



Practical Information for EU PVSEC Participants

ACCESS

Access to the Conference

You have to register and pay the registration fee to have access to the Conference. The Conference registration can be processed online. The EU PVSEC Dinner can additionally be booked in every registration category. Participants of certain countries may need a visa. For comprehensive information about the Conference registration and to get to the online registration area, please visit: [Conference Registration](#)
If you have already registered, you can pick-up your badge and your conference material on-site at the Conference Registration Desk in the foyer at the entrance G.

Access to the Exhibition

As admittance to the Exhibition is included in the Conference registration, no separate visitor ticket for the Exhibition is needed for registered Conference participants. If you want to exclusively visit the Exhibition, please either register online with further printing of your ticket or get your ticket directly on-site at one of the ticket counters. The Visitor Ticketing counters can be found in the foyer at the entrance G.

Visitors of certain countries may need a visa.

For comprehensive information about the Exhibition Visitor Ticketing please visit:

[Exhibition Visitor Ticketing](#)

Access to the EU PVSEC Parallel Events

You need to have registered for the Conference in order to have access to EU PVSEC Parallel Events.

For comprehensive information about EU PVSEC Parallel Events please visit:

[EU PVSEC Parallel Events](#)

Payment of Registration Fees / Tickets

Access to the Conference is only permitted after full and successful payment of the respective registration fee of the chosen category/period. You may pay via bank transfer or via credit cards. Visa, MasterCard and American Express cards are accepted.

Access to the Exhibition is only permitted after either full and successful payment of the Conference registration fee (if you are also participating in the Conference), or obtaining of an Exhibition visitor ticket. Visitor tickets can be received after online registration with further printing of your ticket or directly on-site at one of the ticket counters.



Credit Cards

WIP, the organiser of the EU PVSEC, accepts Visa, MasterCard or American Express credit cards for the payment of your participation fee.

Prices

Please find an overview on all EU PVSEC ticketing prices at a glance here:

[Registration categories, registration fees and registration benefits](#)

Exhibitors

Exhibitors are listed in the [List of Exhibitors](#) which is available online. All important information for Exhibitors can be found on the webpage at www.photovoltaic-exhibition.com

Exhibitors will be provided with dedicated Exhibitor passes.

Exhibitors, who also would like to participate in the Conference have to register as a regular Conference delegate or designated person. Depending on the size of your stand your booking of exhibition space includes up to three conference participations at a preferential rate for designated persons.

More information about this exclusive service for exhibitors can be found in the Exhibitor' Manual which is available online via the [User Area](#) for Exhibitors.

Exhibition Stand Prices

Please contact the EU PVSEC Exhibition Team for detailed information about exhibition stand prices:

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+49-89-720 12 791

pv.exhibition@wip-munich.de

Solar Industry Forum

The [Solar Industry Forum](#) can be found at the Exhibition grounds. The Solar Industry Forum is an event embedded within the EU PVSEC, providing an alternative path for attendees with an industry background, allowing them to attend EU PVSEC's scientific sessions in parallel with the Solar Industry Forum sessions.

Access to the Solar Industry Forum is included in the Conference Fee on day(s) registered.

Invitation letters

For Conference Delegates

Conference Delegates must be an author of an accepted and confirmed paper or must have registered and paid the required registration fees before requesting an official letter of invitation for visa purposes.



Authors can download their invitation letter within the registration process in the [User area](#), as soon as they received their official notification letter of abstract acceptance by the programme secretariat (pv.manuscripts@wip-munich.de). If you are not an author, you can download your invitation letter only after complete, successful registration including full payment of your registration fee.

For Exhibitors

The down payment for the exhibition space has to be made before applying for a letter of invitation for visa purpose. You can find the request form in the Exhibitor's manual which is available online via the [User Area](#) for Exhibitors.

SERVICES

Networking and Catering

Coffee Breaks

Coffee Breaks are included in the Conference fee. Coffee and pastries will be served in the Conference breaks in the Exhibition Area, Europe Foyer.

