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Studio Valkenier trail hunting

Studio Valkenier creates places where architecture becomes a catalyst for connection. Guided by rebellious values—sustainability, circular design, and community—they transform forgotten plots and overlooked corners into vibrant cultural landmarks.

But Studio Valkenier never works alone. Every project is the result of collaboration with visionary partners. Together, they form a creative constellation where architects, builders, artists, and dreamers work side by side.

For travelers and explorers, visiting these places is more than sightseeing—it is stepping into a living story of teamwork, imagination, and a shared belief that cities can be built differently.

Once described by Winy Maas (MVRDV) in the VPRO Tegenlicht documentary as *Lokhipsters, Studio Valkenier has embraced the term as a badge of honor. What began as an ironic label now speaks to their mission: to root design deeply in local culture while bringing a contemporary, imaginative spirit. Lokhipster has come to mean building with place, people, and possibility at the heart.

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Hannekes Boom...since 1662

Address

Dijkgracht 4

Why on the trail?

Place making example

More info

HannekesBoom.nl

Hidden just behind the Central Library, Hannekes Boom is one of Amsterdam's favorite waterside hangouts. With outdoor seating, grassy spots, and moorings for boats, it's a place to relax, sunbathe, or enjoy a drink with views across the IJ and the NEMO Science Museum. Since 1662, this tucked-away spot has been a retreat from the bustle of the city—perfect for those who want to linger by the water.





Schoonschip 245

Address [Johan van Hasselkade 245](#)

Why on the trail?

A sustainable floating community

More info SchoonSchip.org

Amsterdam's pioneering floating neighborhood, Schoonschip, was born from a collective dream of living sustainably on the water. Initiated in 2010 and completed in 2021, the community now features 46 unique homes spread across 30 plots. Each house was designed by its residents in collaboration with architects of their choice, resulting in an eclectic yet harmonious village. A smart jetty links the homes, doubling as infrastructure and a lively communal walkway. For visitors, Schoonschip is a glimpse into the future of urban living.







Schoonschip 245 floating home

Address [Johan van Hasselkade 245](#)

Why on the trail?

A sustainable floating family house

More info [SchoonSchip.org](#)

Studio Valkenier built this dream home in Schoonschip,,

This floating house reflects this philosophy in every detail. Almost everything used in the home has a story — from windows and lighting fixtures saved from old buildings, to wood and materials given a second life. The result is a warm, character-filled home that feels both modern and timeless.





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De Ceuvel

Address

Korte Papaverweg 4

Why on the trail?

Circulair development

More info

Ceuel.nl

Once a polluted shipyard, De Ceuvel in Amsterdam North has been transformed into an internationally celebrated showcase for circular design. Wooden jetties wind past retrofitted houseboats set on land, surrounded by soil-cleaning plants and experimental green technologies. Home to creative workspaces and cultural initiatives, this “cleantech playground” is both an architectural curiosity and a living laboratory for sustainable cities.





Cafe De Ceuvel

Address

Korte Papaverweg 4

Why on the trail?

Bottom up development

More info

Ceuvel.nl

In the heart of De Ceuvel lies its café, a warm and vibrant meeting place where sustainability is served on your plate. The menu is mostly vegetarian, rooted in local produce and circular principles. Interiors are made from reused materials, and the surrounding businesses all share a mission of positive impact. More than a café, it's an invitation to rethink what "good food" means—delicious, responsible, and deeply connected to its environment.





Baggerbeest

Address [Rudi van Dantzigstraat 1](#)

Why on the trail?

Project Booster

More info Baggerbeest.nl

On Zeeburgereiland, Baggerbeest acts as the cultural anchor of the emerging Sluisbuurt district. With its cozy bar, event hall, artist studios, and community workshop, this creative hub is bringing life and character to a new neighborhood. Its name, inspired by a mud-dwelling creature of the IJ, reflects its pioneering spirit—emerging from raw land to claim new cultural ground.





Jeugdland - Stadsboerderij

Address

Valentijkade 131

Why on the trail?

Circle of life

More info

Jeugdlandamsterdam.nl

In Amsterdam East, a former petting farm has been reimagined as De Hemelse Tuin—an experimental city farm where urban agriculture, education, and inclusivity come together. Developed with circular building principles, the project invites visitors to explore a living landscape that shows how cities can cultivate both nature and community.





