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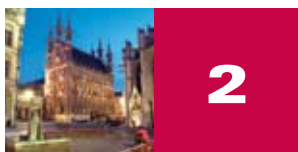
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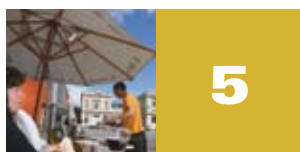
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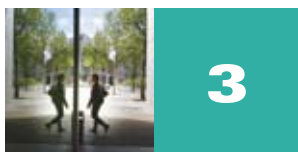
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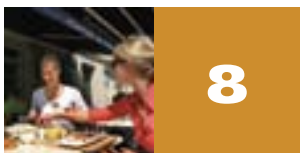
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› Welcome to Leuven





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Are you a fan of music, theatre or dance? Suffering from festival fever? Looking forward to spending a night at a hotel or feel like a city walk with a guide? Then In&Uit Leuven is your starting point!

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Leuven: facts and figures

LOCATION AND CONNECTIONS

Leuven is easy to reach by car, bus and train.

By train Leuven is only 20 minutes from Brussels, 40 minutes from Antwerp, 50 minutes from Liège, 90 minutes from the Belgian coast and at 2 to 3 hours from cities like Düsseldorf, Paris, Amsterdam, Calais,... The university city is also only a 15 minute train ride away from Brussels International Airport.

As to car traffic, Leuven is at the junction of two major motorways: E40 and E314. In Leuven the buses of the public transport company De Lijn will swiftly take you anywhere in the city.

SURFACE AREA AND NUMBER OF INHABITANTS

The town of Leuven covers an area of 14,371 acres and consists of the boroughs Heverlee, Leuven and Wilsele and part of the former municipalities Wijgmaal, Korbeek-Lo and Haasrode (since 1 January 1977).

On the 1st of January 2007 Leuven had 91.933 inhabitants.

On 1 January 1995, Leuven became the capital of the province Flemish Brabant. The former province of Brabant was split into Flemish and Walloon Brabant and the metropolitan region of Brussels.

TABLE OF DISTANCES

Aachen	117 km	Liège	75 km
Amsterdam	216 km	Lille	143 km
Antwerpen	65 km	London	346 km
Barcelona	1355 km	Luxembourg	205 km
Berlin	741 km	Madrid	1614 km
Brugge	125 km	Mechelen	45 km
Brussel	30 km	Milano	877 km
Calais	210 km	Namur	53 km
Düsseldorf	235 km	Oostende	140 km
Gent	82 km	Paris	325 km
Köln	188 km	Praha	866 km
København	888 km	Brussels Airport	20 km





TIP

WETENSTAPPEN IN LEUVEN



15 panels, placed on interesting spots throughout the city, present questions and answers about a specific scientific subject. The first edition took place in 2005, the World Year of Physics. Appropriately, the catch phrase and focal point became... Aha! Fysica (Aha! Physics). In 2006 WetenStappen dealt with intriguing historical topics.

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Leuven, a town proud of its past

Leuven is very proud of both its past and its heritage, and rightly so. There is so much to see and to do in and around Leuven that one visit is simply not enough.

Although the first references to the town can be traced back as far as the 9th century and in spite of its strategic location on the river Dyle, it was not until around the 11th-12th century that Leuven began to develop as an important trading centre within the Duchy of Brabant. It was at this time that its first town wall, churches, monasteries and abbeys were built.

The town's once flourishing cloth trade had fallen into decline by the 14th century, but a new golden age dawned with the 15th century. The university was founded (1425), various industrial concerns flourished and the main market square with its fine Gothic Town Hall was laid out.

The finely sculpted Town Hall and Saint Peter's church with its magnificent interior in which hangs the famous 'Last Supper' by

Dirk Bouts, are fine examples of flamboyant Gothic architecture at its best. Dating from the same period are the Cloth Hall, 't Sestich House and many churches, including St Gertrude's with its magnificent choir stalls.

Other architectural styles are not quite so well represented, but they can still be found. The Romaanse Poort (Romanesque Gate), Saint James's' church and the remains of the first town wall are still clearly in evidence.

The 13th century beguinage complex has cobbled streets and fascinating 17th century houses.

The baroque style abounds in Leuven, from Saint Michael's church and the interior of the John the Baptist's church to the unrivalled stucco of Park Abbey. Both Park Abbey and Arenberg Castle are exciting mixtures of architectural styles.

The town still owes much of its character to the numerous university college buildings dating from the 16th and 17th centuries, many of which were renovated in the 18th century. Van Dale College is pure Renaissance style and De Valk College, Pauscollege (Pope's College) and the Arras College are neo-classical style. Vlierbeek Abbey is a fine example of this trend.

The building of paved roads, the canal in the 18th century and the expansion of the breweries created a great impetus for trade and population growth.

Unfortunately, this prosperity came to a sudden end under the reign of Joseph II and the French occupation.

The most significant development for Leuven in the 19th century was the building of the railway station and the construction of Bondgenotenlaan leading to it.

The two World Wars in the 20th century destroyed much of Leuven and a great deal of the reconstruction work lasted well into the nineteen-sixties.

Leuven has developed into a well-equipped, modern town with a thriving service industry economy and with a good balance of old and new buildings combining to offer a well-designed infrastructure to suit the demands of today's modern city with a rich tradition.

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› Leuven Centuries Old





The 'Grote Markt' (Great Market Square) of Leuven

Stadhuis (Town Hall)

Tradition has it that the first Town Hall of Leuven was situated at the 'Oude Markt' or Old Market Square. The second was located on Great Market Square of Leuven. It had its place in a row of houses in front of Saint Peter's Church, but outside the present building line. The construction of the present Town Hall started in 1439.

The spacious cellars of the houses were retained when the building of the façade began. These cellars have been restored and can now be reached through a small door, at the bottom left part of the building.

Sulpicius van Vorst, under whose management the works had begun, died. Jan Keldermans II undertook the task and in 1448 Matthew de Layens was in charge. He altered some details of the plans. The belfry-tower that had to be built at the corner of Naamsestraat was left out so that the building got its Flamboyant Gothic character with four corner turrets, two ridge turrets and a balustrade all around the building.

There are three floors. Between the windows there are oriels,

each with two niches; three corner-turrets also have niches. The carved bases of these niches represent biblical subjects. The motif of sin and punishment is often repeated. These scenes had a didactic and admonishing function, not only for the common people but also for the judges who resided in the building.

The 236 statues in the niches were only placed after 1850. The whole set has become the Leuven pantheon! Unlike the figures in the bases who wear Burgundian clothes, the persons in the niches wear the clothes of the period in which they lived. The two rows on the ground floor represent artists, scholars and eminent citizens of the Leuven past. The first floor displays figures who symbolise the municipal privileges and the patron saints of the parishes. On the second floor the Counts of Leuven and the Dukes of Brabant can be noticed; the turrets represent biblical figures.

Since the nineteenth century three restorations have taken place. The latest finished in 1983 and repaired the war damage, suffered when a bomb scraped the façade and did not explode...

WANDELZAAL (HALL)

The waiting hall on the ground floor is in fact the covered extension of the Great Market Square; this is also what it was used for in the Middle Ages. From there it was possible to reach all the municipal services and via the towers you could gain access to the rooms on the upper floors and to the attics.

The beam blocks at the extremities of the seven oak girders were carved in 1448-1449 by Willem Ards, a Brussels wood-carver. He mainly sculpted scenes from the Old Testament. They were intended to inspire the town councillors to adopt a good and cautious policy and a righteous judgment.

At the beginning of the 20th century a number of monumental studio plasters of the famous artist Constantin Meunier were discovered. He resided in Leuven from 1887 through 1894 and he taught at the academy.

GOTHIC HALL

The carving of the beam blocks in the Gothic hall and the consoles on the side of the Great Market Square were also entrusted to Willem Ards. Here the New Testament was the source of inspiration, more specifically the life of Mary and Jesus. Obviously, this was not a coincidence. The New Covenant was indeed (in this instance literally) built on the Old one. Christ is also an example of righteousness – an example which is in the right place in this important location of the town hall.

During the last decades of the 19th century the Gothic hall was thoroughly restored. The floors and ceilings were repaired and the walls were covered. An impressive chimney was built on one of the short sides of the hall. For the walls the city



council commissioned eleven paintings from the Tournai artist André Hennebicq. He painted four monumental canvasses with important events from the history of Leuven and seven full length portraits of Leuven artists and scholars. This series is displayed between the windows on the side of the Great Market Square.

SALONS

The salons are located in the oldest section of the town hall. The walls of the first salon are decorated with the portraits of the Leuven burgomasters since the French period. In the 19th century this room was used as a council chamber. On the occasion of the visit of Leopold I to Leuven in 1852 the second and third salons were thoroughly refurbished. The paintings worked into the panelling date back to before the 19th century and belong to the municipal art collection. The eye-catcher in the second salon is the masterwork of Pieter-Jozef Verhaghen, *Moses being introduced to the daughter of the pharaoh*.



Opening hours Town Hall

Guided tours for individuals:

- *During the tourist season (1 April - 30 September):*
every workday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sat., Sun. and public holidays at 3 p.m.
- *In the off-season (1 October - 31 March):*
every day at 3 p.m.

The salons are not open to the public during weddings and official ceremonies.

Admission:

- *Town Hall guided tour: € 2.00*

Buy your ticket at In&Uit Leuven.

Guided tours for groups: *only after booking a guide at the tourist office, two weeks in advance, tel. +32 (0)16 28 23 17 or visit@leuven.be*

Sint-Pieterskerk (Saint Peter's Church)

Saint Peter's Church is the oldest church in Leuven. It was presumably founded in 986. The first church burnt down in 1176. A new Romanesque church was built with a crypt, an extension, at the back of the choir. The Westwork was flanked by two towers as can be seen in the old town seal.

The construction of the present Gothic building, much larger than the Romanesque church, started in 1425. Work began at the choir, under the supervision of architect Sulpicius van Vorst. Several architects succeeded him. Jan Keldermans II and Matthew de Layens played an important part in this respect. The church was practically completed in 1497. Of the three towers that were planned, one of which was to have reached a height of 170 meters, only the bases remain. In 1541 when the height of 50 meters was reached, work was stopped. The subsoil was not stable enough to support a higher tower. After some collapses, the tower was lowered to its present level. The successive architects did not change the original plans and this brought about a fine example of pure Brabantine Late Gothic Style.

The outside of the church, our attention is fixed on the choir with seven radiating chapels. Between two of these chapels the chapel of 'Fiere Margriet' (Proud Margaret), a local popular saint, was built in 1546.

The church was severely damaged in both World Wars. In 1914 the roof and nave burnt down and in 1944 the north aisle suffered bomb damage.

The Treasury of Saint Peter is housed in the church. Two masterpieces (15 C.) of the Flemish Primitive Dirk Bouts, i.e. *The Last Supper* and *The Martyrdom of Saint Erasmus* are on display.

The chancel and presbytery of the Saint Peter's Church house the treasury. Here you will not only find a number of rare religious objects in precious metals. In the radiating chapels there are also many paintings and sculptures, like the less well known masterpieces of Jodocus van der

Baren, Jan van Rillaer and Pieter-Jozef Verhaghen. They had been ordered by the guilds and fraternities between the 15th and the 18th century when they took over the care of the chapels. Three works of the so-called Flemish primitives are the real pearls of the crown. The Nobleman triptych is the most contemporary and hence the oldest copy of the *Descent from the Cross* which Rogier van der Weyden made for a Leuven chapel. The most famous panel is undoubtedly *The Last Supper* by Dirk Bouts. In 1464 this Leuven town painter was commissioned by the Brotherhood of the Holy Sacrament to paint a triptych for their chapel in the Saint Peter's Church representing the ordinance of the Eucharist. Bouts made this his absolute masterwork. *The Martyrdom of Saint Erasmus* located in the adjoining chapel was also made by Dirk Bouts at the request of the Brotherhood.

The sacrament tower opposite the chapel with *The Last Supper* constitutes a unit with the storage space for the hosts.

Finally, there are two striking tombs: the tomb of Henry I of Brabant in the presbytery and the double tomb of Matilda of Flanders, his wife, and Maria of Brabant, their daughter.

Opening hours Saint Peter's Church

Tue. to Fr.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m, Sat.: 10.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m

Sun. and public holidays: 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Mon: 10 a.m. -5 p.m. (only 15/3-15/10).

Admission: Treasury of Saint Peter:

- € 2.50 for individuals
- € 1.25 for groups (10 or more), for young people between the ages of 12 and 18, students and senior citizens.
Children under twelve: free.
- Admission with audioguide: € 4,00 / € 3,00 (reduction)
- Audioguide separately: € 1,50

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Tafelrond (Round Table)

The third most important building on the Great Market Square may well be of late mediaeval, Gothic origin; as it stands today it is a product of the reconstruction plans developed after the destruction of the city centre in 1914. During this fire the neo-classical Round Table was destroyed. This building was erected in 1817 to replace the original Round Table of 1480-1488 that formed an architectonic unit although it did comprise three separate houses. The architect was Mathieu de Layens. The reconstruction after the First World War was used to bring the old Round Table back to life. This finally occurred – as head office of the National Bank- according to the design of the Brussels architect Max Winders.





Beguinaages

Groot Begijnhof (Great Beguinage)

Schapenstraat, 3000 Leuven

The origin of the name 'begijn' is unclear. These women only took temporary vows of chastity and obedience to the "mistresses" of their choice. As opposed to the conventuals they did not have to observe the rule of poverty and were therefore able to have private property and an income. For the remainder they provided for themselves via donations made to the 'begijnhof'. They also generated income from teaching, health care, manual labour like embroidery, sewing, washing, spinning...

When the 'begijnhof' was abolished in 1795 some 198 'begijnen' lived there. The more prosperous 'begijnen' had a private residence. The poorer 'begijnen' lived together in "convents", community houses. An infirmary was available for the sick and poor old 'begijnen'.

The Groot Begijnhof has the appearance of a small town in the city. It is a succession of streets, squares, gardens and parks, with tens of houses and convents in traditional brick and sandstone style. This small town was restored between 1964 and 1989 by the Catholic University of Leuven, who had purchased the site in 1962 from the Social Welfare Commission. Today it houses students and university staff.

The old infirmary and the Chièvres Convent house the Faculty Club, the meeting place for science, culture and enterprise.

On 31 March 2000, it was officially recognised by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.

The 'Groot Begijnhof' is open to the public free of charge.

Klein Begijnhof (Small Beguinage)

Halfmaartstraat, 3000 Leuven

A community of 'begijnen' also originated close to the Saint Gertrude's Abbey. This Klein Begijnhof was first mentioned in 1275. It was under the spiritual authority of the Abbot of Saint Gertrude.

Churches

The following churches are open to individual visitors from 1 April through 30 September from Tuesday through Sunday between 1.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

Sint-Pieterskerk (Saint Peter's Church)

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Sint-Jan-de-Doperkerk van het Groot Begijnhof (Saint John the Baptist's Church in the Great Beguinage)

Groot Begijnhof, 3000 Leuven

This protected early-Gothic church dates back to the 14th century. During recent restoration works many frescos of the 14th, 15th and 17th century were exposed.

Sint-Michielskerk (Saint Michael's Church)

Naamsestraat, 3000 Leuven

Saint Michael's Church is considered to be the main Jesuit church in Belgium. The impressive façade in pure baroque style is characterized as "the altar outside the church" and is as such one of the seven wonders of Leuven.

The following churches are open to individual visitors from 1 April through 30 September on Saturday and Sunday between 1.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

Sint-Kwintenskerk (Saint Quentin's Church)

Naamsestraat, 3000 Leuven

Although the construction and history of Saint Quentin's Church have a Romanesque base, in its present appearance this building bears a close resemblance to the Brabant high-Gothic style.

Sint-Geertruikerk (Saint Gertrude's Church)

Halfmaartstraat, 3000 Leuven

The church was constructed between the 13th and 15th century. The late Gothic tower, said to be one of the seven wonders of Leuven because its tower was built without securing pins, dates from 1454 and was constructed by the master builder of the Brussels' town hall, Jan van Ruysbroeck. In the church, noteworthy Late Gothic choir stalls can be admired. The abbey belonged to the Augustinian Order. (see page 28)





Sint-Antoniuskapel (Saint Anthony's Chapel)

Pater Damiaanplein, 3000 Leuven

Saint Anthony's Chapel is one of the many chapels built over the centuries near the five major parishes of Leuven (already mentioned in 1329). It was bought in 1860 by the superior of the Fathers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary who promised to turn it into a shrine to Saint Joseph. The first pilgrimage took place in 1899. Many pilgrims from over the whole country still come mainly during the month of March. The church is open daily from 9 am to 6 pm.

Father Damian is buried in the crypt under the chapel. He was beatified in 1995 and in December 2005 he was elected 'Greatest Belgian'. Visitors from all over the world come to honour his memory. In the Damian centre (Sint-Antoniusberg 5) there is a documentation and information centre on Father Damian.

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Sint-Jacobskerk (Saint James's Church)

Sint-Jacobsplein, 3000 Leuven

Of the original Romanesque church which dates from the beginning of the 13th century, only the tower remains. This tower is also one of the seven wonders of Leuven: a bell can be seen, hanging outside the tower! It must also be mentioned that the transept was constructed between 1457 and 1488 by the master builder of the Leuven town hall, Matheus de Layens.

Temporarily closed to the public.

Abbeys

Abdij van Park (The Norbertine Park Abbey - Premonstratans)

Abdij van Park 7, 3001 Leuven

Culture and nature in the heart of the old Brabant

Around 1100 the south-eastern border of Leuven was mainly woodland. This is where the Duke of Brabant, who had chosen Leuven as his residence, had his hunting ground. In 1129 Duke Geoffrey the Bearded bestowed this hunting ground onto the Premonstratiensens of Laon, in the North of France. This new institution rapidly became successful and in the Middle Ages became an important spiritual centre. One year later it detached itself from the mother abbey in France. Simon of Saint-Maurice (+ 1142) was the first abbot of the conventus Sanctae Mariae de Parco, a clear reference to the original hunting ground.

Following the tides and seasons Park Abbey developed into a successful religious house that would survive the perils of the following nine hundred years including the religious wars, the French Revolution and two world wars.

