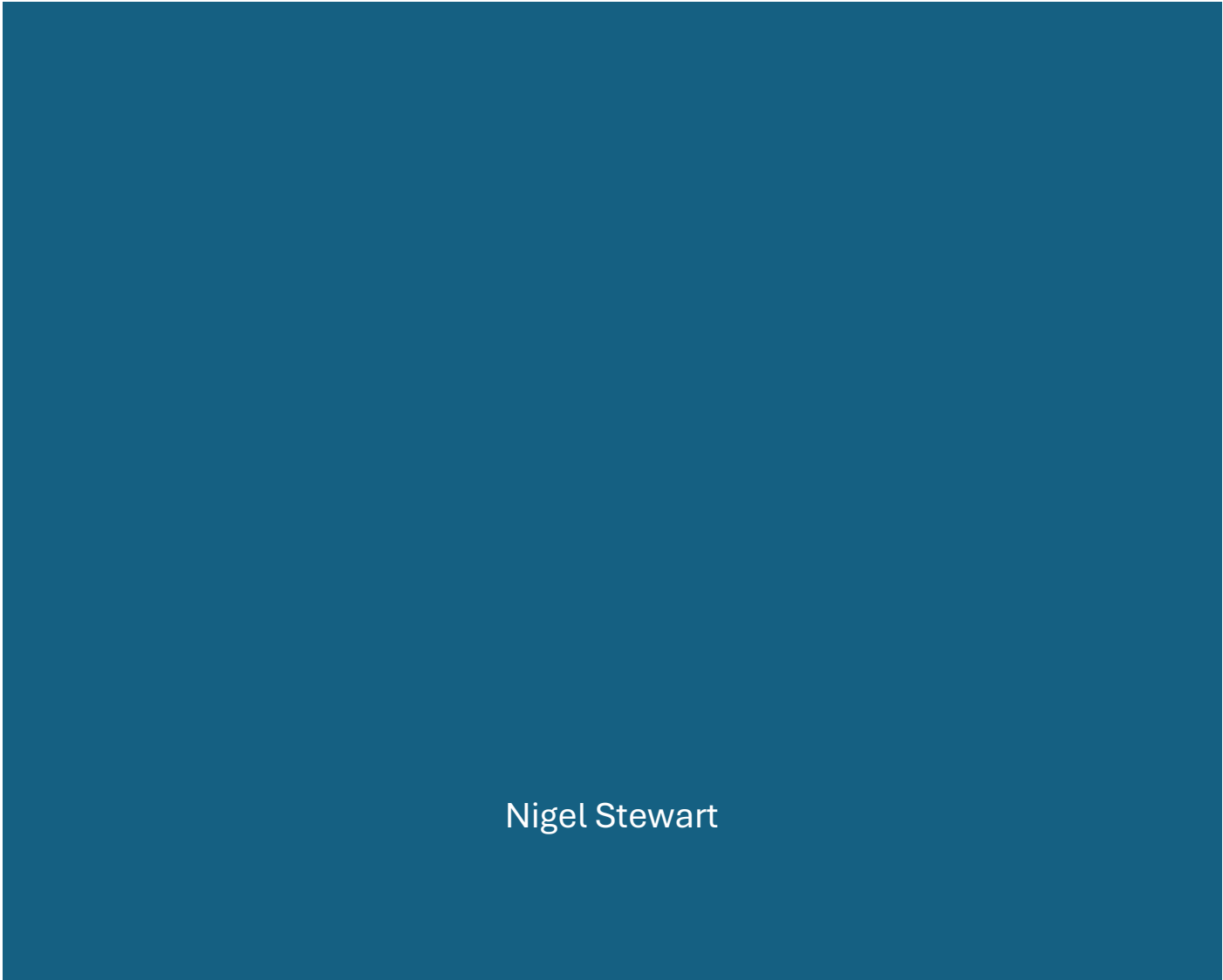




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The Westerkerk



The Westerkerk is a Reformed church within Dutch Protestant Calvinism in central Amsterdam, Netherlands. It lies in the most western part of the Grachtengordel neighborhood, next to the Jordaan, between the Prinsengracht and Keizersgracht. The intersection of Leliegracht and Prinsengracht frames it beautifully, with the canal, the drawbridge, and the church tower composing in a single frame

