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Luxembourg, with its modest 1000 square mile area, holds many unexpected treasures. From UNESCO-recognized medieval fortifications to the prized Moselle wines, a lively arts scene, cutting-edge architectural marvels, and influential EU institutions, this tiny European country has something for everyone. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy skiing on the excellent slopes of the northern Ardennes and exploring the scenic trails of the Valley of Seven Castes or Mullerthal with its unique sandstone formations.



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Spread your net wide when deciding on an itinerary around the Grand Duchy, for some of the area's most enticing attractions lie away from Luxembourg City (although almost always within easy access from here). Some of the unmissable highlights include Luxembourg's Medieval fairy tale castles and much-loved wine route, that stretches across the Moselle River valley connecting the towns of Echternach and Mondorf-les-Bains, the latter inviting weary travellers for a soak in effervescent thermal baths.

#### **Moselle Valley**



The Moselle Valley wine region spans France, Luxembourg, and Germany, with wineries closest to Luxembourg City located within less

than a half hour's drive form there. The scenic river valley offers abundant wine tasting opportunities for Riesling and Elbling aficionados; tastings can be arranged at most local wineries, but contacting in advance to check for availability is recommended. If in doubt, try Caves du Sud in Remerschen, Caves St. Martin or Caves Desom Saint-Remy in Remich, or Domaine Mathes and Domaine Alice Hartmann in Wormeldange. The region is also

excellent hiking grounds, with hiking trails and cycling paths, with boat tours running along the Moselle.

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#### Fond de Gras



To learn more about Luxembourg's past as a major iron ore mining centre, visit this historic location and take a ride on the steam train that

once transported ore from Fond de Gras mines to the nearby town of Petange. Enjoy the scenic ride and pay a visit to the underground mining museum.

Photo: Raymond Thill/Shutterstock.com

Address: Fond-de-Gras, Niederkorn, Luxembourg

Phone: +352 26 50 41 24 Internet: http://minettpark.lu

#### Mullerthal



Luxembourg's "Little Switzerland" is defined by splendid landscapes and unusual rock formations, which can be explored on foot via the Mullerthal

Hiking Trail, spanning a total of 112 kilometres. The regional capital is Echternach, the oldest city in Luxembourg, which is worth a visit for its historic Benedictine abbey, Roman Villa remains, and fantastic local produce.

Photo: Bert Beckers/Shutterstock.com

#### Château de Vianden



The town of Vianden on the German border contains one of Luxembourg's most attractive castles. Set atop a scenic hill, this

Romanesque château is an excellent day trip from Luxembourg City (roughly a 30-minute drive), one that grants ample insight into Medieval life in the area.

Photo: Tatiana Popova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Montée du Château, Vianden, Luxembourg

Opening hours: Daily 10.00-17.00

Phone: +352 83 41 08 1

#### Château de Clervaux



Rebuilt entirely after being destroyed during WWII, Château de Clervaux is among the Duchy's most notable attractions. It contains a

fascinating UNESCO-listed photography exhibition, Edward Steichen's "Family of Man", which takes its origins at MoMA (Musuem of Modern Art in New York) and has now found a permanent home at Clervaux. The two other on-site museums, one displaying scale models of Luxembourg's castles, another dedicated to the WWII Battle of the Ardennes (which resulted in the original castle's annihilation), are also worth a look around.

Photo: CIW1/Shutterstock.com Address: Clervaux, Luxembourg

Phone: +352 92 00 72

Internet: www.steichencollections.lu Email: info@destination-clervaux.lu

#### **Beaufort Castles**



Both castles of Beaufort are worth a visit - the first (demolished during the Battle of the Ardennes of WWII) is now in ruins, the second - a Renaissance

edifice - can be visited on a pre-booked guided tour during high season. Tasting of a locally made fruit liquor is included in the price of admission.

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Address: 24 Rue du Château, Beaufort, Luxembourg

Phone: +352 83 66 01

Internet: https://beaufortcastles.com

#### Château de Wiltz



The Renaissance Château de Wiltz is no longer its original 13th century incarnation, but a beautifully reconstructed building that contains a

museum dedicated to the Battle of the Ardennes, as well as an unlikely Beer & Tanney Museum (guided tours on request), with a functioning microbrewery and an impressive collection of bottles.

Photo: trabantos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rue du Château, Wiltz, Luxembourg

Phone: +352 95 74 44

#### Abbaye d'Echternach



Founded in the 8th century by St. Willibrord, the patron saint of Luxembourg, the Abbey of Echternach contains a fascinating scriptorium -

once the most important in Medieval Europe - in its cellar, with manuscripts dating as far back



as the 11th century. Part of the abbey complex, the St-Willibrord Basilica contains a crypt with the saint's holy remains. A dancing procession that draws visitors from all over the world (St-Willibrord Pageant) is held in the town annually on Whit Tuesday.

