

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 at Oosterdok 2, 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.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE (boarding day):

You may board the barge on Sunday 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 Sunday, 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 on 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 FROM SCHIPHOL AIRPORT → AMSTERDAM CENTRAAL:

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. After you collect your luggage, 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 train 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. The train ride from the airport to Amsterdam Central station is about 15-20 minutes.

TRAIN TICKETS:

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. 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 to go to the service desk.

One-way tickets to Amsterdam Central cost **€5.20** standard 2nd class or **€8.84** 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. So the standard single use Schiphol-Amsterdam 2nd-class fare purchased at the airport would then be **€6.20**.

BEST BET – PURCHASE YOUR TRAIN TICKET IN ADVANCE:

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](#) , make an account and then book your tickets making sure your ticket is for **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. To download this go to [Google Play](#) or to the [Apple Store](#)

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.

QUICK CHECKLIST

- Plan to be at **Oosterdok 2** between **1:30–2:00 pm Sunday**
- Have **lunch before** arriving
- If taking a taxi: say **“Entrance is west of the IJ-tunnel to Oosterdok 2”**
- If training in from Schiphol: platforms **1–3, 15–20 min ride**, get off at **Centraal**
- Consider **buying NS ticket in the app** ahead of time
- Be ready for **Welcome Toast 2:15 pm** and **departure 3:00 pm**

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.

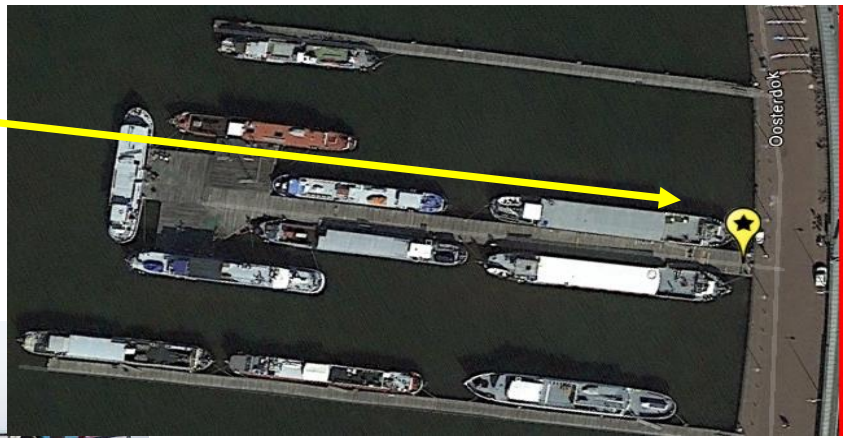
Our barge is called the La Mar. It will be located at Oosterdok 2



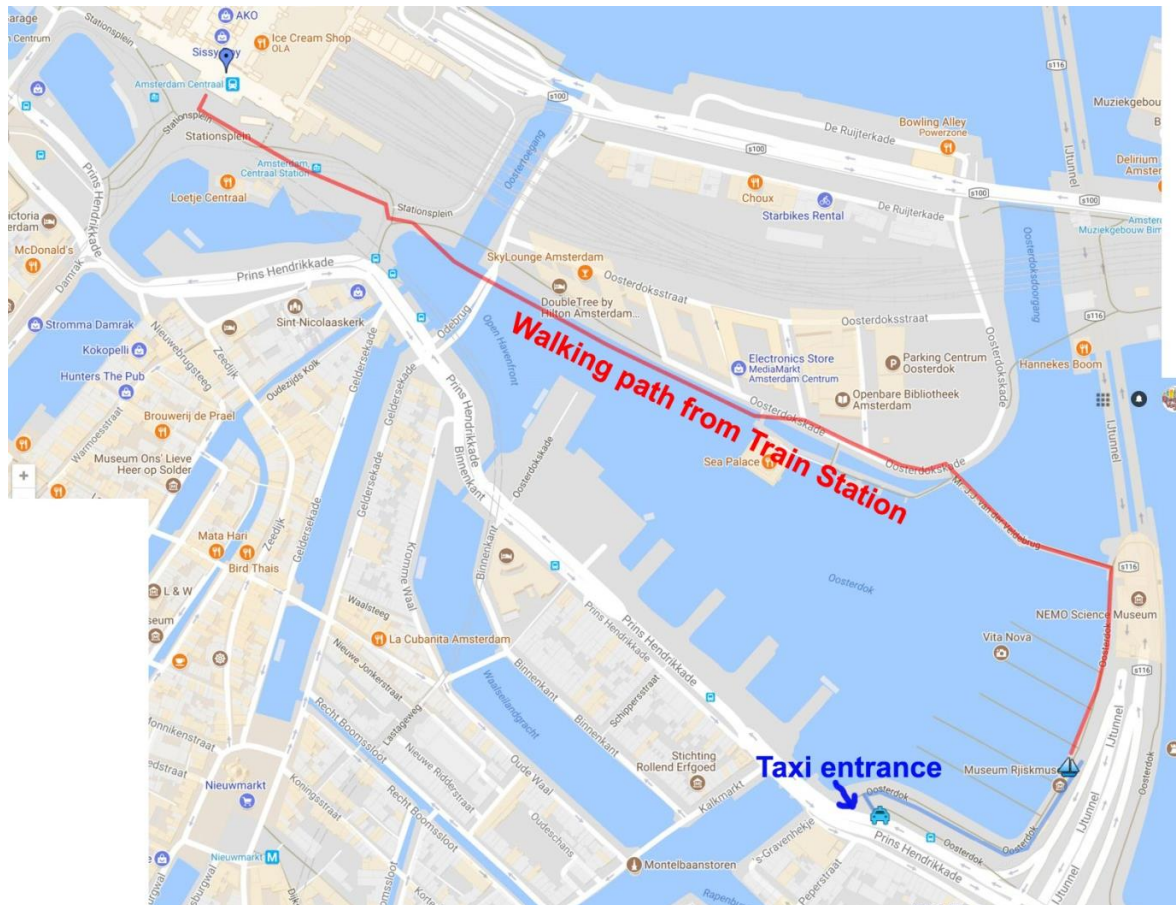
It is located at **Oosterdok 2** and is next to the **science museum NEMO** which look like this



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 beercaction app) to hand out to those guests going to either **Brussels** or the **Brussels Airport (BRU)** on Sunday October 26th.

The Bruges train station is an easy ½ mile walk from where the barge moors. However, if you would like a taxi there with your luggage instead, we will help you arrange for a taxi to take you there.

The train ride from Bruges to the Brussels 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, Central or Nord.

There is also **a direct train to the airport from Bruges at :11 minutes past each hour starting at 7am**, and this train takes about 1 hour and 25 minutes.

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

There are 3 direct trains each hour after 7am, departing at :11, :34 & :59 minutes past each hour. There are trains departing prior to 7am to Brussels Central, if you need information on those trains, please contact mike@bonbeer.com.

You can buy tickets for [journeys within Belgium only by using this site](#) .

Or even better get the app SNCB App and purchase your tickets on your smartphone [SNCB App from Google Play](#): or [SNCB App from Apple](#):

For purchasing train ticket using the local slow speed trains within Belgium can only be purchased if it is within 30 days before departure.

In Belgium to [purchase trains which cross the Belgium Border you must use this website](#):

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Quick suggestion, if you are going to use any of the apps or websites to make a purchase, always sign up to make an account first, then make sure you are logged in prior to making your purchase.

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Cheers & see you soon

Mike