HOW TO FIND A ROOM IN AMSTERDAM: PRIVATE MARKET

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 on the private market. Unless specified below, all websites have an English version.

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Rooms

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

- [www.kamernet.nl](http://www.kamernet.nl) offers a large number of rooms. You need to have a personal profile to respond to room adverts. They charge a fee for membership (Premium Membership 1 month: €19.95).
- [https://www.kameramsterdam.nl/en/](http://www.kameramsterdam.nl/en/) also offers rooms. However, it may cost money to apply for rooms.
- [https://www.kamer.nl/en/](http://www.kamer.nl/en/) connects students with rooms, studios and apartments. Users can create a profile listing their specifications to receive email alerts on relevant properties.
- [www.start12.nl/studentenkamers](http://www.start12.nl/studentenkamers) gives an overview of sites with room offers. Some sites are in Dutch, but a handy extra is the rating of the sites and the possibility to read reviews.
- [www.pararius.com](http://www.pararius.com) offers a large number of rooms. Searching the site is for free.
- [www.kamertje.nl](http://www.kamertje.nl) also provides information about your rights when you rent a room (no charge, in Dutch)
- [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) has several groups for finding a room. For example (Some in Dutch only):
  - Kamers Gezocht/Aangeboden
  - Woningen te huur in Amsterdam
  - Kamer gezocht in Amsterdam (from ASVA, the Amsterdam Student Union))
  - Amsterdam Apartments (for shared apartments with more than 1 other student)
  - Amsterdam Apartments 4 Rent
  - Erasmus Amsterdam 2021/2022
- [https://hotelcasa.nl/students/](http://www.hotelcasa.nl/students/) offers rooms from October to June every year.
- [www.kamerverhuur.nl/huren/kamers-amsterdam](http://www.kamerverhuur.nl/huren/kamers-amsterdam) (in Dutch only)
- [www.sfshousing.nl](http://www.sfshousing.nl) is created by Students for Students and provides listing of rooms owned by private landlords. There is a €10 registration fee and a commission when you find a room through this site.

Other Platforms

- [https://studentexperience.nl/en](http://www.studentexperience.nl/en) - UvA offers the locations Minervahaven and NDSM, but you can also directly register with StudentExperience for their other locations.
- [Wimdu / Air BnB](http://www.studentexperience.nl/en) - 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. Please note: no registration at the municipality possible!
- [ASVA](http://www.studentexperience.nl/en) (Amsterdam Student Union) can help you find a room and mediate between you and your landlord.
- [OurDomain](http://www.studentexperience.nl/en) offers furnished studios or 2-person appartments. It offers facilities such as bike rental and a gym.
- [https://www.sociuswonen.nl/info-english](http://www.sociuswonen.nl/info-english) is a housing agency for mostly young people. Some locations are exclusively for students.
- [The Student Hotel](http://www.studentexperience.nl/en) offers fully furnished rooms with private bathroom and shared kitchen. Included in the rate is a bike, gym and study rooms. TSH has a 24-hour reception, a laundry room and a restaurant/bar. There are 2 locations in Amsterdam: one in the West area (Amsterdam West) and one near the UvA Roetersseiland campus (Amsterdam City).
- [Hotel Jansen](http://www.studentexperience.nl/en) is an all-inclusive hotel aimed at short-stay accommodation for students and young professionals from all over the world. Fully furnished rooms with shared kitchen.
HousingAnywhere is the international housing platform for students and trainees. Rooms, studios and apartments are offered by verified private landlords and by outgoing students. Sign up here to receive a UvA profile and priority access to the listings. For more information contact vip@housinganywhere.com

http://hollandhomestay.com/ and https://www.hospihousing.com/en are free platforms where international students can find a Dutch home at local hosts & guest families. It provides you with a soft landing and it is the perfect way to experience the Dutch culture and language.

https://swwitch.eu/ Swap your own room or apartment in your home town with another student in Amsterdam.

Other links (both commercial agencies and listing sites)

- https://www.funda.nl/en/huur/amsterdam/ (with listings of all real estate agents)
- www.expatriates.com/classifieds/netherlands/housingavailable
- www.xpatrentals.com
- http://www.perfecthousing.com/index
- https://www.huurwoningen.nl/in/amsterdam/ (Dutch only)
- https://clawq.com/ (subscription only)
- https://www.hicondo.nl/en/
- www.gabinohome.com
- www.nestpick.com
- https://tenere.app/
- https://www.uniplaces.com/
- https://www.happybrokers.nl/en/rent-a-house/ (fee: one month rent and EUR 19.95)
- https://www.hellohousemate.nl/ (sharing an apartment with a local)
- https://rentals.urbanshortstay.com/ (but mostly for PhD candidates or a very high deposit)

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, 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
- https://www.uniplaces.com/

Some good options in and near central Amsterdam:

- Stayokay (3 locations in Amsterdam)
- Generator Hostel
- Meeting Point Youth Hostel
- Shelter Christian Hostels (2 locations in Amsterdam)
- Bob's Youth Hostel
- Hotel Meiniger

Renting an unfurnished room or apartment? Why not rent your furniture? Check https://www.studentfurnitureholland.com/