





# AMSTERDAM

This proud city located in Holland welcomes you with their unique saying, "I amsterdam." The purpose of the motto is to show this city's love for its past, where it is now, and its hope for a bright future with help from local and tourist alike. Eric wants you to see Amsterdam from every angle, whether that's on boat, bike, or in your clogging shoes; every inch is worth exploring here. Amsterdam is waiting!

1. Tulip fields are grown all over Amsterdam, since they are the third most popular flower in the world.
2. Only 14 of the original 1,000 windmills operate today in Amsterdam.
3. Did you know that clogging shoes are not only warm, waterproof, and sturdy; boys back in the day would carve out shoes with symbols representing eternal life and present them to the woman he intended to marry, spending over 100 hours on one pair.
4. The town's name Amsterdam came from when the people built a dam in the river Amstel, around 1100 AD.
5. Ever heard of Anne Frank? She lived in a house similar to many of the ones in Eric's painting.
6. Claudia introduced Eric to a stroopwafel, a delicious dessert both to the mouth and the soul.
7. The famous Cheese Wheel is a staple in the locals diet and a must when visiting Amsterdam.
8. Willem and Corine, the couple who know about farming, just like Eric, and know the secrets in making the best cheese.
9. The Colonel of Cycling taught Eric a thing or two about biking in Amsterdam, like how the population is about 800,000 while there are around one million bikes in Amsterdam.
10. Hans loved drawing when he was younger and today loves painting the delft pottery loved by many all over.
11. Marco the clogging man. He knew how to make the perfect clogging shoe for his wife and still makes these traditional shoes that last a lifetime.
12. Nico introduced Eric into the delft pottery shop where the classic blue and white artwork that is still hand crafted today.
13. Amsterdam's coat of arms with the XXX has a powerful message, The "X's" stand for merciful, persistent, and heroic.
14. Philip showed Eric how the windmills work and their importance to society.

## FUN FINDS:

- ☐ A romantic candel light dinner served to you by a personal chef with breadsticks.
- ☐ Can you find all eight "I amsterdams?"
- ☐ The biggest catch ever for a little boy!