is in the west of Amsterdam in an old Church. The name actually means between Heaven and Earth. You can rent equipment.

Frans Otten

The place where the pros meet. Outside of the center near the Olympic Stadium.

SC Leidseplein

Right in the center, just 100 meters off Leidseplein, this is a great place to play; incl. Sauna. Pretty crowded, therefore a reservation is recommended.

tel: +31-20-620 66 31

Squash City

Great court. Also fitness club. Taking a sauna after the match is included. A ten minute walk from the Central station, near the Haarlemmerdijk.

tel: +31-20-626 78 83

address: Ketelmakerstraat 6

Borchland Amstelborgh

Lots of pretty good squash courts, as well as in- and outdoor tennis. It's cool to hit some balls at the (golf) driving range behind behind the building before squashing!

Borchlandweg 6-12

1099 CT Amsterdam (near the Ajax Arena)

tel: +31-20-5633333

Rooda: It's a good place to sport, but they don't offer a sauna for the squash and tennis players ... that's a bit cheap.

Hamam

Turkish bath with full service, massage, peeling, olive soap, towel, tea room, snacks, ...

Monday 16:00–22:00h for men,

Tuesday till Sunday for women (12:00 to 20:00h)

Zaanstraat 88

1013 RW Amsterdam

+31-20-681 48 18

address: amsterdam

Amstelborgh/Borchland B.V.

The golf course has several advantages that might be disadvantages for others: Amstelborgh/Borchland is very easy to reach, by car 10–15 min. from the city center into direction Utrecht. Or by public transport to the stadium (Arena).

Prices are modest, the driving range is free(!) and balls are cheap. There are several chipping and pitching greens, not very big and – esp. on the weekend – a bit crowded.

The course has 9 holes (par 3 – total length 863 meter) and is open to everybody, not only for members. Equipment can be hired but the choice is not really great, esp. not for left-handers (halfset for 6.5 \$ a day). Greenfee between 9 and 22 \$ (over the week and weekend).

address: Borchlandweg 6–12

tel: +31 (0)20-56 333 33

email: info@borchland.nl

url: www.borchland.nl

zipcode: 1099 CT Amsterdam/Duivendrecht

Amsterdam – Drugs

A lot of people come to Amsterdam for a little drug experimentation. Contrary to what most visitors seem to think, drugs are far from legal in Amsterdam.

In the Netherlands there's a distinction made between so-called soft drugs and hard drugs. Hard drugs are Cocaine and Heroin, LSD Ecstasy etc. Possession and use is strictly forbidden. Soft drugs basically mean Hash and Marijuana. There are strict rules concerning possession and marketing of these soft drugs.

Buying drugs on the street is about the biggest tourist traps in Amsterdam. From the first step out of the central station you will be offered drugs. Don't buy it, the stuff you get offered can contain anything from vitamin C to washing powder or Rat poison. Also often the customer gets robbed or harassed.

If you're over 18 you can visit a coffee shop to buy a small amount of soft drugs for your own personal use (you may buy max 5 gram, and you may possess 30 grams max). You're not allowed to enter if you're under aged. Here, the people behind the bar can give you advice and answer your questions. Don't feel ashamed to ask them. Here you can also experiment a little. Don't smoke marijuana in ordinary bars or other public places. Most people are offended by it.

Drugs consumption is not without risk. If you're feeling sick after eating space cake or smoking, drink lots of water with sugar. Something sweet will straighten you out in most cases. Be very careful mixing drugs with other drugs like alcohol.

Most coffee shops are easily recognized by their green leaf symbols or anything reggae-like, or by their name like the Rookies, De Dampkring or The Grasshopper. Apart from all the exotic Marijuana combinations, there is quite a lot of homegrown stuff around, or like the locals call it: 'Nederwiet'. The combination of drug tolerance and a strong tradition in plant improvement have led to some very strong versions of Marijuana. Take care.

