



Leuven

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Whatever you are looking for in a city, can be found in Leuven. A university city with a small-town feel, but completely in pace with a rapidly changing society. Leuven is situated right in the centre of Belgium. Its easy accessibility is an advantage. But there are many more good reasons to visit the "Jewel of the River Dyle". You will soon find out: this city will never let you go.



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Events



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A festival at the intersection of health, tech & creativity, curated for the...



Summer in Leuven | July & ...

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Top 5



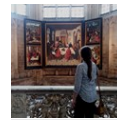
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MEET THE LOCALS



Tips to inspire you from those in the know.

www.visitleuven.be/en/tips-from-locals

SUPER TIPS



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Showpiece



Visit the beautiful gothic town hall, every day at 15:00.

Address: Grote Markt

Opening hours: Guided tour | every day: 15:00 (except: 01/01 & 25/12 - only with a guide)

Tickets: Visit Leuven, Naamsestraat 3

Internet: www.visitleuven.be/en/town-hall

Ground-breaking inventions



Discover ground-breaking Leuven inventions on the panels throughout the city. Every panel interactively explains the story behind a Leuven

invention. Part of the text only appears when the user looks through a red looking glass on the panel.

Internet: www.visitleuven.be/en/leuven-inventions

Email: visit@leuven.be

Architecture



Admire the unique architecture of museum M Leuven, designed by leading architect Stéphane Beel.

Opening hours: 11:00-18:00 | Thursdays: 11:00-22:00 |

Wednesdays: closed

Internet: www.mleuven.be/en

Email: bezoekm@leuven.be

Best view



Get a splendid view of Leuven and surroundings at the balcony of the tower of the university library.

Address: Monseigneur Ladeuzeplein

Opening hours: 10:00-19:00 | Sat & Sun: 10:00-17:00

Tickets: 7 euro | for sale: on site

Internet: <http://visitleuven.be/en/university-library-tower>

Park Abbey



A marvellous place where you stroll between beautiful, historic buildings (containing the brand-new museum PARCUM).

Address: Abdij Van Park 7

Public Transport: Train station Leuven | Bus 4, 5, 6 & 630 (stop 'Abdij van Park')

Phone: +32 16 40 01 51

Internet: www.abdijvanpark.be

Email: info@abdijvanpark.be

3 highlights | 1 ticket



Discover the highlights with the ILUVLeuven Ticket at an interesting rate. ILUVLeuven Ticket Town Hall & University Library: 8

euro

ILUVLeuven Ticket XL

Town Hall, University Library & M Leuven | 16

euro

Tickets: www.visitleuven.be/en/iluvleuven-ticket

Email: visit@leuven.be

UNESCO



Imagine yourself in the middle ages in the Great Beguinage, recognized as World Heritage by UNESCO.

Address: Schapenstraat, Leuven

Internet: <http://visitleuven.be/en/great-beguinaage>

Going out



Have a night out with the students on Thursday evening at the Oude Markt.

Address: Oude Markt

Internet: www.visitleuven.be/en

Pick-nick



Enjoy a pick-nick in the beautiful botanical garden.

Address: Kapucijnenvoer 30, 3000 Leuven

Opening hours: 8:00-20:00 | 01.10-30.04: until 17:00 |

Sundays & holidays: from 9:00

Internet: www.visitleuven.be/en/green-spots

Dieric Bouts



Admire 'The Last Supper', painted by Flemish Primitive Dieric Bouts between 1464 & 1468.

Address: Grote Markt , 3000 Leuven

Opening hours: 10:00-16:30 | Sat: 10:00-16:00 | Sun:

11:00-16:30 (01.10-31.03: closed on Wed)

Email: bezoekm@leuven.be

Jooks Sport Tourism



The free Jooks Sport Tourism app combines running with sightseeing. Available in Dutch.

