

Monty Moose in Amsterdam

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Goodness! What a "hubbub" Mom was in, getting ready for her FIRST trip ever to Europe. She's not a seasoned traveler like I am, of course! There were piles of clothes and cameras and soaps and vitamins all over the house! Then she kept changing her mind! I was glad when she finally got down to important business - getting all my souvenir pins put on my jacket! She nearly brought my green vest of pins too, but I told her, "Travel LIGHT!" We picked up some Vancouver postcards, Canadian flag stickers, and souvenir pins and put them into my Swiss knapsack. "Just in case", we brought my ICANN pass with "montymoos.com" on it - I'd hat to be without my ID!

I rode in Mom's knapsack for most of the way to the airport - I was pretty tired anyway after all that packing! Then I came out for a breather and had a little chat with Mom's travelling buddy, Susan.

Then FINALLY it was time to board the plane!



We were surprised that the 9 hour flight went faster than we expected. We watched a couple movies, had a tasty dinner, and made sure we did all the exercises! We watched a beautiful red sun that stayed on the horizon the whole trip!

The Amsterdam Airport was HUGE!





Naturally as soon as we got to our hotel, we wanted to send some photos home. We were directed to an Internet Café. Wow! That place was really big! We counted 10 computers across and at least 10 rows deep... that's 100 computers! You used a coin operated machine to get your Internet password and it was much less expensive than using the hotel facilities.

We had a walk around the "Rembrandtplein". There were SO many restaurants and shops. The architecture and canals are beautiful!

Rembrandt statue



Here's a perfect
"Moving the Moose -mobile!"



Lots of different ways to
travel about the city!





Van Gogh Museum

What a treat to see original works!
We nearly went to the Rijk Museum too
but it was pouring rain and the lineup
was hours long!





No trip to Amsterdam is complete without seeing all the amazing Holland Bulbs and flowers!

Somehow we didn't take a photo of wooden clogs... but we did buy a mini pair as a souvenir!



Our time in Amsterdam was far too short.
One day we will have to go back and stay longer!