For more info check the Amsterdam Coffeeshop Directory

I have had several excellent 'lost' weekends in Amsterdam and it highly.

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Amnesia Dreams

You got to check out *Amnesia Dreams*. This is the best stuff you can get in Amsterdam. Only natural stuff, no chemicals. One of the best is the *Amnesia Dreams*, the namesake of the shop. It is located at Herengracht 133, which is in the area of the Anne Frank House.

address: Herengracht 133

Abraxas

Do not miss this spot! You may have noticed (how could you miss it?) that there seems to be 2 types of coffeeshops – those that are opened strictly to make money and those that are born out of their owners desire to create a truly wonderful environment in which to 'travel'! ABRAXAS coffeeshop is one of the latter. What could be more enticing than a comfortable, well-lit, space in which most (if not all!) of your senses are stimulated? Music, art, furniture, overall ambience, and of course some solid ganja to bring it all together. The owners of this place (I don't know them) have obviously spent a lot of time in putting this multi-level place together. Comprised of 4 floors of various rooms, it is a joy to wander around checking out the place and deciding in which environment you'd like to sort yourself out in and fly away. Internet access, fun cameras

trained on the lower-level, beautiful lighting, a grow-and-show attic lounge, great munchies bar and decent trees make ABRAXAS a really special place. Don't miss it and have fun.

Greenhouse Tolstraat

THIS is one of the best if not the best in ADam. In the "old south" lower part of the city, it has the best atmosphere, best hashish, a full bar, a friendly helpful staff, and for my money the best ambience of all coffee shops. I went to many of the others listed as well, but this is always my favorite. Much mellower than Grey Area, and the dope is just as good.*hendrickx* :

Anyday

A wonderful coffeeshop just minutes away from Centraal Station. The vaporisers are the best in the city. And the herbs are way up there. A++++

The upstairs at any Anyday is now open. It provides a relaxed atmosphere to relax with your traveling companions. Also it more then doubled the seating,,,,,,

Coffeeshop Anyday

This fabulous coffeeshop probably has the best enviroment of them all. The staff are extremely friendly and helpful. They will help find what your looking for. The vaporiser there is bar none the best design I have ever seen. The shop is small, but there was plans to open a second floor. I will find out soon, but until then this is a FIVE STAR place. Highly recomended

De Tweede Kamer

Tweede Kamer is one of forerunners in the scene. Some years ago they opened De Dampkring, which is more widely known. Bigger doesn't really mean better, they sell the same stuff, but the Tweede Kamer is more intimate and more in crowd.

De Tweede Kamer means something like second room, but by some strange coincidence this is also the name of the Dutch parliament.*Guss* : This is a really nice joint, not dark and obscure, but more like a snall grandcafe in a sort of alternative fashion. When it's warm you can also sit on one of the benches on the Spui.

address: Heisteeg 6

tel: +31 (0)20 4222236

The Rookies

The Rookies, close to the Leidseplein, is a perfect mixture between a coffeshop and a bar. Here you can just sit on the terrace or shoot some pool if you feel like it, or smoke some grass if you feel like something else. Cannabis is not a hot thing, which makes it very relaxed.*Antho*n : Geen donker hol met wat lowlifes in een hoekje, wat sommige mensen nog steeds denken dat een coffeeshop is, maar meer een zonnig cafe. Een hoop incrowd maar ook veel touristen uit het bijbehorend hotel, dus lekker gemengd. Je kunt hier ook prima op het terras zitten of poolen zonder dat je rookt!

