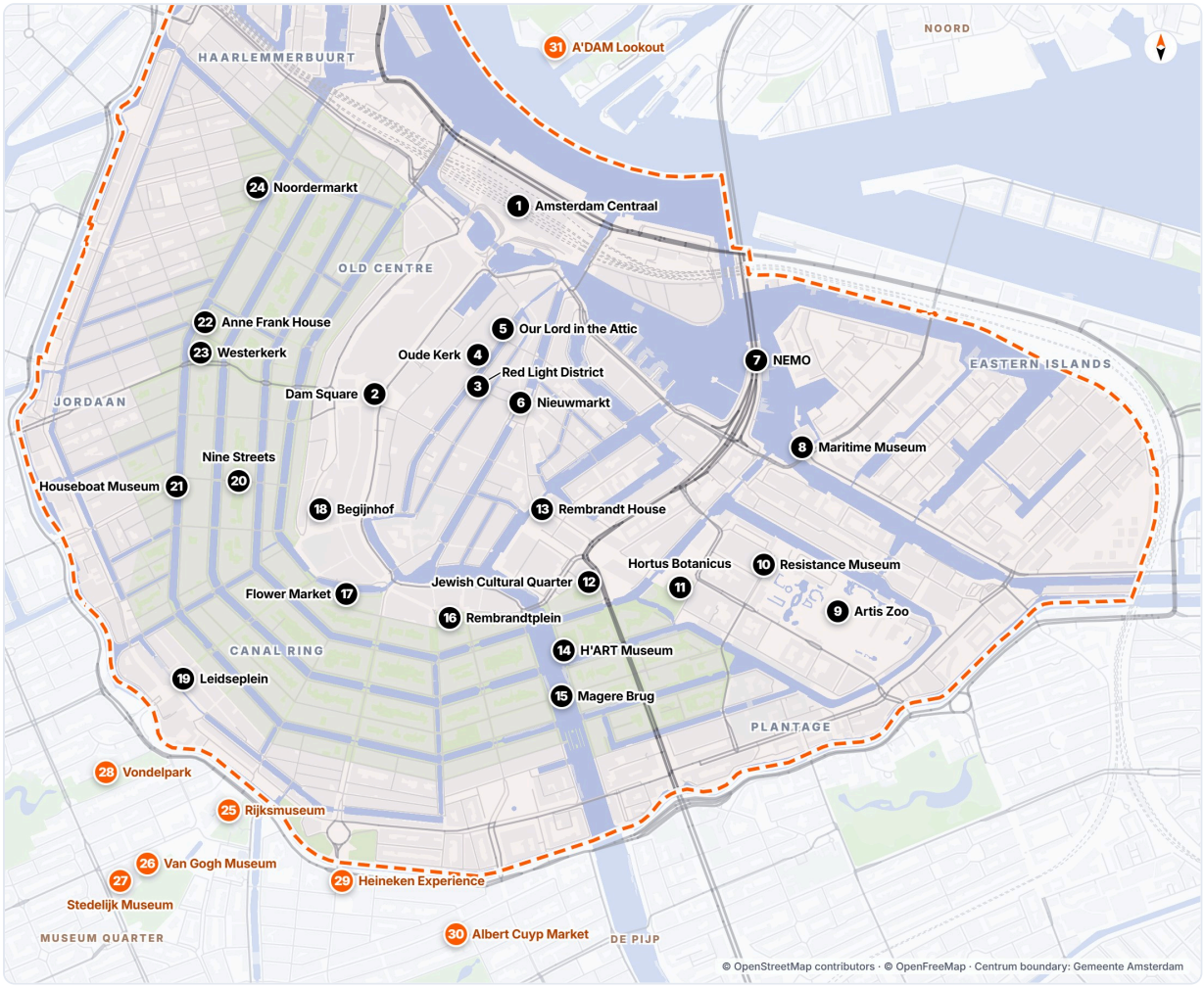
CITY CENTRE MAP

Amsterdam City Centre Map

The centre of Amsterdam is the Centrum district: about 8 km² between the IJ and the Singelgracht canal, with Dam Square at its heart. Black numbers are inside it, orange numbers just outside.



Centrum district boundary · In the city centre (1-24) · Just outside the centre (25-31)

1 Amsterdam Centraal
2 Dam Square
3 Red Light District
4 Oude Kerk
5 Our Lord in the Attic
6 Nieuwmarkt
7 NEMO
8 Maritime Museum
9 Artis Zoo
10 Resistance Museum
11 Hortus Botanicus
12 Jewish Cultural Quarter
13 Rembrandt House
14 H'ART Museum
15 Magere Brug
16 Rembrandtplein
17 Flower Market
18 Begijnhof
19 Leidseplein
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21 Houseboat Museum
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24 sights in the city centre

Inside the Centrum district, numbered in a loop from Amsterdam Centraal: the Old Centre, east to the docks and the Plantage, south along the Canal Ring and back north through the Jordaan.



