#### AIM presents:



# Amsterdam Starters Guide

Tips and tricks for you to live your best uni life!

# ALWAYS GOOD TO KEEP IN MIND ...

Uni can be pretty overwhelming, especially in the first few months. Therefore, it is super important to take a step back and look after yourself. If you keep pushing non-stop, you'll burn out, and that won't help anyone. Take a break from the books, clear your head, and recharge. Whether that is going for a walk, hanging out with friends, or just chilling out. Your mental and physical health matter just as much as your grades, and taking care of yourself will actually help you do better in the long run. To help you get started, we have created this booklet with all of our favorite spots in Amsterdam!

With much love, the 12<sup>th</sup> AIM board



Sophia:
"Give yourself some time.
Everything will fall into
place! And don't you dare
hesitate to ask us for help,
advice, and notes from
previous classes."

# **BRUNCH AND** COFFEE

#### Cafe Smit & Voogt

Close to uni and amazing for a good study session

#### De Wasserette

Lovely terrace and great for people watching (try their French toast!!)

#### Ree7

Cozy and warm vibes, perfect for a cold day

#### **De Jonge Admiraal**

No laptops allowed, super cute and cozy with indoor and outdoor space

#### De Laatste Kruimel

ADORABLE brunch spot

lieve:

"Go to Deuf Amsterdam in the Pijp! It's a really cute brunch spot with lots of eggs and a nice terrace. From Thursday to Sunday they also open for burgers and cocktails. If you're lucky, you might run into me working!"

#### **Screaming Beans**

Close to campus and does allow laptops

#### **Bakkerij Wolf**

Bit touristy but delicious and cute

#### **Oeuf Amsterdam**

Cute brunch spot with a lovely terrace

#### Pluk

Just a very cute coffee spot with good pastries

#### Coffee company

Many locations across the city with just really good coffee

#### Goodnews

Perfect for take-away and matcha

#### **Broodje Bert**

Cute outdoor space and right next to a beautiful secondband book store



# RESTAURANTS

#### Poke perfect

Always a good choice

#### Saravanaa Bhavan

Great restaurant, completely vegetarian

#### Vegetalian

Lovely place (check for student discounts)

#### Monte verde

Check for deals, it can be super cheap

#### Doner van oost

Open late and super cheap

#### Tigris & Eufraat

Delicious and affordable

#### II panorama

Cute family restaurant in the city centre

#### **Caffe Pico**

Cute and classy restaurant in the Pijp

#### Van 'T spit

Addictive chicken and a lovely team

#### Spaghetteria

Several locations across the city, good and affordable pasta

#### **Foodhallen**

Indoor food market (perfect date idea!!)

#### De Japanner

Just really good Japanese food

#### Cafe Kadijk

Best indonesian food on a nice square

#### Ropram Roti

There is always a line because it's so good

#### **Lolo Amsterdam**

Lovely place for Italian food, super instagrammable



Wesley:
"Don't feel like
cooking?
Poke perfect.

Just got back from a workout?
Poke perfect.
You're about to go out?
Poke perfect."

## **BARS AND CLUBS**

#### **Glou Glou**

Wine bar in the Pijp with a really nice vibe, good wines and snacks (perfect for a friends night out!!)

#### **Bar Centraal**

Really nice wine bar in West, a must-visit

#### **Cafe Twee Prinsen**

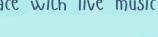
Nice wine bar in the Jordaan where you can really feel the Amsterdam vibe, great for people watching

#### Skatecafe

Amazing place to go out in Noord with great concerts, club nights and of course a skating rink

#### The Waterhole

Lovely place with live music



Olaf:

"You should definitely go to

Cafe the Minds! It is a very fun
bar in the centre with a pool
table, and it has boots hanging
from the ceiling. The crowd is
also so good!"





# BARS AND CLUBS

#### R. de Rosa

Looks cute and is hidden on a corner in the Jordaan

#### Cafe de Keu

Amazing poolbar in West with loads of games and darts

#### Cafe fest

One of the cheaper student cafes in Amsterdam, it's really nice

#### Nyx/Exit

On Wednesdays specifically, free and super fun music, with different floors

#### De Groene Olifant

Chill cafe, super close to uni

#### Cafe Leentje

Authentic brown cafe, good atmosphere, perfect for a good "borrel"

#### **Huis van lemand Anders**

Laid back place for food and drinks with friends

#### Canvas Rooftop bar

Amazing rooftop bar with the best view over Amsterdam, perfect for day and night

#### **Cafe Fonteyn**

Cute authentic cafe with a big terrace, service is amazing



Ivan:

"Go to Waterkant! Even though
it is a big and popular place, you
can never go wrong with it. It
has a nice view of the canals
and has some very funky
lemonade variants."

# ACTIVITIES

#### **Albert Cuyp Market**

A must-visit with a bunch of food stands, so get yourself a portion of kibbeling, poffertjes, or stroopwafels

#### **Amsterdamse bos**

A little further away from the centre, but a good place to reconnect with nature when you're done with the vibrant city

### Geitenboerderij Amsterdamse bos

The best part of Amsterdamse bos is their goat farm, where you can feed the baby goats (perfect date idea!!)

#### Vondelpark

Best escape within the busy city, where you can slow down and take a break from the crowds

#### Dappermarkt

Only a 15 minute walk from the P-building, truly one of the best markets of Amsterdam

#### **Buurtkringloop thriftstore**

Best place for thrifting, on Javaplein (trust us, we swear by this place!!)

#### **Flevopark**

Just take a walk in this gorgeous park in Oost (much less busy than Oosterpark)

#### Foodhallen

Perfect place to get a bunch of foods at a beautiful location, there is also a cool cinema next to it

#### Lisanna:

"Take a break from studying and spend some time with your friends! I personally love to go for a picnic, or watch a movie. But I also love a good day trip. There are so many amazing cities in the Netherlands.

Take some time to explore!"



# ACTIVITIES

#### Bike rides through the city

Just grab your bike, take some snacks with you, and explore the city

#### **Swimming at Bogortuin**

Super nice swimming area, less busy than marineterrein

#### **Jazz of Bimhuis**

free jazz!!

#### **Eye museum**

Really chill museum for film, they also host cool workshops

#### Picnic with friends

Just grab some food, choose a park, and relax!

#### Go to the movies

Amsterdam has a variety of cool cinemas (Pathe Tuschinski is our favorite!!)

#### Rent a boat

Nothing beats the beauty of Amsterdam's canals, so rent a boat and explore the city (be careful with the houseboats)

#### Scheepvaartmuseum

One of the best museums of Amsterdam, close to central station

#### Minne:

"I recommend pinning your favorite spots, and the places you want to visit in GoogleMaps.

In that way you have a good overview of all the fun places in Amsterdam!!"





### SOME FINAL WORDS

Now go and explore the city! If you ever need any specific recommendations or advice during your time at PPLE, you can always reach out to us. These are our phone numbers:

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