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Leuven

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WELCOME TO LEUVEN!

Discover the many different sites that tell a fascinating story: about the Duchy of Brabant, of which Leuven used to be the capital at one time, or about the university that has been drawing young people to the city for many centuries. Immerse yourself in the innovative projects that are given a chance here, as they prepare to conquer the world. Take a stroll through a market square and unwind on one of the many terraces. Because in Leuven they have elevated joie de vivre to an art form.

This city appeals to everyone: to the young and the young at heart, whether with or without a disability. This brochure was jointly developed by Inter and Visit Leuven. It contains all the information you need to prepare your visit to Leuven.



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HOW SHOULD YOU USE THIS BROCHURE?

We have mapped out **two interesting routes**, with a quick short cut if you're hungry or thirsty. They'll take you on a tour of plenty of **sights and fun spots in the city**, with the **least** possible **obstacles** en route. You can combine the various loops through the city centre into **walks of 1.5 to 5 km**. We also suggest a number of "**highlights**": places that are off-route and are worth the detour if you intend to stay in the city for several days or that are simply worth visiting. Like in many other historic cities, Leuven's streets are paved with plenty of **cobblestones**. While this walk also includes a lot of cobbled sections, they are usually level and well-constructed. We avoid convex and uneven cobbles where possible.

The useful, **removable** map with descriptions tells you exactly which route to take in order to avoid obstacles. We have also included all important places en route on our map, including **museums and other attractions, pubs, restaurants, public toilets and tourist information**.

The numbers on the map refer to more detailed information in the brochure. It also includes information about accessible holiday residences, care, resources, transport and parking facilities.

Our information is based on objective expert inspections on the spot. For more detailed information about each building or site, you can view the detailed report on www.toevla.be (available in Dutch only). We also relied on the Catholic University of Leuven's KULag database and tips from people with disabilities for this brochure.

The result is a selection of the most accessible businesses and facilities in Leuven. Attention: this does not mean that you can independently access all these initiatives. On the basis of the descriptions, you can decide for yourself which locations are more or less suitable or which preparations you can make to make it work.

HANDY TIP



Some tourist buildings or other spots can be viewed as a 360° image on **www.visitleuven.be**, with all the tiniest details. We will indicate these buildings in the brochure with this icon.

VISIT AND EXPERIENCE

The detailed descriptions show to what degree a certain attraction or parts of the attraction are accessible to visitors with limited mobility. They also indicate which obstacles you can encounter or where you might possibly need a helping hand. If an attraction or museum has amenities for visitors with another type of disability, this is also stated and indicated by means of the following headings:



**Facilities/possible obstacles
for visitors with limited mobility**



**Facilities for visitors
with a learning disability**



**Facilities for people
with visual impairments**



**Facilities for deaf
or hearing impaired persons**

Any questions or remarks on the route or information in the brochure?

Let us know via

accessible@visitflanders.com

RESTAURANTS, CAFÉS AND PUBLIC TOILETS

Using the thumb system for the most important measurement data and the detailed pictures of the adapted toilets you can decide if a cafe, restaurant or toilet is suitable for you. Because of continuous changes in restaurants, cafes and toilets, it is possible that some information may be out of date. We therefore recommend you contact the business before your visit.

If you note that a location has been moved, renovated or closed, you can notify this fact to **Inter** at info@inter.vlaanderen or +32 11 26 50 30.



accessible



accessible with assistance



this is an access problem



n.a. not applicable



ACCOMMODATION, INFORMATION OFFICES AND VISITOR CENTRES

For accommodation, information offices and visitor centres VISITFLANDERS has developed accessibility labelling:



The label A+ means that the building is accessible in a comfortable and independent way.



The label A means that we consider the building to be basically accessible; that it can be used by most people with limited mobility, but that it is possible that extra effort or a helper is required.

LEARN MORE?

Learn more about the accessibility labels?

Navigate to
[www.visitflanders.com/
accessibility](http://www.visitflanders.com/accessibility)



VISIT & EXPERIENCE

On your route

1. Grote Markt
2. City Hall
3. Saint Peter's Church and
'The last supper' by Dirk Bouts
4. 30CC/Schouwburg
5. University Library
6. M-Museum Leuven
7. Statue of Fonske
8. Domus Brauhaus
9. Pope's college
10. Maria-Theresiacollege
11. University Hall
12. Saint Anthony's chapel
and crypt of Father Damien

13. Oude Markt
14. Statue of De Kotmadam
15. Dijle terraces
16. Statue of De Fiere Margriet
17. Vismarkt
18. Statue of Erasmus

Worth the detour

Great Beguinage and Beguinage Church
Botanical Garden

Guided tours

Get cycling!

On your route

1 GROTE MARKT



This is one of the most historical sites in Leuven, and one of the busiest as a result. Not that you will encounter many cars here, as the Grote Markt has been car-free for several years already. The only vehicles allowed in the square are the buses belonging to the Flemish public transport company De Lijn. The layout of the Grote Markt has remained largely unchanged since the 14th century, as you can tell from the many

buildings in the famous Brabantine Gothic style, including the monumental town hall. Like elsewhere in Leuven, there are plenty of pubs and taverns here. The Grote Markt is also a popular location for cultural and other events in the city.

