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Photo: Karl Bruninx



Tina Cuyt

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.

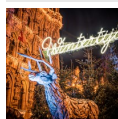


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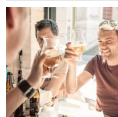
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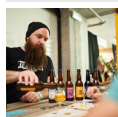
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A range of winter activities at Winterseason in Leuven: the Leuven Christmas...



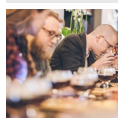
Leuven Beer Weekends | April

April 2018, Leuven will open all taps during three weekends. With beer tours...



Leuven Innovation Beer Fes...

The Leuven Innovation Beer Festival is a platform for craft breweries from a...



Zyθος Beer festival | April

The Zyθος Beer Festival is the largest beer tasting festival of its kind in...



Summer in Leuven | July & ...

A visit to Leuven is highly recommended, especially in summer, when there is...

Top 5



Town Hall

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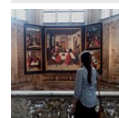
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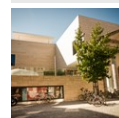
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LEUVEN IN 24/48 HOURS



Visit Leuven

Locals Lieve & Rik share their tips for spending 24h/48h in Leuven.

DAY 1

10 am | There's no better way to start the weekend than with a visit to the tower at the university library to take in the unique panorama of the entire city.

11 am | The doors of the Museum M, about 100 m from the university library, open at 11 am. Your museum ticket will also get you into the treasury at St Peter's Church, which is the oldest and largest church in Leuven. Among other things, you'll find 'The Last Supper' by Dirk Bouts in the M-Treasury of Saint Peter. The Leuven Town Hall, one of the most beautiful late Gothic buildings in Europe, is just across from Saint Peter's Church. (There is a guided tour every day at 3 pm)

1 pm | It's definitely time for a bite to eat by now. You can get something on the Grote Markt, the square between the Town Hall and the church. This same square is also a great place to come drink something in the evening when the last rays of the setting sun turn the Town Hall golden.

2 pm | Weekend visitors are best off popping into the shops on Saturday afternoon. But don't forget the quieter shopping streets with their smaller, cosy boutiques, like the Parijsstraat and the Mechelsestraat. You can stop at Barbóék, which is a unique combination of a coffee bar and a bookshop, for coffee.

5 pm | If your legs aren't too tired, now is the time to head to the Sluispark via the Vismarkt and Saint Gertrude's Abbey and walk along the Vaartkom. Construction on the new Leuven is going on here on the site where Stella beer used to be brewed.

If you're feeling a bit peckish again, you can head to De Smidse, the old Stella Artois forge, which now houses a modern market for traditional foodstuffs. This unique setting is also home to Pasta Atelier Rossi. According to Gault&Millau, chef Felice Miluzzi is the best Italian chef in Belgium.

On the other side of the Dijle River is the Grand Café De Hoorn, where you can enjoy a bite to eat and the view of the old copper brew-kettles of the historic De Hoorn brewery. If you'd rather bypass the meat, you can go to the Noordoever, a vegetarian restaurant on the banks of the old Vaartkom, that's just 100 m up the way. They put the tables outside on the banks in the summer.

DAY 2

We know the Leuven city centre like the back of our hands, so now it's time to expand our range. The easiest way to do this is on two wheels, and you can even opt for an electric bike. You can rent bicycles here.

10 am | First stop: the Botanical Garden,

Belgium's oldest botanical garden (1738). It's not the largest but it is the most charming of gardens in our country.

11 am | Second stop: the Great Beguinage, one of the largest beguinages that is still maintained in Belgium. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage site. The three-hectare enclosed garden is a peaceful oasis in the middle of a busy city.

noon | Head out of the city and into Park Abbey in Heverlee. The Abbey was once the largest in the Low Countries and hard work is now underway to restore the gigantic area. You can have lunch here at Brasserie Abdijmolen. You have a gorgeous view of the abbey site's ponds from the brasserie terrace.

2 pm | If you've still got some energy in your legs, you can ride on over to the Vlierbeek Abbey. The church is definitely worth the effort but even more so is the tavern In den Rozenkrans, a pub where the interior has not changed for the past 50 years. A break on the terrace is a must in the summertime.

