



## A BIKE RIDE THROUGH AMSTERDAM AS A LOCAL!

Visit the less known parts of Amsterdam with this bike ride and explore where the locals like to hang out! Down you will find the description of the route including some nice spots to stop, like where to get nice ice cream. I do advice to get your smartphone with you because I do not provide (yet) a very detailed description. You do need to search a little bit yourselves, but well: that is how you will get to know Amsterdam the best!

*Tip: download the area of Amsterdam in Google maps so you have it offline with you!*

*HAVE FUN!*

## Description:

1. **Start at Entrepotdok** and do a round to see the buildings, the zoo across the water, old (house)boats and some small streets.
2. **Cross the bridge 'Overhaalsgang'** towards the Wittenburgergracht.
3. The route continues to explore a little bit of an industrial area. **Turn into Czaar Peterstraat** up till you hit the train rails.
4. Go left, here you **pass by a cute restaurant [Rosa & Rita](#)** (nice for pizza and steak!).
5. **Cross the parking** on to [Cafe Roest](#), a converted industrial building, housing a laid-back bar with outside picnic tables & live music.
6. **Continue towards Wittenburgergracht**. After this circle, go towards the East.
7. Take the **Zeeburgerstraat towards Mauritskade** and pass outside of the Tropenmuseum towards the Dappermarkt.
8. **On the Linnaeusstraat** you see the cafe [De Biertuin](#) with outside all benches and heaters. Nice to drink beers at the end of the day!
9. You will **pass by Oosterpark** (on your right hand) which is recently renewed (2016) and go on through the **Derde Oosterparkstraat**, towards Beukenplein.
10. At **Beukenplein** you will find [Coffee Bru](#)! So if you need another coffee by now or a sandwich, make a pitstop. This square is actually one of my favorites also for drinks in the afternoon. Make sure you return here by the end of the day for a nice beer with 'bitterballen'!
11. From here keep on biking towards the **Ringdijk/Linnaeuskade and follow the water** all the way up, out of the city **towards Valentijnkade**, into Flevopark.
12. **Flevopark** is a great park which is actually a bit unknown up till now. Even a lot of locals have never been there! Make sure you bike around the park and enjoy the views over the water.
13. Inside the park you will find beautiful [distillery](#) for jenever, a typical Dutch drink. They are open from 15:00 - 18:00 for a drink and they have all kind of flavours.  
*Tip: try the 'speculaas' flavour.*
14. The journey continues, **back to the Ringdijk and crossing the Amstel river** at the famous **Berlage brug**. You are now biking into the south part of Amsterdam towards the famous 'Albert Cuyp' market.
15. On the other side of the water, **turn right and follow the river until the Ceintuurbaan**. Turn left onto the Ceintuurbaan.
16. You will pass the Sarphatie park on your right side, **after the park turn right**. In this area you will find many nice restaurants and bars with cozy terraces.
17. **Take the bike by hand to cross Eerste van der Helstraat up to Gerard Douplein**. You will cross the Albercy Cuyp market. This market is nice to visit outside the weekend. Sorry but on Saturday it is flooded, so I advice you to visit it on a regular day in the morning if you like to.
18. On the square of **Gerard Douplein**, there is a great little Ice cream shop: [Jscuypje](#) (open from March until October).

19. Oke now you will cross a more touristic area: Museum square. **Bike towards the Ruysdaelstraat** and follow that road up till you reach [Museumplein](#) (Museum square). A bit more touristic but well: you NEED a picture at the I AMSTERDAM logo right? So just take a breath and do it!
20. After that, quickly jump on your bike and **bike into De Lairessestraat**.
21. Go **right at Jacob Obrechtstraat** and keep on biking straight **until you hit Vondelpark**.
22. **Go clockwise and bike around the park**. You need another coffee? You are nearby [Caffènation](#)!
23. Otherwise bike towards the other side to explore some nice streets with beautiful houses. **Get out at the Vondelkerk in the Vondelstraat**.
24. Cross de Overtoom and get into **Gerard Brandtstraat**.
25. Go **right into the Eerste Helmerstraat**. By now you are reaching the area 'Oud-West'.
26. **Turn left into Tweede Constantijn Huygensstraat**, onto the Bilderdijkkade. Here you will find also the [Foodhallen](#). It is an indoor food market inside a old industrial building.
27. Are you almost at the end of the day and can you use a great pizza? **Visit [Buurman & Buurman](#)**! They have great pizza's, thin like the Italians but with a Dutch twist. Just take a seat at the big table in the middle and maybe you will meet some Dutchies! If you are there, say hi to Coen & Paul (the owners) for me.
28. Oke, maybe it is best to continue a following day but if you are biking fast and it isn't dark yet: continue towards Westerpark! Follow the **Jan van Galenstraat** up till the little bridge (not for cars) called [Buysbrug](#).
29. After the Buyskade into the **Eerste Keucheniusstraat**, you will hit an area with small but nice streets all the way up to Westerpark.
30. At the **Haarlemmerweg** you will find the bridge to go inside the park. There are some industrial buildings that now contain all kind of restaurants, shops and bars. If the weather is nice, you will find a lot of locals hanging around in this park, lying in the grass, kids playing around etc. Also a lot of festivals happen here!
31. From Westerpark you can enter the Haarlemmerbuurt with 'Prinseneiland'. **Pass by the Haarlemmerpoort**, go under the railway, into **Sloterdijkstraat**.
32. Cross the bridge and **turn left towards Realengracht**. This is just a magnificent area to bike around and witness the super cute buildings. Do a round on these little areas and **take the Ketelmakerstraat back underneath the railway**.
33. Oke by now it is time to cross the famous Jordaan and the canals! Up to go back into tourism again? **Cross the Brouwersgracht and enter the Jordaan**! There is already so much written about these parts, so I won't describe them any further ;).

YOU CAN FIND THE FULL ROUTE IN GOOGLE MAPS: [>> CLICK HERE](#)