

GRACHTENMUSEUM

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Information

At the Museum of the Canals (Grachtenmuseum), you get to know the story of Amsterdam and its canals in an adventurous way. In the five rooms of the permanent exhibition, you can see how the canals of Amsterdam were built and how they were used throughout the centuries. Then wander over to the ground floor and admire the period rooms of the seventeenth-century canal house, visit the temporary exhibitions, and, if the weather allows it, the beautiful canal garden.

Amsterdam's canals are the heart of our city and have a complex and interesting history. Why did Amsterdam grow from a fishing village to a metropolis? How did the canals develop and why are they so important to the city to this day? You'll learn it all on a journey through 400 years of Amsterdam's history.

Location

Address	Museum of the Canals Amsterdam Herengracht 386 1016 CJ Amsterdam
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E-mail	mail@grachten.museum
Website	www.grachten.museum

Opening hours

Tuesday to Sunday	10:00 to 17:00
Monday	12:00 to 17:00
Closed	December 25, January 1 and April 27

Entrance fees 2026

18+	€ 18,50
Student, CJP card	€ 12,50
Children 6 - 17 years	€ 9,50
Children 0-5 years	Free
Museumkaart, Stadspas,	Free
Iamsterdam City Card	Free

Purchase price tour operators

18+	€ 15,50
Student, CJP card	€ 10,00
Children 6 – 17 years	€ 7,50
Children 0–5 years	Free
Museumkaart, Stadspas,	Free
Iamsterdam City Card	Free

Audio Tour

Our exhibitions are visited with a free audio guide. This is available in nine languages: Dutch, English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Chinese (Mandarin), and Russian.

Museum store

Our museum has a small selection of store products, such as books about the canals and canal houses, gift items, and jewelry.

Length of visit

A visit to the Museum of the Canals takes about one to one and a half hours. The permanent exhibition about the canals takes 45 minutes, after which you can visit the temporary exhibition of the Museum of the Canals. An audio tour is also available for the temporary exhibition, which lasts about 30 minutes. In the Andriessen room and garden of the museum, there are also short audio stops available that last about 10 minutes in total.

Cloakroom

The museum has an unguarded cloakroom with both lockers and coat racks. If you wish to use a locker you can get a coin for it from a member of the museum staff.

Facilities for disabled visitors

The Museum of the Canals is wheelchair accessible and has an elevator. There is also a wheelchair-friendly restroom.

More Information

For more information, please visit our website at www.grachten.museum or email us at mail@grachten.museum. Would you rather contact us by phone? Then you can call +31(0)20 42 11 656