SUPER TIPS



Karl Bruninx

Showpiece



Visit the beautiful gothic town hall, every day at 3 pm.

Photo: Marco Mertens

Address: Grote Markt

Opening hours: 3 pm

Tickets: Tourism Leuven, Naamsestraat 3

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

Park Abbey



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

Photo: Marco Mertens

Address: Abdij Van Park 7

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

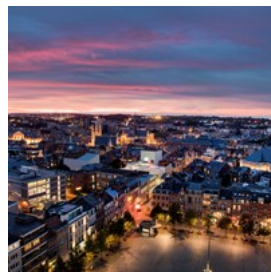
Opening hours: More info: www.abdijvanpark.be

Phone: +32 16 40 01 51

Internet: www.abdijvanpark.be

Email: info@abdijvanpark.be

Best view



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

Photo: Karl Bruninx

Address: Monseigneur Ladeuzeplein

Opening hours: every day: 10 am-17 pm

Tickets: 7 euro | for sale: on site

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

Email: KunstEnErfgoed@kuleuven.be

Dirk Bouts



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

Photo: Tina Cuyt

Address: Grote Markt , 3000 Leuven

Opening hours: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 10 am-4.30 pm | Sat: 10am-4 pm | Sun: 11 am-4.30 pm

Email: bezoekm@leuven.be

Unesco



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

Photo: Visit Leuven

Address: Schapenstraat, Leuven

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

Architecture



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

Photo: Jan Kempnaers

Internet: www.mleuven.be/en/

Email: bezoekm@leuven.be

4 highlights | 1 ticket



Discover the highlights with the ILUVLeuven Ticket at an interesting rate.

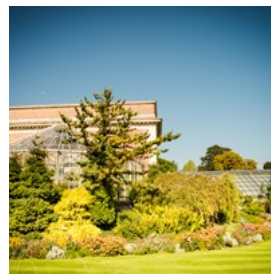
Photo: M-Museum Leuven

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

Internet: www.visitleuven.be

Email: tourism@leuven.be

Pick-nick



Enjoy a pick-nick in the beautiful botanical garden.

Photo: Visit Leuven

Address: Kapucijnenvoer 30

Opening hours: 01/05-30/09: 8 am-8 pm (Sun: 9 am-8 pm) | 01/10-30/04: 8 am-5 pm (Sun: 9 am-5 pm)

Internet: <http://visitleuven.be/en/botanical-garden>

Going out



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

Photo: Visit Leuven

Address: Oude Markt

Internet: www.visitleuven.be/en

Rent a bike



Rent a bike and discover Leuven and surroundings.

Photo: Marco Mertens

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

Leuven Walk App



Discover the highlights of Leuven with student Axel with the Leuven Walk App.

Photo: Karl Bruninx

Internet: <http://visitleuven.be/en/leuven-walk-app>

ILUVLEUVEN TICKET



M-Museum Leuven

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 access to:

- Town hall
- University library & tower
- M-Museum Leuven

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

- Town hall
- University library & tower
- M-Museum Leuven

The tickets are available at Visit Leuven, Naamsestraat 3, 3000 Leuven

SEE & DO



Marco Mertens

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 & the M-Treasury of Saint Peter and the delicious atmosphere at the Oude Markt (Old Market Square), 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 3 pm

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

Address: Grote Markt

Opening hours: Guided tours for individuals: every day at 3 pm (except 01.01 & 25.12)

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

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

Email: toerisme@leuven.be

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

Central University Library & tower



During the First World War, the library, then housed in the University Hall, was destroyed by fire. In the 1920s, with the help of American funding, the Leuven library rose again from the ashes in a new building built in the Flemish Renaissance style on the Mgr. Ladeuzeplein. The Carillon - with its 63 bells, the largest in the country - was also funded by the benefactors. One million books are currently housed in and around the impressive reading room.