The underground consists of relatively level cobblestones. There are gutters and manhole covers here and there.

2 CITY HALL



Leuven's town hall is one of the best-known Gothic town halls around the world. It took thirty years and three architects to build it. The Germans used it as their headquarters during World War I. This was fortunate, as the building therefore escaped destruction in the devastating Fire of Leuven. The town hall escaped yet another calamity at the end of World War II, when a bomb grazed the façade. The sculptures on the town hall's façade were added after 1850. A team of twenty sculptors worked on the 236 sculptures until the early 20th century. It has become a veritable 'who's who' of history – a hall of fame if you like. Scan the façade from top to bottom and you will spot famous Leuven artists, scientists and historical figures, patron saints, mayors and prominent citizens, rulers and kings (including Napoleon and the Belgian King Leopold III) and biblical figures on the turrets. The town hall is still used

for weddings and ceremonial receptions today. The city services have moved to the fringe of the city centre.

Individual visitors can take a guided tour every day at 3 pm (except on 01/01 and 25/12), which can be booked through the Leuven Tourist Office, Naamsestraat 3 (fee payable). Groups must book online through www.leuven-plus.be, www.leuvenleisure.com or www.leuveninsideout.com.

Wheelchair users can use the side entrance on the left side of the building in Boekhandelstraat. It is accessible with assistance. There is an adapted toilet in the town hall.

Grote Markt 9
Tel.: +32 16 20 30 20
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SAINT PETER'S CHURCH AND 'THE LAST SUPPER' BY DIRK BOUTS



The Saint Peter's Church is known as one of the most beautiful examples of the 15th century Brabantine High Gothic. Construction of the church commenced in 1410, and it took more than a century to build. The church suffered a lot of damage during the two World Wars. The roof burnt down in 1914 and in 1944, the church was bombed. On the outside, you can distinguish the seven radial chapels, which are arranged around the choir. In between two of these chapels, you will see the chapel of 'Fiere Margriet' (Proud Margaret), a popular local saint. The golden sculpture on the roof is a mechanical bell-ringer, called 'Meester Jan' (Master John). It was only added in 1998. The highlight of your visit is a painting by the Flemish Primitive Dirk Bouts, 'The Last Supper'.

The entrance door is a little narrow (77 cm). The steps in the church are bridged with ramps that can be steep at times. You can use assistance to open the door to the ticket office and the door to the Chapel of the Holy Sacrament. The crypt can only be accessed by stairs. There is an adapted toilet onsite, where you can make a sideways transfer (the space in front of the toilet is barely 80 cm). Do you require assistance? Call the M at +32 16 27 29 29 or send an e-mail to bezoekm@mleuven.be.

Grote Markt

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30CC/MUNICIPAL THEATRE



After being destroyed during World War I, Leuven's municipal theatre was rebuilt and officially inaugurated in 1938. At the time, it was considered one of the most modern theatres in Belgium, in terms of its infrastructure and technical installations. But the intensive use of the theatre over the years caused a lot of wear and tear. In 1994, the theatre was fully renovated. Every year, just under 65,000 people visit the theatre, which is part of 30CC, Leuven's cultural centre.

spacious lifts. The theatre has an adapted toilet. Guide dogs are admitted. There are reserved seats for wheelchair users and people with a visual/auditory impairment. You can find a list of the locations at <http://www.30cc.be/nl/locaties>. The address and facilities for people with disabilities are listed for every venue.

Bondgenotenlaan 21

Tel.: + 32 16 23 84 27

E-mail: info@30CC.be

Website: www.30CC.be > 30CC/Schouwburg

Easy access, among others thanks to the

Visit and experience



This striking building, in a Flemish neo-Renaissance style, was built in the 1920s with American funding, after the old library was destroyed by fire during World War I. This building also suffered extensive damage during World War II. The names of the American donors are still inscribed in the façade. The reading room on the first floor is definitely worth a visit (if you can be quiet).

Accessible through the entrance on the right side of the building (Blijde Inkomststraat), which has been fitted with a ramp. This provides access to the main entrance hall with an information desk and lockers. A lift takes you to most of the library rooms,

including the magnificent reading room on the first floor. A platform lift on the fifth floor takes you to the exhibition space on the upper floor. The library has two adapted toilets.

Totem

It's hard to ignore Jan Fabre's Totem in Ladeuzeplein in front of the library. He has installed a gigantic scarab beetle on a 23 metre tall needle in the square. The university donated this tribute to beauty, knowledge and science to the City of Leuven in 2004.

Mgr. Ladeuzeplein 21

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The Municipal Museum Vander Kelen-Mertens underwent a radical transformation in 2009. The leading Belgian architect Stéphane Beel incorporated the old museum buildings into a sleek design, seamlessly blending the old with the new. The contemporary result was also renamed and is now called the M - Museum Leuven. Insider tip: take the lift to the roof terrace to enjoy a unique panoramic view of the city.

