

# Free Guide for your Romantic Trip to Amsterdam

## First about your Amsterdam Guide

Hey, I'm Rocco – nice to meet you! My passion is helping curious travellers to visit Amsterdam with fresh eyes. During your **romantic trip to amsterdam**, I am proud to be your **Amsterdam guide**.

I was born in the South of the Netherlands. I danced and choreographed my way around the world, while having lived in three countries and travelled to about twenty five countries. Upon returning to The Netherlands, I fell in love with it all over again.

For the past four and a half years I have directed my passion into creating artistic and **romantic tours in Amsterdam**, and guiding tourists through the cobblestone streets and along the romantic canals of Amsterdam. During this time, I have had the pleasure of sharing my knowledge and passion for my city with lots of travellers so they can have an amazing **Amsterdam sightseeing**.

I believe when you travel it opens your mind and enriches you like nothing else.



In *this e-guide* book you will find a personal selection of:

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I hope it will be a useful Amsterdam guide for you and your partner to find out what our beautiful city Amsterdam has to offer. ♥

## **Let us tell you where you can find the most romantic Amsterdam restaurants. For the best experience as a couple.**

During your **romantic trip to Amsterdam** there are a few things you should try. First of all, the typical Dutch meal called: Stamppot. Both restaurants, ‘Moeders’ and ‘Sonneveld’ are my favourite when it comes to Dutch cuisine. Also, The Netherlands is the second best country to eat Indonesian food. It used to be a colony for about 200 years and many Indonesians moved and settled here and brought their wonderful tasty cuisine along. A romantic thing to do in Amsterdam is to try a traditional “rice table” with your loved one. Nonetheless, there is a great variety of food from all over the world, from exclusive to low budget.

In this list I intended to find a place for everyone’s wallet. Amsterdam is famous for its diversity with about 165 different nationalities living in the city. Thus, you will not have a problem to find any type of food here during your **romantic trip to Amsterdam**. The following restaurants are my personal most romantic and favourite restaurants. This means, that I and/or another member of the Romantic Tour Amsterdam team have visited these restaurants.

### **Moeders**

Fun fact: The owner Jurriaan, asked all his guests to bring plates, glasses and cutlery to the opening night. Nowadays, you can enjoy traditional Dutch food that is served on these old-school crockeries and tablewares. At the same time, Moeders started to collect pictures of mothers . This means the entire restaurant is filled with Mothers. One of the best Dutch restaurants in town. They also serve extraordinary desserts.



Address: Rozengracht 251. Price range: €18 to €22 for main course. Open Mon-Thu from 17:00–00:00. Weekends from 12:00–00:00. Kitchen closes at 22:30 hours. Reservations required on [www.moeders.com](http://www.moeders.com)

## **Mayur**

Candlelight, dim lights and warm colours create a poetic interior, with a classic romantic touch of Bollywood music in the background. Mayur is just outside the hustle and bustle of Leidseplein, which allows you to escape and to just be with your love. The Indian cuisine is focused on sharing the dinner with your loved one.



Price range: €22,- to €30,- for main course. Address: Korte Leidsedwardsstraat 203. Open every day from 17:00 until 23:00. Reservations on [www.mayur.nl](http://www.mayur.nl)

### **In de Waag**

In the middle of the Nieuwmarkt square stands an impressive medieval building from 1488. This characteristic monument used to be a city gate and later a weigh house (waag) for traders. These days it hosts the Restaurant-Café "In de Waag". The interior is still partly medieval and has a great atmosphere. The restaurant is lit with 300 candles.



Classical kitchen with a hint of Dutch cuisine. Price range: €20,- to €26,- for main course. Address: Nieuwmarkt 4. Open everyday from 09:00–22:30. Reservations on [www.indewaag.nl](http://www.indewaag.nl)

### **Longpura**

If you have never been to Indonesia but would want to, paying a visit to Longpura will give you a short glimpse of how it would actually be there. The warm welcome of their friendly staff, completely dressed up in style and the very delicious taste of the many exquisite plates will make you fall in love with the culture. What better way to make your experience more enjoyable than having a cozy time with your partner surrounded by the atmospheric typical Indonesian interior?



