

## Getting to and finding the barge in Amsterdam FAQ

### ARRIVAL DETAILS:

**Our adventure will start in Amsterdam. Our barge, La Mar ([see photo below](#)),** 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 ([see photo below](#)). The [Google map](#) photo shown below shows you the walking path to the barge from the train station as well as the entrance which the taxi driver should use. It 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 **2:15 pm**. We plan to leave the barge at **3:00 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 below)

### TRAINS:

Trains leave **Schiphol International Airport to Amsterdam Central Station** around 7-10 times per hour between 6am and 12.30am. **Schiphol train station** is located directly below the airport. It only takes a couple of minutes to walk from Arrivals to Schiphol Plaza, where you can take the stairs, escalator or lift down to the platforms. The train to Amsterdam Central Station 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 and blue 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. You will use that ticket to check into the train platforms and again to check out of the platforms.

**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). One-way tickets to Amsterdam Central cost **€4.90** standard 2nd class or **€8.33** in 1st class – all paper tickets purchased at the airport will have an extra **€1 surcharge** added to the above price for buying a disposable ticket. The standard Schiphol-Amsterdam 2nd class fare purchased at the airport would be **€4.90**.

This train ticket can also be purchased online so you can avoid complications and get on the train immediately, plus you will not have to pay the €1 surcharge. [Use this link](#) and make sure you use from **Schiphol Airport to Amsterdam Centraal** with your correct travel date (the tickets can only be purchased within 30 days of your day of travel). This ticket can then be printed at home, just make sure you bring those tickets with you when you leave home! Or if you like you can download the **NS app and make an account** (NS app is the Nederlandse Spoorwegen or the Dutch Railways app) and add your tickets there, this way you will have your train tickets on your smartphone.

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](mailto:Mike@bonbeer.com) and he will be happy to help you out.**

**Our barge is called the La Mar. It will be located at Oosterdok 2**

The barge looks like this (Please note that the barge was recently repainted and renamed La Mar)



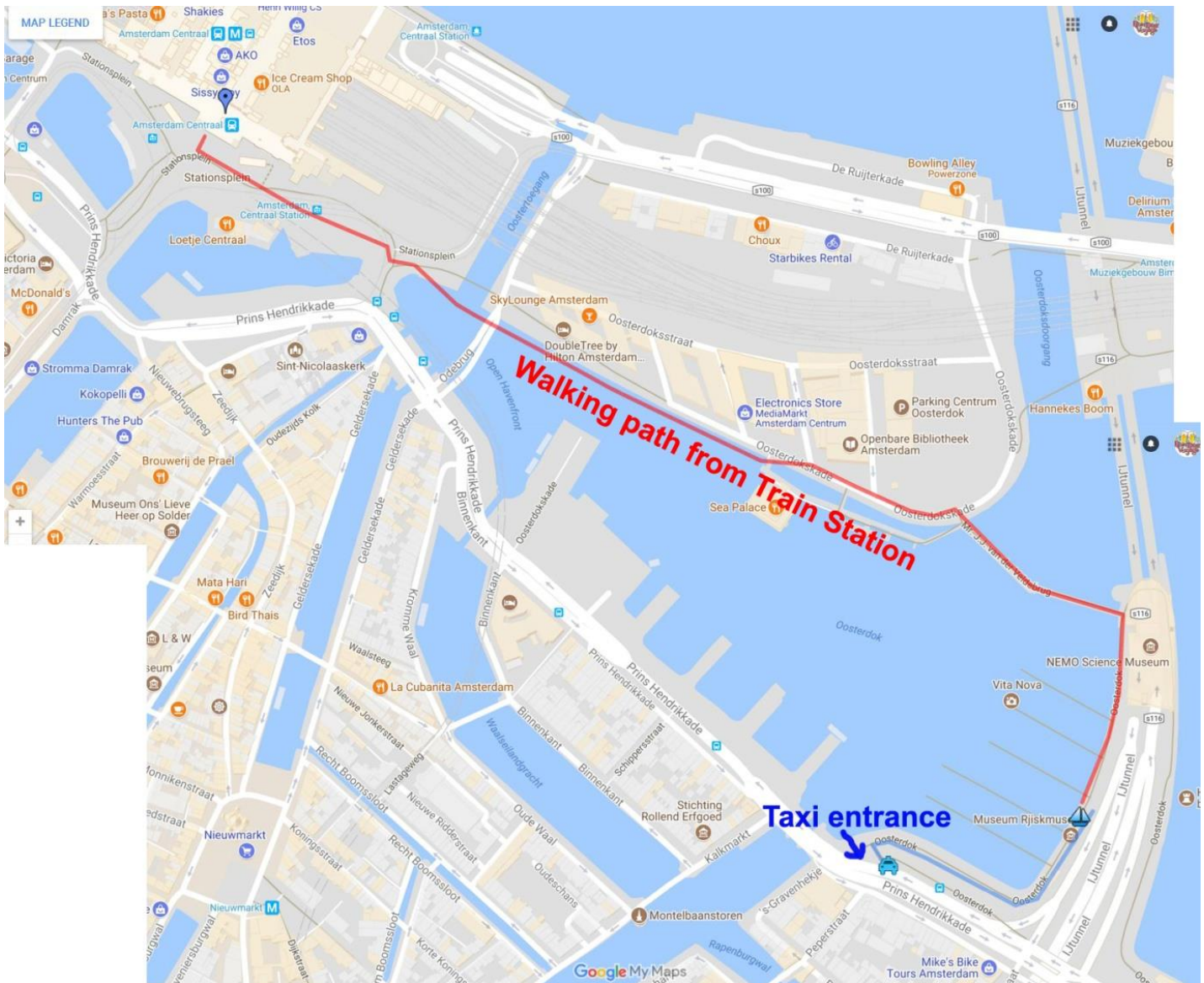
It is located at **Oosterdok 2** and is next to the **science museum NEMO** which look like this



There will be a board listing all the barges which are located in this mooring slot where the **Yellow marker is shown**. And by the **Blue Arrow** in the Photo Below.



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.



## DEPARTURE DETAILS:

I will have the train schedule on board the barge (plus it will be in your beercation app) to hand out to those guests going to either **Brussels** or the **Brussels Airport (BRU)** on Saturday October 26th.

The Bruges train station is less than a mile from where the barge moors.

**The train ride from Bruges to the Airport will take a little over 1 hour and 30 minutes.**

**The earliest a train will arrive at the airport is 6:30am** if you take the 4:59 train. Most trains to the airport you will have to change trains at Brussels Midi, Centraal or Nord.

There is also **a direct train to the airport from Bruges at :31 minutes past each hour after 7am**, and this train takes about 1 hour and 31 minutes.

**The train ride from Bruges to Brussels Centraal will take about 1hr 10 minutes.**

There are 3 direct train each hour after 7am, departing at :11, :31 & :59 minutes past each hour. There are trains departing prior to 7am to Brussels Centraal, if you need information on those trains please contact [mike@bonbeer.com](mailto:mike@bonbeer.com).

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Cheers & see you soon  
Mike