



KLM houses route through Amsterdam

Detailed walking directions

1. AMSTERDAM CENTRAL STATION FRONT ENTRANCE TO NIEUWE BRUGSTEEG

From the front entrance of Amsterdam Central Station, we walk straight ahead crossing the canal towards the cross-walk. We cross the boulevard (Prins Hendrikkade), then turn left into Nieuwe Brugsteeg, and on to Sint Olofssteeg.

2. SINT OLOFSSTEEG TO OUDEZIJDS VOORBURGVAL

From there we follow the road to no. 18 Oudezijds Voorburgwal (KLM House 8) and Oudezijds Voorburgwal no. 57 (KLM House 10) opposite.

3. FROM THE RED LIGHT DISTRICT TO ZEEDIJK

From here we go for a walk through the Red Light District (from Molensteeg to Zeedijk). When we reach Zeedijk (the heart of Amsterdam's Chinatown) you'll see De Waag (the "Weigh House") on Nieuwmarkt Square. You'll pass it on the left and continue on to Sint Antoniebreestraat.

4. NO. 4 JODENBREESTRAAT HEADING TOWARDS WATERLOOPLEIN

In less than ten minutes we arrive at the Rembrandt House (KLM House 48) at no. 4 Jodenbreestraat. We continue straight on and then turn left at Houtkopersdwarsstraat and arrive at Waterlooplein market square.

5. CROSS THE BRIDGE FROM WATERLOOPLEIN TOWARDS HERENGRACHT

We cross the bridge and head towards the canals. As we continue along Herengracht, we can see no. 607 (KLM House 38). We then double back over the bridge, where we have a great view of the Amstel river and the Hermitage.

6. TURN LEFT ONTO KEIZERSGRACHT TOWARDS UTRECHTSESTRAAT

Before arriving at Keizersgracht, we can see the Magere Brug (the "Skinny Bridge"), the Carré Theatre, and the Amstel Hotel on the left. We continue on past no. 755 Keizersgracht (KLM House 64) and on to Utrechtsestraat.

7. CROSS HERENGRACHT AND TURN LEFT ONTO REGULIERSGRACHT

At the corner (no. 558 Herengracht–Restaurant Ali Ocakbaşı) we turn left onto Herengracht and, just before the bridge, we turn left again onto Reguliersgracht. At no. 7 we find KLM House 74.

8. BACK ACROSS THE BRIDGE TO THE CORNER OF VIJZELSTRAAT AND KEIZERSGRACHT

We double back and cross the bridge. We continue to the corner of Vijzelstraat. There, we turn left and head on to Keizersgracht. Here we can find three beautiful museums and a fantastic canal house:

- FOAM, the Amsterdam Photography Museum, at no. 609 Keizersgracht
- Museum van Loon (KLM House 83) at no. 672 Keizersgracht
- the Geelvinck Hinlopen House (no. 663 Keizersgracht)

9. STRAIGHT ON OVER THE BRIDGE ALONG REGULIERSGRACHT

We turn right over the bridge and cross another bridge to the other side of the canal. We then turn left and continue along Reguliersgracht.

10. TURN RIGHT ON REGULIERSGRACHT TOWARDS PRINSENGRACHT

We turn right on Reguliersgracht until we come to Prinsengracht. At no. 969 Prinsengracht we find KLM House 68. It's a B&B. You can spend the night in a KLM House!

11. TURN RIGHT ON VIJZELSTRAAT TO THE HEINEKEN EXPERIENCE

We come to Vijzelstraat and turn left, past Weteringschans, and circle around the Weteringcircuit roundabout. From there you can see the Heineken Experience (the former Heineken Brewery– KLM House 95). You can't miss it.

12. FROM THE HEINEKEN BREWERY TO THE RIJKSMUSEUM.

Facing the Heineken Brewery, we turn right towards the Rijksmuseum. Inside the museum, you can find Johannes Vermeer's famous painting Het Straatje ("The Little Street" which is also KLM House 76).

13. OVER THE CANAL AND ONTO SPIEGELGRACHT

If you have the Rijksmuseum at your back, you can head straight towards the canals. We walk along Spiegelgracht until we come to Prinsengracht.

14. HEADING NORTH-WEST ALONG PRINSENGRACHT

We turn left and head north-west towards no. 773 Prinsengracht, Pakhuis Frankfort (the Frankfort Warehouse–KLM House 54) Opposite the warehouse, we can see no. 514 Prinsengracht (KLM House 42) and no. 516 (KLM House 43). We

head on towards Leidsestraat and pass no. 721 Prinsengracht (KLM House 67).