Today Park Abbey is a unique patrimonial estate with a green domain of 42 ha. It is an exceptional historic residual area on the Leuven border. The term "residual area" is appropriate as under the Ancien Régime the abbey property extended over 3,500 ha. The area was the life line of the Premonstratensians of Park-Heverlee. With the income they financed the construction and maintenance of the monastery buildings, acted as Maecenas and more importantly helped the poor. The tithes allowed them to build churches and rectories, the basis of one of the main Norbertine tasks: pastoral and parish care. In the 19th and 20th century missionary work in Latin America was included in these tasks.

Towards the middle of the 17th century the abbey achieved both economic and spiritual success. Its landownership extended over 130 villages in Brabant and beyond. The abbot of Park appointed one of his canons as parish priest in 15 parishes, mainly in the Hageland, the region between Leuven and Aarschot.

The present appearance of the abbey mainly dates back to the 17th and 18th century, but the ground plan of the site with the buildings patterns and the man-made landscape with the ponds are mediaeval. The tithe barn and carriage house were built in 1663 – 1664, under the authority of Abbot Libert de Pape. The last important construction campaign occurred under Abbot Hieronymus de Waersegere (1719 – 1730). He gave the abbot's quarters its present appearance, altered most gates and the church and raised the church tower (1730). After this the construction activities came to a final standstill.

The soundness of the construction makes Park Abbey one of the best preserved abbey sites in Belgium and The Netherlands. The typical parts of the Ancien Régime ab-





they have been extraordinarily well preserved: the monastery building and church built on an elevation, the separate provisor's (administrator's) office, the economic section of the farm, the water mill and the gardens at the foot of the slope and finally a belt of gates and walls as an enclosure.

Today a small number of Premonstratiensens carry on the tradition of community life and pastoral work. The splendid abbey with its oasis of ponds, meadows, alleys, orchards, gardens and woodland, the undamaged monastery interior, the monastery library that was extensively rebuilt after 1836 (over 6,000 old prints), the well-maintained old archives (1129 – 2005), the extraordinary art collection, the beautiful stucco ceilings ... all of these represent a particularly valuable cultural heritage.

Preserving this patrimony is a colossal task that the Premonstratiensens are unable to assume on their own. This is why the Park Abbey non-profit association gave large sections of the domain to the city of Leuven in leasehold: the fowl yard, the gates, the water mill, the grounds and four ponds. The church and the monastery continue to be managed by the Premonstratiensens. In the long term the Museum for Religious Art and Culture - Flanders Park Abbey Museum will be housed in large sections of the monastery building. The carriage house has been given in leasehold to the relief organisation Church in Need / East priest aid that is affiliated to the Premonstratiensens.

The survival of the unique Park Abbey group of buildings requires time, consultation and funds. Safeguarding, restoration and revaluation are the main concepts behind this ambitious project. The support for this is generated by the various partners: the Premonstratiensens, the city of Leuven, the Centre for Religious Art and Culture non-profit association, the Friends of Park Abbey non-profit association, the province Flemish-Brabant, the Catholic University of Leuven, the Flemish Community ... According to a cautious prognosis around 2012 the abbey and its domain will regain its radiant 17th century appearance adapted to the needs of the 21st century.

The opening up of the domain and the utilities will be adapted and the buildings will be restored. Most of the historic buildings will be given a suitable new purpose: as museum, reception point, exhibition area, catering facility customised to the site.

The city of Leuven will include the scenic and ecologically valuable surroundings of the abbey buildings in the restoration of the domain. The starting point for this is the realisation of a 'green lung' and an area for gentle recreation that respect the natural and environmental values. The ponds will be managed as a wildlife area. To the north of the abbey, in the triangular zone between the railways, a wide green buffer will be provided with a park wood, meadows and playing fields. Additional footpaths will guarantee optimal accessibility.

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- *Guided tours every Sunday at 4 p.m.: € 4,00 per participant over twelve. November through March only the first Sunday of the month.*
- *Guided tours on other days: by appointment and per group of max. 25 persons: € 50,00 for the guide plus € 3,00 per participant over twelve*
- *Walk around the Park Abbey domain with audioguide. Audioguides are available from Tourism Leuven (Naamsestraat1, 3000 Leuven) in NL, FR, DT, ENG and ESP. They cost € 2,00.*

Sint-Geertruiabdij (Saint Gertrude's Abbey)

Halfmaartstraat, 3000 Leuven

This abbey is located at the heart of the Klein Begijnhof (see page 19). The buildings, built between the 14th and 17th centuries, have been recently restored and found a new purpose as a housing complex. The Thierry wing was built after the First World War using bombed façades from the city.

Abdij Keizersberg (Keizersberg Abbey)

Mechelsestraat 202, 3000 Leuven

tel. + 32 (0)16 31 00 60
www.keizersberg.be, abdij.keizersberg@telenet.be

This abbey of the Benedictine Order dates from the 19th century and was set up as a study house for the monks of the Maredsous Abbey on the Keizersberg. The abbey and the surrounding land is enclosed by a long wall. It gives the appearance of an old fortified castle, lying as it does on the site of the old ducal stronghold.

Abdij van Vlierbeek (Vlierbeek Abbey)

Abdijlaan, 3010 Leuven

tel. + 32 (0)16 25 88 28

This abbey was founded by the Benedictine monks of Affligem in 1127. During the French period the monastery was abolished. Apart from the abbey's farm, the church and the abbot's residence are still standing, both built in the Classical style. In the cemetery, you see several tombstones of famous people.

Open on Sundays from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m.





Castles

Arenbergkasteel (Arenberg Castle)

Kardinaal Mercierlaan 94, 3001 Heverlee

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The first castle on this site was erected in the 14th century. The de Croy family took over the property in 1446. The present castle was built over the following centuries in traditional style with late Gothic and Renaissance features. It was completely restored in the 19th century.

The Duke of Arenberg presented it to the University in 1916, and it is now being used by the K.U.Leuven Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Open: *by appointment only*

Kasteel van Horst (Horst Castle)

Horststraat 28, 3220 Holsbeek

tel. +32 (0) 16 62 33 45,

kasteel.horst@erfgoed-vlaanderen.be

The audio guide will immerse you in the rich past of this splendid water castle of the 15th and 17th century. How did Knight Pynnock and Lady Maria Anna vanden Tympel live here? With beautiful stucco by Hansche and an impressive dungeon located along the Wingevallei Walking network and the Hageland cycling nodes network. Store with regional products and walking and cycling maps. In the Wagenhuis you can enjoy a drink and a delicious regional dish.

Opening hours:

• 1 April - 31 October:

- Monday and Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday and Public Holidays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

• Easter and summer holidays:

- Monday and Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday and Public Holidays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

• 1 November - 31 March:

- Monday, Wednesday, Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

• Group visit with guide:

- Always subject to reservation

Entrance prices:

• Individual visit with audio guide or Red Knight bag for families, 8 > 12 year olds

- € 4.00 p.p. (reduced rate: € 3.00 p.p.)
- members of Flanders' Heritage, teacher's card and citizens of Holsbeke: free
- children under 12: free (audio guide/Red Knight bag + € 1.00)

• Guided visit (by reservation)

- € 3.00 p.p. (reduced rate € 2.50 p.p.) + € 55.00 for the guide (max. 25 pers.)
- Visits for children (3 > 12 y.o.): € 60.00 (max. 20 children/guide/2 hrs)
- Workshops for children on various themes: € 60.00 (max. 20 children/guide/2 hrs) + optionally € 0.50 to € 2.50 material cost/child
- discovery trip for youngsters, 12/13 year olds: € 75.00 (max. 20 youngsters/guide/2 hrs)
- 'Het Stevigste Spel' for 14-18 year olds (youth clubs and associations): € 75.00 (max. 15 duos/without guide)

Cemeteries

Abdij van Park (Park Abbey)

(borough of Heverlee)

see page 24

and Abdij van Vlierbeek (Vlierbeek Abbey)

(borough of Kessel-lo)

see page 28

Headstones of famous people.

Brits militair kerkhof 'De Jacht' '40-'45 (British Military Cemetery 'De Jacht' '40-'45)

Bierbeekpleindreef, 3001 Leuven

To be reached via Hertogstraat, on the corner of Bierbeekpleindreef and Kerspelstraat in Heverlee (Leuven).

Open: almost always, with visitors' register.

Stadskerkhof (Municipal Cemetery)

Kerkhofdreef 7, 3001 Leuven

Several tombs of mayors of Leuven.

*Open: every weekday from 8 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

Miscellanea

Anatomisch Amfitheater van Rega (Rega's Anatomical Amphitheatre)

Minderbroedersstraat 50, 3000 Leuven

The anatomical theatre was built in 1744 by rector Rega as an auditorium for lessons in anatomy. The octagonal structure with large windows ensures light incidence from all sides and allows the students to follow cadaver dissections under good conditions. This light incidence made the building particularly suitable as a studio also. In 1887 the city of Leuven offered the theatre to Constantin Meunier to be used as a studio.

Collegium Trilingue (Trilingue College)

Busleidengang (Vismarkt), 3000 Leuven

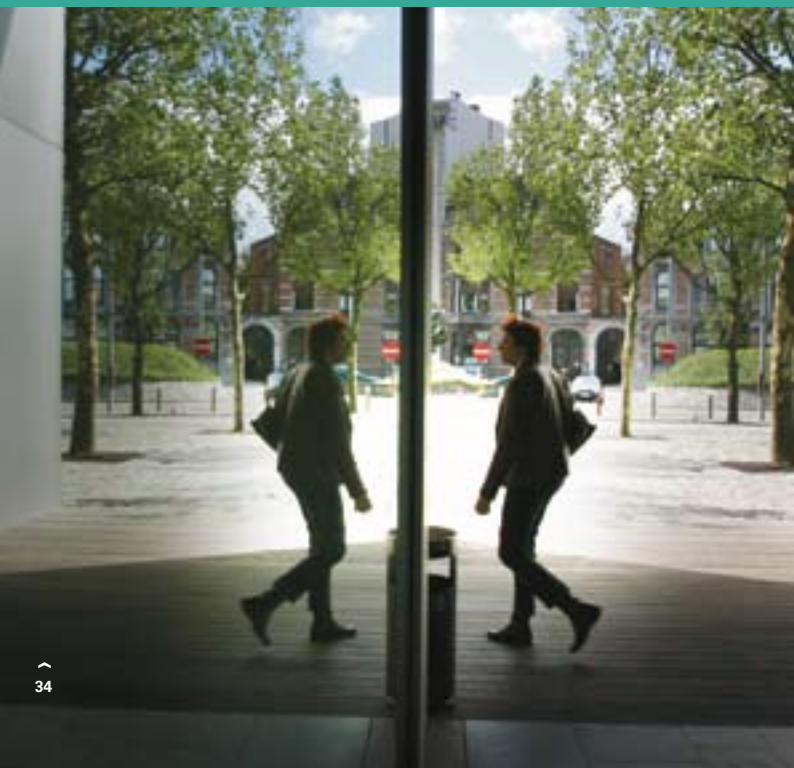
In September 1518 the Trilingue College opened in Leuven, a foundation the theme of which was humanism.

This objective was achieved by the foundation by canon Jerome van Busleiden, envoy of Duke Charles. Busleiden was a friend of Erasmus. Through his contribution the college enjoyed great, even international fame. Hebrew, Greek and Latin were taught in the College and that is why it was called 'Trilingue', i.e. 'Three Languages'. After years of decay and lack of occupancy, the College was restored. After all, the 'Collegium Trilingue' is one of the few Renaissance buildings in Leuven that are left. The restored college halls, are available for seminars, exhibitions, conferences, meetings; to put it briefly: for all kinds of occasions! The splendid entrance hall and its 16th century stone winding staircase can still be admired.



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› Leuven Alive & Kicking





LEUVEN-LA-NEUVE

Leuven is a city in full metamorphosis. Streets, squares, buildings as well as many town quarters are evolving in tune with our rapidly evolving society. This modernisation has been seized in Leuven to integrate quality contemporary architecture along with our century old set values. This quality is not only present in striking buildings but also in the pleasant squares, eye-catching car parks, lively stations and other infrastructures we use daily.

Old and new enhance one another and together create the municipal decor.

A taste of some interesting locations where the contemporary city manifests itself.

Railway Station (and surroundings)

For many visitors the station is the entrance hall to the city. In the coming years this contact point with the outside world will be shrouded by four waves of metal and glass according to the design of architect Samyn (Brussels).

Underground and under the roof two wide connections link the borough of Kessel-lo (youth hostel) with Leuven and provide ac-

cess to the many hundreds of trains that link Leuven within the hour with its numerous neighbouring cities (Brussel, Antwerpen, Gent, Liège...).

On the Leuven side of the station there is a very spacious station square and the striking red building of the bus company. Under all this you will find the most beautiful and pleasant underground car park in the country: both the driver leaving his car and the occasional passer-by can enjoy the sights in the underground car tunnel, the unexpected sights of the station and the city as well as at times the enormous spaces and warm lighting. The car park, the square and the bus station (designed by Manuel de Solà-Morales Rubio, Barcelona) harmonize smoothly with one another and with the station.

The strikingly modernistic provincial government building (architect Gonçalo Byrne, Lissabon), the head office of the brewery giant Inbev (architect Poponcini & Lootens, Antwerp) and various other (future) office buildings in the neighbourhood are a show card of contemporary architecture.

Penitentiënstraat and surroundings

The northern section of the inner city close to the Penitentiënstraat is a typical West-European city quarter. During the 19th and 20th century it flourished thanks to multiple industrial activities but towards the end of the last century it was engulfed in a downward spiral together with the industry.

By the year 2004 the sad industrial decline had already been extensively replaced with all kinds of dwelling places. The latter offer all income categories the opportunity of living in this outstanding location (peaceful, at walking distance from the city centre and station and a five minute drive from the motorway).

The revaluation operation was launched in 1997. The La Vignette project, offering 22 social owner-occupied properties, was built on previously undeveloped ground. The architects (architectural firm WIT, Outgaerden) opted for a modern and contemporary style: austere volumes, dark stone, wooden façade elements and properly dimensioned window arrangements. They drew a new street right between the Penitentiënstraat and the Fonteinstraat.

Behind La Vignette there is a local park skirted by newly built private terraced houses along the Penitentiënstraat.

A little further stands the red housing project "De Leerlooierij" (WVA, Leuven) where a factory building used to stand. Along the pedestrian inner city there are 32 modern owner-occupied houses.

The area between the Fonteinstraat and the Penitentiënstraat used to be a storage place for empty beer crates. Today it is a local park that provides a green breathing space for the neighbourhood. Footpaths and cycle paths along the Dijle connect the various green zones in the surroundings.



The neighbourhood is characterised by the renovated Silo tower (an old grain milling house) where in addition to a catering establishment various companies have their offices.

Tweebronnen

Rijschoolstraat 4, 3000 Leuven

The building of the municipal library was originally designed by the famous Belgian architect Henry van de Velde. It was built between 1936 and 1942.

In 1990 this former Technical School was protected as a culturally and historically valuable building. Between 1994 and 2000 the building was converted into a public library and municipal archive office by amongst others Georges Baines (Antwerp). Other functions were added to make this complex more relevant to the city: exhibition spaces, a café, a square, an auditorium and offices for various functions ...

The structure of the building has changed in line with the new requirements but the style of Henry van de Velde's building was maintained.

The architects took advantage of the functional change to highlight the municipal quality of the building. The former



playground of the school is now a municipal meeting place. Moreover, the building also has a transit function: there is an entrance in the Diestsestraat as well as in the Rijschoolstraat.

Philipssite

Philipssite 4, 3001 Leuven

In 1995 the city of Leuven purchased the grounds of the former Philips factory to give it a new purpose. The successors of the Italian architect Aldo Rossi (Milan) together with architect De Gregorio (Hasselt) designed all the new buildings in addition to the layout plan for this site. Two main axes organise the whole. Along the first axis, which also provides access to the underground car park, there is the new police building, the new mail sorting centre for De Post and the new sports complex, an impressive oval arena. The former head office of the Philips factory, the only building on the site that remained standing, and a new office building are positioned along the second axis. The rest of the surface area is one extensive green zone.

STUK

Naamsestraat 96, 3000 Leuven

The STUK arts centre is clearly advertised by means of large metal letters along the Naamsestraat. As a former university hall it is located in the midst of various university buildings. The building (architects Neutelings Riedijk, Antwerp-Rotterdam) is erected around a public patio onto which various "rooms" give out: a cinema, a grand café, an auditorium, rooms, offices, an art factory etc. On the patio artists, visitors and passers-by meet and a different universe can be found behind each door. Many older parts of the former building have been renovated, whereas the new sections stand assertively shrouded in red bricks. A striking silver shed roof overhangs the complex thus enhancing the skyline of Leuven. Just as for the actual city an intriguing accumulation of various universes is obtained.

This building is the pinnacle of the urban planning vision adopted by both the city and university for the inner city. Tens of passageways offer walkers unexpected views and along the centuries old and contemporary buildings they discover new parts of this city that is literally intertwined with the university.

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› Leuven University city





K.U.Leuven

SIX CENTURIES OF HISTORY

The university of Leuven was founded almost six hundred years ago. Throughout the centuries people have always occupied centre stage at the University of Leuven. The University's academic fame has attracted scholars and scientists such as Justus Lipsius, Gerard Mercator and Andreas Vesalius who have all made valuable contributions to European intellectual life. Since the foundation of the university in 1425 Leuven has been both a city and a university. From the very beginning the two were interlinked and hence share a particularly rich past. Yet Leuven does not rest on its laurels. City and university use the most modern resources to further develop and to present themselves as the cradle of new ideas. The many historic and university buildings forming a heterogeneous but organic whole clearly indicates how Leuven city and university have merged.

The University of Leuven is almost six centuries old. At the beginning of the 15th century Leuven was looking for new growth opportunities. At the request of the city and with the support of Duke John IV of Brabant, Pope Martin V authorised the creation of a university on 9 December 1425. This makes the K.U.Leuven the oldest catholic university still in existence. Obviously, it is also the oldest university of the Low Countries.

After the model of Cologne, Paris and Vienna the university of Leuven originally had four faculties: Artes, Canon and Civil Law and Medicine and after 1432 also Theology. The city allowed the university to use the Cloth Hall. This building of 1317 had been used for over a century as a sales outlet for clothmakers. It soon became too small for lectures. Today the building is the management centre of the university.