Photo: Wicher Bos/Shutterstock.com Address: Echternach, Luxembourg

#### **Valentiny Foundation**



Celebrated
Luxembourgish architect
François Valentiny
inaugurated this peculiar
crisp-white building in
Remerschen in late 2016

as a space to showcase his own and partner Hubert Hermann's artistic creations (over 3000 permanent exhibits). The permanent collection is regularly complemented by exhibitions featuring works by other artists.

Photo: blurAZ/Shutterstock.com

Address: 34 Route du Vin, Remerschen, Luxembourg

Opening hours: Tue - Sun 14.00-18.00

Phone: +352 621 175 781

Internet: www.valentiny-foundation.com Email: info@valentiny-foundation.com

#### **Biodiversum Nature Reserve**



The Biodiversum Nature Centre, designed by acclaimed Luxembourgish architect Francois Valentiny, is an interactive starting point

for a 2.5 kilometre nature circuit trail guiding visitors through the diverse flora and fauna of the region, with several bird-watching spots along the way.

Photo: Raymond Thill/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Breicherwee, Remerschen, Luxembourg

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10.00-17/18.00

Phone: +352 23 60 90 61

#### Parc Merveilleux



Aimed primarily at younger visitors, the park will still be a delight for the whole family. There are plenty of playgrounds and attractions for the

little ones, but also an impressive number of animal residents originating from 5 different continents. Among those you can encounter on a trip to the park are pink flamingos, penguins, monkeys and even crocodiles.

Photo: Nataliya Zinovyeva/Shutterstock.com

Address: Route de Mondorf, Bettembourg, Luxembourg

Opening hours: March-October 9.30-18.00

Phone: +352 51 10 48 1

Internet: www.parc-merveilleux.lu

#### Esch-sur-Sûre Castle



Another one of Luxembourg's historic castles, the now decrepit one in Esch-sur-Sûre was originally built in the Romanesque style as

early as the 10th century, with later Gothic additions two centuries later. Inhabited by commoners for a time, it now is but a relic of Medieval Europe open to the public (guided tours available).

Photo: Forrest L. Smith, III/Shutterstock.com Address: 4-6 Rue de Lultzhausen, Esch-sur-Sûre,

Luxembourg

Phone: +352 26 88 95 41



#### **Blast Furnace Belval**



For a close encounter with Luxembourg's industrial past, make time for a visit to this blast furnace once used for steel production. Furnace

A can be explored both independently or as part of a guided tour; those who make it all the way to the top will be rewarded with sweeping views of the surrounding areas.

Photo: LUC KOHNEN/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenue du Rock'n'Roll, Esch-sur-Alzette,

Luxembourg

Phone: +352 26 84 01

Internet: www.fonds-belval.lu

#### **Esch-sur-Alzette Architecture**



Dubbed the architectural jewel of Luxembourg, the town of Esch-sur-Alzette boasts an incredibly diverse architectural landscape featuring

buildings in Art Nouveau, Art Deco, French Neo-Gothic, Modernist and Post-modernist styles. It's an open-air museum of European architectural effort with guided tours on offer (routes for self-guided tours in several languages available at the link below).

Photo: FLLL/Wikimedia Commons Address: Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg

Phone: +352 54 16 37

In ternet: www.visitluxembourg.com/en/place/misc/circular-w

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#### Trier



Hop across the border for an excursion to the oldest German town of Trier, which contains some beautiful examples of well-preserved Roman

architecture, including the UNESCO-listed city gate of Porta Nigra (Latin for "black gate"), remains of Roman baths and an amphitheatre. Located in the Moselle Valley, the city is an essential stop to include into a wine route through the area.

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#### **LUXEMBOURG CITY**



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The Duchy's capital of just over 114,000 inhabitants is largely made up of expats, but tourists are still few and far between – great news for those who prefer having the city streets all to themselves. There are a few excellent museums in Luxembourg City (the MUDAM is one not to be overlooked), plenty of Medieval remnants and lookout points to take them in from, as well as expansive dining offerings, including from Luxembourg's astounding many Michelin-starred establishments.



