

Democrats Abroad Netherlands bid - EMEA Regional Meeting 2019

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Dates:

Saturday/Sunday, October 12-13th, 2 full days (As needed)

Backup dates: September 14th-15th

Location: Amsterdam. ± 30 volunteers

Transportation to the city: Plane, Train, Bus, Boat, Drive:

Plane -

Schiphol Airport 12-17 min. train ride to Amsterdam Centraal Station (3 other train stations accessible within similar time frame). Cost ± €4

Eindhoven Airport - Budget Airport - Approx. 2 hrs. from Eindhoven to Amsterdam Centraal Station. Via public transport €23. Alternative: Airbus Express, price ± €23.

Trains - Connections to every major Western European city

Paris (3 hours 20 minutes) Brussels (1 hour 50 minutes)

London (3 hours 55 minutes) Berlin (6 hours 10 minutes)

Cologne (2 hours 50 minutes) Munich (8 hours 5 minutes)

Buses - Flixbus, Ouibus, Eurolines

Boat - Ferries from the UK arrive at Hoek van Holland - 2 hrs to Amsterdam central

Drive - Park and Ride (P+R)

At Amsterdam's Park and Ride (P+R) car parks, you can park your car for €8 per 24 hours (max. 4 days). If you arrive after 10.00am or during the weekend you pay only €1 per 24 hours.

You are then given a public transport card to get into/out of the city included.

Travel within the city: extensive public transport

€8 - 24hr/ €13,50 - 48hr unlimited use transport cards.

Or go like a local and rent a bike! From €10/day (10% discount) multi day rates.

Workability

Hotel/Hostel : Clink Noord (10% discount) -

recently opened in North Amsterdam - 2 mins from Central Station

Approx 30 mins to venue via ferry and walking (or bus or tram); 10 min bike ride.

7 single rooms - single bed

50 double rooms - i.e., double bed

20 twin rooms - 2 single beds/bunk beds

274 - 4 person rooms - double bunk beds

Larger dorms also available on lower rates.

Welcome reception at Boom Chicago Friday evening. DANL will pay for (some) drinks and snacks. Discounted tickets available for the show (Trump up the Volume or something similar) with Comedian Greg Shapiro - voice of Trump in Netherlands 2nd video.

Saturday evening dinner/fundraiser - Amsterdam Museum TBD - have tentative bids
Saturday evening pre-dinner drinks fundraiser - canal cruise TBD - have tentative bids

Plenty of volunteers to help with assemble welcome packets, registration, webex, tech support, assistance between events, etc.

Venue Details

Venue: Boom Chicago Comedy Club - Rozengracht 117, Amsterdam.

Cost: €4500 (ex VAT 21%) venue, tech, manager, equipment 2 full days (lower if only 1.5)

Have access to main hall which seats 300 people easily. Large open space and balcony seating. Plenty of tables, chairs. Built-in audio/video projection. No need to rent extra equipment expected. Hi speed internet on location. If need be also have access to a separate space upstairs, lots of places for small break out groups as needed.

Affordable lunch for either or both days. Vegetarian/ Vegan. Great Italian sandwich shop in town price €3,50 per sandwich. Gluten-free options avail on demand.

Possibility for cheap Breakfast too.

Amsterdam as a major tourist attraction has a wide range of accommodations. The venue is centrally located and easily accessible via public transport from most parts of the city.

At DANL AGM members were favorable to hosting meeting and offering home stays.

Final remarks: Plenty of things to do for tag-along spouse and kids while we're hard at work. Top-rated museums, excursions within the city and to the nearby countryside, several parks and markets to explore, theme parks (Eftling - Dutch Disneyland) within driving distance. With 180 different nations living within an hour walking radius, varied restaurants from Vietnamese, Thai, Indonesian, Mexican, BBQ, and even Dutch food..... the world's the limit.

As I work in tourism, I have an extensive knowledge of things to do in the city, and can give plenty of recommendations.

I know meetings can cost a lot, and am working to have affordable options for as many people as possible

- Kendra Borgen, Chair, DA Netherlands