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Great Food at Amsterdam's Coffee and Jazz Cafe

Restaurant on Utrechtsestraat Serves Coffee, Great Indonesian Food

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If you like your spicy food with a mellow soundtrack, Coffee and Jazz shouldn't be missed. Throw in an eccentric owner, and you have an unforgettable culinary experience.



Coffee and Jazz is a tiny, unassuming restaurant on Amsterdam's Utrechtsestraat, a quaint street full of independent clothes, book and music stores that runs at right angles to bustling Rembrandt Square. As the name suggests, this is the place to go for a good cup of coffee drunk to the accompaniment of mellow jazz sounds. What is not immediately obvious from the name is that Coffee and Jazz also sells excellent Indonesian food served by an eccentric Dutchman.

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« Ici on ne dit pas "indonésien", mais... *indisch*, c'est-à-dire indien. Source de confusion... Les Indes néerlandaises ne le cédaient en rien à leurs sœurs britanniques, et surtout pas en ce qui concerne la diversité culinaire. Les Bataves y sont restés plus de trois siècles. Ça crée des liens. OK, *indisch*, mais où ? Il y en a tant... Mon favori est le bizarrement nommé Coffee & Jazz. La patronne, une vraie Indonésienne, cuisine comme chez elle... »



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One of my favorite little restaurants in Amsterdam is **Coffee & Jazz** in the Utrechtsestraat, (31-20-624-58-51; Utrechtsestraat 113 Rembrandtplein). Unlike the name suggests, it is a place where they serve Indonesian food. Very nice, very small, very good. Another idea is to rent a bike and cycle along the wonderful Amstel-river to Ouderkerk aan de Amstel. It's a 10-kilometer (six-mile) ride. There are plenty of restaurants there, and it's a nice way to get out of the city.

Posted by Renske Verheul