

HOW TO FIND A ROOM IN AMSTERDAM

Finding a room in Amsterdam may be difficult, even for natives. There is a shortage of housing in general, and especially for students it is challenging to find an affordable room. The following tips can assist you when looking for a room in Amsterdam. Unless specified below, all websites have an English version.



Finding a room

If you have not been allocated a room in student housing, you will need to find one on the private market. Because the number of students in Amsterdam exceeds the number of available rooms, this can be difficult and time consuming. One of our general tips is to look for a room in nearby towns, like Zaandam, Almere, Purmerend, Haarlem or Hoofddorp. Moreover, we advise you to be careful when applying with a room agency. If in doubt, you can visit an ASW office for information and advice: Amsterdams Steunpunt Wonen: www.huurders.info/english.



General Information

- 'Dienst Wonen' is part of the municipality of Amsterdam and has general information on housing in Amsterdam. www.iamsterdam.com/en-GB/living
- Amsterdams Steunpunt Wonen (ASW) has a lot of interesting general information on housing in Amsterdam. www.huurders.info/english
- On the Facebook page of the ISN (International Student Network), you can meet other students who are looking for a room. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/527557634103304>
- The ASVA Student Union provides general information about renting a room in Amsterdam and can act as a room mediator between students and landlords. They also provide guidelines on what to consider when viewing a room. For more information, please visit <https://www.asva.nl/english>



Housing corporations

- Several Dutch Housing Corporations, such as De Key and Ymere, have one central information desk for student housing. This option is especially interesting if you will stay in Amsterdam longer than one year. This website has a waiting-list system. You will have to acquire waiting time in order to increase your chances of finding a room: www.studentenwoningweb.nl/en/
- Housing corporation DUWO has a similar waiting-list system: www.ROOM.nl
They also offer short stay accommodation via Direct Offer: <https://www.duwo.nl/en/i-search/other-offers/direct-offer/>
After registering via the website, you can log in and search for rooms in the online database.
- On the website www.woningnet.nl (only in Dutch), various Housing corporations offer larger apartments for rent. You can search in the Amsterdam region.



Commercial housing agencies

All commercial agencies offering houses or rooms must be registered with the Amsterdam authorities. They are allowed to ask only a reasonable registration fee. They have to offer you a house or room within four months, if not, you can get your money back. If they find you a room, you have to pay for their services. This amount also has to be reasonable.

We advise you to be careful when you apply to a commercial room agency. When you have questions, you can go to the ASW office (www.huurders.info) for information and advice. Below are some commercial parties that are known to be reliable.

- *Rotsvast wonen* is a commercial agency that offers housing in a high price category. You have to pay a subscription fee, as well as a month rent + VAT when they find you an apartment. www.rotsvast.nl/
- *Randstadwonen* offers furnished and unfurnished accommodation in the area of Amsterdam and Haarlem. Registration is free. www.randstadwonen.com/



Rooms

On the following websites you can find different types of accommodation. Some websites might display unreliable offers, so please be aware of scams. Don't accept room offers that are too good to be true!

- www.kamernet.nl offers a large amount of rooms online. You need to have a personal profile to respond to rooms adverts. They charge a fee for membership (Premium Membership 1 month: €19,95).
- An overview of sites with room offers is www.start12.nl/studentenkamers. Some sites are in Dutch, but a handy extra is the rating of the sites and the possibility to read reviews.
- kamers.pagina.nl If you speak Dutch, this website is very useful and has links to almost every web page about housing in the Netherlands.
- www.pararius.nl offers a large number of rooms online. Searching the website is free and open for everyone.
- www.kamertje.nl, which also provides information about your rights when you rent a room (no charge, in Dutch), www.kamerhulp.nl (no charge, in Dutch), www.opkamers.nl (no charge, in English).
- On www.facebook.com, you can find several groups for finding a room. For example [Apartments for rent in Amsterdam](#) or [Amsterdam Apartments](#) (for shared apartments with more than 1 other student) or [Amsterdam Apartments 4 Rent](#)
- Also available in English is www.easykamer.nl. You can create a profile and search for a room or roommate.
- A similar website is www.kamerverhuur.nl/huren/kamers-amsterdam
- There is a site for people who like to live in a group and have shared activities, for example having dinner together: www.woongroep.net. The site is in Dutch, but when you go to 'Bewoner zoekt woongroep' you can place an ad yourself. This is free of charge.
- [Elynx](#) is a site for expats living in The Netherlands. If you go to 'Notices' in their menu, then click on the 'Offered: Shared Accommodation' option. www.elynx.nl
- *Students for Students* provides listing of rooms owned by private landlords. www.sfshousing.nl. There is a €10 entrance fee and a commission when you find a room through this site.



