

Guide to Amsterdam

Emerging from humble beginnings as a small 13th-century fishing village, Amsterdam has grown to become a centre of culture and commerce in the Netherlands. Renowned worldwide for its galleries, museums, and historical architecture, it is home to the biggest single collection of Van Gogh artwork, Anne Frank House museum, and the newly renovated Rijksmuseum.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Amsterdam City Archives

Vijzelstraat 32

Tel: +31 (0)20 2511510

stadsarchief.amsterdam.nl

Interested in learning about the history of Amsterdam first-hand? Within these archives are stored all documents of historical relevance to the city, including letters from merchants, and the decisions of past mayors. The archives are available for viewing in the form of on-line databases, and frequently rotating exhibitions. During the time of the conference, the following exhibitions are featured: Amsterdam and Slavery in the 17th and 18th century; and Drawing for Amsterdam.

Opening hours: Tuesday until Friday 10:00–17:00; Saturday and Sunday 12:00–17:00

Anne Frank House

Prinsengracht 263-267

Tel: +31 (0)20 5567100

www.annefrank.org/en/Museum

Many people have been touched by the diaries of Anne Frank, written by the young girl during the Second World

War. Bring the story to life and visit the Anne Frank House museum. See the secret annexe where Anne Frank took refuge, and where recovered documents are displayed. Pass through the house to experience the environment of Otto Frank's former office. The story is told using quotes from Anne Frank's diaries, which are also permanently on display for visitor viewing.

Opening hours: Daily from 9:00–21:00 (Saturdays from 9:00–22:00)

Entry: €9

Artis Royal Zoo

Plantage Kerklaan 38-40

Tel: +31 (0)90 02784796

www.artis.nl

Set in a large park in the heart of Amsterdam, the zoo was founded in 1838 and features impressive 19th-century architecture. The butterfly pavillion within the zoo grounds is the largest of its kind in the Netherlands. Other special highlights include the historical aquarium, the planetarium, and the insectarium. In 2013, the zoo is celebrating 175 years. As part of these on-going celebrations, Artis has created a vibrant, colourful flower garden for

visitors to enjoy.

Opening hours: 9:00–18:00

Entry: €19,50

Boom Chicago

Rozengracht

Tel: +31 (0)20 2170400

www.boomchicago.nl

First established in 1993, Boom Chicago is the biggest and most renowned comedy show in Amsterdam.

Productions combine sketch comedy, improvisation, music, and video and are performed from Wednesday through to Saturday weekly. A must-see is the 20th anniversary comedy *The Seven Deadly Dutch Sins* show that opens 21st May and, according to the organization, promises to be the most surprising and unusual Boom Chicago production ever.

Foam

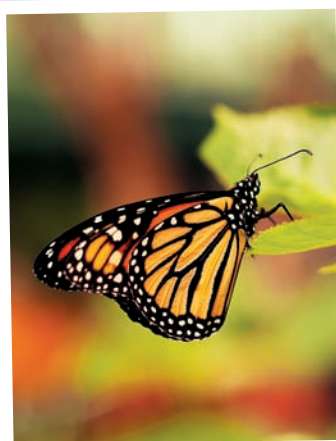
Keizersgracht 609

Tel: +31 (0)20 5516500

www.foam.org

Foam is a museum dedicated to the art of photography and is conveniently located in the centre of Amsterdam. Exhibitions feature all genres including fine art, documentary, applied, historical, and contemporary photography. Displays are continually changed and refreshed, featuring work of the world-famous to young or undiscovered talent. Exhibitions vary from large-scale and small quick-changing shows.

Opening hours: Daily 10:00–18:00;



Thursday and Friday
10:00–21:00

Entry: €8,75

Heineken Experience

Stadhouderskade

Tel: +31 (0)20 523

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www.

heinenkenexperience.com

The Heineken Experience is the former brewery used to produce Heineken

beer for over 100 years. The interactive tour gives visitors the history of the Heineken brand, the family behind it, and an overview of beer production.

Opening hours: Monday to Thursday 11:00–19:30; Friday to Sunday 11:00–20:30

Entry: €18

Het Scheepvaartmuseum

Kattenburgerplein 1

Tel: +31 (0)20 5232222

www.hetscheepvaartmuseum.nl

The National Maritime Museum of Amsterdam was built in 1965 to house the equipment of the Dutch Navy. On display within the museum is over 500 years of maritime history.

Opening hours: Daily 10:00–17:00

Entry: €15 for adults

House of Bols

Paulus Potterstraat 14

Tel: +31 (0)20 5708575

www.bols.com

Lucas Bols founded the world's oldest spirit brand in 1575 in Amsterdam. Visit

the House of Bols to be introduced to a wide range of liquors and genevers, on a guided tour through the 'World of Flavour'.