Welcome Reception

On Monday, 25 September after the last session, the Welcome Reception will take place in the Exhibition Area, Europe Foyer and is free for all Conference and Exhibition participants. Come and meet your colleagues of the PV community and celebrate the EU PVSEC 2017 as a major networking platform for the global PV Solar sector.

Networking Lunch

We are pleased to inform you that a networking lunch will be available for interested delegates from Monday to Thursday, 25 – 28 September, in a dedicated networking area in exclusive ambiance, directly in the RAI Convention & Exhibition Centre. This avoids queueing up in lunch periods and provides a networking environment. The networking lunch will be served in buffet style and suits for vegetarians, as well as for meat lovers. If you suffer from any allergies (e.g. gluten, lactose), please inform us, we will make sure to adapt your menu appropriately.

Tickets can be booked within your [Online registration](#) process and need to be paid in advance. Tickets are limited and may become subject to availability! Tickets will not be sold on-site. Access to the networking lunch will be granted upon presentation of a lunch voucher which you will receive at the registration desk on-site along with your registration documents. Lost tickets will not be replaced.

Take this occasion to meet your existing contacts and to establish new ones in a relaxed atmosphere!



EU PVSEC Dinner

**Wednesday 27 September 2017 from 19:30 - 23:00
at Café Restaurant De Kroon**

Dinner location: Café Restaurant De Kroon
Rembrandtplein 17-I
1017 CT Amsterdam
Tel: +31 (0)20-6252011



The EU PVSEC Dinner will be a most captivating social event of the EU PVSEC week:

- Meet professionals from the PV world
- Savour excellent food
- Enjoy pleasant atmosphere to relax and network

Free Bus Shuttle starting at 18:45 at the Rai Amsterdam and going back at 22:00.

Interested Delegates, Exhibitors and Visitors are welcome to take part in the EU PVSEC Dinner.

Tickets for the EU PVSEC Dinner can be booked within your Conference registration process or on-site at the Conference Registration Desk (subject to availability). The price for one ticket is 95 Euros.

Restaurants

A special dedicated Networking Lunch could be booked prior to the event. Tickets are not available on-site. For those who did not include Networking Lunch tickets in their registration, there is a wide range of cafés and restaurants in and around Amsterdam RAI.

Personal Programme Planner

This interactive planning tool is available on www.eupvsec-planner.com. It provides a quick and detailed view about all events, sessions and presentations as well as exhibitors of the EU PVSEC 2017. Create your personal agenda by browsing the EU PVSEC programme and benefit from a clearly laid out schedule. Save it, update it, print it - or check your results also on your smartphone under mobile.eupvsec-planner.com.

List of Participants

The List of Participants is the official list of attendees of the EU PVSEC 2017 and will be available on-site at the Conference Registration Desk.

List of Exhibitors

A [List of Exhibitors](http://www.photovoltaiic-conference.com) who already confirmed their participation is available on www.photovoltaiic-conference.com.



Jobs4PV

Recruiting new talents is crucial for the PV Industry. Jobs4PV is a service organized within the EU PVSEC 2017 and is addressed to conference delegates, exhibitors and visitors in order to help potential employers and employees to meet and to exchange relevant information. You will find Jobs4PV represented at the Exhibition site, where job offers will be posted on the job wall. Please feel free to pin up your printed job offers onto the on-site Jobs4PV job wall.

Business Centre

A Business Centre with services such as copying and printing facilities is located in RAI Elicium's passageway on Level -1. It is normally opened at regular exhibition and conference times. Outside of these times, orders can be placed by phone or e-mail. The ordered items will be delivered at your convenience.

Contact:

Email: businesscentre@rai.nl

Phone: +31 - 20 549 16 02

Meeting rooms / Business rooms

As an exhibitor, you may book meeting rooms via the User Area for Exhibitors or directly at the event site.

Information Centre

Our organisation and registration team will be glad to assist you on-site for any information and help you might need during the event.