Address: Mgr. Ladeuzeplein

Opening hours: Every day: 10 am - 5 pm

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

Email: KunstEnErfgoed@kuleuven.be

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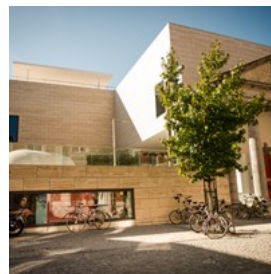
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Address: Grote Markt , 3000 Leuven

Opening hours: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 10 am-4.30 pm | Sat: 10am-4 pm | Sun: 11 am-4.30 pm

Email: bezoekm@leuven.be

M-Museum 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 - Museum 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

Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 11:00 - 18:00 Thursday: 11:00 - 22:00

Phone: +32 16 27 29 29

Internet: www.mleuven.be

Oude Markt



Visiting the Old Market Square is like taking a seat at the longest bar in Europe. Nowhere will you find as high a concentration of restaurants and cafés than on this unique square. No wonder the Old Market Square is the perfect meeting place in Leuven, especially when the weather is good and the numerous pavement cafés are overflowing with people.

Botanical Garden



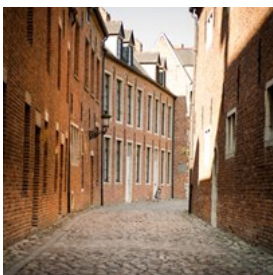
This is the oldest botanical garden in Belgium. The university laid out the garden in 1738 for its medical students. Today, this unique place is managed by the city of Leuven. It has created a tropical conservatory, a water and fruit garden and the sunken garden. This, together with the picnic benches, the sea of flowers and art projects, make the Botanical Garden a favourite resting place for inhabitants and visitors.

Address: Kapucijnenvoer 30

Opening hours: Every day (except 01.01 & 25.12) | 01.05 - 30.09: 9 am - 8 pm | 01.10 - 30.04: 9 am - 5 pm

Internet: www.visitleuven.be

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.

Opening hours: The Beguinage is open to the public free of charge

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 22, 3000 Leuven

Tickets: www.breweryvisits.com

Saint Peter's Church



As you enter this Gothic church, you are immediately struck by the splendour of this unique building. In the Treasury of Saint Peter, you will see the last painting of a Flemish Primitive painter, still displayed in the place for which it was ordered: "Het Laatste Avondmaal" (The Last Supper) by Dirk Bouts. But Saint Peter's Church is unique for other reasons as well. For example, the belfry has been recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage monument.

Address: Grote Markt

Opening hours: Every day: 10 am - 4.30 pm | Saturdays: 10 am - 4 pm | Sundays & public holidays: 11 am - 4.30 pm

Internet: www.visitleuven.be

De Hoorn



Brewery De Hoorn is the birthplace of Stella Artois; this world famous beer was brewed here for the first time in 1926. The historical, listed building

near the centre of Leuven still looks fantastic with it's monumental brewing hall and unique construction.

After years of inactivity and a complete renovation the building became home to a business centre and event location.

Photo: De Hoorn

Address: Sluisstraat 79, 3000 Leuven

Phone: +32 492 73 99 25

Internet: www.dehoorn.eu

Email: grandcafe@dehoorn.eu

(BEER) RESTAURANTS



Bart Albrecht

RestOcheck



Discover the restaurants in Leuven.

Photo: Milo-Profi

Internet: www.restocheck.com/en

Beer restaurant Land aan de overkant



- Contemporary gastronomic cuisine -
Beer list with a selection of Gueuzes and local craft beers - It is possible to ask for matching beers -

Detailed explanation on pairing

Photo: Lado

Address: Léon Schreursvest 85, 3001 Leuven

Phone: +32 16 22 61 81

Internet: <https://www.hetlandaandeoverkant.be/>

Taste



BEER RESTAURANT

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

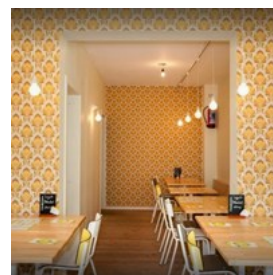
Leuven) | New beers every four weeks

Photo: Taste

Address: Naamsestraat 62, 3000 Leuven

Internet: <http://www.leuventaste.be/>

L-Café



BEER RESTAURANT

Traditional Belgian kitchen | Beer list with a lavish selection of local craft beers | Pairing of beers and Vlapas (small portions of Flemish classics) | Tasting sessions are possible on request

