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ROUTE OUD-WEST & VONDELPARK



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ROUTE

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ABOUT THE ROUTE

This walk is for culture lovers who enjoy visiting museums. Museumplein is, of course, not to be missed on this walk. You'll also see a lot of interesting architecture, both modern and historical. And the walk also caters to those who like to eat well—there are numerous cafés and restaurants on the Overtoom and in the new Hallen. It's a long walk that can also easily be done by bike.

ALL DISTRICTS

If Amsterdam's elite is to be found anywhere, it's here. And you can't blame them—this is considered one of the best areas of the city, with Amsterdam's most exclusive shopping street (P.C. Hoofstraat) and a variety of townhouses, stately mansions, and fine cafés all just around the corner, and the Vondelpark as its backyard.

Bordering the Vondelpark, the museum district also offers a significant selection of Amsterdam's most important cultural attractions, like the Concertgebouw (Concert Hall) and the city's three largest museums: the Rijksmuseum, the Stedelijk Museum, and the Van Gogh Museum, which have all been significantly renovated in recent years. The Rijksmuseum reopened its doors in 2013 after a 10-year renovation, and is now more impressive than ever. It opens almost directly onto Museumplein, and you can once again cycle underneath its grand arch.

Oud-West is characterized above all by its innumerable lovely neighborhood cafés and shops. As a result, it has become really popular among young people in their 20s and 30s in the last few years. On the Overtoom, you'll come across many students and young people who have pulled up a chair for a quick, reasonably priced snack.

An important new hotspot in Oud-West lies in the Kinkerbuurt (Kinkerstraat neighborhood). New life has been breathed into the place where Amsterdam's first electrical trams were serviced. The tram depot was built in the early 20th century, and since 2014 has been open to the public as de Hallen—a center for media, culture, catering, and crafts. It's a great place to eat, drink, or go to the cinema and interesting events are organized there monthly.

NOT MUCH TIME

Rijksmuseum + Vondelpark + De Hallen + Bellamystraat + Stedelijk Museum

ROUTE DIRECTIONS (ca. 10.20 km)

waLK 3 (ca. 10 km)

Start with the master painters . Walk to Stadhouderskade, cross the bridge and turn left into Lijnbaansgracht. Keep right and continue via Korte Leidsedwardsstraat to the Leidseplein .

Walk past the Schouwburg and turn into Vondelstraat. Take the first left and the next right past the Zevenlandhuizen . Continue to the Vondelpark . Turn right at the church in the direction of Overtoom . Cross the street and walk down Tweede Constantijn Huijgensstraat.

Turn first right and first left for coffee and a nice shop . Turn left into Kinkerstraat and then right onto Tollensstraat . Continue to the Ten Katestraat and turn right for a good steak and beer . Turn right onto Jan Hanzenstraat and continue to Da Costakade. Turn left for two

historical buildings and continue to De Clerqstraat. Turn left onto Bilderdijkstraat and left into the Bilderdijkpark. Continue to Bilderdijkkade, turn left and then right onto De Clerqstrat . Take

a break in the neighbourhood's local and turn left onto Tweede Kostverlorenkade. Cross the park to Korte Schimmelstraat and right onto Jan Hanzenstraat. Turn left and continue to

Bellamystraat . Turn right and then left, right and left onto Jan Pieter Heijestraat, where you'll

see the Nicolaas Beetsstraat and

walk via Arie Biemondstraat to view art installations in the grounds of an old hospital . Zigzag

to Ite Boeremastraat, turn right and then left onto Kanaalstraat. At Jan Pieter Heijestraat turn

left . Turn right onto Eerste Helmersstraat, continue until you reach Rhijnvis Feithstraat, for a

pizza with the locals . Take a left onto Overtoom . Walk back a short distance, turn right into

Frederiksstraat and enter the Vondelpark. Exit the park and walk down Jacob Obrechtstraat .

Turn right onto Van Breestraat. At the end of the street, turn left. Continue until you reach Van

Eeghenstraat, turn right and then left onto Van Baerlestrat, taking the second street on the

right to gaze on P.C. Hoofstraat . Turn right into Van de Veldestraat that ends in front of two

of the city's most famous museums . Cross Museumplein diagonally and complete the day

with a special musical experience .

