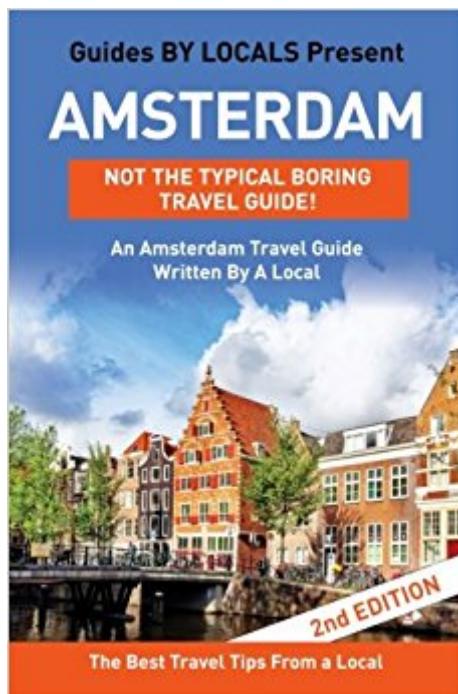


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# Amsterdam: By Locals - An Amsterdam Travel Guide Written In The Netherlands: The Best Travel Tips About Where To Go And What To See In Amsterdam, The Netherlands



## Synopsis

Welcome to a city that is exciting, beautiful, historic, fun and fascinating. Welcome to the beating heart of a country that though small, for a long time managed to be a world power, beating such countries as England, France, Portugal and Spain. Welcome to a city that for a time was the most liberal place on earth. Welcome to Amsterdam. Throughout the seventeenth century, when most of the center of Amsterdam was built, the city was a global center of innovation. Most people don't know this, but it was, in fact, the seat of the very first industrial revolution – one not powered by coal, but by wind. It was also here that stocks and joint ventures were invented, with the city being home to the oldest stock exchange in the world. More recently, after it lost its position of global power and was no longer the wealthiest city in the world, the city managed to reinvent itself as a center of liberal policies and open-minded ideas. For most people the word 'Amsterdam' was, for a long time, synonymous with pot, parties and prostitution. But it went much further than that. Amsterdam was one of the first cities to offer free Methadone to its heroin addicts, to wean them of their addiction and to start up a needle exchange program to prevent the spread of AIDS. For a long time was the gay capital of Europe, and had 'a table, a chair and a bed' policy, which meant that any empty building, could be squatted (or occupied legally, but without needing to pay rent) if you put a chair, a table and (you guessed it) a bed inside. All these policies made it a Mecca for artists, free thinkers and the kooky, which all left their indelible mark on the city and its people. Though it is no longer quite as liberal as all that, it is still an open-minded and open-hearted place, which has the dual advantages of both being adventurous and safe, modern and ancient – making it suitable for the young and old, mainstream and offbeat alike.

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## Customer Reviews

Tired of the typical boring guides? This guide tries to do the same as the *ask a local* •, but it is (maybe!) better organized and more complete. In all our guides, we hire a *local* • writer, and then we edit to be sure that the guide is complete, unique, fun and interesting. Typically we won't add maps or photos (just a few), since you can have all that on the internet, and we like to give you only unique and original content that you won't find easily.

I was amazed about the great content of this publication. This book has almost everything that you need to know about transportation, entertainment, what to see and where to hang out in Amsterdam. Also, a part of this book that I loved was the history of the city. Later in the chapter 6, you'll find interesting sights and activities that Amsterdam has to offer and are a lot, even if you're low on cash. From trips in the Canals, the famous Skinny Bridge and the well-known and famous windmills. Later you can find the best locations to buy stuff, the best parks to hang out and the beaches. It's a unique publication that will show you not only the turistic part of this magnificent city but also teach you about all the beauty that is hide in plain sight.

Good book and good guide to this very interesting city. Amsterdam is really something special, at least in my eyes. I think this book represents it well, I found several very useful information during my vacation there. It isn't detailed as some of other guidebooks you can get, but it is great for a casual tourist who is visiting Amsterdam for a few days and doesn't want to be overwhelmed with choices and places to visit.

I'm planning a journey for the next months. I have several cities in my mind so I'm buying online guide books to know more about the historical and cultural places. This book was a great help for my plans to visit Amsterdam - it's true, I've been there before but I was too young and with my family. Now all the help regarding transportation and prices I believe is going to be very useful once I land there. The only thing I didn't like was the extension of the guide, sometimes I prefer short and certain data - but anyway the book is very constructive - the photos described situation I'll be facing really soon (the machines, stations...) so more than glad with it.

I wish I had read this book before I've visited Amsterdam for the first time! As a person who had visited Amsterdam without reading it, I must say that it is a very useful guide book. Even after visiting Amsterdam I knew it after coffee shops. Red line district, museums and a numerous water

canals. Chapter about History really kept my attention, on the other hand the chapter about public transportation has a lot of very useful tips and also can save you a lot of money. I was really surprised by finding about Amsterdam park and beaches and ideas given on how to spend your day by visiting it. Especially because I have not seen them during my visit. So I strongly recommend this book, you won't regret reading it!

I really loved this book. Being written by locals makes it easy to really get a lot out of everything they have to say. They grew up there and live there. They know exactly what you should do and where you should go when visiting. The book covers the culture as well as foods and top places you should visit. You will read about how to get around and even where shopping is good and you can find wonderful food. Having visited Amsterdam several times I can say that this book really shines a light on things I wasn't even aware of. This is a must read!

I really liked the information written for individuals like me who will visit Amsterdam for the first time. The writer kept me interested, focused on important sights and how to get around. Thank you for making me feel comfortable and given me lots of tips to be ready when I arrive.

I almost feel like I've been there now. Excellent tips and information. This book should become the official travel guide for Amsterdam. Very well organized and well written. My compliments to the author.

Excellent! Well researched and written. I enjoyed it so much and plan to return to Amsterdam in the near future for an extended stay.

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