

THE **DUTCH** BARISTA CHAMPIONS' GUIDE TO AMSTERDAM

COFFEE • RESTAURANTS • BARS



Welkom in Amsterdam (Welcome to Amsterdam)!

Amsterdam is a city rich with history and natural beauty. But as a visitor, regardless of how much free time you have to explore the city's cultural and historical sites, you will certainly need to eat; you will probably want to enjoy a nice beer or a taste of local gin; and since you are attending World of Coffee, you may want to visit one of the city's specialty coffee shops.

Fortunately, there is no shortage of outstanding establishments for food, drink and coffee in Amsterdam. To help you narrow your options, we've enlisted the help of Merijn Gijsbers and Lex Wenneker, who, together, have won the past four national barista championships in the Netherlands. Each of the cafés, restaurants and bars listed in this guide have been personally recommended by Merijn and Lex.

So you have no excuse not to eat and drink like a local this week.

We hope you find this guide to be useful as you explore this spectacular city. Enjoy World of Coffee, the 2018 World Barista Championship and the city of Amsterdam!



THE DUTCH MASTERS



MERIJN GIJSBERS

Growing up in the food & beverage industry, Merijn Gijsbers found his true calling in coffee. Merijn is the 2017 Barista Champion of the Netherlands and owner of *Het Koffiegenootschap (The Coffee Company)*, a specialty coffee consultancy and barista training center. Merijn is also an authorized trainer for the Specialty Coffee Association, a freelance barista and consultant. Merijn is the newest member of the 2018 Urnex Ambassador Program.



LEX WENNEKER

A rock climber, bike racer, and coffee champ: there's no quest Lex Wenneker can't conquer. Lex is the 2015, 2016 and 2018 Barista Champion of the Netherlands, and a competitor in the 2018 World Barista Championship. In 2016, Lex co-founded *Friedhats Coffee*, a micro-roastery in Western Amsterdam, where he is a roaster and barista. He will soon open the first *Friedhats* café near the roasting facility. Lex is a 2-time alumnus of the Urnex Ambassador Program.

COFFEE

The Netherlands is one of the top coffee-consuming countries in the world, so it's fitting that its capital has a vibrant specialty coffee scene. But if you're on the hunt for the perfect coffee, be sure to ask a local for an 'espressobar' and not a 'coffee shop'.



Bocca

Back to Black

Weteringstraat 48 | Centrum | www.backtoblackcoffee.nl

Owners Inge and Noortje have been friends since childhood. They have created a cozy coffee shop with a lovely atmosphere that has acquired a good name in the three years they've been in business. The beans are roasted in *Back to Black's* own roastery. Have a sip of your double espresso and most definitely try one of the home made cakes!

Bocca

Kerkstraat 96HS | Centrum | www.bocca.nl

One of the bigger specialty roasters of the Netherlands has a nice flagship store in Amsterdam. Take a seat at the stylish bar while the barista prepares your coffee before your eyes. *Bocca* offers a great selection of various beans and preparation methods.

Coffee & Coconuts

Ceintuurbaan 282-284 | De Pijp | www.coffeeandcoconuts.com

This spacious, three-story establishment is fun and funky. It was originally an old theater built in the 1920s, but it's a cool and colorful establishment for a great coffee, lunch, or a quick evening bite. *Coffee & Coconuts* sources its beans for espresso from Amsterdam's *White Label Coffee*, and beans for its pour-overs from *Friedhats*, Lex's own roastery. It also serves some seriously refreshing juices, homemade coolers, and of course, coconuts.

Scandinavian Embassy

Sarphatipark 34 | De Pijp | www.scandinavianembassy.nl

Now that it's summer, you can enjoy a little picknick in the Sarphatipark, or decide to take a food/coffee pairing at *Scandinavian Embassy*. Nicolas, Rikard and their staff will do their very best to give you a coffee experience unlike any other you've ever had. Enjoy fine cuisine and a selection of coffees from Scandinavian roasters.

Sweet Cup Café

Lange Leidsedwardsstraat 93HS | Centrum | www.sweetcupcafe.com
If you only have time to visit one espressobar, visit *Sweet Cup Café*.

Paul roasts the coffee himself, and Lisa is one of the best hostesses in town, always open for a friendly conversation. They know how to get the best out of their beans, and are happy to tell you everything about the coffee you're drinking. Try not to fall for the charms of housedog 'Sjefke'. *Closed on Monday and Tuesday.*



White Label Coffee

Jan Evertsenstraat 136 | Amsterdam-West | www.whitelabelcoffee.nl

White Label Coffee roasts its own coffee from a nice selection of origins. The baristas here brew their espresso shots 'double naked', using a naked portafilter for consistently balanced shots. A casual layout, guests can make themselves comfortable on the couch, a work desk, or next to the roasting equipment in the shop.



White Label Coffee

Another cup?

For more incredible coffee in Amsterdam, check out these espressobars and eateries:

Black Gold Amsterdam

Korte Koningsstraat 13HS | De Wallen | www.blackgoldamsterdam.com

Café Keppler

Van der Pekstraat 1 | Amsterdam-North | www.cafekeppler.nl

Caffenation

Warmondstraat 120 | Amsterdam-Zuid | www.caffenation.be

Club House

Kattenburgerstraat 5, 27E | Centrum

De Koffieschenkerij

Oudekerksplein 27 | De Wallen | www.koffieschenkerij.com

De Wasserette

Eerste van der Helststraat 27 | De Pijp | www.dewasserette.com

Lot Sixty One

Kinkerstraat 112 | Amsterdam Oud-West | www.lotsixtyonecoffee.com

Monks Coffee Roasters

Bilderdijkstraat 46 | Amsterdam Oud-West | www.monkscoffeeoasters.com



Scandinavian Embassy

RESTAURANTS

In the past decade, Amsterdam has developed into a culinary destination, broadening from its traditional offerings such as Dutch herring, bitterballen, and stroopwafels. Today, the local food scene ranges from Nordic-inspired fine dining to deliciously-greasy street fare, with new eateries popping up every week across all corners of the city.