Photo: L-Café

Address: Oude Markt 37, 3000 Leuven

Internet: <http://www.lcafe.be/>

Email: info@lcafe.be

Zarza



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

Address: Bondgenotenlaan 92

Phone: +32 16 20 50 05

Internet: www.zarza.be

Email: info@zarza.be

Trente



BEER RESTAURANT
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

M-Café



BEER RESTAURANT/PUB
Burgers and regional dishes | Beer list with a lavish selection of local craft beers | Matching beers

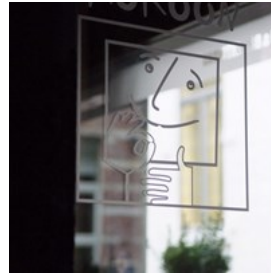
Photo: Karl Bruninx

Address: Savoyestraat 10, 3000 Leuven (M-Museum Leuven)

Internet: <http://www.mleuven.be/en/m-cafe>

Email: info@museumcafe.be

Kokoon



BEER RESTAURANT
Seasonal and contemporary Belgian cuisine | Beer list with a selection of local craft beers | Monthly changing menu with matching beers | Classics based on regional beers

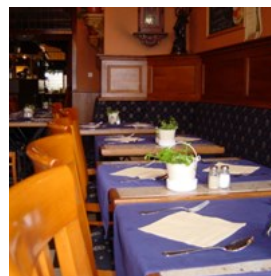
Address: 's Meiersstraat 1

Phone: +32 16 23 07 26

Internet: www.kokoon.be

Email: info@kokoon.be

De Valck



BEER RESTAURANT
Belgian cuisine | Beer menu and beer-based dishes

Address: Tiensestraat 10

Phone: +32 16 22 13 97

Internet: www.devalck.be

More Info: info@devalck.be

Domus Brauhaus



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

Address: Tiensestraat 8

Phone: +32 16 20 14 49

Internet: www.domusleuven.be

Email: info@domusleuven.be

Improvisio



BEER RESTAURANT
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

De Klimop



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

beers

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

Muntstraat



In this street, with houses from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, tourists happily allow themselves to be intoxicated by the scents

and colours. It is the "restaurant street" par excellence and it is difficult to choose from the wide variety of restaurants offering primarily European cuisine.

Address: Muntstraat

Parijsstraat



cuisine.

Parijsstraat, after Muntstraat, comes a close second as a neighbourhood famous for its delicacies. Here, the emphasis is on world

Address: Parijsstraat

Tiensestraat



with restaurants, cafés and shops.

Tiensestraat is a typical student street. During the academic year, this street buzzes with students. In this street, students' houses are alternated

Photo: Karl Bruninx
Address: Tiensestraat

PUBS



Jan op de Kamp

Café Belge

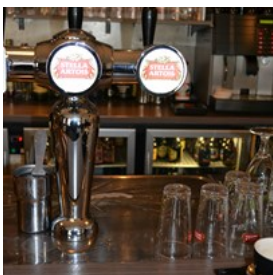


BEER PUB Typical old-style bar at daytime, partyzone at night | 100 beers including several local beers | Beer of the month

Photo: Café Belge

Address: Oude Markt 35, 3000 Leuven

De Fiere Margriet



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

Address: Margarethaplein 11

M-Café



BEER RESTAURANT/PUB Burgers and regional dishes | Beer list with a lavish selection of local craft beers | Matching beers

Photo: Karl Bruninx

Address: Savoyestraat 10, 3000 Leuven (M-Museum Leuven)

Internet: <http://www.mleuven.be/en/m-cafe>

Email: info@museumcafe.be

De Metafoor



BEER PUB Cosy pub | Good selection of beers, including local specialities | Beer of the month

Address: Parijsstraat 34

Phone: +32 496 25 44 65

The Capital



BEER PUB Large beer selection | Gaze at the range of beers in de basement through the glass floor | The mechanical beer elevator carries the beers upstairs

Address: Grote Markt 14, 3000 Leuven

Oude Markt



Paying a visit to the Oude Markt is like pulling up a chair at the longest bar in Europe, because nowhere else can you find as many catering establishments

in one place as on this unique square. No wonder the Oude Markt is Leuven's meeting place par excellence, particularly in warm weather when the numerous terraces quickly fill up.

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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.

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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.

