

Oosterpark & South Amsterdam

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Neighbourhood Top Five

- ❶ Spending the afternoon yodelling, sitting in a yurt and checking out Dutch colonial booty at the **Tropenmuseum** (p201).
- ❷ Taking a trip through the big, bold, avant-garde paintings of Karel Appel and friends at the **Cobra Museum** (p202).
- ❸ Sniffing out the Turkish hide stall amid multipack sock vendors at the lively **Dappermarkt** (p201).
- ❹ Cycling through **Amsterdamse Bos** (p202) and visiting an organic farm-cafe for fresh goat's-milk ice cream.
- ❺ Seeking out the political monuments and wild parrots of sublime **Oosterpark** (p201).

For more detail of this area see Map p325 →

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

With the Amstel river slicing through the area, Oosterpark and South Amsterdam have no shortage of riverside cafes that remind you of the age-old Dutch bond with water. On gorgeous summer evenings many patrons arrive by boat, settle at a terrace table and watch the freight barges, tugs and rowing teams ply the waters.



Best Places to Eat

- ➔ De Kas (p204)
- ➔ Wilde Zwijnen (p203)
- ➔ Roopram Roti (p203)
- ➔ Eetcafe Ibis (p204)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ De Ysbreeker (p204)
- ➔ Distilleerderij 't Nieuwe Diep (p205)
- ➔ Canvas (p204)
- ➔ Butcher's Tears (p204)
- ➔ De Biertuin (p204)

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Best Parks to Visit

- ➔ Amsterdamse Bos (p202)
- ➔ Amstelpark (p203)
- ➔ Oosterpark (p201)
- ➔ Park Frankendael (p201)

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Explore Oosterpark & South Amsterdam

Oosterpark is one of Amsterdam's most culturally diverse neighbourhoods. Unlike De Pijp, it has seen only a small amount of gentrification, though things are starting to pick up.

The best sights are off the everyday tourist path. On the northern fringe you'll find the Tropenmuseum, which gives insights into Dutch colonial activities in the East Indies. The green expanse of Oosterpark itself makes a fine diversion afterwards, with its large pond and several monuments. Fun bars are popping up all around the park.

A walk east from the museum down 1e Van Swindenstraat leads to the street market on Dapperstraat and eventually into Javastraat, a Moroccan and Turkish enclave. Head to the neighbourhood's western edge, home to cool bars Canvas and De Ysbreeker.

Amsterdam extends well beyond here. The sights scatter as you head south, but the things you'll find – wild art, lush greenery and goats in the forest – are worth the trip. Reaching them is pretty straightforward by public transport; count on it taking between 30 and 60 minutes.

Local Life

➔ **Moroccan & Turkish Delights** On Javastraat (which 1e Van Swindenstraat turns into) old Dutch fish shops and working-class bars sit adjacent to Moroccan and Turkish groceries.

➔ **Garden Homes** Toward the northwest side of Park Frankendael lies a whole community of garden plots with teeny houses on them. The owners sit out on sunny days with wine and picnic fixings.

➔ **Market Madness** If you're looking for an authentic place to shop, Dappermarkt is it. If organic fare is more your style, the monthly De Pure Markt in Park Frankendael is where everyone flocks.

Getting There & Away

➔ **Tram** The 9 goes from the centre to the Tropenmuseum. Trams 10 and 14 swing through the Oosterpark area on their east-west routes as well. Tram 5 heads south from the centre and ends near the Cobra Museum.

➔ **Bus** Buses 170 and 172 from Centraal Station go to Amsterdamse Bos and the Cobra Museum, but note if you're using a GVB transit pass, it's not valid on these particular routes (you'll need a regional day pass).

➔ **Metro** The Wibautstraat stop is a stone's throw from the mod bars and hotels at the Oost's southwest edge. Amsterdam ArenA and Amsterdam RAI have their own Metro stops – all easy to reach from the centre.