

# AMSTERDAM ORIGINAL

Where the Golden Age began

**Het Scheepvaartmuseum**

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MUSEUM  
**HET REMBRANDTHUIS**



# A walk through Old Amsterdam, where trade, history, and culture are intertwined.

The Dutch Golden Age immediately calls to mind canals, the East India Company, and the Old Masters. Overseas trade brought Amsterdam unprecedented prosperity during the 17th century. Migration of a variety of population groups meant that the city expanded rapidly, and the artistic output was higher than ever before.

During this walk through the oldest parts of Amsterdam, you will find out more about all these aspects over the course of just three hours. The walk includes visits to three museums that illustrate the Golden Age in a unique, animated way, namely Het Scheepvaartmuseum (The National Maritime Museum), the Portuguese Synagogue and Museum Het Rembrandthuis (the Rembrandt House Museum).

**This walk can be booked exclusively by sending an e-mail to [events@hetscheepvaartmuseum.nl](mailto:events@hetscheepvaartmuseum.nl)**



## *Other sites on the route:*

*Wertheimpark, Hortus Botanicus, Jewish Historical Museum, Café de Sluyswacht, Waterlooplein, Huis de Pinto, Zuiderkerk, De Waag, and the Montelbaanstoren.*

## HET SCHEEPVAARTMUSEUM

The walk begins in Het Scheepvaartmuseum, in which you'll be guided through 500 years of maritime history. This was the former site of the 's Lands Zeemagazijn, the former arsenal of the Admiralty of Amsterdam, in which shipping equipment such as ropes, sails, and navigation tools were stored. Nowadays, you can view approximately 400,000 historical artefacts, including an exact replica of the famous East Indiaman *Amsterdam*!

➔ *After your visit to Het Scheepvaartmuseum, you will take a fifteen-minute walk along the Nieuwe Herengracht to the Portuguese Synagogue. In the 17th century, this street was full of warehouses, ropemakers, and shipyards.*



## PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE

Amsterdam's prosperity in the Golden Age would have been unimaginable without the contribution made by the Jewish community. The first Jewish people arrived from Spain and Portugal circa 1600, fleeing the Inquisition. The Portuguese Synagogue was erected in the heart of the Jewish quarter in 1675 and was at that time the largest synagogue in the world! The beautifully authentic interior is guaranteed to amaze, and you will relish seeing with your own eyes the most exceptional collections of Jewish heritage.

➔ *A short walk will take you from the Portuguese Synagogue to Museum Het Rembrandthuis.*

## MUSEUM HET REMBRANDTHUIS

Rembrandt van Rijn is known the world over. The rich citizens of Amsterdam were queuing up to buy his paintings during the Golden Age itself. During this walk, you will be given the opportunity to visit the house in which the great master lived and worked for 20 years. Take a look inside his studio, kitchen, and the gallery in which he stored his collection of exotic objects!

➔ *After the visit to the Museum Het Rembrandthuis, the tour will end with a walk back to Het Scheepvaartmuseum.*