The museum is wheelchair accessible. The right side of the staircase to the main entrance, when looking from the street side, has been transformed into a zigzag trail of ramps. The museum has 2 wheelchairs and 20 portable folding seats, which you can borrow for free, subject to availability, in exchange for your ID card. We recommend reserving

them before you visit. There is an adapted toilet in the cellar (accessible via the lift). The museum has developed a tailor-made tour of the permanent collection for blind and visually impaired visitors as well as for visitors with dementia. Visually impaired and blind visitors can also enjoy adapted 'In the Realm of the Senses' tours of the museum. Reservation required. Do you require assistance to get to the museum? Then notify the museum three days in advance and one of the museum's employees will gladly assist you on your way there and back.

Leopold Vanderkelenstraat 28

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STATUE OF FONSKÉ



The statue of Fonske is very popular with Leuven's student population. He holds a book in his left hand, and pours a glass of knowledge into his head with his right hand. Or perhaps it's a glass of beer? The university donated Jef Claerhout's sculpture to the city in 1975 to mark the 550th anniversary of the Catholic University of Leuven. Fons Sapientiae means Source of Wisdom, of course.

The sculpture is easy to get to. The underground consists of relatively level cobblestones.

Rector de Somerplein



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DOMUS BRAUHAUS



Domus is a microbrewery with a pub. Here, they brew old-fashioned good quality beer, without adding flavourings or colourings, using small-scale brewing equipment. Domus Brauhaus has a range of natural and pure beers. The pub that connects to the brewery has all of the beers on tap so you can sample them in the most perfect conditions. Domus serves three different beers, Con Domus and Nostra Domus are available throughout the year. The

third beer on tap is a tasty, seasonal thirst-quencher.

Domus Brauhaus is partly accessible via a ramp slope, if your wheelchair can fit through the doors that are 76 cm wide. A very steep ramp leads to the brew kettles in the Brauhaus.

Tiensestraat 8

E-mail: info@domusleuven.be

Website: www.domusleuven.be



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THE POPE'S COLLEGE



Before Adriaen Floriszoon Boeyens was elected to become Pope Adrian VI, he was employed by Leuven's university as a professor. In 1523, he converted his home in Hogeschoolplein into a college for poor theology students. In 1775, part of the building collapsed. The court architect Louis Montoyer designed a new classic main building. It was used as a warehouse and barracks from 1830 until 1835. It subsequently became an

educational facility for students of the Arts and Humanities faculties. Nowadays, it offers student housing for boys.

You can only see the building's façade. You can also take a peek inside the gate, by following the pavement, with level cobbles, but the pavement becomes really bumpy as you continue.

Hogeschoolplein 3

10 MARIA-THERESIA COLLEGE



In 1778, Archduchess Maria Theresia of Austria converted the former Jesuit college in Sint-Michielsstraat into a Theology Seminary. She was one of the real pioneers of the 18th century Enlightenment, who took a keen interest in education. In 1826-1827, King William I had the Aula Magna and Aula Minor built. They are used as auditoriums and venues for conferences, colleges and

concerts. The large auditorium resembles a semi-circular temple, with a cassette ceiling. The design is very similar to that of the Pantheon in Rome.

You can only see the building's façade. You can peek in from the street, but the cobbles are quite bumpy.

Sint-Michielsstraat 2

11 THE UNIVERSITY HALL



This originally Gothic building from 1317 initially had only one floor and was used as a cloth hall where cloth weavers sold their products. In 1679, the city sold the entire building to the university after which floors were added in the Baroque style. Shortly after the university was founded (in 1425), part of the building was made available by the city for lectures.

When the German occupying forces set fire to Leuven's city centre on 25 August 1914, the university hall was almost entirely destroyed, barring the façade. A total of 300,000 books and manuscripts were lost in the fire. The

university library was rebuilt in Monseigneur Ladeuzeplein. Nowadays, the hall is used as the university's policy centre. Students come here to enrol at the university and many a PhD has been publicly defended here in the Promotion Hall. The University Hall recently opened to the public.

You access the entrance hall by a ramp, which leads to the hall with a small museum, the university shop and a nice coffee bar. There is an adapted toilet in the cellar.

Naamsestraat 22

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SAINT ANTHONY'S CHAPEL - CRYPT OF FATHER DAMIEN



In 1860, the monks of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, also known as the Picpus Fathers, acquired the chapel, transforming it into a sanctuary and a place of pilgrimage dedicated to Saint Joseph. Nowadays, visitors mainly come here to see the tomb of Jozef De Veuster, aka Father Damien. The country's most famous priest was buried here in 1936. The panels in the church tell of Damien's journey, from his calling as a missionary, right up to his death in 1889. In 1995, he was beatified and in December 2005, he was voted the 'Greatest Belgian of all time'. Father Damien was

canonised on 11 October 2009 in Rome.

The church and crypt are accessible for wheelchair users, who can enter through the side entrances in Sint-Antoniusberg and Ramberg. A stair lift provides access to the crypt. You can request assistance to operate the stair lift by calling the number listed on the sign near the sacristy at the side entrance.

Pater Damiaanplein

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OUDE MARKT



Visiting Leuven's Oude Markt means finding a spot at 'Europe's longest bar counter'. This unique square is the only place where you'll find this many catering establishments in one location. That is why Oude Markt is such

a popular place to meet up in Leuven. Especially on sunny days, when people are drawn to the many terraces.

The underground consists of relatively level cobblestones.