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1 RIJKSMUSEUM - SIGHTS

After a thorough renovation, the Rijksmuseum reopened in 2013. On display are 8,000 objects in 80 magnificent rooms, spanning 800 years of Dutch art and history. Highlights include Rembrandt's *The Night Watch* and Vermeer's *The Milk Maid*. Make a detour on your way out through the museum's beautiful garden.

museumstraat 1, www.rijksmuseum.nl, daily 9am-5pm, entrance € 15, tram 2, 5 hobbemastraat, 12 museumplein

2 STADSSCHOUWBURG - SIGHTS

The Stadsschouwburg offers the chance to see quality theatre and dance, daily. It's home to the Netherlands' largest repertory theatre company, Toneelgroep Amsterdam (TA), which performs on Thursdays. Now catering to an international audience, the Stadsschouwburg also features international theatre productions, in particular from Germany and the UK, and provides surtitles in English and other languages as appropriate.

leidseplein 26, www.ssba.nl, opening hours dependent on performances, see website for programming and prices, tram 1, 2, 5 leidseplein

3 ZEVENLANDENHUIZEN - SIGHTS

Travel through Europe down one street, thanks to Sam van Eeghen who decided (120 years ago) to build the Zevenlandenhuisen, seven houses, each in the style of a different European country. You'll recognise Germany (romantic style), France (in the style of a Loire valley castle), Spain (inspired by Moorish architecture), Italy (reminiscent of a Palazzo), Russia (onion dome), the Netherlands (northern Renaissance) and England (Tudor cottage).

roemer visscherstraat 20-30, not open to the public, tram 1, 3, 12 eerste constantijn huygenstraat/overtoom

4 VONDELPARK - FUN THINGS TO DO

To many Amsterdammers, the Vondelpark is their garden. It's the ideal place for romantic picnics, or family celebrations complete with party tent and barbecue. In summer, the Openluchttheater (open air theatre) also offers free dance, drama and music performances, from Wednesday to Sunday.

constantijn huygenstraat, www.hetvondelpark.net, daily, tram 2, 3, 5, 12, van baerlestraat

5 VONDELPARK/3 - FOOD & DRINK

After a thorough renovation, the Vondelpark's former pavilion now houses restaurant Vondelpark/3 and a number of cultural foundations. The restaurant offers Mediterranean-style lunch and dinner dishes with a modern twist. You can also breakfast in style in the stately dining room, or just have a coffee outside on one of the two large terraces.

vondelpark 3, www.vondelpark3.nl, sun-thu 8.30-1am, fri-sat 8.30-2am, € 23, tram 1, 3, 12 eerste constantijn huygenstraat/overtoom

6 VILLA NIEUW LEYERHOVEN - SIGHTS

In 1877, Pierre Cuypers, one of Amsterdam's greatest architects, built his dream home next to the Vondelpark, Villa Nieuw Leyerhoven, opposite the much-loved Vondelkerk that he also designed. His house has both Gothic Revival and neo-Renaissance features. Of particular interest are three arched, tiled panels in the façade, depicting three men, with the text 'Jan creates it, Piet completes it, Claesgen condemns it. Oh, what the heck!' Jan was the architect, Piet the builder and Claesgen the municipality, which according to Cuypers opposed the project.

vondelstraat 75, not open to the public, tram 1, 3, 12 eerste constantijn
huygenstraat/overtoom

7 VONDELKERK - SIGHTS

The Vondelkerk is an attractive neo-Gothic listed building near the Vondelpark. The church was built in 1872 to a design by Pierre Cuypers, who also designed Centraal Station and the Rijksmuseum. At the weekend, the church's main hall can be rented for parties and other gatherings.

vondelstraat 120d, not open to the public, tram 1, 3, 12 eerste constantijn
huygenstraat/overtoom

8 PIED à TERRE - SHOPPING

Amsterdammers who love to travel know that Pied à Terre is the largest travel bookstore in Amsterdam. The shop has a huge collection of travel guides, globes, linking maps and much more for anyone with any interest in travel.

overtoom 135-137, www.piedaterre.nl, mon 1-6pm, tue-wed & fri 10am-6pm, thu 10am-9pm, sat 10am-5pm, tram 1, 3, 12 eerste constantijn huygenstraat/overtoom

9 DE KOFFIE SALON - FOOD & DRINK

De Koffie Salon is worth a visit not only for the coffee (a few years ago nominated the best in the Netherlands), but also for its location in a beautiful art deco building from 1933. Admire the colourful stained-glass windows and geometric designs or enjoy the pleasant terrace outside.

eerste constantijn huygenstraat 82, www.dekoffiesalon.nl, daily 7am-7pm, tram 1, 3, 12 eerste constantijn huygenstraat/overtoom

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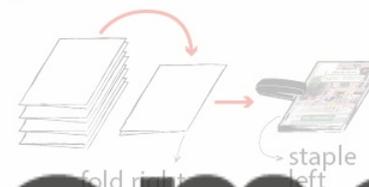
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Kent de stad beter dan vrienden die er al veel langer wonen en doet niets liever dan iedereen vertellen hoe leuk het hier is. Houdt van nieuwe adresjes en vooral koffietentjes, lekker eten, picknicken in het (Wester)park en de zondagochtend als Amsterdam bijna dorps aandoet. Favoriet: met het pontje naar Noord, dat is bijna vakantie.