

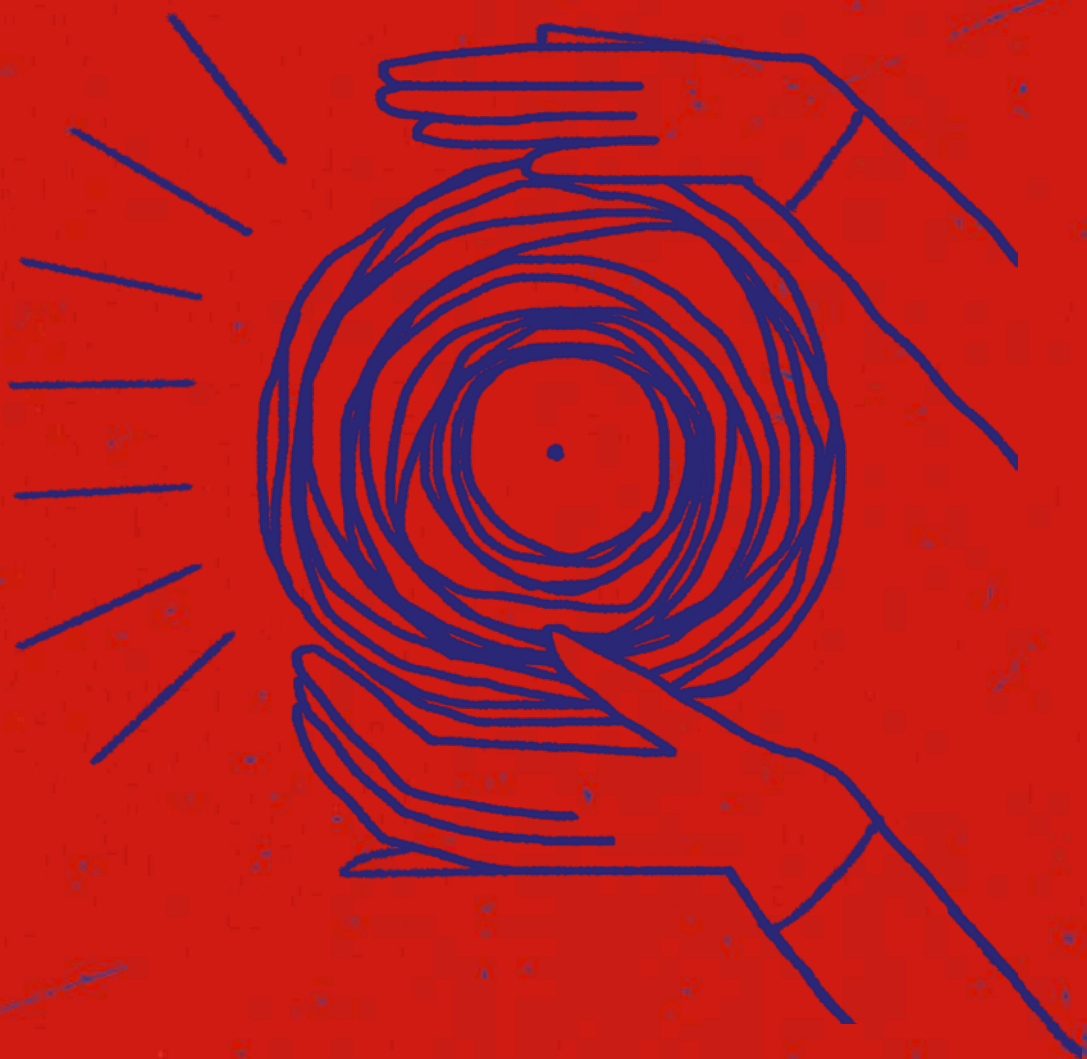


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## GETTING THERE

Haarlem, located 20 km west of Amsterdam, is easily accessible by various modes of transport.



- Amsterdam Schiphol (AMS) is the nearest airport
- 20-minute train ride from Schiphol to Haarlem



- Frequent services from Amsterdam (15 minutes), The Hague (35 minutes), and Rotterdam (45 minutes)



- Accessible via the A9 motorway
- Multiple parking garages are available in the city center

## GETTING AROUND

Haarlem is compact and perfect for exploring on foot or by bike.

### WALKING

- Most attractions are within a short stroll from each other

### CYCLING

- Rent a bike from places like Rent a Bike Haarlem

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- Efficient bus network by Connexxion.