Photo: Visit Leuven

Internet: www.visitleuven.be/en/jooks

More Info: Free download at App Store & Google Play Store

Rent a bike



Rent a bike and discover Leuven and surroundings.

Internet: <http://visitleuven.be/en/transport-in-leuven>

SEE & DO



Both from a cultural and art-historical point of view, Leuven offers a wide range of possibilities. From the magnificent Gothic Town Hall to the modest splendour of the Saint Peter's Church and the delicious atmosphere at the Oude Markt, Leuven has it all. You are sure to come back again.

Town Hall



The Town Hall is Leuven's pride and joy. Moreover, it's one of the best-known Gothic town halls worldwide. It took three architects and thirty years to build it. Leuven's 'Hall of Fame' features 236 statues, which were only added to the façade after 1850.

Daily guided tour at 15:00

The guide tells you about the construction history of this Gothic gem. You discover the story behind the 236 sculptures on the façade. Afterwards, you visit the foyer, the reception rooms, the large and small Gothic Hall, the wedding hall and the council hall.

Address: Grote Markt

Opening hours: Every day: 15:00 (except 01/01 & 25/12 - only with a guide) | Fri, Sat & Sun: extra tour at 16:00 (EN)

Tickets: <http://www.visitleuven.be/en/town-hall>

Internet: www.visitleuven.be/en

Email: visit@leuven.be

More Info: Virtual tour: <http://townhall.visitleuven.be/>

Brewery Stella Artois



Stella Artois is part of the world's largest brewery concern, AB InBev, and is still firmly rooted in its home base of Leuven. You can visit the brewery every Saturday and Sunday. Take part in the new interactive guided tour.

Experience the brewery in action and enjoy a wonderful Stella Artois after your visit. In short, experience beer in its purest form.

Address: Aarschotsesteenweg 20, 3000 Leuven

Opening hours: Fridays: 17:00 (EN) | Saturdays & Sundays:

13:00 (NL) & 15:00 (EN)

Tickets: www.visitleuven.be/en/brewery-stella-artois

Saint Peter's Church & Dieric Bouts



unstable soil.

This 15th-century church is a classic example of Late Gothic architecture. Outside, you can clearly see the towers have never been completed due to an

In 1980, the impressive ambulatory turned into a museum housing numerous statues, paintings and a collection of gold and silver pieces such as reliquaries, monstrances and chalices.

The church with belfry was recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage in 1999. The church reopened with a new visitors experience. Try the new mixed reality experience or discover the history of the church in one of the guided tours.

DIERIC BOUTS

'The Last Supper', painted by Dieric Bouts between 1464 and 1468, is an absolute masterpiece. It is the only painting that is still in its original location. Dieric Bouts was one of the Flemish Primitives and was also known as 'the painter of silence'.

Photo: Visit Leuven

Address: Grote Markt

Opening hours: Mon, Tue, Thu-Sat 10am-4:30pm, Sun 11:am-4:30pm, Wed: closed

Internet: www.mleuven.be

Email: info@mleuven.be

Oude Markt



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Address: Abdij Van Park 7, 3001 Leuven

Public Transport: Train station Leuven | Bus 4, 5, 6 & 630 (stop 'Abdij van Park')

Opening hours: More information: www.abdijvanpark.be

Internet: www.abdijvanpark.be

Email: info@abdijvanpark.be

Museum M Leuven



Do you like contemporary art? Or do you prefer the old masters? Either way, you will find exactly what you are looking for in the M Leuven. Here, you will find masterpieces from both medieval and modern art. In addition, the permanent collection is regularly supplemented by temporary exhibitions.

Address: Leopold Vanderkelenstraat 28, 3000 Leuven

Opening hours: 11:00-18:00 | Thu: 11:00-22:00 | Wed: closed

Internet: www.mleuven.be

Email: info@mleuven.be

Botanical Garden



This is the oldest botanical garden in Belgium. The university laid out the garden in 1738 for its medical students. Today, this

unique place is managed by the city of Leuven. It has created a tropical conservatory, a water and fruit garden and the sunken garden. This, together with the picnic benches, the sea of flowers and art projects, make the Botanical Garden a favourite resting place for inhabitants and visitors.

