

Getting to and finding the barge in Amsterdam FAQ

ARRIVAL DETAILS:

Our adventure will start in Amsterdam. Our barge, the Fiep ([see photo here](#)), will be docked in the Oosterdok, close to the Central Station and only 100 yards from the entrance of [NEMO](#) (a Science Museum in the shape of the bow of a large green ship). The following Google map link indicates the mooring place as well as the location of the Central Station. <http://goo.gl/maps/evzPw>. This is about a 15 minute walk from the Amsterdam Central station, but with luggage your best bet is to take a taxi to **Oosterdok 2. If you take a taxi to the barge make sure that the taxi driver knows that the entrance for them to use to get you to **Oosterdok 2 is West of the IJ Tunnel entrance**.**

Please note that you will be responsible for making your own way to/from the barge.

You may board the barge on Saturday between **1:30 & 2:00 pm**. Please do not arrive earlier as the crew will be busy turning the ship over from their previous tour. Since no lunch will be served on Saturday, we suggest you have lunch before you arrive. **Our Welcome Aboard Toast and Orientation Meeting** will take place at **2:30 pm**. We plan to leave the barge at **3:15 pm sharp** for our first afternoon's excursions.

We highly suggest you arrive in Amsterdam at least a day before the cruise departs to allow for flight or train delays, etc...however, we realize vacation time can be limited. So if you are arriving the morning of the cruise, we advise you allow *a minimum of two hours* between your landing time and arrival at the barge to allow you enough time to collect your luggage, take the train from Amsterdam Airport to Amsterdam Central Station, and then take a taxi to our mooring. (Please see Google maps referenced above)

Trains leave **Schiphol International Airport** to **Amsterdam Central Station** around 7-8 times per hour between 6am and 12.30am. **Schiphol train station** is situated directly below the airport. The train will usually leave from either Platform 1, 2 or 3, but look at the big board to make sure.

Train tickets are available from the yellow ticket machines near the platforms at Schiphol Plaza or at the ticket offices, which are situated close to the red/white-checked cube at Schiphol Plaza. Staff at the ticket offices will also be able to provide you with train departure information. The train ride from the airport to Amsterdam Central station is about 15-20 minutes.

Important note on buying train tickets in Schiphol Train Station: ONLY Credit Cards with a "chip" can be used at the machines and at the manned ticket booths! At the ticket machines a "pin" might also be needed. So if your credit card does not have a "chip" you will need cash in Euros. The ticket machines only accepted coins, so if you will be paying with paper cash go to the ticket booth to pay in person with Euros (not USD). Cost is €4.20 per person one way plus a €0.50 surcharge for using the manned ticket booth.

The Trains may make a stop in **Amsterdam Lelylaan** or **Amsterdam Sloterdijk** stations on their way to **Amsterdam Central Station**, so make sure you see or hear them say that you have arrived at **Amsterdam Central (Centraal) Station** before you exit the train.