1 Amsterdam Centraal — Old Centre

The main railway station, opened in 1889 on artificial islands in the IJ and designed by Pierre Cuypers, the architect of the Rijksmuseum. Trains from Schiphol, trams, the metro and the free ferries to Noord all leave from here.

Address Stationsplein, Amsterdam



2 Dam Square — Old Centre

The square on the dam across the Amstel that gave the city its name, with the Royal Palace, the Nieuwe Kerk and the National Monument. Most walks across the centre pass through it.

Address Dam, Amsterdam



3 Red Light District — Old Centre

De Wallen, the oldest part of the city, along the Oudezijds Voorburgwal and Oudezijds Achterburgwal canals. Smoking cannabis in its streets is banned, and photos of the windows are not welcome.

Address Oudezijds Achterburgwal and Oudezijds Voorburgwal, Amsterdam



4 Oude Kerk — Old Centre

The oldest building in Amsterdam, a church consecrated in 1306, standing in the middle of the Red Light District. Rembrandt's wife Saskia is buried here.

Address Oudekerksplein 23, Amsterdam



5 Our Lord in the Attic — Old Centre

A 1630 canal house hiding a complete Catholic church across its top floors, built in the 1660s when Catholics could not worship in public. It has been a museum since 1888.

Address Oudezijds Voorburgwal 38, Amsterdam



6 Nieuwmarkt — Old Centre

A square of cafés around De Waag, a 15th century city gate later used as a weigh house, with a farmers' market on Saturdays.

Address Nieuwmarkt, Amsterdam



7 NEMO — Eastern Islands

The science museum in Renzo Piano's green, ship-shaped building over the entrance to the IJ tunnel, with hands-on floors and a sloping roof terrace over the old harbour.

Address Oosterdok 2, Amsterdam



8 Maritime Museum — Eastern Islands

Het Scheepvaartmuseum tells the story of Dutch seafaring in a naval storehouse of 1656. A replica of the East India ship Amsterdam is moored outside.

Address Kattenburgerplein 1, Amsterdam



9 Artis Zoo — Plantage

Founded in 1838, the oldest zoo in the Netherlands, among 19th century buildings in the Plantage, with an aquarium, a planetarium and Micropia, a museum of microbes.

Address Plantage Kerklaan 38-40, Amsterdam



10 Resistance Museum — Plantage

The Verzetsmuseum shows how people in the Netherlands lived through the German occupation of 1940 to 1945 and how some resisted it, with a separate part for children.

Address Plantage Kerklaan 61, Amsterdam



11 Hortus Botanicus — Plantage

One of the oldest botanical gardens in the world, founded in 1638 as a physic garden, with glasshouses that include the Palm House and a greenhouse of three climates.

Address Plantage Middenlaan 2a, Amsterdam



12 Jewish Cultural Quarter — Plantage

Four sites around Waterlooplein share one ticket: the Jewish Museum, the Portuguese Synagogue of 1675, the National Holocaust Museum and the Hollandsche Schouwburg memorial.

Address Nieuwe Amstelstraat 1, Amsterdam



13 Rembrandt House — Old Centre

The house on the Jodenbreestraat where Rembrandt lived and worked from 1639 to 1658, furnished as in his day, with his studio and a large collection of his etchings.

Address Jodenbreestraat 4, Amsterdam



14 H'ART Museum — Plantage

The museum in the Amstelhof, a 17th century almshouse on the Amstel, known until recently as the Hermitage Amsterdam. It shows exhibitions made with partner museums abroad.

Address Amstel 51, Amsterdam



15 Magere Brug — Canal Ring

The Skinny Bridge, a white wooden drawbridge over the Amstel between the Kerkstraat and the Nieuwe Kerkstraat, lit with rows of small bulbs after dark.

Address Amstel, between Kerkstraat and Nieuwe Kerkstraat, Amsterdam



16 Rembrandtplein — Canal Ring

A square of café terraces, bars and clubs around a statue of Rembrandt unveiled in 1852, one of the busiest spots in the centre at night.

Address Rembrandtplein, Amsterdam



17 Flower Market — Canal Ring

The Bloemenmarkt sells tulip bulbs, seeds and cut flowers from stalls on barges along the Singel, between the Muntplein, by the Munttoren tower, and the Koningsplein.

Address Singel, between Muntplein and Koningsplein, Amsterdam



18 Begijnhof — Old Centre

A 14th century almshouse courtyard behind a door off the Spui, still lived in, with one of the two wooden houses left in the centre and the English Reformed Church. Visitors are asked to keep quiet.

Address Begijnhof, entrance from the Spui, Amsterdam

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19 Leidseplein Canal Ring

A square of theatres, bars and street performers on the edge of the Canal Ring, with the Stadsschouwburg theatre on it and the Melkweg and Paradiso concert halls a few steps away.