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STATUE OF DE KOTMADAM



Many students in Leuven rent student digs (or a 'kot' as they call it here) from private individuals. Today, landladies who live in the same house as their tenants are increasingly rare, but many students found a home away from home in their student digs. The statue in Oude Markt pays tribute to these landladies, although the initial response to the woman's rather impertinent attitude was rather mixed. The statue is a real eye-catcher in Leuven. Many passers-by like to sit in the Kotmadam's lap or on the bench next to her and have their photo taken.

The sculpture is easy to get to. The underground consists of relatively level cobblestones.

Oude Markt



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DIJLE TERRACES



Leuven was founded along the Dijle, the river that brought prosperity to the city thanks to its connection with the River Scheldt. The relations soon cooled however, largely due to pollution and flooding. Nowadays more than half of the 10 km of water-courses in the centre of Leuven have been vaulted. But people soon missed the river, which is why terraces leading down to the Dijle were dug in the park in Dirk Boutslaan, where people

can now sit with their feet in the water. The unique vegetation against the wall only enhances the general ambience of the Dijle terraces.

The terraces can be reached, without obstacles, from the corner of Lei and Dirk Boutslaan. Attention: on rainy days the wooden terrace can be quite slippery.

Dirk Boutslaan



De Fiere Margriet or Proud Margret, one of the best-known statues in Leuven, was inspired by a 13th century legend. According to legend, young Margaretha (Margriet) worked in an inn in Muntstraat. When robbers attempted to rape her, she fiercely resisted their onslaught and was killed. Her murderers threw her body in the River Dijle, where it was found floating on the water, according to the story. She is called Proud Margaret, because she chose to die rather than lose her virginity. The sculpture of the reclining woman was an eye-catcher on the corner of Tiensestraat and

Muntstraat for many years (where the inn was said to have stood). Since then it has been moved to the Dijle terraces, on the banks of the river where she was supposedly found. On some days, when the water levels are high, the river water laps at the sculpture's base, making it look as if Margaret is floating on the Dijle once again.

You can easily get to the sculpture by the ramp. Beware of the slippery wooden terrace.

Lei



17 VISMARKT



Vismarkt's (Fish markets) name is not a coincidence. For many centuries this was the centre of Leuven's fish trade, although you would be hard pressed to find any signs of this today. The highlight was the construction of the fish market, which was unfortunately demolished in 1970. To date, nobody knows where the 'construction waste' ended up. If you scan your surroundings attentively though, you can still spot a few references to the past. The names of the adjoining streets and the houses on the south side of the square are just one example. The most striking detail, however, is the

entrance to 'Sint-Andries' (St. Andrew) house, which is named after the patron saint of fishermen and which features two fish. Today, there is a kids' clothing shop in this house, to the left of Busleidengang. You can spot two other pairs of fish elsewhere on the building's façade. As long as none of the remnants of the old Fish Market turn up again, these 6 fish are a lovely memento of this interesting chapter in Leuven's history.

The underground is paved with round cobblestones and can be rather uneven in sections.

18 STATUE OF ERAMUS



The great humanist Desiderius Erasmus looks extremely approachable. In fact his attentive gaze makes you feel as if you should talk to him and he will actually answer. Erasmus, who was Dutch by birth, spent six years in Leuven. He founded the Collegium Trilingue in Leuven's Vismarkt. He is mainly known as the author of 'Praise of Folly', a critical look at 16th century society.

In 1979, Leuven's Lion's Club donated the sculpture to the city to mark the organisation's fifth anniversary. Although the statue is quite realistic it is rather diminutive: Erasmus is just 1.25 metres tall.

The sculpture is easy to get to. The underground is paved with road bricks.

Mathieu de Layensplein



(C) LAYLA AERTS

Worth the detour

19 LARGE BEGUINAGE AND BEGUINAGE CHURCH



The large beguinage is a typical city beguinage, with streets, squares, parks and gardens. The River Dijle flows through it. While the beguines have already long left, it is still a very peaceful place. The Church of Saint John the Baptist is an early Gothic church. Every first and third Wednesday of the month, the church hosts a carillon concert (never during the exam period). The beguinage is permanently open to visitors, but the cobbles can make your tour a

very bumpy experience. The Church of Saint John the Baptist is open from 1 April until 30 September: from Tuesday till Sunday, from 1.30 pm till 4.30 pm.

There are cobblestones throughout, which means the streets are very bumpy.

Schapenstraat

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20 BOTANICAL GARDEN



Leuven is one of the few cities in Belgium with a botanic garden, but its Botanical Garden is also one of Belgium's oldest. In 1738, the university started work on the garden with medicinal plants for its medical students. Nowadays the Botanical Garden is no longer just used for scientific research. It is also a tranquil green oasis in the city centre.

Easily accessible for walkers and wheelchairs. There is an adapted toilet in the gatehouse.

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Guided tours

LEUVEN+

The largest tourist guide association of Leuven guarantees a large offer of walks, that meet your personal needs, wishes, interests and language.

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www.leuven-plus.be

GUIDED TOURS FOR PEOPLE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS



Leuven – Hear and Feel

Leuven Hear and Feel takes you to places where you can experience the city through touch, sound and smell. This walk is a unique experience that is equally enriching for anyone with normal vision.