The University of Leuven witnessed its first flourishing period in the 16th century. It acquired international fame thanks to the presence of renowned scholars and professors like Adriaan van Utrecht (Pope Adrian VI, the last non-Italian pope before John-Paul II), Erasmus, Vives, Vesalius and Mercator.

Six centuries of history not only bring prosperity but also adversity. In the 18th century the university came under heavy pressure from the government and in 1797 the French Republic even abolished the university. However, breeding will out. In 1816 the University of Leuven opened its doors again as a State University set up by King William I of the United Kingdom of the Netherlands. In 1834 the Belgian bishops founded a Catholic University in Mechelen. However, in 1835 the university returned to its familiar Leuven where the State University had already been abolished.

The reality of the Belgian language problem, i.e. the occasionally difficult cohabitation of the Flemings and Walloons, is reflected in the subsequent history of the Leuven Alma Mater. 1911 saw the start of the slow Dutchification of university education at the University of Leuven. This gradually resulted in the doubling of the lectures that were usually given in parallel in Dutch and in French.

A great deal of activity also occurred outside Leuven. In 1954 the university founded the 'Universiteit Lovanium' in the former Belgian Congo. And more recently a university campus was set up in Kortrijk in 1965, where students can obtain a Bachelor's degree in four faculties: first the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Law, then in 1971 also the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Science. Since 1991 it is also possible to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Applied Economic Sciences, these courses are organised in cooperation with the Ufsia in Antwerp.

As the tension between the language groups increased in 1968 this led to the creation of two autonomous universities. They became autonomous by law in 1970: the Dutch-speaking Catholic University of Leuven (K.U.Leuven), remained in Leuven whereas the French-speaking Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL), moved to Louvain-la-Neuve in Ottignies (in Wallonia). Notwithstanding these events the K.U.Leuven became the most important university in the country. Dutch is the official language of the K.U.Leuven.





Facts and figures

Students

During the academic year of 2005-2006 some 31,470 students attended the K.U. Leuven including 3,887 foreign students.

Universiteitshal (University Hall)

Naamsestraat 22, 3000 Leuven

This prestigious building of 1317 was originally the municipal Cloth Hall and only comprised a ground floor in Gothic style. In 1432 the newly founded university was housed in the wing on the Krakenstraat. The hall was used as a lecture hall until the First World War. In 1679 the city sold the entire building to the University that immediately built the baroque first floor. In 1723 the Rega wing was added (classical sandstone façade overlooking Oude Markt). Today the Registrar's Office is housed here.

Heiliggeestcollege (College of the Holy Spirit)

Naamsestraat 40, 3000 Leuven

In 1942 the aristocrat Lodewijk de Rycke gave the University a house for students of the Faculty of Theology, the oldest college institution of the university. The college was completely renovated in the 18th century. It is still being used as a student residence.

The Heiliggeestcollege also houses the Spoelberchmuseum. This permanent exhibition displays a selection from the art collection bequeathed to the university by Viscount Charles-Victor de Spoelberch (1836-1907) at the beginning of the past century. An ancestral portrait gallery, collector's furniture, family silver and a collection of European and Oriental porcelain are the highlights of this collection (16th-19th century).

The museum is open to individual visitors every second Saturday of the month between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., except on public holidays. Groups must first make an appointment with a guide of the K.U. Leuven, tel. +32 (0)16 32 40 07.

Atrechtcollege (Arras College)

Naamsestraat 63, 3000 Leuven

This college was founded in 1508 by Nicolaus Ruterius, provost of Saint Peter's Chapter and later bishop of Atrecht, who housed this college for poor scholars in his own home which he had adapted for the purpose. From 1921 to 1977 the building housed a college for the first generation of female students. The courtyard boasts a beautiful Sophora Japonica planted in the 18th century, also known as "the tree of sorrow": because in those days the girls had to be in their room by 7 p.m. and this led to heartrending parting scenes by the tree! Today the house is shared by the Study Advisory Centre and

the Verbieststichting (Verbiest Foundation), which specialises in relations with China.

Van Dalecollege (Van Dale College)

Naamsestraat 80, 3000 Leuven

In 1569 Canon Pieter van Dale of Antwerp, a former student of the University, founded this college for poor students from Antwerp and Aalst who wanted to study theology, philosophy or canon law. This college is the only college to have been preserved in its original state and is also the oldest authentic Renaissance building in the city. Since 1986 it again provides accommodation for students and currently houses the Student Facilities Department.

Hogenheuvelcollege (High Hill College)

Naamsestraat 75, 3000 Leuven

The house was built in the 15th century by Golin van 't Sestich, husband of Katharina van Vlaenderen (Catherine of Flanders). The Roman numerals LX, high in the splendid Gothic brick façade, clearly refers to the family name. The Star of David in the gable and a Hebrew inscription on another façade lead us to assume that the inhabitants who had emigrated from Germany were of Jewish origin. The college was founded in 1683 when the Utrecht student priests of the Hogenheuvelcollege in Cologne were transferred to this house in Leuven. The new college, which was fortuitously located in the highest point of the city, quite appropriately kept its old name. Today it houses the Faculty of Economics and Applied Economic Sciences.

Aula Pieter De Somer (Pieter De Somer Auditorium)

Debériotstraat 24, 3000 Leuven

This auditorium, designed by architect Paul van Aerschot, was opened in 1989 and is the largest auditorium of the university. The statue of Pieter De Somer, who became the first rector of the autonomous Dutch-speaking University of Leuven in 1968, and which stands in front of the building was created by Vic Gentils.





Pauscollege (Pope's College)

Hogeschoolplein 3, 3000 Leuven

This college for theology students was founded in 1523 by Pope Adrian VI, a former professor of the university. In 1776 the college was rebuilt in classical style. Ten years later Joseph II moved the Seminary General to this college and from 1825 to 1830 it was used as the Philosophy College of William I. Today it still houses students.

Maria-Theresia College and Grote Aula (Maria-Theresa College and Great Auditorium)

Sint-Michielsstraat 2, 3000 Leuven

In 1778 Maria Theresa housed the theology seminary in this former Jesuit College. The wing on the right was added for the Seminary-General of Joseph II in 1786-89. The Faculty of Theology is still based here. In 1826-27 King William I had the Great and Small Auditoriums built in the inner courtyard. They now serve as auditoriums and halls for congresses, colleges and concerts.

College De Valk (De Valk College)

Tiensestraat 41, 3000 Leuven

This is the former college of the Artes Faculty, which was founded around 1434 and moved to this site in 1543. The neo-classical buildings date from the late 18th century. The Faculty of Law is based here. In 1966 a new complex was added next to the old college.

Hoger Instituut voor Wijsbegeerte (Higher Institute of Philosophy)

Kardinaal Mercierplein 2, 3000 Leuven

This building of 1893 houses the Faculty of Philosophy and the famous Husserl Archive.

Universiteitsbibliotheek (Central University Library)

Monseigneur Ladeuzeplein 21, 3000 Leuven

During the First World War the university library, then housed in the University Hall, was destroyed by fire. In the 1920s, a new library was built in Flemish Renaissance style on the Mgr. Ladeuzeplein mainly thanks to American funding. On the outside and in the gallery the names of over 300 American educational institutes having contributed to its construction are carved. The carillon in the tower – with its 63 bells one of the largest in the country – is a gift of 16 American engineer associations. The library houses more than three million volumes.

Groot Begijnhof (Great Beguinage)

Schapenstraat, 3000 Leuven

The splendidly restored Beguinage is an oasis of peace in a busy city. Many foreign students and researchers live here together with their Flemish colleagues. In 2000 the Unesco included the 'Groot Begijnhof' on its list of world heritage sites (see page 19).

Campus Heverlee

Kasteelpark Arenberg, 3001 Leuven

After World War II the university set up a large number of institutes, mainly for the positive sciences, in the spacious Arenberg park in the borough of Heverlee, a few kilometres outside the city centre. The splendid Arenberg Castle, where engineer-architects are trained today, is located in the middle of this park. The sports grounds and the sports hall of the Faculty of Kinesiology and Revalidation Sciences are also located in the park.

Campusbibliotheek Arenberg (Campus Library Arenberg)

Willem De Croylaan 6, 3001 Leuven

The Campusbibliotheek Arenberg (CBA) (Campus Library Arenberg), housed in the historic framework of the former Celestine monastery, is one of the largest and most modern libraries for sciences and engineering techniques on the European continent. CBA houses a million books and reference works in a hi-tech environment full of multimedia equipment for students, academics, alumni and other visitors. The old monastery was built by Rombout Keldermans, the new library was constructed by Rafaël Moneo.

Campus Gasthuisberg

Herestraat 49, 3000 Leuven

The University Hospital Gasthuisberg, the largest hospital in Europe after Rome is located just beyond the ring road. The same complex also houses the Education and Research buildings of the K.U.Leuven Faculty of Medicine.

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Promotional gifts and sportswear with the university logo can be purchased from the K.U.Leuven store (Oude Markt 13).







I wandered in lands I'd never heard of, shared the lives of the natives and listened to their timeless tales. Then we had to change lecture halls.
Discover yourself. Start with the world.



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› Leuven
beer city





Leuven, beer city

Amid all these leisure activities it seems surprising that Leuven finds any time to work; but it does. In the Middle Ages all commercial activities were centred at the Dijlehaven, near the present-day Fish Market. The focus began to change in the 18th century and breweries and other parts of the food industry started to spread along the banks of the Leuven-Mechelen canal. When brewing became a nationwide industry in the 19th century, Leuven became world famous for its beers, and today is still proud to be known as the beer capital of Belgium.

InBev & Stella Artois

Vaartstraat 94-96, 3000 Leuven

A fragment of national history

The history of Stella Artois is closely connected with the history of Leuven. The foundation of the university of Leuven in 1425, the digging of the canal Leuven-Rupel in the 18th century, two industrial revolutions and two world wars; all were events that played a fundamental part in the development of this beer town and... of the brewery Artois.

When the name of the brewery 'Den Horen' (the Horn) turns up for the first time in the ducal levy records (1366) it marks only the beginning of a brilliant success story, because by 1537 this brewery had already developed into the most important enterprise in Leuven.

In 1717 'Den Horen' was under control of master-brewer Sebastien Artois and thus for more than a century all the brewer's know-how was handed down from father to son. From then on the brewery bore the name 'Artois' however 'the Horn' functioned as an emblem of the brewery until a few years ago.

Around the turn of the century the brewing of the golden Pilsbeer of low fermentation was started up at Artois. In 1926 - and this for the first time - the brewery brought a barley beer onto the market and called it 'Stella', the Latin word for 'Star'. The famous 'stella', a 'star' in the Brewers' Sky, is a beer that makes beer-fanciers feel at home. And after six centuries the brewery still feels at home in Leuven.

Info:

you can book a visit online at www.breweryvisits.com

Domestic brewery Domus

Tiensestraat 8, 3000 Leuven

True beer lovers cannot deny it: the Domus brewery pub is unique. Three traditional beers are pumped directly from the brewery via a pipeline to the taps of the Domus pub. The amber-coloured beer Nostra Domus and the unfiltered lager Con Domus are available all year round. In winter Domus brews its best-selling beer Nen Engel, a dark Christmas beer with a rich aroma and a sweet yet bitter taste.

Info for visits:

tel. +32 (0)16 20 14 49,

info@domusleuven.be, www.domusleuven.be

Domus is closed on Mondays. Brewery visits are only possible on Fridays - make sure you book well in advance.



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› Visit Leuven

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Guided tours

Tourism Leuven handles all requests for guided tours that are organized in cooperation with the Royal Leuven Guide's Association. The standard offer includes visits of the town hall, the great beguinage, Saint Peter's church, etc, however, we also offer six theme walks: along green spots, ladies' walk, mediaeval walk, university walk, statue walk and a walk to Saint Gertrude's and the Vismarkt. Obviously, we welcome your suggestions as well.

Conditions

- > Basic fees: €50 for the first two hours and €20 per extra hour per guide. Charges start from the time of the appointment.
- > Normally, this fee is to be paid to the guide in cash before the tour.
- > For a visit to the Treasury of Saint Peter's an entrance fee of €1.75 per person (for groups from 10 people) or €2.50 per person (less than 10 people) is charged. The fee has to be paid by the group leader at the museum entrance. The admission fee can alter during special exhibitions.
- > Owing to circumstances beyond our control, some buildings may be closed. We apologize for this inconvenience. We do our utmost to inform you as soon as possible.

- > If the visit is cancelled without a timely notice (at least 4 days in advance), a bill of €20 will be sent. This also applies for tours offered by the city of Leuven.
- > The guide will wear a white-and-red badge with GIDS written on it. The tour will be terminated at the appointed time even if it started with some delay. If the group insists on having a full tour, an extra hour will be charged (see fees). The guide will wait for the group for one hour. After this hour the guide will leave the place agreed on. The waitingtime will be charged € 20.
- > The Royal Leuven Guides' Association and the Leuven Tourism Department cannot be held responsible for accidents happening during the visit.
- > The guide does not accept gratuities.
- > Each group will be accompanied by one person who is responsible.
- > When a tour is requested, the group has to organize the transport themselves. A seat and a microphone must be provided for the guide. The coach will only leave the place of appointment after the driver has been instructed by the guide.
- > The town of Leuven offers a free tour to groups (at least 10 people- 2 hours) that come for congresses, colloquiums and seminars, if they stay overnight (2 nights). Applications must be made well in advance and in writing. Admission charges have to be paid by the groups.
- > To optimally enjoy your visit, we advise you to ask one guide for circa 25 persons.

Bookings must be made at least three weeks in advance. In order to receive a reservation form, please fill in the application form (see reservation form on page 76).



Day trips for groups

DAY TRIP 1

LEUVEN, UNIVERSITY CITY

09.15 a.m.: Arrive in Leuven; a cup of coffee or a soft drink

10.00 a.m.: Guided tour of the following university buildings:

1. de Lakenhallen (the University Hall)
2. Van Dale College
3. Pope's College

12.30 p.m.: Lunch or picnic

2.00 p.m.: Departure by coach for a tour of:

1. U.Z. Gasthuisberg (University Hospital)
2. IMEC (Interuniversity Micro-Electronics Centre)
3. Arenberg Castle (a walk through the Arenberg-park to the Great Beguinage)

3.15 p.m.: Guided tour of the Great Beguinage

±4.00 p.m.: End of the day trip (coffee in a tavern at the Beguinage)

Valid every day of the year. The charge for this trip per person is:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| – without lunch: € 11,00 | – with menu C: € 24,50 |
| – with menu A: € 19,00 | – with menu D: € 28,00 |
| – with menu B: € 23,00 | – with menu E: € 22,00 |

DAY TRIP 2

ALONG GREEN SPOTS

09.15 a.m.: Arrive in Leuven; a cup of coffee or a soft drink.

10.00 a.m.: Meet the guide; guided tour with visit to:

1. the garden of St Gertrude's
2. Handbooghof
3. Botanical Garden

12.30 p.m.: Lunch or picnic

2.00 p.m.: Guided tour with visit to:

1. the Great Beguinage
2. Dijle Park
3. Schapenstraat
4. Ramberg Park
5. Saint Donatus Park

± 4.00 p.m.: End of the day trip.

Valid all year round, every day, except on Sunday. Charge per person:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| – without lunch: € 11,00 | – with menu C: € 24,00 |
| – with menu A: € 19,00 | – with menu D: € 28,00 |
| – with menu B: € 23,00 | – with menu E: € 22,00 |



DAY TRIP 3

LEUVEN, PROVINCIAL CAPITAL

10.00 p.m.: Arrive at the new, ultramodern provincial government building. Welcome coffee.

The tour includes a visit to various rooms of the building and an introduction to the activities of the province. Video presentation in the auditorium. Panoramic views over Leuven.

12.00 noon: Lunch in a restaurant in the city centre... or take time out to explore the city on your own.

2.00 p.m.: Meet the guide at the steps of the Town Hall.

Choice of two tours:

- New architecture tour
- Medieval city tour

4.30 p.m.: The day trip is concluded with coffee and cake.

Valid all year round: Monday to Saturday inclusive.

For groups of at least 20 people and no more than 25 people.

Prices per person:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| - without lunch: € 10,00 | - with menu C: € 23,00 |
| - with menu A: € 17,00 | - with menu D: € 26,50 |
| - with menu B: € 22,00 | - with menu E: € 20,50 |



DAY TRIP 4

A SPORTY DAY - CYCLING AND WALKING

09.15 a.m.: Have a cup of coffee in a tavern in the city centre.

10.00 a.m.: Meet with the guide at the steps of the town hall for one of the following guided theme walks:

- Mediaeval city
- Ladies walk
- City centre renovation tour

The guide will leave the group after the tour

12.30 p.m.: Lunch

- 1) chicken salad or
- 2) pasta dish (with vegetarian option)

2.00 p.m.: Collect the bicycles; guided tour of:

Option 1: Trip along the abbeys of Leuven

Option 2 : Leuven-la-Neuve: a tour along contemporary architecture and urban development projects in Leuven

5.00 p.m.: End of the day trip. Return the bicycles to Rijwielen Cadans.

Minimum and maximum number of participants: 15

Valid every day except Sundays and public holidays.

Price per person (Bicycle rental included)

- Without lunch: € 18,00

- With lunch: € 30,00

DAY TRIP 5

LEUVEN AND THE PARK ABBEY

09.15 p.m.: Arrive in Leuven; a cup of coffee or a soft drink

10.00 p.m.: Meet the guide; choose 2 from the following 4 places of interest:

1. Town Hall
2. Great Beguinage
3. Saint Peter's church (open from Tuesday to Saturday; also on Mondays from 15 March till 15 October)
4. Saint Gertrude's Church and Abbey

12.30 p.m.: Lunch in a restaurant in the city-centre

2.30 p.m.: Guided tour of the Park Abbey

±16.00 p.m.: end.

Valid every day all year round.

The charge per person is:

- without lunch: € 12,00

- with menu C: € 24,50

- with menu A: € 19,00

- with menu D: € 28,00

- with menu B: € 23,50

- with menu E: € 22,50

Extra:

- Visit to museum: € 1,25

- Coffee and cake in the Abbey: € 3,50

(max. 55 persons, not on Sunday)

DAY TRIP 6

LEUVEN AND THE HAGELAND WINE REGION

09.15 a.m.: Arrive in Leuven. Welcome coffee.