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[The Westerkerk](#)

The Waag



The Waag is a 15th-century building on Nieuwmarkt square in Amsterdam. It was originally a city gate and part of the walls of Amsterdam. Later it served as a guildhall, museum, fire station and anatomical theatre, among other things. The Waag is the oldest remaining non-religious building in Amsterdam. The building was listed as a national monument in 1970. The Waag is depicted in Rembrandt's 1632 painting *The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaes Tulp*.

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The Waag

De Gooyer Windmill



De Gooyer is a windmill in Amsterdam located between Funenkade and Zeeburgerstraat. It is the tallest wooden mill in the Netherlands at 26.6 meters high. It is registered as a National Monument. The name dates from around 1609, when the mill was owned by Claes and Jan Willemsz, two brothers from Gooiland. It is also known as "The Funenmolen". The Gooyer consists of a stone foundation topped by a wooden octagonal body.

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MAGERE BRIDGE



The Magere Brug is a bridge over the river Amstel in Amsterdam, Netherlands. It connects the banks of the river at Kerkstraat, between the Keizersgracht and Prinsengracht. The central section of the Magere Brug is a bascule bridge made of white-painted wood. The present bridge was built in 1934. The first bridge at this site was built in 1691 as Kerkstraatbrug and had 13 arches. Because this bridge was very narrow, the locals called it magere brug, which literally means "skinny bridge".

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[Magere Bridge](#)

The Royal Palace of Amsterdam



The Royal Palace in Amsterdam is one of three palaces in the Netherlands which are at the disposal of the monarch by Act of Parliament. It is situated on the west side of Dam Square in the centre of Amsterdam, opposite the War Memorial and next to the Nieuwe Kerk. During the Batavian Republic, the public floors of the building became the first Amsterdam museum under Louis Bonaparte. When Bonaparte was made king by Napoleon, the building was used as the royal palace.

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[Royal Palace](#)

Ambassade Hotel



Herengracht 341, Amsterdam City Centre, 1016 AZ Amsterdam

WTW: [///sung.sprain.divides](http://sung.sprain.divides)

[Ambassade Hotel](#)

Hotel De L'Europe



Nieuwe Doelenstraat 2-14, 1012 CP Amsterdam, Netherlands

Located on the junction of the Rokin canal & the River Amstel

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[Hotel De L'Europe](#)

Amsterdam Street photography



Dam Square in the very heart of Amsterdam, one of the busiest places in the city.

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[Dam Square](#)

The Co-cathedral Basilica of Saint Nicholas



The Co-cathedral Basilica of Saint Nicholas is located in the Old Centre district of Amsterdam, Netherlands, very close to Amsterdam's main railway station. Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of both the church and the city of Amsterdam. The basilica is the city's primary Roman Catholic church.

WTW: [///machine.teaches.cobras](http://machine.teaches.cobras)

[Saint Nicholas](#)

Amsterdam Trams



Trams off Dam Square



Amsterdam Trams

The Floating Flower Market



The floating flower market at the Singel Canal is one of the most colourful and fragrant places of interest of Amsterdam in all four seasons

It is also the only floating flower market in the world. The sellers' stalls stand on houseboats and evoke the old days when the market was daily supplied by boat.

If you're coming to Amsterdam in December, you'll see the flower market also sells green Christmas trees of all sorts and varieties.

