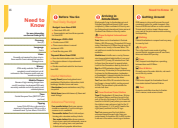


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These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
|  Telephone Numbers     |  Family-Friendly |
|  Opening Hours         |  Pet-Friendly    |
|  Parking               |  Bus             |
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Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



### Bar Hemingway

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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 art in town. Dress code: smart-casual; Website: www.hotelrit.com; Hôtel Rit Amsterdam; ☎ +31 (0)20 630pm-2a

## 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.

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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.



# Amsterdam Top Sights

## Top Sights

### Royal Palace (Koninklijk Paleis; p24)

Amsterdam's resplendent palace is infused with history.