Address: Kapucijnenvoer 30, 3000 Leuven

Opening hours: 01.05-30.09: 8:00-18:00 | 01.10-30.04:

8:00-17:00 | Sundays & holidays: from 9:00

Tickets: Free entrance

Internet: www.visitleuven.be/en/green-spots

Great Beguinage



This piece of UNESCO World Heritage from the thirteenth century is a charming area of pure tranquillity in the middle of the city. Here you will

find a series of streets, squares, gardens and parks, with dozens of houses and convents built in traditional sandstone.

Address: Schapenstraat, 3000 Leuven

Opening hours: Permanently accessible

Tickets: Free entrance

Internet: www.visitleuven.be/en/great-beguinage

Vaartkom



Once the industrial heart of Leuven, today an entirely renovated district with buildings in a modern architectural style. There's no better

place to experience innovation in the city like the Vaartkom.

Address: Vaartkom, 3000 Leuven

Internet: www.visitleuven.be/en/vaartkom

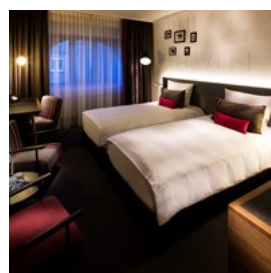
ACCOMMODATIONS



In order to discover Leuven in all its facets, you can avail of a whole array of accommodation options. There is something for everyone: small and medium-sized hotels, intimate and distinctive bed and breakfasts as well as budget-friendly youth hostels. A warm welcome is guaranteed! All addresses are within walking distance of the bustling city centre.

<http://www.visitleuven.be/en/stayingover>

Book your stay



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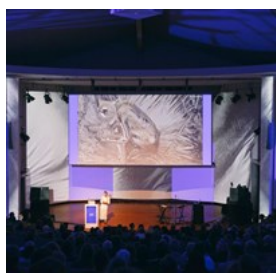
Internet: <http://visitleuven.be/en/stayingover>

EVENTS



A classical concert in the historic city hall, an innovative beer festival on the site where the first Stella beer was brewed, or a walk through the candle-lit beguinage. Discover all of Leuven's events.

and& festival | April



A festival at the intersection of health, tech & creativity, curated for the curious. Program: inspiring talks, avant-garde music acts, a start-up & scaleup forum, a tech expedition & art interventions in public space.

Internet: www.andleuven.com/

Summer in Leuven | July & August



A visit to Leuven is highly recommended, especially in summer, when there is an extensive offer of musical, culinary and other events within the scope of the program of Summer in Leuven.

Internet: <http://visitleuven.be/en/events/summer>

Winter Season in Leuven | December



There's no better place to spend those cold winter days than in Leuven's convivial city centre and Christmas market. Winter Season guarantees an annual itinerary packed full of wonder and fun. There's the attractive winter garden, fun Christmas market, concerts in the city, and the ephemeral Beguinage by candlelight.

Internet: www.winterseasoninleuven.be

BOOM! October 2021-January 2022



Did you know that the Big Bang theory has its origins in Leuven? The ground-breaking research conducted by Professor Georges Lemaître into the origin of our universe put Leuven unambiguously on the world map.

BOOM! The Big Bang city festival ambitiously links science and art in a series of exhibitions, installations, performances, happenings, lectures and other events.

Tickets: www.facebook.com/Bigbang2021

Internet: www.visitleuven.be/en/knal

Docville | March



Enjoy a selection of the best national and international documentaries. Discover them in various locations throughout the city. All films are in English or with English subtitles.

Internet: www.docville.be/en

Short Film Festival | December



The best this year had to offer in the wonderful world of (inter)national short films.