Price range: €25,- to €50,- per menu. Address: Rozengracht 46-48. Opens Mon-Sat. from 18:00–23:00 and Sunday's from 17:00–23:00. Reservations on [www.restaurant-longpura.com](http://www.restaurant-longpura.com)

**Do you want to feel the Romance of Amsterdam?  
our Romantic Canal Tours is a fantastic way to  
create a true romantic experience.**

### **De Waaghals**

This wonderful restaurant is surrounded by two lovely Amsterdam neighbourhoods; the Museum Quarter and De Pijp. After having explored many of the hidden corners of these two, paying a visit to De Waaghals will be a deserving reward for both you love and your love. Do keep in mind that it is an all organic vegetarian restaurant, but trying new things while travelling is what makes it more interesting. You won't be let down because the meals are very tasty and filling.



Price range: €15,- to €30,-. Address: Frans Halsstraat 29. Kitchen is open daily from 17:00 – 21:30. Telephone: +31206799609. More information on: [www.waaghals.nl](http://www.waaghals.nl)

### **Peruvian Cuisine NL**

This small but very cosy restaurant will make you fall in love with the exquisite and mouth-watering Peruvian dishes. Not only will you find the famous ceviche, lomo saltado, arroz chaufa, causa, pisco sour (cocktail) and more, you'll also enjoy typical melodic Peruvian music. The tables have a romantic touch, decorated with real different kinds of flowers.



Price range: €10,- to €17,- for main course. Address Bilderdijkstraat 181-H. Open Wed-Thu from 14:00– 21:30, Saturday 13:00–22:00 and Sunday 13:00–21:00. Reservations on [www.peruviancuisine.nl](http://www.peruviancuisine.nl)

### **Cafe Sonneveld**

This is another Dutch restaurant in the romantic neighbourhood of De Jordaan. Named after a famous Dutch Comedian/Singer/Artist who used to live above the restaurant. Don't be shy and walk inside to enjoy one of the typical Dutch meals that is called: Stamppot, a simple but very tasty dish. And ask the elderly lady about living in the beautiful Beguinage. If you mention my name (Rocco) they will give you a sweet dutch surprise at the end of your dinner.



Price range: €12 to €16,- for main course. Address: Egelantiersgracht 72-74. Opens every day from 11:00 until 22:30. More information on [www.cafesonneveld.nl](http://www.cafesonneveld.nl)

## **De Kas**

This fascinating restaurant is located in a set of greenhouses, where their ingredients are cultivated and later on used to create magnificent fresh dishes. Enjoy the gardens on a beautiful sunny day.



Price range: €52,50 for menu of 5 courses. Address: Kamerlingh Onneslaan 3. Open from Monday until Saturday from 18:30 – 22:00. Reservations on [www.restaurantdekas.nl](http://www.restaurantdekas.nl)

## **Ciel Bleu**

If fine dining truly is your preference, then do not think twice to go to Ciel Bleu. The 2 Michelin stars restaurant is located in the Hotel Okura Amsterdam on the 23rd floor. It is a perfect place to dine during your **Amsterdam honeymoon** or for a **marriage proposal in Amsterdam**. You will not only be flabbergasted by the gorgeous romantic panoramic view over the city but also because of the meals.



Price range: €160,- per menu. Address: Ferdinand Bolstraat 333. Open from Monday until Saturday from 18:30 – 22:30. Reservations on [www.okura.nl](http://www.okura.nl).

## **China Sichuan**

If you are ever in the mood for traditional Chinese food, go to one or both of Sichuan's locations on Zeedijk 103H or Warmoesstraat 17. The best Chinese in town offering a quick service and excellent food. If you have not been to China before, going to Sichuan will definitely make you feel as if you really did. Fun fact did you know that Chinatown is next to the Red Light District? Don't be scared, it is a very safe and open area. You might just see a half naked woman in the window, when you make a wrong turn.



Price range: €10 to €16 for main course. More information on [www.sichuanrestaurant.nl](http://www.sichuanrestaurant.nl)

### **Ethiopian Lalibela**

The oldest Ethiopian restaurant in Amsterdam. Try their special Ethiopian pancakes and other different traditional meals that will make your mouth water. Don't worry about using cutlery, as eating with your hands is totally okay to do so. Also, sharing the food with your partner in this way will create an intimate bond between each other. Their tea is definitely a must to drink, try it out.



