



Dirk Teeuwen, Holland

1. Jakarta, Batavia Jalan/Street Pintu, Jalan Bank Dirk Teeuwen, Holland

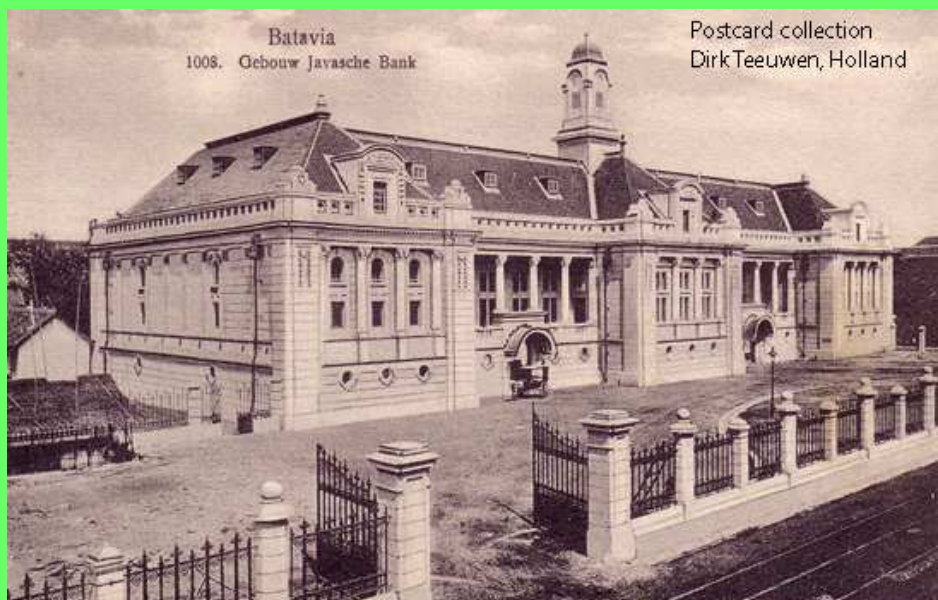
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Jakarta/Batavia, Javasche Bank (Bank Indonesia) in 1914

Introduction

This part of the tour starts in Café Batavia, Taman Fatahillah. Enjoy your expensive, but excellent, coffee and cake. Mind: in the audio we speak of Jalan Pintu Besar Utara, in the Dutch Period "Binnen Nieuwpoort Straat", "New Gate Inner Street" in English. Sometimes Indonesian street names are just a translation of the original Dutch ones. Once the New Gate was located at the, very far, southern end of Jalan Pintu. In the tour we speak also about an other gate: the Diest Town Gate of Batavia. Diest is a town in Belgium, formerly the Southern Netherlands. The Indonesian word "pintu" means "door". Pintu, as well as "pintu gerbang", means "gate" as well.

This part of the Kali Besar Tour can be done within 30 minutes.

List of pictures

1. Bankstraat (Bank Street), now Jalan Bank
Formerly, before about 1850, it was called Hospital Street.
2. A remain of the Inner Hospital along the Kali Besar East (south) on the spot of Museum Bank. This remain was demolished in 1908.
3. See picture 2, same location in 1939
This picture shows us the western front of the building of the Javasche Bank (Java Bank), later Bank Indonesia. It houses now Museum Bank. Built in 1909.
- 4 and 5. A view of Kali Besar from Bank Bridge in 2006 and 1920
6. Bank Bridge in 2006. The so-called Diest Town Gate stood - until about 1800 - right from the yellow building. The small tourist office right from the bridge was the location of a guards' house, to keep an eye on the Gate as well as the bridge.
7. Diest Gate, circa 1780
8. View of Jalan Pintu Kecil, Narrow Gate Street in English
On the right side of the picture, left from the building is the spot where, once, was the Diest Town Gate.
9. Location of 6 in 1922
10. See 4, same area in 1770.
11. Corner of Kali Besar Barat/West. The building of the British Chartered Bank in 1935, meant as an orientation point.
12. Rua Malaka, Malaka Street, two old Dutch dwellings from the 18th century.

