

Amsterdam, Netherlands

This guide will help you learn all about Amsterdam.

Amsterdam is a historic city in Europe. It is filled with bridges, tall, skinny houses, and canals. Amsterdam is located in the country called the Netherlands. People who are from the Netherlands are called Dutch.



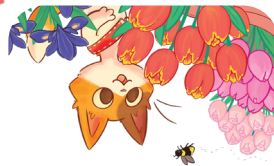
Amstel River = Amstel Dam

The Amstel River runs through the city of Amsterdam. Amsterdam started a very long time ago as a fishing village. The city grew around a dam in the Amstel River to stop flooding. That's how the city got its name from the Amstel and the Dam!

Bicycles (fietsen)

People in Amsterdam ride bicycles as their main way to get around. To go to school, work, the store, and visit friends. There are even bike traffic lanes and bike traffic lights!

in 1862, flowers would be delivered from the countryside by boat to the market every day.



Flower Market (Bloemenmarkt)

The flower market in Amsterdam is built on floating barges! When the market started



Houseboats

The canals in Amsterdam have houseboats all along them where people live. They are surprisingly big and comfortable inside.

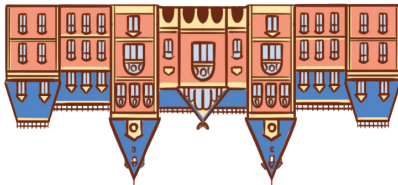


Canals (Grachten)

Amsterdam is famous for its canals. There are over 165 canals, more than in Venice or any other city in the world.

Rijksmuseum

This National Museum has some of the world's greatest and most famous art, including *The Milkmaid* by Vermeer and *The Night Watch* by Rembrandt.

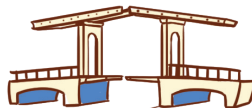


This is a houseboat that is a shelter for stray cats on the Singel Canal. You can visit the Dutch cats when you visit.



The Cat Boat (De Poezenboot)

fold on this line first



Skinny Bridge (Magere Brug)

Of the city's 1,200 bridges, this wooden drawbridge on the Amstel is one of the most famous. Each night it lights up with 1,200 light bulbs!



Tulip Fields

Just outside Amsterdam is the famous *bollenstreek* - bulb-growing region with miles of colorful flower fields.



Windmills (Molen)

Windmills used to be found all across The Netherlands. These wind-powered factories would be used to pump water out of fields, cut wood, grind spices, press oil from seeds, make paper, and more.

Learn a Few Dutch Words

People who live in the Netherlands speak Dutch as their language. Here are a few Dutch words you can learn and use when you visit.

English	Dutch	How To Say It
Yes	Ja	(yah)
No	Nee	(no)
Please	Alstublieft	(AHLST-we-bleeft)
Thank you	Dank je	(dahnk yuh)
Good morning	Goedemorgen	(KHOO-duh-MAWR-ghuh)
Good evening	Goedenavond	(KHOO-duh-NAH-vond)



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