### TAXI & UBER

- Available but can be expensive; useful for late-night returns.

## THINGS TO DO

- **Haarlem Vinyl Festival** – September 26-28
- **Making Vinyl Europe** – September 24-26
- **Frans Hals Museum** – Dutch Golden Age art
- **Teylers Museum** – Art, science, and natural history exhibits
- **Grote Kerk (St. Bavo's Church)** – Famous for its Müller organ
- **De Adriaan Windmill** – Guided tours and stunning views
- **Grote Markt** – Bustling heart of Haarlem
- **Corrie ten Boom House Museum** – Dedicated to WWII efforts
- **Haarlemmerhout** – Large park with a petting zoo and deer park



*Grote Kerk (St. Bavo's Church) and Grote Markt*



## WHERE TO STAY

### LUXURY

- **Hotel ML**  
Boutique hotel in a former monastery
- **Boutiquehotel Staats**  
Stylish hotel near the train station

### MID-RANGE

- **Ambassador City Centre Hotel**  
Central location next to Grote Kerk
- **Haarlem Hotel Suites**  
Spacious suites with kitchenettes
- **Hotel Lion d'Or**  
Modern hotel near the train station
- **Carlton Square Hotel**  
Elegant hotel with contemporary rooms and a great restaurant
- **Grand Hotel Frans Hals**  
Located right in the city centre and very close to the MAKING VINYL EUROPE venue

### BUDGET

- **Stayokay Haarlem**  
Modern hostel near the city center
- **Hello I'm Local**  
Cozy boutique hostel
- **Hotel Carillon**  
Simple, budget-friendly hotel with a great location near Grote Markt
- **Joops City Centre Hotel**  
Basic accommodations with a central location and affordable rates

## WHERE TO EAT

### FINE DINING

- **ML in Hotel ML**  
Exquisite seasonal dishes
- **Restaurant Ratatouille**  
Michelin-starred French-inspired cuisine

### MID-RANGE

- **Jopenkerk**  
Craft beers brewed on-site
- **Spaarne66**  
Varied menu with river views

- **Brasserie van Beinum**  
This is the ideal place for a drink and a bite with a lovely heated terrace in the sun and a cozy bar

### BUDGET

- **De Wereld van Jansje**  
Homemade meals in a charming cafe
- **By Lima**  
Healthy and organic breakfast and lunch options

### BIKE TO THE BEACH

Short ride to Zandvoort and Bloemendaal

### HAARLEMSE HOFJES

Explore hidden courtyards

### AVOID MONDAYS

Many museums and attractions are closed

## INSIDER TIPS

## RECORD STORES

in Haarlem and Around



### IN HAARLEM

- **Record Friend Haarlem**  
Gierstraat 42
- **Sounds Haarlem**  
Kleine Houtstraat 26
- **The Record Café**  
Grote Houtstraat 135

### IN AMSTERDAM (20 km from Haarlem)

- **Concerto**  
Utrechtsestraat 52-60
- **Velvet Music Amsterdam**  
Rozengracht 40
- **Record Mania**  
Ferdinand Bolstraat 30

### IN LEIDEN

(30 km from Haarlem)

- **Velvet Music Leiden**  
Nieuwe Rijn 34
- **Plato Leiden**  
Vrouwensteeg 4

### IN UTRECHT

(50 km from Haarlem)

- **Platendraaier**  
Breedstraat 4
- **Koffie Leute Vinyl & Espresso**  
Westerkade 30
- **Wah Wah Records**  
Voorstraat 70

# KEY TAKEAWAYS

**“I attended Making Vinyl Europe for the first time last year,** I have attended all the US MV conferences and thought there was no reason to attend the European version. How wrong I was, not only was the location charming and really fantastic the content whilst similar to MV US it was also different and very valuable, not just because of the different perspectives offered by more European attendees but the programming highlighted different aspects of the industry and its current challenges. I would highly encourage anyone on the fence about attending to make the effort and attend!”



**Sarah Robertson**  
CEO A to Z Media

**“I had a fantastic time** at last year’s Making Vinyl in Haarlem. It was an incredible experience where I made new connections and learned a great deal about the latest trends and innovations in the industry. It’s definitely an event well worth attending for anyone in the vinyl industry whether they are based in the US or elsewhere in the world”



**Ali Miller**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Furnace Record Pressing

**“Throughout the conference** I found that the European perspectives on manufacturing efficiencies and specialized machinery helped me gain valuable insight for our American business. Also, the plant tour at Record Industry in Harleem was amazing!”



