

Lokaal Restaurant Lijst

Welcome to SMOFcon 29! For this local restaurant listing, we've gathered a ragtag bunch to share information garnered from dining in Amsterdam. We've been inspired by James Bacon's articles in *File 770* and elsewhere, but it couldn't have come together with assistance from other fans and locals. The postcodes (i.e. 1012 AB) are included here because they can be useful for taxis and/or GPS. Note that estimates of travel time to restaurants is based on walking, and Google Maps assisted with some of that data.

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AMSTERDAM RESTAURANTS

Amsterdam is, as you would expect, full of restaurants with a lot of different cuisines to choose from. Getting the right one is the trick. Remember: **Do make a reservation**, to avoid disappointment or/ a long wait.

By law, restaurants and bars are now non-smoking. Except, you know, the exceptions. Seriously, your mileage may vary, because sometimes tobacco **smoking** is tactfully ignored.

Accessibility can't be guaranteed in old buildings in Europe so if this is your issue you might want to enquire when you ring to book.

Indonesian cuisine. It is said that you get the best Indonesian food outside Indonesia in Holland. The Indonesian Rice Table can be spectacular. There are many Indonesian restaurants, and your mileage may vary. Some are expensive, some are disappointing for the quality.

Dutch cuisine. "Much that is interesting, but it can work out quite expensive." [KB]

Steak houses. "There are many Argentinean Steak Houses in Amsterdam and they are generally excellent." [KB]

1e Klas

Stationsplein 15 (bij Spoor 2b, Centraal Station Amsterdam)
1012 AB

telephone: 020 6250131

<http://www.restaurant1eklas.nl/>

[JB] Situated on Platform 1 of the Central Station across the Road/Canal/Tram plaza from the Hotel is this step back into the 1920's. **5 minutes from the hotel.**

Café Restaurant Open

Westerdoksplein 20-Brug
1013 AZF

telephone: 020 620 10 10

<http://www.open.nl/impressies>

Menus are here, in Dutch:

<http://www.open.nl/smaak>

[JB] "It's on an old railway swing bridge, built in 1920, now remodeled in glass and shiny with great views – Open!" Seasonal French- and Italian-based dishes prepared on the basis of honest ingredients. Among other options, a 3-course meal is €34.00. **15 minutes to walk.** Stairs, but there is a lift and it's listed as accessible. Open for lunch M-F Noon - 15:30 pm & dinner 18:00 - 22:30 pm; Saturday dinner only. Closed Sunday.

Humphrey's

Nieuwezijds Kolk
Nieuwezijdsdijk 23,
1012 PV

Telefoon: 020-4221234

<http://www.humphreys.nl/#>

[JB] "My Dad found this restaurant in the 1980s and every time I am over I have visited. A set menu of 'Dutch' food. But book." 3-course meal around €24.00. Vegetarians welcome. Capacity is 210. Dinner Sun - Thursday 5 - 10 pm; F - S 5 - 10:30 pm <http://www.humphreys.nl/onze-restaurants/humphreys-amsterdam-nieuwezijds-kolk/> **5 minute walk**, ground floor restaurant with super access.

Café do Oude Wester

Rozengracht 2,
1016 NB

Telefoon: +31 20 625 7502

[JB] Corner of Prinsengracht at the Westermarkt. Very near the Anne Frank Huis. "Superb lunch, great pancakes and toasties. A lovely restaurant and served nothing that was aimed at the tourist." Ground floor restaurant, steps down to toilets. **15 minute walk, but good tram connection.**

Café t'Gusthuys

Grimburgwal 7
1012 GA

+31 20 6248230

http://www.gasthuys.nl/english/index_english.html

[JB] "Brown café, overlooking the Grimborgwal canal." Local and/or regional beers on tap, limited food menu. (A "brown cafe" is to Amsterdam what "Pubs" are to London.) **15 minute walk.**

Gauchos Damstraat

Spuistraat 3E

1012 JL

Telefoon: +31-20-623-9632

[KB] "Famous chain of restaurants in Holland. Specializes in Argentinean steaks and they are just about the best you will ever get. Not like Morton's. But very good." Open daily 17.00 - 23.00. **5 minute walk.**

Kantjil & de Tijger

Spuistraat 291-293

1012 VS

Telefoon: 020 - 6 20 09 94

<http://www.kantjil.nl/?lang=en>

[IS] Choose a la carte dishes or from several Rijsttafel options at this spacious Indonesian restaurant. Eat before 6:45 pm for a special offering. Open daily for lunch noon - 16:30, dinner 16:30 - 23:00. **15 minute walk.**

Café Bern

Nieuwmarkt 9,

Nieuwmarkt

1011 JR

Telefoon: 020 622 0034

Fodor's: "This dark and woody café, as evocative as a Jan Steen 17th century interior, has been serving the same cheese fondue for decades..." Salads and some meat fondue also offered. **10 minute walk.**

Agabi Santa Maria

Waterlooplein 361

1011 PG

Telefoon: 020 412 3183

<http://www.agabisantamaria.nl/en/>

[IS] Casual Mexican & Argentine grill restaurant, but with some vegetarian options. Margaritas! Open daily noon - 24.00.