#### Kirchberg



Linked to the old town by the imposing Red Bridge, the Kirchberg plateau contains cutting-edge architecture, its glass-defined facades

housing various official institutions (including the Luxembourg seat of the European Union), as well as the Philarmonie and MUDAM Museum of Modern Art, designed by the architect whose work includes the iconic glass pyramid of the Louvre in Paris

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#### Grund



The charming area of
Grund in Lower
Luxembourg is one not to
be missed on a city tour.
Take the Saint Esprit lift
and descent into the

valley, where historic monuments (such as the UNESCO-listed Neumünster Abbey) and 14th century houses forge an inviting atmosphere – especially so when the Grund comes alive at night. There is some excellent dining to be had here, including the Michelin-starred Kamakura and Mosconi.

Photo: Steve Allen/Shutterstock.com

#### **Rotondes**



Two former railway roundhouses turned premier cultural hot spot, the refurbished Rotondes complex plays host to multiple artistic events all

through the year, from concerts to theatrical performances, exhibitions, design markets,

movie screenings, and more. Check the website to see what's on.

Photo: Christian Fregnan/Unsplash.com Address: Rue de la Rotonde, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 26 62 20 07 Internet: http://rotondes.lu

#### **Pfaffenthal Elevator**



This panoramic elevator serves as a handy transportation link between the upper city and Pfaffenthal, an area at the very bottom of the

Alzette Valley. Its glass walls provide unobstructed views of Luxembourg from as high as 70 metres above ground. Riding the elevator is free of charge.

Photo: MorgenDew/Shutterstock.com Address: 2 Rue du Pont, Luxembourg City

#### Wenzel Circular Walk / Chemin de la Corniche



The Wenzel Circular Walk is a great way to start off a day of sightseeing: starting at Bock Promontory and via the Castle Bridge, one soon

arrives at Chemin de la Corniche, one of the city's most scenic panoramic lookout points. Passing through the Grund Gate and along the Wenzel Wall, you will eventually reach the cultural centre of Neumünster Abbey, following along to Plateau du Rham, containing further defence fortifications.

Photo: Andrea De la Parra/Shutterstock.com



#### **Bock Casemates**



What remains of the impressive network of underground tunnels dating back to the mid-17th century is now open to the public, and

belongs to the UNESCO World Heritage list. Part of Luxembourg's extensive defense structures, the Casemates made up the fortification complex that earned the city its proud nickname of "Gibraltar of the North", for being as impregnable as the rock of Gibraltar.

Photo: Adwo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10 Montée de Clausen, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 22 28 09

#### **Notre-Dame Cathedral**



Luxembourg's own
Notre-Dame (the
country's only cathedral)
dates back to the early
17th century; it's built in
the Gothic tradition, with

Renaissance decor elements. The cathedral also contains the tomb of John the Blind.

Photo: Grisha Bruev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rue Notre Dame, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 22 29 70 1

### Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial



This sobering memorial has become the final resting place for 5,076 American soldiers who lost their lives during WWII. The expansive

50-acre grounds are dotted with sombre white tomb stones, crosses and Stars of David for those of the Jewish faith. There is an informative visitor centre on site.

Photo: emmanuellegrimaud/Shutterstock.com Address: 50 Val du Scheid, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 43 17 27

#### MNHA (National Museum of History and Art)



Dedicated primarily to Luxembourg history and art, the MNHA contains artefacts and exhibits spanning the period from as early as the Stone Age

to the 20th century, and even features works by masters such as Cézanne and Picasso.

Photo: Chatsam/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)
Address: Marché-aux-Poissons, Luxembourg City

Opening hours: 10.00-18.00, Thurs 10.00-20.00, Mon closed

Phone: +352 47 93 30 1 Internet: www.mnha.lu

#### **Luxembourg City History Museum**



The Luxembourg City
History Museum (or
Musée d'Histoire de la
Ville de Luxembourg in
French) contains both a
permanent collection and

temporary exhibitions dedicated to the city and its past and present. Do not miss the glass elevator with views of the city below.

Photo: Cayambe/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped) Address: 14 Rue du St Esprit, Luxembourg City

Opening hours: 10.00-18.00, Thurs 10.00-20.00, Mon closed

Internet: http://citymuseum.lu

More Info: Free entry Thursdays between  $18.00\ \text{and}\ 20.00$ 



#### **Palais Grand-Ducal**



The official residence of the Grand Duke and his parliament, the Grand Ducal Palace ranks among the city's finest architectural pieces. Built

in the Flemish Renaissance style in the 16th century, it combines Gothic and Romanticist influences in its interior, and can be visited as part of a guided tour from mid-July until the end of August only.

Photo: Natalia Bratslavsky/Shutterstock.com

Address: 17 Rue du Marché-aux-Herbes, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 22 28 09 Email: touristinfo@lcto.lu

More Info: Tours available on pre-booking

#### **Skatepark Peitruss**



Set in the valley separating the old town from the new, Luxembourg's Skatepark Peitruss is a highly modern hangout spot for

those who practice urban sports such as roller-skating and skateboarding, as well as BMX. The Peitruss Valley itself is an attractive site for both locals and visitors, with abundant greenery and recreation areas.

