

The 5 most **CLASSY** but **CASUAL RESTAURANTS**

- 66 **SCHEEPSKAMEEL** This elegant but affordable restaurant opened in summer 2016 in the former naval area to the east of the city centre that will be completely revitalised. The menu features several dishes – you choose a raw dish, a vegetable dish and a meat or fish dish followed by dessert. Watch the chefs as they carefully prepare your food in the extremely open kitchen.
- Kattenburgerstraat 7, building 24**
Oostelijke Eilanden ②
+31 (0)20 337 96 80
scheepskameel.nl
- 67 **CAFÉ MODERN** Subtly balanced, rich flavours... that is what you get at Café Modern. Like sweetbread with chorizo, or a Jerusalem artichoke soup. The fixed five-course menu changes weekly though. This restaurant is located in an old bank building, therefore the acoustics can be challenging. Spot the old safe in the basement. Upstairs, you can stay the night in boutique hotel Sweet Dreamz.
- Meidoornweg 2 North ⑦**
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modernamsterdam.nl



The best 5 places to have a good CUP OF COFFEE

91 WHITE LABEL COFFEE

Jan Evertsenstraat 136
West ④
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whitelabelcoffee.nl

Francesco and Elmer opened their coffee roastery and bar in early 2014, after meeting in the EspressoFabriek in Westerpark. It's the perfect hangout for a tremendous flat white or you can also just sit and read at their reading table. Their homeroasted beans are for sale, as are the artisanal chocolate bars from Amsterdam-based shop Chocolátl.

92 RUM BABA

Pretoriusstraat 33
Oosterpark Q ⑤
+31 (0)20 846 94 98
rumbaba.nl

This bright and airy corner shop is a veritable spot of sunshine in the eastern part of Amsterdam. It serves loose leaf tea imported straight from China as well as freshly-roasted coffee. Peckish? Their bakery at number 15 in the same street serves American classics such as mud pie and lemon drizzle cake.

93 DE KOFFIESALON

1e Constantijn
Huygensstraat 82
West ④
+31 (0)20 612 40 79
dekoffiesalon.nl

This place serves Italian-style coffee in a cosy interior with beautiful stained glass windows. It is a lovely place to start your day with a cappuccino. If you're lucky, you can catch a few rays of sun on their tiny terrace.

94 COFFEE DISTRICT

Hendrik
Jacobszstraat 18
South ⑥
coffeedistrict.nl

What started as a hole-in-the-wall coffee bar in a fashion shop in the southern part of town, is now a stylish bar all on its own. Owners Adil and Rosa Loukane use Amsterdam-roasted Lot61 coffee beans for their brews and serve small bites, such as their renowned cinnamon buns. There's a second location at Willemsparkweg 8 near Museumplein.

95 SCANDINAVIAN EMBASSY

Sarphatipark 34
De Pijp ③
+31 (0)6 816 00 140
scandinavianembassy.nl

The blonde wood and white walls of the Scandinavian Embassy make for a minimalistic but warm coffee bar. The owner is the award-winning Argentinean-born roaster Nicolas Castagno. After moving to Sweden in his twenties, he became involved in the Swedish coffee scene. He relocated to Amsterdam, where he started his own spot with a Scandinavian flavour.



91 WHITE LABEL COFFEE

The 5 nicest places for a drink ON THE WATERFRONT

121 HOTEL BUITEN

Th. J. Lammerslaan 3
West ④
+31 (0)20 331 79 00
hotelbuiten.nl

Located on the banks of Sloterpas, this terrace offers a great view of the lake and some sail boats if you're lucky. It's easy to while away an entire day here, going for a swim or playing some games in front of the fireplace on colder days. Sample some of their fresh juices and delicious snacks while you're at it.

122 HANNEKE'S BOOM

Dijkgracht 4
Oostelijke Eilanden ②
+31 (0)20 419 98 20
hannekesboom.nl

Hanneke's Boom was first featured on a city map in 1662. It was the entrance to one of the waterways leading into the city. Here the authorities checked everything that came in and went out of the city. In 2011, a popular bar opened here. The terrace is on the water level.

