



# Cultural Guide to Utrecht

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## 2. Introduction

Even though Utrecht might not be the biggest city, there are still many things to see, visit and explore. You will find anything from amazing vegan restaurants to historical treasures. There is a place for everyone as every season brings new activities to the table, either inside or outside. This guide will provide you with all the things you need to know to experience the cultural facets of Utrecht.

## 3. Places

- Thrift Stores
  - *Clothing*: Episode, Vintage Island, Kilo Kilo, Roxy 79
  - *Furniture & more*: De Arm (Oudegracht & Hoograven)
  - Check out Circle Hand Map
- Study Spots
  - Libraries: Center, Campus, Neude (less crowded)
  - Buildings: Bolognalaan, Groenman, Langeveld
  - Cafés: Koffie Leute, Kaffeetaria, Stayokay Neude
- Parks & Other Greens
  - Amelisweerd
  - Botanical Gardens
  - Wilhelmina, Grift, Lepelenburg (good for borrels)
  - Paardenveld
- Sports
  - *Olympos*: has a gym and offers many sports, classes, activities
  - *Parnassos*: relatively cheap dance & theatre classes
- Swimming
  - *Kromme Rijn Zwembad*: need subscription to use facilities (can join Hella's association to get in for free)
  - *Public*: De Munt, De Kromme Rijn, Down Under (small fee, but has beach)
- Bars
  - *Centre*: Walden, Badabing, Lebowski, Oude Pothuys, Olivier
  - *Outside*: Nijverheid, De Pomp, Klein Berlijn, Ping Pong Club



- Clubs
  - *Dance Music & Hits*: Poema, Gras van de Buren, De Vrienden, EKKO, Tivoli Vredenburg (Thursday & Friday sometimes free)
  - *Techno & Electronic*: Basis, WAS, De Helling (sometimes), ACU (sometimes)

## 4. Culinary

- Restaurants
  - *Quick & 'Cheap'*: Eazie, Last Vegas, SLA, FLFL, Poké Perfect
  - *Lunch & Dinner*: Vegetalian, Karma Kebab, Anan, Gys
  - *Fancy Dinner*: BROEI, Van Planten, SYR
- Cafés (can hold many different functions: meet-up spot, study location, COFFEE)
  - Keek, Kluts, Koffie Leute, Village Coffee, CUPP, De Ontdekking
- Bakeries
  - Life's a peach

## 5. Activities

- Music
  - *Jam sessions*: Pothuys (Tuesdays & Thursdays), Bada Bing (every 2nd Sunday), Café Domkop (Wednesdays)
  - *Open mic*: Pothuys (Sundays)
  - *Rehearsal spaces*: Musicspace (available 24/7 with lots of equipment), DB's (nice bar included)
  - *Parnassos*: offers fairly cheap music classes
  - *University*: student bands (big bands, choirs), Music Working Group Storm
- Tourist
  - Climb Dom tower
  - Canal tour with kayak or SUP
- Active
  - *Down Under*: water ski & wakeboard
  - *Vechtsebanen*: ice skating
  - *Karma Kebab*: monthly roller skate disco and many other things
- Festivals
  - Le Guess Who
  - King's Day (April 27th)
  - Pride (usually 1st week of June)