Price range: €10,- to €15,- for main course. Address: Eerste Helmersstraat 249. Open every day from 17:00 – 23:00. More information on [www.lalibela.nl](http://www.lalibela.nl)

For more restaurant tips see my Romantic Amsterdam Restaurants blog too on: <https://www.romantictouramsterdam.com/romantic-restaurants-in-amsterdam/>

***“What a tour!  
If you want to experience something totally different, go with  
Rocco!”***

Jessapo, Germany

## **A Romantic Amsterdam weekend is not complete without visiting a Romantic spot**

I will share a few ingredients that make your **romantic weekend in Amsterdam** unforgettable. Your loved one will love you even more. One of them might be even a good occasion for a **marriage proposal in Amsterdam** during your **Romantic Amsterdam Trip**.

### **Cinema Pathé Tuschinski**

This cinema, built in 1921, has a spectacular mix of styles from Art deco to Art nouveau. It is one of the most beautiful cinemas in the world. Here you can treat yourself to a double Love Seat on the Balcony (31 euros per couple) or a Private Box (40 euros per couple). The prices include the entrance ticket, a snack and drink. In the private boxes you can even order champagne. Seats must be booked in advance. It's one of my favourite **things to do in Amsterdam** which I suggest to couples who really need to destress and relax.



Tickets: online or at the ticket office for film showings after 17:00.  
Address: Reguliersbreestraat 26-34.  
Website: [www.pathe.nl/bioscoop/tuschinski](http://www.pathe.nl/bioscoop/tuschinski)

## **De Magere Brug (the Skinny Bridge)**

It is the most famous bridge in Amsterdam, just next to Theater Carré, bridging the river Amstel. A **must do in Amsterdam** for actually everyone who is visiting. It is said that those who sail under the bridge and kiss each other, will stay together forever. I cannot guarantee that of course, but I do guarantee that the bridge is breathtakingly romantic at night!



During my **Romantic Walking Tour** we finish the tour here with a ritual to eternalize your love for each other.

## **Vondelpark**

This park is without a doubt the most popular and romantic park of Amsterdam for locals, with a selection of cafes serving food and refreshments all year round. Enjoy. During your **Amsterdam sightseeing** this is a great place to unwind by enjoying a nice coffee or local beer on the terrace of the Blauwe Theehuis. Or just by having a romantic stroll and sit on a bench watching all the ‘Amsterdammers’, tourists and expats go by.



Fun fact: very recently two Artists (Tijdmakers) created a perfume where they captured the smell of the sun shining on wet wood of trees. They developed the smell in the Vondelpark.

Even when it rains Amsterdam has plenty of wonderful and romantic things to do. (We must have, as it rains here as much as the sun shines...) See my blog about my favourite 8 things to do during the showery hours

### **About our Romantic Walking Tour:**

*“Surprising, even for someone living in Amsterdam for 35 years”*

*Ewald, Amsterdam*

## **Exploring art while strolling together through museums. Can it get more romantic?**

There are lots of **Amsterdam points of interests**, I will show you my favorites:

