Hans Brinker Budget Hotel - Amsterdam, Netherlands - Hostel Review

Hans Brinker Budget Hotel
Amsterdam (City Centre), North-Holland, Netherlands

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Arrival Date: 2008 - June 2
Nights: 1
People: 1

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Address
Kerkstraat 136, Amsterdam (City Centre) Map

Price
From US$40.16/€24.80/£20.37 per person. Price may vary by season - Check Current Prices by Date Here

Location/Contact
Location Very close to the Leidseplein square, Amsterdam's main entertainment area.
Website www.hans-brinker.com (to make a reservation click here)
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Details
Bedsheets: Sheets Included
Towels: Available
Luggage Storage: Available
Wheelchair Accessible: YES
Internet Computers: Pay
Reception Hours: 24 Hours

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Their Description
The Hans-Brinker is one of Amsterdams most famous hostels...otherwise known as 'The Most XXXclusive Budget Hotel' Here you will find: NO PARKING, NO SAUNA, NO

The Hostelz.com Review
Hans Brinker Budget Hotel is basically a nice, chilled out place to start and end any day in Amsterdam. It is run by a handful of international staff members, who are very nice
and helpful.

The Location

Amsterdam's streets promise any walk to be a great experience, so the one-and-a-half kilometers it'll take you to get from the hostel to the city center is not a problem, as it would be in most cities. There are other options of travel for more budgeted travelers such as the tram system, that will take you to most hot spots in the city for a few Euros. There is a tram stop five minutes from the hostel. Another option is renting a bike from the different rentals around town (there is also a good bike rental two doors from the hostel). As for nightlife, most of the surrounding streets host endless pubs and eating establishment of all sorts. This is especially true for the southern streets and the main streets connecting the southern area to the city center.

Rooms and Bathrooms

The dorm rooms are pretty simple with different numbers of beds in the different rooms. Each bedroom has a toilet and shower room attached to it. The quality of the showers are questionable, but they do normally work. The rooms have lockers for each bed, so when you receive a key, the letter on it points to what locker you are assigned. In comparison to other hostels, the beds are not as good, you may wake up to a new day in Amsterdam with a nice back pain.

Common Spaces

The ground floor of the hostel consists of different common spaces, such as the lobby desk that doubles as an information desk, a luggage storage room, the main lounge doubling as the eating area, and the bar. There is also the basement area that has the internet room and a
second small lounge. Although all these common areas sound very promising, you couldn't really describe the hostel as a very social one -- everyone pretty much keeps to themselves. 

The is a smoking outside area inside the hostel -- a patio of sorts for all the morning smokers -- but never try taking your cup of coffee out with you just to keep tensions low with the staff. There are no kitchens for personal cooking, but the hostel kitchen offers meals for a normal price -- but why eat in when you're surrounded by Amsterdam?

**Summary**

In short, this is a very good money for value hostel, and promises a very pleasant stay and a good and happy feeling for the duration of your stay. We would happily recommend it to anyone.

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**Comment by Jacqui, australia**  June 2007

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we didn't stay here long, but it was fine. the beds were comfy, with clean linen and a good pillow/blanket. each bed has its own locker, and your bathroom is in you room, which is big enough for you to have a shower and not have all your clothes get wet. we didn't eat their food, but it was really cheap. they had two bars, though they weren't pumping or something (it was 11 p.m. on a sunday though). it's in a good place, near the keizersgracht, which is pretty central. we found the rembrandtplein easily, where you can get good cheap italian. the chick at reception was a rude bitch, though not really to us, but she wouldn't take any sh*t from you! overall, i would recommend this place, it was fine. bit rundown, but its pretty big, lotsa people, vending machines downstairs.

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**Comment by Nicola Thomas, Andy Aston and Pippa Blandford**  January 2007
Even though we felt really dirty and nothing was safe, everything was falling apart, we stank of weed, and the food was generally disgusting, we would totally recommend it to anyone of all ages, children included. It was proper awesome. Brilliant nightclub and have never wanted to go back to such a dirty place so much. Cannot wait to revisit and to stay for longer. Our friend loved it so much she got a job there. We loved it!

Comment by Katherine  December 2006

The worst hostel ever! I normally don't need more that a bed and a shower but the cleaning staff here took the cake! we arranged a late check out yet the cleaning staff on both days burst into your room (even though its locked). On the last day they yelled and swore, threw our things in the bin, stole anything lying around, tried to stop us getting changed in privacy, burst in on you in the bathroom. We were not even aggressive and asked for ten minutes to get dressed but apparently this equals asking someone to give you a kidney. never stay there!

