

Leuven Everyone is welcome

Leuven gives priority to accessibility





We want everyone to feel welcome in Leuven

Leuven has so many special places and so many fascinating stories to tell. About the Duchy of Brabant, of which Leuven used to be the capital. About the university, which has been drawing young people to the city for centuries. Stories of the past as well as stories of the future, about innovative projects that are given every chance to succeed and conquer the world from Leuven.

Everyone should have the opportunity to discover and experience these stories. That is why we created the brochure 'Leuven, everyone is welcome' together with Visit Flanders and Inter three years ago. We have now updated this brochure.

We also mapped two accessible walks. These take you on a tour of various sights and attractions, reducing the obstacles on your path to the strict minimum. Ensuring everyone can enjoy a day out in Leuven. In recent years, we made a concerted effort to break down barriers, in every sense of the word. Because everyone has the right to fully participate in society, preferably as independently as possible. When you walk through Leuven, you'll see that we still have our work cut out for us. We are aware of this and continue to work hard to create an accessible city that appeals to everyone. Whether young or young at heart, with or without disabilities.

In this brochure, we also highlight a number of superb sites that are not situated along the two walking routes, such as the exceptionally well-preserved Park Abbey. It definitely is worth visiting, as is the rest of the city. Welcome to Leuven! Prepare to be surprised by our historical sights and attractions and the varied, accessible offering of our hotels, restaurants and bars. Immerse yourself in our lively, vibrant city! Have fun in Leuven!

Lies Corneillie, Alderwoman for Equal Opportunities **Denise Vandevoort**, Alderwoman for Tourism



How to use this brochure?

We have mapped out **two attractive routes** for you, which will take you to several attractions and beauty spots, with very few obstacles en route. Fast shortcuts ensure that you never have to go hungry or thirsty for long.

You can combine these loops through the city centre into walks of 1.5 to 5 km. En route, we also share some special places off the walking route, which are definitely worth a visit.

As is the case in so many other historic city centres, Leuven has lots of cobbled streets. This walk is also largely on cobblestones, but they are mostly flat and well laid. The routes avoid convex and uneven cobblestone sections as much as possible.

The handy removable map is your guide. On it you will not only find the route, as well as the museums and sights, cafés, restaurants, public toilets and tourist information. The numbers on the map refer to more detailed information in this brochure. In it you will also find more information about accessible holiday accommodations, care, aids, transport and parking in the city.

We based the information about accessibility on an objective on-site investigation. We also were very grateful for the many suggestions and tips that we received from persons with disabilities. We selected the most accessible catering establishments and facilities based on their experiences. Please note, this does not mean that every address can be accessed without assistance. Use the description to determine for yourself whether a location is suitable and what preparations you can make. You can find more detailed information about every building or site at www.toevla.be (only in Dutch).

GOOD TO KNOW



You can virtually visit a number of monuments and parks in advance, checking out the smallest details, at **www.visitleuven.be**. These sites are indicated on the map with a symbol.

VISIT AND EXPERIENCE

The detailed descriptions in this brochure tell you more about the accessibility of the buildings for visitors with reduced mobility. And whether you may need assistance. If a building is specifically equipped to receive visually impaired visitors, visitors with an intellectual disability or hearing impaired visitors, we indicate this with the following symbols:



Facilities for visitors with reduced mobility



Facilities for visitors with an intellectual disability



Facilities for visually impaired visitors



Facilities for the hearing impaired visitors

Do you have questions or comments about the route or the information in this brochure?

Share them with us at toegankelijkheid@leuven.be

RESTAURANTS, CAFÉS & PUBLIC TOILETS

Thumbs up alongside the most important dimensions and the detailed photos of the accessible sanitary facilities will help you to estimate whether a café, restaurant or toilet is suitable for you. Because catering establishments and owners constantly change, this information may be out of date. We therefore recommend that you contact the business before your visit.

You can find additional information about the accessibility of other Leuven restaurants and cafés in the **On Wheels app** at www.onwheelsapp.com

Has a business moved, been renovated, or closed down? Report this to Inter by email to info@inter.vlaanderen or call +32 11 26 50 30.



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ACCOMMODATIONS AND VISITOR CENTRE

We use an accessibility label for accommodations and our visitor centre:



A+ means that the building is sufficiently comfortable and accessible that you can visit it independently.



A means we consider the building to have basic accessibility. While it is accessible for most persons with reduced mobility, this may require an additional effort or a helping hand.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Want to know more about the accessibility label?

Go to

www.visitflanders.com/accessibility



Visit & experience

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Guided tours

Bicycle routes accessible to all

En route



GROTE MARKT



You are now in one of the most historical places in Leuven, and one of its busiest. Grote Markt has been car-free for several years, so there's no nod to worry about having to dodge cars. Only the buses of the Flemish public transport company De Lijn are allowed to drive through the square. The square's design dates from the 14th century and has remained largely unchanged. Check out the stunning buildings in the famous Brabantine Gothic, including the monumental Town Hall. Like anywhere in Leuven, there is clearly no lack of cafés and taverns to quench your thirst. Many cultural and other events are organised on Grote Markt.

The underground consists of relatively flat cobbles, interspersed with the odd gutter or manhole cover.

2 TOWN HALL



Leuven's Town Hall is one of the most beautiful town halls in the world. It took thirty years and three architects to build it. During World War I, the Germans established their headquarters in the Town Hall. In a way this proved fortunate, as the building escaped the devastating Fire of Leuven. At the end of World War II, the Town Hall narrowly escaped yet another disaster when a bomb merely grazed its façade.

