

Useful Tips & Free Time Suggestions

Food, drinks, culture & more¹

USEFUL TIPS:

- *I Amsterdam city card*: If you are staying in Amsterdam for a day or more and planning on carving out some time to see the city and catch an exhibition or two, the *I Amsterdam city card* could be a good option. It offers you unlimited access to Amsterdam's public transport system (GVB), over 50 museums (including the Rijksmuseum), and a free canal cruise. You can order it online at <https://www.iamsterdam.com/en/i-am/i-amsterdam-city-card> and have it delivered to your home or to a pick-up point in Amsterdam. Prices range from 59€ (24hrs) to 94€(96hrs)
- *Emergency/on-call doctor (24hrs)*: (+31) (0)88 003 0600
- *Emergency services: 112*

MUSEUMS AND OUTDOORS EVENTS:

- *Museumplein*: If you only have a few hours or a morning to spare, you can still check out the fully-renovated [Rijksmuseum](#) or the [Van Gogh's museum](#). Both are located on Museumplein, within a 15min tram ride from UvA ([map](#))
- [Artis Royal Zoo](#) and [Hortus Botanicus](#) (De Plantage): UvA is located within a 10 min walk from the oldest zoo in the Netherlands, the Artis Royal Zoo. In addition to a zoo, it also hosts an aquarium, a planetarium and one of the oldest botanical gardens in the world (open Monday-Sunday from 10.00-17.00; [map](#))
- *Open Garden Days*: between 15 and 17 June, the private gardens of some of Amsterdam's most lavish canal houses will be open to the public. For tickets and more information see [here](#) (online booking price 18€);
- *Vondelpark Open Air Theatre*: between May and September, Amsterdam's largest city park, the Vondelpark, hosts a number of free concerts, outdoor theatre and more. All events are free and open to the public, although donations are welcome. For more information see [here](#) (16 min by public transport from UvA; [map](#))

FOOD & DRINKS:

- *Grabbing a bite to eat next to UvA*: (a) [Bakhuys](#) (Sarphatistraat 61; 8 min walk from UvA; [map](#)); (b) [Sagra food & wine](#) (Plantage Kerklaan 24hs; 7 min walk from UvA; [map](#)); (c)

¹ Sources: Citix 60, *Amsterdam* (viction workshop ltd 2015); Saskia Naafs and Guido Van Eijck, *The 500 Hidden Secrets of Amstedam* (Luster 2017); 'the locals'.

[De Plantage](#) (Plantage Kerklaan 36; 9 min walk from UvA; [map](#));

- *Grabbing a drink next to UvA:* (a) [Kriterion café and theatre](#), a student-run café and theater founded by a group of Nazi-resistance students (Roetersstraat 170, 1 min walk from UvA, [map](#)); (b) ‘bitterballen’ at the [Dignita Hoftuin](#) (Nieuwe Heregracht 18-A, 13 min walking from UvA, [map](#)); (c) beer tasting at the [Brouwerij 't IJ](#), a modern brewery located next to a windmill and producing its own blond and dark organic beers (Funenkade 7, 15 min walking from UvA; [map](#)); a drink with a view at the rooftop ‘canvas’ bar of the [Volkshotel](#) (Wibautstraat 150; 17 min walking from UvA, [map](#));
- *Dining out in the area:* (a) [Wilde Zwijnen](#) (Indische Buurt), located in the lively up-and-coming Indische Buurt, WZ serves quality modern Dutch classics (e.g. fish doused with butter and ‘kroketten’) made from regional and seasonal ingredients, as well as vegetarian dishes (Javaplein 23hs; [map](#)); (b) [Mana Mana](#) (De Pijp), a cozy Israeli vegetarian restaurant that allows you to try a wide variety of homemade dishes for a reasonable price (1e Jan Steenstraat 85hs; [map](#)); (c) [Smokin’ Barrels](#) (Oosterpark quarter), known for its charcoal barbecued lobster and burgers (Beukenplein 22; [map](#)); [Bar Mash](#) (De Pijp), offering reasonably priced Thai food and drinks in the lively atmosphere of De Pijp neighborhood (Gerard Douplein 9, [map](#)); [Marits](#) (Oosterpark quarter), a cozy vegetarian restaurant with a set menu of 3-5 courses based on organic and locally-sources products (Andreas Bonnstraat 34HS; [map](#)); [De Pizzabakkers](#) (Plantage), known for their comfort-food pizzas and prosecco in a cozy environment (Plantage Kerklaan 2; [map](#))
- *Nearby brunch:* [Omelegg](#) (Ferdinand Bolstraat 143; [map](#)); [Little Collins](#) (Eerste Sweelinkstraat 19F; [map](#)); [Bakkers & Roasters](#) (Eerste Jacob van Campenstraat 54; [map](#))
- *Dutch delicacies:* A few things you may want to try before you leave: (a) kroketten , (b) bitterballen with mustard, (c) kibbeling (fried fish), (d) tompoes (mille-feuille like pastry), (e) stroopwafels (thin waffle with caramel syrup filling), and (e) Dutch cheese.
- *Trendy neighborhoods close to UvA:* De Pijp, Indische Buurt, Jordaan.

BOAT CRUISE:

Suggestion: [Rederij P. Kooij](#).

The regular canal cruise (1hr) has a boat departing from the *Rokin* every hour between 10 am and 10 pm (approx. 25 min walking or 16 min by tram from UvA: [map](#)) and takes you through the main sights of Amsterdam. Groups under 20 do not require a reservation. The price is 7€pp for groups over 20 and 11€pp for smaller groups.

Payment can be made at their office prior to boarding. Accepted payment: cash, credit card (no AMEX) or debit card.