

## 11 ENGELBEWAARDER (THE GUARDIAN ANGEL)

The Guardian Angel is a semi-bohemian studenty retreat on the edge of the Red Light District. If you're lucky enough to grab a first-floor window seat, it's especially heavenly come late afternoon, when you can watch the university crowds strolling home along the canal. It has a strong literary tradition and also features live jazz on Sundays. Nice food, too.

**Where:** Kloveniersburgwal 59.

## 12 ANNE FRANKHUIS (ANNE FRANK HOUSE)

This is probably Amsterdam's saddest spot, from which a bright and intelligent girl was dragged off to her eventual death in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Everyone knows the basic story of Anne Frank, but that's no excuse not to visit the cramped rooms where her story was set. The house tells the deeply moving yet un sentimental tale of ordinary people living in the shadow of tyranny and impending doom – sadly as relevant today in certain parts of Europe as it was in 1944. Go early or late to beat the queues.

**Where:** Prinsengracht 265 (020 556 7100).  
www.annefrank.nl

**When:** Open daily 9am-9pm.

**How much:** Admission €10.

## 13 TUSCHINSKI THEATER

A night out at the cinema might be much of a muchness in most cities, but not here. With its menacing, futuristic, *Bladerunner* frontage and glowing *Lawrence of Arabia* foyer, the Tuschinski's art deco structure is a period drama in itself. Handwoven Persian carpets, Expressionist paintings, exotic woods, chandeliers and marble fittings make a refreshing change from the Bracknell multiplex. And forget sitting in the back row – here you can even book a romantic box seat complete with champagne. Now *that's* entertainment!

**Where:** Reguliersdreefstraat 26-8 (0900 202 5350).

**When:** See local paper for film times.

## 14 PGC HAGENIUS

Stepping inside the hallowed portals of "the most renowned cigar house in Europe" (founded in 1826) gives you a sense of entering a distinguished gentlemen's club. You can buy almost any cigar in the world here, but when in Amsterdam, go Dutch – opt for their famous own-label cigars, or even better, a 20-inch Popeye clay pipe and baccy to match.

**Where:** Rokin 92-6.

## 15 WINSTON HOTEL

The Winston is a cheap, streetwise and stylish two-star hotel right in the tacky heart of the city's notorious Red Light District. If you're after that lascivious, down-to-earth Amsterdam flavour and fancy a weekend rave happening right on your doorstep, you can't do much better than this. From Friday through Sunday, the Winston hosts one of the city's most happening bars, and offers a programme of various multimedia events (call ahead for details).

**Where:** Warmoesstraat 125-9 (020 623 1580).

**How much:** Double rooms from €159.



The city's canals were once the veins of its industry



Don't point your camera at the window-girls



Local transport is environmentally friendly

## 16 OIBIBIO

OIBIBIO, which means the Art of Being (as if you didn't know), calls itself an alternative lifestyle centre, although it's known more for its beautiful designer art deco-style grand café. One of the finest of its kind in Amsterdam, it has all the usual trimmings – gleaming brass, polished wood, parlour palms and trendy young waiting staff. It also incorporates a sauna, the Conran-style Warenhuis shop and a charming oriental tea garden. Just the place to unwind after the mayhem of Central Station opposite.

**Where:** Prins Hendrikkade 20.

## 17 JACOB HOOIJ

A legendary locale in the liquorice-lover's lexicon, Mr Hooij's bitter Dutch *drop*, served in traditional paper cones, might be a little too pungent for those raised on Bertie Bassett's Allsorts. To lessen the shock, ask for the sweet variety instead. There are also a mind-boggling 400 herbs and spices to choose from, dispensed from tiny wooden drawers and sturdy earthenware jars in this remarkable 18th-century time capsule.

**Where:** Kloveniersburgwal 12.

## 18 IN DE WAAG

The octagonal tower on top of this 500-year-old Gothic castle-like gatehouse was once the real-life scene for *The Anatomy Lesson of Dr Trip*, captured