

Entrance gate

Walk back to the Lommertbrug. Turn left into the Enge Lombardsteeg. Here you see on your left a gate with the old entrance of the Stadsbank van Lening. Above it is the following text: 'Tot hulp voor den noodtdruftigen is gestelt hier the Banck of Leeninghe for cleyn gelt' ('For help of the needy is here the Bank of Loans for small change'). Walk out of the Enge Lombardsteeg. After the Nes it turns into the Wijde Lombardsteeg. Cross the Rokin and keep left on the other side. Then turn right into the Wijde Kapelsteeg until you reach the Kalverstraat. When you get there you see will see a gate on the other side.

National Monument

Go back to the Rokin and turn left there. You will get to Dam Square. On your right is the National Monument.

The National Monument on Dam Square in Amsterdam is a monument to remember the Second World War victims. The National Monument on Dam Square is build in memory of all Dutch people who died during the Second World War.



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Amsterdam city walk along special texts

Distance; 7 km

A nice city walk through Amsterdam with the theme 'Texts in the city'. A well-chosen theme, because if you pay attention to it, the city is bursting with language. Antique advertisements on facades, funny poems on street tiles, memorable texts on monuments. A linguistic journey of discovery.

Start: Amsterdam Central Station

Finish: Dam Square

Central Station

You start at the central entrance of the Central Station (on the city side). Seen from the station you go 50 meters to the left, to the east entrance.

Walk along the east wing that was built in 1924. Almost at the end you turn right, and go across the water. Via the crossing at the traffic lights you cross the road and walk to the Schreierstoren which you pass on your left. After the tower you go straight on. After the Gelderse Kade you follow the turn to the right and you walk into the street that is first called Prins Hendrikkade and then changes to Kromme Waal. At the first bridge you turn right into the Lastageweg. At the end, turn left along the water and after 80 meters cross the bridge. Turn right and then turn left to the even side of the Kromboomssloot. Walk until nr 22.

Song

You continue your walk and cross the Dijkstraat. At the column, climb a few steps to the J.W. Siebbeleshof not indicated at this point. You will come across the funny poem 'Liedje' (Song) by Hans Andreus, carved in mosaic tiles on the street over a length of dozens of metres.

 **Memorial stone**

After the playground turn right and immediately left into the Dijkstraat. You enter the Nieuwmarkt and walk straight on to the Waag. When you get there, you half circle the Waag against the clock. You pass two turrets (the last one is on number 4) and come to an angular turret. In the middle is a memorial stone in gothic letters.

 **Border post**

You walk another 20 meters along the Waag and then continue straight on to the Nieuwmarkt. Later this turns into the Kloveniersburgwal. You cross the Oude Hoogstraat and take the next bridge to the left. You arrive at the Raamgracht. At the end turn left, cross the bridge, immediately right and left. Up the stairs. Right in the middle of the bridge, named the Sint Antoniesluis, you see a monument.

 **Moses and Aaron Church**

Walk onto the Jodenbreestraat. At the traffic light you are at the back of the Moses and Aäron Church. By turning right, you arrive at the front.

 **Corvershof**

You take the zebra crossing that leads over the busy side of the Waterlooplein to the Mr. Visserplein. Keep to the right and walk towards the Jonas Daniel Meijerplein. Then cross the bridge and go down the stairs on the right directly at the subway entrance. Turn left at the bottom to Nieuwe Herengracht 18.

 **Facade advertisement**

Go into the Hoftuin and turn right at the café. Then straight on to the Hermitage, through the entrance hall and inner garden of the museum after which you reach the Amstel. Turn left here. At the Nieuwe Kerkstraat turn right onto the Skinny Bridge (Magere Brug), turn left on the Amstel onto the odd side of the Prinsengracht. Cross the Utrechtsestraat and you will reach the Amstelveld. Immediately after this is the Reguliersgracht where you turn left over the bridge.

Go right after the bridge and finally left to the other side of the Reguliersgracht. At the second street turn right into the Nieuwe Looiersstraat. At numbers 24A to 38E you will find the Looiershofje with in the freely accessible courtyard the text: 'Waar liefde woont gebiedt de heer zijn zegen' ('Where love lives, the lord commands his blessing'). Beyond number 2, on the corner with Vijzelgracht 37 is a visual text.

 **SPQA**

On the Vijzelgracht you turn right to the Prinsengracht. After this the Vijzelgracht becomes the Vijzelstraat. You arrive at the Keizersgracht. On the bridge there is a beautiful decoration with the letters SPQA. In ancient Rome SPQR (Senatus Populusque Romanus: the Senate and the People of Rome, then the official name of the Roman Empire) was frequently seen on triumphal arches. Here the R of Rome has been replaced by the A of Amsterdam (with the A for Amstelodamensis).

On the Keizersgracht you take the even side. You come back at the Reguliersgracht where you cross the bridge. Immediately turn left and cross the next bridge. You reach the Thorbeckeplein, where you walk straight ahead, cross the Rembrandtplein and enter the Halvemaansteeg. You cross the busy road and walk over the wide bridge to the Kloveniersburgwal. Arriving at the first bridge you turn left. On the bridge you can see a gate in front of you, which you turn into.

 **Academic quotes**

After the gate you immediately turn right. You see a quote by Kurt Baschwitz (KB) on the left. A little further on the wall in front of us you will see a quote from Jacques Presser (JP). Walk back to the text of Kurt Baschwitz and then turn right. On the top right corner you will see a quote by Norbert Elias (NE). On the next corner is Spinoza (BdeS). After this you turn right. You run into a saying of Belle van Zuylen (BvZ), on your right is a saying of Trudy van Asperen (TvA). You take the gate on the left of Belle van Zuylen and turn right on the Oudezijds Achterburgwal. Take the third street on the right: the Spinhuissteeg.

 **Stadsbank van Lening**

Walk down the alley and then turn left onto the Oudezijds Achterburgwal. Then take the bridge on the right that brings you into the Sint Agnietenstraat. Then walk to the right: the Oudezijds Voorburgwal. Turn immediately left across the pedestrian bridge, the Lommertbrug. Turn left until nr. 300; 'Stadsbank van Lening'.