Photo: MMFE/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped) Address: 2 Rue Saint-Quirin, Luxembourg City

## Grand Duke Jean Museum of Modern Art (MUDAM)



Aiming to showcase the best of modern art, the MUDAM displays a thrilling collection of creations by Luxembourgish and foreign artists spanning design, sculpture, new media and various forms of visual art.

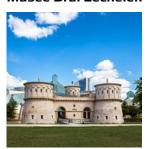
Magnificent views unfold from the Park Dräi Eechelen, where the striking museum building is located.

Photo: Andrii Lutsyk/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Park Dräi Eechelen, Kirchberg, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 45 37 85 1 Internet: www.mudam.lu

#### Musée Dräi Eechelen



Located an arm's stretch away from nearby MUDAM is the Musée Dräi Eechelen, housed inside a restored 18th century Fort Thüngen.

The museum is dedicated entirely to the history of Luxembourg from the mid-15th to the early years of the 20th century, with over 600 original artifacts and documents on display.

Photo: Peter Fuchs/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Park Drai Eechelen, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 26 43 35 Internet: www.m3e.public.lu

#### **Adolphe Bridge**



Luxembourg's scenic
Pont Adolphe over the
Pétrusse River valley
straddles the Ville Haute
and Gare areas of the
city. Apart from being

used by traffic, it also has two scenic pedestrian lanes, and is regarded as somewhat of an unofficial symbol of the country itself.

Photo: Sabino Parente/Shutterstock.com Address: Uewerstad, Luxembourg City



#### DINING



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With its location at the nexus of German and French culinary traditions, Luxembourgish cuisine has absorbed influences from both of its neighbours. Some of the specialities include the quintessential kniddelen (flour and potato dumplings that come with different toppings), fried potato pancakes, imports from southern Germany such as flammekueche (a variety of pizza with creme freche or formage blanc, typically topped off with bacon and onions), schnitzel, as well as seafood from respectable suppliers in the region, and it doesn't end there. For such a small country, Luxembourg also boasts an enviable number of Michelin-starred restaurants (more per capita than in other countries in Europe).

#### **Brasserie Guillaume**



Located smack in the heart of Luxembourg City's old town, Brasserie Guillaume is an incredible address to remember for seafood lovers. Seafood

quality is taken very seriously here, with regular deliveries from the region's best suppliers. Treat yourself to an oyster platter, or opt for the excellent value offers of the day.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: 12 Place Guillaume II, Luxembourg City Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8.00-1.00; Sun 11.00-1.00

Phone: +352 26 20 20 20

Internet: http://brasserieguillaume.lu

Email: bg@pt.lu

#### Brasserie Ossada



For a taste of traditional Luxembourgish fare, try this local eatery serving up specialities such as "kniddelen" (potato dumplings of sorts) that

come in several varieties (try the sampling platter for two if you're interested in having a few).

Photo: Marko Aliaksandr/Shutterstock.com

Address: 35 Rue Laurent Ménager, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 26 20 21 14

#### **Am Tiirmschen**



When asked for a restaurant recommendation, a local will, with a high degree of probability, direct you to Am Tiirmschen, a

long-established classic for all things
Luxembourgish, food to setting (the restaurant is
located inside a renovated Medieval building).
The menu features the essential kniddelen,
gromperkichelcher (typical potato fritters), beef
tartar, and more.

Photo: Slawomir Fajer/Shutterstock.com Address: 32 Rue de l'Eau, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 26 27 07 33 Internet: www.amtiirmschen.lu



#### Brasserie Bosso



This fixture attracts many, especially so during warmer months, when the outdoor terrace enjoys a popularity. Some of the menu favourites

include spätzle (fried egg noodles done the Bosso way), German-style flammkueche (pizza topped with creme freche and more), rösti (potato pancake), schnitzels, and more.

Photo: pojvistaimage/Shutterstock.com Address: Bisserweg, 7, Luxembourg Opening hours: Daily noon-midnight

Phone: +352 26 86 41 55 Internet: www.bosso.lu

#### L'Annexe



With its rare combination of fine cuisine and manageable price tags, L'Annexe consistently draws in crowds from nearby workplaces during

lunchtime, when the price-to-quality ratio is at its ultimate peak. It's an excellent budget alternative to nearby upscale restaurants.