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Flower Market

Amsterdam Central Station



Amsterdam Central Station under water bike park

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[Central Station](#)

[Central Station underwater bike park](#)

[Modern Architecture Link](#)



ING House – nicknamed 'de schaats' (the skate) and 'de kruimeldief' (the dustbuster) – is a 'landmark' in the southwest entrance to the city. It forms part of the development of the **Zuidas** (Southern Axis), whose economic importance is partly due to the proximity of Schiphol. With this building, ING's aim was to project transparency, environmental awareness and a focus on innovation. The futuristic building, which is almost entirely enclosed in glass, was realized by the architects Roberto Meyer and Jeroen van Schooten. In 2002, it was officially inaugurated by Prince Willem-Alexander.

ING has now completely withdrawn from ING House. The building remains ING's property but is now rented out to several companies.

1081 KL Amsterdam, Netherlands

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ING House

Rembrandt Tower



Rembrandt Tower Rembrandttoren highest office skyscraper of Amsterdam with 36 floors. The design was partly inspired by the Empire State Building in New York. The building was designed by the architects Peter de Clercq Zubli and Tom van der Put. Its construction was completed in 1995.

WTW: [///giggles.costs.memory](http://giggles.costs.memory)

Rembrandt Tower

Eye Film Institute



The unique EYE building has 4 cinemas, a space for exhibitions, an interactive 'basement', museum shop and a roomy cafe-restaurant with a spectacular view at the IJ harbour.

The building was designed by the Viennese agency DMAA, which is also known for the Porsche Museum in Stuttgart.

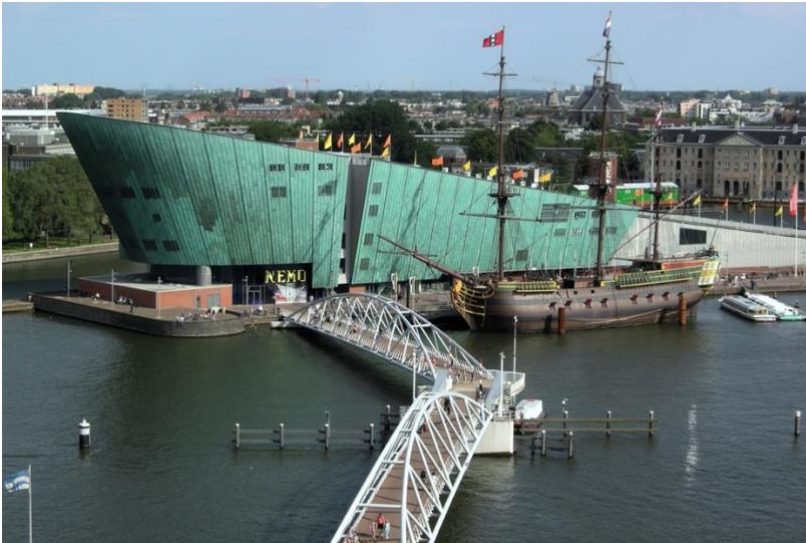
Eye is housed in a spectacular building* on the northern banks of the River IJ. It is part of the new Amsterdam district called Overhoeks in **Amsterdam Noord**, which was named after the Overhoeks tower (**A'DAM Toren**) located on the former Shell Research site.

* The building is open every day for anyone who is interested in film and film culture.

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[Eye Film Institute](#)

NEMO Science Centre



NEMO is a hands-on, science and technology museum housed in an impressive boat-shaped building. Roof access at NEMO

For some of the best views over Amsterdam you can picnic out on the **large roof terrace** of NEMO. From the roof you can view the spectacular architecture of the building and surrounding piers, ships, and **historic city** of Amsterdam. There is no access to the roof in bad weather, during special events and at **New Year**. NEMO is the largest science centre in the Netherlands, and one of the most technologically advanced and interactive museums in the world. The 4 floors of NEMO are a stimulating scene. Children of different ages have fun with giant soap bubbles, experiment in the chemistry lab or produce videos and music in the Media Lab. Grown-ups have fun at NEMO too.

How to get there Take one of the many trams that lead to the **Central Railway Station** (Amsterdam CS) and walk from there to NEMO via a specially constructed promenade and bridge crossing the Oosterdok, Amsterdam's old harbour. Follow the signs for "Route Oosterdok".