Tuin van Bret

Address

Kastrupstraat 11g

Why on the trail?

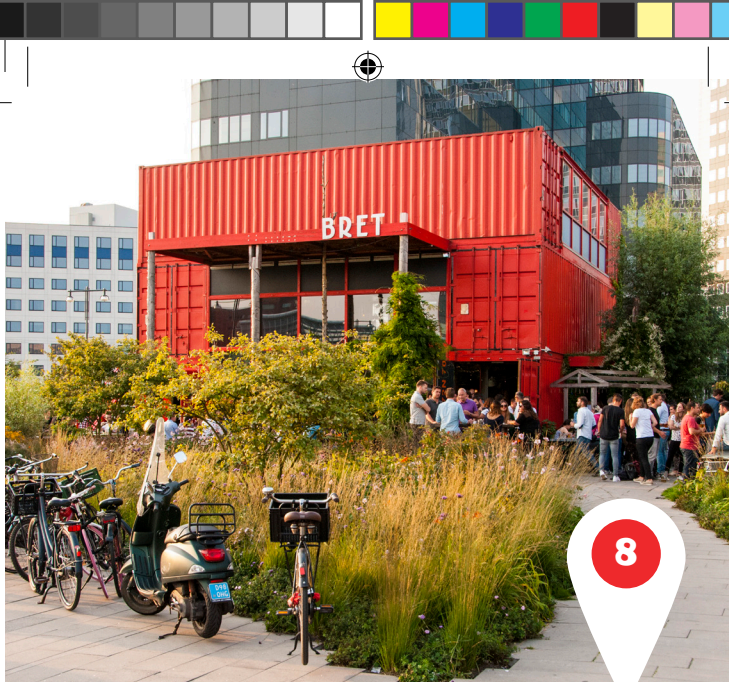
Creative hub

More info

Tuinvanbret.nl

Tuin van BRET is a shared garden and workspace created by a group of entrepreneurs united by one goal: to build a place that nurtures both community and environment. Designed around reuse and sustainability, it stands as a model for a “new economy,” driven by passion instead of profit. For visitors, it’s an inspiring stop that shows how creativity can reshape even the most unlikely spaces.





bar - club BRET

Address

Orlyplein 76

Why on the trail?

24h club

More info

[Bret.bar](#)

With its striking red exterior, BRET has transformed Sloterdijk from a gray office zone into a lively cultural hotspot. Surrounded by a pocket of greenery, this bar and club is a beacon of energy—a place to eat, drink, dance, and connect. Architecturally bold and socially vibrant, BRET pulses like a red heart in the middle of the city's business district.





Landgoed Rorik

Address

Pad van Altruda 3

Why on the trail?

Bottom up development

More info

LandgoedRorik.nl

Just outside Amsterdam, Landgoed Rorik is a sustainable estate where farming, culture, and leisure meet. Guests can camp among orchards and vineyards, help out in the fields, or enjoy farm-to-table meals at the restaurant. Nothing is wasted: food scraps feed the animals, and every building material tells the story of reuse. Evenings often end with wine by the fire, music, or open-air theater—making Rorik a rare blend of relaxation, creativity, and circular living.
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Landgoed Rorik - Zachtstaal

Address

Pad van Altruda 1

Why on the trail?

Seasonal diner

More info

www.Zachtstaal.nl

Set within a greenhouse on the estate, Zacht Staal is a sustainable roadside restaurant that celebrates food at its freshest. Orchards, gardens, and free-roaming chickens surround the dining space, while a weekly changing menu reflects the seasonal harvest. For travelers, it's not just a place to eat but a full immersion in the rhythms of nature and the future of gastronomy.



3d print canal house by [DUS architects](#) @ Landgoed Rorik

Studio Valkenier

Curious to go deeper? Each of these projects carries stories of community, design, and bold experimentation—and there's no better way to experience them than with the people who created them. Walk, cycle or take a boat. Studio Valkenier offers personalized tours led by project initiators, giving travelers and architecture enthusiasts a rare glimpse behind the scenes.

Whether you'd like to attend a lecture or host one yourself, we're happy to share our ideas on sustainable design, circular living, and rebellious architecture.

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