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Address: 7 Rue du St Esprit, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 26 26 25 07 Internet: www.lannexe.lu

#### Beet



Beet seamlessly pulls off vegan cooking, serving up several varieties of plant-based burgers that can easily compete with their meaty counterparts

- with chilly cheese, Vietnamese/mango and portobello patties, to name a few. A menu set

comes with fries, salad and sauce.

Photo: Svetlana Turchenick/Shutterstock.com Address: 32 Place Guillaume II, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 26 20 13 75 Internet: www.beet.lu

#### La Distillerie (Mullerthal)



Michelin-starred chef René Mathieu bewilders imaginations at La Distillerie, which tops the list of Luxembourg's crème de la crème dining

experiences. The results of Mathieu and team's culinary effort are stunning in both flavour and presentation. There are no menus – lunch and dinner are served at chef's discretion in the remarkable setting of Medieval Château de Bourglinster.

Photo: AnggunFaith/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Rue du Château, Bourglinster, Luxembourg

Phone: +352 78 78 78 1 Internet: www.bourglinster.lu

#### Pizzeria Il Bosco (Eisch Valley)



Almost painfully unremarkable from the outside, Il Bosco enjoys a near-cult following among locals, the main reason being their fantastic,

authentic-as-it-gets pizzas oven-baked in traditional Italian style. The hospitable owner family also serves up great pasta, seafood, and meat dishes.

Photo: Bea Rue/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Rue du Village, Schoenfels, Luxembourg

Phone: +352 26 32 07 29 Internet: www.ilbosco.lu

### Bistro Quai (Moselle Valley)



A great dining spot for those on a wine tour of the Moselle, Bistro Quai serves a wide variety of pleasant options cooked with largely

locally-sourced ingredients, along with an extensive selection of regional wines.

Floor-to-ceiling glass walls afford views onto nature.

Photo: UfaBizPhoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Route du Vin, Grevenmacher, Luxembourg

Phone: +352 24 55 87 75 Internet: www.quai.lu

#### **CAFES**



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Alongside Belgium, Luxembourg has its own chocolate artistry to show for itself - the longstanding Namur, reputable Oberweis and artisan Chocolate House Bonn are a few essential stops for those with a taste for sweet treats. A few cafes still retain local flavour - try Bistrot de la Presse or Café Interview to look beyond the sleek facades of the city's trendy mixology hot spots.

#### Namur



A family patisserie with routes going back to the mid-19th century, Namur is still run by descendents of the founding father, and continues to delight

with delectable pastries and deserts in Luxembourg and beyond. There is a very broad selection of sweets on offer, and a weekly lunch menu is served at select locations.

Photo: archimede/Shutterstock.com

Address: 27 Rue des Capucins, Luxembourg City Opening hours: Tue-Sat 7.45-18.00 Mon 11.30-18.00

Phone: +352 22 34 08 Internet: www.namur.lu

#### Bistrot de la Presse



A place with character, Bistrot de la Presse is a haunt long-frequented by locals. Portraits of the royal family hang on the walls, and members of

the Luxembourgish parliament are known to hop across the street to grab a bite or a pint – you might well run into some, tucking into the bistro's no-frills local fare.

Photo: SeventyFour/Shutterstock.com

Address: 24 Marché-aux-Herbes, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 46 66 69

Internet: www.bistrotdelapresse.lu

#### **Chocolate House Nathalie Bonn**



Luxembourg's most respectable chocolatier runs a popular cafe right across from Palais Grand-Ducal, in a beautiful historic building

dating back to the 15th century. The speciality

here is hot chocolate: take a pick from the impressive display of wooden spoons stuck in solid chunks of chocolate featuring a variety of flavours, from familiar to rather exotic, and watch the solid block dissolve in a cup of hot milk turning into a warming beverage. There is an abundance of sweet treats and cakes to go along, as well as savoury lunch options.

Photo: timkouroff/Shutterstock.com

Address: 20 Marché aux Herbes, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 26 26 20 06

Internet: http://chocolate-house-bonn.lu

#### **Charles Sandwiches**



Affordable options are hard to come by in the heart of Luxembourg City, but Charles is a pleasant exception: with burgers and sandwiches

to fit any taste and prices starting at as low as 5 Euros, there is hardly a better bargain in the area (further discounts on take-away).

Photo: De Repente/Shutterstock.com

Address: 19 Rue Chimay, Luxembourg City

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11.00-22.00, Sun 10.30-18.00

Phone: + 352 27 99 38 38

Internet: http://charles-sandwiches.lu

#### **Oberweis**



Arguably the finest patisserie chain in Luxembourg, Oberweis is the place to go for delicate fruit-topped tartelettes, cream-filled

eclairs, and all manner of artfully crafted desserts. Savoury lunches are also served (orders taken at the counter; seating area available upstairs). There are several locations across Luxembourg.

