

# Make a Travel Brochure for Amsterdam!



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## The History of Amsterdam

Amsterdam formed during the 12th century, when a group of herring fishermen settled along the Amstel River. The city was officially founded in 1275. In 1380, canals were built to help control the flow of water and help with trade. In 1519, Amsterdam became a part of the Spanish empire. 1579, the Dutch republic was created, with Amsterdam as its most important city. The 1600s are known as Amsterdam's Golden Age. The city became a center for arts, culture, and commerce, and the Dutch East India Company and the Dutch West India Company were founded. France invaded in 1795, but were overthrown in 1814. Amsterdam became part of a new state, the Netherlands. The train station known as Centraal Station opened in 1889, connecting Amsterdam to other European countries by rail. The Netherlands remained neutral during World War I, but was invaded by Germany during World War II. Amsterdam suffered only minor damage during the war, but famine hit the north and west parts of the Netherlands after the war. Amsterdam began to recover and today is the largest city in the Netherlands and an international tourist destination.

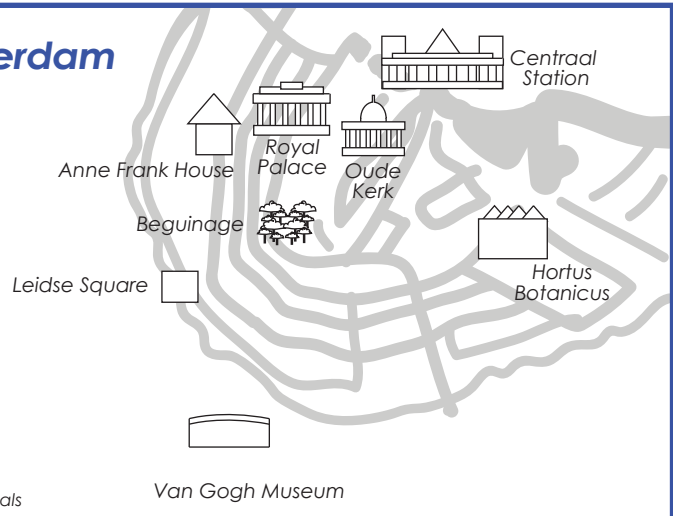
## Tourist Attractions and Famous Locations

The Flower Market is a floating floral market on the Singel Canal, one of Amsterdam's oldest canals. Anne Frank and her family hid for two years during World War II in what is now the Anne Frank House. Oude Kerk is the oldest church in Amsterdam, first built in the 14th century. The Beguinage is a courtyard that dates back to the 14th century. Centraal Station is the main hub of transportation in the Netherlands. The 3-acre Hortus Botanicus, or Botanical Garden, began as an herbal garden in 1638. Leidse Square began hundreds of years ago as a parking lot for farmers entering the city to sell their wares. The Van Gogh Museum contains the largest collection in the world of the art of Vincent van Gogh. The Royal Palace first opened in 1655 and serves as a site for government functions today.

## Famous Residents

Famous residents of Amsterdam include philosopher Baruch Spinoza; artists Jan van Amstel, Rembrandt van Rijn, and Vincent van Gogh; novelist and philosopher Albert Camus; writer Anne Frank (whose Holocaust-era diary is one of the most famous works of the time); and jazz musician Nina Simone.

## Amsterdam



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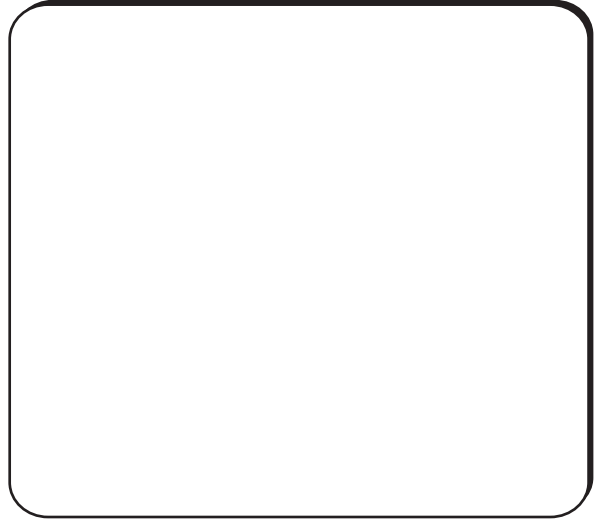
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