The statues on the facades were only added after 1850. A team of twenty sculptors worked on the 235 statues until the early 20th century. It became a hall of fame of famous figures. You can recognise Leuven artists, scientists and historical figures, patron saints, mayors and prominent citizens, and rulers on the various floors. Biblical figures look down on the city centre from the towers.

Nowadays, the Town Hall is still used for weddings and ceremonial receptions. The municipal services have moved to the city's fringe.

Individual visitors can join the daily tour (except on 01/01 and 25/12). Book your tour through Visit Leuven, Naamsestraat 3 or online: www.visitleuven.be. You pay for your ticket, your companion can join you for free. Groups must book through one of the Leuven's guides associations.

You can visit the foyer, the wedding salons and the Gothic salons in a wheelchair. together with a guide. The mayor's salons are not yet accessible. Please just let the reception team of Visit Leuven know in advance so that they can inform the guide.

Enter the side entrance of the Town Hall to get to the accessible toilet. You can use it during the guided tour - with some help. Are you not visiting the Town Hall? You can request the key from the Visit Leuven tourist information office.

Grote Markt 9 Phone: +32 16 20 30 20 visit@leuven.be www.visitleuven.be

3 SAINT PETER'S CHURCH WITH 'THE LAST SUPPER' BY DIERIC BOUTS



Saint Peter's Church is one of the most beautiful examples of the 15th-century Brabantine Gothic. Construction commenced in 1410 and the church took more than a century to complete. The church suffered serious damage during the two World Wars: in 1914, the roof burned down and in 1944, the church was bombed.

On the outside, you can distinguish the seven apsidal chapels of the choir. The chapel of Fiere Margriet (Proud Marguerite), a popular Leuven saint, can be found between two of these chapels. Did you spot the golden statue on the roof? This mechanical bellringer is called 'Meester Yesn'. It was only added in 1998.

You can see statues, paintings, reliquaries, monstrances and chalices in silver and gold in the church. But the real highlight is a painting by the Flemish Primitive Dieric Bouts: The Last Supper. The church's treasures come to life in an innovative

experience, using a tablet or a high-tech HoloLens. Best to make a reservation (www.diericbouts.be).

The entrance door is a bit narrow (77 cm). The steps in the church are bridged with ramps that are sometimes a little steep. You can use a helping hand to open the door to the information desk and the door to the sacrament chapel. Theoryptcanonlybeaccessedviaastaircase. The church has an accessible toilet, where you can make a sideways transfer from your wheelchair (the space in front of the toilet is just 80 cm).

Do you nod assistance? Call M Leuven at +32 16 27 29 29 or send an email to info@ mleuven.be

Grote Markt
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www.mleuven.be



FONSKE



Fonske, that is what the people of Leuven and students call the popular statue on Rector de Somerplein. The boy is holding a book in his left hand, while pouring a glass of knowledge into his head with his right hand. Or could he possibly be pouring a beer into his head? The university donated this sculpture by Jef Claerhout to the city in 1975 on the occasion of the 550th anniversary of KU Leuven. Fons Sapientiae means Source of Wisdom.

The statue can be easily accessed. The underground consists of flat cobbles.

Rector de Somerplein



TWEEBRONNEN LIBRARY



The many windows with their rhythmic divisions through which the light falls in are the main eyecatcher. On sunny days, you can spend hours watching the shadows form in the library.









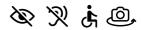
Since 2015, you can see a monumental charcoal drawing by Rinus Van de Velde in Tweebronnen. The artwork depicts a key moment in the life of Henry Van de Velde. Henry is said to have started out as a painter, but he decided to become an architect after having seen Vincent Van Gogh's paintings. He estimated that he would never be able to rival such beauty.

The Tweebronnen building is open from Monday until Saturday.

The building and its facilities are wheelchair accessible. There are two entrances: on Rijschoolstraat and on Diestsestraat. There are reserved parking bays on Rijschoolstraat. Go to Tweebronnenplein to take the lift in the building to the level of Diestsestraat, which is higher up.

Rijschoolstraat 4

6 UNIVERSITY LIBRARY



This striking, Flemish Renaissance-style building was built with American support in the 1920s, after the former library burned down during World War I. The names of the American donors are carved into the façade. The library also suffered serious damage during World War II.

The stately reading room on the building's first floor is definitely worth a visit. You can walk around freely on weekends and on public holidays. Find out more about the building's history with an audio tour. The exhibition in the tower tells you more about five important periods in the library's history.

The University Library can be accessed via the entrance on the right side of the building (Blijde Inkomststraat). The entrance has a ramp and takes you to the entrance hall with the counter and lockers. You can take the lift to most of the library rooms, including the superb reading room on the first floor. On the fifth floor, a vertical platform lift takes you to the exhibition space on the upper floor. The building has two accessible toilets.

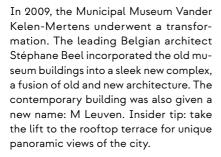
There is no lift in the tower. Wheelchair users can consult texts and images of the exhibition at the reception desk.

Mgr. Ladeuzeplein 21 Phone: +32 16 32 46 60 universiteitsbibliotheek@kuleuven.be www.bib.kuleuven.be/english/artes/ub









The museum is wheelchair accessible. The wide staircase to the main entrance - on the right side seen from the street side turns into a zigzag course of ramps. You can borrow one of the two wheelchairs or twenty mobile folding chairs for free, subject to availability and in exchange for your identity card. Book in advance.