Photo: Ambiento/Shutterstock.com

Address: 19-21 Grand'Rue, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 47 07 03 Internet: www.oberweis.lu

#### Kaale Kaffi



The vintage extravaganza that is Kaale Kaffi cares little about uniform interior design - the space is furnished with mismatched yet

oh-so-comfy armchairs and couches, and walls adorned with eclectic artwork – instead placing emphasis on a welcoming atmosphere, good coffee and strong WiFi. It attracts an artsy cloud, including for evening drinks.

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Address: 9 Rue de la Boucherie, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 26 26 25 01

#### **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



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No visit to Luxembourg is complete without sampling the local wines (the Moselle Valley is known primarily for Riesling, but multiple varieties are produced, including Auxerrois, Elbling, Chardonnay, Pinot blanc, noir & gris - at least some of these are served at the overwhelming majority of local bars. A strong expat community of young professionals (nearly 50% of the country is now made up of foreigners)



with disposable income means that nightlife establishments rarely stand idle, especially in Luxembourg City.

#### Les Rives de Clausen District



Rather tranquil by day, the Clausen district not far from central Luxembourg City really comes alive at night, when bars and clubs

dotting the area start drawing in customers.

Most establishments are housed inside
refurbished historic warehouses, forging a
distinct atmosphere. Take your pick from the
assortment – some, such as Um Plateau, feature
heated terraces.

Photo: Steijn Leijzer/Unsplash.com Address: Clausen, Luxembourg City

#### Café des Artistes



Away from the luster of polished upper city bars, Café des Artistes is a nook of warmth and authenticity tucked away in the Grund. Every night

is either "open piano", where anyone is welcome to hit the keys, or one led by an appointed piano player and singer, with a choir of bar-goers joining in a sing-along most of the time.

Photo: Gregory Hayes/Unsplash.com

Address: 22 Montée du Grund, Luxembourg City

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 17.00-3.00

Phone: +352 46 13 27

#### Brauerei



The historic brewery still retains artefacts and pieces of equipment used in the days forgone – albeit now more for their decorative value. Beer is

still brewed here just like in the olden days, its three varieties served with an accompaniment of specialities from southern Germany. Festivities are set up to mark certain holidays, most notably the Oktoberfest.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: 12 Rives de Clausen, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 26 20 10 17

Internet: https://bigbeercompany.lu

#### Vinoteca



Run by one of the country's best sommeliers, Vinoteca is a refined wine bar and tasting room featuring wines from the Moselle

Valley. The cavernous inside space for colder days and a panoramic outdoor terrace complement each other well. Tastings may be pre-arranged for larger groups. Cheese and charcuterie platters are served in accompaniment to wines.

Photo: K.Decha/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6 Rue Wiltheim, Luxembourg City Opening hours: Tue-Fri 12.00-17.00 & 18.00-01.00

Phone: +352 26 86 44 34

Internet: www.vinoteca.lu



#### **Urban Bar**



Despite the sleek ambience, Urban Bar attracts an approachable international crowd, and is one of Luxembourg City's after-work drink

fixtures. There is plenty to choose from in the drinks department, including a wide selection of quality spirits, and the bottom-floor cocktail bar is a find for mixed drink aficionados.

Photo: Michael Discenza/Unsplash.com

Address: 2 Rue de la Boucherie, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 26 47 85 78 Internet: www.urban.lu

More Info: Further location in Esch-Belval

#### Scott's



This hearty Irish pub split across two levels is a summertime staple, primarily for its outdoor terrace overlooking the river (seating here is

limited, so arrive early). Inside, oldie hits and sporting event broadcasts draw in a mixed, jolly crowd that fills up the dance floor on Friday and Saturday nights.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4 Bisserweg, 1238 Lëtzebuerg, Luxembourg

Phone: +352 22 64 75 Internet: www.scotts-pub.com

#### Cinémathèque



The vintage
Cinémathèque cinema
holds an impressive
collection of over 10,000
international films,
screened in their original

language with English subtitles near daily, and at

bargain ticket prices. It's a fascinating experience for all lovers of the art; in the summers, outdoor film viewings are held in the courtyard of Théâtre des Capucins.

Photo: Kilyan Sockalingum/Unsplash.com

Address: 17 Place du Théâtre, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 47 96 26 44

Internet:

www.vdl.lu/visiter/art-et-culture/cinema/cinematheque

#### Rockhal (Esch-sur-Alzette)



Located in the former industrial site of Belval, Rockhal is currently Luxembourg's premiere event venue, with a capacity to host up to

6,500 guests. Tickets purchased for any of the events held at Rockhal also include free public transportation to and from Rockhal across all of Luxembourg. Major international acts perform regularly – check the website for schedules.

