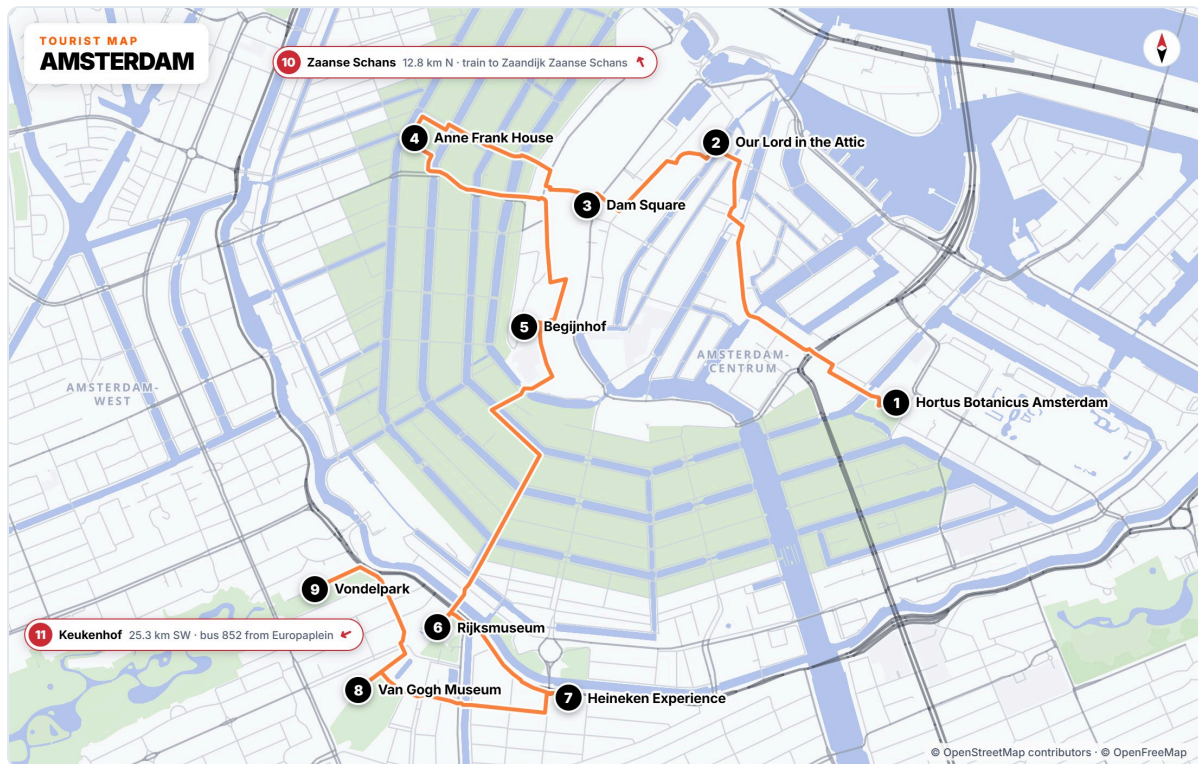


TOURIST MAP

Amsterdam Tourist Map

11 top sights and a walking route through the centre. Numbers follow the walking order. Red numbers are worth a separate trip.



● Top sight on the route ● Worth the trip — Walking route 7.6 km · 1 h 35

1 Hortus Botanicus Amsterdam	Plantage	7 Heineken Experience	De Pijp
2 Our Lord in the Attic	Old Centre	8 Van Gogh Museum	Museum Quarter
3 Dam Square	Old Centre	9 Vondelpark	Oud-Zuid
4 Anne Frank House	Canal Ring	10 Zaanse Schans	train to Zaandijk Zaanse Schans
5 Begijnhof	Old Centre	11 Keukenhof	bus 852 from Europaplein
6 Rijksmuseum	Museum Quarter		

Getting around

- The centre is walkable: the route on the map links the Hortus Botanicus, the Old Centre, the Canal Ring and the Museum Quarter on foot. Watch for cyclists, and keep off the red bike lanes.
- Metro and trams (GVB): Waterlooplein (metro 51, 53, 54) for the Hortus, Nieuwmarkt (51, 53, 54) for Our Lord in the Attic, Rokin (52) for Dam Square and the Begijnhof, Vijzelgracht (52) for the Heineken Experience; trams 1, 7 and 19 to Rijksmuseum, trams 2, 5 and 24 to Museumplein for the Van Gogh Museum. No tram stops at the Westermarkt while the Raadhuisstraat is rebuilt.
- Off the route: Zaanse Schans by train from Amsterdam Centraal to Zaandijk Zaanse Schans, then a 15-minute walk; Keukenhof opens in spring only, 18 March to 9 May in 2027, and sells a combined ticket with the public transport trip.
- Paper maps and timetables: the official information points are listed on <https://touristoffice.org/amsterdam-tourist-office/>

About this map

The sights, photos and descriptions come from touristoffice.org/amsterdam/, where each sight has opening details, tickets and a longer guide. Addresses come from OpenStreetMap. The walking route was computed with the Valhalla pedestrian profile; its time excludes the visits. Hours and access change, check before you go. Edition: October 2026.

