



**CHINATOWN AMSTERDAM**

The Nieuwmarkt and a large part of the Zeedijk form the heart of Chinatown. The first Chinese in Amsterdam worked as coke stokers, fuelling the large passenger ships. With the decline of sailing, many Chinese became unemployed and started restaurants and Chinese shops. The Chinese community is very close, takes care of each other and remains loyal to their traditions and customs.



**1 BUDDHIST TEMPLE**  
The Buddhist Temple 'Fo Guang Shan He Hwa' (Buddha Light Mountain) was built in 2000. An abbot and four nuns live here and manage this beautiful building. The women have dedicated themselves to Fo Guang Shan, a new branch of Zen Buddhism. The temple is devoted to Guan Yin, a female Buddha. Her name means: 'the wise one full of

mercy'. Her statue can be admired in the public area of the temple. Feel free to take a look but please remain silent.

Guided tours for individuals or small groups are given on Saturdays at 2.00, 3.00 and 4 pm and last about 30 minutes. An appointment is not necessary.

**CHINATOWN HOTSPOTS**

- 1 Toko Dun Yong**  
Six floors with Europe's largest assortment of products from Asia! Groceries, porcelain, books, music and much more.  
Stormsteeg 9/Zeedijk 83 +31(0)20-6221763 www.dunyong.com
- 2 Restaurant Sea Palace**  
Enjoy the Chinese specialties and the fantastic, unique view in Europe's first floating restaurant (3 floors!).  
Oosterdokskade 8 +31(0)20-6264777 www.seapalace.nl

- 3 Nam Kee Chinatown**  
The Chinese eatery serves Cantonese dishes according to traditional recipes.  
Zeedijk 111-113 +31(0)20-6243470 www.namkee.net
- 4 Nam Kee Nieuwmarkt**  
Geldersekade 117 +31(0)20-6392848
- 5 A Fusion food & drinks**  
Trendy fusion restaurant with a creative mix of Asian specialties. Excellent quality and service for a fair price.  
Zeedijk 130 +31(0)20-3304068
- 6 Geisha Restaurant & Lounge**  
Hidden behind the Gelderse kade lies a jewel from the Far East. The food is a tasteful fusion of Asian cuisine. Also opened for lunch (12-3pm).  
Prins Hendrikkade 106 A +31(0)20-6262410 reserveren@restaurantgeisha.nl
- 7 Thais Restaurant Bird**  
The famous Thai restaurant with 110 seats which are divided among three separate rooms. The take away is across from the restaurant.  
Zeedijk 72-74 +31(0)20-6201442 www.thai-bird.nl
- 8 Song Kwae Thai Restaurant**  
Since 15 years the best affordable Thai of the city. Try a Singha beer or Mek-hong Whisky together with the freshly made dishes.  
Kloveniersburgwal 14 +31(0)20-6242568 www.songkwae.nl
- 9 Me Naam Naan Thais Specialiteiten Restaurant**  
In a warm ambiance you can enjoy authentic Thai dishes; served with a smile by our friendly Thai staff, dressed in Thai costumes. Recently chosen by TIME OUT to be serving the best fish in red curry.  
Koningstraat 29 +31(0)20-4233344 www.menaamna.nl
- 10 Asian Spirit**  
A large collection of board games (chess, backgammon and Mahjong), Buddha statues, exclusive clothes and much more.  
Damstraat 7 1st floor +31(0)20-6240724 www.asianspirit.nl

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