Social life

Hello again! How are you? How do you like your new courses? Hopefully you have got a new routine by now and are comfortable with your selection of courses?

At first we were not completely happy with our courses, but luckily Rachel and the Semester in Amsterdam Team were ready to help us change very fast - thank you for that!

New courses - new people
Now we are settling in to our new courses and the classes we are attending consists more of seminars and groupwork - which means, that we get to meet more people and we really enjoy this kind of teaching! How are your classes?

Meeting new people at this point of our stay here is very nice. We bike the same route to school, we have our favorite cafes and we hang out with the same people - more or less. In other words - we have our new everyday life here. And as much as we enjoy this, we also are still curious and want to explore more of Amsterdam. Meeting new people is a new input and a new inspiration - like getting to know more places to visit, places to see and so on. If you have any advice for us, please let us know!

Semester in Amsterdam activities
We have also been enjoying meeting people at the events hosted by the Semester-in-Amsterdam Team. Especially the Tower-day. It was really nice to see the view of the city from the skies - we highly recommend this, if you didn’t get to go! Also the day-trip to Harlem was a very cool experience. It is almost like a small Amsterdam. We had a great private tour there and the our guide showed us the “hidden gardens” and shared all his wise knowledge about the city - Haarlem is indeed a place worth to pay a visit!

Foto: Haarlem garden
Living with roomies
From the very beginning we have both been living with roommates and we spend a lot of time with them. It is a great introduction to the Dutch life and a lot of people, that we would have never met if it wasn’t for them. Also we have visited the student housing and it seems like a lot of the students are really having a good time living together and getting to know different cultures and people. We do not think that one option is better than the other - but we highly recommend to live with people! To all future semester-in-Amsterdam-students - you are going be happy no matter what!

Festival season!
We are so excited to experience the festival-season in Amsterdam! There is tons of great festivals here! Have you found out which ones to go to? And more importantly - have you got your tickets yet? If not, do it - before they get sold out!!

Weekend trips near-by!
We are planning to explore more of the Netherlands and the near-by area(maybe you have already been there). Here are the destinations that we are planning to visit:
- Den Haag - beach days
- Rotterdam
- Utrecht
- Antwerpen, Brygge, Brussels

Foreigner of the week!
This time you will meet our second foreigner of the week: Say Hi to - Frederikke!
Name: Frederikke
From: Denmark
Study: Cognitive Science
Best advice: Leave your house 10 minutes earlier if it's windy outside, unless you have motorised bike in which case you are cheating!
Favorite place: Amsterdam: everywhere as long as it is sunny!
The weirdest thing about Dutch culture: The food! Meat salad, meat on sticks and fried meat...

“Do you speak Dutch?” - Word(s) of the week
Words you have to know:
- Easter: Pasen
- Holiday: Vakantie
- Cozy: Gezellig

See you soon!
This was all for now - we will be back soon! Next time you will hear about our perception of the Dutch culture… Enjoy the Easter holiday!