

'Getting around in Amsterdam'

SPARK welcomes you to Amsterdam! This packet has been designed to answer any questions you might have about where the seminar will be located, our SPARK head office, and how to get around town. We have also included key phone numbers for our staff, who will be happy to help you.

We look forward to meeting you on the 18th of September!

Spark Head Office

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1013 CN, Amsterdam Website: http://www.spark-online.org/

Directions: From Amsterdam Central Station, take bus 48 to stop 'Barentszplein' and walk 3

mins.

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The Hub Amsterdam (venue of the Spark Expert Meeting)

Address: Westerstraat 187 **Phone:** +31 (0) 20 427 4283

1015 MA, Amsterdam Website: http://amsterdam.impacthub.net/

Directions: 15 min walk through the scenic Jordaan or take tram 13 or 17 to stop 'Westermarkt'

and walk 5 mins or bus 18 or 21 to stop 'Marnixplein' and walk 3 mins.

Public Transportation

In Amsterdam and beyond, the public transport smart card (*OV-chipkaart*) is used for travel on <u>trams</u>, <u>buses and metros</u>. The most convenient options for visitors are one-hour cards, (multi) day cards, or an anonymous card which you can add more credit to at any time.

Purchasing your OV-chipkaart

(Important note: when purchasing your ticket directly from the conductor on the tram/bus, it is recommended to have sufficient cash with you as creditcards are <u>not</u> accepted!)

- One-hour cards: Available from the conductor on buses and trams, at GVB ticket vending machines or GVB Tickets & Info locations
- (Multi) day cards: Available at GVB ticket vending machines or GVB Tickets & Info locations
- Anonymous (refillable) cards: Available at GVB ticket vending machines, GVB Tickets & Info
 locations, and select newsstands and supermarkets



Using your OV-chipkaart

The most important tip for using your OV-chipkaart is always remember to check in and check
out! At the start of your journey, hold your card up to the card reader until you see a green light
and hear a beep.

Taxi

Official taxi operators in Amsterdam:

- Taxicentrale Amsterdam (TCA) (with online booking service) +31 (0) 20-777 7777 (7x7)
- Staxi (with online booking service) +31 (0) 20-221 0059
- Taxistad (with online booking service) +31 (0) 20-208 0000
- STA (Stads Taxi Amsterdam) +31 (0) 20-364 2207
- Taxi Direct Amsterdam (with online booking service) +31 (0) 20-633 3333
- My Taxi Centrale (with online booking service) +31 (0) 20-475 0320
- BBF Schipholtaxi (with online booking service) 0900 900 6666
- TAXI-E Sustainable Taxi Services (with online booking service) +31 (0) 88-100 4444
- TCM Taxicentrale (with online booking service) +31 (0) 20-631 2727

