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Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands, is a destination with timeless charm, iconic canals and a friendly atmosphere.

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Wondering whether it's **a good idea to spend a few days' vacation** in Amsterdam? Here's why it's one of **Europe's most popular destinations**, with a focus on **the must-sees** and our **opinion of** the city.

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## Top 5 must-sees in Amsterdam

Amsterdam is a city we know very well, as we've had the opportunity to explore it on many occasions. During my **Erasmus year in the Netherlands**, I spent many weekends there, and since then we've visited the city at least **a dozen times**.

1. **Amsterdam's canals:** Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, they offer a picturesque view ideal for exploring on foot or on a **cruise**.
2. **Amsterdam's must-see museums** offer an exceptional cultural immersion not to be missed.
3. **The Jordaan district:** our favorite, a charming labyrinth of cobbled streets, perfect for strolling between art galleries and cosy cafés.
4. **The Vondelpark:** A haven of greenery where you can relax, stroll and take part in outdoor cultural activities.
5. **Local markets:** lively places like the **Albert Cuyp Market** are perfect for sampling stroopwafels, cheeses and other delicacies, while the Bloemenmarkt, the famous floating flower market, enchants visitors with its colors and scents.

→ We love this city so much that we've decided to devote an entire site to it, which you can visit at the following address: [Passion Amsterdam](#)

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## Reasons to choose Amsterdam for your vacation

### A unique cultural wealth

#### Explore iconic museums

Comme vous le savez, nous adorons les villes chargées d'histoire, comme [Naples](#), ou encore [Milan en Italie](#). Amsterdam est une véritable capitale culturelle, abritant certains des **musées les plus renommés au monde**. -

- Le Musée Van Gogh : Une plongée fascinante dans l'univers du célèbre peintre, avec des chefs-d'œuvre tels que *Les Tournesols*.
- **Le Rijksmuseum** : Une collection exceptionnelle d'œuvres des maîtres hollandais comme Rembrandt et Vermeer.
- **The Anne Frank House**: an emotionally-charged place recounting the

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poignant story of a tragic era.

- **The [Heineken Experience](#)**: a fun immersion in the history and manufacture of the famous Dutch beer, with tastings included.

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### **Plunge into history with UNESCO-listed canals**

**Amsterdam's canals**, created in the 17th century, are the historic and romantic heart of the city. Listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage** Site, they offer a unique view of the narrow houses with their typical facades.

A boat trip is the ideal way to discover the city's history and architectural beauty while enjoying a moment of relaxation.

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### **Discover Amsterdam's unique architecture**

Amsterdam is famous for its distinctive architecture, where modernity and tradition coexist harmoniously.

**Leaning houses along the canals, charming bridges** and contemporary buildings such as the EYE Film Museum or the NEMO science museum bear witness to this architectural diversity.

### **A perfect destination for nature lovers and relaxation enthusiasts**

#### **Stroll through Amsterdam's green parks**

The city is full of **parks** that invite you to relax.

- **Vondelpark**, Amsterdam's green lung, is perfect for a picnic or a stroll.

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- The **Westerpark**, with its cultural spaces and cafés, combines nature and entertainment. These are ideal places to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the city.
- **Parks in the Oost district**: Places like **Oosterpark** or Frankendael Park offer quiet, green spaces, perfect for relaxing or discovering historic sculptures and gardens.

### **Bicycle tours: total immersion in local culture**

Amsterdam is a cyclist's paradise, with over **400 kilometers of cycle paths**. Renting a bike is the ideal way to explore the city at your own pace, discover its hidden alleys and live like a local.

A stroll through the canals and parks offers an authentic, eco-friendly experience.

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## **A surprising gastronomy to discover**

### **Taste local specialities**

Amsterdam is bursting with culinary delights:

- **Stroopwafels:** These thin wafers with caramel filling are a true Dutch classic, to be enjoyed fresh at the market or in a café.
- **Bitterballen:** Tasty, crunchy croquettes, perfect to accompany a beer in a traditional café.
- **Dutch cheeses:** Gouda, Edam or Maasdam, local markets and stores are full of quality cheeses to taste or take home as souvenirs.

Fish lovers will love the herring, a typical specialty served fresh or as a sandwich.

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## **Exploring food markets**

For a gourmet experience, visit the **Albert Cuyp Market**, the city's most popular market, or the [Foodhallen](#) an indoor space offering international and local dishes.

Amsterdam is full of restaurants to suit all tastes and budgets. Try small cafés like [Winkel 43](#), known for its apple pie, or book into restaurants like De Kas, which offers sustainable and refined cuisine.

## **A lively, festive city**

### **Not-to-be-missed cultural events and festivals**

Amsterdam hosts festivals all year round.

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These events attract huge crowds, so it's important to plan your trip in advance to make the most of your stay.

**Tulips in bloom:** From March to May, Amsterdam's surroundings, including Keukenhof Park, are decked out in colorful fields to celebrate the beauty of the Netherlands' emblematic flowers.

**King's Day:** A colorful national holiday on April 27, with music, parades and festivities all over town.

**Festival of Lights:** From late November to early January, Amsterdam's canals are transformed into a gallery of light art, with installations by international artists.

**Christmas in Amsterdam:** December is a magical time of year, with Christmas markets, ice rinks and a magical atmosphere in the streets and squares.

**New Year's Eve:** On December 31, spectacular fireworks, lively clubbing and a festive atmosphere to start the year off right.

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### **The unique atmosphere of Amsterdam's different districts**

- **Downtown: Amsterdam's historic heart**, with its famous squares like the **Dam** and its shopping streets, offers a vibrant, cosmopolitan atmosphere.
- **The canal district**: With its **charming bridges** and narrow houses, this is the ideal place for a romantic stroll or a peaceful cruise.
- **Museum district**: Home to the Rijksmuseum, the Moco and the Stedelijk, this district is a paradise for art and culture lovers.
- **De Pijp**: More dynamic, this district is packed with trendy bars, a variety of restaurants and is home to the famous Albert Cuyp market.
- **The Northern Quarter (Amsterdam-Noord)**: Accessible by free ferry, this trendy district seduces with its mix of rehabilitated industrial architecture, innovative restaurants and breathtaking vistas like the A'DAM Lookout.

Each of these neighborhoods reveals a different facet of Amsterdam, making your discovery of the city even richer and more varied.

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### **Vibrant nightlife: bars, clubs and cafés**

Amsterdam offers a vibrant nightlife, with trendy bars, famous clubs and traditional brown cafés where you can enjoy a local beer. The **Leidseplein** and **Rembrandtplein** districts are particularly lively for night owls.

### **Is it worth visiting Amsterdam?**

Yes, Amsterdam is a must-see city, so full of fascinating places and activities. Between its emblematic museums, its romantic UNESCO-listed canals and its varied neighborhoods, there's always something to explore.

Amsterdam's surroundings, such as the **tulip fields in spring** or charming mill villages like **Zaanse Schans**, add a new dimension to your stay.

What's more, the many events held throughout the year, such as **King's Day** and

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the **Festival of Lights**, allow you to discover the city from an original and festive angle, making every visit unique and memorable.

## Drone video of Amsterdam

Here's a video, filmed with a drone, of the city of Amsterdam to give you a taste of what's in store, enjoy!

## Card

Here's our **interactive map** with all **our Amsterdam addresses**, which you can **save and view offline**.

We thank you for reading all the way through, we hope we have answered all your questions. Don't hesitate to drop us a line below or on [Instagram](#) if you're planning this trip, or to ask any questions you may have - we'll be delighted to get back to you! If you liked this article, please rate it with 5 stars below.

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