123 DE CEUVEL

Korte Papaverweg 4
North ⑦
+31 (0)20 229 62 10
cafedeceuvel.nl

The Amsterdam North city council held a competition to find a new use for an old, polluted shipyard. A group of young entrepreneurs came up with a plan to build an entirely self-supporting and sustainable cafe including a waterless urinal, soil-cleaning vegetation and solar panels on the roof.

124 WATERKANT AMSTERDAM

Marnixstraat 246
De Jordaan ①
+31 (0)20 737 11 26
[waterkant
amsterdam.nl](http://waterkantamsterdam.nl)

Nobody could have imagined that the area below the Europarking garage would one day become a vibrant bar-restaurant. Well, it did. Waterkant refers to the boulevard along the Surinam river in Paramaribo, a popular meeting place for locals. The Amsterdam version can get quite crowded too. The bar offers a great selection of beers, bar food (nachos, chicken wings, salads), and dinner after 5.30 pm.

125 PLEK

T.T. Neveritaweg 59
North ⑦
+31 (0)20 290 00 20
pлек.nl

Plek is a bar and restaurant on the shore of 't IJ. On sunny days, the patio (or rather their spacious city beach) can get very crowded, at night campfires are lit. Plek serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Most dishes are organic using seasonal and regional products.



The 5 best places to RENT A BIKE

196 **FIETSVERHUUR HET AMSTERDAMSE BOS**
Bosbaanweg 1
Amstelveen (suburbs)
+31 (0)20 644 54 73
wamsterdamsebos
fietsverhuur.nl

In the southwest of the city, you'll find 935 acres of green space and 51 kilometres of bike trails. The Amsterdamse Bos bike rental shop is a good place to start your visit. You can park your car for free and get a rental bike, or start with a drink on the patio of cafe De Boshalte.



197 **HET ZWARTE FIETSENPLAN**
Lijnbaansgracht 282
Canal Belt South ③
+31 (0)20 670 85 31
black-bikes.com

Het Zwarte Fietsenplan has several bike shops all over the city and has multiple types of bikes available for rent. You can pick up your bike at any of the rental locations and leave it at any other when you are finished. Check their website for more addresses and online booking.

198 **FIETSENVERHUUR AMSTERDAM**
AT: TOLHUISTUIN PAVILION
Ijpromenade 2
North ⑦
+31 (0)6 139 98 675
bikerental
amsterdamnorth.nl

Take the ferry behind Central Station and you'll be in Amsterdam North in a matter of minutes. This is a fairly large part of the city, but public transport is scarce. It's nicer to explore North and its surroundings by bike. Some destinations that are worth a visit are the picturesque Nieuwendammerdijk and nature reserve Het Twiske.

199 **BIKE CITY**
Bloemgracht 68-70
De Jordaan ①
+31 (0)20 626 37 21
bikecity.nl

If you don't want a rental bike that screams 'hello, I'm a tourist!', then go to Bike City in the Jordaan. They rent inconspicuous, typically Dutch bikes out of the basement of an old house on one of Amsterdam's most beautiful canals, Bloemgracht. Please note they may adjust their opening hours in winter.

200 **STARBIKES RENTAL**
De Ruyterkade 143
Oostelijke Eilanden ②
+31 (0)20 620 32 15
starbikesrental.com

StarBikes Rental rents so-called 'granny bikes'. To stop these minimalistic bicycles just back-pedal. Also available are tandems, kids' bikes and bikes for disabled people. And if you ever need to wait: StarBikes also serves food and beverages.

The 5 most CROOKED HOUSES

251 VIJZELGRACHT

Vijzelgracht 4-10
and 20-26

Canal Belt South ③

The construction of the underground North-South line has caused a significant nuisance. In 2008 and 2012, several monumental 17th-century houses along Vijzelgracht sagged 15-23 cms because of the construction work, forcing residents to temporarily leave their homes.



252 SLUYSWACHT

Jodenbreestraat 1
Waterlooplein Q ②
+31 (0)20 625 76 11
sluyswacht.nl

This very crooked free-standing house was built in 1695 as the lockkeeper's house, opposite the Rembrandt House museum. One of the oldest pictures of this lock was painted by Rembrandt when he still lived across from it. In the last twenty years Sluyswacht has been a cafe.