In addition, there will be information boards, situated close to the registration desks. A Programme / Info Board shows the Conference Programme for the entire week, including all last-minute changes. It also serves as reference for checking further details of the Conference and social programme.

We kindly ask you to check these boards on a regular basis.

Lost and Found

Lost and found items can be recovered at the registration desks located in the foyer at the main entrance G. There is also a Lost & Found service of Amsterdam RAI, contact +31 (0) 20 5491212 and ask for lost property.

Wardrobes / Cloakroom and luggage facility

There are no lockers in the RAI, but there are wardrobes / cloakrooms at the level -1.



WLAN / Internet

WLAN is available in the Conference area of the Amsterdam RAI (in the auditoriums, in the restaurants' area). You can easily log-in with your WLAN compatible electronic device. Open your browser, choose the WLAN of Amsterdam RAI, and register online.

Opening hours

Opening hours of Conference Registration Desk

Sunday	24 September 2017	16:00 – 18:00
Monday	25 September 2017	07:30 – 19:00
Tuesday	26 September 2017	08:00 – 19:00
Wednesday	27 September 2017	08:00 – 19:00
Thursday	28 September 2017	08:00 – 19:00
Friday	29 September 2017	08:00 – 09:30

Opening hours of Exhibition

Monday	25 September 2017	13:00 – 18:00
Tuesday	26 September 2017	09:00 – 18:00
Wednesday	27 September 2017	09:00 – 18:00
Thursday	28 September 2017	09:00 – 16:00

Opening hours of Presenters' Desk

Sunday	24 September 2017	16:00 – 18:00
Monday	25 September 2017	07:30 – 19:00
Tuesday	26 September 2017	08:00 – 19:00
Wednesday	27 September 2017	08:00 – 19:00
Thursday	28 September 2017	08:00 – 19:00
Friday	29 September 2017	08:00 – 12:00

Opening hours of Delivery of Manuscripts Desk

Sunday	24 September 2017	16:00 – 18:00
Monday	25 September 2017	07:30 – 19:00
Tuesday	26 September 2017	08:00 – 19:00
Wednesday	27 September 2017	08:00 – 19:00
Thursday	28 September 2017	08:00 – 19:00



VENUE

Addresses

Organiser of the EU PVSEC

WIP GmbH & Co. KG
Sylvensteinstr. 2
81369 Munich
Germany
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Address of the Airport

Schiphol Airport

Evert van de Beekstraat 202
1118 CP Schiphol
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Tel.: +31 900 0141
www.schiphol.nl

Cash Machines / Exchange Facilities

Amsterdam RAI has ABN AMRO Bank and ING cash points. The information desks at various entrances can tell you their exact locations.

Cash machines and foreign exchange facilities can be found at the railway stations and in major banks.



Parking Facilities

Amsterdam RAI has plenty of parking facilities at and near the exhibition centre. Buses operate a frequent and free shuttle service between these car parks and the RAI. To reach them follow the road signs. The maximum height in the parking garages is 1,90 m. The rate is € 18.00 incl. VAT per day.

Emergencies / First Aid

Inside the Conference / Exhibition

It is always recommended calling a hostess or informing the organizing team at the registration desks in the welcome area in case of an emergency.

Outside the Conference/ Exhibition

Emergency Telephone Codes

Fire department:	112
Emergency medical service (Rescue):	112
Emergency medical service (Physician):	For Amsterdam: 020-5923434 (24-hour medical service / Family Doctor)
Police:	0900 8844 (you will then be connected to your local police station or visit www.politie.nl)

The Netherlands country code is +31.

In spite of due diligence, EU PVSEC cannot assume liability for accuracy of the information.

Insurance

The organizers do not accept liability for individual medical, travel or personal insurance and participants are strongly advised to make their own arrangements regarding health and travel insurance.

PROGRAMME

Opening Session

The Conference Opening will take place on Monday, 25 September from 8:30 – 10:00 in the Main Auditorium. Three Keynote and Plenary speakers present their research work on New Materials and Concepts for Photovoltaic Devices.