You can reach the accessible toilet in the basement with the lift.

The permanent museum collection caters to the blind and the visually impaired, as well as persons with dementia. You must book this tour in advance, however, by email to reservaties@mleuven.be.

Do you nod assistance during your museum visit? Notify the museum three working days in advance and an employee will accompany you on the way to and from the museum.

Leopold Vanderkelenstraat 28 Phone: +32 16 27 29 29 bezoekm@mleuven.be www.mleuven.be



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POPE'S COLLEGE



Pope Hadrian VI was born in Utrecht as Adriaan Floriszoon Boeyens. He studied in Leuven where he also became a lecturer at the university. In 1522, he was elected pope, but he died the following year. In his testament, Pope Hadrian stipulated that his house in 's-Meiersstraat in Leuven had to be turned into a college for poor theology students.

Over time, the college ballooned into an impressive building complex. In 1775, part of the building collapsed, after which Louis Montoyer, the architect to the royal court, had a new large classicist building erected. In 1786, Emperor Joseph II established his much-contested General Seminary in the college, where all the clergy were trained according to the principles laid down by the Austrian authorities. In 1825, King William I es-

tablished his much-contested Collegium Philosophicum here, another training centre for candidate-priests. After the Belgian Revolution, the complex was used as a storage and barracks. It later passed back into the hands of Leuven's university, which used it as a college again.

The building has only recently been restored. Previously it only housed male students. Nowadays female students are also welcomed.

The courtyard has had a facelift and has become more accessible. Comfort strips were added and the outer doors can be accessed via a ramp, except for the passage through the middle of the rear wing. If you go to the back in a wheelchair, you must turn back and return to Hogeschoolplein.

Hogeschoolplein 3

MARIA-THERESIA COLLEGE



In 1778, Archduchess Maria Theresia of Austria converted the former Jesuit college on Sint-Michielsstraat into a theology seminary. Afterwards, the complex was used for several different purposes - including as a hospital and storage - and various renovations followed. In 1826-1827. King William I had the large and small auditorium built. Today they serve as auditoriums and halls for conferences, lectures and concerts. The large auditorium was

designed as a semicircular temple with a unique cassette ceiling. The design is very reminiscent of that of the Pantheon in Rome.

Take the time to admire the building's façade. You can take a look inside from the street, but the cobbles are relatively difficult to navigate.

Sint-Michielsstraat 9



10 THE UNIVERSITY HALL



This originally Gothic building from 1317 initially had one floor and was a marketplace for cloth weavers. Shortly after the university was founded in 1425, the city made part of the building available for use as lecture halls. In the 18th century, the hall was expanded in the direction of Oude Markt, where a magnificent university library was established.

On 25 August 1914, German soldiers set fire to the University Hall. As many as 300,000 books and manuscripts were lost. A new university library was built on Monseigneur Ladeuzeplein, with American aid. The University Hall was rebuilt, serving as the university's policy centre today. The university shop and coffee bar on the ground floor are accessible to all. Be sure to enjoy the view over the rooftops of Leuven when you take the lift to the upper floors.

From the entrance, a ramp takes you to the hall with the university shop and a cosy coffee bar. There is an accessible toilet in the basement.

Naamsestraat 22 www.visitleuven.be/en/university-hall



ST ANTHONY'S CHAPEL - FATHER DAMIEN'S CRYPT



The Fathers of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts - the Picpus Fathers acquired the chapel in 1860, converting it into a sanctuary and place of pilgrimage dedicated to Saint Joseph. Today, however, visitors mainly visit it to salute the grave of Jozef De Veuster or Father Damien. Belgium's most famous father is buried here. In the chapel, photo panels tell Damien's story, from his calling as a missionary until his death in 1889. In 1995, he was beatified and in December 2005 he was voted the 'Greatest Belgian of all time'. Four years later, on 11 October 2009, Father Damien was canonised in Rome.

Wheelchair users can access the church and crypt through the side entrances on Sint-Antoniusberg and on Ramberg. A stairlift provides access to the crypt. Nod help to operate to stairlift? Press the bell button at the entrance to the sacristy.

Pater Damiaanplein Phone: +32 16 31 63 68 info@damiaanvandaag.be



12 OUDE MARKT



A visit to Oude Markt in Leuven means finding a place at 'Europe's longest bar'. Nowhere will you find as high a concentration of hotels, restaurants and cafés than on this unique square. No wonder that Oude Markt is the place where people go to meet in Leuven. Especially when it is good weather, when the numerous pavement cafés are overflowing with people.

The underground consists of flat cobbles.



13 DE KOTMADAM



Many students in Leuven rent a room - or 'kot' - from private individuals. A 'kotmadam' is a landlady who lives on the premises. This is increasingly rare nowadays, but many generations of students considered their kot their second home. thanks to their landlady. The statue on Oude Markt, created by Fred Bellefroid, pays tribute to the many landladies of Leuven although the initial response to the woman's rather brash pose was mixed. The statue is a real eye-catcher in Leuven. Many passers-by sit down on her lap or next to her on the bench and take a photo.

The statue can be easily accessed. The underground consists of flat cobbles.