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[Nemo Science Centre](#)

World Trade Centre



commercial centre of 9 office buildings

The World Trade Center (WTC), situated in the middle of business district Zuidas, houses more than 300 international companies with 23 nationalities.

The main asset of WTC Amsterdam is its perfect location for business, traveling and entertainment. Within 10 minutes you are at **Schiphol Airport** (by train), while the old centre of Amsterdam can be reached by tram within 15 minutes.

In and around WTC Amsterdam are diverse choice of shops, restaurants and cafés.

place Strawinskylaan 1, Amsterdam **Zuidas**
tram 5, 6 Station Zuid directions_subway 50, 51, 52 Station Zuid
train Station Amsterdam-Zuid

WTW: [///start.coaching.universally](http://start.coaching.universally)
[World Trade Centre](#)

Byzantium



luxury apartment complex with shops, offices and parking garage

On Stadhouderskade, between **Vondelpark** and the **Marriot Hotel**, stands the building Byzantium, designed by Rem Koolhaas. The complex contains shops, offices, apartments and a parking garage. Striking is its almost detached gold-coloured extension. Most of the complex is situated on Vondelpark.

Apart from the gold-coloured elements and the blue mirror glass windows of the office tower, Byzantium is a fairly unpretentious complex. Despite the receding volume at the backside, the subdued greyish blue colour and the building's relative unobtrusiveness, Byzantium was controversial when it was built from 1988 to 1991.

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Byzantium

The Whale



Residential complex adapted to the course of the sun

The scale, the angular forms and the zinc facade of 'The Whale' residential complex (also nicknamed 'The Sphinx') have given it an iconic status in the redeveloped harbour district of Amsterdam (Oostelijk Havengebied). It contrasts with the surroundings of low-rise dwellings like a 'meteorite' fallen from the skies.

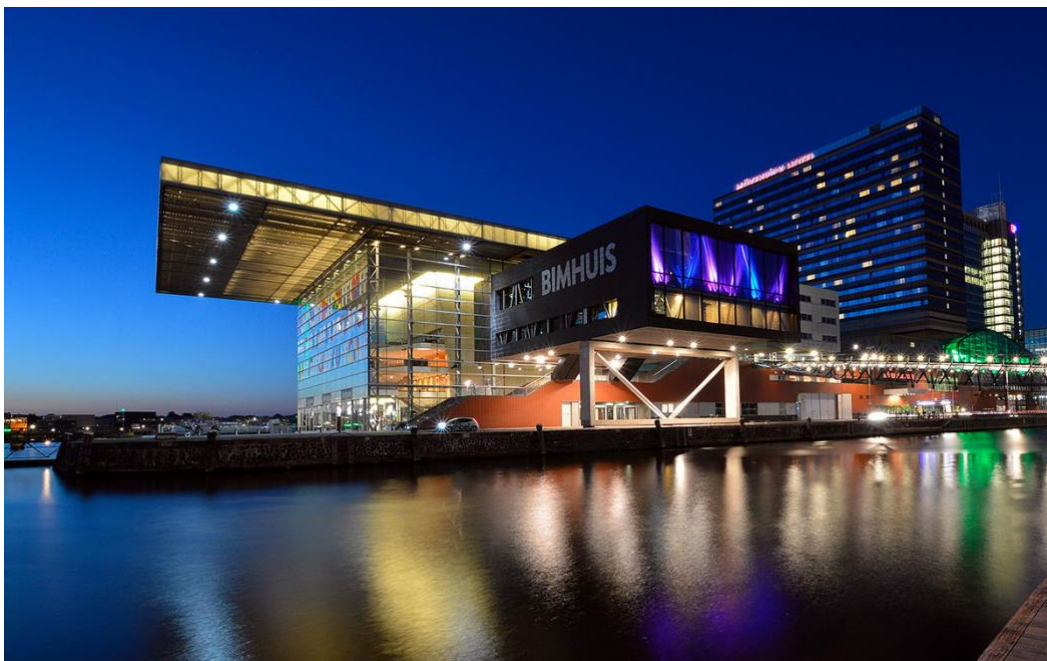
The block contains a total of 214 apartments and was realised by architect Frits van Dongen in 2000.