Opening hours: Daily 12:00–18:30; Friday 12:00 – 22:00; Saturday 12:00– 20:00

Entry: €14,50 (discount of €5 on a Friday)

Hortus Botanicus Amsterdam (Botanical Garden)

Plantage middenlaan 2a

Tel: +31 (0)20 6259021

dehortus.nl

Founded in 1638, this is one of the oldest botanical gardens in the world and is located in the Plantage district. Guided tours run on a Sunday 14:00.

Opening hours: 10:00–17:00

Entry: €8,50

Oude Kerk (Old Church)

Oudekerksplein 23

Tel: +31 (0)20 6258284

www.oudekerk.nl

Built around 1300, this is the oldest building in Amsterdam and is located in the heart of the Red Light district.

Known as the "living room" of Amsterdam, the church has been used for multiple purposes. Guided tours can be arranged, on which you can learn more about the secrets of the building.

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 11:00–17:00; Sunday 13:00–17:00

Entry: €5 for adults

Reypenaer Cheese Tasting Rooms

Singel 182

Tel: +31 (0)20 3206333

www.wijngaardkaas.nl

Take a visit to this 100-year-old warehouse positioned on the Oude Rijn River. The process of ripening of Reypenaer cheeses is unique to the Netherlands and produces a unique and distinctive cheese. Under the guidance of expert cheesemakers, you can personally test and evaluate the taste and aroma. Booking is essential.

Opening hours: Monday and Tuesday: at 13:00 and 15:00; Wednesday to Sunday: at 12:00, 13:30, 15:00, and 16:30

Rijksmuseum

Museumstraat

Tel: +31 (0)20 6621440

www.rijksmuseum.nl/en

Designed by architect Pierre Cuypers, the Rijksmuseum was built in 1876.

Following a 10-year period of closure for refurbishment, it is now open for public



viewing. The museum houses roughly 8000 pieces of art and history in 80 halls spread across four floors in chronological order. There is a large collection of Rembrandts and Van Gogh pieces, and also art from Vermeer, Van Dyck, and Jan Steen.

Opening hours: 9:00–17:00 daily

Entry: €15

Van Gogh Museum

Museumplein

Tel: +31 (0)20 5705200

www.vangoghmuseum.nl

Designed by Dutch architect Gerrit Rietveld, the museum was opened in 1973 to house a collection of paintings, drawings, and letters collected by Vincent van Gogh's younger brother, Theo van Gogh. The collection contains the largest number of van Gogh paintings in the world, and features such works as *The Potato Eaters* (1885), *The Yellow House in Arles* (1888), *The Bedroom* (1888), self-portraits, and one of his last paintings, *Wheatfield with Crows* (1890).

Opening hours: 2 May–1 September 2013: 9:00–18:00 daily, Friday 9:00–22:00

Entry: €15 for adults

Zaans Schans

Schansend 7

Tel: +31 (0)75 681 0000

www.zaansschans.nl

Located 10 miles northwest of Amsterdam, this is a working neighbourhood, with most of the buildings relocated from Zaanstreek in the 1960s and 1970s. Museums, working windmills, and exhibitions

www.chromatographyonline.com

are open daily, detailing the history of traditional crafts.

PLACES TO EAT AND DRINK

t'Arendsnest

Herengracht 90 – Jordaan

Tel: +31 (0)20 4212057

www.arendsnest.nl

Located in the Jordaan area, this pub offers an impressive range of Dutch beers, from breweries across the Netherlands. Over 30 Dutch beers are available on tap. This is the place to go if you are looking for a cosy atmosphere, with knowledgeable and friendly staff.

Bagels & Beans

Van Baerlestraat 40 – Vondelpark

Tel: +31 (0)20 4288906

www.bagelsbeans.nl

Ideal for a spot of lunch, this café is inspired by the sights and sounds



of Nice, Southern France. Originally opened in 1995, the franchise has grown throughout the Netherlands. It has a wide menu of different bagel flavours and fillings, a range of coffees, and a surprising number of speciality teas.

Brouwerij 't IJ

Funenkade 7 – Plantage

Tel: +31 (0)20 5286237

www.brouwerijhetij.nl

Slightly further out of the city, this brewery is situated next to the De Gooyer windmill, overlooking a canal. The wide range of unpasteurized and unfiltered beers are all brewed in Amsterdam. To add to the décor, the biggest collection of beer bottles in the world line the walls. Tours of the brewery are available at weekends — just sign up on the day.

Cafe 't Smalle

Egelantiersgracht 12 – Jordaan

Tel: +31 (0)20 6239617

www.t-smalle.nl

A traditional Dutch café, offering breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The site of the bar was originally a liquor distillery and was opened by Peter Hoppe, the creator of Hoppe gin, in 1780. The current bar opened in 1978. Overlooking the Egelantiersgracht and the Prinsengracht canals, the location is exceptionally picturesque.

Cafe Tabac

101 Brouwersgracht – Jordaan

Tel: +31 (0)20 6224413

www.cafetabac.eu

Located in the Jordaan area of Amsterdam, this Asian-inspired café is ideal for a warm summer evening. Offering a friendly, laid-back atmosphere

and stunning views of the Brouwersgracht and Prinsengracht canals, the location is great for sitting outdoors. Food is served daily, from appetizers to an à la carte menu inspired by flavours from Asia.