10.00 a.m.: Meet the guide at the Town Hall

Visit 2 of the following classic attractions:

- Town Hall
- Saint Peter's Church (including Treasury)
- Groot-Begijnhof (Great Beguinage)
- Saint Gertrude's Church and Abbey
- general tour

12.30 p.m.: Light lunch in a restaurant in the city centre.
(coffee or tea, 2 filled rolls per person).

Option 1

2.00 p.m.: Departure for Tielt-Winge (Church of Our Lady)

2.30 p.m.: Meet the guide for a guided vineyards walk (9.5 km).

5.30 p.m.: End of the walk

Option 2

2.30 p.m.: Visit to the 'Kunst- en Wijnhoeve Elzenbosch' in Assent. Guided walk through the vineyard and introduction to Hageland wine production.

Wine tasting: 1 glass of wine.

5.00 p.m.: End of the guided tour

Price per person:

- without lunch: € 11,00
- Menu A: € 18,50
- Menu B: € 23,00
- Menu C: € 24,00
- Menu D: € 27,50
- Menu E: € 21,50

Option 3 (+ €4.00 extra)

Taste Wezemaal and its wine

2 p.m.: visit + multimedia presentation of Hageland wine in the visitors' centre

2.45 p.m.: guided walk to the vineyards on the Wijngaardberg

5 p.m.: wine tasting



Menu A

Vol-au-vent with chips

Menu B

Soup

Pork roast or chicken fillet with sauce and/or vegetables

Dessert



Menu

Menu C

Soup

Gambrinusrib (a local dish)

Dessert



Menu D

Seasonal salad

Beef, veal or turkey roast with various vegetables

Dessert

Menu E

Brabantine lunch with coffee





LEUVEN AND ENVIRONS

The following suggestions may be combined with a visit to Leuven: Overijse, Chicory region, Heverlee Forest and Meerdaal Forest.

DAY TRIP 7

DAY TRIP "DAMIAAN" LEUVEN-TREMELO

09.15 a.m.: Arrive in Leuven; have a cup of coffee in a brasserie in the centre of the city

10.00 a.m.: Meet the guide in front of the Town Hall.

- Tour along the historic buildings
- Visit of the Damiaan centre and the grave of Father Damiaan;

12.30 p.m.: Lunch in a restaurant in the city centre.

2.15 p.m.: Departure for Tremelo

3.00 p.m.: Visit to the Father Damiaan museum. Guided visit and slide presentation

±4.30 p.m.: End of the guided tour.

Prices per person

- without lunch: € 10,00
- Menu A: € 16,50
- Menu B: € 21,00

- Menu C: € 22,00
- Menu D: € 25,50
- Menu E: € 19,50

General conditions for the booking of day trips

- > Day trips can only be booked by groups of minimum 20 people. If the actual number of participants is less than 20, the charges are calculated on the basis of the price for 20 people.
- > The Tourism Department of Leuven has to receive your reservation form three weeks before the date of the day trip at the latest.
- > You can change the number of participants up to two times. This is possible until five days before the date of the day trip. When changing the number of participants, a margin of 10% is allowed.
- > Some day trips include a coach trip. These trips are always done with the group's transportation.
- > When you book a day trip, you pay a deposit of € 2.50 per participant in advance. The written confirmation of your reservation (a letter sent to you by the Tourism Department of Leuven) will mention the ultimate date this deposit is due.
- > The payment of the rest of the amount has to be settled at least one week before the day of the day trip.
- > All payments are to be made in euro. When making a deposit from abroad, all commission and transfer costs are to be met by the client himself.
- > The charges include everything that is explicitly mentioned in the brochure. They are "all inclusive" except that drinks are not included! The prices mentioned are valid until 31 December 2008.
- > The group has a choice between different lunch menus. All participants have to choose the same menu.

Cancellations

- > When you cancel your reservation for a day trip, you always pay a € 15 administration fee.
- > When you cancel less than 48 hours in advance, you are charged for the full amount.
- > You are always charged for the number of participants you reserved for (up to) five days in advance (with a minimum of 20 participants), even when the actual number of participants on the day of the trip is smaller.
- > The Tourism Department is only an intermediary and cannot be held responsible for any possible shortcomings of the client and/or the service or for any accidents.

*Day trips have to be booked at least **THREE WEEKS** in advance. In order to receive a reservation form, please fill in the application form (page 79).*



Day trips on the sailing and cycling canal Leuven-Dijle

(every week in July and August. Also on set days in May, June and September)

The Leuven-Dijle canal is a splendid green waterway. The guided day trips by boat from Leuven to Mechelen, with a city visit as well as the canal trips from Leuven to Herent are scheduled twice a week. During the trip the guide narrates the story of the ups and downs of the 'Leuvense Vaart' (Leuven Canal) as it is popularly called: the industrial progression and recession, the story of hop and beer, the former rural boat trips to Tildonk and the recreation on and around the canal today ... From Leuven a family boat trip is organised twice a week to the animal park at Planckendael.

For the cyclist the canal is a peaceful, safe cycling route. You can embark or disembark with your cycle in any canal municipality. You can cycle along the towpath or via the cycling nodes network throughout the Dijleland. You can take part in the touristic boat trips individually or in group (unless otherwise stated) (Table see p. 70).

Guided boat trips from LEUVEN	Place of departure and arrival (start and end of the trip)	Price	Validity
Boat trip from Leuven to Mechelen* > After the boat trip guided walk in Mechelen. > During the Friday trip an intermediate stop with visit of the Chicory museum in Kampenhout can be organised. Entrance: € 2.50/pp.	Leuven: Vaartkom (centre side) 9.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m	adults: € 15 child.: € 11 (excl. entrance Chicory Museum)	<u>every Wed. and Frid.</u> in July and Aug. and on set dates in May, June and Sept.
Boat trip from Leuven to Sportimonium FOR GROUPS ONLY. Boat trip from Leuven to the recreational domain Hofstade and the Sportimonium.* Option: guided visit of the Sportimonium. Group rate: adults: €3.50/pp - child.: €3/pp	Leuven: Vaartkom (centre side) 9.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.	adults: € 15 child.: € 11 (excl. entrance Sportimonium)	<u>every Wed. and Frid.</u> in July and Aug. and on set dates in May, June and Sept
Family boat trip from Leuven to the animal park at Planckendael* Free visit of Planckendael from 12.45 p.m. to 4.50 p.m. A bus collects the participants at 4.50 p.m. from the main entrance for the return trip to Leuven.	Leuven: Vaartkom 9.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.	adults: € 15 Special price for child.: € 8 (excl. entrance Planckendael)	<u>every Wed. and Frid.</u> in July and Aug.
Sailing + cycling: combine 1/2 day sailing with a return trip on your own cycle via the towpath or a signposted cycle route. En route visit the Sportimonium in domain Hofstade (entrance: € 4/pp) or the Chicory Museum at Kampenhout (entrance: € 2.50/pp).	Boat departure from Vaartkom: 9.30 a.m. Arrival Mechelen: 1.30 p.m. Outward or return trip on cycle	adults: € 10 child.: € 8 cycle transport: € 3	On Tue., Wed., Thur. and Frid.
Canal round trip from Leuven to Herent	Leuven: Vaartkom 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	adults: € 6 child.: € 5 child.: < € 3 y.: free	<u>every Tue. and Thur.</u> in July and Aug. On set dates in May, June and Sept.

* Boat-bus combination

Information and reservations:

Brabant canal boat tours

Akenkaai 2bis, 1000 Brussel, Tel. +32 (0)2 203 14 59

info@kanaaltochtenbrabant.be,

www.kanaaltochtenbrabant.be



Leuven, highly enjoyable!

Leuven is a Flemish art city offering a range of possibilities for relaxation and enjoyment: shopping, cycling, enjoying a drink at a sidewalk café ...

Come and see for yourself and experience the Leuven atmosphere!

Package

- > 1 or 2 nights with breakfast
- > A rental bicycle for 1 day with cycling route OR a cinema ticket
- > A discount voucher for certain Leuven stores and shops
- > A tourist information package

Optional (for an additional € 45):

- > A two-course fish or meat menu with two glasses of wine in a trendy restaurant

Valid

Every weekend (Friday-Sunday) throughout the year

Bookings

Tourism Leuven

In&Uit Leuven

Naamsestraat 1, 3000 Leuven

Tel. +32 (0)16 28 23 16 | Fax +32 (0)16 28 23 18

weekend@leuven.be | www.leuven.be



General conditions for weekend arrangements

- > You must register with Toerisme Leuven at least three weeks before your planned weekend visit.
- > Payment must occur by bank transfer into the account of Toerisme Leuven, no later than ten days before the start of your stay. Possible banking costs will be charged to you.
- > For reservations above 10 persons a deposit of 10% of the total amount is required in order to guarantee the reservation.
- > You are not allowed to make more than two changes to the programme or number of participants. Any such changes must be made no later than five days before your scheduled planned weekend arrangement. There will be €5 processing fee per change.

Toerisme Leuven will charge cancellation costs if you decide to cancel your weekend arrangement. These costs comprise:

- > €25.00 up to seven days before your planned visit to Leuven;
- > half the total amount (50%) from the sixth to the third day before your planned visit to Leuven;
- > the total amount (100%) if you cancel two days or one day before your planned visit to Leuven.

Reservation form for guided visits

Complete this page and send by e-mail or fax to:
Toerisme Leuven, In&Uit Leuven,
Naamsestraat 1, 3000 Leuven
Tel. +32 (0)16 28 23 17, Fax +32 (0)16 28 23 18,
visit@leuven.be

The undersigned
Street..... No.....
Postcode Location
Telephone Fax.....
E-mail
Name of the group.....
Number of persons
Number of guides (25 persons per guide).....
Language (one language per guide)
Contact person or leader of the group (name, address, telephone, e-mail).....
.....
Date of guided visit
Duration of guided visit
Meeting with the guide ata.m./p.m. at the steps
of the town hall, Great Market Square
Number of visitorsNationality(ies).....

Tick box of required visit

- Town Hall (1 hour)
- Great Beguinage with/without church (1 hour)
- St. Peter's church with Treasury (1 hour)
- Walk (1 hour)
- Trip using your own transport (1 hour)

Theme walks (2 hours)

- Along green spots
- Mediaeval city
- Statues
- Ladies walk
- University walk
- Saint Gertrude's church and Vismarkt

Additional information

Is your group visiting Leuven for the first time?
How long will your group be staying in Leuven and on what
occasion?
Are you spending the night in Leuven? Where?
Age group and/or education level?.....
Mode of transport?.....

I have read and agree with the general conditions (practical arrangements and reservation) as described on **pages 59-60**.

Date

Signature



Day Trip Reservation Form for Groups

Complete this page and send by e-mail or fax to:
Toerisme Leuven, In&Uit Leuven,
Naamsestraat 1, 3000 Leuven
Tel. +32 (0)16 28 23 16, Fax +32 (0)16 28 23 18,
trips@leuven.be

The undersigned

Street.....No.....

Postcode Location

Telephone Fax

E-mail

Name of the group

Number of persons Language

Contact person or leader of the group (name, address,
telephone, e-mail)

Date of day trip.....

Mode of transport

Tick box of required day trip

- I choose: **day trip 1** – Leuven, university city
 day trip 2 – Along green spots
 day trip 3 – Leuven, provincial capital
 day trip 4 – A sporty day
 day trip 5 – Leuven and Park Abbey
 day trip 6 – Leuven and the Hageland wine region
 day trip 7 – Father Damien from Leuven to Tremelo

For day **trip 3** | *choose theme walk (afternoon)*

- New architecture walk Mediaeval city

For day **trip 4** | *Choose theme walk (morning)*

- Mediaeval city Ladies walk City centre renovation

Choose lunch option

- salad pasta vegetarian

Choose guided bicycle tour

- Abbeys Leuven-la-Neuve

For day **trip 5** | *choose as additional option for afternoon*

- With Without coffee and cake in the abbey

(€3,50 extra per person)

For day **trip 6** | *Choice for the afternoon programme*

- Guided vineyard walk
 Visit to the Art and Wine farm Elzenbosch
 Taste Wezemaal and his wine

For day **trip 5 & 6** | *choose morning programme*

Tick 2 sights

- Great Beguinage Town Hall
 Saint Peter's church
 with Treasury (+€1.25 extra pp) without Treasury
 Saint Gertrude's church and abbey

Day trip lunch (except day trip 4 & 6)

- no meal with menu A
 with menu B (chicken fillet roast pork)
 with menu C with menu D with menu E

I have read and agree with the general conditions (practical arrangements and reservation) as described on **pages 68**.

Date

Signature



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› Going out in Leuven





Events in 2008

In Leuven you will find an abundance of high quality cultural activities and many other leisure time activities. This short chapter of the tourist information guide lists the main events.

For the most recent information *Uit in Leuven* is published once a month, this is the culture and leisure time guide of Leuven. *Uit in Leuven* is free – you can pick it up everywhere in the city. Use it!



Culture

Leuven is a creative and dynamic city also on a cultural level. There is an extensive and varied cultural offer nourished by various cultural hotbeds with well-known names such as the STUK and 30CC cultural centres in the lead.

30CC

Brusselsestraat 63, 3000 Leuven

tel. +32 (0)16 23 84 27

30CC@leuven.be , www.30CC.be

30CC, the cultural centre of Leuven, is one of the cultural leaders in the wider region. You can contact them from the end of September until the end of April for an extensive range of theatre and dance productions, courses, literary activities and children's productions and varied music programming. Free brochure upon request.

Tickets: *In&Uit Leuven, Naamsestraat 1, 3000 Leuven, tel. +32 (0)16 20 30 20*

STUK Kunstencentrum (Arts Centre)

Naamsestraat 96, 3000 Leuven

tel. +32 (0)16 320 320

info@stuk.be, www.stuk.be

STUK is a multidisciplinary, dynamic art centre offering a varied programme including theatre, dance, film, music, performance, visual arts and new media. STUK is the place to be for a big portion of culture.

Free brochure upon request.

Het Depot

Martelarenplein 12, 3000 Leuven

tel. +32 (0)16 22 06 03

info@hetdepot.be, www.hetdepot.be

Het Depot is the leading Leuven music centre. Contact them for the better pop and rock concerts. For musicians there is a wide range of courses, workshops and master classes.

Artforum

Molens van Orshoven – *Kunstenwerkplaats*

Kunstenwerkplaats (Art studio)

Stapelhuisstraat 13-15, 3000 Leuven, tel. +32 (0)16 23 17 59

info@artforumvzw.be, www.artforumvzw.be

Are you young and do you wish to become involved in art? Or maybe you're not really hands on but art does appeal to you? Then you must visit the Artforum and participate in mobile workshops or dance and theatre courses, or meet a real artist and ask him all about his muse.

Braakland/ZheBilding

Molens van Orshoven – Art Workshop

Stapelhuisstraat 15, 3000 Leuven

016/ 226 345 - info@braakland.be, www.inbreek.be

Braakland/ZheBilding makes contemporary and tintillating music theatre. Good texts, good music. Having something significant to say. For BZB making theatre is first and foremost having good material. We are a child of our time and point this out. The world around us is gradually penetrating into our performances. Minor, personal histories against major historic backgrounds. We are looking for a suggestive narrative form that appeals to your ear. We hope you will enjoy being a spectator. May the words and the music do what is close to our hearts: penetrate into you through your ear and leave something there that will hopefully be unforgettable.

Emanon

Molens van Orshoven – *Kunstenwerkplaats*

Stapelhuisstraat 13-15, 3000 Leuven

tel. +32 (0)16 29 91 02

info@emanon.be, www.emanon.be

Emanon groups a number of young and talented musicians. The ensemble has a flair for new Flemish compositions and guarantees a strong group performance.

fABULEUS

Molens van Orshoven – *Kunstenwerkplaats*

Stapelhuisstraat 13-15, 3000 Leuven

tel. +32(0)16 22 78 55

info@fabuleus.be, www.fabuleus.be

fABULEUS realizes theatre and dance productions with young people and has them coached by professional dancers and theatre producers. fABULEUS also works with young producers with performing arts training or who have moved up the ladder from youth organizations.

Mooss

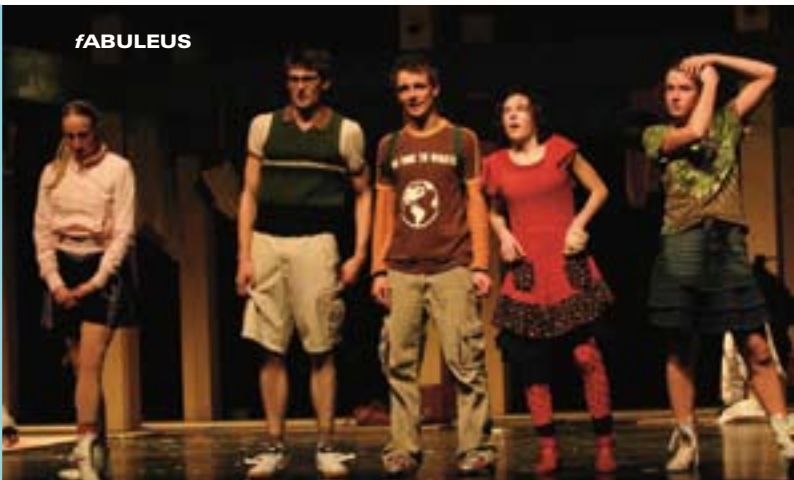
Molens van Orshoven – *Kunstenwerkplaats*

Stapelhuisstraat 13-15, 3000 Leuven

tel. +32 (0)16 65 94 65, www.mooss.org

Mooss is a national youth service for active art education for children, young people and their supervisors. Mooss specializes in the customized elaboration and coaching of art education products, (large and small) participation projects and workshops.

fABULEUS



SIWE

Molens van Orshoven – *Kunstenwerkplaats*

Stapelhuisstraat 13-15, 3000 Leuven

tel. +32 (0)16 58 43 42, info@siwe.be, www.siwe.be

The Office for Industrial and Scientific Heritage is a young and dynamic association. SIWE vzw (non-profit association) is interested in items and documents related to the evolution of knowledge and technology in industry and science. They aim to maintain, study, inventory and discover the secrets of these items.