address: Korte Leidsedwardsstraat 145-147

tel: +31 (0)20 6266422

zipcode: 1017 PZ

The Greenhouse Effect

Little and cosy, with an excellent selection of different kinds, available pre-rolled. They sell also seeds, if you want to try something at home (but be sure to realize any legal consequences). **Tarina:** Stayed in hotel right across the street. Favorite spot to go. Great selection, friendly service and atmosphere!! Loved it and will return in April 01'. Happy 420! :

address: Warmoestraat 53-55

De Grasshopper

Don't go here to meet the locals. This is definitely a tourist place. On the other hand, they're very much used to tourists, so you might feel more comfortable here than in one of the smaller hidden away establishments. **bob orange:** i found this place sells very tasty cakes

address: Oudebrugsteeg 16

De Dampkring

De Dampkring is really a sight to see. If you're not sure you want to smoke, and just want to observe a coffee shop from inside, this is one of the most interesting places to go to, though far from average. Painted in bright colors and overall sculptured, you easily get the impression you've left Amsterdam for more oriental regions.

If you enter this place, you might think you'd smoked enough, with all the different colors and the Ali-Baba look of it. Dampkring means atmosphere, but also something like smokers circle.

They won the 1997 Cannabis Cup, so if you like awarded shit, don't miss it.

Open Sun-Thu 10:00-01:00, Fri & Sat 10:00-02:00

address: Handboogstraat 29

Nirvana

Smartshop in the Toldwarsstraat, no 24, in the South of Amsterdam.

La Canna

Smartshop on the Nieuwendijk, no 123, right in the center of Amsterdam.

Amsterdam – Books

Amsterdam has many good bookshops. The biggest one is Scheltema which is located at the Koningsplein. In the Kalverstraat you can find English books at WH Smith and The American Bookstore.

The selection of books presented here is a personal choice. If you're thinking of experimenting with marijuana or hash, I would recommend picking up the book 'hashish'. It contains a lot of information and is very well written.

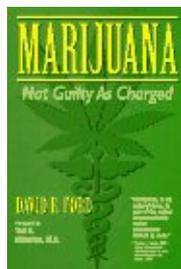
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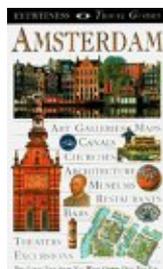
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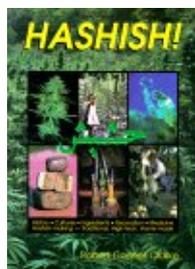
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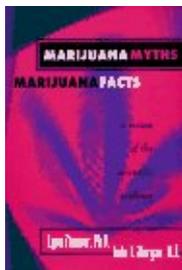
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Amsterdam – Museums

Amsterdam has several excellent museums and two of the best are next to each other. The Van Gogh Museum is a must for anyone interested in the artists work. It houses some of his most famous masterpieces beginning with his time in Holland to the period of his death in France. On the same square is the 250-room Rijksmuseum, which contains among its treasures a handful of exquisite Vermeers and one of the best Rembrandt collections in the world. "The Night Watch" is exhibited in the Hall of Honor and is most definitely a "work of art". Astonishing is only a portion of the original painting which had to be cut down to fit its intended spot in the city's old town hall. There is a copy of an uncut version of the painting hanging in the room just before the Hall of Honor.

The excellent Stedelijk Museum displays contemporary art including traveling exhibits from other countries.

Museum Amstelkring also known as "Our Lord in the Attic" is set in a 17th-century merchant house. It contains a secret Catholic church on the top floor. The house has its original furnishings giving a good idea of what life at that time was like. [Note: the Stedelijk is currently closed for renovations – February 2004]

If time permits take a look a Rembrandts house near the Waterlooplein (the artist lived there 1639–1657). And the church where he is buried at the Westerkerk, (youll walk passed it on the way to The Anne Frank House). Have a look for the crown on top of the church given to Amsterdam by Maximilian I in 1489 and you can also climb the spire for a great view of the city. There are also a number of other Rembrandt-related sites: the 13th-century Oudekerk (Amsterdams oldest church), where Rembrandts wife Saskia is buried. The 15th-century Waag (weigh station) where Rembrandt painted "The Anatomy Lesson" (it now houses the Jewish Historical Museum) and the Zuiderkerk (South Church) where he painted "The Night Watch".