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

Musicafe



Place-to-be for after-work parties and various (private) events. With three different rooms, it is the perfect location for a unique event!

Address: Muntstraat 5
Phone: +32 16 20 06 41
Internet: www.musicafe.be

Mattiz



MATTIZ is a trendy and loungy bar with both classic and hip cocktails, tasty finger food and great tapas.

Address: Naamsestraat 53
Phone: +32 16 74 63 84
Internet: www.mattiz.com

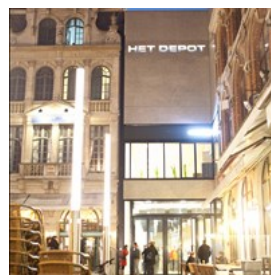
STUK Kunstencentrum



Arts centre for image, dance & sound.

Address: Naamsestraat 96
Phone: +32 16 32 03 00
Internet: www.stuk.be

Het Depot



Music centre.

Address: Martelarenplein 12
Phone: +32 16 22 06 03
Internet: www.hetdepot.be

Bar Louis



Grab a drink or some food in the cosy Bar Louis

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

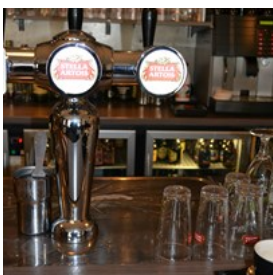
Café Belge



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month

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.

Address: Margarethaplein 11

De Metafoor



De Metafoor is highly
recommended for
beer-lovers. You will find
this welcoming little pub
on Parijsstraat. De
Metafoor has a
particularly good selection of beers, including
the usual local specialities. Here too there is a
“Beer of the month”. Open every day from 11
a.m.

Address: Parijsstraat 34
Phone: +32 496 25 44 65

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.

EVENTS



Joel Hoylaerts

City project as a result of the 500th birthday of
the world-famous anatomist Andreas Vesalius.
One of the most influential characters in the
renaissance period and former student at the
University of Leuven.

Winter Season in Leuven



A range of winter activities at Winterseason in Leuven: the Leuven Christmas market, a nostalgic fair, an exclusive guided tour in the Leuven town hall or winter walks.

Internet: www.winterseasoninleuven.be

Leuven Beer Weekends | April



April 2018, Leuven will open all taps during three weekends. With beer tours, tastings and brewery visits, the city is more than ever 'The place to beer'.

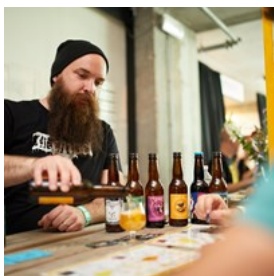
Highlights are the Leuven Innovation Beer Festival (14+15.04.2018) and the Zythos Bierfestival (28+29.04.2018).

Photo: Jan op de Kamp

Opening hours: 13 April - 29 April 2018

Internet: <http://www.visitleuven.be/en/leuven-beer-weekends>

Leuven Innovation Beer Festival | April



The Leuven Innovation Beer Festival is a platform for craft breweries from all over the world. You can taste innovative beers and learn everything about the ingredients, the techniques used, the production, the energy used, the packaging or even the origin of the recipe.

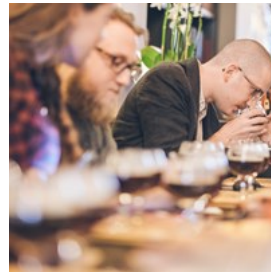
"A must for any beer aficionado", if we are to believe the international press and visitors.

Address: De Hoorn, Sluisstraat 79 , 3000 Leuven

Opening hours: 14+15 April 2018

Internet: www.leuveninnovationbeerfestival.com

Zythos Beer festival | April



The Zythos Beer Festival is the largest beer tasting festival of its kind in Europe. More than 100 Belgian brewers who produce 500 different types of beer, all in one location. Beer fans and aficionados travel from all corners of the planet to discover that Belgians really are the best brewers of beer in the world. A giant beer festival that you must not miss!

At the festival, you can rent a tasting glass and jetons. You can exchange these jetons at the various beer stands for a 10 cl sample.

Photo: Jan op de Kamp

Opening hours: 28+29.04.2018

Internet: <http://www.zbf.be/index.php?lang=UK&page=1>

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 Het Groot Verlof (the summer program in Leuven).