Artes.Leuven

Naamsestraat 96, 3000 Leuven

tel. +32(0)16 32 04 39,

artes@leuven.be, www.artesleuven.be

Artes.Leuven (° 2002) is the successor to the Leuvens Exhibition Association (° 1990). Artes.Leuven organizes large-scale quality exhibitions on the museum site in Leuven. It focuses on both art and science. Artes.Leuven is a cooperation project of the city of Leuven, the province Flemish Brabant and the Catholic University of Leuven.



Leuvenement

Savoyestraat 4, 3000 Leuven

tel. +32 (0)16 22 70 99

info@leuvenement-vzw.be, www.leuvenement-vzw.be

Leuvenement vzw (non-profit association) has been the new name of VVV Leuven since 2005. This association organizes events intended to highlight Leuven (inter)nationally. Leuvenement is the organizer of HapjeTapje, Leuven Bevlagd, Zomer in de Kruidtuin (Summer in the Botanical Garden) and the biannual international open-air theatre festival Leuven In Scène.

Festival of Flanders

Brusselsestraat 63, 3000 Leuven

tel. +32 (0)16 20 05 40

festival.vlaams.brabant@skynet.be, www.festival.be

The Festival of Flanders Flemish Brabant focuses on 20th and 21st century music. NOVECENTO is the sounding name for the seven concerts featuring 20th century music. There is always a reason to attend a NOVECENTO concert: the exceptional cast, 'never heard live', the outstanding musicians, their special affinity with the music on the programme and last but not least: the music is always truly excellent. TRANSIT goes one step further and brings 21st century contemporary music. This is a creative weekend to become absorbed in and imbibe innovation. Talent from our country and from far beyond our borders, composes, interprets and makes music. The festival months are September and October.

Cultural Heritage Cell Leuven

Brusselsestraat 63, 3000 Leuven

tel. +32 (0) 16 24 14 55 en +32 (0)16 24 14 56

erfgoedcel@leuven.be , www.erfgoedcelleuven.be

The heritage cell aims to bring together people, organisations and heritage to ensure the lasting care for and a quality approach to our heritage. It aims to make the varied cultural heritage in Leuven better known and wishes to support the various cultural heritage organizations of Leuven with this. The focus is on movable and intangible heritage: objects, collections, documents, stories, traditions...

The cultural heritage cell elaborates public projects in which the ties with the citizens of Leuven and with the past of the city play a central role and coordinates the annual Cultural Heritage Day in Leuven.

University concerts

Take place during the academic year in several university buildings.

Info: *K.U.Leuven-Cultural Co-ordination,*

Naamsestraat 96, 3000 Leuven, tel +32 (0)16 32 03 40

cultuur@kuleuven.be

Museums

Museum Vander Kelen-Mertens

Willemstraat 7, 3000 Leuven
tel. +32 (0)16 22 69 06 - 23 27 78
museum@leuven.be
www.leuven.be/museumsite

The Leuven museum Vander Kelen-Mertens will close its doors for major renovation works until September 2009. The greater part of the collection will move to a temporary location on the Leuvense Vaart (Leuven Canal).

Until the grand reopening in 2009 the museum will be a ZwerfMuseum (Itinerant Museum) and the collection will be exhibited in various locations in the city. Within the scope of the 06/09 project the museum will "take to the streets" and approach the public with its collected items.

Treasury of Saint Peter

Sint-Pieterskerk, Grote Markt, 3000 Leuven
tel. +32 (0)16 29 51 33
museum@leuven.be
www.leuven.be/museumsite

Religious art including the world famous triptych 'The Last Supper' by Dirk Bouts (15th century). Also other paintings, sculptures, church furniture and collection of altar vessels and silverware are exhibited in this Late Gothic church.

Open: *Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4.30 p.m., Sundays and on public holidays from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. On Mondays from 15 March until 15 October also from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Closed on 25 and 26 December, 1 and 2 January.*

Admission: *€ 2,50 for individuals; € 1,25 per person in a group of 10 people or over; € 1,25 for young people between 12 and 18, for students and senior citizens. Children under 12 do not need to pay an entrance fee.*

Would you like an audioguide? *Then admission is € 4 / € 3. You can have a separate audioguide for € 1,50.*



National Scouts Museum

*Chapel of the former Saint Gertrude Abbey.
Sint-Geertruiabdij 5, Halfmaartstraat, 3000 Leuven
tel. +32 (0)16 25 72 70 - 25 40 74.*

History of the scouts movement with badges, flags, documents and photos, library.

Open: 15 th May to 31st October: every Sunday from 2 p.m. till 6 p.m.

For groups: also by appointment.

Admission: free

Spoelberchmuseum

*K.U.Leuven, Heilig-Geestcollege, Naamsestraat 40,
3000 Leuven. tel. +32 (0)16 32 40 07, info@kuleuven.be*

A small museum displaying works of art from the legacy de Spoelberch: silverware, china and a selection of furniture and paintings, recently restored (16th-19th century).

Open: the second Saturday of the month from 2 p.m. till 5 p.m. (not on public holidays).

For groups: by appointment and after booking a guide (Catholic University Leuven)



Central University Library

*Centrale bibliotheek,
Monseigneur Ladeuzeplein 21, 3000 Leuven.*

Andreas Valerius Hall

A selection of precious works, books and manuscripts of the University Library is on display in this hall.

Museum of the Flemish Student World

The history of the Flemish Student World is illustrated in a great many records and objects.

Open: *by appointment:*

tel. +32 (0)16 32 46 60

jan.vanimpe@bib.kuleuven.ac.be,

www.bib.kuleuven.ac.be

Library

Tweebronnen Library

Rijschoolstraat 4 bus 101, 3000 Leuven,

tel. +32(0)16 22 65 22

bibliotheek@leuven.be, www.leuven.be/bibliotheek

The Tweebronnen building was designed by the renowned Belgian architect Henry van de Velde. It is one of the few examples of modern constructions in the nineteen thirties in Leuven.

Even if you are not a citizen of Leuven you can benefit from the offer of the Tweebronnen public library. Daily you will find 21 different newspapers and every month there are some 350 magazines, both in a wide selection of foreign languages. Use the Internet free of charge but make sure you make a prior reservation. To borrow books, CDs or DVDs you must pay a membership fee but this does allow you to borrow 20 materials for a period of 28 days!

Educational organizations

Wisper vzw

*Diestsesteenweg 104, 3010 Kessel-Lo,
tel. +32 (0)16 25 16 21
info@wisper, www.wisper.be*

Wisper is a training organization for children and young people that make culture and art even more appealing than they already are! Learning all about art, learning to understand and appreciate art is a must, creating art yourself 'is as good as it gets'. Every spring, every summer and every autumn Wisper offers a varied selection of workshops and courses in various artistic disciplines.

Stad en Architectuur vzw

*Rijschoolstraat 4 bus 201, 3000 Leuven,
tel. +32 (0)16 22 22 39
info@stadenarchitectuur.be,
www.stadenarchitectuur.be*

Stad en Architectuur vzw ('City and architecture') aims to sharpen the interest and sensitivity for architecture among public administrations, users and inhabitants of the city, potential principals, in short: the general public. Not only do they organize exhibitions, Architecture Day and the biannual Architecture prize of the City of Leuven, they also arrange lectures, information and debating evenings as well as working groups.

Cirkus in beweging (Circus in motion)

*Erasme Ruelensvest 127, 3001 Leuven,
tel. +32 (0)16 60 32 63
info@cirkusinbeweging.be,
www.cirkusinbeweging.be*

Cirkus in beweging offers a varied programme for amateurs of circus art and movement. The team of *Cirkus in beweging* organizes courses, training sessions and workshops while also providing the side animation for all kinds of activities.

***Other organizations: more information at
www.uitinleuven.be***



Sport and Recreation

Leuven can be enjoyed in many ways: it is an excellent base for active pursuits or relaxation. Rowing on a lake or relaxing in a sauna, ballooning, golf or miniature golf, climbing or boating. For the brave, there are Viking tours or boat trips on the river Dijle in genuine Viking boats. Cycling, however, is the main pursuit here as Leuven is a cycling town par excellence. You can explore Leuven and environs by bike on your own or by joining one of the guided cycling tours organised by Tourism Leuven. A number of local partners also organise special events and incentives.



Sportoase

Thanks to this new sports complex on the Philips site, Leuven boasts one of the best developed sports facilities in the country.

For the design, construction and running of the complex a public private cooperation (PPC) was set up. Sportoase, a three-partner joint venture, is entrusted with the realization of the sports complex. After the 34 year lease expires the city will acquire the property rights. During this period the city pays for the use of the sports facilities leased to schools and clubs. Sportoase determines the other user rates.

Sportoase offers many sports. The city is the main user of the swimming pool, the large sports hall with 3,000 seats, the martial arts hall and dancing sports hall. The sports pool (25 m long with 8 lanes) is suitable for competition swimming, water polo, diving and synchronized swimming. The target group pool has an adjustable floor to customise the pool to the user's needs.

The private partner is the main user of the recreation pool and infant swimming pool and has a polyvalent sports hall, a large fitness room, a sauna room, two squash courts, a climbing wall and a catering section with meeting rooms. Men and women with young children can enjoy their favourite sports without a

care as Sportoase also provides a crèche in the complex. Enjoy a drink or a snack in the centrally located café with a view of the sports hall and recreation pool or in one of the other cafés in the building.

There is also a centrally located café that serves as a meeting place for the whole site.

*Sportoase, Philipssite 6, 3000 Leuven,
tel. +32 (0)16 74 07 40,
leuven@sportoase.be, www.sportoase.be*

Active recreation and sports facilities

Balloon trips

Skydance

tel. +32 (0)53 78 05 13

*moniek.vande.velde@skynet.be
www.ballonvaartenskydance.be*

VOF Balloon Trips

*Patrick Vanassche, Dalemstraat 35, 3053 Haasrode
tel. +32 (0)16 40 27 42, +32 (0)496 76 51 89*

Guided 4X4 trips

Accompanied trips through the Hageland region, guided by an experienced instructor. 1-day packages possible.

Minimum 6 participants. Price upon request.

*Info: Natural Exclusive Sports (NES),
tel. +32 (0)495 53 45 34
herman.smulders@nes.be, www.nes.be*

Bowling and snooker

> **Bowl-Kings**, Ijzerenmolenstraat 6, 3001 Leuven,
tel. +32 (0)16 89 02 76, bowl.kings.nv@pandora.be

> **Bowling Centre Leuven**

Naamsestraat 89, 3000 Leuven, tel. +32 (0)16 20 01 45

> **Health City Leuven**, Kol. Begaultlaan 15, 3012 Leuven,
tel. +32 (0)16 29 10 88

Cycling

Cycle brochures

Several bicycle routes offer ample opportunities for discovering Leuven and Flemish Brabant.

The following brochures (only in Dutch) are for sale at Tourism Leuven, In&uit Leuven, Naamsestraat 1, 3000 Leuven, tel. +32 (0)16 20 30 20, tourism@leuven.be, www.uitinleuven.be

Cycling Routes Flemish Brabant

Departing from Leuven

- > **Cycling Junction Network Hageland** - € 5
- > **Dijlenetwork**, 300 km - € 3
Across Flemish Brabant
- > **Hoevenroute (Farm route)**, 32 km - € 1,75
Leuven - Bierbeek - Mollendal - Bovenheide - Bremt - Lovenjoel - Korbeek-Lo - Den Duivel
- > **Horst route**, 34 km - € 1,75
Leuven - Kessel-Lo - Gobbelsrode - Sint-Pieters-Rode - Nieuwrode - Wezemaal - Holsbeek
- > **Rock-werchter route**, 34 km - € 1,75
Leuven - Rotselaar (De Plas) - Werchter - Hanewijk - Wakkerzeel - Wijgmaal (Leuven - Dijle canal) - Wilsele

Miscellaneous

- > **Bietenroute**, 42 km - € 1,75
Zoutleeuw - Dormaal - Halle Booienhoven - Neerlanden - Neerhespen - Overhespen - Orsmaal - Wommersom - Drieslinter
- > **Boerenkrijgroute**, 45 km - € 1,75
Affligem - Liedekerke - Roosdaal - Ternat
- > **Boomgaardenroute**, 44 km - € 1,75
Zoutleeuw - Nieuwerkerken - Rummen - Halen - Kortenen - Kersbeek Miskom - Ransberg - Budingen
- > **Breugelroute**, 45 km - € 1,75
Dilbeek - Lennik - Schepdaal
- > **Eddy Merckxroute**, 37 km - € 1,75
Meise - Vijfwegen - Oppem - Wolvertem - Meuzegem - Breestraten - Rossem - Nerom - Hoognerom - Sint-Brixius-Rode
- > **Gordelroute**, 100 km - € 1,75
Zaventem - Tervuren - Gaasbeek - Groenendaal - Beersel - Meise
- > **Herman Teirlinckroute**, 45 km - € 1,75
Halle - Dworp - Sint-Genesius Rode - Beersel
- > **Kanaalroute**, 39 km - € 1,75
Grimbergen - Vilvoorde - Eppegem - Zemst - Kapelle-op-den-Bos (Willebroekse vaart)



- > **Landense Fietsroute**, 43 km - € 1,75
Landen - Attenhoven - Rumsdorp - Neerlanden -
Neerwinden - Wange - Ezemaal - Laar - Overwinden -
Waasmont - Walshoutem - Montenaken - Wezeren
- > **Land Van Asseroute**, 39 km - € 1,75
Affligem - Essene - Kobbegem - Brussegem - Mollem
- Asse
- > **Markroute**, 45 km - € 1,75
Galmaarden - Viane - Sint-Pieters-Kapelle - Herne -
Tollembeek - Vollezele
- > **Meandersroute**, 30 km - € 1,75
Rotselaar (De Plas) - Eekt - Wezemaal - Klarenbos -
Gelrode - 's Hertogenheide - Aarschot - Werchter
- > **Molenbeekroute**, 31 km - € 1,75
Londerzeel - Lippelobos - Malderen - Steenhuffel
- > **Route Diest - Zoutleeuw - Tienen**, € 1,75 (Yzerenweg)
- > **Ter Rijstroute**, 39 km - € 1,75
Herne - Bogaarden - Den Daal - Pepingen - Herfelingen
- > **Twee Getenroute**, 33 km - € 1,75
Zoutleeuw - Helen Bos - Melkwezer - Drieslinter -
Ransberg - Kortenaken - Budingen
- > **Valleitjesroute**, 31 km - € 1,75
Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-Lombeek - Neigem - Vollezele -
Oetingen - Gooik

- > **Witloofroute**, 34 km - € 1,75
Zemst - Vilvoorde - Steenokkerzeel - Kampenhout - Boortmeerbeek
- > **Zoniënwoudroute**, 50 km - € 1,75
Groenendaal - Middenhut - Bezemhoek - Jezus-Eik - Tervuren - Eizer - Overijse - Hoeilaart
- > **Zuunbeekroute**, 25 km - € 1,75
Gaasbeek - Elingen - Bellingen - Beert - Oudenaken

Guided cycle trips

Guided cycle and recreation trip through the historic centre of Leuven. During a guided cycle trip lasting approximately four hours you will do four different popular sports.

Info: *Natural Exclusive Sports (NES)*,
tel. +32 (0)495 53 45 34,
herman.smulders@nes.be, www.nes.be

Cycle rentals

- > **Rijwielen Cadans**
Naamsestraat 123, 3000 Leuven. tel. +32 (0)16 35 59 09,
www.cadans.eu
Open: Monday-Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- > **Provinciedomein Kessel-Lo**
Gemeenteplein 5, 3010 Kessel-Lo. tel. +32 (0)16 25 13 92
provinciedomein.kessello@vlaamsbrabant.be
www.vlaamsbrabant.be/ontspannen/provinciedomeinen
Open from 1 April through 30 September

> VELO

Cycle rentals for groups:

Minderbroedersstraat 12 blok U, 3000 Leuven
tel. +32 (0)16 33 74 30), open on working days from
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cycle rentals for private individuals:

Cycle point Leuven station (at the cycle parking next to the station), +32 (0)477 96 27 20, open on Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Info: www.velo.be or info@velo.be

Golf

*Winge Golf & Country Club,
Leuvensesteenweg 252, 3390 Sint-Joris-Winge,
tel. +32 (0)16 63 40 53, fax +32 (0)16 63 21 40
winge@golf.be, www.golf.be/winge*

18 holes, 6.049 m

Lake practice, introduction for beginners and coaching for advanced players. Closed on Mondays.

Ice skating

*Ondernemingenweg 1, 3001 Leuven
tel. +32 (0)16 40 30 60
info@ijsbaanleuven.be, www.ijsbaanleuven.be*

Yacht-basin

Vaartkom 57, 3000 Leuven

45 berths for members' yachts. For tourists: 130-metre jetty provided with electricity and drinking water, toilets and showers available at the marina. Annual harbour festivities on the last week of June.

Info yacht-basin: *harbour master André Alen
tel +32 (0)16 20 16 03 of +32 (0)479 56 00 27.*

Info yacht club: *VVW Leuven vzw,
Vaartkom 57, 3000 Leuven,
tel. +32 (0)16 44 40 60, hugo.vc@scarlet.be
www.vvwleuven.be*

Canoe and kayak

Descent of the Dijle in a two-person canoe, one-person kayak or large Indio boats for 10 persons.

3 options:

1. Route Korbeek-Dijle up to the Celestijnenlaan in Heverlee + return walk
2. Route Korbeek-Dijle to Leuven trainstation
3. Route Korbeek-Dijle up to the Celestijnenlaan with Indio canoes for 10 persons with guide + return walk

Info: *Natur-Natur, Stationsstraat 13, 3060 Korbeek-Dijle
tel. +32 (0)16 47 01 02, info@natur-natur.be
www.natur-natur.be*

Kickbike

- > city hunts and walks on kickbikes
- > city games customized for companies
- > tasting and culinary walks

Information: *Cameleon Events, Vaartkom 41, 3000 Leuven, Tel. + 32 (0)474 / 97 12 54, info@cameleon-events.be, www.cameleon-events.be*

Climbing

> Klimzaal Hungaria

Engels Plein 15, 3000 Leuven,

Info: *tel. +32 (0)16 29 24 13, info@klimzaalhungaria.be
www.klimzaalhungaria.be*

Climbing room Hungaria, Engels Plein 15, 3000 Leuven, Climbing surface of 750 m², climbing routes up to 22 m high, introduction.