**Rijksmuseum**

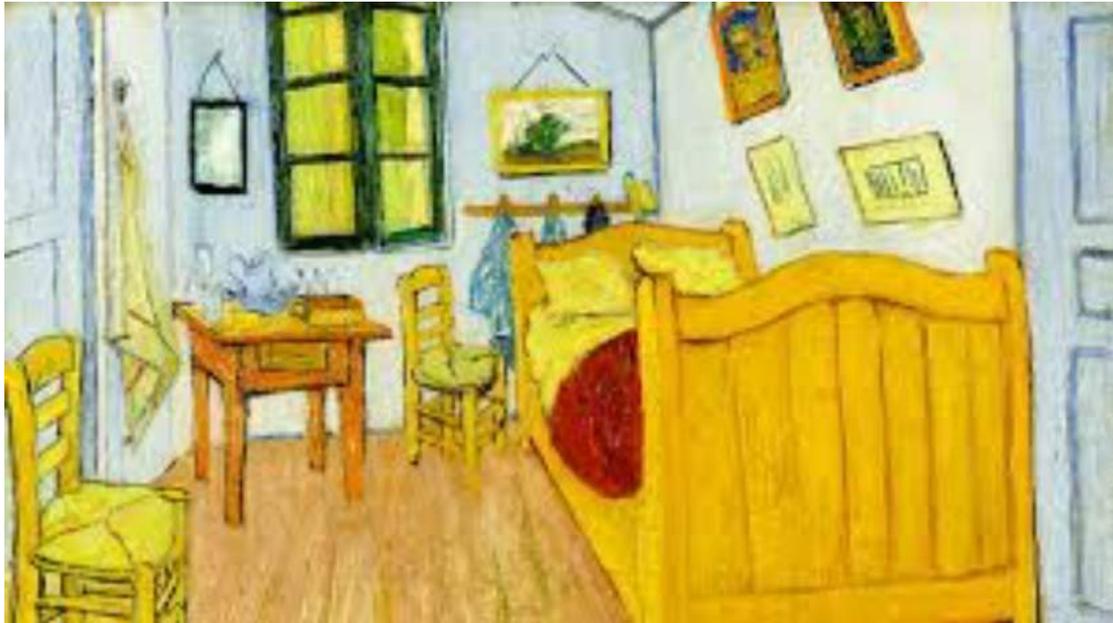
Amsterdam's iconic museum dazzles with its impressive collection that spans 800 years of Dutch history. In the Gallery of Honour you can find masterpieces by painters like Rembrandt van Rijn and Johannes Vermeer. Go have a look at the 'Nightwatch' and notice the girl in the light. Experts believe she might be the wife of the painter. I shall explain the full story on the **Romantic Waters Boat Tour**. Also make sure to check out the library. Few people know, but this is an absolute must see. Ask inside the museum where to find it.



Open 7 days a week from 9:00 to 17:00. €20,- online 19,-  
Museumplein 1 [www.rijksmuseum.nl/en](http://www.rijksmuseum.nl/en)

## **Van Gogh Museum**

A World-famous museum housing the planet's largest collection (Over 200) of Vincent van Gogh paintings and artefacts. The colours and light in these paintings move me inside. If you stay a bit longer in the Netherlands it is also worth checking out Kröller Muller Museum. They have the second largest exhibition of van Gogh in the World. It's outside of Amsterdam but in wonderful surroundings. You cycle through a park to get to the museum.



The Van Gogh Museum is open 7 days a week from 9:00 to 17:00, 18:00 or 19:00 depending on the month. Check website for exact opening hours. (Fridays until 21:00 with dj's) €19,- Museumplein 6  
[www.vangoghmuseum.nl/en](http://www.vangoghmuseum.nl/en)

### **Anne Frank house**

Discover the house that was a hiding place during World War 2 and get a sense of what it must have felt like for a Jewish family. In the attic the young Anne and Peter sometimes met where they would dream about a better future. And shared a friendship, or was it more than a friendship...? We will tell you the full story on one of our tours.



Open 7 days a week from 9:00 to 19:00. (Saturdays until 21:00) Book tickets online €9,- .Prinsengracht 263 [www.annefrank.org/en/](http://www.annefrank.org/en/)

### **Stedelijk Museum**

It holds the largest collection of modern and contemporary art in the Netherlands. Every few months there is a new exhibition. Open 7 days a week from 10:00 to 18:00. (Fridays until 22:00) €15,- Museumplein 10 [www.stedelijk.nl/en](http://www.stedelijk.nl/en)



### **Amsterdam Museum**

It will give you an exciting overview of the 800-year history of Amsterdam. Amsterdam became the first city of love for everyone in April 2001. They have some details from this special happening in this museum. One of the couples didn't put on a ring that day, they actually took one off! On our **Romantic Tours** you hear the full story. Open 7 days a week from 10:00 to 17:00. €12,50 Kalverstraat 92 [www.amsterdammuseum.nl/en](http://www.amsterdammuseum.nl/en)