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The 11 top sights

In walking order, with the full address of each one. Red numbers are worth a separate trip: they sit outside the centre, so the line below each one gives the transport to use.



1 Hortus Botanicus Amsterdam Plantage

Founded in 1638 as a physic garden where the city's doctors and apothecaries grew medicinal plants, the Hortus has kept its walled plot in the Plantage while the collection outgrew it several times over. Glasshouses hold the tender species, among them the Palm House, and the outdoor beds are planted by family so the layout doubles as a lesson. ARTIS, the city zoo, sits directly next door, which makes the two an easy morning together.

Address Plantage Middenlaan 2a, 1018 DD Amsterdam

Ticketed, open daily from 10:00 to 17:00 and closed on 25 December and 1 January.



2 Our Lord in the Attic Old Centre

A 1630 canal house on the Oudezijds Voorburgwal hides a complete Catholic church across its top floors, built in the 1660s when Catholics could only worship out of sight. Steep stairs lead from the restored merchant's rooms up to the galleried church, which still has its altar, organ and confessional. The house opened as a museum in 1888 and stands on the edge of the red light district.

Address Oudezijds Voorburgwal 38, 1012 GD Amsterdam

Photo: "Amsterdam - Museum Ons' Lieve Heer op Solder - hidden church" by Remi Mathis (CC BY-SA 3.0).

Paid entry, tickets online or at the door



3 Dam Square Old Centre

The square takes its name and its position from the dam thrown across the Amstel that gave the city its name, and it still works as the point everything else is measured from. The Royal Palace, which remains the reigning monarch's official reception palace for state visits, faces the Nieuwe Kerk across the open space, and the white stone National Monument to the dead of the Second World War stands at the eastern end. Street performers arrive with the crowds, so early mornings are quieter.

Address Dam, 1012 JS Amsterdam

Free and open at any hour. The Royal Palace and the Nieuwe Kerk charge their own admission.



4 Anne Frank House Canal Ring

The canal house on the Prinsengracht where Anne Frank, her family and four other people hid for just over two years is preserved as a museum built around the secret annex behind the bookcase. The rooms are left unfurnished, as they were found after the arrest, and the diary itself is on display at the end of the route. Booking takes planning: all tickets for a given date are released on Tuesdays at 10:00 for a visit six weeks later.

Address Westermarkt 20, 1016 DK Amsterdam

Timed entry, sold online only and never at the door. No tram stops at the Westermarkt while the Raadhuisstraat is rebuilt.



5 Begijnhof Old Centre

Behind a plain door off the Spui, one of the city's oldest inner courtyards gathers almshouses around a lawn where the Beguines, a lay Catholic sisterhood, lived from the Middle Ages. Number 34, het Houten Huis, is one of only two wooden houses left in the centre, and the English Reformed Church faces the hidden Begijn chapel across the grass. The courtyard is still home to residents, so visitors are asked to keep their voices down.

Address Begijnhof, 1012 WT Amsterdam

Free entry during the day, no tickets



6 Rijksmuseum Museum Quarter

The national museum of the Netherlands fills Pierre Cuypers' red brick landmark on Museumplein, which opened in 1885 and still lets cyclists ride through the passage cut beneath it. Inside, the Gallery of Honour builds towards Rembrandt's Night Watch, with Vermeer's Milkmaid, Frans Hals and eight centuries of Dutch art arranged under a glass roofed atrium. Visitors short on time can walk that one corridor and still see the headline works. The Stedelijk, the country's modern art museum, stands on the same square.

Address Museumstraat 1, 1071 XX Amsterdam

Timed entry, and everyone has to book a start time · Tickets and tours amsterdamtickets.org/rijksmuseum/



7 Heineken Experience De Pijp

Heineken's oldest brewery stopped producing in 1988, when the operation outgrew the 19th century building on the Stadhouderskade, and the site now runs as a self guided route through the brewing process, the copper kettles, the stables and a century of advertising, ending at a rooftop bar with a view over the south of the city. The pace is set by the visitor rather than a guide, with only the entry slot fixed. Nobody under 18 is admitted, and identification is checked on arrival.