> Sportoase

Philipssite 6, 3001 Leuven,

Info: *tel. +32 (0)16 74 07 40
leuven@sportoase.be, www.sportoase.be*

Climbing routes up to 15 m high, 400 m² climbing surface.

Midget golf

> Provinciedomein Kessel-Lo

*Gemeenteplein 5, 3010 Kessel-Lo. tel. +32 (0)16 25 13 92
provinciedomein.kessello@vlaamsbrabant.be
www.vlaamsbrabant.be/ontspannen/provinciedomeinen*

Mountain bike

Mountain bike rental:

- > unaccompanied for a whole day
- > guided trips
- > photorally with topographic map

Info: *Natur-Natur,*

Stationsstraat 13, 3060 Korbeek-Dijle,

tel. +32 (0)16 47 01 02,

info@natur-natur.be, www.natur-natur.be

Orienteering

Organised search with topographic map through the Dijle Valley.

Info: *Natur - Natur,*

Stationsstraat 13, 3060 Korbeek-Dijle,

tel. +32 (0)16 47 01 02, info@natur-natur.be,

www.natur-natur.be



Horse riding

*Meerdaalhof b.v.b.a., Meerdaalweg 2, 3050 Oud-Heverlee,
tel. +32 (0)16 47 75 96, meerdaalhof@proximedia.be,
www.meerdaalhof.be*

Lessons for beginners and advanced, rides for advanced, Shetland ponies for children up to 8 years, guided tours, outdoor ring, covered riding ring, holiday camps.

Petanque

Provinciedomein Kessel-Lo

*Gemeenteplein 5, 3010 Leuven, tel. +32 (0)16 25 13 92
provinciedomein.kessello@vlaamsbrabant.be
www.vlaamsbrabant.be/ontspannen/provinciedomeinen*

Rowing

Provinciedomein Kessel-Lo

*Gemeenteplein 5, 3010 Leuven, tel. +32 (0)16 25 13 92
provinciedomein.kessello@vlaamsbrabant.be
www.vlaamsbrabant.be/ontspannen/provinciedomeinen*



Roller skating

Provinciedomein Kessel-Lo

Gemeenteplein 5, 3010 Leuven, tel. +32 (0)16 25 13 92

provinciedomein.kessello@vlaamsbrabant.be

www.vlaamsbrabant.be/ontspannen/provinciedomeinen

Sauna

> **Aqua Heaven**, *Nerviërsstraat 37, 3000 Leuven,*

tel. +32 (0)16 29 52 95, www.aquaheaven.be

> **Life Style Fitness**, *Penitentienstraat 13, 3000 Leuven,*

tel. +32 (0)16 20 14 09.

leuven@lifestylefitness.be, www.lifestylefitness.be

> **Healthcity Leuven**, *Kol. Begaultlaan 15, 3012 Leuven, tel.*

+32 (0)16 29 10 88.

> **Fitness Center Leuven**, *Diestsestraat 133, 3000 Leuven,*

tel. +32 (0)16 23 65 65, www.newfit.be

> **Cybele**, *Vital Decosterstraat 4, 3000 Leuven,*

tel. +32 (0)16 22 11 86, www.instituutcybele.be

> **Sportoase**, *Philipssite 6, 3001 Leuven,*

tel. +32 (0)16 74 07 40

leuven@sportoase.be, www.sportoase.be

Skating and Boarding

Provinciedomein Kessel-Lo

Gemeenteplein 5, 3010 Leuven, tel. +32 (0)16 25 13 92
provinciedomein.kessello@vlaamsbrabant.be
www.vlaamsbrabant.be/ontspannen/provinciedomeinen

Squash

- > **Killshot Squash Center Leuven**, Hollestraat 20, 3001 Leuven, tel. +32 (0)16 20 15 90, www.killshot.be, squash@killshot.be.
- > **Sportopolis Squash & Fitness Centrum de Vaart**, Kol. Begaultlaan 15, 3012 Leuven, tel. +32 (0)16 23 57 68
- > **University Squash Club**, Rapengang 2, 3000 Leuven, tel. +32 (0)16 22 44 50
- > **Sportoase**, Philipssite 6, 3001 Leuven, tel. +32 (0)16 74 07 40
leuven@sportoase.be, www.sportoase.be

Tennis

> Provinciedomein Kessel-Lo

Gemeenteplein 5, 3010 Leuven, tel. +32 (0)16 25 13 92
provinciedomein.kessello@vlaamsbrabant.be
www.vlaamsbrabant.be/ontspannen/provinciedomeinen

> Municipal sport halls, information at the Municipal Sports Centre:

Domein de Bron, Koetsweg 122, 3010 Kessel-Lo, tel. +32 (0)16 44 26 50, sportdienst@leuven.be, www.leuven.be/sport

Leuven University

The K.U. Leuven has a marvellous sports infrastructure. An overview of the 46 different sports you can learn and do in the University Sports Centre and the opening hours of all sports facilities can be found on the Faculty of Physical Education and Physiotherapy web pages: sport@kuleuven.be, www.kuleuven.be/sport, tel. +32 (0)16 32 91 30

Raft trips

Rafting on the Dijle with self-made raft.

Price: starting from €13.00 per person. Trip on the water of approximately 4 hours without guide.

Info: Natur-Natur, Stationsstraat 13, 3060 Korbeek-Dijle, tel. +32 (0)16 47 01 02, info@natur-natur.be, www.natur-natur.be

Viking-trip

A trip on the river Dijle in Viking ships, as used by the Vikings in their attack on Leuven. Torch parade and sailing, from 10 persons.

Info: Natur-Natur, Stationsstraat 13, 3060 Korbeek-Dijle, tel. +32 (0)16 47 01 02, info@natur-natur.be, www.natur-natur.be

Popular sports

During a guided cycle tour of about 4 hours, you can try your hand at four different popular sports (English billiards, "struifwerpen", "struifvogel" and "staande wipschieten"). The tour is concluded with a visit to the Town Hall.

Info: NES, Natural Exclusive Sports, Steenbergstraat 2, 3050 Oud-Heverlee, tel. en fax +32 (0)16 47 17 19
herman.smulders@nes.be, www.nes.be

Walking

Various walking guides available at In&Uit Leuven offer you ample scope for getting to know Leuven and Flemish Brabant.

- > 7 walks in the West Pajottenland - € 6
- > 8 walks in the East Pajottenland - € 6
- > 6 walks between the Zenne valley and Soignes Forest - € 6
- > 9 walks in Soignes Forest - € 9
- > 15 walks in the Dijleland - € 9
- > Walking network Winge valley - € 9
- > Walking network Gete valley - € 6
- > Walking book North Dijleland - € 6
- > 12 walks in Hageland Haspengouw - € 6
- > 15 walks in the Velpe valley - € 6
- > Box 9 nature walks in the North Hageland - € 9
- > 16 walks Dender-Lombeek, € 6
- > 29 walks Brabantse kouters, € 9
- > Groene Halte: Doode Bemdedwaling, € 1

Info: Tourism Leuven, In&Uit Leuven, Naamsestraat 1, tel. +32 (0)16 20 30 20
tourism@leuven.be, www.leuven.be/tourism

Guided nature walks

A walk through the Dijleland region led by a nature guide and a visit to the De Doode Bemde nature reserve.

Info: vzw De Vrienden van Heverleebos en Meerdaalwoud, Waversebaan 66, 3001 Leuven, tel. +32 (0)16 23 05 58,
vhm.infocentrum@skynet.be, home.tiscalinet.be/vhm-site

Swimming

> Sportoase

Philipssite 6, 3001 Heverlee, tel. +32 (0)16 740 740
leuven@sportoase.be, www.sportoase.be

> Swimming pool Kessel-Lo, Stadionlaan 4, 3010 Leuven,

tel. +32 (0)16 25 34 80, fax +32 (0)16 26 19 76

> Swimming pool Wilsele, Aarschotsesteenweg 730, 3012 Leuven,

tel. +32 (0)16 44 33 88,
fax +32 (0)16 44 51 45

> Heated open air-splash pool,

Provinciedomein Kessel-Lo

Gemeenteplein 5, 3010 Leuven, tel. +32 (0)16 25 13 92

provinciedomein.kessello@vlaamsbrabant.be

www.vlaamsbrabant.be/ontspannen/provinciedomeinen



Parks

Leuven is also a city of green spaces. Large expanses of park land and estates on the outskirts of the city provide ample opportunity for leisure and sporting activities. The Provincial Park offers an ideal location where young and old can relax. There are some fascinating walks around the lakes of Park Abbey and in the grounds of Arenberg Castle. An interesting riverside walk follows the Dijle as it meanders through the city. Many of the municipal parks and gardens are open to the public. The magnificently restored Orangery in the Botanical Garden is well worth seeing, and the hothouses full of exotic plants are open to the public.



PARKS AND GARDENS

Kruidtuin (Botanical garden)

*'Hortus Botanicus Lovaniensis',
Kapucijnenvoer 30, 3000 Leuven*

Leuven is one of the few cities in our country to have a botanical garden. The botanical garden - called 'Kruidtuin' or 'Herb Garden' - is the oldest in Belgium, dating from 1738.

The first scientific gardens were botanical gardens with collections as well as supplies of plants used for medical purposes. The botanical gardens therefore had a direct connection with medicine.

Later on purer botanical gardens were arranged to include plant collections which might become economically conducive; which included unusual plants and plants to be used as study objects.

The narrow concept 'herb-garden' was abandoned and the first botanical gardens or arboreta were laid out. However, the old name 'herb-garden' stayed on for various institutions, such as in Leuven. Within the surface area of approximately 2,2 hectares, one can find an extensive collection of trees, shrubs and bushes. Situated next to the collection of herbaceous plants, herbs, water and tank plants is the greenhouse complex, displaying a variety of tropical and subtropical plants (450 m²).

Due to the Royal decree on 6th July 1976 the orangery became classified as a monument and the whole botanical garden as a landscape.

The botanical garden has a whole new look thanks to restoration work, a new layout and the addition of new elements.

There are regular exhibitions in the orangery, in the gate way and in the open air space. Situated in the centre of a university city, the significance of a botanical garden in didactic, tourism, cultural-historic, economic, scientific and recreational terms is of great importance.

The botanical garden is open free of charge all year round to the general public:

> 1/10 - 30/4, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.*

> 1/5 - 30/9, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.*

**On Sundays and public holidays: open from 9 a.m.*

> Closed on 25 December and 1 January

*The garden is managed and cared for by the municipal
Groendienst (environmental department),
tel. +32 (0)16 29 44 88,
groendienst@leuven.be , www.leuven.be*

Sint-Donatuspark (Donatus Park)

*Vlamingenstraat – Deberiotstraat – Tiensestraat,
3000 Leuven*

In the front, on the right (Tiensestraat), the statue 'Abraham' that plays a part in the folklore of Leuven, can be seen. The plane-trees alley lies in the filled out outside moat of the town ramparts on the right of which the first ringwall was built in the 12th century. A few towers, in sandstone and iron sandstone can be observed in the park. The wider part of the park came into being in 1866 by assembling private properties, e.g. the burnt down Saint-Donatus's college and the gardens of three colleges. A large park was laid out in English landscape style.

The park was fully renovated between 1993 and 1998.

Rambergpark,

Naamsestraat 70, 3000 Leuven

Mariapark,

Bankstraat, 3000 Leuven

Park Den Bruul,

Brouwersstraat, 3000 Leuven

Tuin Dewalque,

Nobelstraat, 3000 Leuven

Dijlepark,

Schapenstraat, 3000 Leuven

The closed municipal parks are accessible from 9 a.m. until 9.30 p.m. from May through September and from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. from October through April.

PARKS IN KESSEL-LO

Nature Park Kesselberg,

Koningsstraat, 3010 Leuven

Grazing-project with Hebridian sheep
Guided tour with nature guide is possible.
Bookings: tel. +32 (0)16 29 44 88.

Provincial Recreation Park Kessel-Lo

Gemeenteplein 5, 3010 Leuven

*tel. +32 (0)16 25 13 92, fax +32 (0)16 35 07 40
provinciedomein.kessello@vlaamsbrabant.be,
www.vlaamsbrabant.be/kessello*

What is on offer...

The Provincial Recreation Park Kessel-Lo is a family park whose success is based on three pillars: recreation, sports and education.

Children will enjoy themselves in the playgrounds, electric boats, minicars, midget golf and renovated open-air heated





splashing pool. In the traffic park they can cycle and drive go-carts. They can row or cycle on a pedal boat on the 5 ha pond. And obviously there is also a climbing wood: the children can climb 'between the branches of the trees' via a route of ropes and large tree huts.

Sports enthusiasts can play tennis, football, volleyball or basketball and the park also has a beautiful roller skating ring and skate ramps.

Yet Kessel-Lo has more to offer than "just" fun. You can learn something too! In the bee-house for instance visitors can follow the activities of the bees from behind glass and a small exhibition tells you all you need to know about honey and bees wax. Twice a year the bee-keeper extracts the honey while the public looks on. At regular intervals visitors can pour or roll candles made of real bees wax. You can ask the bee-keeper for a guided tour.

In the eco centre you will learn a great deal about 'water'. Here various subjects are highlighted such as water pollution, water treatment, water collection, water flora and fauna and rational water consumption.

You can also enjoy yourself in Kessel-Lo by walking in the park and among the flower-beds. A footpath leads to the former abbey of Vlierbeek.

Open:

Summertime: every day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Wintertime: every day from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The attractions are open from the Easter holidays until the end of September from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Entrance to the park: free of charge

PARKS IN OUD-HEVERLEE

Zoet Water

M. Noëstraat 15, 3050 Oud-Heverlee.

tel. +32 (0)16 47 75 55,

zoetwater@zoetwater.be, www.zoetwater.be

The Zoet Water is a peaceful yet nonetheless active do-park. Astronauts experience weightlessness in the Loop-the-Loop. Deep-sea skippers test gravity in the nautic-jet. A select racing track invites the girls to show off their driving skills in go-karts. Boys can bounce around on the trampolines. Toddlers can take a ride with Mum and Dad on the miniature train, the Rio Grande. Grannies and Grandpas can play mini-golf with their grandchildren on a crazy course.

There is a brand new water play area with rocks, waterfalls, fountains, channels and small pools of water. At a water-safe distance, the parents and grandparents can keep an eye on the happenings as they snack and sip at an outdoor café.

In a word, a pleasant and family-friendly park for creative children, playful parents and teachers with imagination.

Open: 19 March - 16 Oct. , from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays and holidays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

zoetwater@zoetwater.be, www.zoetwater.be

WOODS

Heverlee wood (650 ha), Meerdaal forest (1319 ha) and Egenhoven wood (54 ha)

The green lung of Leuven

Together with nearby Meerdaal forest Heverlee wood represents a clear environmental and scenic beacon to the south of the city. These two remnants of the large Kolen forest are still one of today's largest Flemish wood complexes. Both were selected as major nature reserves in the Regional Planning Programme for Flanders and belong to the European ecological network.

The grid-shaped road pattern links the two woods. Yet the vision on both wooded areas differs: Heverlee wood has developed into a real city wood where natural variation is subordinate to the recreation of city dwellers. Walkers, cyclists and all kinds of holiday-makers can relax there in a most enjoyable setting. Large maps immediately offer the visitor the required information, benches are available in various locations and there are explanatory notices near the plants and trees.

As opposed to this nature prevails in the Meerdaal forest. Some sections have restricted access so that nature can thrive in all its diversity.

Info about guided visits of Heverleebos, Meerdaalwoud and Egenhovenbos: de Vrienden van Heverleebos en Meerdaalwoud, vzw Waversebaan 66, (1ste verdieping), 3001 Leuven, tel. +32 (0)16 23 05 58, vhm.infocentrum@skynet.be, www.vhm-vzw.org







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› Hotels, Restaurants, Cafés and Congress tourism





Food and drink

Finding a nice place for a drink or a bite to eat is not hard in Leuven. With no less than 178 restaurants and 241 cafés, Leuven may well feature the largest concentration of food and drink outlets in Flanders. The town offers a varied selection of high quality catering establishments, which are continually monitored by the Leuven catering inspectorate. This inspectorate checks the quality of the food as well as the safety of restaurants and cafes. And in its role as Beer City, Leuven has of course no lack of outdoor cafés where on a sunny day you can sit down and enjoy a locally-brewed beer. Cheers!

› Restaurants

 African cuisine



Italian cuisine

 French/Belgian cuisine



Latin-american cuisine

 French/Ital./Belg. cuisine









Mediterranean cuisine

 Greek



Oriental cuisine

	Name	Telephone	Address
✚	Isimbi	016 29 10 99	Alfons Smetsplein 11
✚	Koutoubiya	016 50 15 70	Muntstraat 40-42
✚	Monastir	016 22 72 23	Brusselsestraat 142
✚	Toeareg	016 23 15 55	Parijsstraat 37
★	Boardroom	016 31 44 55	Jules Vandenbemptlaan 6
★	De Appel	016 20 18 94	Ravenstraat 15
★★	McDonald's	016 20 07 52	Kortestraat 7-9
★★	Quick Restaurant	016 23 62 17	Fochplein 1
	Arenberg	016 22 47 75	Kapeldreef 46
	Bretoense Hoeve	016 25 07 07	Tiensesteenweg 344
	Breugelhof	016 20 18 71	Dekenstraat 3
	Couvert Couvert	016 29 69 79	Sint Jansbergsesteenweg 171
	d'Artagnan	016 29 26 26	Krakenstraat 9-11
	De Blauwe Maan	016 29 97 47	Mechelsestraat 22
	De Clijne Taefel	016 22 77 18	Naamsestraat 47
	De Kansel	016 22 09 23	Muntstraat 15
	De Kernel	016 20 09 59	Oude Markt 23
	De Nachtuil	016 22 02 59	Krakenstraat 8
	De Oude Kantien	016 50 95 10	Kantineplein 3
	De Rector	016 20 06 38	Oude Markt 4-5-6
	De Rode Loper	0495 90 20 53	Mechelsestraat 177
	Brasserie de Bunswyck	0477 34 22 86	Tiensesteenweg 343
	Den Bistro	016 40 54 88	Hertogstraat 160
	Escoffier	016 22 52 35	Frederik Lintsstraat 40
	Etenstijd	016 23 62 53	Muntstraat 21
	Faculty Club	016 32 95 00	Groot begijnhof 14
	Imjai	016 50 90 14	Dirk Boutslaan 14
	Improvisio	016 20 76 46	Brusselsestraat 63 B
	In Den Mol	016 25 11 82	Tiensesteenweg 347
	Kobe	016 23 57 68	Kolonel Begaultlaan 15
	Luzine	016 89 08 77	Kolonel Begaultlaan 15
	Meating Room	016 20 00 43	Oude Markt 12
	Mykene	016 23 75 23	Muntstraat 44
	Octogoon	016 40 06 06	Interleuvenlaan 5
	Ramberghof	016 29 32 72	Naamsestraat 60
	Rubens	016 22 53 55	Grote Markt 1
	Salons Georges*	016 23 75 75	Hogeschoolplein 15
	Food Café	016 20 25 32	Hogeschoolplein 9/10
	't Zwart Schaap	016 23 24 16	Boekhandelstraat 1

* Only for groups of min 20 persons.

