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# WELCOME WALKS



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Ready to get to know your neighborhood?

This self-guided tour will cover the basics you need in your day-to-day life, as well as the hidden gems that make this section of the city unique.

We've included links for some items here in the guide, and you can download this guide as a PDF from <https://iwcen.nl/our-services/welcome-walks/>

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### 1 JUMBO: Beren 85

Jumbo is aptly named: it's a huge grocery store that has plenty in store, including a wide vegan selection and lots of craft beers. The supermarket is located in a shopping plaza where you'll also find a bookshop/tobacco shop, another supermarket (Aldi), a hair salon, and an ATM.

### 2 NOORDERPLANTSOEN

With its gently sloping hills and hidden pathways, Noorderplantsoen is the go-to picnic spot in town on sunny days for students and families alike. The park has a fascinating history: it's situated along the city's former defensive wall, and the roads running through it are very broad because it used to be accessible to cars.

### 3 MAMAMINI NOORDERPLANTSOEN Noorderbinnensingel 100

Mamamini sells second-hand clothing, furniture, books, and electronics at several locations across the city. Whether you need basics for your home, or just looking to spruce up your living space, their shops are always worth a visit.

### 4 MIDDENGASTHUIS, SINT MARTINUSGASTHUIS, PIETERNELLAGASTHUIS:

#### Grote Leliestraat

The city of Groningen is home to 32 historic almshouses (gasthuizen), established by local houses of worship. These small units traditionally provided housing for people who were considered social outcasts.

Grote Leliestraat has three of these complexes, making it a great start to start your exploration. The complex is open to the public, so don't hesitate to walk inside to admire them up close!

### 5 CAFÉ DE MINNAAR: Kleine Rozenstraat 64

Café de Minnaar has always been a part of the city, or at least it feels like it. Students, both old and new, inevitably end up at this café at some point, and many become regulars.

### 6 SIMPLON: Boterdiep 69

Simplon has been central to Groningen's youth culture for 40 years. The club began in the 1970s when a group of hippies and artists started squatting in the former jacket factory.

Today, this music venue primarily focuses on hip-hop, urban, and dance music. Find more about their upcoming events on their website [simplon.nl](http://simplon.nl) (available in English).

### 7 THE SOCIAL HUB: Boterdiep 9

One of the first large buildings in this part of the city, The Social Hub defines the skyline and plays a significant role in student life in the neighborhood. You can stay for just a few nights, book an all-inclusive room for a year, or use one of the rooms as a short-term work/study place. The restaurant and bar downstairs are open to the public.

### 8 DOT / CITY BEACH: Vrydemalaan 20

This UFO-like building was originally designed as a 3D cinema for science films and space documentaries projected onto the curved ceiling. Today, it also shows a wide range of movies. Next to it, there is a city beach where you can swim year-round, though it tends to get packed on sweltering summer days.

### 9 MACHINEFABRIEK / NITE: Bloemstraat 38

The Machinefabriek is home to two organizations: the National Interdisciplinary Theatre Ensemble (NITE) and the dance ensemble Guy & Roni. All of their dress rehearsals are open to the public, offering a great opportunity to check out their innovative shows at a fraction of the regular price.



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