Photo: Joel Hoylaerts

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

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.

Hapje-Tapje and Barman race



Hapje-Tapje and Barman race (first Sunday of August): culinary trail in the city centre with tasty snacks, drinks and plenty of atmosphere.

International short film festival Leuven (beginning of December)



The best this year had to offer in the wonderful world of short film.

Internet: www.kortfilmfestival.be/en

Docville | March



Enjoy a selection of the best national and international documentaries in various locations throughout the city. All films are in

English or with English subtitles.

Internet: www.docville.be

M-idzomer



Unique summer festival in the atmospheric enclosed garden of M-Museum Leuven with concerts, comedy, performance, dance,

spoken word and visual art.

Internet: www.m-idzomer.be

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.

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>

Diestsestraat (from Louis Melsensstraat to the station)



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

Photo: Visit 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.

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.

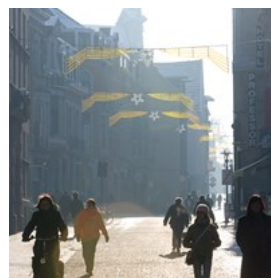
Tiensestraat



cafés and shops.

Photo: Karl Bruninx

Naamsestraat



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

Parijsstraat



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

Brusselsestraat



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

Parijsstraat



Parijsstraat, after Muntstraat, comes a close second as a neighbourhood famous for its delicacies. Here, the emphasis is on world cuisine.

Address: Parijsstraat

Tiensestraat



Tiensestraat is a typical student street. During the academic year, this street buzzes with students. In this street, students' houses are alternated with restaurants, cafés and shops.

Photo: Karl Bruninx

Address: Tiensestraat

ACCOMMODATIONS

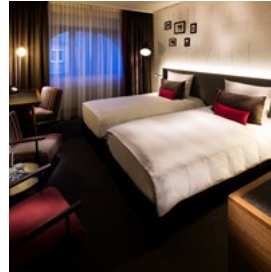


Pentahotel

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



Book your stay: <http://visitleuven.be/en/stayingover>

Photo: Pentahotel

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

ACCESSIBILITY & TRANSPORT



Airport



Brussels Airport (Zaventem) is located 33 km from Leuven and is easy accessible by train. There is a train departing approximately every 30

minutes from Leuven to the airport between 5.27 a.m. and 11.07 p.m. The journey by train takes about 16 minutes.

Web: www.brusselsairport.be

Brussels South Charleroi Airport is located approximately 85 km from Leuven. Airportbus.eu provides transportation to and from the airport

from various locations, including Leuven, seven days a week. The Airport Bus departs from Leuven at fixed times between 3.00 a.m. and 7.20 p.m. (EUR 14.00) and from Charleroi at fixed times between 6.35 a.m. and 8.15 p.m. (EUR 12.80). Tickets must be ordered at least 48 hours in advance.

Telephone: +32 904 43571 (EUR 1.75/min)

Web: www.airportbus.eu,
www.charleroi-airport.com

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.

Trein: www.nmbs.be

Bus: www.delijn.be

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

Taxi



When leaving the station, there are always some taxis available at Martelarenplein. Another taxi spot is the Ferdinand Smoldersplein.

Pharmacy



Pharmacies are identified by the green cross outside.

LEUVEN, BEER CAPITAL



A small-scale city like Leuven has numerous cosy and often unique spots.

We give you an insider guide into beer spots.

Leuven Beer Month



Leuven opens all the taps from 22 April to 22 May 2016. With beer tours, tastings, brewery visits, the city is more than ever 'The place to beer'.