The striking sculptural form with its angled top and underbelly ensures that all the dwellings and the courtyard garden enjoy sufficient sunlight, fresh air and open view

place Baron G.A. Tindalstraat 224, Borneo-Sporenburg, **Amsterdam Oost**
bus 48, 65, 246, 759 C. van Eesterenlaan
tram 24 C. van Eesterenlaan

The Whale

Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ Concert Hall



Concert hall and jazz platform on the IJ

Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ is a concert hall for contemporary classical music that opened its doors in 2005. The adjoining **Bimhuis** is a live stage for jazz, improvisation and world music.

Both buildings are located on the Eastern Docklands of the **IJ Waterfront** in **Amsterdam Oost**, at walking distance from **Central Station**.

WTW: [///modules.grab.websites](http://modules.grab.websites)

[Concert Hall](#)

The Rock



24-story office tower built in neo-futuristic style (2009)

The building distinguishes itself by the crooked glass, aluminum, stone and concrete elements. The building seems to be much heavier at the upper parts compared to the lower area. The design is very rough and feels like a rock.

Main tenant of this landmark building is international law firm De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek.

place Claude Debussylaan 80, **Amsterdam Zuidas**
directions_subway 50, 51, 52 Station Zuid tram 5, 6 Station Zuid
train Station Amsterdam-Zuid

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The Rock

Amsterdam Public Library



central public library with theatres, conference rooms and restaurant

Openbare Bibliotheek Amsterdam (OBA) is the largest public library in the Netherlands. The new building, situated on an artificial island (Oosterdokseiland), was opened in 2007 on the former premises of the mail sorting centre of the former state postal company PTT.

Besides the usual bookcases, reading tables and study areas, but also theatres, museums, art projects, conference rooms, a restaurant and hundreds of publicly accessible computers.

On the top floor is a **lunch restaurant** □ with rooftop terrace overlooking the old city centre.

The facade consists of a framework clad in light natural stone, part of which is a large canopy.

Designing the OBA was a quest for light and orientation, according to the architect Jo Coenen. On the outside it looks like a closed box. Inside, however, a large Innenwelt unfolds.

place Oosterdokskade 143, Amsterdam **IJ Waterfront**

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[Public Library](#)

Stedelijk Museum



The Stedelijk Museum consists of a historic building from 1895 and a new wing designed by the Dutch architect Mels Crouwel. It houses the largest collection of modern and contemporary art and design in the Netherlands.

The old part of the museum houses the permanent collection, with visual art works from Karel Appel, Marc Chagall, Vincent van Gogh, Henri Matisse, Jackson Pollock, and Andy Warhol

Sculpture Hall **Free entrance**

Until the turn of the century, the Stedelijk's outdoor sculpture garden was a popular and much-visited spot in Amsterdam. The garden is now back at its original location, which is now the entrance in the new wing.

It showcases art by famous names including Alexander Calder, Henry Moore, and Damien Hirst, as well as exciting new acquisitions.

The Sculpture Hall is free to enter during the day. You don't need an entrance ticket. Location The Stedelijk is located on Amsterdam's **Museumplein** (Museum Square), with **Rijksmuseum**, **Moco Museum**, **Van Gogh Museum** and **Concertgebouw** as her close neighbours.

[Stedelijk Museum](#)

Nhow Hote



Created by famous architect Reinier de Graaf, the **nhow Amsterdam RAI** is located in the city's bustling business district. With the RAI Convention Center next door and the city center only 10 minutes away, the hotel will provide access to all of Amsterdam's main attractions via the nearby subway station.

Located next to the Zuidas business district with good transport links.

