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ABOUT THE ROUTE

If you're interested in going for a stroll through a colorful neighborhood with many creative initiatives, then this walk is for you. Discover interesting shops and small cafés on Jan Evertsenstraat, and enjoy the greenery as you walk through Erasmuspark and Westerpark. If you want to know more about the interesting Amsterdam School architectural style, don't miss a guided tour of Museum Het Schip. From Centraal Station, take tram 13 to Admiraal de Ruijterweg, where the walk starts.

ALL DISTRICTS

De Baarsjes and Bos en Lommer: Until a few years ago, these were neighborhoods Amsterdammers avoided. Their dubious reputation means they're hardly mentioned in any city guide. It's a shame, because these are one of the most exciting, up-and-coming areas of Amsterdam. Local businesses and residents took it upon themselves to make improvements to their neighborhoods. Initiatives like "Geef om de Jan Eef" (Care about Jan Evertsenstraat shopping street) and BoLo Boost (Boost Bos en Lommer) have breathed new life into impoverished streets and neighborhoods. Now they're bubbling with new initiatives like pop-up stores and weekend markets, making the area great for shopping. You may not find any big chain stores here, but it leaves more space for small entrepreneurs with unique ideas.

West Amsterdam is still very much alive and kicking and is characterized by multicultural diversity and many creative enterprises. Westergasterrein in the Westerpark is an important hub for this creative scene. Many years have passed since its factories supplied the city with gas. Today the buildings that used to house transformers and machines are home to cafés, a cinema, and creative businesses. During the summer, the Westerpark is a venue for weekend festivals, and once a month there's the Sunday Market.

Amsterdam West being the focal point for creative energy is nothing new. Around 100 years ago, architects from the Amsterdam School gave free rein to their imagination. The result is the Spaarndammerbuurt, where you'll find an incredible concentration of buildings in this style.

NOT MUCH TIME

Jan Evertsenstraat + Eetwinkel Buurman & Buurman + Westergasterrein + Museum Het Schip + Spaarndammerstraat

ROUTE DIRECTIONS (ca. 8.50 km)

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Start on Admiraal de Ruijterweg that turns into Jan Evertsenstraat, the beating heart of trendy Amsterdam West. Take a tour of the special architecture on Mercatorplein, walk under the arch to Mercatorstraat turning right onto Jan Maijenstraat and on to the Jeruzalemkerk. Turn right into James Cookstraat to the green Vespuccistraat, keeping left until you reach the Erasmuspark. Take the first left. Cross the water to the right and walk down Mercatorstraat. Continue a little next to the water until you reach Hoofdweg and turn right over the bridge to head on to Fossa or go immediately to your right to follow the water along the opposite side of the canal. Turn left into Griselde straat and at the end of the street turn left again. Via the street on the right and the stairs, continue on to Bos en Lommerweg. Cross the road and turn into Gulden Winckelplantsoen. Now you're in Bosleeuw Midden. Turn right onto Leeuwendalersweg and check out the gnome homes. Then turn right onto Hofwijkstraat to return to Bos en Lommerweg, where you turn left. Follow the street until you reach Willem de Zwijgerlaan. Turn left onto Adolf van Nassaustraat for some tasty pickles. Continue on to Westerpark. Turn right onto Westergasterrein. Walk past the windmill and turn right onto Haarlemmerweg. Continue until you can turn left over the water to the Westerpark. Turn right to reach the Westergasterrein. Walk to the left in the direction of the railway and turn right, following the railway until the second tunnel. Go through the tunnel to reach the Spaarndammerstraat. Turn right for a short diversion to Hammam or continue on to two special restaurants. Turn left onto Knollendamstraat and walk clockwise around the Spaarndammerplantsoen to view one of the highlights of the Amsterdam School architectural style. From the museum, turn left onto Oostzaanstraat and turn right onto Hembrugstraat. Cross the Spaarndammerdijk and continue along Stavangerweg to Strand West (West Beach), the perfect place to end the day.

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1 BAR SPEK - FOOD & DRINK

Cosy corners, beautiful industrial lamps and a large sofa. At Bar Spek (the Bacon Bar) start your day with a latte, tasty tea or an unusual smoothie – like the green monster or Bloody Mary. Or choose from oysters, tasty pizzas and other Italian delicacies like melanzane alla parmigiana, and an extensive selection of mouth-watering desserts.

admiraal de ruijterweg 1, www.barspek.nl, mon-thu 8-1am, fri-sat 9-2am, sun 9-1am, pizza € 12.50, tram 12, 13, 14 willem de zwijgerlaan

2 THE WINE SPOT - SHOPPING

With their knowledge and love of wine, the nice guys behind The Wine Spot demonstrate that purchasing wine is far from dull, and could even be one of the world's most enjoyable pastimes. They'll happily advise you on the right wine to accompany that dinner dish. The wines are imported from seven European countries, including Romania. Chilled wine and specialty beers can also be purchased here.

