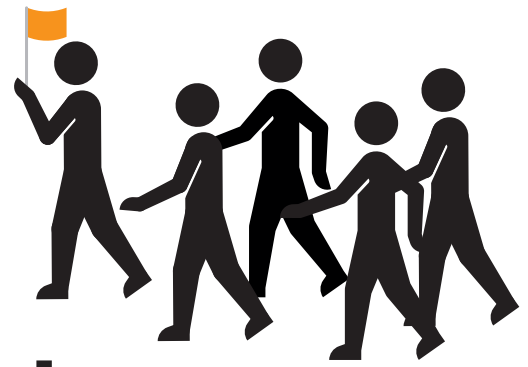




City of Amsterdam



Giving guided tours in Amsterdam: how it works

Welcome to Amsterdam! With an exemption, it is possible to give guided tours for groups of 5 to 15 participants in the Centre city district. Guided tours are not permitted in streets with prostitution windows. You can request an exemption at www.amsterdam.nl/rondleidingen.

→ In this leaflet you can read about the rules related to the exemption, and what is and is not allowed.

What are the rules?

- Guided tour groups may consist of no more than 15 participants. An exemption is not required for groups of up to four people.
- Tours can start from 9:00 and must finish by 22:00 at the latest.
- Tours are not permitted to pass prostitution windows.
- Recruiting participants in public places is prohibited.
- You must prevent participants from loitering in busy places, including entrances to shops, houses, or bars and restaurants during opening hours.
- Guides must wear a badge clearly identifying them and the company they work for.
- No sound amplification equipment may be used during the tour.
- No drugs or alcohol may be consumed during the tour.
- Shouting and loud noise are prohibited.
- Before the tour begins, the guide must instruct participants to show respect to local residents and businesses.
- A tour group must not stop at the same place or move around together with another tour group in such a way that a larger group is formed.
- Taxes must be paid for a guided tour or city tour: the Entertainment Tax.