Comment by Jen Z  September 2006

Hans Brinker is a really fun hostel with a pretty decent club downstairs that could be a lot of fun if it were busy. It's in a great location for night life, it's just a bit of a trek to the train station! The beds were clean, so were the bathrooms, the staff were friendly, and breakfast was really good! Definitely recommend staying there!

Comment by Jen  August 2006

They cleaned the rooms every day, the atmosphere and location were great, and breakfast was decent.

Comment by Lilo Hapuka  August 2006

the room smelt like weed (but where doesn't). the room was small, considering we had six chicks staying there. but come on, the hostel is right smack bang in the centre of all the action, clearly a place for young (or old) party goers! definitely a great cheap place to stay. friendly staff. and a pretty cool bar for pre-drinks, before stumbling outside into the amazing night life.

Comment by 2mas  July 2006

Great hotel with a great staff. Loved the backyard where you can smoke and drink until nine p.m. and meet other nice people. Close to centrum and trams, and with an excellent restaurant, club, and shopping area just to the south. Nice coffeeshops nearby. Highly recommended!

Comment by Dave (u.k)  July 2006

ive just got back from another weekend at hans brinker. though i agree about the rooms not being great, it is the whole experience that matters. i just shared a room with three australians (two girls and one guy) who were excellent, very friendly, and made my whole stay there great. i wish it were that good everytime.

Comment by Ozrics  June 2006
Stayed there June 14th to 15th. Opened the room door and thought I was in prison. The rooms are really basic but seem clean for what you pay. The bar and nightlife of the hotel was ace -- the downstairs bar is open till around three a.m. and is very cheap. When coming back for the night get yourself down and get some beer which is promised to get you a good sleep and make you totally not care where you sleep.

Comment by Joanne Watson
April 2006

I am a coach driver and have stayed in five-star hotels all over the world but stay in the Hans Brinker loads throughout the year with work. If it's good enough for me it's good enough for any of my drivers. Clean and comfortable the only drawback is it's sometimes noisy at night you can't shut a door quietly in there. The grumpy person shouting out the door is probably me or my hubby who are usually driving a long way back to the U.K. next morning, as for the lager I usually end up in bed early after happy hour lol. But it's great fun to be there.

Comment by Jules
March 2006

Absolutely overrated hostel. Run-down and often dirty, and most of the staff-members seem to take pleasure in being unfriendly and/or lazy.

Comment by Ruben - Kozmix - Portugal
February 2006

This is absolutely awesome! I did an interrail with a friend and we arrived at Amsterdam with no place to stay in August 2004, a pretty busy season. We walked for more than one hour with hour backpacks weighting about 15kg. First we went to the stay ok but as it was full they told us about this freakin' place and so we went. When we arrived there, there was a bunch of people, around 20 maybe in the reception and on the street as the reception was completely full. We got our rooms, mixed rooms which was great as we met many different guys and girls and here is a special mention to the Australian girl and to Sua, the South Korean girl who were both very kind and funny. Awsome times, great laughs we spend there! Highly recommended if you want to rock and have fun!

Comment by Mae
February 2006

Nasty bed/blanket, very noisy, bad food, unsafe area, over crowded, ok lounge and good proximity to train station, good size lockers.

Comment by Kat
January 2006

I don't see how this place got good ratings. I thought it was pretty shoddy. My locker didn't lock. It didn't feel that clean. Noisy throughout the night. I suppose you can't get much better in Amsterdam at the last minute though.

Comment by Anarae
November 2005

It has downfall, that's for sure. But it is also a great place to meet people, with a busy (and cheap!) bar, and there are far better things to do in Amsterdam than sit in your room. Pros — Good included breakfast with cold meats, cheese, and variety of breads and cereal. Pay
extra for eggs and fruit. — Each dorm of six beds has an en suite, although the showers can be a little weak and dodgy. — Good lockers in the rooms. — Busy bar with excellent drink specials and lots of people to meet. — Attracts a friendly, outgoing crowd. Cons — I didn’t see my room get cleaned once in two weeks. And I spent four days without leaving bed while I had flu. — Rooms are a cramped, a bit shabby, and smoking is allowed (never cool for the non-smokers). — Some of the staff are great, but several seem to be there to make life difficult.

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