

The Accor Hotels Rainbow Selection Netherlands 2010



WELCOME TO **NETHERLANDS**

The Netherlands are definitely one of the most tolerant and gay-friendly countries in the world. Homosexuality has been recognized and legalized for almost 100 years; the first homosexual monument dedicated to the memory of pursued and murdered homosexuals was built here; and in today's everyday life, any type of discrimination against gays or lesbian fellow citizens is absolutely taboo.

Long ago, the Netherlands' many sailors called the entire world their home. Now, it often seems that the entire world feels at home

in the Netherlands. Not surprisingly, the Netherlands are one of the most popular destinations for the GLBT community. The capital city, Amsterdam, of course has the largest offer of GLBT bars, cafés, saunas, clubs and businesses. But even smaller cities have many offerings for the gay community.

Accor has many hotels in the Netherlands. Further information is also available at www.accorhotels.com



WELCOME TO **AMSTERDAM**

Shaped by its worldly citizens and cosmopolitan culture, Amsterdam was historically far ahead of all other European cities regarding tolerance, and has been a Mecca for gays and lesbians for many decades. Today, the happy relaxed metropolis celebrates this reputation and is indeed very relaxed and tolerant of almost all areas of life.

The gay scene, with over 100 bar, cafés, club etc., is concentrated in the city center along four streets: the Warmoesstraat for the leather and fetisch scene; the Reguliersdwarsstraat

for the contemporary and trendy scene; the Amstel, where one finds traditional neighborhood taverns with Dutch flair; and the Kerkstraat, where everyone mixes together with one another.

In the center of the city and directly close all gay community hotspots are two true jewels of the Rainbow Selection: the one of a kind, historical **SOFITEL AMSTERDAM THE GRAND** and the **CONVENT HOTEL AMSTERDAM**.

SOFITEL AMSTERDAM THE GRAND

Sofitel Amsterdam the Grand is the epitome of historic elegance and luxury in the heart of Holland's capital. Our superb downtown location is walking distance of most major landmarks. With 177 stunning rooms, The Grand will include 52 brand new suites following our renovation which is due for completion in Spring 2010 making it the perfect hotel to host a conference, banquet, or get away from it all.

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THE CONVENT HOTEL AMSTERDAM

The Convent Mgallery ex Sof is a 4-star hotel with a unique history. It is situated in the heart of Amsterdam and is just a 5-minute walk from Central Station, Dam Square and the Royal Palace. The hotel was formerly made up of 3 buildings: 2 monasteries from the 13th and 14th centuries plus a printing house. The hotel is within easy reach of Schiphol Airport and Central Station. Unfortunately pets can not be admitted.

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MERCURE AMSTERDAM ARTHUR FROMMER

Refurbished in April 2008, the charming Hotel Mercure Amsterdam Arthur Frommer is entirely non-smoking. Perfectly situated on a quiet street in the heart of Amsterdam, the hotel is within walking distance of numerous attractions. The commercial district, RAI and Amstel Business Park are also nearby. The hotel has over 93 tastefully designed rooms and bathrooms, a bar, a breakfast room and a limited number of private parking spaces available for a fee.

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MERCURE HOTEL AMSTERDAM AAN DE AMSTEL

This modern 4-star hotel is ideally situated in the south of Amsterdam, near to the Amsterdam Arena and less than 10 minutes from the city center. The hotel is located close to the A2 and A10 highways, and just 9.3 miles (15 km) from Schiphol airport. The Mercure offers 3 restaurants, a bar, 14 meeting rooms and a modern fitness center, sauna and Turkish steam bath to help you relax.

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IBIS AMSTERDAM CENTRE

Ibis Amsterdam Centre is situated by the main train station. Trains, metros, buses, trams and taxis all drop you right to the door. Destinations such as the PTA cruise terminal, Beurs van Berlage, the Dam Square and the Grachtengordel are within walking distance. Our hotel has 363 rooms, including 3 for disabled guests. Breakfast is served daily from 4am to at least midday.

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