Oude Markt



14 DIJLETERRASSEN



Leuven was founded along the Dijle, the river that brought prosperity to the city because it merged with the Scheldt. Over time, however, the people of Leuven fell out of love with their river because of pollution and flooding. More than half of the 10 km of waterways in the city centre are vaulted. This is now set to change, however. The city has built several inviting Dijleterrassen on Dirk Boutslaan in the park. Here you

can descend to the water's edge. The unique vegetation on the wall adds a nice touch to the Dijleterrassen.

You can reach the Dijleterrassen without obstacles from the corner of Lei and Dirk Boutslaan. Be careful: on rainy days the hardwood terrace can get very slippery.

Dirk Boutslaan

15 DE FIERE MARGRIET

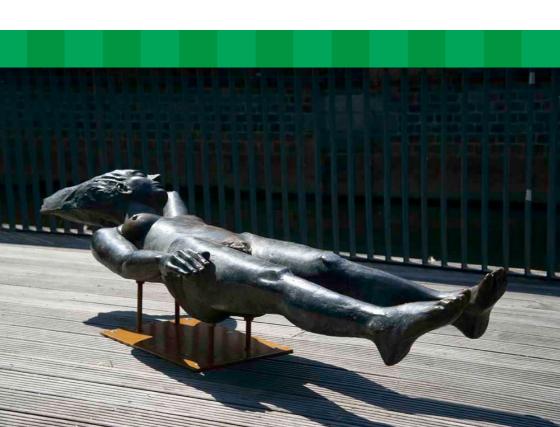


The statue of Fiere Margriet, created by Willy Meysmans, is one of Leuven's best-known statues and tells the story of a 13th century local legend. Young Margaretha (Margriet) worked in an inn on Muntstraat. When robbers attempted to assault her, she fought back and died. Her murderers threw her body into the river. Legend has it that her body floated on the water. Because she chose death over losing her virginity, she was named Proud or Fiere Margriet.

For many years, the statue of the reclining woman was an eyecatcher on the corner of Tiensestraat and Muntstraat. The inn where she worked was said to have been located here. The statue has since been moved to the Dijleterrassen, on the river banks. On some days, when the water rises due to heavy rainfall, Margriet seems to be floating on the Dijle once again.

You can easily reach the statue from the inclined plane. Beware of the slippery hardwood floor.

Lei



16 VISMARKT



For centuries, Vismarkt was the epicentre of Leuven's bustling fish trade. The highlight was the construction of a fish market, which was demolished in 1970. To this date, nobody knows where the 'construction waste' went.

Look around carefully and you can still find a few references to the square's past. Check the names of the adjoining streets and the houses on the south side of the square. The most striking detail is the portal with the two fish of the house called 'Sint-Andries', to the left of Busleidengang. Sint-Andries, or Saint Andrew, is the patron saint of fishermen. There are two other fishy duos lower down. As long as no long-lost fragment of the old fish market turns up, these fish are the most beautiful reminder of this piece of Leuven history.

The underground consists of convex cobblestones and they are not equally well laid out everywhere. The centre of the square consists of asphalt and is accessible.



STATUE OF HUMANIST ERASMUS



You almost feel like you want to speak to him, he seems to be listening so intently while he gazes at you as if he's about to say something. The great humanist Desiderius Erasmus was Dutch by birth. but he spent six years in Leuven. He is best known as the writer of In Praise of Folly, in which he sets out his critical views on 16th-century society. In Leuven he founded the Collegium Trilingue on Vismarkt.

The statue was a gift from the Leuven Lions Club in 1979, on the occasion of its fifth anniversary. While the statue is very realistically rendered, one cannot help but notice the humanist's small stature: the bronze Erasmus is just 1.25 metres tall.

The statue is very accessible. The underground consists of flat clinker pavers.

Mathieu de Layensplein



Off the route



GREAT BEGUINAGE AND BEGUINAGE CHURCH



The Great Beguinage is a magnificent city beguinage, with cobbled streets, picturesque squares, small parks and gardens and the Dijle that connects everything. While it is no longer home to beguines, it is still very tranquil nonetheless. The beguinage has been added to the UN-ESCO World Heritage List and can be visited year-round.

The carillon of the early Gothic Church of St John the Baptist chimes every first and third Wednesday of the month, but never during the students' exams. The church is open from 1 April until 30 September, from Tuesday until Friday, from 1.30 p.m. until 4.30 p.m.

The cobbles in the streets are quite difficult to navigate.

Schapenstraat



19 BOTANICAL GARDEN



Leuven is one of the few cities in Belgium to have its own botanic gardens. The Botanical Garden is Belgium's oldest. In 1738, the university planted this garden full of medicinal plants for medical students. Nowadays, the Botanical Garden is used for scientific research, in addition to being a quiet, lush Garden of Eden in the centre of the city.

The garden can be easily accessed through the entrance on Kapucijnenvoer. The main paths and all the different sections of the garden are accessible. You can easily access the orangerie through the main entrance and the entrance at the rear. At the back of the garden, behind the orangerie and next to the large pond, there is a public toilet with good access and an accessible toilet for wheelchair users.

Kapucijnenvoer 30 Phone: +32 16 27 23 80 www.visitleuven.be/en/botanical-garden

20 30CC/SCHOUWBURG





The theatre is easy to access thanks to the spacious lifts, the accessible toilet and the reserved seats for wheelchair users, the visually impaired and the hard of hearing. Guide dogs are welcome. All the halls of 30CC are listed at www.30cc.be/nl/locaties, including the address and which amenities are available for persons with disabilities.

