

A scenic view of an Amsterdam canal. In the foreground, a green bicycle is parked on a sidewalk, leaning against a black metal railing. The canal water is calm, reflecting the golden light of the setting or rising sun. In the background, there are multi-story brick buildings with many windows, and several boats are docked along the canal. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and picturesque.

City Guide

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General

Best time to go - All year around

Language - Dutch, English

Currency - EUR

Visa requirements - EU Visum

Adapter - Type C



Accommodation

Airbnb is the best option

Couchsurfing when on low budget

Hostelworld.com for bag packers

Booking.com is a search engine

Hotels.com for luxury travelers

Houseboats - Expensive but unique experience



Transportation

Renting a bike is a must and best option to explore the city

Alternatively **by foot** is another great option

Taxi can be very expensive

Metro plan can be found [here](#)



Festivals

Amsterdam hosts around 300 festivals each year. Find a full overview [here](#).

King's Day (27 Apr) - National Holiday celebrating the kings birthday (dress code: orange color)

Amsterdam Open Air (Jun)- Diverse music genres

A Day at the Park (Jul) - Mixed music festival

Milkshake (Jul) - Gay friendly event bringing across a message about tolerance, respect, freedom & love

Pitch (Jul) - Two day long electronic music festival

Welcome to the Future (Jul) - Electronic music festival

Gay Parade (Aug) - Gay festival with canal parades & street parties in order to celebrate equality

Appelsap (Aug) - Hip Hop, R&B & Electronic music festival

Pleinvrees (Sept) - House/Electronic music festival

Amsterdam Dance Event (ADE) (Oct) - Five day electronic music festival & conference



Local Food & Drinks

Bitterballen - Fried round meat snack

Kaassoufflé - Fried melted cheese snack

Kroketjes - Fried breadcrumbed filled with mashed potato, ham and cheese

Sausage Broodjes - Puff Pastry wrapped around sausages

Kibbeling - Fried white fish

Raw Herring with pickles and onions

Stroopwafel - Thin waffle filled with caramel syrup

Drop - Variety of salty & sweet licorice

Oliebollen - Deep fried sweet dumplings

Ontbijtkoek - “Breakfast cake”

Stamppot - Mashed potatoes with vegetables and sausage

Snert - Pea soup

Hagelslaag - Sprinkles on top of white bread with butter



Restaurants/Cafes/Bars

Lotje - Best traditional steak in town

Butcher - Tiny place with the best burgers in town as well as a secret back room where you can only get in with the password

Brouwerij het IJ - A brewery bar inside of a windmill offering home made, organic beer

Restaurant de Kas - Greenhouse where you eat fresh food directly from the “garden”; menu varies depending on whats available during specific season

Hannekens Boom - Beer garden with good vibes next to the waterside; home made BBQ

Waterkant - Waterside terrace with relaxing atmosphere; order a Parbo beer there

Roest - industrial buildings, restaurant bar and warehouse for local events & festivals with a beach and junkyard garden

Bierfabriek - Hip, urban & organic brewery which serves gratis peanuts along with your order of which the shells can be thrown on the floor





Hot Spots

Flower Market - Floating flower market with a wide selection of different kind of flowers

Heineken Experience - Interactive museum about how the famous Heineken beer is being produced

Wynand Fockin - Jenever and liquor bar/store with a variety of different tastes and fun drinking experience (must visit)

Albert Cuyp Market - Street market with fresh food, juices, souvenirs and other small stands

Anne Frank House - Biographical museum of the famous Jewish war writer Anne Frank

Van Gogh Museum - Art museum of famous paintings of Vincent van Gogh

Rijksmuseum - National museum of Amsterdam to find out about the city's history

House of Bols - Interactive Gin museum with self guided tour including a tasting room and cocktail at the end

Red Light District - A network of alleys with more than 300 cabins rented out to prostitutes



Famous Coffeeshops

Click on each coffeeshop to get to their website

Amnesia in Herengracht 133

Barney's in Haarlemmerstraat 102

Baba in Warmoesstraat 64

Dampkring in Handboogstraat 29

Green House in Oudezijds Voorburgwal 191

The Bulldog at Leidseplein

The Rockies in Korte Leidsedwardsstraat 145

Smoke Palace in Linnaeusstraat 83



Insider

Pilek - Urban beach located in the north of Amsterdam across the water

Nemo Roof Top - Free entrance on the top of the interactive science museum NEMO

Boat/Canal Tour - Make sure to rent a boat to enjoy Amsterdam's canals or go on a romantic canal dinner cruise; find out more [here](#)

Holland Casino - Try your luck at Holland Casino; every Wednesday there is Ladies Night and free entrance

Mini Golf in the Dark - Play mini golf with 3D glasses in a dark neon colored room

Skylounge at the Hilton Hotel - Perfect place for a rainy day or in case of train delays/ long waiting times as it is only a 3 min. walk away from Central Station

Escape Rooms - Fun group activity where you solve a riddle based on clues found in the room

Buy **Heineken Experience tickets online** in order to cut the line and not wait for hours





Souvenirs

Cheese - All kind of tastes

Clogs - Uncomfortable wooden shoes

Delftware - Blue and white pottery such as a windmill, clogs or kissing boy & girl

Stroopwafel - Thin waffle filled with caramel syrup

Tulip Seeds - Seeds of a wide selection of different kind of tulips to grow in your garden



Must Pack Items

Umbrella & rain gear (rain boots, coat & clothes) if you travel in autumn/winter

Comfortable shoes as you will walk a lot in order to explore the city if not by bike

Electronic widgets such as camera (waterproof if possible), laptop, phone etc.



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Cat Cafe Amsterdam - Cat lovers will love to spend a visit at the cat cafe



Useful Phrases

Alstublieft / Dank u - Please / Thank you

Graag gedaan - You are welcome

Ja / Nee - Yes / No

Pardon - Excuse me

Spreekt u Engels? - Do you speak English?

Hoeveel kost het? - How much does it cost?

Hoe gaat het met u? - How are you?

Mijn naam is... - My name is

Ik kom uit... - I am from...