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Nemo

Renzo Piano build this great green building right on the entrance of the IJ-tunnel (near the Central Station) to house a museum for technology. Most people see just the bowl-like form of the building, but it can also be conceived as a theater. The cityside of the building is one giant staircase which is free accessible. On a sunny day this is the perfect place for a picnic.

Open every day from 10am to 5pm. Closed on Monday (except during national school holidays), on Christmas day, on 1st January and on Queen's day (30th April)

Tickets: 11 euro. Children below 4 are allowed to enter for free.

url: www.e-nemo.nl

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Rembrandt House

The 17th century house in which Rembrandt lived and worked from 1639 till 1658 is today still to be found in the Jodenbreestraat in Amsterdam. The house in which his son Titus was born and his wife Saskia prematurely died is also the place where he painted and made his prints. In 1911 Rembrandt's house became a museum and it now owns and houses almost all of Rembrandt's etchings (250 in total). It is unique to see these exhibited in the very same surroundings in which they were created. Also to be found in the museum are a small number of his drawings as well as paintings by his pupils and his teacher (Pieter Lastman) *Sigourney*: Het 17e eeuwse huis waar Rembrandt heeft gewoont, met zijn vrouw Saskia bestaat nog steeds en kan bezocht worden. De collectie werken van de meester is misschien een beetje teleurstellend, maar het is wel erg leuk om te zien hoe hij zijn schilderijen maakte en welke hulpmiddelen daarvoor nodig waren.

address: Jodenbreestraat 4–6

Van Gogh

This is one of the most popular museums in Amsterdam and not for nothing. It really is a nice museum. The paintings tell the story of Van Gogh's tragic life, from his start in the Netherlands to his brilliant time in France.

The Van Gogh Museum first opened its doors in 1973. The building, designed by Dutch architect Gerrit Rietveld, houses the world's largest collection of works by Vincent van Gogh: some 200 paintings, 500 drawings and 700 letters, as well as the artist's own collection of Japanese prints.

The collection originally belonged to Theo van Gogh (1857–1891), Vincent's younger brother. Following Theo's death, it passed to his widow, Johanna van Gogh–Bonger (1862–1925). Although a number of works were sold, she retained a major group, representing all phases of Van Gogh's oeuvre. On her death in 1925, her son, Vincent Willem van Gogh (1890–1978), inherited the collection. In 1962, on the initiative of the Dutch state, he transferred the works to the Vincent van Gogh Foundation. They are now on permanent loan to the Van Gogh Museum and form the nucleus of its collection.

The museum also has a large collection of works by other 19th-century artists: contemporaries and friends of Van Gogh's – among them Paul Gauguin and Henri de Toulouse–Lautrec – as well as a number of older artists whom he admired, such as Léon Lhermitte and Jean–François Millet. A great many of these works were collected by the Van Gogh brothers. Their original collection has been complemented through acquisitions and long-term loans from other institutions.

The Van Gogh Museum is located on the Museumplein in Amsterdam, between the Rijksmuseum and the Stedelijk Museum. The entrance to the Van Gogh Museum is at Paulus Potterstraat, number 7. The museum can be reached with trams 2 and 5 from Central Station. The museum is easily accessible for the disabled. All floors can be reached by lift; wheelchairs and buggies are available free of charge. **Sigourney:** Dit is absoluut het populairste museum van Amsterdam, maar vooral bij de toeristen. Het museum toont niet alleen werk van Van Gogh, maar concentreert zich ook op tijdgenoten als Paul Gauguin and Henri de Toulouse–Lautrec, Breitner e.t.c. en in een steeds ruimer verband schilders en kunstenaars die een band met Van Gogh hebben. De oorsprong van de collectie ligt bij Theo van Gogh, Vincents jongere broer Samen met het Kroller Muller museum bezit het Van Gogh de belangrijkste werken van deze schilder.