 Selfservice Fish and shellfish**Price codes** Restaurants for students World kitchen

1 less than € 25

 Traditional cuisine European cuisine

2 between € 25 and € 50

 Vegetarian cuisine Fast Food

3 over € 50

Post code	City	Closing day	Wheel-chair	Website	Price
3000	Leuven	Sun		www.isimbi.be	1
3000	Leuven			www.koutoubiya.be	2
3000	Leuven	Mon	yes	none	1
3000	Leuven	Mon		www.toeareg.be	1
3001	Leuven	Sat mi, Sun	yes	www.boardroom.be	3
3000	Leuven	Sun & Pub.Hol	yes	none	1
3000	Leuven	/	yes	www.mcdonalds.be	1
3000	Leuven	/	yes	www.quick-restaurants.com	1
3001	Leuven	Sun + Mon	yes, no wc	www.restaurantarenberg.be	2
3000	Leuven	Tue ev-Wed	yes	none	1
3000	Leuven	Sun & Pub.Hol	yes	none	2
3001	Leuven	Sun-Mon	yes	www.couvertcouvert.be	3
3000	Leuven	Sun + Mon	yes, no wc	www.dartagnan.resto.be	2
3000	Leuven	Sun	yes, no wc	www.deblauwemaan.be	2
3000	Leuven	/	yes	www.declijnetaefel.be	1
3000	Leuven	Sun except Jun-Jul-Aug	yes, no wc	www.kansel.be	1
3000	Leuven	/	yes	www.dekemel.be	1
3000	Leuven	Thur	yes, no wc	www.nachtuil.be	2
3001	Leuven	/	yes	www.lodge-hotels.be	2
3000	Leuven	/	yes	www.derector.be	1
3000	Leuven	Tue and Wed	yes	www.de-rode-loper.be	1
3010	Leuven	/	yes	www.kasteeldebunswyck.be	1
3001	Leuven	Tue-Wed-Sat mi	yes, no wc	none	2
3000	Leuven	Mon-Satmi-Sunev	yes	none	2
3000	Leuven	Tue	no	www.etenstijd.be	2
3000	Leuven	/	yes	www.facultyclub.be	2
3000	Leuven	Sun + Mon	no	none	1
3000	Leuven	Sun & Pub.Hol - Mon ev	yes	www.brasserieimprovisio.be	2
3000	Leuven	Sun ev-Mon-Tue	yes	www.indemol.com	2
3012	Leuven	Jul + Aug on Sun	yes	none	1
3012	Leuven	Sat mi-Sun-Mon	yes, no wc	www.restaurantluzine.be	
3000	Leuven	/	yes	none	2
3000	Leuven	Mon	yes	www.mykene.be	2
3001	Leuven	Sat - Sun	yes	www.octogoon.be	1
3000	Leuven	Sun ev - Mon	yes	www.ramberghof.be	2
3000	Leuven	/	yes	none	2
3000	Leuven	/	yes	www.salonsgeorges.be	1
3000	Leuven	/	yes, no wc	www.foodcafé.be	2
3000	Leuven	Sun, Pub. Hol., Mon	no	none	2










































› Restaurants

	Name	Telephone	Address
	Ter Eycken	016 23 54 34	Eikstraat 10
	Tijd @ Tijd	016 23 75 75	Hogeschoolplein 15
	Topinamboer	016 23 70 84	Mechelsesteenweg 61
	De Valck	016 22 13 97	Tiensestraat 10
	Vital-bij de mosselboer	016 22 47 14	Diestsestr. 265-267 Diestsevest 1
	Zarza	016 20 50 05	Bondgenotenlaan 92
	Trente	016 20 30 30	Muntstraat 36
	Troubadour	016 22 50 65	Tiensestraat 32
	Al Parma	016 22 70 82	Tiensestraat 68
	Casa Mia	016 23 53 96	Muntstraat 8
	Italia	016 22 67 09	Savoyestraat 11
	Ascoli	016 23 93 64	Muntstraat 17
	Acquasanta	016 22 85 88	Muntstraat 18
	Kokoon	016 23 07 26	s Meiersstraat 1
	AC Restaurant	016 20 08 16	E40 Luik-Brussel
	Corfou	016 23 94 16	Bondgenotenlaan 173
	Greco	016 22 64 08	Mgr van Waeyenberghlaan 9
	Zorba	016 23 42 80	Kantineplein 2
	A Zamara	016 23 98 11	Tiensestraat 123
	Castello Lucano	016 77 77 86	Tiensesteenweg 131
	Ciao Italia	016 23 34 94	M. de Layensplein 2
	Da Tonio	016 22 24 25	Muntstraat 19
	De Kruiemel	016 22 79 58	Tiensestraat 92
	Douera Pizza	016 22 22 94	Louis Melsenstraat 5
	Giamba	016 29 71 84	Erasmie Ruelensvest 9
	Il Fornello	016 23 83 71	Oude Markt 37
	Iliria	016 22 51 76	Muntstraat 10
	Il Pastaio	016 23 09 02	Parijsstraat 33
	Il Vesuvio	016 20 40 47	Biezenstraat 5
	L'Aurora	016 29 47 90	Brusselsestraat 204
	La Lumaca	016 25 09 50	Tiensesteenweg 115
	La Rotonda	016 29 97 36	Tiensestraat 121
	La Stanza	016 50 30 66	Wandelingenstraat 8
	La Vecchia Napoli	016 29 29 00	Pensstraat 6
	Mamma Mia	016 23 15 88	Parkstraat 107
	Mangia e Via	016 29 08 30	Parkstraat 66
	Muy Sapore	016 23 13 58	Naamsestraat 43
	Oratoriënhof	016 22 81 05	Mechelsestraat 111
	Paolo	016 22 26 47	Kardinaal Mercierlaan 81
	Pasta come a casa	016 29 00 59	Tiensestraat 188
	Past-à-Porter	016 20 77 47	Tiensestraat 46
	Pastificio Antonio		Mechelsestraat 43
	Pastificio Lory	0475 67 17 34	Mechelsestraat 117



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3000	Leuven	Tue	no	www.tereycken.be	2
3000	Leuven	Wed - Sun	yes	www.salonsgeorges.be	2
3012	Leuven	Tue-Wed-Thur	no	www.restauranttopinamboer.be	2
3000	Leuven	Mon	yes	www.devalck.be	1
3000	Leuven	Mon from Jan-Jun	yes	www.restaurantvital.be	2
3000	Leuven	Sun		www.zarza.be	2
3000	Leuven	Sun - Mon		www.trente.be	2
3000	Leuven	Tue - Mon mi		www.troubadour.be	2
3000	Leuven	Tue	yes		1
3000	Leuven	Wed	no		1
3000	Leuven	Wed	yes	www.ristorante-italia.be	1
3000	Leuven	July + Aug Wed	yes	www.ascoli.be	2
3000	Leuven	Wed	yes	none	2
3000	Leuven	Tue + Sat mi	yes, no wc	www.kokoon.be	2
3001	Leuven	/	yes	www.acrestaurants.be	1
3000	Leuven	/	no	none	1
3000	Leuven	Mon-Tue	yes	none	2
3001	Leuven	Wed	no	www.zorba-restaurants.be	2
3000	Leuven	Sun-Monmi-Satmi	yes	none	1
3010	Leuven	Mon	no	www.castellolucano.be	1
3000	Leuven	Wed			1
3000	Leuven	/	yes	www.da-tonio.be	1
3000	Leuven	Sat mi-Sun			1
3000	Leuven	Sat + Sun mi	yes	none	1
3001	Leuven	Sat - Sun			2
3000	Leuven	Sun	yes	none	2
3000	Leuven				1
3000	Leuven	Sun		www.ilpastaio.be	2
3000	Leuven	Tue			1
3000	Leuven	Sat - Sun mi		www.laurora.be	1
3010	Leuven	Tue		none	1
3000	Leuven	Sat mi	yes	none	1
3000	Leuven	Sun		none	2
3000	Leuven	every midday, Sun		none	1
3000	Leuven	Sat mi-Sun		none	1
3000	Leuven	Sat mi-Sun mi		none	1
3000	Leuven	Sat mi+Sun	no	www.aglio.be	1
3000	Leuven	Sat mi-Sun-Pub Hol	yes	none	1
3001	Leuven				
3000	Leuven	Sun - Mon			1
3000	Leuven	Sat - Sun		none	1
3000	Leuven			none	1
3000	Leuven	Sun - Mon		none	1

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	Name	Telephone	Address
	Pergola Osteria Enoteca	016 23 30 95	Mechelsestraat 85-87
	Pizza Hut	016 22 94 22	Oude Markt 7-8
	Pronto	016 23 64 73	Muntstraat 14
	Quo Vadis	016 29 06 87	Muntstraat 11
	Raphael	016 22 82 52	Tiensestraat 71
	Rossi	016 62 48 48	Standonckstraat 2
	Sole d'Italia	016 22 87 11	Brusselsestraat 122
	Subito Pronto	016 20 06 19	Zeelstraat 4
	Verdi	016 22 51 76	Lakweversstraat 1
	El Sombrero	016 23 12 28	Lei 25
	La Cantina del Coronel	016 29 08 63	Parijsstraat 40
	La Cucaracha	016 23 44 68	Tiensestraat 21
	New Mexico	016 20 74 45	Muntstraat 34
	Vera Cruz Casa Mexicana	016 29 68 18	Kolonel Begaultlaan 19
	Tres	016 20 53 35	Ravenstraat 38
	Nour El Kamar	016 25 38 98	Parkstraat 125
	Munthuis	016 22 51 87	Muntstraat 20
	Tiemcen	016 23 99 78	A, Vesaliusstraat 38
	Turquoise	016 50 30 97	Naamsevest 6
	Het Land aan de Overkant	016 22 61 81	Léon Schreursvest 85
	d'Entreprise	016 20 58 98	Naamsestraat 18
	O Fado	016 22 93 91	Parijsstraat 49
	Las Lanzas	016 22 76 29	M, de Layensplein 3
	Los Flamencos	016 29 43 14	Naamsestraat 19
	De Dry Tonghen	016 29 41 43	Busleidengang 6A
	De koerier van Navarra	016 23 84 16	Tervuursevest 130
	Basecamp	016 22 74 91	Naamsestraat 16
	Chef's House	016 23 91 50	Naamsestraat 51
	Chess Café	016 22 28 88	Fonteinstraat 1A
	China Town	016 44 58 12	Aarschotsesteenweg 596
	China's Capital	016 25 55 44	Tiensesteenweg 97
	Chinese Muur	016 20 25 64	Naamsesteenweg 27
	Chop Shoy	016 22 00 04	Brusselsestraat 45
	Hong Kong	016 23 41 41	Parkstraat 16
	Kampuchea	016 23 11 21	s Meiersstraat 3
	Krua Thai	016 22 45 01	Brusselsestraat 64
	Mama Wong	016 22 82 12	Naamsesteenweg 178
	Ming	016 29 20 20	Oude Markt 9
	Ni Hao	016 23 88 81	Tiensestraat 264-266
	Oosters Huis	016 20 86 66	Kapucijnenvoer 106
	Peking	016 23 80 38	Naamsestraat 33



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3000	Leuven	Sun-Mon-Tue	yes	www.enoteca-pergola.be	2
3000	Leuven	/	no	www.pizzahut.be	1
3000	Leuven	Mon	yes	none	1
3000	Leuven	Sun - Mon			1
3000	Leuven	Wed			1
3000	Leuven	Sat mi - Sun		none	2
3000	Leuven	Mon			1
3000	Leuven	Mon mi		none	1
3000	Leuven	Tue	yes	none	1
3000	Leuven	Mon	yes	www.elsombreroleuven.com	1
3000	Leuven	every midday	yes	www.lacantina.be	1
3000	Leuven	every midday			1
3000	Leuven	Tue - Wed		www.newmexico.be	1
3012	Leuven	mi, except on Sun	yes	none	1
3000	Leuven	Mon-Sat mi, Sun	yes	www.tr3s.be	1
3000	Leuven		no	none	1
3000	Leuven	Sat mi - Sun	ja	www.hetmunthuis.be	2
3000	Leuven	Sun	yes		2
3000	Leuven	Tue + every mi		www.restaurant-turquoise.be	2
3000	Leuven	Sun	yes	www.hetlandaandeoverkant.be	3
3000	Leuven	/	no	none	1
3000	Leuven				2
3000	Leuven	/	yes	www.laslanzas.com	2
3000	Leuven	Mon	yes	none	1
3000	Leuven	Wed	no	none	2
3000	Leuven		no	www.kovana.com	2
3000	Leuven	Wed	yes	www.restaurantbasecamp.com	1
3000	Leuven	Tue	no	www.resto.be	2
3000	Leuven	Sat mi	yes	www.chesscafe.be	1
3012	Leuven	Mon	yes	none	1
3000	Leuven	Mon	yes	www.china-capital.be	1
3001	Leuven	every midday	no	none	1
3000	Leuven	Tue	no	none	1
3000	Leuven	Public Hol	no	none	1
3000	Leuven	Wed	yes	none	1
3000	Leuven	Tue + Sat mi	yes	none	1
3001	Leuven	Mon	yes	www.mamawong.be	1
3000	Leuven	Tue	yes	www.ming.be	2
3000	Leuven	every midday	no	none	1
3000	Leuven	/	no	none	1
3000	Leuven				1

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	Name	Telephone	Address	
水	Royal China	016 23 98 88	Brusselsestraat 118A	
水	Siam	016 39 00 64	Naamsesteenweg 217	
水	Sichuan	016 29 39 89	Tiensevest 14	
水	Thai House	016 23 87 88	Alfons Smetsplein 3/10	
水	Wok Dynasty	016 20 01 60	L,E, Van Arenbergplein 11-13	
水	Wok on Air	016 62 47 83	Tiensestraat 62	
水	Y-Sing	016 22 80 52	Parijsstraat 18	
●	Samourai	016 22 62 88	Muntstraat 9	
🎓	Alma 1	016 32 56 20	Tiensestraat 115	
🎓	Alma 2	016 32 30 24	Edward Van Evenstraat 2C	
🎓	Alma 3	016 32 92 00	Steengroevelaan 3	
🎓	Alma De Valk	016 32 52 00	Tiensestraat 41	
🎓	Alma Gasthuisberg	016 34 59 26	Herestraat 49	
🎓	De Moete	016 32 78 67	Celestijnenlaan 200P	
🎓	Alma Mensa Pauscollege	016 32 44 60	Hogeschoolplein 3	
🎓	De Spuyse	016 32 92 05	Tervuursevest 101	
🍲	Agora	016 23 52 52	Grote Markt 3	
🍲	Butler	016 20 17 50	Sint Jacobsplein 27	
🍲	De Klimop	016 22 86 21	Martelarenplein 5	
🍲	De Waaiberg	016 22 86 72	Tervuursevest 60	
🍲	Moorinneken	016 22 37 62	Grote Markt 10	
🍲	Notre Dame	016 22 37 62	Grote Markt 11	
🍲	Oomske	016 25 55 35	Diestsesteenweg 106	
🍲	Quasimodo	016 22 37 62	Naamsestraat 2	
🍲	t Begijntje	016 22 53 41	Naamsestraat 118	
🍃	Lukemieke	016 22 97 05	Vlamingenstraat 55	
🐟	Beluga	016 23 43 93	Krakenstraat 12	
🌐	Ananas & Ramenas	016 23 01 73	Vaartstraat 10	
🌐	Charly's Brasserie	016 23 23 33	Martelarenplein 11	
🌐	't Groot Geduld	016 53 77 69	Gebroeders Tassetstraat 86	
🌐	Earth Shake	016 22 83 86	Naamsestraat 25	
🌐	Kalypta	016 23 24 06	Parijsstraat 21	
🌐	Kosmopol	016 98 64 62	Martelarenplein 10	
🌐	Adellijke Belofte	016 20 64 19	Naamsestraat 60	
🌐	Voltaire	016 20 44 43	Jules Vandembemplotaan 6A	
🌐	Kapsiki	016 20 45 87	Parijsstraat 34-36	
🌐	Hungaria Food Mood	016 20 06 33	D'Eynattenstraat 6	
🌐	Purpur	016 23 48 45	Parijsstraat 23	
🌐	Worldkitchen	016 44 41 01	Wilsesesteenweg 321	
+	t Fonduehuisje	016 20 44 20	Sint Maartenstraat 12C	

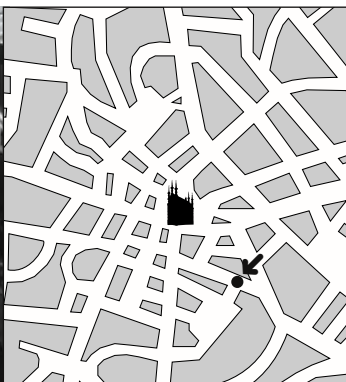


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3000	Leuven	Tue exc Pub Hol	yes	www.royalchina.be	1
3001	Leuven	Wed	yes	yes	1
3000	Leuven				
3000	Leuven	/	yes		1
3001	Leuven	/	yes	www.wokdynasty.be	2
3000	Leuven	Sun			1
3000	Leuven	Wed		www.y-sing.be	1
3000	Leuven			www.samourai.be	1
3000	Leuven	Sat - Sun		www.alma.be	1
3000	Leuven	Sat v-Sun		www.alma.be	1
3001	Leuven	Sat - Sun		www.alma.be	1
3000	Leuven	Sat - Sun		www.alma.be	1
3000	Leuven	Sat - Sun		www.alma.be	1
3001	Leuven	Sat - Sun	yes	www.alma.be	1
3000	Leuven	Sat - Sun		www.alma.be	1
3001	Leuven	Sun	yes	www.alma.be	1
3000	Leuven	Mon	no	none	1
3000	Leuven				
3000	Leuven	Sun	yes	www.deklimopleuven.be	1
3000	Leuven	Sat-Sun (open op aanvraag)	yes	www.waaiberg.be	1
3000	Leuven	/	yes	none	1
3000	Leuven	/	yes	none	1
3010	Leuven	Mon - Tue	yes	none	1
3000	Leuven	/	yes	none	1
3000	Leuven	Mon - Tue	yes, no garden	www.begijntje.be	2
3000	Leuven	Fri mi - Sat - Sun			1
3000	Leuven	Sun	yes, no wc	none	3
3000	Leuven	Sat - Sun	no	none	1
3000	Leuven	/	yes	none	1
3018	Leuven	Sun - Mon	yes	www.grootgeduld.be	2
3000	Leuven	Mon	no	none	2
3000	Leuven	Mon	yes	none	1
3000	Leuven				1
3000	Leuven	Sun ev + Mon	yes	www.adellijkebelofte.be	2
3000	Leuven	Mon	yes	www.voltaire.be	2
3000		Sun	no	none	1
3000	Leuven	Sun + Mo	yes	www.hungaria.be	
3000	Leuven	Mon + Tue	yes	www.purpur.be	1
3000	Leuven	every midday except Mon	yes	www.worldkitchen.be	1
3000	Leuven	every midday, except on Sun	yes	www.t-fonduehuisje.be	2

De Kansel



De Kansel
Muntstraat 15
3000 Leuven
Tel. +32(0)16 22 09 23
Fax +32(0)16 29 28 56
www.kansel.be



Enjoy a friendly and affordable meal in an attractive setting with Neo-Gothic church furniture. An antique pulpit stands in the centre of the restaurant. We offer an optimal blend of freshness, nutritional value and good value for money. Our menu is extremely varied, ranging from simple regional fare to gastronomic French cuisine.

