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

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The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



Top Sights Make the most of your visit



Local Life The insider's city

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



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Essential Information Including where to stay Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

Sights

🚫 Eating

- **Orinking**
- 🔂 Entertainment
- Shopping

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- Telephone Numbers
 Opening Hours
- P Parking
- Nonsmoking
- @ Internet Access
- Wi-Fi Access
- Vegetarian Selection
- English-Language
- Family-Friendly Pet-Friendly
- Bus
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- 🚊 Ferry
 - Metro
 - S Subway
 - O London Tube
- 🛱 Tram
 - 🛱 Train

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



Lonely Planet's Amsterdam

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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 vou 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.

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Welcome to Amsterdam

Amsterdam showcases its Dutch heritage in its charming canal architecture, museums filled with works by Old Masters, *jenever* (Dutch gin) tasting houses and candlelit *bruin cafés* (traditional Dutch pubs). Yet this free-spirited city is also a multinational melting pot with an incredible diversity of cultures and cuisines, along with some of Europe's hottest nightlife venues, in a compact, village-like setting.

Dutch houses and houseboats on the Singel canal (p59) KAVALENKAVA/SHUTTERSTOCK ©

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Royal Palace (Koninklijk Paleis; p24)

Amsterdam's resplendent palace is infused with history.

