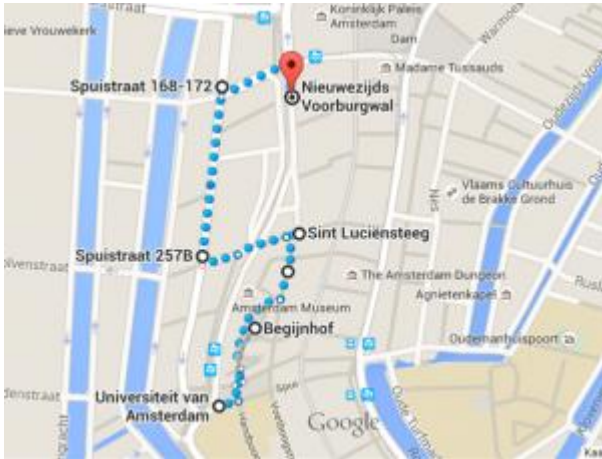


AMSTERDAM ART NOUVEAU TOUR CITY CENTER



The Canal houses are not the only gems in the city center. This area holds great art nouveau architecture, the only downside is that it is scattered throughout the area. This walk will thus require some more walking to get from sight to sight, but don't worry, we will show you some other interesting sights along the way.

Start your walk at the *Spui square* and have a look at the magnificent building of the Athenaeum

bookshop that stems from 1904. Look at the flowing lines in the windows designed by L.G.



Mohrmann. Continue to the Seafoord bar at the *Spui 15*, this building was designed by G.A. van Arkel in 1895 for the photographer M. Büttinghausen. Büttinghausen had his atelier on the top two floors and his name is still written on the facade. The design was sent to the world symposium in Paris in 1900 where it was rewarded with a bronze medal in the architecture competition. Turn around and cross the square. Enter the door on the Spui on the right hand side of the bookshop. This door will lead you to *the Begijnhof*. Take a short sidestep in this tour to admire this hidden village that stems from around 1360 and was housed only by unmarried women. Have a look at the last preserved wooden houses and visit the church if you can.



To continue the tour, walk via the *Begijnhof* and the *gedempte Begijnensloot* to the *Sint Luciensteeg*. Take a left into the *Sint Luciensteeg* and cross the *Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal* until you get to the *Spuistraat*. Across the street you will see the [bakery of Hans Egstorf](#) which is situated in a beautiful art nouveau design from G. van Arkel from 1898. Take a right into the *Spuistraat* until you get to the intersection with the *Paleisstraat* and take a right. Take another right at the *Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal* until you get to the *Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal 234-240*. This building was designed by Ed Cypers in 1902 to house the national newspaper the Algemeen

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