Internet: www.kortfilmfestival.be/en

BEER IN LEUVEN



Leuven has an incredibly rich beer history. The first Stella Artois was brewed here as early as 1425. But Leuven also has a rich beer future. The university is studying new procedures and the breweries are testing innovative techniques and flavours.

Café Belge



BEER PUB Typical old-style bar at daytime, partyzone at night | 100 beers including several local beers | Beer of the month

Photo: Café Belge

Address: Oude Markt 35, 3000 Leuven

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Saturdays and Sundays (also on Fridays from 01.04 until 30.09). Take part in the new interactive guided tour.

Experience the brewery in action and enjoy a wonderful Stella Artois after your visit. In short, experience beer in its purest form.

Address: Aarschotsesteenweg 20, 3000 Leuven

Tickets: <https://www.visitleuven.be/en/brewery-stella-artois>

Internet: www.breweryvisits.com

Domus



A must for true beer lovers: the home brewery of Domus is unique. Three homemade beers flow directly from the brewery via a 'pipeline' to

the tap installation of Domus. Fresher than fresh!

You can sample the Nostra Domus, an amber-coloured beer, and the Con Domus, an unfiltered lager, all year round. In winter Domus brews its signature beer Nen Engel, a dark Christmas ale with a rich aroma and bittersweet taste.

You can visit the brewery by appointment. Our guide will show and explain you the brewery process. After the guided tour there is a tasting session where you can enjoy the home-brewed beers.

Photo: Visit Leuven

Address: Tiensestraat 8, 3000 Leuven

Phone: +32 (0)16 20 14 49

Internet: www.domusleuven.be

Email: info@domusleuven.be

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Around forty cafés on one square mean that students and locals never go thirsty.

Address: Oude Markt

Improvisio



Seasonal French and Belgian cuisine | Beer list with a selection of local craft beers | Unique: draught Musa Lova beer, only available at

Improvisio | Matching beers | Detailed explanation on pairing

Address: Brusselsestraat 63b

Phone: +32 16 20 76 46

Internet: www.improvisio.net

Email: info@improvisio.net

(BEER) RESTAURANTS



Discover our top-picks. These restaurants have mastered the tasteful beer-food combination!

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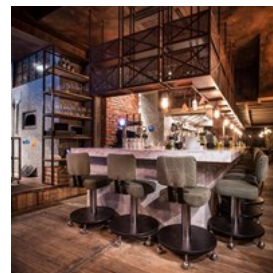


Discover the restaurants in Leuven.

Photo: Milo-Profi

Internet: www.restocheck.com/en

Restaurants on Google Maps



Discover a selection of our (inter)national bloggers at Google Maps: www.bit.ly/restaurants-leuven-en

Photo: Baracca

Internet: www.bit.ly/restaurants-leuven-en

De Klimop



Seasonal Belgian cuisine | Beer list with a selection of local craft beers | Beer menu with beer-based dishes and matching beers

Photo: Visit Leuven
Address: Martelarenplein 5
Phone: +32 16 22 56 21
Internet: www.deklimopleuven.be
Email: info@deklimopleuven.be

De Valck



Belgian cuisine | Beer menu and beer-based dishes

Photo: Visit Leuven
Address: Tiensestraat 10
Phone: +32 16 22 13 97
Internet: www.devalck.be
More Info: info@devalck.be

Domus Brauhaus



Belgian cuisine for all appetites | 3 draught house beers Beer menu with house beers | Brewery visit possible

Photo: Visit Leuven
Address: Tiensestraat 8
Phone: +32 16 20 14 49
Internet: www.domusleuven.be
Email: info@domusleuven.be

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Address: Brusselsestraat 63b
Phone: +32 16 20 76 46
Internet: www.improvisio.net
Email: info@improvisio.net

Taste



Pure gastronomic cuisine with a dash of witticism | Selection of Belgian and international beers (regularly exclusively in Leuven) | New beers every four weeks