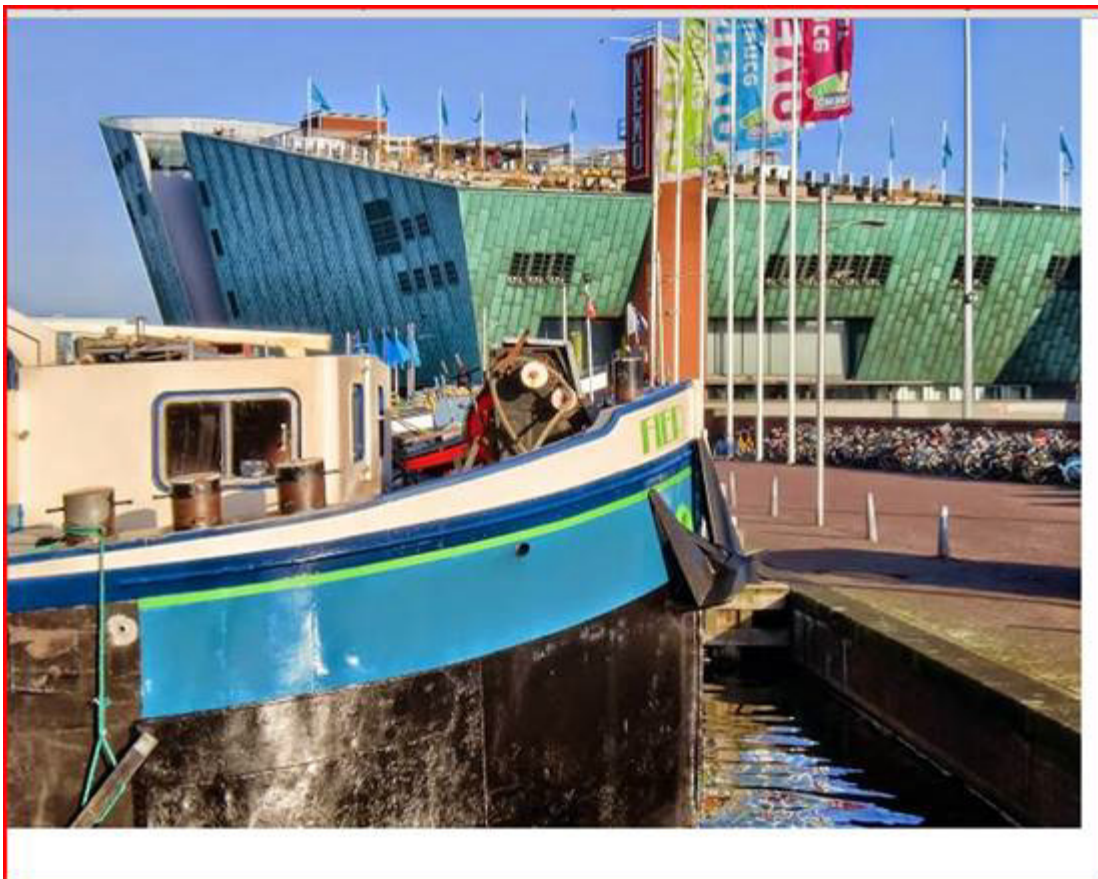
If you need any further assistance with train info, i.e. from Amsterdam Airport to Amsterdam Central Train Station, or any return Trains from Bruges etc... Please contact Mike at Mike@bonbeer.com and he will be happy to help you out.