admiraal de ruijterweg 43, www.thewinespot.nl, mon-fri 11am-7pm, sat 10am-7pm, sun 2-6pm, tram 12, 13, 14 willem de zwijgerlaan, 7 jan evertsenstraat

3 STACH FOOD - SHOPPING

STACH Food wants to make doing the shopping personal and fun. This is the fourth branch to opening Amsterdam. The owner started off selling fresh meals and now also sells bread, wine, beer and the store's own coffee blend. The produce comes from suppliers whom STACH knows personally, so that the staff can explain just why everything is so tasty.

admiraal de ruijterweg 77, www.stach-food.nl, mon-sun 9am-10pm, tram 7 jan evertsenstraat

4 RADIJS - FOOD & DRINK

Radijs (Radish) is proud of its location in the newly spruced-up West district of Amsterdam.

The menu includes sandwiches inspired by the neighbourhood, including Oude Baarsjes, a sandwich with mini pickles and mustard. You can't get more Amsterdamese! Try a special beer from a local brewery or sample honey from the city beekeeper while enjoying the industrial interior with its extensive use of wood. Or sit outside on the terrace overlooking the water.

jan evertsenstraat 41, www.radijs-amsterdam.nl, mon-fri 8.30-2am, sat 10-2am, sun 10-1am, € 16.50, tram 7, 13 marco polostraat

5 DELI-CAAT - FOOD & DRINK

At Deli-caat you'll find homemade French bread and quiches, fruit, vegetables and organic food. Sit down for a cup of coffee by White Label or a sandwich. The owners describe their business as a mix between delicatessen, lunchroom and coffee bar. They like to talk through your choice with you. Their priority – everything should be really tasty.

admiralengracht 223, www.deli-caat.nl, mon 12-7pm, tue-fri 9am-7pm, sat 9am-5pm, tram 7,

6 BAR BAARSCH - FOOD & DRINK

With a relentless stream of clientèle in this busy location, it would be no exaggeration to call Bar Baarsch the focal point of the Baarsjes. Business lunches, Friday afternoon drinks, spontaneous dinners, lively parties and hearty breakfasts – everything goes here. So it's a local pub, but with a more contemporary feel, good food, an extensive beer list (many American specialty beers), 30 varieties of whisky and fresh ginger tea.

jan evertsenstraat 91, www.barbaarsch.nl, sun-thu 11-1am, fri-sat 11-3am, € 16.50, tram 7, 13 marco polostraat

7 KNOTSKNETTER - SHOPPING

The owners of this shop believe that children should be themselves, and play and romp in bright clothes with humorous prints. Knotsknetter mainly sells trendy Scandinavian, fair trade and exclusively organic, baby and children's clothing from brands like Duns Sweden, Retro-Rock-and-Robots and Liandlo. You'll also find inspirational gifts and other items here.

jan evertsenstraat 100, www.knotsknetter.nl, mon 1-6pm, tue-fri 10am-6pm, sat 10am-5pm, tram 7, 13 marco polostraat

8 THINGS I LIKE THINGS I LOVE | SHOPPING

Reap the rewards of Sanne and Petra's choosy collector mania at Things I Like Things I Love. Their carefully selected mix of vintage and new clothing, created by prominent designers, also includes knitwear from neighbour Willie. Sanne and Petra also furnish houses, offices and hotels on request, like Hotel **Let op, dit is een voorbeeld. De echte versie heeft meer pagina's en kun je natuurlijk wel goed lezen.**

jan evertsenstraat 106, www.thingsilikethingsilove.com, mon-tue 1-5.30pm, wed-sat 11-5.30pm, sun 1-5pm, tram 7, 13 mercatorplein

9 WHITE LABEL COFFEE - FOOD & DRINK

White Label Coffee aims to evoke the raw atmosphere of Brooklyn with its slick, rugged coffee business. The coffee here is freshly roasted and takes centre stage, preferably without milk and unaccompanied by plates of cakes. The tea comes from Amsterdam Monkey Chief Tea and chocolate from Chocolat! Amsterdam. Coffee is also sold separately, including all the stuff you need to prepare that perfect cup of coffee.

jan evertsenstraat 136, www.whitelabelcoffee.nl, mon-fri 8am-6pm, sat-sun 9am-6pm, tram 4, 17 mercatorplein

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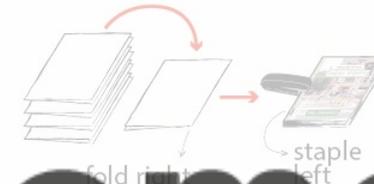
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Kent de stad beter dan vrienden die er al veel langer wonen en doet niets liever dan iedereen vertellen hoe leuk het hier is. Houdt van nieuwe adresjes en vooral koffietentjes, lekker eten, picknicken in het (Wester)park en de zondagochtend als Amsterdam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