Address: Naamsestraat 62, 3000 Leuven
Internet: www.leuventaste.be/

Trente



Contemporary cuisine | Beer list with a selection of local craft beers | Matching beers | Detailed explanation on pairing

Address: Muntstraat 36
Phone: +32 16 20 30 30
Internet: www.trente.be
Email: info@trente.be

Zarza



Seasonal French and Belgian cuisine | Beer list with a selection of local craft beers | Matching beers | Beer chef

Photo: Visit Leuven
Address: Bondgenotenlaan 92
Phone: +32 16 20 50 05
Internet: www.zarza.be
Email: info@zarza.be

PUBS



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Café Belge

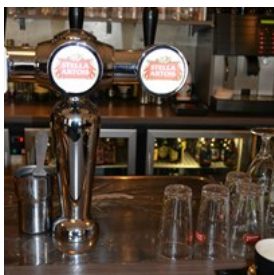


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Photo: Café Belge

Address: Oude Markt 35, 3000 Leuven

De Fiere Margriet



BEER PUB Cosy beer pub | 280 beers on the menu, including local specialities | Beer on the month

Photo: Visit Leuven

Address: Margarethaplein 11

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BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Leuven is well known for its countless enjoyable bars and cafés, ranging from student drinking holes and boisterous dance cafés to trendy cocktail lounges. Partly due to the presence of the students, Leuven has a very lively nightlife.

The Oude Markt is Leuven's meeting place par excellence, particularly in warm weather when the numerous terraces quickly fill up. You can sample the very tastiest local beers in unique, atmospheric surroundings. Students, visitors and locals come here to enjoy a drink, take in the atmosphere and enjoy a good chat. The world has been put to rights here dozens of times over. Here is an overview of the greatest places to go out in Leuven.

Rumba



Disco with various eclectic music genres, in a side street of the Oude Markt. Especially students come to party during one of the many

parties.

Photo: Visit Leuven
Address: Kiekenstraat 6
Phone: +32 475 28 01 41
Internet: www.rumba.be
Email: info@rumba.be

Bar Louis



Grab a drink or some food in the cosy Bar Louis

Photo: Visit Leuven
Address: Grote Markt 2
Phone: +32 16 585 852
Internet: www.barlouis.be
Email: info@barlouis.be

OPEK



Performance, education & interaction.

Photo: Rob Stevens
Address: Vaartkom 4, 3000 Leuven
Internet: www.opek.be

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Address: Oude Markt 35, 3000 Leuven

De Fiere Margriet



The beer café with the largest selection is De Fiere Margriet on the Margarethaplein. There are no fewer than 280 different beers on the menu, including local specialities such as Wolf, Broeder Jacob, Kessel Blond, Hector and Hof Ter Dormael. Every month there is a “Beer of the month”. The café is open every day from 7 a.m.

Photo: Visit Leuven
Address: Margarethaplein 11

Oude Markt



People go to the Old Market Square to have a bite to eat, play cards, listen to music, drink, have discussions or simply to allow themselves to sink into the hum of the pavement cafés.

Photo: Leuven

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SHOPPING



Trendy boutiques, colourful shops to browse in and authentic specialist shops in Leuven are all just a stroll away. Pedestrian plazas and attractive short-cuts lead shoppers through streets with coffee bars, pubs, pavement cafés and enticing restaurants. No matter in which direction you leave the Grote Markt, within a minute you are sure to discover a gem of a shop.

Fashion & gifts



A selection from (inter)national bloggers:
<http://bit.ly/fashion-gifts-leuven-en>

Photo: Bram Liebens | Belmodo

Internet: <http://bit.ly/fashion-gifts-leuven-en>

Sunday shopping



The shops are open from 1 pm to 6 pm on every first Sunday of the month.