Oral Presentations

Orals are verbal presentations with a time slot of 15 minutes presented in power point. More information can be found in the [EU PVSEC Conference Programme](#). Create your personal agenda with the [Personal Programme Planner](#).



Plenary Presentations

Plenaries are also oral presentations but with a time slot of 20 minutes and no other session takes place at the same time. More information can be found in the [EU PVSEC Conference Programme](#). Create your personal agenda with the [Personal Programme Planner](#).

Visual Presentations

Visuals are presentations in form of a poster. It should concentrate on the outstanding features of a project, and should present data in a way easily grasped by the viewer, with a minimum of text. It will be visible to the participants every day of the conference week and the speaker is free to stand by it and present the work at any time. To guarantee maximum information exchange the author will present at the poster during a specific time. More information can be found in the [EU PVSEC Conference Programme](#). Create your personal agenda with the [Personal Programme Planner](#).

Closing Session

The Conference Closing will take place on Friday, 29 September at 11:30 in the Main Auditorium. All EU PVSEC participants are invited to attend this session which encompasses the Conference Summaries, the EU PVSEC Student Awards, the Awards for Outstanding Visual Presentations and concluding presentations.

EU PVSEC Parallel Events

In addition to the Conference Programme and the PV Industry Exhibition, the EU PVSEC Parallel Events offer a deep insight into specific topics along the most recent technology, market and business trends and address to global decision makers from industry, research, finance and politics.

Please find here all EU PVSEC Parallel Events:

[EU PVSEC Parallel Events at a glance](#)

Access to the Parallel Events is included in the Conference Fee on day(s) registered.

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Language

The official language used throughout the Conference is English.



INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

Notes for Authors / Instructions for Authors / Paper submission

The Instructions below include important information on how to prepare and submit your manuscripts for publication in the EU PVSEC Proceedings.

Plenary / Oral Presentations

Speakers of Plenary and Oral presentations hand in their presentation/s at the Presenters' Desk. A technician will control the correct functionality and transfer the presentation to the respective auditorium. Further details regarding Plenary/Oral Presentations can be found in the [Notes for Authors](#).

Speakers and Chairpersons of Plenary and Oral sessions meet 15 minutes prior to the start of their session in the respective auditorium in order to be briefed and to become acquainted with audio-visual aid.

Visual / Poster Presentations

Authors of Visual presentations are requested to set up their posters on the allotted boards as early as possible on Monday morning, 25 September and to take them down on Thursday, 28 September, after the last session at 18:30. All Visual presentations should be presented through the full 4 days from Monday to Thursday in the Poster Area. The panel at your disposal will have a maximum display area measuring 0.85 m wide x 1.20 m high. This allows posters of up to A0 format (841 mm x 1189 mm, upright format). The boards will be numbered according to the Conference Programme. Please find all detailed guidelines in the [Notes for Authors](#) of Visual Presentations.

Authors of posters are requested to be in-situ at their posters at the session time indicated in the Programme Brochure, in order to present their paper to the audience and to create a Q&A session.

Publication of manuscripts in the EU PVSEC Proceedings

Authors need to deliver their manuscript at the "Delivery of Manuscripts" Desk in order to be published in the EU PVSEC 2017 Proceedings. If the manuscript is not delivered during the Conference, your paper cannot be published in the Proceedings. The [Instructions for Preparation of Papers](#) are available for download on the EU PVSEC website.

The EU PVSEC 2017 Proceedings gather all scientific papers, which have been presented at the EU PVSEC 2017 and have also been submitted for publication at the "Delivery of Manuscript" on site. It constitutes a comprehensive source of state-of-the-art information and vital point of reference for researchers, technologists, decision-makers, entrepreneurs and all involved in the global PV sector.

The EU PVSEC Proceedings will be available online from November 2017.