Photo: Borna Bevanda/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Avenue du Rock'n'Roll, Esch-sur-Alzette,

Luxembourg

Phone: +352 24 55 51 Internet: www.rockhal.lu



#### **SHOPPING**



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The list of Luxembourgish specialities is surprisingly long for such a tiny place. A few items to consider shopping for include Villeroy & Boch ceramics featuring the Old Luxembourg pattern (the brand's first original creation); beer, liquor and wines from the Moselle (which are hard to come by elsewhere, outside of Luxembourg); Peckvillchen bird whistles, used on Easter Monday for the annual Emaishen festival (and functioning as souvenirs for the remainder of the year); chocolate by reputable Luxembourg chocolatiers; high-end watches (Schroeder or Bijouterie Hoffman, for example), and more. Local handicrafts include wax and glass creations, which are often available at weekly markets, alongside fresh regional produce.

The last weekend of August or the first one in September is when the annual Braderie (large-scale sale/city-wide flea market) takes place, attracting both shoppers and vendors from across the country and beyond. There is also an antique fair held in Place d'Armes every 2nd and 4th Saturday.

#### Namur



A family patisserie with routes going back to the mid-19th century, Namur is still run by descendents of the founding father, and continues to delight

with delectable pastries and deserts in Luxembourg and beyond. There is a very broad selection of sweets on offer, as well as artisan chocolates to bring home as souvenirs.

Photo: archimede/Shutterstock.com

Address: 27, rue des Capucins

Opening hours: Tue - Sat 7.45 - 18.00 Mon 11.30 - 18.00

Phone: +352 22 34 08 Internet: www.namur.lu

#### **Chocolate House Bonn**



Luxembourg's most respectable chocolatier runs a popular cafe right across from Palais Grand-Ducal, in a beautiful historic building

dating back to the 15th century. Although the boutique stocks a plethora of hand-crafted chocolates and sweet spreads, the speciality here is hot chocolate: take a pick from the impressive spoon display featuring a variety of flavours, each individually packaged and ready to become an excellent souvenir or a drink to have right then and there. Treats sold are all-natural, with no artificial additives or palm oil.

Photo: timkouroff/Shutterstock.com

Address: 20, Rue du Marché aux Herbes Luxembourg Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8.00-20.00, Sat 9.00-20.00, Sun

10.00-20.00

Phone: +352 26 26 20 06

Internet: http://chocolate-house-bonn.lu Email: info@chocolate-house-bonn.lu More Info: Opposite the Grand Ducal Palace



#### Marché Luxembourg



Every Wednesday and Saturday sees Luxembourg City's Place Guillaume II (and Place de Paris on Wednesdays) transform into a fresh

produce market featuring the finest products from the region: fresh fruit and vegetables, meats, spreads, jams, and more.

Many of the towns and villages across Luxembourg host their own weekly produce markets; exact days of the week may vary by location (see link below for details).

Photo: Peter Wendt/Unsplash.com

Internet: www.visitluxembourg.com/en/what-to-do/shopping-l

uxembourg/shopping-events

#### **Factory Outlet Center Villeroy & Boch**



A legendary home decor brand with a history of nearly 300 years, Villeroy & Boch produces ceramics that have made appearances everywhere

from on board the Titanic to modern-day films and TV shows, such as House of Cards and Ocean's Eleven. The factory outlet in Luxembourg City outskirts is an excellent place to find great deals on both original Old Luxembourg patterns and more experimental modern pieces.

Photo: Tom Crew/Unsplash

Address: 330 Rue de Rollingergrund, Luxembourg

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9.00-18.00

Phone: +352 46 82 12 78

Internet: www.villeroy-boch.com

#### **Luxembourg House**



Few places are a better find to shop for all things Luxembourgish than this fantastic store stocking everything from Moselle Valley wines and local

beer to ceramics, jewellery, designer accessories, books, and more – all created by artists from the region. It's a treasure trove of memorable, unique gifts and souvenirs.

Photo: Fanning Tseng/Unsplash.com

Address: 2 Rue de l'Eau, Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 26 26 26 27

Internet: www.luxembourghouse.lu

#### Fromagerie Schmalen-Brouwer



It doesn't get any more fresh and organic than the Berdorfer Keis dairy farm, which produces multiple varieties of cheese with both cow and

goat milk, yogurt, ice creams, and more. The on-site Fromagerie Schmalen-Brouwer shop stocks a selection of regional products alongside those from the farm itself.