Photo: Jan op de Kamp

Internet: www.leuven.be/en/beercapital/

Beer restaurant Land aan de overkant



- Contemporary gastronomic cuisine - Beer list with a selection of Gueuzes and local craft beers - It is possible to ask for matching beers -

Detailed explanation on pairing

Photo: Lado

Address: Léon Schreursvest 85, 3001 Leuven

Phone: +32 16 22 61 81

Internet: <https://www.hetlandaandeoverkant.be/>

Taste



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

four weeks

Photo: Taste

Address: Naamsestraat 62, 3000 Leuven

Internet: <http://www.leuventaste.be/>

Beer restaurant | L-Café



Traditional Belgian kitchen | Beer list with a lavish selection of local craft beers | Pairing of beers and Vlapas (small portions of Flemish classics) | Tasting sessions are possible on request

Photo: L-Café

Address: Oude Markt 37, 3000 Leuven

Internet: <http://www.lcafe.be/>

Email: info@lcafe.be

Beer restaurant | Zarza



Restaurant Zarza has a pleasant, modern interior. The kitchen team works with quality produce, often sourced locally. In 2009, Zarza won the

Bierkok (Beer Chef), an initiative to showcase Flemish Brabant beers and breweries. In Zarza you can spend a lovely evening with great food

and fine wines, all in an atmospheric setting.

Address: Bondgenotenlaan 92

Phone: +32 16 20 50 05

Internet: www.zarza.be

Email: info@zarza.be

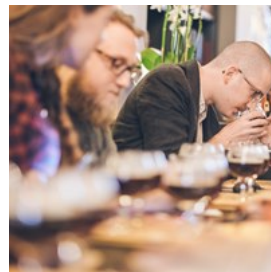
De Fiere Margriet



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.

Address: Margarethaplein 11

Zyθος Beer festival



Zyθος Beer festival (last weekend of April): Largest beer festival in Belgium and its surroundings. Try over 500 Belgian beers from more than 100 different Belgian breweries

Photo: Jan op de Kamp

Internet: <http://www.zbf.be/index.php?lang=UK&page=1>

M-Café



BEER RESTAURANT/PUB Burgers and regional dishes | Beer list with a lavish selection of local craft beers | Matching beers

Photo: Karl Bruninx

Address: Savoyestraat 10, 3000 Leuven (M-Museum Leuven)

Internet: <http://www.mleuven.be/en/m-cafe>

Email: info@museumcafe.be

Beer restaurant | Kokoon



At Kokoon restaurant, Chef Guy Vantoortelboom indulges you with his modern take on traditional cuisine, which includes delicious

Western and refined Asian dishes, and an exquisite menu that changes monthly. Tradition is subjected to a makeover here, where you are treated to a genuine culinary adventure. The regular menu includes some very nice dishes incorporating beers from the region.

Address: 's Meiersstraat 1

Phone: +32 16 23 07 26

Internet: www.kokoon.be

Email: info@kokoon.be

De Metafoor



De Metafoor is highly recommended for beer-lovers. You will find this welcoming little pub on Parijsstraat. De Metafoor has a

particularly good selection of beers, including the usual local specialities. Here too there is a "Beer of the month". Open every day from 11 a.m.

Address: Parijsstraat 34

Phone: +32 496 25 44 65

Beer pub | The Capital



through the glass floor.

The Capital has by far the largest beer selection with an offer of about 1.250 beers. You can gaze at the wide range of beers in the basement

Address: Grote Markt 14, 3000 Leuven

Oude Markt



Visiting the Old Market Square is like taking a seat at the longest bar in Europe. Nowhere will you find as high a concentration of restaurants and cafés than on this unique square. No wonder the Old Market Square is the perfect meeting place in Leuven, especially when the weather is good and the numerous pavement cafés are overflowing with people.

concentration of

Domus Brauhaus



Domus has its own brewery within the building itself, and the beers reach the bar via internal pipes. Domus brews three house beers: the Domus Con, the Domus Nostra and Nen Engel. It is the ideal place to taste beers, but you can also eat well there. There is a varied menu of snacks, salads, meat, fish, desserts and beer-related dishes.

the Domus Con, the Domus Nostra and Nen

Restocheck:

<https://www.restocheck.com/#!/view/4435450745cacc279f5f66d8251e0e97>

Address: Tiensestraat 8

Phone: +32 16 20 14 49
 Internet: www.domusleuven.be
 More Info: info@domusleuven.be

Beer restaurant Improvisio



Brasserie Improvisio sits on the courtyard of the Romaanse Poort (Romanesque Archway). Here you'll find an assortment of light

snacks, sandwiches, salads, pastas, fish and meat dishes, and artisanal quiches. Improvisio is a family-friendly brasserie. In nice weather, you can relax on one of the three patios: a large outdoor patio in the front, or one of two idyllic inner patios.