15. TURN RIGHT AT LEIDSEGRACHT

We turn right on Leidsegracht and pass no. 51 (KLM House 78). We turn right onto Keizersgracht, walk about 150 metres, cross the bridge and continue along the other side of Keizersgracht. Here we can see the Pakhuis Sparrenboom ("The Fir Tree Warehouse" –KLM House 65) at no. 487.

16. KEIZERSGRACHT

We now double back and continue on our route. We pass no. 407 Keizersgracht (KLM House 63) and no. 439 (KLM House 61). We find the last warehouse among the KLM Houses at no. 403 Keizersgracht: Pakhuis Maarseveen (KLM House 66). As we walk further along Keizersgracht, we pass the Negen Straatjes (the "Nine Little Streets") which are absolutely worth a visit – eating, drinking, and shopping galore.

17. FROM KEIZERSGRACHT TO PRINSENGRACHT

After passing no. 319 Keizersgracht (KLM House 69) we turn left onto Berenstraat (one of the "Nine Little Streets") and then turn right on Prinsengracht. We pass no. 305 Prinsengracht (KLM House 62) and follow the route along Prinsengracht.

Enthusiasts can turn left onto Rozengracht to see KLM House 88 (at 't Lootsje, Rozengracht 99-101) and KLM House 50 (at no. 106 Rozengracht). We can then return to Prinsengracht and turn left.

KLM House 47 is the Anne Frank House. The "Secret Annex" is at no. 263 Prinsengracht. It is the most popular museum in the Netherlands.

18. LEFT ON LELIEGRACHT TO KEIZERSGRACHT

We continue along Prinsengracht until we reach Leliegracht, where we turn left. We turn left again on Keizersgracht and proceed to no. 140 (KLM House 45) and on to no. 104 De Rode Hoed ("the Red Hat" –KLM House 40).

19. FROM HERENSTRAAT TO HERENGRACHT

We continue on the route by turning right onto Herenstraat and then left onto Herengracht. We walk past no. 101 Herengracht (KLM House 58) and De Ster ("The Star") at no. 95 Herengracht (KLM House 57). Across the water we can see KLM House 56 at no. 64 Herengracht.

20. ALONG BLAUWBURG WAL TO THE SINGEL

We double back just a bit and turn left on Blauwburgwal. We turn left on the Singel and pass no. 87 Singel (KLM House 72) and no. 81 Singel (KLM House 71).

We walk down Blauwburgwal back to Herengracht. We turn left and pass no. 163 Herengracht (KLM House 59) and no. 203 Herengracht (KLM House 53).

21. HEADING TOWARDS DAM SQUARE

If we continue south on Herengracht, we will come to Raadhuisstraat. There we turn left and follow the road until we get to Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal. There we turn right on Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal and left on Paleisstraat. This takes us to Dam Square (KLM Special Edition House).

We return to Paleisstraat and turn left when we reach Spuistraat. We stop at Restaurant D'Vijff Vlieggen (KLM House 2) at no. 294 Spuistraat.

22. THE BEGIJNHOF

As we cross the tram tracks on the Spui towards the shopping area on Kalverstraat, we see the entrance to the beautiful Begijnhof ("Beguine Residences"). In this oasis of peace in the heart of bustling Amsterdam, we can find two KLM Houses: House 46 (no. 27 Begijnhof) and House 6, Het Houtenhuis (the "Wooden House") at no. 34 Begijnhof.

23. ON THE ROKIN TO OUDEZIJDS VOORBURGWAL

We cross Kalverstraat and come to the Rokin. We cross the Rokin and continue along Langebrugsteeg. We then turn on to Oudezijds Voorburgwal until we come to no. 300, where we find the old Bank van Lening ("Credit Bank" –KLM House 37).

24. FINISHING OFF WITH A Jenever

To top it all off, on our way to our last house on the tour, we continue along Oudezijds Voorburgwal. After about 200 metres we turn left on to Pijlsteeg. At no. 31 Pijlsteeg you'll find the historic pub Wijnand Fockink (KLM Houses 11 and 23). Here you can try a wide variety of jenever. Proost! (Cheers!)

Thank you for walking this fabulous route. We hope to see you on board of one of our KLM flights sometime soon!