



Weekender AMSTERDAM

Make good use of the new direct Eurostar service to the Dutch capital to feast on celeriac fritters, local craft beers and a frozen twist on the stroopwafel

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1 **Go slow** Meaning 'time' in Japanese, **Toki** is where you'll find hip Dutch dads drinking matcha tea alongside MacBook-wielding freelancers. The pastries from neighbouring Petit Gateau are a must with your morning coffee (try the croissant doughnut). tokiho.amsterdam

2 **Greenhouse to table** Amsterdam's former municipal nursery is now a restaurant aptly named **De Kas** ('greenhouse'). With an emphasis on vegetables, fresh produce is grown on site or on a farm in nearby Beemster. Go for lunch to sit outside in the herb garden and feast on baked endive with gremolata, millet, salted lemon and rocket vinaigrette. restaurantekas.nl

3 **Street food** The ideal rainy-day destination, De Hallen is a converted tramshed that is now home to a cinema, library, independent shops and, crucially, the renowned **Foodhallen**. Eat your way around the street-food stalls here – the soft-shell crab and oysters at Le Big Fish, and the rice paper rolls at Viet View are highlights. foodhallen.nl

4 **Farmers' market** Make like a local and head to the Saturday morning **Noordermarkt** in the pretty Jordaan neighbourhood to pick up artisanal produce from farms outside the city. Stop at the pancake stall for a gouda and mushroom crêpe. noordermarkt-amsterdam.nl

5 **Food alley** The Haarlemmerstraat and Haarlemmerdijk are long foodie streets with sustainable shops, organic delis and a farmers' market on the Haarlemmerplein each Wednesday. Visit vegan-friendly salad bar **SLA** for a green pea and mint falafel bowl or a raw strawberry and vanilla cheesecake. ilovesla.com

6 **Fine dining** The chef's tasting menu at **Daalder** is arguably the finest food you'll find in Amsterdam right now. Chef patron Dennis Huwaë's salted caramel ice cream sandwich take on the stroopwafel is divine. In summer, tables spill out onto the pavement and the atmosphere is so laid back that you'll be happy to linger over a number of courses. daalderamsterdam.nl

7 **Cold pressed** It's far easier to find a beer than a green juice in Amsterdam. For the latter, make a beeline for one of the city's four **Cold Pressed Juicery** sites and order a MOAJ (mother of all juices), packed with zingy good stuff from spinach to nettle. thecoldpressedjuicery.com

8 **Urban beach** Hop aboard the free ferry to the Noord for lunch at **Plek**, a beach bar housed in an old shipping container. Order the steamed mackerel with dill-horseradish crème fraîche and capers on sourdough and enjoy it outside with a local beer and panoramic views of the IJ river. plek.nl

9 **Sharing plates** Set up by friends Bob Nagel, Maarten Bloem and Guus Lourijzen, from the outside **Café Binnenvisser** looks like any buzzy neighbourhood wine bar. But the food far exceeds expectations and small plates change weekly according to what's available. The celeriac fritters are so delicious you'll want to order seconds. binnenvisser.nl

10 **Kitchen supplies** Every size, colour, make and model is sold at kitchen emporium **Duikelman** in De Pijp. A cook's paradise, the Dutch institution now has several shops along the same street, stocking anything from tiny teaspoons to state-of-the-art espresso machines. duikelman.nl



HOW TO DO IT

Return train fares from London St Pancras to Amsterdam cost from £58 with Eurostar (eurostar.com). Doubles at Conscious Hotel's new Westerpark location cost from €140, b&b (conscioushotels.com). More info: iamsterdam.com

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