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

Beer restaurant | De Klimop



Restaurant De Klimop is on the Martelarenplein, close to the station. Here you can enjoy high-quality local produce. Everything is

prepared fresh each day, from the delicious chips to the 'royal' salads. You can come here for a quick snack or a complete dinner. You can also stay the night at De Klimop, which has 15 rooms.

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

Stella Artois



Stella Artois is part of AB Inbev, a true world player. AB Inbev is the largest brewery group in the world. It has its roots in Sebastiaan Artois'

brew pub. In 1708 he achieved the rank of master brewer and started his own brewery. In 1928 the Artois brewery brewed a special Christmas beer. Because it was so bright it was given the name 'Stella' - Latin for star. The beer became so popular that it was very soon being drunk throughout the year.

The first Stella was brewed in the protected historic building "De Hoorn". This Stella Artois birthplace has been renovated and is now an innovative meeting place for creative minds.

Stella Artois became one of the most popular pilsner beers in Belgium and in the late 20th century also began to make headway abroad. Stella Artois is available in 80 countries where it is positioned as an international luxury beer.

Address: Vuurkruisenlaan 4, 3000 Leuven
 Internet: www.breweryvisits.com
 Email: breweryvisitsbelgium@inbev.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.

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.

Address: Oude Markt

The Capital



The Capital is by far the largest beer café with over 2000 different beers. Through the glass tiles in the floor you can see the impressive beer collection, as well as the mechanical beer elevator that fetches the beers.

Address: Grote Markt 14

Internet: www.thecapital.be

Email: info@thecapital.be

M-Café



Inside the fantastic Museum M you will find the similarly named M-Café. It offers 65 different beers, including many speciality beers from Flemish Brabant such as Alpaide, Tumulus and Metteko. Every Friday the M-Café organises "one hour of beer culture", an informative tasting session on a specific topic.

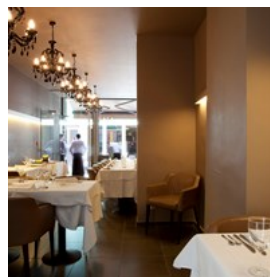
Address: Savoyestraat 10

Phone: +32 494 50 40 82

Internet: www.museumcafe.be

Email: info@museumcafe.be

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.

Address: Muntstraat 36, 3000 Leuven

Phone: +32 16 20 30 30

Internet: www.trente.be

Improvisio



Improvisio offers you a culinary surprise in a unique setting. And it is always excellent value for money. At Improvisio you will be able to enjoy Franco-Belgian cuisine with regional and seasonal products prepared with a contemporary touch.

In addition to the regular menu, you can also choose from a suggestions board that is changed each month.

Address: Brusselsestraat 63b, 3000 Leuven

Phone: +32 16 20 76 46

Internet: www.improvisio.net

Email: info@improvisio.net

Fiere Margriet



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Address: Margarethaplein 11

Opening hours: Open daily from 7 a.m. till ...

De Blauwe Kater



In this jazz and blues café in the heart of the city you can discover 99 different types of beer. There are regular small-scale performances

on Mondays. Open every day from 7 p.m. De Blauwe Kater also has a "Beer of the month".

Address: Hallengang 1

Opening hours: Open daily 7 p.m. - ...

Phone: +32 16 20 80 90

Email: blauwekater@telenet.be

Café Belge



In this café you will feel a nostalgia for days gone by. At the weekend Café Belge is the place to be to stretch your legs of an evening. The café has no fewer than 100 beers, including several local Leuven beers. They also offer a beer of the

month.

Address: Oude Markt 35

Opening hours: Mo-Fr: 12 noon - ..., Sa-Su: 2 p.m. - ...

Phone: +32 497 42 23 15

Population

100.000

Currency

Euro/€

€ 1 = 100 euro cents

Opening hours

Shops

Mondays to Saturdays: 10 am-6 pm (Thursdays: 10 am-10 pm)

1st Sundays of the month: 1 pm-6 pm

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

Visit Leuven | Naamsestraat 3, 3000 Leuven

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

Open: every day from 10 am to 5 pm (except 01.01 & 25.12)