[Nhow](#)

Rivierenbuurt



The Rivierenbuurt is more expensive than **De Pijp** neighbourhood. It was built in the 1920s as a primarily middle-class residential area, part of the Plan Zuid (Plan South) urban expansion programme designed by famous Dutch architect Berlage. The area mainly consists of fully enclosed apartment blocks, many of which were designed in the style of the **Amsterdam School**, characterized by its curvy facades and wealth of fantasy ornaments.

De Wolkenkrabber

The most striking building in the Rivierenbuurt is 'De Wolkenkrabber' ('The Skyscraper') at Victorieplein square. The building, which is officially named Twaalf Verdiepingenhuis (Twelve Storey House), was built in 1930-1932 and designed by architect Staal. It was the city's first high residential tower (over 40m high).

Rivierenbuurt

Portuguese Synagogue & Jewish Quarter



The Portuguese-Israeli Synagogue (aka Esnoga or Snoge) was built in the period 1670-75 by Elias Bouman at, what was at the time, the edge of the city. The synagogue is located on the Mr. Visserplein, today a busy roundabout between the Weesperstraat and the motorway leading to the IJ Tunnel. This area used to be the heart of the **Jewish Quarter**.



The beautiful interior of the Portuguese Synagogue.



Ets Haim Livraria Montezinos - the world's oldest functional Jewish library. Ets Haim was founded in 1616 and has occupied premises in the Portuguese Synagogue since 1675. It is on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

[Portuguese Synagogue](#)



National Holocaust Memorial - former theatre used as a deportation centre during WWII. The Hollandsche Schouwburg was built as a theatre in 1892, but during the Second World War it was a deportation centre for Jews. Today, the building is a monument to the memory of those victims.



Museum dedicated to Jewish history, culture and religion, in the Netherlands and worldwide

The Jewish Museum occupies 4 monumental synagogue buildings in the middle of the Jewish Cultural Quarter of Amsterdam. It provides a unique picture of past and present Dutch Jewish life in all its facets.

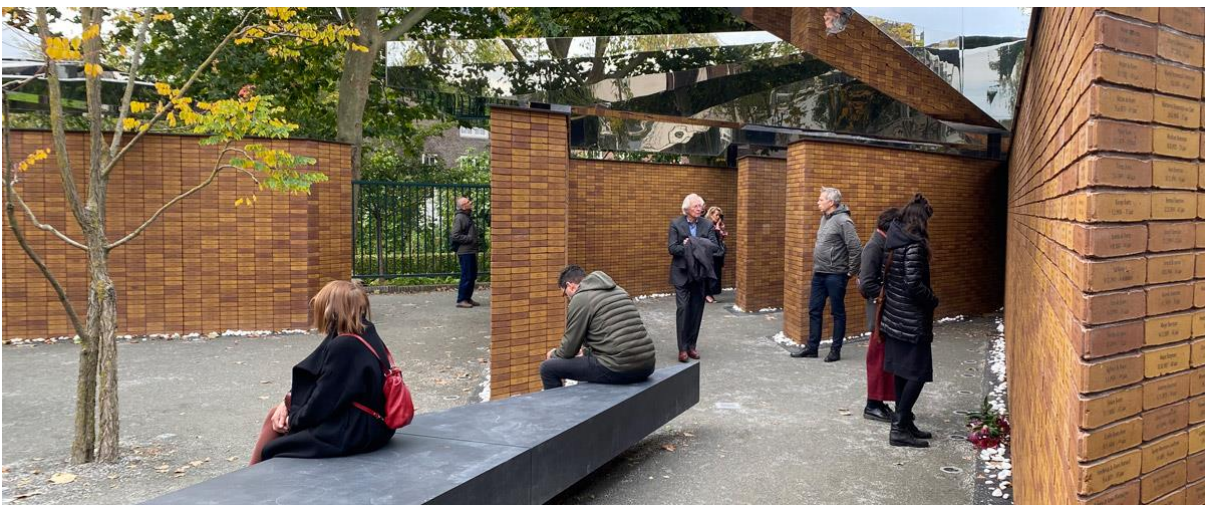


Waterlooplein: the oldest flea market of Amsterdam. Traditionally a Jewish market for the sale of everyday goods, but because of the persecution of the Jews in WW II the character of the market changed. Today it is a famous flea market selling old books, second-hand clothing, bicycles, antiques, furniture, jewellery, souvenirs, bags and trinkets



Statue of the philosopher Baruch Spinoza

The bronze statue by sculptor Nicolas Dings was erected on Spinoza's 376th birthday in 2008 along the Zwanenburgwal canal in his hometown of Amsterdam.