GUIDED TOURS FOR PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS



Leuven, beer city

Enjoy stories and share knowledge about beer brewing and drinking our beer. A degustation option for local beer is available.

Leuven for beginners

You will learn about the history of the Middle Ages and the important link between the city and its university. War history and current stories of Leuven are also told. Both walks are wheelchair friendly.

Travel through Leuven by 'suntrain'

This solar powered train passes by the most historical buildings of Leuven. Directly after this, you can visit the Park Abbey.



GUIDED TOURS FOR PEOPLE WITH HEARING PROBLEMS



All of the walks are suitable for this target group (QR code smartphone use). Guides adjust the pace when sign language is also used.

Leuven can also come to you via virtual walks.

GUIDED TOURS FOR ADULTS WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY



How the old Leuven was

Visitors get to learn about the city centre. The essence of the existence of Leuven is explained clearly in appropriate language and using many visual illustrations. This special strategy and approach makes the walk fascinating and suited to this target group.

City Hall visit

The guide explains the history of how one of the most beautiful city halls in Belgium was established. Between the many statues on the façade, you go in search of the architect. Just how the stonecutters were able to create these ornate statues is explained. You visit the salon where couples were married and are told how voting was carried out in the city council. Language use is adapted during this guided tour. There is a great deal of visual support. The tour is interactive to keep everyone interested. These strategies and methods, tailored to the information processing of the target group, make the tour exciting and accessible.

Get cycling!



Do you want to explore Leuven by bike? Or do you prefer to venture out into the wider region around Leuven and discover the Green Belt and the Hageland? Two **ledereen Toerist/Everyone a Tourist routes** start from **Fietspunt Leuven Station**. These cycling routes are tailored to wheelchair bicycles, buddy bikes, three-wheelers and tandems. Choose the Leuven to Tildonk route to visit the 14-18 Experience Centre, where you can find out more about World War I in the region and visit the moving exhibition, titled 'Through the eyes of a refugee', which features the stories of present-day refugees. End your visit with a drink and a bite to eat in Engelenburcht My Resto, take some time to enjoy the silence in the Garden of Silence under the Haiku Tree before you head back to Leuven. Or choose the Leuven to Wezemaal route and 'immerse' yourself in the region's unique Hageland wines in the Visitor Centre at Wezemaal. Don't forget to stop at the lovely provincial estate in Kessel-Lo near Leuven.

Don't have an adapted bike? Don't worry, you can reserve one from Fietspunt by sending an e-mail to leuven@fietspunten.be They rent out men's and women's bicycles, mountain bikes, electric bikes, tandem bikes, a Veloplus electric wheelchair bike and an electric Fun2Go buddy bike.

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



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EAT AND DRINK

1. Café Van de Velde
2. Chapter Four
3. Domus
4. Improvisio
5. De Smidse
6. Grand Café (De Hoorn)
7. Café Entrepot | Opek
8. Novotel Leuven
9. ViaVia

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CAFE VAN DE VELDE (LIBRARY TWEEBRONNEN)

Rijschoolstraat 4 / +32 16 50 16 72

(Wheelchair accessible entrance: Diestsestraat 49)

[www.facebook.com > Café Van De Velde](https://www.facebook.com/Café%20Van%20De%20Velde)

ENTRANCE

Height of the step	Long slope	👎
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Width of the narrowest entrance door	<90 cm	👍
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HALL

Table: wheelchair accessible	no	👎
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TOILET

Width of the narrowest passage to the toilet (door or hallway)	87 cm	👍
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Toilet door	87 cm	👍
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Free space in front of the toilet	40 cm	👎
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Free space next to the toilet	89 cm	👎
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Number of grab rails	2	👎
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CHAPTER FOUR

Monseigneur Ladeuzeplein 31 / +32 16 60 10 97

www.facebook.com/chapterfourleuven

ENTRANCE

Height of the step	n.a.	
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Width of the narrowest entrance door	84 cm	👎
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HALL

Table: wheelchair accessible	yes	👍
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TOILET

Width of the narrowest passage to the toilet (door or hallway)	110 cm	👎
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Toilet door	77 cm	👎
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Free space in front of the toilet	96 cm	👎
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Free space next to the toilet	52 cm	👎
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Number of grab rails	0	👎
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3 DOMUS

Tiensestraat 8 / +32 16 20 14 49

www.domusleuven.be - info@domusleuven.be

ENTRANCE


Height of the step 2,5 cm 

Width of the narrowest entrance door >90 cm 

HALL

Table: wheelchair accessible no 


TOILET

Width of the narrowest passage to the toilet (door or hallway) 110 cm 

Toilet door 87 cm 

Free space in front of the toilet 186 cm 

Free space next to the toilet 92 cm 

Number of grab rails 2 




4 IMPROVISIO

Brusselsestraat 63 / +32 16 20 76 46

www.improvisio.net - info@improvisio.net

ENTRANCE


Height of the step n.a.

Width of the narrowest entrance door 68 cm* 

HALL

Table: wheelchair accessible yes 


TOILET

Width of the narrowest passage to the toilet (door or hallway) 78 cm 

Toilet door 78 cm 

Free space in front of the toilet 67 cm 

Free space next to the toilet 89 cm 


Number of grab rails 2 




* You can open the second part of the double door.