Bondgenotenlaan 21 Phone: +32 16 27 42 40 info@30cc.be www.30cc.be/en









One of the most beautiful and best-preserved abbey sites in Europe, just eight minutes by bike from Grote Markt in Leuven. While the abbey prides itself on a turbulent, 900-year history, these days it is a stupendous, lush green and, above all, tranquil oasis, that is home to majestic architecture and unique art treasures. Here there is plenty of space for reflection, wonderment and inspiration.

Park Abbey is an excellent example of how abbeys can play a contemporary, sustainable role in society. Innovative farmers, ground-breaking researchers, social entrepreneurs and microbreweries all have a place here and together they set the world in motion. They do so with the same pionoring spirit as the Premonstratensians who lived here for many centuries.

Museum PARCUM can be accessed through the 'Alternative Entrance'. Here you will find an outside lift and a ramp. The convent building is not equally accessible throughout for persons with reduced mobility. There is an accessible toilet for wheelchair users in the basement. You can take a walk around the ponds in a wheelchair on a semi-paved path with a crushed stone foundation.

Abdij van Park 7, 3001 Leuven Phone: +32 16 27 44 80 info@abdijvanpark.be www.visitleuven.be/en/parkabbey

Guided tours

A guided tour is always so much more instructive! Leuven's guides associations have a wide range of walks, that are adapted to your personal interests, possibilities and language.

A selection from the permanent offering of the Leuven+ guides association:

TOURS FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED



Hearing and Feeling Leuven

Experience the city's highlights by feeling, listening and smelling your way through the city. A unique experience that can be equally enriching for the seeing.

TOURS FOR PERSONS WITH A PHYSICAL DISABILITY AND WHEELCHAIR USERS



Leuven, beer city

Enjoy the fascinating stories and facts about brewing and drinking beer in the premier beer capital. You can even sample a local brew, if you're up for it.

Leuven for beginners

Discover the city's medieval past and the important relationship between Leuven and its university. The tour also covers the war years and contemporary Leuven.

TOURS FOR ADULTS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY



How Lovon became Leuven

Explore the historic city centre while a guide tells you more about the city's origins and its evolution throughout the centuries.

Visit of the Town Hall

The guide elaborates on the history of one of Belgium's most beautiful town halls, telling you all about the statues on its façade and takes you to the salons where people get married. An interactive tour where the guide works hard to keep people's attention, offering visual support and adapted language.



BIKE TOURS FOR PERSONS WITH A PHYSICAL DISABILITY



Cycling along the Vaart

Find out more about the daily life of the skippers that sail the canal between Leuven and Mechelen and discover the artworks, the vegetation and the animals along the canal. A great opportunity to also learn about Leuven as an industrial and trade city, in the past, present and future.

You can rent bicycles from **Fietspunt** (www.velo.be/nl/fietspunt-leuven - only in Duch). Here you can also rent adapted bicycles.

GUIDE ORGANIZATIONS

Leuven +

info@leuven-plus.be www.leuven-plus.be

Leuven Leisure

hello@leuvenleisure.com www.leuvenleisure.be

Leuven Inside Out

info@leuveninsideout.com www.leuveninsideout.com





Bicycle routes accessible to all!

Leuven by bike? Or do you prefer to explore the surrounding region, the Green Belt and the Hageland? Two Iedereen-Toerist routes start from the Fietspunt near Leuven's station. These bicycle loops are tailored to wheelchair bikes, side by side bikes, tricycles and tandems.

The Leuven-Tildonk route winds its way along the Vaart, along flat and largely paved roads. Learn more about the war years in Flemish Brabant in the '14-'18 Experience Centre. Visit the haunting exhibition 'Through the eyes of a refugee' and listen to the stories of today's refugees. Afterwards, stop for a drink and a snack at Engelenburcht My Resto and enjoy the peace and quiet in the Stiltetuin before heading back to Leuven.

The Leuven-Wezemaal route will take you to the Hageland Wine Visitor Centre in Wezemaal. On the way back, be sure to stop at the beautiful provincial domain of Kessel-Lo, near Leuven.

Don't have an adapted bicycle? Hire one from the Fietspunt by sending an email to leuven@fietspunten.be. The Fietspunt rents women's and men's bicycles, MTBs, electric bicycles, tandems, a Veloplus electric wheelchair bicycle and a Fun2Go electric side by side bicycle.

Contact +32 16 26 76 20 or toerisme@vlaamsbrabant.be for more information







EAT AND DRINK

- Wasbar
- 2 Domus
- 3 d'Artagnan
- 4 Improvisio
- 5 Elisa
- **6** Convento

- 7 De Maekerij
- 8 Grand Café De Hoorn
- Oafé Entrepot / OPEK
- 10 Madmum
- 11 Café Sport
- 12 Brasserie De Abdijmolen

Tiensestraat 7 / +32 16 41 60 71 www.wasbar.be - leuven@wasbar.be

1 WASBAR

Entrance		
Access to the entrance		•
Accessibility of the entrance	18 cm	1
Width of the door	87 cm	16
HALL		
Table: accessible	Yes	16
TOILET (141 x 205 cm)		
Access to the toilet		16
Rotating space near the toilet	105 cm	1
Width of the toilet door	87 cm	1
Space in front of the toilet	154 cm	1
Space next to the toilet	81 cm	1
Number of handrails	2	1





2 DOMUS

Tiensestraat 7 / +32 16 20 14 48 www.domusleuven.be/en - info@domusleuven.be







3 D'ARTAGNAN

Naamsestraat 72 / +32 16 29 26 26 www.restaurantdartagnan.be (only in dutch) info @restaurantdartagnan.be







IMPROVISIO / 'T OUD GASTHUYS

ENTRANCE

Access to the entrance Accessibility of the entrance n.a. Width of the door 68 cm* HALL Yes Table: accessible **TOILET (145 x 170 cm)** Access to the toilet 78 cm (narrowest point) Rotating space near the toilet 67 cm Width of the toilet door 78 cm Space in front of the toilet 67 cm Space next to the toilet 89 cm

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Brusselsestraat 63 / +32 16 20 76 46 www.improvisio.net (only in dutch) info@improvisio.net





* But you can open the 2nd part of this double door.

