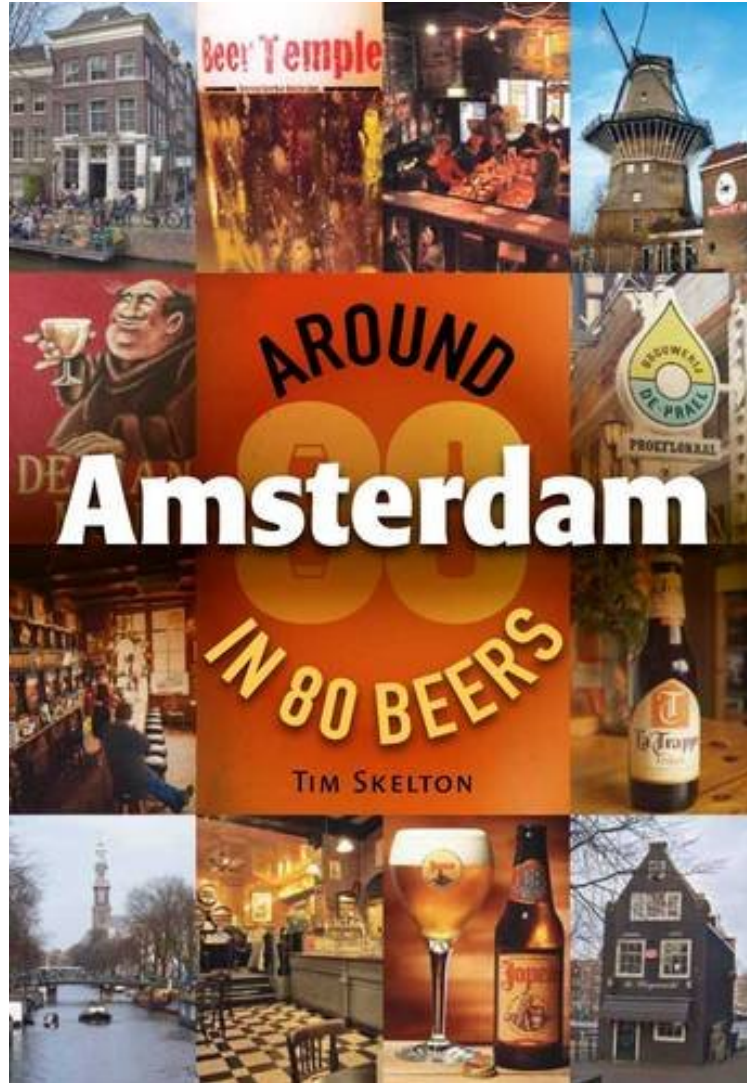


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Tim Skelton : Around Amsterdam in 80 Beers before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Around Amsterdam in 80 Beers:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent travel guide to getting the most out of cafe life in Amsterdam By Sue Webster As an American expat living in Amsterdam for the last 8 years, I recommend this new book. It is an informative beer travel guide to the cafes, restaurants and bars of Amsterdam and surrounding area. 80 beer drinking establishments are included - not just bars but also including hotels, beer shops, cafes, restaurants, breweries - even a brewery in a windmill! There is one entry per page with several interesting color photos, and a good description of the bar, its features and beer type and variety. All this is introduced by a few pages describing Dutch

brewing history, salient points of the various beer styles and types, a useful glossary and an explanation of Dutch cafe cuisine; at the end of the book there's an index of the breweries and their beers. Also a good overall map of Amsterdam with the 80 bars picked out. The book is very attractively designed too - essential travel guide for Amsterdam if you enjoy beer! Overall, well done and very useful.

Amsterdam, cultural capital of the Netherlands, is a port city cross-crossed by canals and alley ways, its low-rise skyline dotted with town houses and stepped gables. What better way to explore it than by taking in a few beers in its finest cafeacute;s? Be our guest as we lead you on the inside track through one of Europe's most exciting cities. Among its many claims to fame and notoriety, Amsterdam has a remarkably vibrant cafeacute;s culture. Once the centre of beer trafficking for much of northern Europe, its recent history as the home of the frothy-topped blond lager is being shrugged off, as a new generation of beer importers and local craft brewers slowly nudge in alongside the supermarket beers. Tiny brown cafeacute;s with smoke-stained walls put carpets on their table and peanut shells on their floors. Grand cafeacute;s in marble and glass ooze opulence and hand-made ales. Marvels of minimalist modern design nestle alongside ancient spirits houses. It is a city built for explorers. For half a century smaller Dutch brewers have been caught in the headlights of the Heineken brewing empire on one side and the craft brewing eccentricities of the Dutch on the other. Yet bubbling below the surface is an increasingly confident band of newer brewers intent on learning from both. Tim Skelton's hand-picked collection of 80 cafeacute;s, restaurants, beer shops and the occasional museum selling between them 80 different beers, takes you on a guided tour round the high spots and to places you would never have found without him, along with useful tips on where to eat and a few places in Haarlem.