ENTRANCE


Height of the step n.a.


Width of the narrowest entrance door 106 cm 

HALL

Table: wheelchair accessible limited 


TOILET

Width of the narrowest passage to the toilet (door or hallway) 105 cm 

Toilet door 87 cm 

Free space in front of the toilet 154 cm 

Free space next to the toilet 63 cm 

Number of grab rails 2 



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GRAND CAFE (DE HOORN)

Sluisstraat 79 / +32 16 79 54 75

www.dehoorn.eu/grand-cafe - grandcafe@dehoorn.eu

ENTRANCE

Height of the step	n.a.	
Width of the narrowest entrance door	72 cm*	👉

HALL

Table: wheelchair accessible	limited	👉
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TOILET

Width of the narrowest passage to the toilet (door or hallway)	85 cm	👎
Toilet door	87 cm	👉
Free space in front of the toilet	20 cm	👎
Free space next to the toilet	43 cm	👎
Number of grab rails	2	👍



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

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Café Entrepot | OPEK

Vaartkom 4 / +32 16 22 27 41

www.cafeentrepot.be – info@cafeentrepot.be

ENTRANCE

Height of the step	steep slope	👎
Width of the narrowest entrance door	72 cm*	👉

HALL

Table: wheelchair accessible	yes	👍
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TOILET

Width of the narrowest passage to the toilet (door or hallway)	107 cm	👉
Toilet door	86 cm	👉
Free space in front of the toilet	160 cm	👍
Free space next to the toilet	80 cm	👉
Number of grab rails	1	👉



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

8 NOVOTEL LEUVEN

Vuurkruisenlaan 4 / +32 16 93 90 01
www.accorhotels.com > Novotel Leuven Centrum
H3153@accor-hotels.com

ENTRANCE

Height of the step	n.a.	
Width of the narrowest entrance door	>90 cm	👍

HALL

Table: wheelchair accessible	limited	👉
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TOILET

Width of the narrowest passage to the toilet (door or hallway)	90 cm	👍
Toilet door	>90 cm	👍
Free space in front of the toilet	82 cm	👎
Free space next to the toilet	>90 cm	👍
Number of grab rails	2	👍



9 VIAVIA

Parkstraat 146 / +32 478 36 24 82
www.viavia.world/en/belgium/leuven-parkstraat
leuven@viavia.world

ENTRANCE

Height of the step	n.a.	
Width of the narrowest entrance door	95 cm	👍

HALL

Table: wheelchair accessible	limited	👉
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TOILET

Width of the narrowest passage to the toilet (door or hallway)	89 cm	👍
Toilet door	92 cm	👍
Free space in front of the toilet	147 cm	👍
Free space next to the toilet	118 cm	👍
Number of grab rails	2	👍





PUBLIC TOILETS

1. City Hall Leuven
2. Bicycle park Rector De Somerplein
3. University Library
4. M-Museum Leuven
5. University hall
6. Bus stop Dirk Boutslaan
7. Bruulpark
8. Library Tweebronnen
9. Café Sport
10. Botanical Garden
11. Hal 5

PATHWAY

n.a.

ENTRANCE



TO THE TOILET



TOILET DOOR

Clearance in front of the toilet door 120 cm



Width of the toilet door 88 cm



INSIDE OF THE TOILET

Dimensions toilet space 169 x 158 cm

Clearance space in the toilet area 100 cm



Free space in front of the toilet 103 cm



Free space next to the toilet 99 cm



Number of grab rails 2



Sink

BICYCLE PARK
RECTOR DE SOMERPLEIN

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.

PATHWAY



ENTRANCE



TO THE TOILET

n.a.

TOILET DOOR

Clearance in front of the toilet door 150 cm



Width of the toilet door 97 cm



INSIDE OF THE TOILET

Dimensions toilet space 218 x 201 cm

Clearance space in the toilet area 140 cm



Free space in front of the toilet 110 cm



Free space next to the toilet 109 cm



Number of grab rails 2



Sink



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



ENTRANCE



TO THE TOILET



TOILET DOOR

Clearance in front of the toilet door	150 cm	
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Width of the toilet door	98 cm	
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INSIDE OF THE TOILET

Dimensions toilet space	220 x 165 cm	
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Clearance space in the toilet area	150 cm	
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Free space in front of the toilet	50 cm	
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Free space next to the toilet	90 cm	
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Number of grab rails	2	
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Sink		
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PATHWAY



ENTRANCE



TO THE TOILET



TOILET DOOR

Clearance in front of the toilet door	128 cm	
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Width of the toilet door	88 cm	
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INSIDE OF THE TOILET

Dimensions toilet space	220 x 165 cm	
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Clearance space in the toilet area	110 cm	
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Free space in front of the toilet	110 cm	
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Free space next to the toilet	90 cm	
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Number of grab rails	2	
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Sink		
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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.