Address Stadhouderskade 78, 1072 AE Amsterdam

Timed entry, self guided, over 18s only · Tickets and tours amsterdamtickets.org/heineken-experience/



8 Van Gogh Museum Museum Quarter

The largest collection of Van Gogh's work anywhere follows a career that lasted barely a decade, from the dark peasant scenes of his Dutch years to the sunflowers and wheatfields painted in the south of France. Letters to his brother Theo run alongside the canvases, and paintings by Gauguin, Monet and other contemporaries place him among the artists he learned from. The permanent display sits in the main building on Museumplein, with temporary exhibitions in the curved wing behind it.

Address Museumplein 6, 1071 DJ Amsterdam

Timed entry, tickets online only, open daily from 09:00 to 18:00 and Fridays until 21:00 · Tickets and tours amsterdamtickets.org/van-gogh-museum/



9 Vondelpark Oud-Zuid

Laid out in 1865 and now protected as a national monument, the city's largest park spreads ponds, lawns and cycle paths across Oud Zuid, a short walk from Museumplein. Amsterdammers treat it as a shortcut, a running track and a picnic ground at once, and the open air theatre puts on a summer programme of music, comedy, dance and theatre at weekends that the city lists as free to attend. Rose garden aside, most of it rewards wandering rather than route planning.

Address Vondelpark 1, 1071 AA Amsterdam (main gate on the Stadhouderskade)

Free, with no gate, ticket desk or closing time.



10 Zaanse Schans Zaandam

Working windmills, green painted wooden houses and craft workshops stand along the Zaan in this open air heritage village, assembled from 1961 with buildings moved here from around the Zaan region to save them. Millers still turn sails to grind pigment, spices and oil, and the coopers, clog makers and cheese makers work in front of visitors rather than behind glass. It sits outside Amsterdam in Zaandam, close enough for a half day trip north of the city.

Address Schansend 7, 1509 AW Zaandam

Worth a separate trip · 12.8 km N of the centre · train to Zaanse Schans · The village is free to walk and most locations open from 09:00 to 17:00. Mills and museums are ticketed · Tickets and tours amsterdamtickets.org/zaanse-schans/



11 Keukenhof Lisse

Millions of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths are planted in ribbons through woodland and around water at this bulb garden in Lisse, southwest of Amsterdam in the growing region that supplies much of the trade. The beds are replanted every autumn so the display peaks across the short run of the season, and the flower shows under glass carry it through the weeks when the outdoor beds turn over. It opens for roughly eight weeks each spring, from mid March to early May, and stays shut the rest of the year.

Address Stationsweg 166a, 2161 AM Lisse

Worth a separate trip · 25.3 km SW of the centre · bus 852 from Europaplein · Ticketed and strictly seasonal · Tickets and tours amsterdamtickets.org/keukenhof/

Neighbourhoods

Old Centre

Dam Square (3) marks the spot where the city began, with the Royal Palace and the Nieuwe Kerk on its west side. East of it, Our Lord in the Attic (2) hides a church in a canal house in De Wallen, and to the south the Begijnhof (5) opens off the Spui book square.

Museum Quarter

The Rijksmuseum (6) and the Van Gogh Museum (8) face each other across the lawns of Museumplein, next to the Stedelijk and the Concertgebouw. Vondelpark (9) starts a few minutes' walk to the west.

Plantage

Leafy streets east of the centre hold the Hortus Botanicus (1), founded in 1638 as a physic garden, and Artis, the city zoo. The Jewish Cultural Quarter and Waterlooplein market are a short walk away.

Canal Ring and the Jordaan

The three main canals, Herengracht, Keizersgracht and Prinsengracht, form a UNESCO-listed ring of 17th-century merchant houses. The Anne Frank House (4) stands on the Prinsengracht at the edge of the Jordaan, a former working-class quarter of narrow streets, small galleries and brown cafes.

De Pijp

The Heineken Experience (7) occupies the old brewery on the edge of De Pijp, a 19th-century district built for workers. The Albert Cuypmarkt, a street market open six days a week, runs through its centre, lined by cafes and small restaurants.

Beyond the city

Zaanse Schans (10), a short train ride north, gathers working windmills and green wooden houses along the river Zaan. Keukenhof (11), near Lisse, plants millions of tulips and other bulbs and opens only in spring.