Address Leidseplein, Amsterdam



20 Nine Streets Canal Ring

De 9 Straatjes, nine short lanes across the Singel, Herengracht, Keizersgracht and Prinsengracht between the Raadhuisstraat and the Leidsegracht, with independent shops, vintage stores and cafés.

Address Between Raadhuisstraat and Leidsegracht, Amsterdam



21 Houseboat Museum Canal Ring

A cargo barge of 1914 on the Prinsengracht, fitted out as a home, that shows how people live on the houseboats of Amsterdam's canals.

Address Prinsengracht, opposite number 296, Amsterdam



22 Anne Frank House Canal Ring

The canal house on the Prinsengracht where Anne Frank and her family hid in the secret annex from 1942 to 1944. Tickets are sold only online, for a set time.

Address Prinsengracht 263-267, Amsterdam



23 Westerkerk Canal Ring

A Protestant church completed in 1631, whose tower is the tallest church tower in Amsterdam. Rembrandt is buried inside, in an unmarked grave.

Address Prinsengracht 279, Amsterdam



24 Noordermarkt Jordaan

The square around the Noorderkerk at the top of the Jordaan, with a flea market on Monday mornings and a farmers' market on Saturdays.

Address Noordermarkt, Amsterdam

7 sights just outside the centre

Orange on the map: across the Singelgracht in the Museum Quarter and De Pijp, or over the IJ in Noord.



25 Rijksmuseum Museum Quarter

The national museum, in Pierre Cuypers' building of 1885, with Rembrandt's Night Watch and Vermeer's Milkmaid. It stands just across the Singelgracht, 8 minutes' walk from Leidseplein.

Address Museumstraat 1, Amsterdam



26 Van Gogh Museum Museum Quarter

The largest collection of works by Vincent van Gogh, with paintings, drawings and letters, on Museumplein, 10 minutes' walk from Leidseplein. Tickets are sold online, for a set time.

Address Museumplein 6, Amsterdam



27 Stedelijk Museum Museum Quarter

The museum of modern and contemporary art and design on Museumplein, in a building of 1895 with a white extension of 2012 nicknamed the bathtub. 12 minutes' walk from Leidseplein.

Address Museumplein 10, Amsterdam



28 Vondelpark Museum Quarter

The city's best-known park, opened in 1865, with ponds, lawns, a bandstand and an open-air theatre in summer. Its main gate is 6 minutes' walk from Leidseplein.

Address Stadhouderskade, Amsterdam



29 Heineken Experience De Pijp

Heineken's brewery of 1867 on the Stadhouderskade, now a self-guided tour of the brand and of brewing, with drinks at the end. 7 minutes' walk from the Rijksmuseum.

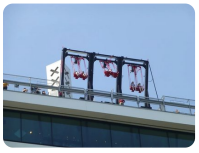
Address Stadhouderskade 78, Amsterdam



30 Albert Cuyp Market De Pijp

A street market along the Albert Cuypstraat in De Pijp, open every day except Sunday, with food stalls, fabrics and flowers. 7 minutes' walk from the Heineken Experience.

Address Albert Cuypstraat, Amsterdam



31 A'DAM Lookout Noord

An observation deck on top of the A'DAM Tower across the IJ, with a swing over the edge. The free ferry from behind Amsterdam Centraal takes a few minutes.

Address Overhoeksplein, Amsterdam-Noord

Getting around the centre

- **On foot:** Amsterdam Centraal to Dam Square is 0.9 km, about 11 minutes, and the walk from the station to the Rijksmuseum, across the whole centre, takes about 33 minutes.
- **By metro:** Nieuwmarkt and Waterlooplein (lines 51, 53 and 54) serve the east of the Old Centre and the Plantage, and Rokin and Vijzelgracht (line 52) run south from the station under the Old Centre and the Canal Ring.
- **By tram:** trams from Amsterdam Centraal cross the centre by Dam Square and Leidseplein, and several lines stop at the Rijksmuseum and on Museumplein; the GVB network map shows which.
- **By ferry:** free ferries for people on foot and on bikes cross the IJ from behind Amsterdam Centraal; the one to Buiksloterweg runs day and night and lands by the A'DAM Tower.
- **From Schiphol Airport:** trains reach Amsterdam Centraal in about 15 minutes, and bus 397 runs to Museumplein and Leidseplein.

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Walking times

Measured along the streets with the Valhalla pedestrian router on OpenStreetMap data, at an easy pace and without stops.

Walk	Distance	On foot
Amsterdam Centraal to Dam Square	0.9 km	11 min
Dam Square to the Begijnhof	0.5 km	6 min
Dam Square to the Anne Frank House	0.8 km	10 min
Dam Square to Rembrandtplein	1.0 km	11 min
Dam Square to Leidseplein	1.4 km	16 min
Dam Square to the Hortus Botanicus	1.4 km	17 min
Dam Square to the Rijksmuseum	1.9 km	22 min
Amsterdam Centraal to the Rijksmuseum	2.7 km	33 min

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