Number of handrails

Sink: accessible

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Entrance		
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Accessibility of the entrance	15 cm	1
Width of the door	118 cm	16
HALL		
Table: accessible	Limited	1
TOILET (183 x 250 cm)		
Access to the toilet	step: 15 cm	1
Rotating space near the toilet	120 cm	•
Width of the toilet door	91 cm	16
Space in front of the toilet	164 cm	16
Space next to the toilet	112 cm	16
Number of handrails	2	16
Sink: accessible	Limited	1





6 CONVENTO FOOD / BAR JÉROME



Wandelingstraat 10 / +32 16 84 81 14 www.conventofood.be (only in dutch) food@convento.be





* difficult to use



7 DE MAEKERIJ

Mechelsestraat 56 / +32 486 35 48 78 www.demaekerij.be (only in dutch) welkom@demaekerij.be







Hellend vlak op vraag

8 GRAND CAFÉ (DE HOORN)

Sluisstraat 79 / +32 16 79 54 75 www.dehoorn.eu/grand-cafe - grandcafe@dehoorn.eu







* But you can open the 2nd part of this double door.

O CAFÉ ENTREPOT / OPEK

Vaartkom 4 / +32 16 22 27 41 www.cafeentrepot.be (only in dutch) info@cafeentrepot.be







^{*} But you can open the 2nd part of this double door.

10 MADMUM

ENTRANCE		
Access to the entrance		1
Accessibility of the entrance		n.a.
Width of the door	96 cm	1
HALL		
Table: accessible	Yes	1
TOILET (218 x 183 cm)		
Access to the toilet		16
Rotating space near the toilet	99 cm	1
Width of the toilet door	87 cm	16
Space in front of the toilet	148 cm	16
Space next to the toilet	54 cm	1
Number of handrails	1	1
Sink: accessible	Yes	16

Vaartkom 33 / +32 470 79 32 32 www.madmumcoffee.be (only in dutch) pieter@madmum.be





CAFÉ SPORT

Access to the entrance Accessibility of the entrance

Width of the door

Table: accessible

(narrowest point)

TOILET (215 x 164 cm) Access to the toilet

Width of the toilet door

Space next to the toilet

Number of handrails

Sink: accessible

Space in front of the toilet

Rotating space near the toilet

8 cm

76 cm

Yes

86 cm

132 cm

86 cm

147 cm

17 cm

0 Νo 16

ENTRANCE

HALL

Martelarenplein 13 www.cafesportleuven.be (only in dutch) info@cafesportleuven.be







Inclined pane on demand

BRASSERIE DE ABDIJMOLEN

Abdij van Park 4 / +32 16 62 96 00 www.lodge-hotels.be - abdijmolen@lodge-hotels.be









PUBLIC TOILETS

- City Hall Leuven
- 2 Bicycle park Rector De Somerplein
- 6 Library Tweebronnen
- 4 University Library
- 6 M Leuven

An overview of all public toilets in Leuven can be found here: **www.leuven.be/ openbare-toiletten** (only in Dutch)

- University hall
- Bus stop Dirk Boutslaan
- 8 Bruulpark
- Botanical Garden

Please take opening times into account. Some toilets are only available when the building is open.

1 CITY HALL LEUVEN

Grote Markt 7 / +32 16 20 30 20 visit@leuven.be

PATHWAY		n.a.
ENTRANCE		16
TO THE TOILET		16
TOILET DOOR		
Clearance in front of the toilet door	120 cm	1
Width of the toilet door	88 cm	16
INSIDE OF THE TOILET		
Dimensions toilet space	169 x 158 cm	
Clearance space in the toilet area	100 cm	16
Space in front of the toilet	103 cm	•
Space next to the toilet	99 cm	1
Number of handrails	2	1
Sink		16
Pick up the key at Visit Leuven (Naamsestraat 3)		





2 BICYCLE PARK RECTOR DE SOMERPLEIN

between 10 am and 5 pm.

Rector De Somerplein / +32 16 29 93 23 fietsenparking.leuven@apcoa.be





Leuven disposes of a 'changing place': an adapted, public toilet with an adult-sized changing bench. You can reach it via the lift at the bus stop or through a long slope at the other side of de Bondgenotenlaan.



The adapted toilet is situated on the second floor in the central hall.

PATHWAY		n.a.
ENTRANCE		1
TO THE TOILET		1
TOILET DOOR		
Clearance in front of the toilet door	150 cm	1
Width of the toilet door	87 cm	16
INSIDE OF THE TOILET		
Dimensions toilet space	150 x 147 cm	
Dimensions toilet space Clearance space in the toilet area		11/4
·	cm	11/2
Clearance space in the toilet area	cm 105 cm	1 P
Clearance space in the toilet area Space in front of the toilet	105 cm 30 cm	14 14 16







UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

There are two adapted toilets in the University Library. The first one is situated on the second floor. You can reach it using the lift and passing through the reading room.