Café Goos

Bakers & Roasters

Eerste Jacob van Campenstraat 54 | De Pijp | www.bakersandroasters.com | €€

Bakers & Roasters is Merijn's favorite place to go for lunch in Amsterdam. It's a fine mix between Brazilian and New Zealand cuisine. Delicious food, good coffee, and friendly service. *Breakfast and Lunch only.*



Café Goos

Maasstraat 74 | Amsterdam-Zuid | www.cafegoos.nl | €€

If you don't have much time and want to stay close to the RAI, have a simple bite at *Café Goos*. A lively café with simple but good food and a nice selection of beers.

Choux

De Ruijterkade 128 | Centrum | www.choux.nl | €€€€

This upscale restaurant has a great open-plan kitchen with a talented chef. The menu is vegetable-forward, and all of the dishes are beautifully plated. Diners can select either the experimental tasting menu, or choose their own three- or four-course meal. *Choux* is just a five-minute walk from the Central Station. *Monday: lunch only. Saturday: dinner only. Closed on Sunday.*

Restaurant Entrepot

Entrepotdok 8 | Centrum | www.restaurantentrepot.nl | €€€

Entrepot just opened in the fall of 2017 in a big, beautiful industrial building located near the Artist Royal Zoo and on the iconic Entrepotdok. The chef, Arvind, has created a lovely and diverse new-style menu that uses local and seasonal ingredients that are often prepared on an open fire. It features a big selection of wines mainly from France, but has bottles from all parts of Europe. *Dinner only. Closed on Tuesday.*

Please sir, can I have some more?

For more delicious delicacies in Amsterdam, check out these restaurants and eateries:

Café Gambrinus

Gastropub

Ferdinand Bolstraat 180 | De Pijp | www.gambrinus.nl | €€

Café-Restaurant Amsterdam (CRADAM)

French, Seafood

Watertorenplein 6 | Staatsliedenbuurt | www.caferestaurantamsterdam.nl | €€€

Café Zurich

Dutch Café

Mercatorplein 2b | Amsterdam-West | www.cafezurich.nl | €€

Hotel de Goudfazant

Upscale European

Aambeeldstraat 10 | Amsterdam-North | www.hoteldegoudfazant.nl | €€€

Spaghetteria

Italian, Pasta

Van Woustraat 123 | De Pijp | www.spaghetteria-pastabar.nl | €€

Thaise Snackbar Bird

Thai

Zeedijk 77 | De Wallen | www.thaibird.nl | €€



Café Gambrinus

BARS

From hole-in-the-wall 'brown cafés', to underground cocktail lounges, to the brewing behemoth Heineken, there's a place for any visitor and resident to enjoy a drink in Amsterdam. While beer is the most common form of refreshment here, you can alternatively try a taste of jenever, the predecessor to gin, and the liquor the Dutch have distilled since the 16th century.



Brouwerij 't IJ

Beer

Funenkade 7 | Centrum | www.brouwerijhetij.nl

Founded in 1985 by musician Kasper Peterson, *Brouweij 't IJ* was one of the first craft breweries in Amsterdam. The bar is located directly underneath Amsterdam's biggest windmill, and it offers a wide selection of organic and seasonal beers in addition to the brewery's standard pints.

De Biertuin

Beer

Linnaeusstraat 29 | Amsterdam-Oos | <https://debiertuin.nl>

For a busy beer garden with plenty of outdoor seating, *De Biertuin* is a good bet. It has 16 beers on tap and 65 brews from the bottle, and it's great place to end the day and unwind with friends or colleagues.

Glou Glou

Wine

2e van der Helststraat 3 | De Pijp | www.glouglou.nl

An excellent spot for a casual glass of wine in a cosy setting. *Glou Glou* specializes in 'vin naturel', unfiltered wine made without additions, which are perfectly paired with their plates of artisanal cheeses, meats and breads.



Hiding in Plain Sight (HPS)

Cocktails

Rapenburg 18 | Centrum | www.hpsamsterdam.com

Want to enjoy some serious mixology? *Hiding in Plain Sight* lets you travel back in time whilst sipping an interesting cocktail. Very service-minded and skilled staff.

Last call

For more adult refreshments in Amsterdam, check out these fine establishments:

Bar Bukowski

Beer, Wine, Cocktails

Oosterpark 10 | Amsterdam-Oost | <https://barbukowski.nl>

Café Binnenvisser

Beer, Wine

Bilderdijkstraat 36 | Amsterdam Oud-West | www.binnenvisser.nl

Café Chris

Beer, Cocktails

Bloemstraat 42 | Jordaan | www.cafechris.nl

Door 74

Cocktails

Reguliersdwarstraat 74 | Centrum | www.door-74.com

Tales and Spirits

Cocktails

Lijnbaanssteeg 5-7 | Centrum | www.talesandspirits.com

Wijnbar Paulus

Wine

Ceintuurbaan 348 | De Pijp | www.wijnbarpaulus.nl

Glou Glou