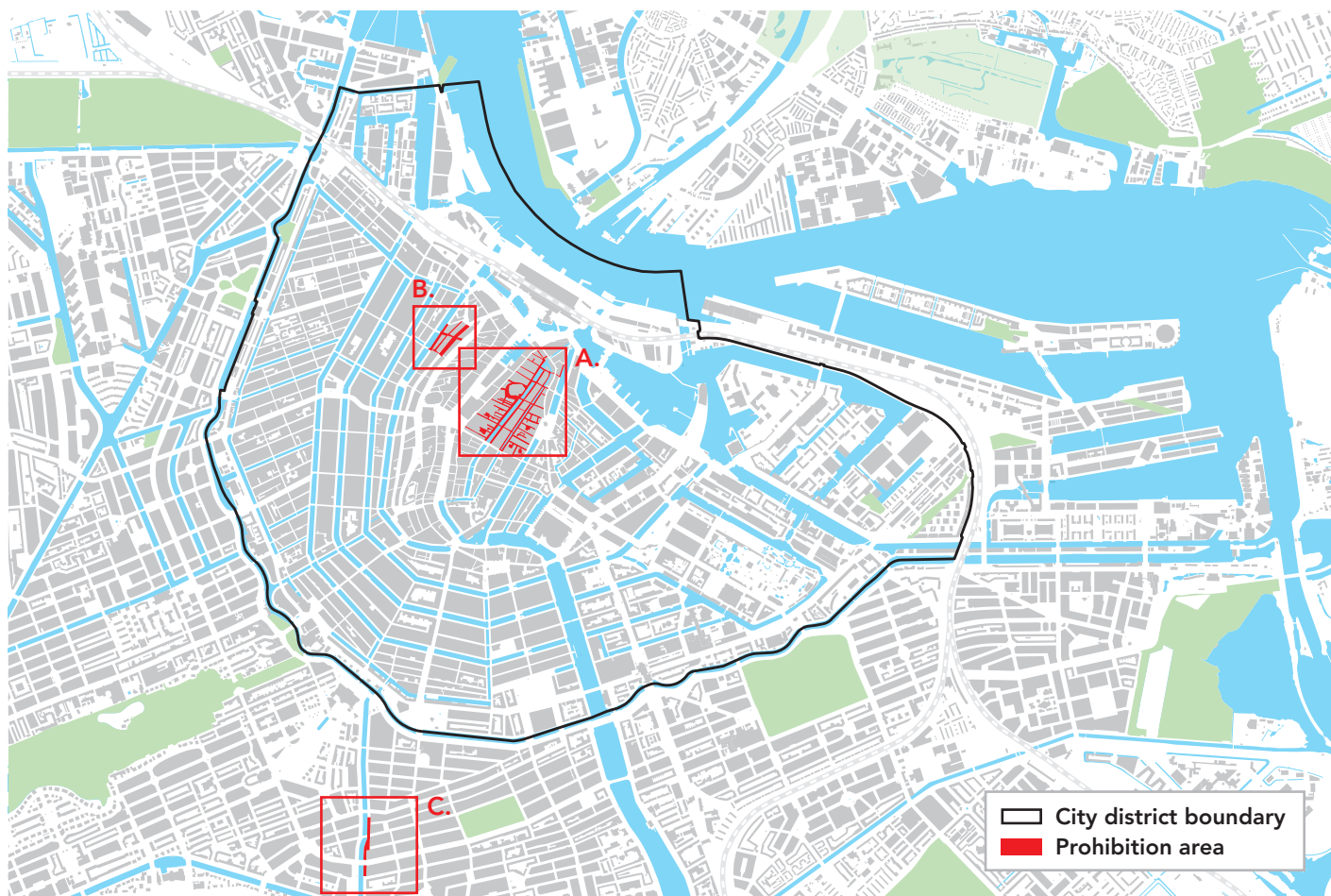
Report to Municipal Taxes department of Amsterdam (Belastingen Amsterdam)

Each city tour participant pays Entertainment Tax. You, or the company that organises the tour, pays this Entertainment Tax to the City of Amsterdam. To pay these taxes, you, or the organising company, need to report to the Municipal Taxes department of Amsterdam (Belastingen Amsterdam). Please note: Entertainment Tax must be paid throughout the city, not just for city tours in the Centre city district. You can read more at www.amsterdam.nl/toeristenbelasting.



A tour is an organised walk, or drive with a vehicle,
under the guidance of a tour guide.

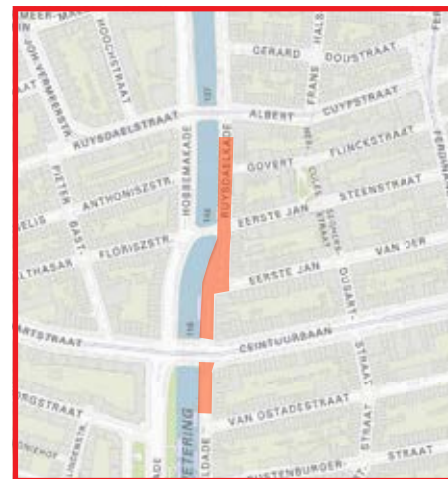
Exemption and prohibition areas for guided tours



A. Prohibition area 'Wallen'

B. Prohibition area Spuistraat and vicinity

C. Prohibition area Ruysdaelkade



What is allowed?

It is allowed to escort a group from one location to the other. For example from a touring car stop to a museum, restaurant or hotel. In that case you have to be able to show a reservation for the location you are going to.

Escorting means you are walking directly from A to B without standing still or telling about the surroundings. You do not need an exemption for escorting groups.



Report nuisance

Are you being hindered during the tour? Or do you see other forms of nuisance? You can report this via telephone 14 020 or online at meldingen.amsterdam.nl.