PATHWAY		16
ENTRANCE		16
TO THE TOILET		•
TOILET DOOR		
Clearance in front of the toilet door	128 cm	16
Width of the toilet door	88 cm	16
INSIDE OF THE TOILET		
Dimensions toilet space	220 x 165 cm	
Clearance space in the toilet area	110 cm	16
Space in front of the toilet	110 cm	•
Space next to the toilet	90 cm	16
Number of handrails	2	16
Sink		16



The second adapted toilet is on the 5th floor. Use the lift to reach it. The adapted toilet is situated nearby the lift, in the ladies toilets.

This toilet is only available to visitors with a ticket.

6 M LEUVEN

PATHWAY		1
ENTRANCE		1
TO THE TOILET		•
TOILET DOOR		
Clearance in front of the toilet door	160 cm	1
Width of the toilet door	> 90 cm	1
INSIDE OF THE TOILET		
D	180 x 205	
Dimensions toilet space	cm	
Clearance space in the toilet area	cm 150 cm	16
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Clearance space in the toilet area	150 cm	
Clearance space in the toilet area Space in front of the toilet	150 cm 27 cm	

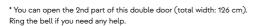




MIVERSITY HALL

Naamsestraat 22

PATHWAY		16
ENTRANCE		1
TO THE TOILET *		1
TOILET DOOR		
Clearance in front of the toilet door	150 cm	1
Width of the toilet door	96 cm	1
INSIDE OF THE TOILET		
Dimensions toilet space	336 x 176	
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Clearance space in the toilet area	150 cm	1
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		16
Clearance space in the toilet area	150 cm	
Clearance space in the toilet area Space in front of the toilet	150 cm	1







7 BUS STOP DIRK BOUTSLAAN

Dirk Boutslaan 38

PATHWAY		n.a.
ENTRANCE		16
TO THE TOILET		n.a.
TOILET DOOR		
Clearance in front of the toilet door	200 cm	16
Width of the toilet door	87 cm	16
INSIDE OF THE TOILET		
Dimensions toilet space	218 x 186 cm	
Clearance space in the toilet area	150 cm	16
Space in front of the toilet	115 cm	•
Space in front of the toilet Space next to the toilet	115 cm 129 cm	1
		100





Public adapted toilets off the route

8 BRUULPARK

Brouwersstraat

PATHWAY		•
ENTRANCE		1
TO THE TOILET		1
TOILET DOOR		
Clearance in front of the toilet door	165 cm	1
Width of the toilet door	87 cm	1
INSIDE OF THE TOILET		
Dimensions toilet space	164 x 282 cm	
Clearance space in the toilet area	150 cm	1
Space in front of the toilet	219 cm	1
Space next to the toilet	100 cm	1
Number of handrails	2	1
Sink		16







Follow the signage in the gatehouse towards the adapted toilet, located at the back of the building. Pass through the main entrance, and take the main path up to the end. On your right you can find the toilets.

PATHWAY		•
ENTRANCE		1
TO THE TOILET		1
TOILET DOOR		
Clearance in front of the toilet door	150 cm	1
Width of the toilet door	87 cm	1
INSIDE OF THE TOILET		
Dimensions toilet space	157 x 235 cm	
Clearance space in the toilet area	145 cm	1
Space in front of the toilet	162 cm	1
Space next to the toilet	82 cm	1
Number of handrails	1	-
Sink		1









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Leuven's tourist information office can be accessed without obstacles. However, the counter does not have a lowered and wheelchair accessible section.

The glass door does not open automatically. The reception team will be happy to help you.



WHERE TO STAY?

- 1 Hotel Ladeuze
- 2 Novotel Leuven Centrum
- 3 Park Inn by Radisson Leuven
- 4 Youth hostel De Blauwput
- 5 Leuven City Hostel

Three hotels and two hostels received an A or A+ accessibility label. You can find detailed information about the accessibility and photos of this accommodation – and of other places in the region around Leuven – in the brochure 'Accessible holiday accommodations in Flanders and Brussels', which you can find online at www.visitflanders.com/accessibility. Feel free to request a printed copy.

1 HOTEL LADEUZE



Bogaerdenstraat 27 3000 Leuven Phone +32 16 88 90 66

info@hotelladeuze.com www.hotelladeuze.com/home

2 NOVOTEL LEUVEN CENTRUM



Vuurkruisenlaan 4 3000 Leuven Phone +32 16 93 90 01

H3153@accor.com www.all.accor.com/hotel/3153/ index.nl.shtml

3 PARK INN BY RADISSON LEUVEN



Martelarenlaan 36 3010 Leuven (Kessel-Lo) Phone +32 16 61 66 00

info.leuven@parkinn.com www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/

4 YOUTH HOSTEL BLAUWPUT



Martelarenlaan 11a 3010 Leuven (Kessel-Lo) Phone +32 16 63 90 62

leuven@vjh.be www.jeugdherbergen.be/en/leuven

5 LEUVEN CITY HOSTEL



Ravenstraat 37 3000 Leuven Phone +32 16 84 30 33

info@leuvencityhostel.com www.leuvencityhostel.com/home



CARE AND AIDS

DO YOU NOD CARE ON YOUR HOLIDAY?