Our specialities:

- à la carte tourist menu
- regional dishes with beer
- fresh seafood paella served in a pan
- fish feast for two people
- pasta dishes au gratin

Seasonal suggestions:

- salmon filets or steaks with Belgian asparagus and butter sauce
- Zealand mussels: 'goudmerk'
- game dishes
- endive specialities

De Kansel is extremely well suited to groups. We will gladly fax you our menu on request. A tourist menu at € 23 /p.p. is continually available.

Open:

12.00 a.m.-10.30 p.m.

12.00 a.m.-12.00 p.m. Saturday

Closed: wednesday

Number of seats:

80, terrace at the front and peaceful garden terrace at the rear

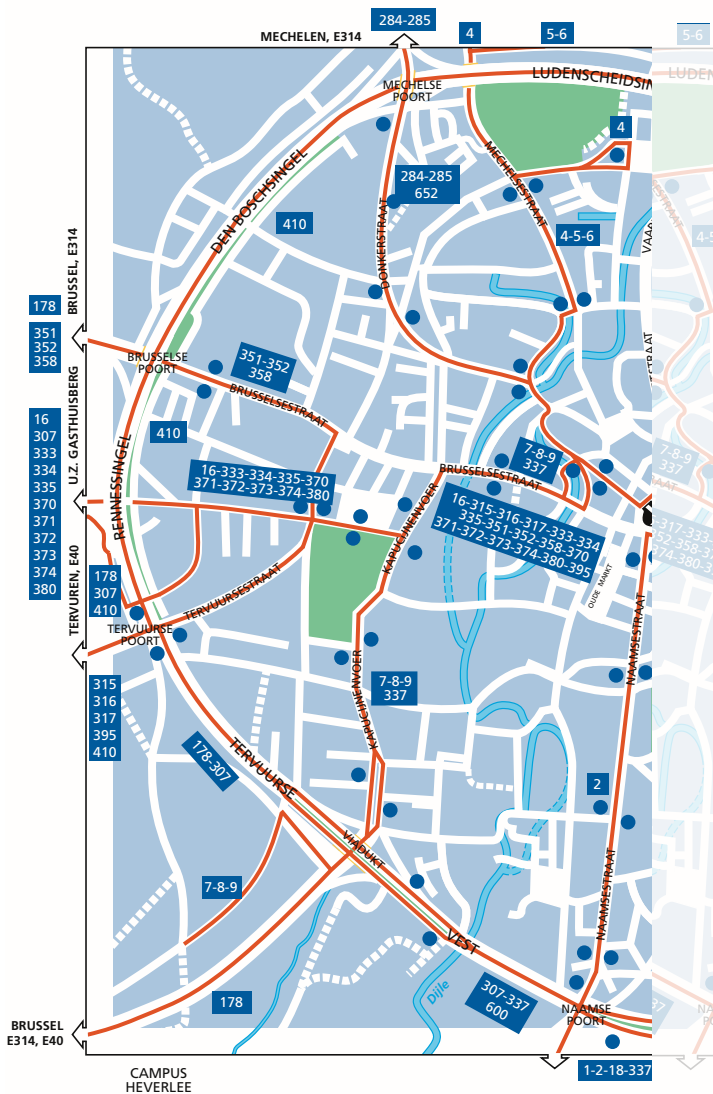
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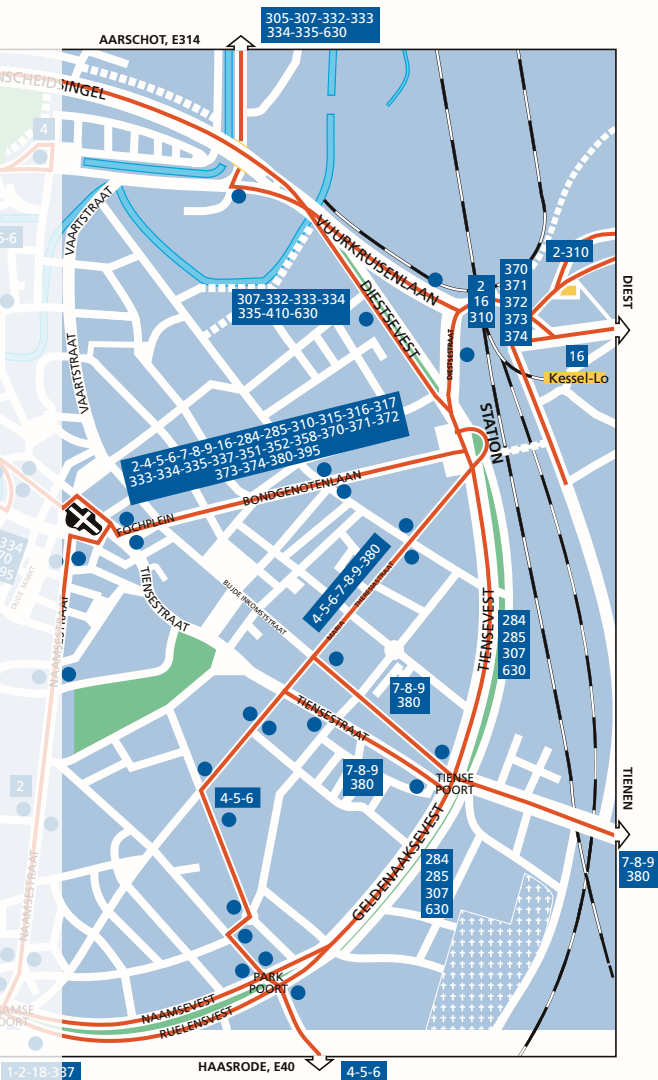
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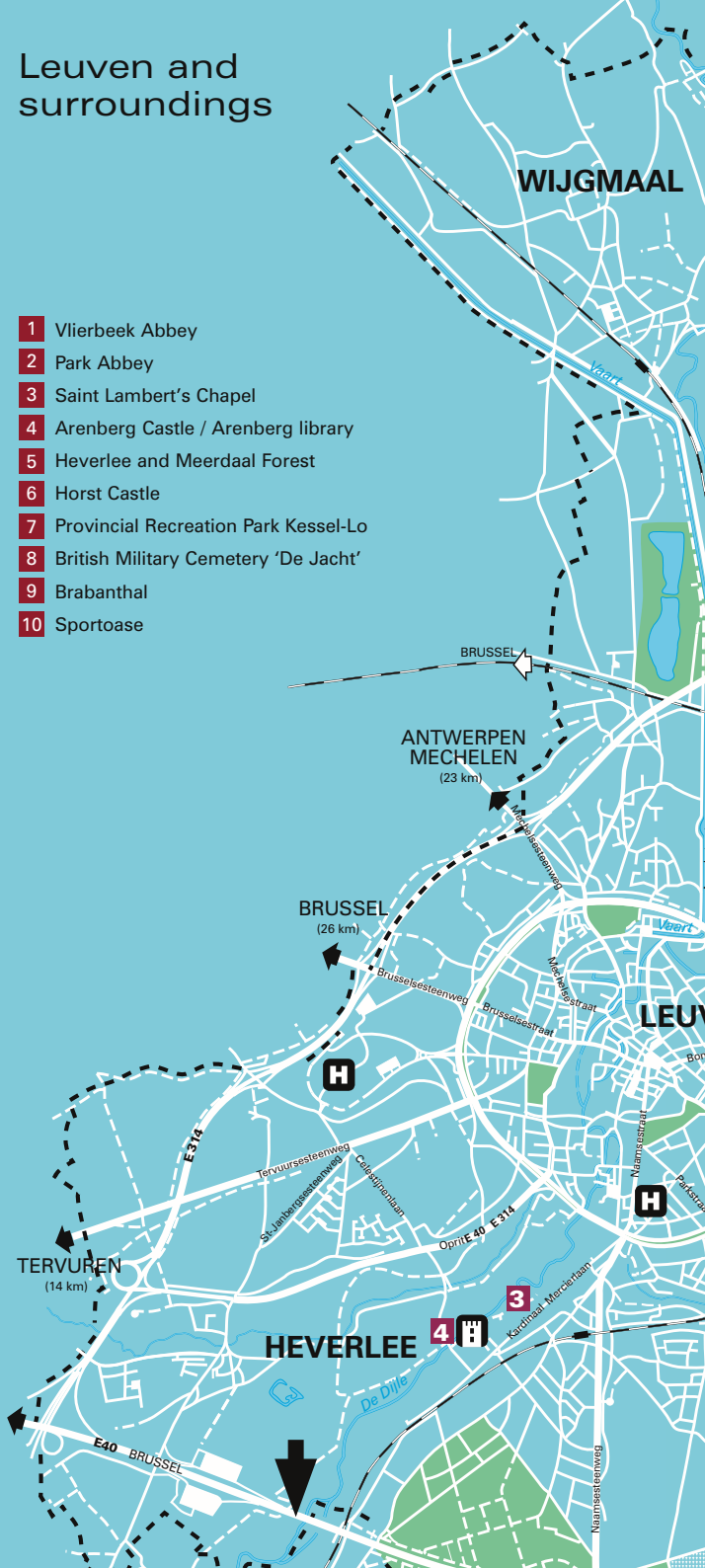
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Leuven and surroundings

- 1 Vlierbeek Abbey
- 2 Park Abbey
- 3 Saint Lambert's Chapel
- 4 Arenberg Castle / Arenberg library
- 5 Heverlee and Meerdaal Forest
- 6 Horst Castle
- 7 Provincial Recreation Park Kessel-Lo
- 8 British Military Cemetery 'De Jacht'
- 9 Brabantal
- 10 Sportoase





Leuven and surroundings



BRUSSEL

ANTWERPEN
MECHELEN
(23 km)

BRUSSEL
(26 km)

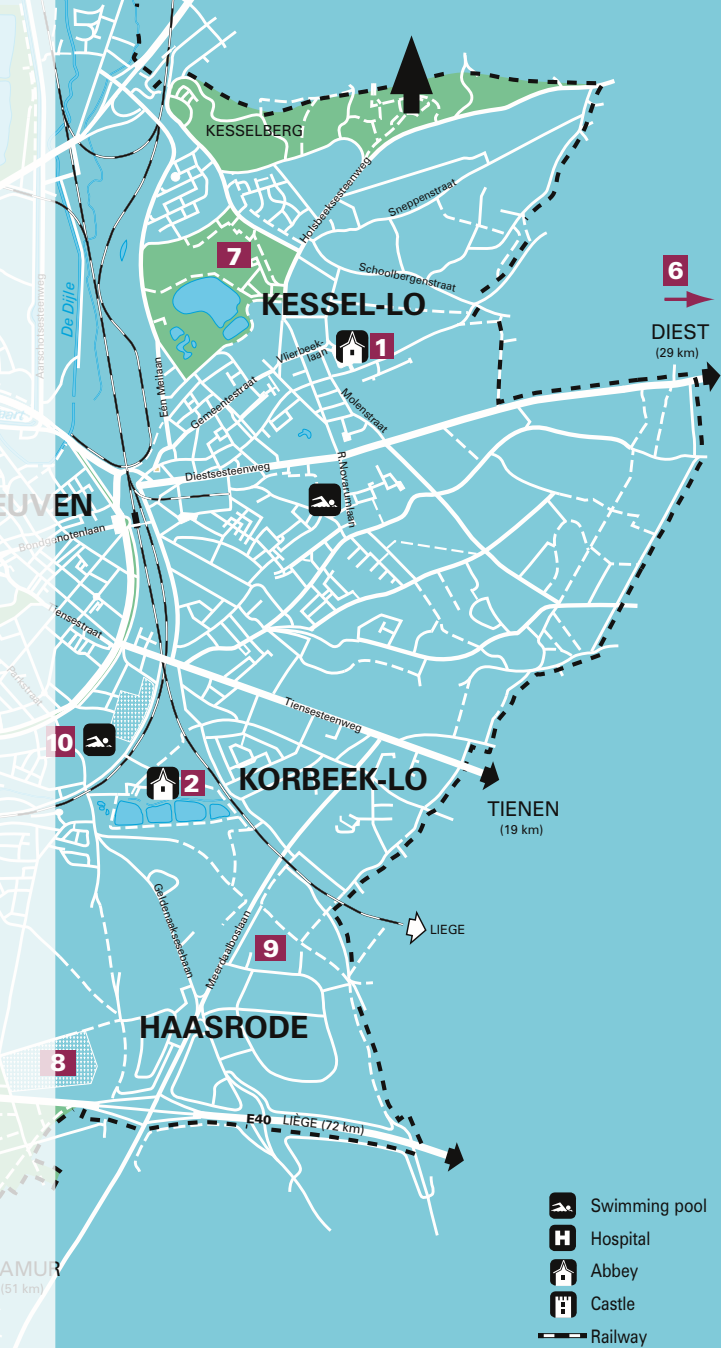
LEUVEN





TERVUREN
(14 km)

HEVERLEE

NAMUR
(51 km)


HEVERLEEBOS




-  Swimming pool
-  Hospital
-  Abbey
-  Castle
-  Railway

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City Walking Tour

 **A Treasure of a City**
(4,5 km)

 **A Treasure of a City**
(continued) (2,5 km)

 **Worth a detour**
(5 km)



Statue




A Treasure of a City

1.  In&uit Leuven
2. Town Hall
3. Saint Peter's Church with Meester Jan  and Museum for religious art
4. Round Table
5. Fons Sapientiae (Fonske) 
6. Dirk Bouts 
7. University Hall
8. André Dumont 
9. Pope's College
10. Maria-Theresia College
11. College of Liège
12. Fiere Margriet 
13. House Den Bel
14. Vanderkelen-Mertens Municipal Museum
15. College of Saint Yvo
16. Kamerood 60 
17. Totem (Jan Fabre) 
18. Central University Library
19. Arts Faculty
20. 'Ballon van de vriendschap' 
21. Edouard Remy 
22. Higher Institute for Philosophy
23. Chapel of Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-Ter-Koorts
24. American College
25. Viglius College
26. Church of Saint Quentin
27. Chapel of Jezus in 't Steentje or Janneke de Grijzer
28. Great Beguinage
29. Dijlemolens Industrial mill
30. Chapel of Saint Anthony
31. Paridaens Institute
32. Irish College
33. Jansenius Tower
34. Promonstratensian College
35. King's College
36. Church of Saint Michael
37. Renée 
38. College of the Holy Ghost Spelberghmuseum
39. Trinity College
40. Kotmadam 


A Treasure of a City (continued)

41. Erasmus 
42. House In de Ploeg
43. House De Kruiwagen
44. Busleyden College or Collegium Trilingue
45. Saint Gertrude's Church
46. Former Abbey of Saint Gertrude, Scouts museum
47. Small Beguinage
48. Luxemburg College
49. Villers College
50. Tweebronnen
52. Sint-Maartensdal
53. Law Courts
54. Pieter Coutereel 

Worth a detour

55. Paepe Toon 
56. Peltz College
57. House Guy de Morillon
58. Church Onze-Lieve-Vrouw ter Predikheren
59. Former Saint Elisabeth's Hospice with Romanesque doorway (Cultural centre)
60. Handbogenhof
61. Pater Damiaan 
62. Church of Saint James
63. Municipal Herbarry
64. Anatomical Theatre
65. Justus Lipsius College
66. Former Mansion of the d'Udekem d'Accoz family
67. Dijlepark
68. Black Sisters Convent
69. House Bethlehem
70. Wolves' Gateway
71. Rambergpark
72. Van Dale college
73. Atrecht College
74. Saint Donatuspark
75. Le jardin imaginaire (Daniel Buren) 
76. College of the Falcon
77. Domestic Brewery Domus

Others

78. Justus Lipsius 
79. Koeieschieter 
80. Railway Station
81. Arenberg Castle
82. Gasthuisberg
83. InBev
84. Molens van Orshoven



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