Internet: <http://visitleuven.be/en/sunday-shopping>

Markets



WEEKLY MARKETS

Thursday market Flowers & plants 13:00-18:00

Brusselsestraat Friday market Food, textiles, flowers &

plants

07:00-13:00

Mgr. Ladeuzeplein & H. Hooverplein

Saturday market

Artisanal market, antiques & brocante, food, flowers & plants

09:00-18:00

City centre

OTHER MARKETS

Camping Flamingo | Creative & secondhand market

Hal 5 | Locomotievenstraat, 3010 Leuven

More information:

www.facebook.com/campingflamingo

Photo: Camping Flamingo

Internet: www.visitleuven.be/en/shopping/markets

Diestsestraat (from Louis Melsenstraat to the station)



Renovated shopping area with a supply of goods and services geared more towards a regional clientele and people working in Leuven.

Bondgenotenlaan



The "Champs Elysées" of Leuven is exactly one kilometre long, straight and grand, but a very stylish and lively shopping street with retail chains, colourful cafés and boutiques. Besides the obligatory department stores, you will also find exclusive shops selling clothes and decoration items.

Photo: Visit Leuven

Mechelsestraat and Vismarkt



The "place-to-shop" for those who love things that are "different" and "trendy". This shopping street, which also has a range of culinary shops, offers a somewhat southern flavour and is a must for those who visit Leuven for shopping. More intimate and cosier than Bondgenotenlaan or Diestsestraat, this narrow street invites you to stroll through it slowly.

Tiensestraat



This is a typical student street; during the academic year, it buzzes with young students. The street offers student housing, restaurants, cafés and shops.

Photo: Karl Bruninx

Naamsestraat



Cafés, restaurants and shops with a cultural flavour nestle comfortably side by side with old university buildings.

Photo: Visit Leuven

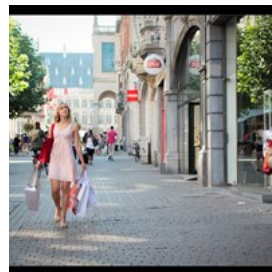
Parijsstraat



The Parijsstraat is also well-known as a street of trinket shops. You'll find shops selling hand-made gifts, comic book stores, music and clothing boutiques, and other speciality stores.

Photo: Visit Leuven

Brusselsestraat



Pleasant wide shopping street with a mix of chains and exclusive shops.

Photo: Visit Leuven

ACCESSIBILITY & TRANSPORT



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Accessibility



Leuven is easily accessible by car, bus and train. By train, Leuven is 20 minutes from Brussels, 45 minutes from Antwerp, 50 minutes from Liège, one and half hours from the Belgian coast and two to three hours from cities such as Düsseldorf, Paris, Amsterdam, Calais, etc.

For motor traffic, Leuven lies at the junction of two major motorways: the E40 and E314.

In Leuven, the buses of the De Lijn transport company will get you quickly to any place in and around the city.

Train: www.nmbs.be

Bus: www.delijn.be

Photo: Visit Leuven

Internet: www.delijn.be, www.b-rail.be

Accessible travel



Leuven is a city that welcomes everyone. Discover useful information to prepare your visit in the best possible way here.

Photo: Visit Leuven

Internet: www.visitleuven.be/en/accessible-travel

Rent a bike



Rent a bike and discover Leuven and surroundings.

Internet: <http://visitleuven.be/en/bicycle-rent>

Population

Over 100,000

Currency

Euro/€

€ 1 = 100 euro cents

Opening hours

Shops

Mondays to Saturdays: 10:00-18:00 (Thursdays: 10:00-22:00)

1st Sundays of the month: 13:00-16:00

More information: www.visitleuven.be/en/shopping

Internet

www.visitleuven.be

Newspapers

Het Laatste Nieuws

De Morgen

De Standaard

Het Nieuwsblad

Emergency numbers

112 or 101

Tourist information

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T: +32 16 20 30 20 | visit@leuven.be

Open every day: 10:00-17:00 (except 01.01 & 25.12)