Our barge is called the Fiep. It will be located at Oosterdok 2

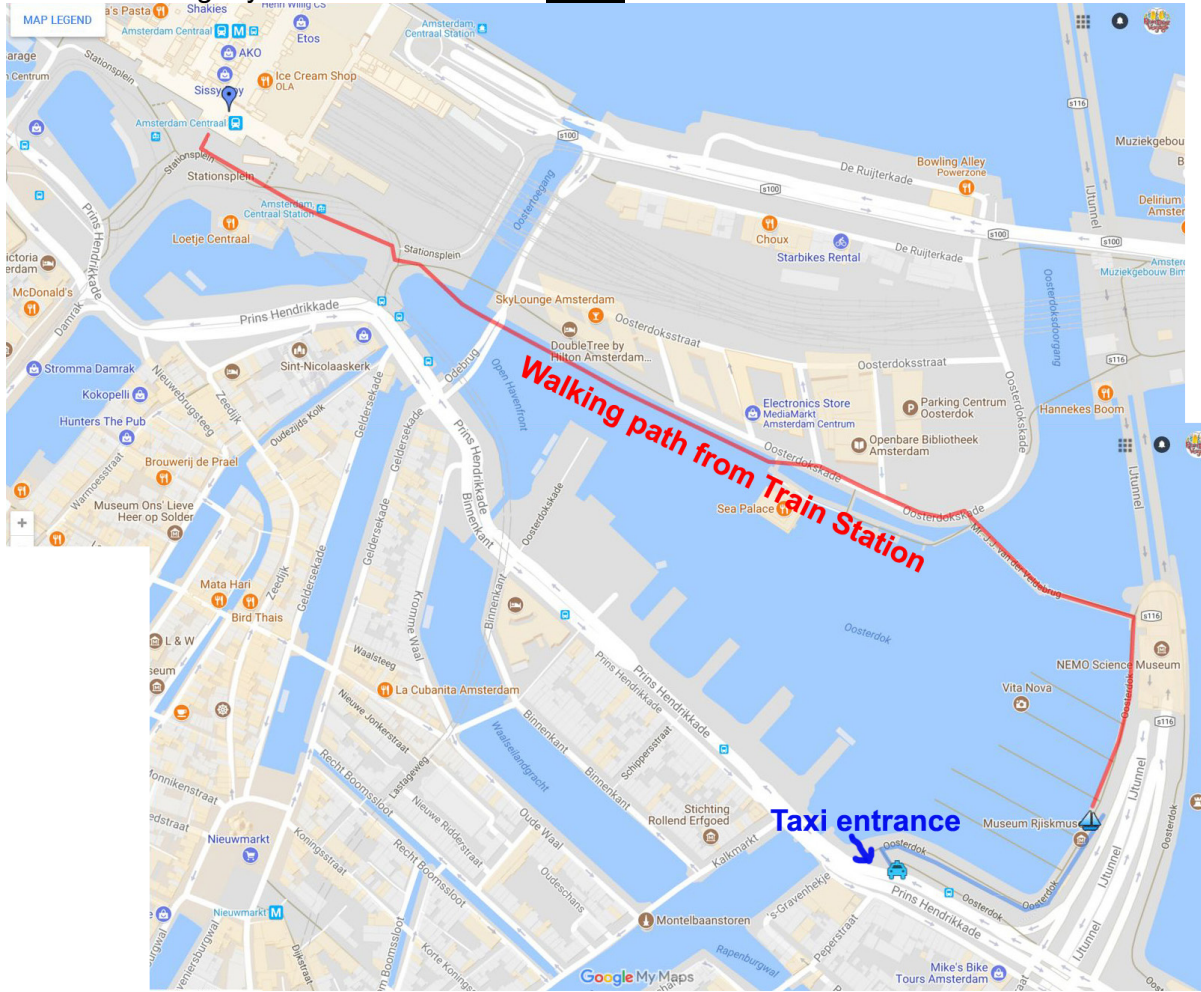
The barge looks like this



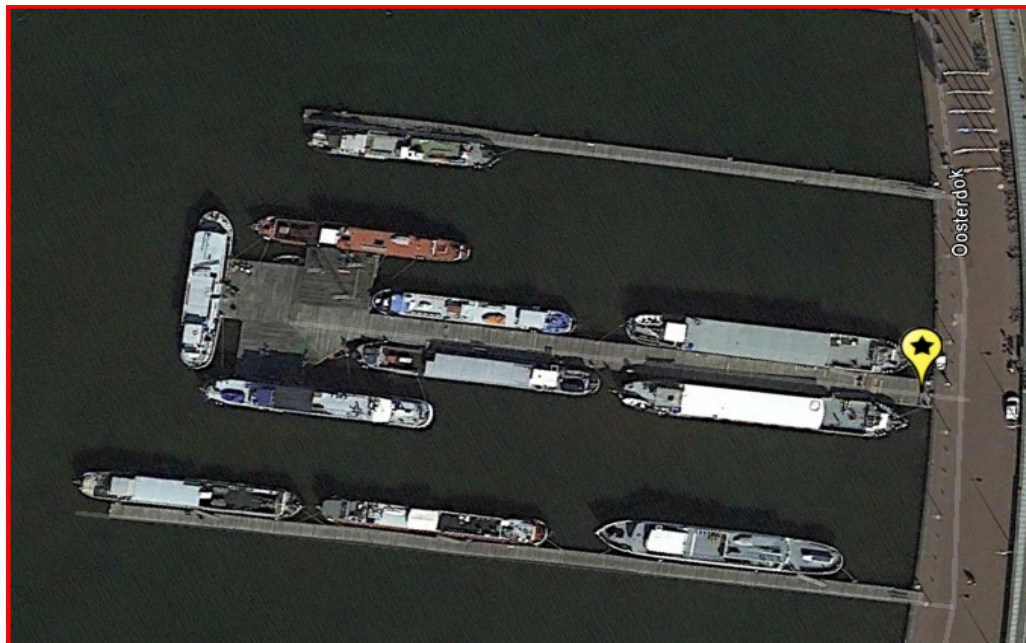
It is located at **Oosterdok 2** and is next to the **science museum NEMO** which look like this



Here is map which shows the barge in relations to Amsterdam Central Station as well as a walking path from the train station. Please note If you take a taxi to the barge make sure that the taxi driver knows that the entrance for them to use to get you to **Oosterdok 2 is West of the IJ Tunnel entrance.**



There will be a board listing all the barges which are located in this mooring slot where the Yellow marker is shown below



Cheers & see you soon
Mike