

The Hash Marihuana & Hemp Museum

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'History, present and future of the cannabis plant'

Since the opening in 1985 of the Hash Marihuana & Hemp Museum in Amsterdam, almost a million interested people have visited this permanent exhibition. Each year, some 75,000 people from all parts of the world come to this exceptional cultural and knowledge centre at 148 Oudezijds Achterburgwal, in the heart of the Red-Light District. The museum is completely dedicated to the cannabis plant and its many uses. The Hash Marihuana & Hemp Museum is unique in the world and is much like a voyage of discovery that fits perfectly into a tourist visit to Amsterdam.

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The scent of genuine cannabis plants welcomes the visitor already when entering the museum. Inside, all aspects of hash and marihuana are fully explained. For instance, a photo collection shows how hashish is made in the traditional fashion in Afghanistan. In the Middle East, hash has been a stimulant for centuries. There is a large collection of traditional pipes from all over the world. And a collection of photos, posters, and magazines on the cannabis culture, ranging from the 19th century to the era of jazz and on to the contemporary pop culture.

The importance of cannabis in relation to the environment

The Hash Marihuana & Hemp Museum offers visitors extensive documentation and historical facts about today's use of the cannabis plant as well as about its medicinal, religious and cultural applications. In addition, attention is given to the importance of cannabis in relation to the environment, agriculture and industry. The museum shows that hemp has evolved to become one of Man's most valuable raw materials used in farming.

Although cannabis is still considered controversial in many places of the world, the Hash Marihuana & Hemp Museum aims to provide an objective picture of this remarkable plant. It is to be expected that scientists will discover many more uses for the cannabis plant. At the museum, visitors will be able to gain a deeper insight into all of this, because it presents a wealth of information. In the Hash Marihuana & Hemp Museum, the past, present and future of the cannabis plant are merging together.