



ARRIVAL AND SETTLING-IN

You arrived! Congratulations - you made it! We hope you settled in and already adjusted to the Amsterdam culture, including bikes, food, (rainy) weather, beers and school!

Welcome!

So all of you guys welcome to Amsterdam! We certainly are adjusted quite well already. After nearly two weeks here, we have already learned much about the dutch way of life. Firstly nobody uses helmets when biking!? This is rather ironic, because the traffic is absolutely different (crazy) in terms of rules and speed. Furthermore we are now aware of the domino effect that can happen, when parking our bikes - you could easily end up creating a bike-caos (that have happened to us.... twice).

A smooth start

VU has made this start very easy and nice for us! We attended the introduction days with most of you - and it was nice to meet some of you! Maybe you also joined the great dinner at Mediamatic, with some absolutely amazing vegan food (see the picture). If you did not go then you should differently check it out! Both the food and the location was wonderful - just by the water. After being here for almost a week - school already began. It is very different to attend school here - but we enjoy the participation atmosphere in our classes, dedicated teachers and the interesting subjects!

Finding our way around at the school is rather difficult, when coming from a small university in Copenhagen - but we are starting to learn the systems and the different buildings.



The daily routine

Even though we each live at least 10 km away from the VU, we insist on biking to school every day - that can be a challenge and one day last week, we had to give up because of the rain. But Amsterdam is very flat and it takes no time to go from A to B by bike - also public transportation is very smooth. We highly recommend everyone to get a bike! It is fun, good exercise and it is a great way to experience the city - especially there is sunny weather! After school we try to explore the city as much as possible!

Foreigner of the week!

We would like to introduce our first foreigner on our blog. Next time it could be you - let us know if you would like to join the blog and help the semester in Amsterdam students to have a great experience. Also we would like to meet you!



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Best advice: Get a bike and find the good vintage-shopping places

Favorite place: De Pijp with all the bars and Cafés

The weirdest thing about Dutch culture: The amount of honesty.

In Denmark we are very sarcastic, but here people are super direct and honest and sometimes i might find it a bit rude.

New Discoveries in the city!

We love food - have you tried ...

- Happyhappyjoyjoy?!
- De wasserette(cafè) and Pilek?
- Venster 33
- Tokyo Ramen Iki
- Bazar
- Oedipus(Beer place)
- Gollum(Beer place)

“Do you speak Dutch?” - Word(s) of the week

Here are the basics:

Hello: Hallo

Thank you: Dank je wel

Goodbye: Tot ziens(formel), dag, doe!



See you soon!

This was all for now - we will be back soon. Next time you will hear about the Cross-cultural adjustments, that we have experienced by the time!