address: Paulus Potterstraat 7

url: www.vangogh.nl

Anne Frank House

Justine Trout: The most dramatic and powerful attraction in Amsterdam is the Anne Frank hiding place. As you climb the stairs to their little attic, each step becomes heavier and heavier with the realization of what transpired in the middle of this beautiful tranquil city. People from all over the world stand in line in cold and rain to see where a young girl touched the heart of the world with the diary that has been translated into more languages than any other book, except the Bible.

openinghours: 9.00 – 19.00 until 21:00 in summer. Closed Yom Kippur

Hermitage Amsterdam

From february 2004 on Amsterdam will have its own Hermitage:

The first phase of the Hermitage Amsterdam will open to the public on 28 February 2004. Small temporary exhibitions drawn from the rich collection of The State Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg will be presented in six rooms. Each exhibition will be on view for around 5 months. For the inaugural exhibition the finest Greek gold jewellery from the treasure rooms of the Hermitage will be coming to Amsterdam. This Greek gold was found during various expeditions to the Black Sea, where there were Greek colonies. This spectacular jewellery dates from the 6th to the 2nd century BC. In the Olympic year 2004 more than 100 precious items from the rich treasury of the Hermitage will be on view in Amsterdam. They are examples of fine craftsmanship executed in bracelets, earrings, necklaces and spectacular golden wreaths. Later in 2004 there will be an exhibition on the life and the collections of the last Tsar and Tsarina, Nicholas and Alexandra, followed in 2005 by an exhibition on Venetian painting with masterpieces by Tintoretto, Guardi, Canaletto and Tiepolo. The exhibitions in Hermitage Amsterdam will explore the themes of anthropology, history and art.

The Neerlandia Building is the first phase of the master plan for the Hermitage Amsterdam. By the end of 2007 the whole Amstelhof will be in use by the Hermitage Amsterdam, with a total exhibition floor space of over 4,000 m². The cost of renovating the Neerlandia Building will be 4 million euro, and the whole plan has a building budget of 39 million euro. The costs will be met with the aid of the sponsor, the Sponsor Loterij, and the subsidising bodies, the Province of North Holland, the City of Amsterdam and the W.E. Jansen Fund.

address: amstelhof

Ajax Museum

A bit of a rip off. Displays different things from the history of Ajax but you have to be a big fan to think its worth you money and time. The stadium itself is quite nice, though.

Sigourney says: The stadium is impressive, but the museum is just for real fans. I thought it was a rip-off.

address: Amsterdam Arena

Allard Pierson Museum

Good museum of Antiquities, collections of Egyptina, Etruskan, and Near Eastern artefacts. An important part of the collection was donated from the private collection of the Royal family. The museum is located in an old Bank Building dating from the mid 19th century. *Jerome:* It's a great museum if you happen to like plaster, there are few large statues, lots of small stuff and a great plaster collection from the 19th century. Admission is free if you have a students card. *Sigourney:* Misschien doet dit musseum een beetje stoffig aan, het is beslist een bezoekje waard. Het Allard Pierson richt zich voor een belangrijk deel op studenten scholieren, dus de wisselende tentoonstellingen zijn makkelijk te volgen, zonder de kwaliteit uit het oog te verliezen. Op zolder wordt een 19e eeuwse gipscollectie bewaard, met afgietsels van de meest beroemde klassieke beelden.

openinghours: Closed on mondays

Amsterdams Historisch Museum

Situated in a former monastery this museum tells the story of the city of Amsterdam. You will be fascinated by the interactive tools and all the daily stuff of Amsterdam people of the last centuries. Discover how they build ships or how flats looked like 200 or 300 years ago. The museum has the only museumstreet in the world, which is made for people passing by during their shoppings: a street connecting the inner court of the museum with the court of the adjacent begijnhof. On the walls of this street there are 17th century paintings

for which you do not have to pay to see them. Oke, there not as fine as the ones you can see in the Rijksmuseum, but what can you expect?