Photo: Ewa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Rue de Consdorf, Berdorf, Luxembourg Opening hours: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 08.30-12.00 &

13.00-16.00

Phone: +352 79 03 78 Internet: www.berdorfer.lu

#### Vinoteca



Run by one of the country's best sommeliers, Vinoteca is a refined wine bar, tasting room and shop featuring wines from the Moselle



Valley. The on-site boutique features nearly 3000 labels of fine wines produced both locally in the Moselle and imported from abroad (among them around 100 vintages).

Photo: K.Decha/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6 Rue Wiltheim, 2733 Luxembourg

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 12.00- 17.00 & 18.00-01.00

Phone: +352 26 86 44 34 Internet: www.vinoteca.lu

#### **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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#### Passport / Visa



Luxembourg can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea,

Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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#### **Best Time to Visit**



Luxembourg can be visited any time of year.
Keep in mind, however, that some attractions, especially in the Ardennes area, may only

function at full capacity during the high season months of July and August (for example, guided tours to some castles/museums may only be available during those months). Do not let this be a decisive factor though, since most attractions can still be visited on your own.

If you're looking for active pastimes, such as hiking, late spring or early autumn may be your best bets with regard to comfortable temperatures. While the summer season may be better for trips and excursions, the pre-Christmas period with its atmospheric markets is another good time to go, and temperatures rarely drop below zero even in the winter.

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#### **Airport**



Luxembourg's only international airport may be easily reached by public transport. Buses 6, 16, and 29 will take you to the city centre every

10 to 30 minutes. Since March 2020, public transport in Luxembourg is free of charge. For more details on the schedules of these two lines, visit the Luxembourg public transport website:

www.lux-airport.lu/parking-transport/bus/



Taxis can be hired at the airport, as well as rental cars:

www.lux-airport.lu/parking-transport/taxi/

www.lux-airport.lu/parking-transport/car-rental/

One can also travel to Luxembourg via the German city of Trier (Bus 117, which stops both at the Luxembourg airport and in the city). There are coaches that run to France (Metz, Nancy) and Belgium (Arlon, Bastogne,

Marche-en-Famenne) operated by a private provider called Flibco:

www.flibco.com/en

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Luxembourg Airport, Luxembourg

Phone: +352 24 640 Internet: www.lux-airport.lu

#### **Public Transport**



Luxembourg has a rather well-developed public transportation system, which is mad up of buses an trains. It's easy to reach any major town or

settlement from Luxembourg City using public transport.

A full day ticket costs only a couple of Euros more than a single ticket, but allows one to use public transportation as much as desired until 4am of the following day. Bus & train combo tickets are valid on the entire territory of the country.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Internet: www.vdl.lu/se-deplacer/en-bus

### **Pharmacy**



Check the link below for a list of on-duty pharmacies that remain open 24/7 on a rota basis.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Internet:

www.pharmacie.lu/service\_de\_garde/et\_les\_jours\_suivants/

#### Taxi



There are multiple taxi ranks in Luxembourg (next to the Central Station and behind the Notre-Dame Cathedral are the two main ones).

One is no longer required to get into the first cab in line, each taxi company is free to set its own fare, and all fares must be clearly displayed for the passenger to see (in some cases, it may be worth enquiring whether the driver can offer a flat rate to your destination).

For pre-ordering cabs, the Webtaxi service/app (linked below) is a popular option that often has significantly lower rates; you can order a car for a specific time or to arrive as soon as possible.

There are also carpooling services for longer transfers within and outside of Luxembourg.

Photo: Taxi

Internet: www.webtaxi.lu



#### **Post**



Post offices normally work Monday through Friday, some close for lunch. Post boxes are yellow in colour.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

#### **Electricity**



230 volts, 50 Hz Electric outlet type F

Photo: Stirling Tschan

#### Telephone



International dialling code +352

Photo: Jardson Almeida

#### **Population**

132,800 (2022) Luxembourg City 647,599 (2022) Luxembourg

#### Currency

1 Euro = 100 cents

#### Opening hours

General commercial opening hours are roughly between 9am–6pm (few remain open until 8pm).

#### Newspapers

Luxembourg Times (in English) – www.luxtimes.lu/en Delano (in English) – delano.lu City Magazine Luxembourg (French / English) – city.vdl.lu/en/ Luxemburger Wort (in German) – www.wort.lu/de

#### **Emergency numbers**

For Emergency Services, dial 112, or for the Grand Ducal

Police, dial 113.

#### **Tourist information**

Luxembourg City Tourist Office 30 Place Guillaume II, Luxembourg Opening hours: Mon–Sat 9.00–6pm, Sun 11am–4pm +352 22 28 09