Opening hours of the Delivery of Manuscripts Desk (Room G002):

- Sunday 24 September, from 16:00-18:00
- Monday 25 September, from 07:30-19:00
- Tuesday 26 September to Thursday 28 September, from 8:00-19:00



Opening hours of the Presenters' Desk (Room G001):

- Sunday 24 September, from 16:00-18:00
- Monday 25 September, from 07:30-19:00
- Tuesday 26 September to Thursday 28 September, from 8:00-19:00
- Friday 29 September, from 08:30-12:00

Prizes and Awards

European Becquerel Prize for Outstanding Merits in Photovoltaics

The European Becquerel Prize for Outstanding Merits in Photovoltaics was established by the European Commission in 1989 to mark the 150th anniversary of Alexandre-Edmond Becquerel's discovery of the photovoltaic effect in 1839, which laid the foundation of both, photovoltaics and photography.

Read more: [Becquerel Prize](#)

Awards for the best Visual Presentations 2017

Considered as one of the main features of the Conference the most outstanding visual presentations will be awarded. The award giving procedures were based on the quality of the contents reported and on the quality of the presentation.

EU PVSEC 2017 Student Awards

To encourage high-quality work among young researchers, the EU PVSEC Student Awards are delivered in recognition of the most remarkable and outstanding research work in the field of PV on the occasion of the EU PVSEC 2017.

Peer Review Process

A selected number of the highest scored abstracts from every Conference Subject will be invited to be peer reviewed and published by the renowned scientific journal 'Progress in Photovoltaics'. This publication will be made in addition to the publication in the EU PVSEC Conference Proceedings.

Publications in Progress in Photovoltaics are scheduled for October 2017, right after the EU PVSEC 2017. For more information about Progress in Photovoltaics please visit: [Progress in Photovoltaics](#)

TRAVEL INFORMATION / TOURIST INFORMATION



Accommodation

For Hotel room / accommodation booking please contact our partner:





For further information please contact Amsterdam RAI Hotel & Travel Service:

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 hotelservice@rai.nl

How to reach

Amsterdam offers an extensive public transport network that ensures an easy and convenient travel to and from the EU PVSEC venue.



By train

The Amsterdam RAI railway station is 300 metres from the RAI and has direct connection with Duivendrecht, Amsterdam Amstel, Amsterdam Zuid and Schiphol railwaystations, which are linked to the international InterCity network. Follow the signs Amsterdam RAI when you leave the station. [Check the NS website for your itinerary.](#)



By tram, metro or bus

Tram 4 runs between the RAI (Europaplein stop), Amsterdam's city centre and Amsterdam Central Station. You can reach the RAI from the Amstel railway station by taking Metro 51 and Bus 65. Metro 51 also runs to Amsterdam Central Station. Metro 50 runs regularly between the Amsterdam Sloterdijk and Gein stations and stops at the RAI Amsterdam station.



By car

Directly on approaching Amsterdam via the motorway A1, A2 or A4 and entering the ring road (A10, exit S109), the RAI is indicated on the signboards. Amsterdam RAI is located along-side the ring road.
From the exit the route to the car parks is indicated.

For routeplanner navigate to:

Europaplein 22, 1078 GZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.



By plane

Amsterdam RAI is only a 15-minute journey away from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport by car, taxi and public transport. Visit www.schiphol.nl for up-to-date flight information, airport services, and connecting forms of transport to the RAI and travel tips.

Public Transportation System

Travelling within Amsterdam is straight-forward and convenient. The extensive public transport network connects the city's many districts by train, tram, metro, bus and ferry.



Public transport smart card (*OV-chipkaart*)

In Amsterdam and beyond, the public transport smart card (*OV-chipkaart*) is used for travel on trams, buses and metros. The most convenient options for visitors are one-hour cards, (multi) day cards, or an anonymous card which you can add more credit to at any time:

- **One-hour cards:** Available from the conductor on buses and trams, at GVB ticket vending machines or GVB Tickets & Info locations
- **(Multi) day(s) cards:** Available at GVB ticket vending machines or GVB Tickets & Info locations
- **Anonymous (refillable) cards:** Available at GVB ticket vending machines, GVB Tickets & Info locations, and select newsstands and supermarkets

A detailed overview of ticket types and sales locations is available on the [GVB website](#).