Pictures

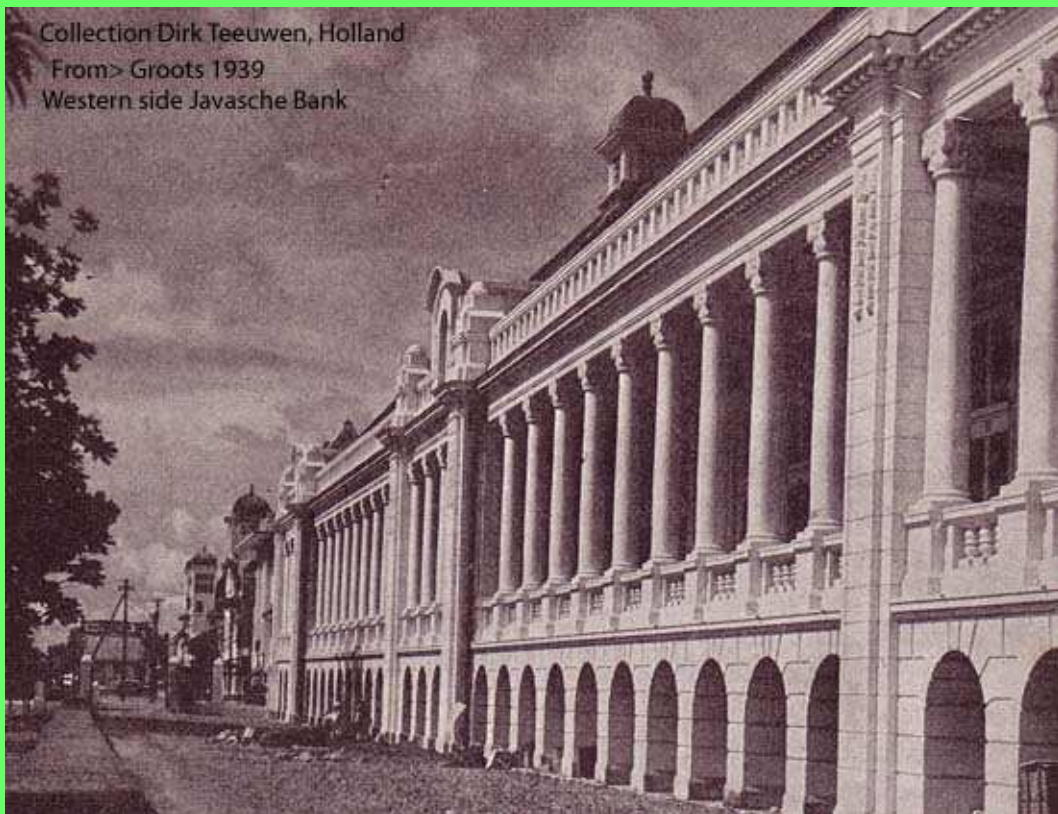


1 Jalan Bank



From > De Haan, 1922
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**2 East side of Museum Bank before 1908
Remains of the old V.O.C. (Inner) Hospital**



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From > Groots 1939
Western side Javasche Bank

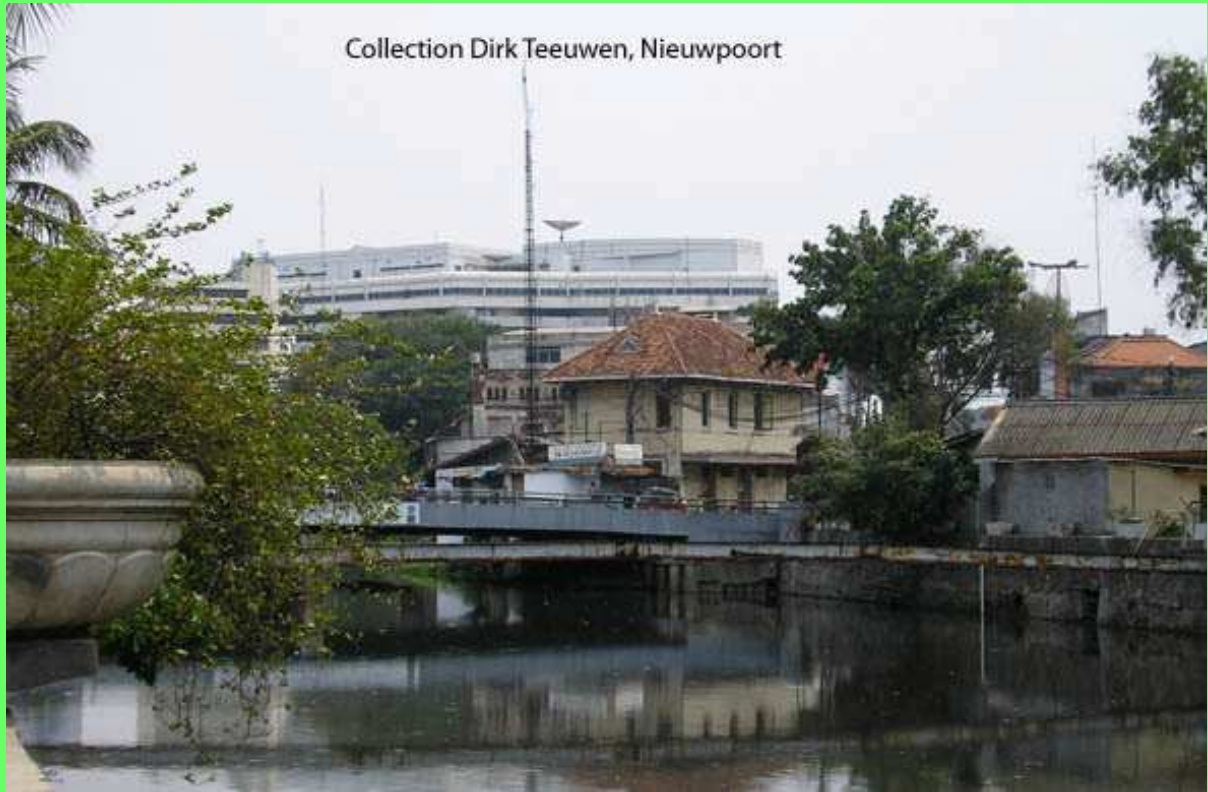
3 East side Javasche Bank/Bank Indonesia, 1939



