**18 Amsterdam Sights or Things to Do**

Sample one day visit—Canal Boat; walking tour, visit Anne Frank house, visit Rijksmuseum or Van Gogh museum (currently at Hermitage—see below) or both

1. **One hour canal boat tour** (leaves from dock next to train station—boats start at 1000 during winter). Also at other places in city
2. **Rijksmuseum**—take tram #2 or #5 to Hobbemastraat from train station. Key artists: Frans Hals, Hendrick Avercamp, Johannes Vermeer, Jan Steen, & Rembrandt. More info [www.riksmuseum.nl](http://www.riksmuseum.nl)
3. **Van Gogh Museum** (currently closed) [www.vangoghmuseum.nl](http://www.vangoghmuseum.nl) moved to Hermitage museum <http://www.hermitage.nl/en/>
4. **Walking Tour** <http://www.frommers.com/destinations/amsterdam/43_maps.html>
5. **Anne Frank House**—hideout of young Anne during Nazi occupation who wrote famous diary—sometimes long lines but you can avoid lines by buying ticket online at [www.annefrank.org](http://www.annefrank.org) takes about an hour
6. **Dutch Resistance Museum** [www.verzetsmuseum.org](http://www.verzetsmuseum.org)
7. **Amstelkring Museum**—Catholic church hidden in attic [www.museumamstelkring.nl](http://www.museumamstelkring.nl)
8. **Red Light District**—prostitution is legal
9. **Vondelpark**—city park
10. **History Museum** [www.ahm.nl](http://www.ahm.nl)
11. **Rembrandt’s House** [www.rembrandthuis.nl](http://www.rembrandthuis.nl)
12. **Dutch Theater**—memorial in former Jewish detention center [www.hollandscheschouwburg.nl](http://www.hollandscheschouwburg.nl)
13. **Tropical Museum**—info about tropical life & explanations of Third World problems [www.tropenmuseum.nl](http://www.tropenmuseum.nl)
14. **Herengracht Canal Mansion**—a 1687 rich home with much of original furniture & décor [www.willetholthuysen.nl](http://www.willetholthuysen.nl)
15. **Begijnhof**—courtyard with homes
16. **Diamond Tours**—best is Gassan Diamond, [www.gassandiamonds.com](http://www.gassandiamonds.com)
17. **Heineken Brewery**—best beer tour in Europe [www.heinekenexperience.com](http://www.heinekenexperience.com)
18. **Marijuana & Hemp Museum** [www.hashmuseum.com](http://www.hashmuseum.com)

**Getting Around**

**Walking** is the best way to appreciate the city's relaxed rhythm. When you look at an Amsterdam map, you may think the city's too large to explore on foot. Not true: It's possible to see almost every important sight on a 4-hour walk. Once you get the hang of the four major canals' necklace pattern and become familiar with the names of the five principal roads into the Centrum (Center) district, all you need do as you walk along is keep track of whether you're walking toward or away from the Dam -- the heart of the city -- or simply circling around it. **Public Transportation** The central information and ticket sales point for GVB Amsterdam, the city's public transportation company, is **GVB Tickets & Info,** Stationsplein (tel. **0900/9292** for timetable and fare information, tel. 0900/8011 for other customer services); ([www.gvb.nl](http://www.gvb.nl)) , in front of Central Station, open Monday to Friday from 7am to 9pm, Saturday and Sunday from 8am to 9pm.

**Day Trips from Amsterdam**

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