The most important tip for using your *OV-chipkaart* is **always to remember to check in and check out!** At the start of your journey, hold your card up to the card reader until you see a green light and hear a beep. Do the same every time you leave the tram/bus/metro or change over to another line. In buses and trams, card readers are located inside the vehicle next to each door. If travelling by metro, the card readers are on free-standing poles throughout each station. If you forget to check out, your card may no longer be valid and/or you may risk a fine.

Discount & day passes for visitors

Depending on your travel plans and the duration of your stay, there are a number of different public transport passes that are especially valuable for visitors:

- **I amsterdam City Card:** Free entrance to the city's top attractions, plus unlimited use of the GVB public transport system for 24, 48 or 72 hours.
- **GVB day passes:** Available from 1 to 7 days, with prices starting from €7.50. Valid on trams, buses and metros operated by GVB in Amsterdam.
- **Amsterdam & Region Day Ticket:** 24-hour public transport pass valid on all public transport operated by GVB, Connexxion and EBS in Amsterdam and the greater metropolitan area, including night buses. Price: €13.50

For inspiration on what to visit outside Amsterdam, view the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area map of all the attractions and sights within an hour of the city by public transport.

Types of public transport in Amsterdam

- **Train:** Trains are typically used for travel between different towns, but sometimes they are also the most efficient way to get from one side of Amsterdam to the other (ex: Central Station to Amsterdam Zuid). It's possible to use an *OV-chipkaart* on the train, but you must first request activation of this service and then add sufficient credit. Most visitors will find it more convenient to purchase tickets at the station from one of the ticket machines or ticket counters. You can also buy tickets on the [NS website](#).
- **Tram:** Trams are ideal for short journeys around the city centre, as well as for travelling to other districts. Only one-hour disposable tickets can be purchased from the conductor. Other types of tickets can be purchased at GVB Tickets & Info offices or GVB ticket vending machines.



- **Metro:** Amsterdam's metro system radiates from Central Station to the city's outer districts. While not very useful for the city centre, it's the fastest way to reach districts like the Bijlmer, Amstelveen and Diemen. An OV-chipkaart cannot be purchased inside the metro. You must buy them in advance at a GVB Tickets & Info counter or GVB ticket vending machines.
- **Bus:** Amsterdam's extensive bus network will take you nearly anywhere you want to go. Just like the tram, only one-hour tickets can be purchased on board. Other types of tickets can be purchased at GVB Tickets & Info offices or GVB ticket vending machines.
- **Ferry:** Behind Central Station, ferries hustle their way across the IJ River, transporting passengers to various locations of Amsterdam Noord completely free of charge! Some ferries also travel along the river to other districts of the city.

Planning your journey

Before seeing the sights, you may wish to consult the [9292 route planner](#) or [GVB website](#) to help you find the quickest and most convenient way to get from A to B. In addition, there are a number of excellent apps available to help you find your way around the city.

Taxi

There is a Taxi point next to the main entrance.

Other Taxis Services:

Staxi

Tel.: +31-020-221 0059

Taxistad

Tel.: +31-020-208 0000

STA

Tel.: +31-020-364 2207

Taxi Direct Amsterdam

Tel.: +31-020-633 3333

My Taxi Centrale

Tel.: +31-020-475 0320

TAXI-E Sustainable Taxi Services

Tel.: +31-088-100 4444

Aemstel Taxi

Tel.: +31-0900-0288

Country Code / Telephone

The international access code for The Netherlands is +31. Phone cards can be purchased at kiosks and internet/phone shops. Mobile phones with GSM-standard do work without any problems in The Netherlands.



Electricity

The standard power supply in The Netherlands is 230 V AC as in most countries of Western Europe. A transformer and an adapter are necessary to use electrical appliances from various countries.

Adapters are available in most hardware stores.

Time Zone

The Netherlands is in the Central European Time Zone. Central European Standard Time (CET) is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+1).