[The Holocaust memorial](#) the monument is located on **Weesperstraat** in the heart of the former **Jewish quarter**, there where it all happened more than 75 years ago. It is directly behind the **Hermitage** and accessible via the Court Garden.

Central Viewing Point



Taken from close vicinity of the [Central viewing point](#)

[Central viewing point from observation deck](#)

Medieval Amsterdam



In the oldest part of Amsterdam you can still browse through medieval streets. The city of Amsterdam was built around the **Oude Kerk**, Amsterdam's oldest building dating from 1300. In this part of Amsterdam every stone tells a story!

It's home to the main downtown **shopping areas** and attractions such as the **Royal Palace**, **Old Church**, **Amsterdam Museum**, **Madame Tussauds**, and many canal-boat piers. This makes the Old Centre, right in the heart of the city, an attractive place to stay. On the other hand it can be very busy, filled with traffic, noise, and entertainment venues. If you seek tranquility, the Old Centre is not the place to find it.

The neighborhoods of **De Wallen** (Red Light District), **Dam**, **Spui** and **Nieuwmarkt** are all located in the historical centre of Amsterdam. On the **Nieuwendijk** (new dike) - nowadays a busy, modern shopping street - along the west bank of the former part of River Amstel the oldest known (wooden) houses of Amsterdam rose around 1225.





Old Amsterdam

Amsterdam's Quartier Latin



De Pijp*, known as Amsterdam's Quartier Latin, situated in the southern part of Amsterdam, is one of the most cosmopolitan and vibrant districts of Amsterdam.

The inhabitants, the narrow streets, the many cafes and restaurants with international cuisine and the atmosphere of De Pijp are all reminiscent of the famous Parisian students' quarter.

[Latin Quater](#)

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Daytime Canal tours

Compare prices, cruise type and duration

Cruise	Duration	Price	Departure
City Canal Cruise Best Choice	1:15 h	€23.00 / €12.50	Rijksmuseum
100 Highlights Cruise	1 h	€18.50 / €10.50	Central Station
Amsterdam Day Canal Cruise	1 h	€19 / €10	Central Station

Cruise	Duration	Price	Departure
Standard Cruise	1:10 h	€16.00 / €10	Waterlooplein
The Boat Tour of Amsterdam	1 h	€13.00 / €9	Central Station
The Original Amsterdam Canal Cruise	1 h	€13 / €9	Spui area
Luxury Canal Cruise	1 h	€21.50 / €9.50	Dam area
The Refugee Boat Now Tour only on Saturday	1:30 h	€35 / €17.50	Central Station

Prices of similar canal cruises that are offered by different shipping companies vary from approx. €9 for children and €22.50 for adults for a daytime cruise to approx. €75 for a luxurious dinner cruise.

The Anne Frank House is often sold out months in advance. But if you are visiting Amsterdam in the next 3 months you may like the [Anne Frank walking tour](#) that is available.

Address

Anne Frank House in Amsterdam

Prinsengracht 267

1016 GV Amsterdam

The Netherlands

WTW: ///zapped.farmed.camper

How to get to Anne Frank House

Streetcar 13, 14, or 17 to the Westermarkt stop

Bus 170, 172 or 174 to the Westermarkt stop

The Museum Boat stops directly in front of the Anne Frank House

15 minutes walking from the Central Train Station

[Anne Frank House Tickets - book here](#)

Adults:	€16
young people age 10-17:	€7
Children up to the age of 10	€1

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