The Pancake Bakery

Prinsengracht 191

1015 DS

Telefoon: 0031 20 625 13 33

<http://www.pancake.nl/indexeng.php>

[IS] More than 75 kinds of pancakes and omelets. Open daily 12.00 - 21.30. **15 minute walk.**

Vinkeles Restaurant

Keizersgracht 384

(at The Dylan Hotel)

1016 GB

Telefoon: +31 (0) 20 530 2010

<http://www.vinkeles.com/>

French restaurant housed in an old bakery set up in 1787. Yet has a modern website with an English version. Mon - Sat 19.00 - 22.30. **20 minutes walk.**

Café Van Kerkwijk

Nes 41

1012 KC

Telefoon: 020 620 3316

<http://www.caferestaurantvankerkwijk.nl/>

[JvE] Home of a second Tuesday meetup of Dutch SF fans! Located a bit beyond Dam Square. Classic Amsterdam café and restaurant. Quick lunch or coffee, dinner menu, nice wine. Can be pricey. Best for smaller parties. Not very accessible. Open from 11:00 til late. **10 minutes walk.**

De Brakke Grond Café-Restaurant

Nes 43

1012 ND

Telefoon: +31 (0)20 422 26 66

<http://www.iens.nl/restaurant/896/amsterdam-de-brakke-grond/website>

[JvE] Belgian beer, Flemish cuisine. Recommended. Can handle groups of 10+ but book in advance. Meals served daily, noon - 21.00

Visrestaurant Lucius

Spuistraat 247

1012 VP

Telefoon: 020 624 1831

<http://www.lucius.nl/>

[JvE] Seafood restaurant situated between the Dam Square and Spui Square. Zeeland mussels! 3-course menu for €39.50. Open daily 17.00 - midnight.

Hemelse Modder (Heavenly Mud)

Oude Waal 11

1011 BZ

telefoon: 020 - 624 32 03

<http://www.hemelsemodder.nl/menu/menus-en/>

[JvE] Yes, it's named for a chocolate dessert! Menu features fresh local ingredients, fair trade. Offers 3 course menu €31.50. Open from 18.00. **10 minutes walk.**

New Dorrius

Nieuwendijk 60 1012 MP

20 420 2224

<http://www.hotelrestaurantamsterdam.com/new-dorrius>

Offers 3 course menus from €30. Next to Crowne Plaza Amsterdam City Centre. Tram 1, 2, 5, 13, 17, 20 from Central Station, to either Martelaarsgracht or Nieuwezijdsdolk. Opening hours: 06:30 - 11:00, 11:30 - 17:00, 18:00 - 23:00. **5 minute walk.**

Restaurant de Rozenboom

Rozenboomsteeg 6

1012 PR

Telefoon: 020 6225024

<http://www.derozenboom.com/menu-eng.htm>

[JG] "It's down a side street off the main street near the hotel, about a **10-minute walk**. Small place, friendly staff, cozy feel with wood-paneled walls. Omelettes and pancakes in the €7-10 range; heartier entrées such as pork chops and chicken €15 - 25. Not handicapped-accessible as you have to either go down or up a flight of stairs." Open Mon-Sat noon - 21.50.

Restaurant-café In De Waag

Nieuwmarkt 4

1012 CR

Telefoon: +31 20 422 7772

<http://www.indewaag.nl/en/indewaag/>

"Touristy and a bit posh, but good food" in a castle-like building. Open daily from 10.00 Lunch 10.00 - 16.00 Dinnery 17.00 - 22.30. Non-smoking restaurant. **10 minute walk.**

Garlic Queen

Reguliersdwarsstraat 27

1017 BJ

Telefoon: +31 (0)20 4226426

<http://www.garlicqueen.nl/>

[JG] "Nice small restaurant featuring garlic dishes, including garlic beer and garlic ice cream. Unlike many similar places, the garlic isn't only a gimmick, and the food is actually good, with the stewed beef one of the house specialties and a tasty garlic soup. Prices fairly reasonable." Open Wed - Sun from 16.00. **20 minutes walk.**

Nam Kee Chinatown

Zeedijk 111 - 113

1012 AV

Telefoon: 020 624 34 70

<http://www.namkee.nl/eng.html>

[JvE] "Food is good but the restaurant is lacking in atmosphere - not very cozy." Good food (try the oysters) in spite of decor. Tip: order white rice separately. There are at least three of these, this one's the closest. **10 minutes walk.**

Blom Lunchcafé

Nieuwendijk 117- 119

1012 MD

Telefoon: 020 624 6026

[JG] On the main shopping street very near the hotel. "Nice quiet atmosphere and decent prices: an order of fried eggs with bacon and toast automatically came with three eggs. They serve an "English breakfast" and lunch. Plus they have a resident cat!"

