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Fodor's Amsterdam: With The Best Of The Netherlands (Full-color Travel Guide)



Synopsis

Amsterdam's greatest charm may also be its greatest enigma: how can such a gracious, historical treasure house also multitask as the most offbeat metropolis in the world? From Rembrandts to rock and roll, the city has always been a mesmerizing mix of old and new. Now, as this new edition reveals, Amsterdam and the entire Netherlands is being dramatically revamped for the 21st century by artisanal trendmakers, designers, star chefs, and future-forward architects. Fodor's curated coverage includes the best of the country beyond Amsterdam, including Haarlem, the Hague, Delft, and Rotterdam. **Expanded Coverage:** The year 2013 will be a banner one for Amsterdam, as two top museums will unveil massive renovations: the Rijksmuseum (home of Rembrandt's *Nightwatch*) and the Stedelijk (a modern-art collection). New write-ups showcase the city's hip *outlier* neighborhoods: North Amsterdam, the Eastern Drydocks, and the gentrifying De Wallen *Red Light* district. The dining chapter dishes on the burgeoning school of Amsterdam cuisine (turbot on a bed of beetroot and sea nettles, anyone?), and a *Netherlands Today* section focuses on high-profile topics such as the changes for *vice* visitors (laws concerning sex and drugs), contemporary design, and immigration. **Illustrated Features:** Packed with gorgeous color photos, this new edition will add images of iconic recent Amsterdam buildings, such as the Nemo science center designed by Renzo Piano, the ARCAM center for architecture, and Delugan Meissl's Eye Film Institute, along with new design-centric hotels such as the Conservatorium and the Andaz Amsterdam. A two-page feature presents top Dutch designers. **Discerning Recommendations:** This edition offers savvy advice and recommendations from local writers to help travelers make the most of their time. Fodor's Choice designates our *best picks*, from hotels to nightlife and beyond. *Word of Mouth* quotes provide valuable insights from fellow travelers.

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Customer Reviews

We used several restaurant suggestions from this book and were pleased with everyone. It was handy that they were organized by city area. We also followed one of the walking tours and enjoyed it. We had trouble finding out how to purchase tram cards without using a special European credit card, but, in fairness, this was hard to find even once we were there. You buy them at the currency exchange at the train station.

We are fans of Fodor's travel guides, which are organized by activity (what to see, where to stay, what to eat) as well as by neighborhood. The Amsterdam edition is good as expected, but it's the end of 2015 and this particular edition went to press in 2012, which means a bunch of the information is outdated. Multiple references to museum renovations that are delayed (my guess is that the projects are now complete?) and an ongoing projects to clean up the red light district (what's the status? I don't know). My advice is to buy another guide that is more recently updated, or wait until Fodor's updates this city guide.

Delivered on time. I just wish the book was organized by section of the city rather than by restaurants, museums, etc. I tend to want to know everything about a section of a city in one look.

This book is ideal for travellers who have never been to Amsterdam. It is very helpful in directing the reader to various points of interest. To the seasoned traveller to Amsterdam the book is a bit touristy and crams much information into a small space. A little more information about historical sites and some of the museums' collections would be appreciated. All in a 4 star rating.

New, as expected, what more could you want?

This book is almost a must have before traveling to Amsterdam. I picked it up at the library first so I could do research on my upcoming trip. It is truly in depth and written in a way so you aren't overwhelmed with a whole lot.

I have purchased many of FODOR's travel books and find them full of great ideas and very informative.

We recently enjoyed a wonderful trip to Amsterdam. Our stay was enhanced by information and recommendations included in this book. It was well organized and covered all areas of interest. I always read Fodor's guides before embarking on a trip to return home with maximum benefits.

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