

# Living in the Amsterdam Area

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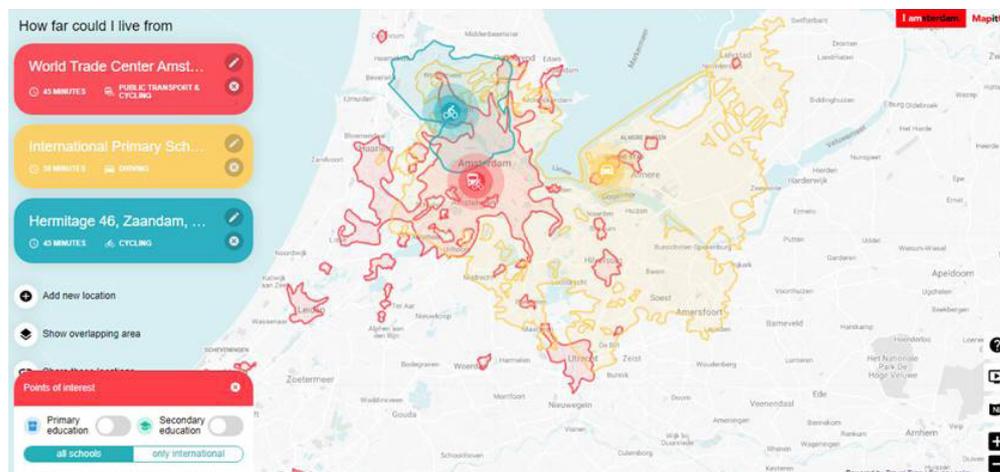
The area around Amsterdam is well connected by public transport and motorways, meaning that wherever you and your family choose to live, you're rarely more than 30 minutes from the centre of Amsterdam.

## Map it out! Visualise your future in the Amsterdam Area

The MapitOut tool is your interactive guide to living in the region. Visualise your daily routine and find your new home in an area that fits you and your family perfectly. The tool assists you with making big life decisions such as where to live and which schools to choose for your children by taking your ideal travel time and mode of transport into account. Use the filters to highlight Dutch and international schools on the map.

Whether you want to live a 30-minute bike ride from work, a 20-minute drive to your kids' school or a 10-minute walk from a train station, find out how easily accessible the Amsterdam Area really is.

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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 nightlife and culture, there's an area of the Amsterdam region for you. Find out more at [iamsterdam.com/the-amsterdam-area](https://iamsterdam.com/the-amsterdam-area)

## 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.

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

## Schools & education

The Netherlands has a strong, well-balanced education system, with international schools as well as newcomers' classes to help international arrivals to learn Dutch and settle into the local education system, while some schools are even moving towards bilingual education. World-class universities offering study programmes in English also attract large numbers of students.

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## Culture & activities

The Amsterdam Area is known for its rich cultural and international history. On top of the abundance of cultural heritage and performing arts, the Amsterdam Area is also home to many international communities that will make you feel welcome and at home.

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# Choose your location

Each part of the Amsterdam Area has its own unique character, local attractions and industries. Learn more about living in the Amsterdam Area, read interviews with internationals and take the fun quiz to further navigate through the area.

Find out more at:

[iamsterdam.com/the-amsterdam-area](http://iamsterdam.com/the-amsterdam-area)

[iamsterdam.com/housing](http://iamsterdam.com/housing)

[iamsterdamwoont.nl/en](http://iamsterdamwoont.nl/en) (new housing projects)

## Haarlemmermeer, Aalsmeer & Uithoorn



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.

## Alkmaar, Bergen & Hoorn



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

## Haarlem & Heemstede



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.

## IJmond, Zandvoort & Castricum



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.

## Almere & Lelystad



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.

## Amsterdam, Amstelveen & Diemen



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.

## Zaanstreek & Waterland



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.

## Hilversum, the Gooi & Vechtstreek



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

## Settle in, simply

IN Amsterdam helps internationals settling into life in the Amsterdam Area and provides information on housing, education, work, healthcare and more. You can receive advice on governmental services as well as on renting a home from tenant support agency !WOON, or anything to do with relocating to the Netherlands from ACCESS.

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