

AMSTERDAM LIGHT FESTIVAL

Next day : 29 NOV 2018 - 20 JAN 2019

Location : AMSTERDAM

About Festival



Every year the festival is organized in Amsterdam during winter time(in December and early January) and has a different theme. For the 6th year, the capital of the Netherlands organizes the Amsterdam Light Festival. In 2012, the festival consisted of only 20 pieces of artwork. Now, six years later, the light festival is one of Europe's most important light art festivals.

History



In 2009, Mr. Horbach and Mr. Buchel felt more should happen during the wintertime in Amsterdam. Despite limited resources, they organized the first Christmas Canal Parade in order to create a new winter tradition in Amsterdam. A few years later, in 2012, this resulted into the first Amsterdam Light Festival. It was a festival for all people: both the inhabitants of Amsterdam and people from outside the city. Light artworks were placed throughout the city. The works next to and on the Amstel river formed the "Boulevard of Light". The city's hiking trail with a large number of artworks is called "The Illuminade". In the context of social involvement, specific projects have been launched under the name of "Socialight".

Activities



Amsterdam Light Festival is best seen from the water. Many artworks and light art installations are located next to the Amsterdam Light Festival route, a boat route through the Amsterdam canals. The artworks' reflections cause a magical interplay between light and water. Want to experience the light art from up close? Join us on one of our Amsterdam Light Festival canal cruises.