Opening times in Amsterdam / Shopping hours

Museums / Sightseeing

Museums are the main tourist attraction in Amsterdam. Everyone knows the Rijksmuseum, Van Gogh Museum and Stedelijk Museum, but there is much more. Amsterdam has over fifty museums which attract millions of visitors each year.

In Amsterdam museums open at 9:00-10:00 and close between 17:00 and 18:00.

Shops

Amsterdam is the city of antiques, books, diamonds, and curiosities. In general, shop-opening hours are 13:00-18:00 on Mondays and 9:00/10:00-18:00 from Tuesday to Friday. Most have late night shopping on Thursday until 19:00 and close earlier on Saturdays, at 17:00. Some supermarkets, like Albert Heijn stay open until 20:00-22:00. On Sundays, you can shop in the city center, Kalverstraat, Damrak, Leidsestraat, and near the Noorderkerk.

Banks

Banks are generally open from 09:00 - 16:30/17:00 (Mon-Fri) / 09:00 - noon (Sat).

Post Offices

Post offices are generally open from
08:00/09:00 - 18:30 (Mon-Fri) / 08:00/09:00 - noon (Sat).

There is one post office very close to the venue (462 metres north):

PostNL Postkantoor Amsterdam

Scheldestraat 47
1078 GG Amsterdam
+31-900 0990



Restaurants

Restaurants are generally open between 12:00-14:00 and 19:30-23:00.
There are several restaurants near the venue, which offer all kinds of foods for every budget.

Pharmacies

Most pharmacies are open during normal business hours - from around 9:00-18:00 (Mon-Sat), but closed on Sundays.

There is one pharmacy very close to the venue (333 metres north):

Dirx Drogisterji
Europaboulevard 19
1079 PC Amsterdam
+31-20 625 4773

Copy Shops

Two Copy shops can be found here:

Dartli Print & Repro (1,2 km)
Rijnstraat 233, 1079 HH Amsterdam
+31 20 644 5404 () dartli.nl

MultiCopy Amsterdam WTC (1,1 km)
Strawinskylaan 49, 1077 XW Amsterdam
+31 20 670 9200 () multicopy.nl

Sightseeing / Tours booking

Amsterdam is one of the greatest small cities in the world. From its canals to world-famous museums and historical sights, Amsterdam is one of the most romantic and beautiful cities in Europe.



Amsterdam is also a city of tolerance and diversity. It has all the advantages of a big city: culture, nightlife, international restaurants, good transport - but is quiet, and largely thanks to its extensive canals, has a little road traffic. In Amsterdam your destination is never far away, but get a bike for an authentic local experience.

Amsterdam quick facts:

Population: approx. 820,500 (city)
Time zone: CET (UTC +1 hour)
Telephone (city) area code: +20 / Country code +31
Country: The Netherlands (also known as Holland)

Shopping streets in Amsterdam

As every metropolis, Amsterdam has several different quarters - each of them with a special character and public. Shopping streets in Amsterdam also vary, depending on their location in town. Many small shops, with their own importing contacts all over the world, make shopping in Amsterdam even more exciting. Furthermore, as the whole city center is not big, you may just walk through all the shopping streets of this city in just one or two days.



Department stores and Malls

Amsterdam has great department stores and shopping malls. They offer unique choice of products with imports from Asia, Latin America and Africa. The best choice is offered by De Bijenkorf (The Bee Hive) located directly at the Dam square. Except for one (Villa Arena), all department stores and shopping malls in Amsterdam are located within a short walking distance from the Dam square. You may compare their actual choice within couple of hours. Shopping in Amsterdam may save you time and effort. If you like your shopping indoors, or if it happens to be raining you can always visit one of the shopping malls in Amsterdam: Magna Plaza (on the Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal, again near the Dam square) or the Kalvertoren (on the Kalverstraat).

Markets

You may find in Amsterdam lively and different markets, some of them have food and general goods, some are specialized in all kind of things you might be interested in – starting from biological food and antiques, ending on post stamps and art. All markets are located within walking distance from the centre of the city.



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