



For the past decade or so, the Dutch city of brilliant tulips, beautiful canals, museums, cafés and friendly people developed the reputation as a marijuana haven for potheads. This may have turned some American seniors off from visiting Amsterdam. However, despite the lingering whiff of cannabis, the city is still one of the world's most delightful destinations for older tourists.

We were there several several times in recent years, and found it fascinating. We did see a few laconically stoned backpackers slumping around the railroad station and in the so-called coffee shops. However, because of strict city rules, there's no smoking on the streets, in parks, restaurants, transportation, hotels, museums and other public areas. For info on Amsterdam, go to [www.iamsterdam.com](http://www.iamsterdam.com)