If you are holidaying in Flanders, you can request assistance from a regional service or even a self-employed nurse that works near your holiday address. Please contact them long enough in advance so that you can discuss the options and conditions in good time.

Some larger organisations that can help you with this:

- Wit-Gele Kruis is a home care organisation, with divisions throughout Flanders. You can find the contact details for each province at www.wgk.be (in Dutch).
- The website www.verplegingthuis.be

(in Dutch) lists the Vlaamse Beroepsvereniging voor Zelfstandige Verpleegkundigen (VBZV), the Flemish Professional Association for Self-Employed Nurses, where you can request home care. Contact the nurse directly to discuss your specific requests in terms of care. They also have a phone help line (available 24/7): +32 70 22 26 78.

 You can also arrange for home care and other forms of care through a local or regional community centre or partnership. The Flemish Agency for Care and Health helps you find the care you nod at www.zorg-en-gezondheid.be/ thuiszorg (in Dutch).

DO YOU NOD AIDS ON HOLIDAY?

Do you nod a HiLo bed during your stay in Leuven? A bed lift? A mobility scooter? Or another aid? Contact a local lending service. You often have to collect the lighter devices yourself, whereas larger aids are delivered and/or even installed. Not all aids are available at all points of distribution. Reach out before your visit to Leuven to be sure of availability.

Travellers with reduced mobility can borrow a wheelchair in the centre of Leuven. Free, 7 days a week. Booking is possible, but not required. You can find the opening hours at www.leuven.be/rolstoel-lenen (in Dutch)

TRAVELLING TO FLANDERS

BY TRAIN

Eurostar, TGV & Thalys

There are one or more wheelchair spaces in 1st class on Eurostar, TGV and Thalys, ensuring you can travel in comfort without having to get out of your wheelchair. These wheelchair spaces are near the wheelchair accessible toilets. Request one of these spaces when you make your booking. The sales staff will reserve one for you, subject to availability. Eurostar, Thalys and TGV apply special rates so that these facilities are accessible to everyone and wheelchair passengers and their companions can travel in first class but only pay a second class fare.

ICE

ICE trains (Brussels-Cologne-Frankfurt) also have wheelchair spaces. In ICE trains, however, these are in the second class carriages, near the wheelchair accessible toilet facilities.

Facilities and assistance in stations

The main international stations comply with high standards of accessibility (lifts, escalators etc...), and offer assistance on request to facilitate your arrival or departure.

For detailed information, booking and assistance, go to: www.b-europe.com > Customer Service > Reduced-mobility passengers.



BY AIR

Antwerp Airport

Read more about facilities for people with reduced mobility on the website of Antwerp Airport: www.antwerp-airport.be > Passengers > Reduced mobility people.

Brussels South Charleroi Airport

Read more about facilities for people with reduced mobility on the website of Charleroi Airport: www.brussels-charleroiairport.com/en/pmr

Brussels Airport

Read more about facilities for people with reduced mobility on the website of Brussels Airport: www.brusselsairport.be>
At the airport > Passengers with reduced mobility.

BY FERRY

Travelling to Flanders by ferry is easy and relaxing, with frequent departures, and the chance to enjoy a meal, do a little shopping – or just enjoy the cruise!

P&O Ferries - +44 (0) 1304 44 88 88

P&O sails from Dover to Calais in approximately 90 minutes, as well as offering a daily overnight service from Hull to Flanders at Zeebrugge.

Read more about facilities for people with reduced mobility on the website of P&O Ferries: www.poferries.com/en/accessibility

DFDS Seaways - + 44 (0) 871 574 7235

DFDS Seaways offers crossings from Dover to both Calais and Dunkirk. The crossing to Calais takes 90 minutes whereas the journey to Dunkirk takes approximately two hours. From Dunkirk, you're just a few miles from the border with Flanders.

Read more about facilities for people with reduced mobility on the website of DFDS Seaways: www.dfds.com/en-gb > Inspiration&experience > Customer Service > Passenger information > Passengers with reduced mobility.

TRANSPORT & PARKING

BY TRAIN

NMBS

You can find all information about travelling by train at www.belgiantrain.be/en > Customer service > Passengers with reduced mobility. The discounts for passengers with disabilities are also listed.

The NMBS offers assistance for getting on/off trains in 131 stations up and down the country. Check the website to see which stations are included and how far in advance you need to request assistance. You can request assistance online or call +32 2 528 28 28

BY BUS

De Lijn

The new kneeling buses of De Lijn are fitted with a low floor and an access ramp and allow the driver to lower the bus to the kerb. The ramp can only be safely used at accessible (raised) bus stops, however. Call the dial-a-bus service 24 hours in advance to book your journey to be sure of an accessible bus.

Each bus has reserved seats for persons with reduced mobility. These spaces are located at the front of the bus near the driver and near the wheelchair accessible doors. These are clearly marked with symbols.

All information is available at www.delijn.be/en > Accessibility



BY CAR

Leuven is a low-traffic city. There is no through traffic. Take the ring road around the city to get as close to your destination as possible. A speed limit of 30 km/h applies across the city in the area within the ring road.

Free or pay and display parking?

If you have an EU parking card for persons with disabilities, you can park for free in Leuven for an unlimited period of time in:

- Reserved parking spaces for persons with disabilities.
- Short-term parking spaces such as shop-and-go and kiss-and-ride spaces.
- Parking spaces where you would normally be required to pay and display or use a parking disc.

You can find more information about parking at www.visitleuven.be/en/mobility





















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