PATHWAY**ENTRANCE****TO THE TOILET****TOILET DOOR**

Clearance in front of the toilet door 160 cm



Width of the toilet door > 90 cm

**INSIDE OF THE TOILET**

Dimensions toilet space 180 x 205 cm

Clearance space in the toilet area 150 cm



Free space in front of the toilet 27 cm



Free space next to the toilet > 90 cm



Number of grab rails 2



Sink

**PATHWAY****ENTRANCE****TO THE TOILET *****TOILET DOOR**

Clearance in front of the toilet door 150 cm



Width of the toilet door 96 cm

**INSIDE OF THE TOILET**

Dimensions toilet space 336 x 176 cm

Clearance space in the toilet area 150 cm



Free space in front of the toilet 120 cm



Free space next to the toilet 90 cm



Number of grab rails 2



Sink



* You can open the 2nd part of this double door (total width: 126 cm).

Ring the bell if you need any help.

6 BUS STOP DIRK BOUTSLAAN

Dirk Boutslaan 38

PATHWAY		n.a.
ENTRANCE		👍
TO THE TOILET		n.a.
TOILET DOOR		
Clearance in front of the toilet door	200 cm	👍
Width of the toilet door	87 cm	👍
INSIDE OF THE TOILET		
Dimensions toilet space	218 x 186 cm	
Clearance space in the toilet area	150 cm	👍
Free space in front of the toilet	115 cm	👉
Free space next to the toilet	129 cm	👍
Number of grab rails	2	👍
Sink		👍



Public adapted toilets off the route

7 BRUULPARK

Brouwersstraat

PATHWAY		👉
ENTRANCE		👍
TO THE TOILET		👍
TOILET DOOR		
Clearance in front of the toilet door	165 cm	👍
Width of the toilet door	87 cm	👍
INSIDE OF THE TOILET		
Dimensions toilet space	164 x 282 cm	
Clearance space in the toilet area	150 cm	👍
Free space in front of the toilet	219 cm	👍
Free space next to the toilet	100 cm	👍
Number of grab rails	2	👍
Sink		👍



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

PATHWAY n.a.

ENTRANCE 

TO THE TOILET 

TOILET DOOR

Clearance in front of the toilet door 150 cm 

Width of the toilet door 87 cm 

INSIDE OF THE TOILET

Dimensions toilet space 150 x 147 cm

Clearance space in the toilet area 105 cm 

Free space in front of the toilet 30 cm 

Free space next to the toilet 90 cm 

Number of grab rails 2 

Sink 



PATHWAY 

ENTRANCE 

TO THE TOILET 

TOILET DOOR


Clearance in front of the toilet door 140 cm 

Width of the toilet door 86 cm 

INSIDE OF THE TOILET

Dimensions toilet space 215 x 164 cm

Clearance space in the toilet area 132 cm 

Free space in front of the toilet 147 cm 

Free space next to the toilet 17 cm 

Number of grab rails geen 

Sink 



10 BOTANICAL GARDEN

Kapucijnenvoer 30 / +32 16 27 23 80

www.visitleuven.be/nl/kruidtuin

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



TO THE TOILET



TOILET DOOR

Clearance in front of the toilet door 150 cm

Width of the toilet door 87 cm

INSIDE OF THE TOILET

Dimensions toilet space 157 x 235 cm

Clearance space in the toilet area 145 cm

Free space in front of the toilet 162 cm

Free space next to the toilet 82 cm

Number of grab rails 1

Sink



11 HAL 5

Diestsesteenweg 104 / 3010 Kessel-Lo

www.hal5.be / info@hal5.be

PATHWAY



ENTRANCE



TO THE TOILET



TOILET DOOR

Clearance in front of the toilet door 93 cm

Width of the toilet door 98 cm

INSIDE OF THE TOILET

Dimensions toilet space 167 x 243 cm

Clearance space in the toilet area 141 cm

Free space in front of the toilet 170 cm

Free space next to the toilet 28 cm

Number of grab rails 1

Sink





Tourist Office Visit Leuven

Naamsestraat 3, 3000 Leuven

+32 16 20 30 20

visit@leuven.be

www.visitleuven.be

The tourist office of Leuven is wheelchair accessible. There is no lowered part at the desk though.





ACCOMMODATION

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 in Leuven were awarded an A or A+ accessibility label. You can find detailed information and photos of these and other accommodations in the region around Leuven in one of two

handy brochures, i.e., 'Accessible holiday accommodations in Flanders and Brussels', which you can find online at www.visitflanders.com/accessibility. You can also request a hard copy.

1 Hotel Ladeuze

Bogaerdenstraat 27
3000 Leuven
Tel. +32 16 88 90 66
Info@hotelladeuze.com
www.hotelladeuze.com



2 Novotel Leuven Centrum

Vuurkruisenlaan 4
3000 Leuven
Tel. +32 16 21 32 00
Fax +32 16 21 32 01
H3153@accor.com
www.accorhotels.com



3 Park Inn by Radisson Leuven

Martelarenlaan 36
3010 Leuven (Kessel-Lo)
Tel. +32 16 61 66 00
Fax +32 16 61 67 00
Info.leuven@parkinn.com
www.parkinn.com/hotel-leuven



4 Youth hostel De Blauwput

Martelarenlaan 11a
3010 Leuven (Kessel-Lo)
Tel. +32 16 63 90 62
leuven@vjh.be
www.jeugdherbergen.be



5 Leuven City Hostel

Ravenstraat 37
3000 Leuven
Tel. +32 16 84 30 33
info@leuvencityhostel.com
www.leuvencityhostel.com



CARE AND MOBILITY AIDS

YOU NEED MEDICAL CARE WHILE ON HOLIDAY?

