



Pocket
AMSTERDAM
TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY

Karla Zimmerman

In This Book

QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know
Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods
What's where

Explore Amsterdam

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



Top Sights
Make the most of your visit



Local Life
The insider's city

The Best of Amsterdam

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks
See the city on foot



Amsterdam's Best...
The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



Getting Around
Travel like a local



Essential Information
Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**
















 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- | | |
|---|---|
|  Telephone Numbers |  Family-Friendly |
|  Opening Hours |  Pet-Friendly |
|  Parking |  Bus |
|  Nonsmoking |  Ferry |
|  Internet Access |  Metro |
|  Wi-Fi Access |  Tram |
|  Vegetarian Selection |  Train |
|  English-Language Menu | |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



Bar Hemingway

16  Map p233, B2

Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in Amsterdam. The showpiece is a painting by Papa Hemingway in town. Dress code: smart casual. Website: barhemingway.com; Hôtel Ritzy; 6.30pm-2am

Lonely Planet's Amsterdam

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Amsterdam.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

It's your guarantee of a really great experience.

Our Promise

You can trust our travel information because Lonely Planet authors visit the places we write about, each and every edition. We never accept freebies for positive coverage, so you can rely on us to tell it like it is.

QuickStart Guide 7

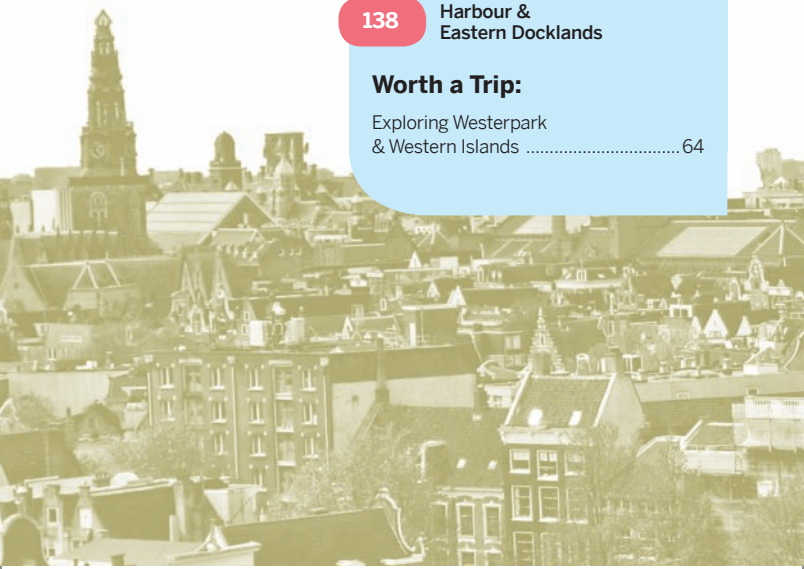
Amsterdam Top Sights	8
Amsterdam Local Life	12
Amsterdam Day Planner ...	14
Need to Know	16
Amsterdam Neighbourhoods	18

Explore Amsterdam 21

22	City Centre
42	Jordaan & Western Canals
66	Southern Canal Belt
84	Vondelpark & Old South
102	De Pijp
114	Oosterpark & Around
122	Nieuwmarkt & Plantage
138	Harbour & Eastern Docklands

Worth a Trip:

Exploring Westerpark & Western Islands	64
--	----



The Best of Amsterdam 149

Amsterdam's Best Walks

Amsterdam's Splashiest Canals.....	150
Cheese, Gin & Monuments.....	152

Amsterdam's Best ...

Museums & Galleries	154
Parks & Gardens.....	156
Canals.....	157
Eating	158
Drinking.....	160
Shopping.....	162
For Free	164
For Kids	165
Entertainment.....	166
Gay & Lesbian	168
Tours.....	169
Cycling.....	170

Survival Guide 171

Before You Go	172
Arriving in Amsterdam	173
Getting Around	174
Essential Information	176
Language	180





Olivier van Noort

QuickStart Guide

Amsterdam Top Sights	8
Amsterdam Local Life	12
Amsterdam Day Planner.....	14
Need to Know	16
Amsterdam Neighbourhoods	18

Welcome to Amsterdam

Amsterdam works its fairy-tale magic in many ways: via the gabled, Golden Age buildings; glinting, boat-filled canals; and especially the cosy, centuries-old brown cafes, where candles burn low and beers froth high. Add in mega art museums and funky street markets, and it's easy to see why this atmospheric city is one of Europe's most popular getaways.

One of Amsterdam's picturesque canals

EYE35.PIX / ALAMY ©