

# How to...

## ...settle in at arrival

### IN Amsterdam

IN Amsterdam is here to help you settle in quickly. Be sure to grab your free copy of the My First Month guide or stop by the IN Amsterdam office for all your questions regarding living, housing and setting up.

### ACCESS

Serving the international community to successfully settle in the Netherlands.  
[www.access-nl.org](http://www.access-nl.org)

### !WOON

English housing information and support for tenants.  
[www.wooninfo.nl/english](http://www.wooninfo.nl/english)

Free walk-ins of ACCESS and !WOON take place at IN Amsterdam.

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## ...choose where to live

Each part of the Amsterdam Area has its own unique character, local attractions and industries. Learn more about living in the Amsterdam Area at [iamsterdam.com/living](http://iamsterdam.com/living).

Use the 'Map it out' tool to calculate distances between your new home, work and school in the Amsterdam Area or take the fun quiz to further navigate through the area.

Find our more at  
[iamsterdam.com/living](http://iamsterdam.com/living)  
[mapitout.iamsterdam.com](http://mapitout.iamsterdam.com)  
[amsterdamwoont.nl/en](http://amsterdamwoont.nl/en) (new housing projects)



# Living in the Amsterdam Area

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# Living in the Amsterdam Area

The area around Amsterdam is well connected by public transport and motorways, meaning that wherever you and your family choose to live, you're rarely more than 30 minutes from the centre of Amsterdam.

Whether you're drawn to the relaxed lifestyle of a beachside dwelling, a quaint Dutch village with windmills in the distance or city bursting with night-life and culture, there's an area of the Amsterdam region for you.

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# Work & business

Thanks to its great work-life balance and the presence of highly skilled talent, the Amsterdam area is a wonderful place to live and work. The area's business ecosystem is a hotbed of opportunities for startups, scale-ups and global corporations and offers many job opportunities.

Search for job vacancies for English speakers in the Amsterdam Area and throughout the Netherlands at [iamsterdam.com/jobsearch](http://iamsterdam.com/jobsearch)

Find out more at [iamsterdam.com/work](http://iamsterdam.com/work)  
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[iamsterdam.com/business](http://iamsterdam.com/business)



Traditional Dutch polder landscapes and historical towns go hand in hand with a relaxed lifestyle near the North Sea coast and the IJsselmeer lake.

- Coastal, rural and lakeside living
- European School Bergen (primary & secondary)
- Traditional Dutch villages



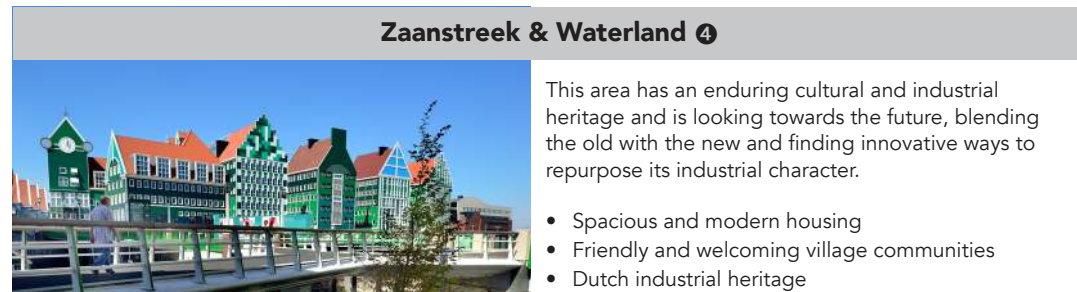
The North Sea coast offers a unique lifestyle that perfectly balances the bustling cities nearby. Spend your weekend taking part in water sports, cycling in the dunes or visiting the beachside bars nearby.

- Enjoy an active beach lifestyle
- Easy access to Amsterdam and Haarlem
- Festivals and special summer events



