



Rembrandt van Rijn | Biography

- 1606 Rembrandt Harmensz van Rijn is born on 15th July in Leiden, the son of Hermen Gerritsz van Rijn, who owned a mill, and Neeltgen van Zuytbrouck, a baker's daughter.
- 1613 He attends a strictly Calvinistic grammar school in Leiden.
- 1620 He enrolls at the Faculty of Philosophy of Leiden University.
- 1620-24 Rembrandt is apprenticed to the Leiden painter Jacob Isaakz van Swanenburgh, and studies under the Amsterdam history painter Pieter Lastman for another half-year.
- 1625 He sets up a studio in Leiden together with painter Jan Lievens; first successes.
- 1626 First etchings.
- 1630 There are already apprentices employed in the Rembrandt workshop, such as Jan Joris van Vliet and Gerrit Dou.
- 1631 Rembrandt moves to Amsterdam. He stays with art dealer Hendrick van Uylenburgh in his house in Breestraat.
- 1632 Rembrandt paints his first famous group portrait, *Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaes Tulp*.
- 1634 He marries Saskia van Uylenburgh, daughter of a wealthy patrician.
- 1639 He buys a grand house on Amsterdam's Breestraat.
- 1641 His son Titus is baptized on 22nd September in Amsterdam's Zuiderkerk. Three children before him died in their first year.
- 1642 Rembrandt finishes what is to become his probably most famous painting, *The Night Watch*. His wife Saskia dies in the same year; Geertge Dircks joins the Rembrandt household as a nursemaid. Personal problems between Rembrandt and Dircks (an alleged promise of marriage) have to be settled in court.

- 1654 Cornelia, Rembrandt's daughter by his nursemaid and housekeeper Hendrickje Stoffels, is baptized. His generous lifestyle and various speculations get Rembrandt into ever deeper financial trouble.
- 1656 Rembrandt is declared bankrupt; on 25th July, an inventory of his house is taken.
- 1657-58 The house in Breestraat and the encyclopedic collection are auctioned.
- 1660 Rembrandt moves into the Roozengracht with his family. Titus and Hendrickje set up an art-dealing business and employ Rembrandt.
- 1663 Hendrickje Stoffels dies.
- 1668 Rembrandt's son Titus marries Magdalena van Loof on 10th February and dies the same year. His funeral is on 7th September in Amsterdam's Westerkerk.
- 1669 On 22nd March Rembrandt becomes godfather to his granddaughter Titia, the daughter of his dead son. Half a year later, he dies himself on 4th October, aged 63 years. Rembrandt van Rijn is buried in Amsterdam.