

Arnhem: The green and creative capital of the province of Gelderland!

The bustling city of Arnhem has plenty to offer. You can shop for hours and hours in the city centre and the Fashion Quarter (Modekwartier), enjoy the nightlife or the spectacular natural surroundings in one of the city's parks. There are also all kinds of creative events to visit, such as the Arnhem Fashion Festival. Alternatively, you could spend the day at one of the top attractions, like Royal Burgers' Zoo or the Open Air Museum (Nederlands Openluchtmuseum). These attractions draw many millions of visitors every year and there's something for everybody.

Arnhem is green! Arnhem is located in the midst of spectacularly green surroundings with the Veluwe national park on one side and the flood plains area on the other. In the city itself you will find impressive trees, delightful parks and magnificent country estates. There are also many exceptional gardens and, not to forget, the beautiful green avenues in and around the city centre.

Arnhem is creative! Arnhem is home to the ArtEZ Institute of the Arts, which offers higher education courses in, among other subjects, visual art and fashion. This is one of the reasons for the numerous fashion ateliers in the city centre and the Fashion Quarter. Arnhem's diverse and unique range of shops attracts visitors from home and abroad and amidst all of those shops, you'll find countless cafés and restaurants located around charming squares, small courtyards and along the banks of the Rhine as well.

Arnhem oozes culture! It is the home of companies such as Introdans and the Gelders Orchestra, with performances held in the city's magnificent theatre, the GelreDome football stadium and a wide range of small(er) theatres and venues.

Arnhem has a rich history! Besides being a green and creative city, Arnhem also has a rich history. This is evident all over the city with its listed buildings and impressive architecture. The city is also famous for the Battle of Arnhem which took place in and around Arnhem from 17th to 25th September 1944 as part of Operation Market Garden.

Burgers' Zoo

Burgers' Zoo in Arnhem sets itself apart from other zoos with its eco displays: replicas of natural habitats where animals and plants can live just as they would in the wild. The 45-hectare park is divided into 7 large zones, including a tropical rainforest (Bush), a rocky desert in the US/Mexico border region (Desert), an Indo-Pacific coral reef (Ocean), a savannah landscape (Safari) and a Malaysian rainforest (Rimba).

Last year, Burgers' Zoo officially opened the world's biggest covered mangrove. Featuring manatees, birds, fish and tropical butterflies, this habitat is based on the mangrove forests in the Central American country of Belize. The extremely salty climate, in which ebb and flood create different conditions, means that only a few species of plant can survive. Upon entering the Burgers' Mangrove, your journey starts on a bridge through the mangrove forest. You suddenly find yourself face to face with the Caribbean manatees, thanks to a huge panoramic window measuring 12 metres long and 1.8 metres high. With a bit of luck, you'll see these impressive sea mammals gliding past right in front of you!

Open Air Museum

Experience history in the Open Air Museum (*Nederlands Openluchtmuseum*). Unique encounters, smells, images and stories evoke unforgettable memories of everyday life as it used to be. The historic houses and farms in the rural museum park are vibrant places. Friendly 'occupants' talk about their work and lives with enthusiasm, and there is plenty to do for all age groups.

A visit to the Open Air Museum is a great day out for the whole family.

In the Canon of Dutch History, the museum presents an overview of 50 important historic events, people, writings, artworks and objects from the country's past. The large hall comprises a series of spectacular 'film sets' which illustrate a total of ten different eras. You can walk freely between the

sets, which are made from sections of historical buildings and monuments. These ten eras incorporate the 50 'windows' of the Canon of Dutch History, each of which feature historical items and audiovisual presentations.