*Do you want hear the story of how Amsterdam became the city of Love for everyone in 2001? On the Romantic Canal Tour I will show you where it happened and tell you how it happened.*

### **Royal Palace (Old City Hall)**

Discover the rich history and interior of this magnificent building in the heart of Amsterdam. They have a beautiful world map in the floor. Pretty Amazing. Irregular opening hours check before your go because it is still used by our Royal Family! Otherwise from 10:00 to 17:00. €10,- Dam [www.paleisamsterdam.nl/en/](http://www.paleisamsterdam.nl/en/)



## **Hermitage Amsterdam**

Is a dependency of the Hermitage Museum of Saint Petersburg, housed in a historic building on the river Amstel. Hosts one temporary exhibition at a time and changes exhibitions every six months. After visiting the museums stroll by the Amstel River with your loved one and see the sun setting over the River. Insiders tip. Behind the museum there is a wonderful place for food in a Garden. Open 7 days a week from 10:00 to 17:00. €17,50 Amstel 51 [hermitage.nl/en/](https://www.hermitage.nl/en/)



## **Museum het Rembrandthuis**

The house where Rembrandt van Rijn and Saskia van Uylenburgh lived between 1639 and 1658, holds a collection of etchings, drawings, and copper plates by the master himself. A sad but Romantic love story. Open 7 days a week 10:00 to 18:00 €13,- Jodenbreestraat 4 [www.rembrandthuis.nl/?lang=en](http://www.rembrandthuis.nl/?lang=en)



## FOAM Photo Museum

Hosts regularly rotating exhibitions by both world-famous and up and coming photographers, video- and multimedia artists. Open 7 days a week from 10:00 to 18:00 (Thursdays and Fridays until 21:00 €11,- Keizersgracht 609 [www.foam.org/nl/home](http://www.foam.org/nl/home)



### *About our Romantic Tours:*

*“Rocco is a wonderful guide , who does his job with lot’s of passion.... Wonderful!!!!”*

*Timo, Germany*

## **Romantic places to visit in Amsterdam with breathtaking views.**

Watching the sunset is always a moving experience and Amsterdam has some great panoramic views which can't be missed during your romantic trip to Amsterdam.

### **A'dam Lookout tower**

It is already a small adventure to take the ferry behind Central Station to the tower. At the top you'll find an observation deck with an unrivalled panoramic view of Amsterdam. It is the highest view over Amsterdam. And as a cherry on the pie, at the edge of the deck you can also find Europe's highest swing, called 'Over the Edge'. A perfect place for taking photos with your loved one.



€12,50. Open 7 days a week from 10:30 to 21:00. Overhoeksplein 5. [www.adamlookout.com](http://www.adamlookout.com)

## **Skylounge Amsterdam**

At the top of the Hilton Double Tree hotel there is a unique spot to discover the city from great height. This rooftop lounge bar is overlooking Europe's most energetic capital, 365 days a year. Drinks and food are double priced, but it is well worth it to treat your special one.



Open from 11:00 to 1:00, Wednesday & Thursday till 2:00 and Friday & Saturday till 3:00 AM. Oosterdoksstraat  
4. [www.skyloungeamsterdam.com/en/](http://www.skyloungeamsterdam.com/en/)

## **Blue Amsterdam**

A café and restaurant with an amazing 360-degree view of the city. Located in a futuristic glass tower in the middle of the city center.



Open 7 days a week from 10:00 to 18:30. Monday from 11:00 and Sunday from 12:00, Thursday open until 21:00. Kalvertoren, Singel 457. <http://www.blue-amsterdam.nl>

### **Amsterdam Public Library**

Wander first through the well designed library or simply take the elevator to the top floor. There you can enjoy a free, yet stunning view over Amsterdam. Order one of the freshly made juices and feel like you're on top of the world.



Open 7 days a week from 10:00 to 22:00. Oosterdokskade 143. [www.oba.nl](http://www.oba.nl)

## **Nemo Science Museum Terrace**

The striking green building is shaped like a ship's hull and it is possible to go up onto its sloping stepped roof for free. It is 22m high and can be reached by climbing up the steps on the eastern edge of the building. Especially nice in summer when the sun is out. Bring a picnic and leave the hustle and bustle of the city behind for a moment.