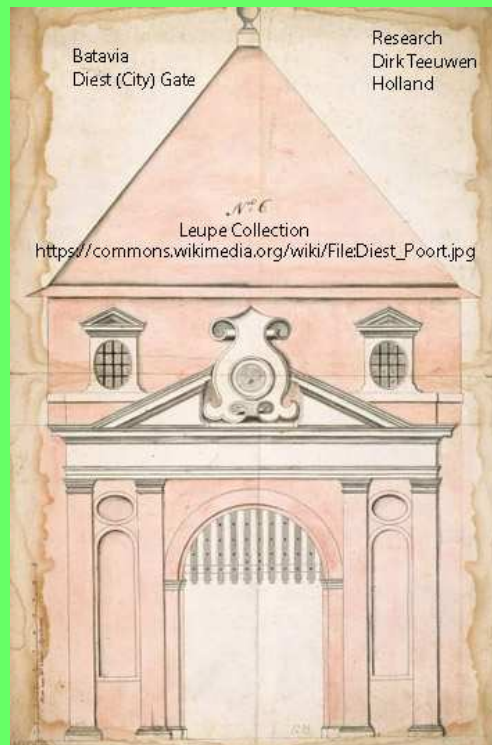
4 Kali Besar to the north, 2002



5 Kali Besar to the north, 1920



6 Jalan Bank Bridge, view of the location of Pintu Kecil City Gate, called (Dutch) Diest Gate (location, once, behind the tree, right at the end of the bridge), photo Dirk Teeuwen 2006



7 Diest Gate circa 1780

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8 Start of Jalan Pintu Kecil (Narrow City Gate Street)