253 THE DANCING HOUSES

Amstel 100-112
Waterlooplein
Quarter ②

There's almost something comical about the way these houses seem to lean into one another. However, their crooked stance is a tell-tale sign that the marshy ground these monuments were built on isn't all that stable. The wooden beams that support them have a mind of their own.

254 ROKIN

Rokin 116
Old Centre ②

The buildings on Rokin used to be near the water, but this last section of the Amstel River was drained in the 1930s. A Persian rug store and an art dealer were initially located here. In 2003 the building was vacant and was squatted twice in a year. It has since been renovated, but has retained its distinctly crooked shape.

255 SPIEGELGRACHT

Spiegelgracht 6
Canal Belt South ③

This tiny house with its clock gable comfortably rests on its neighbour. The 17th-century Spiegelgracht, a canal opposite the Rijksmuseum, is lined with galleries, art shops and jewellerys, and has several crooked houses. Canal houses often leaned forward so their façades wouldn't be damaged when hoisting goods up into the attic.



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The 5 best CINEMAS

326 THE MOVIES

Haarlemmer-
dijk 161-163

Haarlemmer Q ①

+31 (0)20 638 60 16

themovies.nl

The Movies was founded in 1912 and is the oldest cinema in town. Although additions were made to the building throughout the years, the building still exudes an early 20th-century cinema feel, especially in the art deco-style Room one. Head to The Movies for art house (light) films and its nice cafe and restaurant.

327 DE UITKIJK

Prinsengracht 452

Canal Belt South ③

+31 (0)20 223 24 16

uitkijk.nl

De Uitkijk was founded in 1929. The building had been a cinema for some time, but its director Mannus Franken wanted to turn it into 'a cinema that shows art instead of entertainment' after he was inspired by the avant-garde art cinemas of Paris. Nowadays, this small cinema is run by a group of enthusiastic students programming films for connoisseurs.

328 LAB111

Arie Biemond-
straat 111

West ④

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lab111.nl

The Wilhelmina Gasthuis was a hospital that opened in 1893. After its closure in 1983 it became a residential area but the 'W.G.-terrein' also has work spaces for artists. The former pathological anatomy laboratory was converted into LAB111, a cinema which often has a completely different programme from other local cinemas as well as a cafe, and a restaurant that offers a discount when you show your movie ticket.

329 RIALTO

Ceintuurbaan 338

De Pijp ③

+31 (0)20 676 87 00

rialtofilm.nl

Rialto is a neighbourhood cinema in the heart of De Pijp. It mainly screens European and non-Western films. Special programmes are organised on topics such as world cinema, classics, and films for children.

330 FC HYENA

Aambeeldstraat 24
North ⑦

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fchyena.nl

This intimate cinema is located in the up-and-coming Hamer quarter, an industrial area in Amsterdam North. The two screening rooms offer a mix of Hollywood and art-house movies, and a film classic every Tuesday. The bar and restaurant are pleasantly low-key and offer a view on the River IJ.

5 HOTELS *with* HISTORY

416 **AMRATH HOTEL**

**Prins Hendrik-
kade 108**

Old Centre ②

+31 (0)20 552 00 00

amrathamsterdam.com

Het Scheepvaarthuis (the Shipping House) is one of the finest examples of the Amsterdam School architecture. It was built in 1916 as a modern office building for six shipping companies, teeming with references to Holland's rich shipping history. Lavishly decorated, the Shipping House is a feast for the eyes. The building was restored and reopened as a five star hotel in 2007.

417 **DE WINDKETEL**

Watertorenplein 8-C

Westerpark Q ④

windketel.nl

The Windketel is the smallest building on the site of the former municipal gas and waterworks. The small octagonal brick tower, which was built in the late 19th century, is located in a quiet car-free square, somewhat overshadowed by the apartment buildings of an eco-friendly neighbourhood and a large white water tower. Amazingly, this tiny tower is now a three-storey luxury apartment for two, furnished with Dutch design. It is run by a cooperative of neighbours.



417 DE WINDKETEL