Open Tuesday to Sunday from 10:00 to 17:30. Oosterdok  
2. [www.nemosciencemuseum.nl/en/](http://www.nemosciencemuseum.nl/en/)

## **Canvas on the 7th**

This outdoor panorama terrace at Canvas offers fine sweeping views of Amsterdam. It has a bar and restaurant that are reasonable priced. Friends of mine regularly have a comic show here too. Check out the program and prepare for some good belly laughs.



Open 7 days a week from 7:00 to 22:00. Club Canvas open on Fridays and Saturdays from 22:00 to 4:00. Wibautstraat #150. [www.volkshotel.nl/en/canvas](http://www.volkshotel.nl/en/canvas)

*About our Romantic Tours:*

*“Love is attention and devotion, and Rocco breathes and exhibits both in this most romantic of tours.”*

*David, Eindhoven*

**When you visit Amsterdam visiting a market is a must do in my opinion. Here is an overview of my favourite markets.**

During your **romantic trip to Amsterdam**, don't forget to include one of the local Amsterdam markets. It will make your romantic stay full of authentic Amsterdam experiences. **Amsterdam sightseeing** isn't complete without a one of these vibrant spots in the city.

## **Flower Market**

Go to this floating market for all your gifts and souvenirs. They have reasonable priced typical Dutch gifts like Delfts Blue ceramics, clogs (wooden shoes), and of course, flowers! Especially in April and May, during the flower season you'll find our tulips, the flower of love for everyone. Outside of the season you can buy lots and lots of seeds and bulbs that you can actually bring back on the plane home.



Open Monday to Saturday from 9:00 to 17:30 Sunday from 11:30 to 17:30. Singel 458.

## **Albert Cuypmarkt**

This Food market began trading in 1904 and now it is, with over 300 stalls, the biggest in Europe. This one is especially great for sharing some typical Dutch street food like herring or other fish and freshly made Stroopwafels/Dutch syrup waffles.



Open from Monday to Saturday from 9:00 to 17:00. It can close earlier in winter and due to bad weather. Albert Cuypstraat. [www.albertcuypmarkt.amsterdam/?lang=en](http://www.albertcuypmarkt.amsterdam/?lang=en)

### **Noordermarkt**

My personal favourite! This food market includes a part with organic food, where you can taste all kinds of delicious foods, including Dutch cheese. Located in the Jordaan district, one of the most picturesque neighbourhoods of Amsterdam. Stroll by the canals especially romantic by night.



Open Saturdays from 9:00 to 17:00. Noordermarkt. [www.noordermarkt-amsterdam.nl/en/home-en](http://www.noordermarkt-amsterdam.nl/en/home-en)

### **Waterloopleinmarkt**

Oldest flea market of the Netherlands. Do you want to buy some special handmade jewellery? Look out for Kate Danpae. Kate will help you make your natural beauty shine. Open Monday to Saturday from 9:00 to 18:00. Waterlooplein. [www.waterloopleinmarkt.nl](http://www.waterloopleinmarkt.nl)



## **Nieuwmarkt**

Organic food market with great freshly made Stroopwafels (The best in Amsterdam) and Dutch handmade Fries with mayonnaise. It is a really nice small market in the city centre that you can easily pass by along your way. You find this market in front of the Waag, an old city gate. Open Saturdays from 9:00 to 17:00.



When you are here during Christmas a must read is my blog about my favourite Amsterdam Christmas markets.

I, as your **Amsterdam guide** are looking forward to make your **romantic trip to Amsterdam** even more special. On Romantic Waters Boat Tour I let you feel the magic and romance of Amsterdam. Perfect for couples to include in their **Amsterdam sightseeing**. Picture this: You and your partner snuggled together. The sound of water lapping softly against the sides of the boat as we drift beneath Amsterdam's iconic bridges and past its magnificent 17th-century canal houses. For bookings go to our **Romantic Waters Canal Tour**.

I wish you a great stay in Amsterdam and I hope this guide helps you finding the most romantic spots in Amsterdam.

For more bloggs and Romantic things to do go to:

[www.romantictouramsterdam.com](http://www.romantictouramsterdam.com)

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