Jazz Café Alto

Korte Leidsedwardsstraat – Leidsplein

Tel: +31 (0)20 6263249

www.jazz-cafe-alto.nl

A small café that offers live music seven days a week. An unmissable venue for jazz enthusiasts — this place fills up quick!

Rob Wigboldus Vishandel

Zoutsteeg 6 – Dam Square

Tel: +31 (0)20 626 3388

A small fish shop offering freshly made sandwiches situated close to Dam Square. Ideal if you are looking for a quick snack in the middle of the day. Try the traditional herring sandwiches; however, if you don't like fish, other fillings are available.

Burger's Patio

Tweede Tuindwarsstraat 12 – Jordaan

Tel: +31 (0)20 6236854

www.burgerspatis.nl

Burger's Patio is an open and informal restaurant serving contemporary French-Italian cuisine. On a warm evening you can take a seat on the mediterranean-themed patio at the back of the restaurant. At the front is a terrace with tables overlooking the Westerkerk.

Haesje Claas

Spuistraat 275 – Dam Square

Tel: +31 (0)20 6249998

www.haesjeclaes.nl

Situated in close proximity to the Amsterdam Museum, this is a traditional

restaurant, offering authentic Dutch cuisine and is highly recommended. A large restaurant with several different dining areas, it can accommodate bigger dining parties. Characterized by traditional architecture, it was founded in 1974.

Koh-i-Noor

Westermarkt 29 – Jordaan

Tel: +31 (0)20 6233133

www.koh-i-noor-restaurant.nl

A family-run restaurant serving authentic cuisine from across India. Ideal for those looking for some spice, or a change from the traditional Dutch cuisine. It offers reasonable prices for generous portion sizes. Situated in close proximity to Dam Square.

La Rive

Professor Tulpplein 1

Tel: +31 (0)20 5203264

www.restaurantlarive.nl

Inspired by French-Mediterranean cuisine, this is a leading fine-dining restaurant in Amsterdam. Awarded a Michelin star, you can expect a high standard of service and food. Be warned however, there is a strict dress code and the prices are high.

Mondo Mediterraneo

Haarlemmerstraat 68

Tel: +31 (0)20 330 1658

www.mondomediterraneo.com

A small shop serving freshly prepared Italian food cooked with passion. While principally a shop for take-out, there are a small selection of tables for dining indoors. With a clean, modern décor, it is ideal for a relaxed meal at any time of the day.



Snow Lion

Haarlemmerstraat 50

Tel: +31 (0)20 4227776

www.snowlionrestaurant.webklik.nl

Looking for something a little different? This restaurant offers traditional Tibetan cuisine, a unique find in Amsterdam. Reservations are required for groups of four or more.

Seasons

Herenstraat 16 – Jordaan

Tel: +31 (0)20 3303800

www.seasonsrestaurant.nl

A modern and vibrant restaurant that offers seasonal dishes throughout the year. Rated as one of the best restaurants in Amsterdam, this is a must-visit establishment. Reservations are advisable.

van Kerkwijk

Nes 41 – Dam Square

Tel: +31 (0)20 620 3316

www.caferestaurantvankerkwijk.nl

A small traditional Dutch restaurant positioned behind Dam Square. There is no menu available, options are presented on seating by your server. Open all day for lunch, light refreshments, and evening meals.

GETTING AROUND

The best way to get around Amsterdam is public transport. There is an extensive transport network connecting districts within the city, with a number of different options available.

Public Transport Smart Card

en.gvb.nl

There are numerous bus, tram, and metro services running throughout the day and night. To travel on these services, purchase of a disposable plastic chip-containing smart card is required. This permits unlimited travel within a given timeframe, ranging from 1 h to 7 days. Bikes are permitted outside rush hour at a cost of €1,60 supplement per day. Cards are available for purchase for €7,50 from various shops, metro stations, and kiosks and are valid for 4–5 years.

Iamsterdam Card

www.iamsterdam.com

If you are feeling particularly enthusiastic about seeing the sites of Amsterdam, this might be for you. It provides you with a detailed city map, gives discounts and free entry to a number of attractions, and unlimited access to the city's public transport for a set time. Worth considering if you are planning on getting the most out of your visit, not so much if you are hoping to relax. Cards are available to purchase from selected shops and newsagents across Amsterdam, or at one of the Amsterdam



Tourist Offices. Prices: 24 h €42; 48 h €52; 72 h €62.

Canal Trips

One of the key features of Amsterdam is its extensive network of canals. The main canal ring is a recognized UNESCO World Heritage Site and defines the city. Set cruises are available from stops along the canal networks, or there is The Canal Bus (www.canal.nl/en/canal-bus) that runs every 40 min from 9:50–19:25 with 19 stops along three different

Bike Hire

There are numerous bike rental companies across the city, with Amsterdam well-known as one of the most bicycle-friendly cities in the world.

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