Thai Bird Restaurant

Zeedijk 72-74

1012 BA

Telefoon: +31(0)20-6201442

http://www.thai-bird.nl/en_index.htm

[JvE] "Quite good but pricey." Open daily 17.00 - 23.00.

Thai Bird Snack Bar

Zeedijk 77

1012 AS

+31(0)20-4206289

http://www.thai-bird.nl/en_takeaway.htm

Take away offered here. Open daily 13.00 - 22.00.

Mappa

Nes 59

1012 KD

Telefoon: 020 528 91 70

<http://www.mappa.nl/10-6889/openingstijden/mappa-bv-openingstijden.aspx>

[JvE] "Quite good and caters to groups." Italian restaurant located (apparently) in a theater.

You'll probably pass it on the way to **Café Van Kerkwijk**. Dinner served Mon - Wed ?? - 22.00, Thu - Sat ?? - 23.00 Lunch served Mon - Friday by appointment, for groups of 10 or more.

Jayakarka

Rembrandtplein 16

1017 CV

Telefoon: +31 20 6255569

[KB] "The best Indonesian restaurant we were ever in, but that was in 1989. Might be worth a look though." For Rembrandtplein, continue straight on from the Kalverstraat into Reguliersbreestraat to the square, which is Rembrandtplein. **20 minute walk.**

Restaurant Oud Holland,

Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal 105

1012 RG

020- 422 90 18

<http://www.restaurantoudholland.com/>

[JB] "The best Dutch restaurant I was in. They do a Dutch platter for two or more and is very substantial (no starter needed)."

Reasonable prices, dinner for two for about €50. Restaurant is watched over by a capable Dutch cat.

Brasserie De Poort

Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal 176-180
1012 SJ

Telefoon: +31 20 7142000

<http://www.diepoortvancleve.com/>

Dutch restaurant James' dad most wants to try. You can look at the menus on their website and the reviews are fantastic. It is a bit pricey but the Traditional Dutch Dishes and the Three Course Dinner look ok. In Hotel Die Port van Cleve.

Dinner Thu - Sat 17.00 - ?, Lunch Fri - Sun 12.00 - 17.00. High Tea 14.00 - 16.00. **5 minute walk.**

"THERE ARE OF COURSE MANY DUTCH RESTAURANTS, SO LOOK AROUND."

The Sea Palace

Oosterdoksade 8
1011 AE

Telefoon: +31 20 6264777

<http://www.seapalace.nl/en>

You will see this huge Chinese Boat all bright and lit up in wonderful colored lights. Very attractive and very tempting, but **not** recommended. Expensive, unnecessarily so. Note they don't list prices on their website. Open daily 12.00 - 23.00.

FEBO. FEBO is "De Lekkerste" (the tastiest). It's self-service (except for chips, which you order from the counter) from little boxes on the wall. You can get a huge variety of stuff, hot or cold, much of it typical Dutch. "Febo is quick take away food, intrinsically part of the Dutch nightlife. The foods in mini cabins are Dutch and the chips and sauces excellent.[KB] Comparable to a bacon sandwich in the UK or hot dog stateside." [JB]

FEBO

Damrak 6
1012 LG

Telefoon: 020 6385318

<http://www.febodelekkerste.nl/>

At least 22 of these in Amsterdam, this one is just around the corner from our hotel.

Forage for yourselves...

In general... people tell me you can go east from the hotel along Zeedijk, which soon turns southward, and brings you to Nieuwmarkt with Cafe Restaurant In de Waag -- the castle-like building that was once part of the city walls.

You'll find lots of places around that market square. NOT recommended to go east directly from central station. All Chinese restaurants along Zeedijk are fine and usually fairly efficient too. The Thai restaurant (right on also on Zeedijk is quite good, but pricy.

If you walk west from our hotel and then south into Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal, you'll encounter the recommended New Dorrius in the Crown Plaza hotel. There are loads of restaurants in the Haarlemmerdijk area also.

Locals disrecommend eating along Damrak (going south from the station and Victoria hotel) because that area caters to tourism, usually too high prices in comparison to services offered ("money first, customer to pay"). But walking on past the Dam square down Rokin you'll encounter various Chinese and other restaurants again. From the south-east of the Dam square (10 min walk) you'll find Damstraat towards Nieuwmarkt, and Nes going south again, or from the southwest end of Dam Square you can go south again down Kalverstraat towards Spui (20 min walk) or a little west you'll find Spuistraat and one block further along is Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal.

Street Food...

If you don't want a sit down lunch you can have frites with mayo or sate sauce in a bag as you walk along or sit on a wall or something like that.

And make sure you get Nieuwe Haring (fresh young herrings in a bread roll with onions = YUMMY). Sold all along the streets from mobile sellers. You will hear them (or smell them!) before you see them. They keep shouting NIEUWES HARINGS.

Feline watchers...

Amsterdam cats are the most beautiful in the World, and they are everywhere. Cats are there for a reason and when one considers that Amsterdam is below sea level, they are essential.