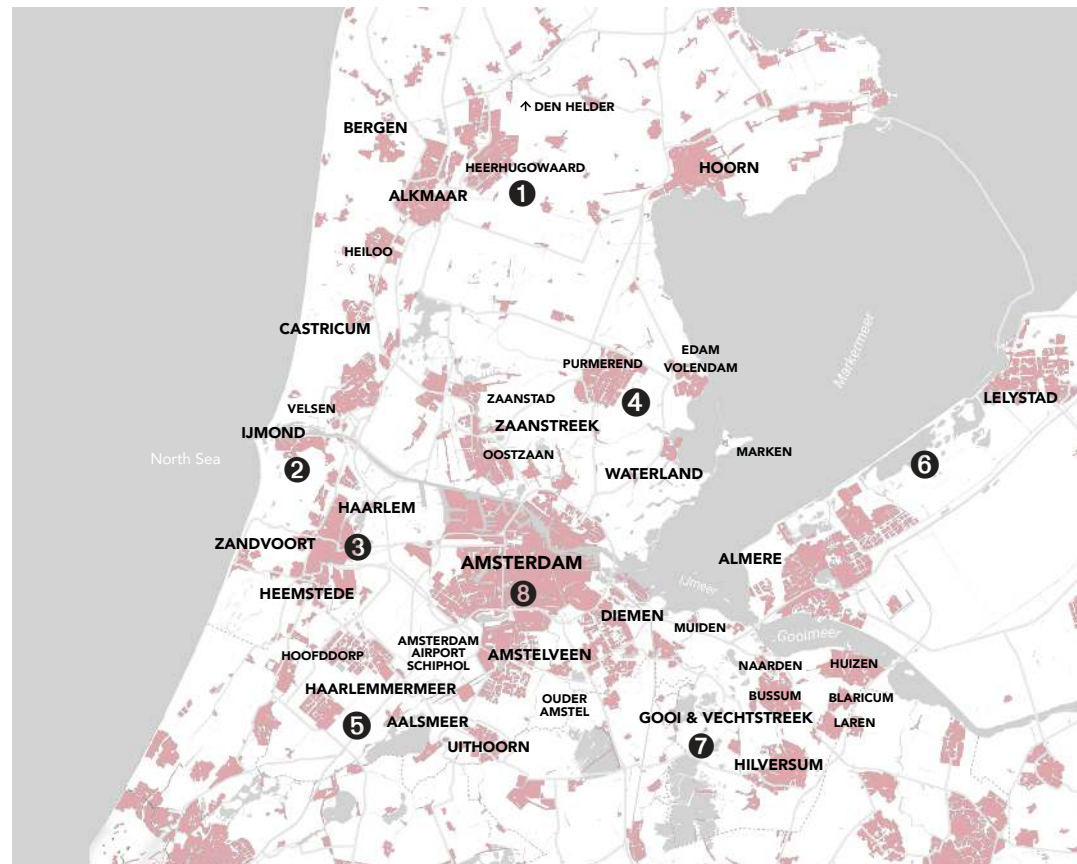
Perfectly situated between Amsterdam and the North Sea coast, Haarlem has a picturesque old-world charm, with cobbled streets, winding waterways, gabled houses and rich cultural facilities.

- Best of both worlds, between beach and city
- Beautiful historic city centre
- Excellent culture, shopping and restaurants



This area has an enduring cultural and industrial heritage and is looking towards the future, blending the old with the new and finding innovative ways to repurpose its industrial character.

- Spacious and modern housing
- Friendly and welcoming village communities
- Dutch industrial heritage



The region's proximity to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport is a clear advantage for residents who frequently travel or visit family overseas. The area is ahead of its time in terms of circular construction and housing.

- The world on your doorstep
- Modern and sustainable housing
- Innovative business parks



The area has a modern architectural aesthetic and residential areas are thoughtfully planned around schools and parks. Houses are spacious with gardens and include off-street parking.

- Opportunity to build your dream home
- Spacious, modern housing
- Family-friendly neighbourhoods



This area is characterised by its lush surroundings, picturesque villages, untouched natural spaces, traditional villages and modern living in a green setting.

- Surrounded by forests and nature
- A wealth of family facilities
- Charming historic villages



Residents enjoy the best of both worlds with a variety of housing options and peaceful residential areas, while Amsterdam's cultural facilities and nightlife are only a 30 minute bike ride away.

- Active international communities
- Close to Amsterdam's historic city centre
- World-class culture at your fingertips

# Schools & education

The Netherlands has a strong, well-balanced education system. There are international schools throughout the Amsterdam area, typically promoting an international curriculum taught completely in English.

However, an increasing number of newcomers' classes and international classes (bridge classes) help international arrivals to learn Dutch and settle into the local education system, while some schools are even moving towards bilingual education.

Find out more at [iamsterdam.com/education](http://iamsterdam.com/education)

# Culture & activities

The Amsterdam Area is known for its rich cultural and international history. Find out more about Rembrandt in Amsterdam, Frans Hals in Haarlem or Monet in Zaandam.

On top of the abundance of cultural heritage and performance arts, the Amsterdam Area is also home to many international communities that will make you feel welcome and at home.

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[iamsterdam.com/goochem](http://iamsterdam.com/goochem) (culture guide)  
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