There's also a really fine restaurant with a statuegroup of David and Goliath. The origin of this group is still a mystery. *Sigourney*: In het voormalig burger weeshuis vertelt dit museum de geschiedenis van de stad. Hier vindt je de enige museumstraat ter wereld, een stukje straat met 17e eeuwse meesters aan de muur. Het museum ligt tussen de Nieuwezijds en de Kalverstraat dus perfect als je aan het sjoppen bent. De binnenplaats is verbonden met het Begijnhof, ook even langslopen! In het restaurant 'David en Goliath' staat levens groot de gelijknamige beeldengroep waarvan de oorsprong nog steeds onduidelijk is. *hendrickx* :

address: Kalverstraat 92

Jewish Historical

Open daily 11am–5 pm, closed on Yom Kippur. The Jewish Historical museum is located near the Waterlooplein and offers a good introduction into the history of Jews in the Netherlands. Housed in an old synagogue. In this old synagoge, the last piece of the railway track to the Westerborg concentration camp is still embedded in the street.

address: Jonas Daniël Meijerplein 2–4

openinghours: 11.00 – 17.00, closed Yom Kippu

Maritime Museum

On the Kattenburgplein (east from the central station, visible over the water). Entry fee is fl. 14,50, the Museum is open tues–sun 10 am–5 pm all year round, from June to September also on Mondays. Gives good insight into the Maritime history of the Netherlands. *Sigourney*: Het voormalig magazijn van de VOC doet nu dienst als een museum voor de handel en scheepvaart die lang de voornaamste bron van welvaart voor Nederland is geweest. Hier vindt je niet alleen schilderijen en schaalmodellen, maar er liggen echte schepen binnen. Een van de pronkstukken is de koningssloep. Ook erg aanschouwelijk is de replica van de "Amsterdam" ooit het vlaggeschip van de Nederlandse Admiraliteit.

address: Kattenburgplein 1

openinghours: tues–sun 10 am–5 pm

Museum Amstelkring

also known as "Our Lord in the Attic" is set in a 17th-century merchant house. It contains a secret Catholic church on the top floor. The house has its original furnishings giving a good idea of what life at that time was like. *Sigourney*: Dit 17e eeuwse herenhuis geeft een goed idee van hoe men in de gouden eeuw leefde. Op zolder is een schuilkerk gesitueerd. Tot de Franse tijd was het Katholiek geloof in Nederland verboden. De gebruikten de gelovigen "geheime" plaatsten om samen te komen.

address: Oudezijds Voorburgwal

Rijksmuseum

This is the number one museum in the city. Located in a majestic 1885 building designed by Pierre Cuypers who also designed the Stadsschouwburg and the Central Station.

Why is the Rijksmuseum the number one museum in Amsterdam (in the Netherlands)? For one, this is where Rembrandt's most famous work, the Nightwatch, is displayed along with a lot of other Rembrandt pictures. But the other 17th masters are also present. Vermeer's milkmaid can be found here along with pictures by Jan Steen, Frans Hals and Breughel.

Van Gogh? No, although the museum has a couple of van Goghs in its collection, for the real thing you should visit the van Gogh museum just around the corner.

The museum is undergoing some big construction works at the moment but the masterpieces are still available.

Please note:

From 11 en 15 it often crowded. We suggest if possible to come after 16.00.

address: Stadhouderskade 42

openings: Daily from 9.00 to 18.00 (closed on 1 January).

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Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam

The Stedelijk Museum is one of Europe's most important museums for modern and contemporary art. It is a dynamic museum that closely follows developments in art, particularly those of the second half of the 20th century, with a comprehensive exhibition programme. The collection of paintings and sculptures, drawings, prints, photography, graphic design, applied arts and new media is world-renowned. *Erika Morales* : this was an awesome place for those people who are looking for a great and unusual place.

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