**Dustin Blocker**  
Chief Creative Officer  
Hand Drawn Pressing

**“Attending Making Vinyl in Europe offers a unique perspective** compared to the US. The European market often emphasizes different trends and innovations enriched by the continent’s diverse cultures. Europeans are more advanced in green initiatives, sustainability, and R&D, setting a higher industry standard. Additionally, the ease of travel within Europe allows for a more immersive experience, providing valuable insights and fresh ideas that can significantly impact our approach to production and distribution.”



**Connie Comeau**  
Chief Operating Officer  
ADS Group

**“I attended MV Haarlem in 2023.** I found the conference extremely interesting and educational, and worthwhile to hear the different perspectives between Europe and North America (NA), most notably, the huge gap between green/environmental initiatives and sustainability. It was also very rewarding to spend a lot of time with other plants and members outside of the conference (in a bonding fashion) and learned almost as much as I did at the conference! Other interesting areas include: the differences between business with brokers in Europe vs. NA; emerging business trends, tactics, partnerships; automation practices, and more!”



**Scott Lemasters**  
Founding Partner/CEO  
The Vinyl Lab/Lounge

**“Haarlem offered a quaint and more intimate setting** than prior conferences I have attended. This translated into some amazing networking opportunities; and although we are all doing similar things, I appreciated the European perspective regarding the topics of sustainability and quality control, important factors for anyone involved in the manufacture of vinyl records. The Meet the Experts sessions sponsored by the Vinyl Alliance and the tour of Record Industries and Artone Studios were top notch. I went away feeling invigorated and enthusiastic about implementing some of the learnings into our own operations”.



**Greg Schoener**  
VP of Quality and Technology  
Copycats Record Pressing

# TRAVELLING THERE AND BACK

## DIRECT FLIGHTS

from the USA to Amsterdam

Several airlines offer direct flights from various US cities to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (AMS):

- **Delta Air Lines**  
From cities like Atlanta, Boston, Detroit, and more
- **KLM Royal Dutch Airlines**  
From cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, and more
- **United Airlines**  
From cities like Chicago, Newark, and more
- **American Airlines**  
From cities like Dallas/Fort Worth, Philadelphia, and more
- **Norwegian Air Shuttle**  
Seasonal flights from New York and Los Angeles
- **JetBlue**  
From New York (JFK)

## FLIGHT TIMES

to Amsterdam from Major US Cities

### EAST COAST

- New York (JFK) – 7-8 hours
- Boston (BOS) – 7-8 hours
- Washington D.C. (IAD) – 7-8 hours

### MIDWEST

- Chicago (ORD) – 8-9 hours
- Detroit (DTW) – 8-9 hours

### WEST COAST

- Los Angeles (LAX) – 10-11 hours
- San Francisco (SFO) – 10-11 hours

### SOUTHERN STATES

- Atlanta (ATL) – 8-9 hours
- Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) – 9-10 hours
- Miami (MIA) – 9-10 hours

## TRANSPORTATION COST

from Haarlem to Amsterdam



- One-way ticket: € 5 - € 6
- Round trip: € 10 - € 12
- Time: 15 - 20 minutes



- One-way ticket: € 5
- Round trip: € 10
- Time: 30 - 40 minutes



- Fuel costs for round trip: € 10 - € 15
- Parking: € 5 - € 7 per hour in the city center or € 8 daily at Park and Ride (P+R) facilities
- Time: 30-40 minutes depending on traffic



- Bike rental: €10 - €15 per day
- Time: 60 - 90 minutes

For any questions please contact



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## AVERAGE AIRFARE RETURN COST to Amsterdam

### ECONOMY CLASS

- **East Coast:**  
\$500 - \$900
- **Midwest:**  
\$600 - \$1,000
- **West Coast:**  
\$700 - \$1,200
- **Southern States:**  
\$600 - \$1,100

### PREMIUM ECONOMY CLASS

- **East Coast:**  
\$1,200 - \$1,800
- **Midwest:**  
\$1,300 - \$2,000
- **West Coast:**  
\$1,400 - \$2,200
- **Southern States:**  
\$1,300 - \$2,100

### BUSINESS CLASS

- **East Coast:**  
\$3,000 - \$4,500
- **Midwest:**  
\$3,500 - \$5,000
- **West Coast:**  
\$4,000 - \$5,500
- **Southern States:**  
\$3,500 - \$5,200