Other Platforms

- *Wimdu / Air BnB* - online platforms with a wide range of private accommodation to rent temporarily in Amsterdam. Private parties offer rooms or whole apartments for rent, short term. www.wimdu.com, www.airbnb.com
- *The Student Hotel* - Student Hotel offers students fully furnished rooms with a private bathroom, and a shared or private kitchen, WiFi and TV with international channels. Included in the price is a bike, use of the gym and study rooms. The Student Hotel has a reception with 24-hour security, a laundry room and a restaurant/bar. www.thestudenthotel.com
- *Hotel Jansen* is an all-inclusive hotel with 166 rooms aimed at short-stay accommodation for students and young professionals from all over the world. For more information and an impression of what they offer, visit <http://hoteljansen.nl>
- <https://housinganywhere.com/> is a housing platform for exchange students who are going on exchange for a few months. Incoming exchange students can respond to those rooms directly. This website operates on a full student-to-student basis, without intermediaries.
- www.nestpick.com is an online rental platform that allows students to find their home in a foreign city. The website allows students to rent mid to long term accommodation securely, quickly and conveniently. The company verifies apartments to make sure that the process of moving into a new city is smooth and secure.
- <http://hollandhomestay.com/> is a housing platform where international students can find a Dutch home to stay in.
- <https://www.uniplaces.com/> is an online platform where international students can find a room or house in Amsterdam. You can create a free profile and search on your preferences.
- www.gabinohome.nl is a website where you can book apartments and houses for a couple of months. You have to create a personal profile first.



Temporary accommodation (Hotels and Hostels)

In case you are not able to find a room before arrival, you may want to stay in a hotel or hostel. Finding daily accommodation should not be difficult. However, please note that during certain times of the year (especially during specific events), all rooms may be fully booked. Right before the start of the semester, we have noticed that many students are staying in hostels. Please be aware that these, too, might end up being fully booked if you wait too long with your reservation.

- Regular hostels can be booked via www.hostelworld.com or www.hostelbookers.com
- Some recommended (youth) ho(s)tels are:

Stayokay Vondelpark
Zandpad 5
1054 GA Amsterdam
Phone: +31 (0)20 589 89 96
Email: vondelpark@stayokay.com
Website: www.stayokay.com

Hotel Meiniger
Orlyplein 1-67
1043 DR Amsterdam
Phone: +31 (0)20 8080502
Email: welcome@meininger-hotels.com
Website: www.meininger-hotels.com/en/hotels/amsterdam

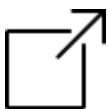
Stayokay Zeeburg
Timorplein 21
1094 CC Amsterdam
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Website: www.stayokay.com

Shelter City Christian Hostel
Barndesteege 21
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Phone: +31 (0)20 625 32 30
Website: www.shelter.nl

Stayokay Stadsdoelen
Kloveniersburgwal 97
1011 KB Amsterdam
Phone: +31 (0)20 624 68 32
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Website: www.stayokay.com

Meetingpoint Youth Hostel
Warmoesstraat 14
1012 JD Amsterdam
Phone: +31 (0)20 627 74 99
Email: info@hostel-meetingpoint.nl
Website: www.hostel-meetingpoint.nl

Bob's Youth Hostel
Nieuwezijds voorburgwal 92
1012 SG Amsterdam
Phone: +31 (0)20 623 00 63 (walk-in policy)
Website: www.bobsyouthhostel.nl



Other links (both commercial agencies and (English-language) listing sites)

- www.funda.nl/huur/ (Dutch only but with listings of all real estate agents)
- www.woningmarkt.com
- www.expatriates.com/classifieds/netherlands/housingavailable
- www.xpatrentals.com
- www.perfecthousing.nl
- www.expatica.com/nl/housing.html
- amsterdam.craigslist.org/apa