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Bank Bridge 1922



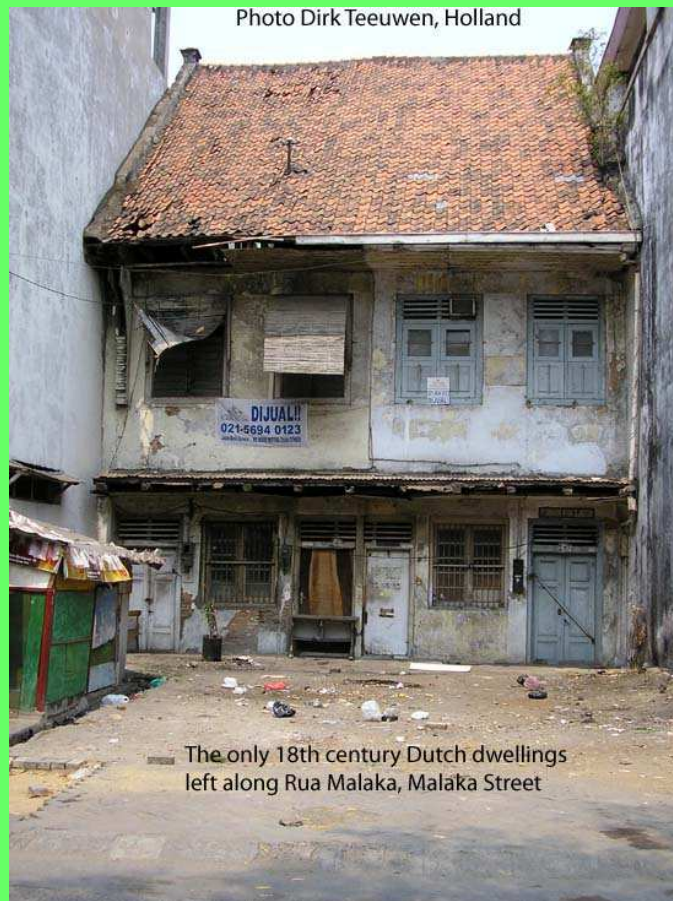
9 Location of picture 6 in 1922



10 Location of picture 6 in 1770



11 Chartered Bank in 1935



**12 Rua Malaka, Malaka Street in 1998
Two 18th century Dutch dwellings**

Tour

You leave Café Batavia and walk into Jalan Pintu Besar Utara. Doing so you pass, left from you, the west side of Jakarta History Museum. Enjoy some wonderful Dutch colonial architecture along this Jalan Pintu. Turn to the right into Jalan Bank, Bank Street in English. Museum Bank is at your left, picture 1. It was built in 1909. Formerly this beautiful building accommodated the colonial Javasche Bank (Bank of Java in English), which was founded in 1827, now Bank Indonesia. The designer of this bank office in classicist style was the Dutch architect Eduard Cuypers. Classicism in architecture is characterized by orderly arrangements of columns, pilasters, domes and niches.

Until the year of 1806 there was a hospital on this location and in the olden days Bank Street was Hospital Street. The most of the last remains of the hospital building have been demolished in 1908 and renovated in more classicistic style, pictures 2,3.

At the end of Jalan Bank, there is a bridge. Stand still for a moment at this side (that is the eastern side, the "Bank side" so to say) of this bridge and look at Museum Bank. In the hospital period, the eastern front – the canal front of the hospital - was a part of the defence wall

of Batavia. This part of the town wall was interrupted by one older bridge on the same spot. The defence wall continued at the other side of the canal, at the other side of the bridge. Originally the Dutch built a small sluice under their erstwhile bridge: here, on the same location. This sluice, called "Pintu Kecil" in Indonesian (which means "Small Door" in English), played a role in the cleaning of the water system in the old town. Opening of the doors of this sluice, from time to time, caused a strong flow of water from south to north, to the Java Sea, and flushed out the old city.

Please cross the bridge now. After crossing, stand still for a moment again. You are now on the corner of Bank Bridge and Kali Besar Barat, Kali Besar West. Maybe you feel disappointed, because it is a mess here.

The canal, the Kali itself, is a stinking polluted open sewer, picture 4. It smells awful. You don't observe any fish (dead or alive), all the more trash. The number of turds is very impressive.

You see a small roundabout and directly left from it there is a street, called Jalan Pintu Kecil (which means "Small Door Street"), named after the original sluice under the bridge. Small Door Street starts from a coloured, rectangular house, located at the left of the western side of the bridge. Before the year of 1800, one of the old town gates of Dutch Batavia was situated here. This gate was the colonial "Diest Gate", named after a town in the Southern Netherlands (now Belgium). The Diest Town Gate stood right from the coloured, rectangular, building (so, west from it, see pictures 6, 7). Here Jalan Pintu Kecil, Small Door Street, begins and runs to the old Chinese quarter Glodok.

Directly right from the bridge there once was a guardhouse to keep an eye on this Diest Town Gate as well as Hospital Bridge, now Bank Bridge, pictures 8 and 9. The remains of the guardhouse were demolished definitely in 2005 to facilitate the renovation of the roundabout.

Have a look to the right side of the roundabout. Rua Malaka, Malaka Street is one of the oldest streets in Old Batavia, dating from the 17th century, and it runs parallel with Kali Besar Barat to the north. There is almost nothing left from the olden days, except for two old houses, only slum dwellings right now. See picture 11.

Turn your head to the right and overlook the canal to the north, picture 4. In fact this part of River Ciliwung in Batavia was canalized in the year of 1632. After doing so the Dutch called it "Grote Rivier" ("Important River" in English). However, from the start - from 1632 - this area was more generally known as Kali Besar. In the 18th century, and before, the quays of Kali Besar were very fashionable streets in Dutch Old Batavia. From those olden days there is not so much left in this Kali Besar area: two buildings from the 18th century only. Some merchant offices, dating from the 19th century (picture 10), survived. Regrettably these offices are dilapidated very much. In the twenties of the 20th century the Dutch redeveloped Kali Besar and

built many offices in a sort of Art Nouveau and Art Deco Style, picture 10. Regrettably , these offices are deteriorated also.

Suggestion

You see a building with a cupola, turn to the right, on picture 10, and walk into Kali Besar Barat, Kali Besar West. Realize that, while walking along the quay of Kali Besar Barat, Kali Besar West, you have the opportunity to take nice pictures of Dutch colonial offices along Kali Besar Barat of course, but please keep in mind the old offices present at the other side, along Kali Besar Timur, Kali Besar East. These buildings are very much worth your photographic attention from this side.

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Kali Besar Barat
1998

Chatered Bank, Kali Besar Barat 1998

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