



Photo: Karl Bruninx / Visit Leuven



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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Tips to inspire you from those in the know.

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

SUPER TIPS



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: https://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-beguinage

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.

Photo: Karl Bruninx Address: Kapucijnenvoer 30 Opening hours: 8:00-20:00 | 01.10-30.04: until17:00 | Sundays & holidays: from 9:00 Internet: http://visitleuven.be/en/green-spots

Dieric Bouts



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

Photo: Tina Cuyt 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

Rent a bike



Rent a bike and discover Leuven and surroundings.

Photo: Marco Mertens Internet: http://visitleuven.be/en/transport-in-leuven

ILUVLEUVEN TICKET



The ILUVLeuven Ticket gives you the opportunity to visit the most important buildings of Leuven at a favorable rate.

- 1. ILUVLeuven Ticket: 8 euro | Gives acces to:
- Town hall
- University library & tower

2. ILUVLeuven Ticket XL: 16 euro | Gives acces to:

- Town hall
- University library & tower
- M Leuven

You also get a reduction for the information about the artworks in Saint Peter's Church. The tickets are available at Visit Leuven, Naamsestraat 3, 3000 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.

Photo: Karl Bruninx

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: http://www.visitleuven.be/en Email: visit@leuven.be More Info: Virtual tour: http://townhall.visitleuven.be/

Brewery Stella Artois



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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.

Photo: Karl Bruninx

Address: Aarschotsesteenweg 20, 3000 Leuven Opening hours: Fridays: 17:00 (EN) | Saturdays & Sundays: 13:00 (NL) & 15:00 (EN) Tickets: https://www.visitleuven.be/en/brewery-stella-artois

Saint Peter's Church & Dieric Bouts



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

unstable soil.

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 recognized 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: Tina Cuyt

Address: Grote Markt Opening hours: 10:00-16:30 | Sundays & holidays: 11:00-16:30 | 01/10 - 31/03: Wed: closed Internet: www.diericbouts.be/en | www.mleuven.be Email: info@mleuven.be

Oude Markt



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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.

Photo: Karl Bruninx Address: Leopold Vanderkelenstraat 28 Opening hours: 11:00-18:00 | Thu: 11:00-22:00 | Wed: closed Phone: +32 16 27 29 29 Tickets: www.mleuven.be 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.

Photo: Karl Bruninx Address: Kapucijnenvoer 30 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: https://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.

Photo: Visit Leuven Opening hours: Permanently accessible Tickets: Free entrance Internet: https://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.

Photo: Visit Leuven Address: Vaartkom, 3000 Leuven Internet: https://www.visitleuven.be/en/vaartkom

ACCOMMODATIONS



Pentahotel, Visit Leuven

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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Photo: Pentahotel 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.

Photo: and& festival Internet: https://www.andleuven.com/

Summer in Leuven | Juli & 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.

Photo: Joel Hoylaerts 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.

Photo: Visit Leuven Internet: www.winterseasoninleuven.be

Artefact Festival | February



An annual festival for media art where the most impressive installations from both Belgium and abroad are consolidated in a comprehensive

exhibition.

Photo: Visit Leuven Internet: http://www.artefact-festival.be/en

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.

Photo: Visit Leuven 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.

Photo: Visit Leuven Internet: www.kortfilmfestival.be/en

BEER IN LEUVEN



Visit 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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Address: Aarschotsesteenweg 20, 3000 Leuven Tickets: https://www.visitleuven.be/en/brewery-stella-artois Internet: http://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

Oude Markt



The longest bar in the world, that's what Leuven's Oude Markt (Old Market) is called. Around forty cafés on one square mean that

students and locals never go thirsty.

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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

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

Trente



Trente is a stylish restaurant on Muntstraat. The restaurant is known for its light, fine cuisine. An appropriate beer or suitable wine is

recommended with each dish.

Photo: Visit Leuven Address: Muntstraat 36, 3000 Leuven Phone: +32 16 20 30 30 Internet: www.trente.be

(BEER) RESTAURANTS



Bart Albrecht, Visit Leuven

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

RestOcheck



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-le uven-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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Taste



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

Contemporary cuisine | Beer list with a selection of local craft beers |

Matching beers | Detailed explanation on pairing

every four weeks

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

Trente



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

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recommended with each dish.

Photo: Visit Leuven Address: Muntstraat 36, 3000 Leuven Phone: +32 16 20 30 30 Internet: www.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



Jan op de Kamp, Visit Leuven

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



Visit Leuven

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.

BEER PUB Typical

old-style bar at daytime,

partyzone at night | 100

beers including several

local beers | Beer of the

month

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

Café Belge



Photo: Café Belge 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.

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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-l euven-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.

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

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

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

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

Rent a bike



Rent a bike and discover Leuven and surroundings.

Photo: Marco Mertens Internet: http://visitleuven.be/en/bicycle-rent

Population

>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 https://www.visitleuven.be/en

Newspapers

Het Laatste Nieuws De Morgen De Standaard Het Nieuwsblad

Emergency numbers

112 or 101

Tourist information Visit Leuven | Naamsestraat 3, 3000 Leuven T: +32 16 20 30 20 | visit@leuven.be

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