As a tourist in Flanders you can call upon a regional service or independent nurses who operate near your holiday address. Contact a nursing service as quickly as possible so that you can discuss the possibilities and conditions on time. A few big organisations that can help you include:

- The **Wit-Gele Kruis** (White-Yellow Cross) is a home nursing organization with branches all over Flanders. You can find the contact addresses per province on www.wgk.be (in Dutch).
- The **Flemish Association for Independent Nurses** (VBZV) lists where you can go for home nursing on the website www.verplegingthuis.be (Dutch). You can contact a nurse directly to discuss your concrete requests.
- **Home nursing** and other forms of care can also be arranged via a local or regional social service or joint venture. Het Vlaams Agentschap Zorg en Gezondheid (Flemish Agency Care and Health) familiarises you with the offerings via this website: www.zorg-en-gezondheid.be/thuiszorg (in Dutch).

YOU NEED MOBILITY AIDS WHILE ON HOLIDAY?

You need a hospital bed, hoist, scooter mobile, etc. at your holiday address? Then you can obtain your requirements from a local lending service. Some devices, usually lighter items, must be collected; other items can be delivered to and/or installed at your holiday address. In Leuven, you can turn to one of the lending services below. Not all mobility aids are available in every lending service. We advise you to contact them in advance.

Medical store CM

K. Leopold I-straat 34, Leuven
+32 16 20 84 83

VF Medicals

Mgr. Van Waeyenberghlaan 48, Leuven
tel: +32 16 20 76 07 / fax: +32 16 20 76 25
vfm@vf-medicals.be
www.vf-medicals.be

Rector de Somerplein wheelchair service

Fietsenparking Rector de Somerplein - APCOA
+32 16 29 93 23
fietsenparking.leuven@apcoa.be

The opening hours are listed at www.leuven.be/rolstoel-lenen. People with mobility impairments can borrow a wheelchair in the city centre. Reservations are possible, but not required.

TRAVELLING TOWARDS FLANDERS

BY TRAIN

Eurostar, TGV & Thalys

In 1st class on Eurostar, TGV and Thalys, there are one or more locations for wheelchairs. This means you can travel in comfort without having to move out of your wheelchair. These positions are alongside spacious toilets laid out especially for wheelchair passengers. Ask to have one of these locations allocated to you when you make your booking. The sales staff will reserve one for you, subject to availability. So that these facilities can be accessible to everyone, Eurostar, Thalys and TGV provide special rates so that wheelchair passengers and their attendants can travel in first class for a second class fare.

ICE

ICE trains (Brussels-Cologne-Frankfurt connection) also provide facilities for wheelchair travellers. However, in ICE trains, these are in second class, near special toilet facilities.

Facilities and assistance at stations

The main international stations comply to high standards of accessibility (elevators, escalators etc...), and offer assistance service 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 travelling with a reduced mobility on Antwerp Airport: www.antwerp-airport.be
> Passengers > Reduced mobility people.

> Brussels South Charleroi Airport

Read more about travelling with a reduced mobility on Charleroi Airport: www.charleroi-airport.com
> Passengers > PRM.

> Brussels Airport

Read more about travelling with a reduced mobility on Brussels Airport: www.brusselsairport.be > Passengers
> 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 – 08716 64 21 21**

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

Read more about travelling with a reduced mobility on P&O Ferries:
www.poferries.com/en ➤ **Select a route**
➤ **Travelling with us** ➤ **Accessibility**

➤ **DFDS Seaways – 0871 574 7235**

DFDS Seaways sails from Dover to both Calais and Dunkirk. The services to Calais take 90 minutes, and to Dunkirk, the journey time is around 2 hours. From Dunkirk, you're just a few miles from the border with Flanders.

Read more about travelling with a reduced mobility on DFDS Seaways:
www.dfdsseaways.co.uk ➤ **Customer service** ➤ **Passengers with reduced mobility.**



TRANSPORT AND PARKING IN FLANDERS

BY TRAIN (NMBS)

You will find all the necessary information on traveling by train on www.belgianrail.be/en > **Stations and on-board services** > **Passengers with reduced mobility**.

Belgian Rail provides assistance when boarding or disembarking a train in 131 stations. Find out which stations offer (free) assistance and how long in advance you have to reserve on the website. Make your request for assistance online or by phone: **+32 2 528 28 28**. Also find out about the discounts that are available for Belgian Rail passengers with a disability on the website.

BY BUS (DE LIJN)

The new De Lijn buses are equipped with a low floor, ramp and hydraulic kneeling device. The ramp can only be used safely at an accessible (raised) stop. If you want to take a regular bus, you must make a reservation one day (24 hours) in advance by phoning the dial-a-bus switchboard. That way you can be sure that your ride is wheelchair accessible.

The bus also includes places reserved for people with reduced mobility. These places are located at the front of the bus near the driver and at the wheelchair-accessible door. They are marked with pictograms.

You will find all the necessary information on : www.delijn.be/en > **Accessibility**.

CAR

Leuven is a restricted traffic area, meaning you cannot drive your car through the city. We recommend following the ring road around the city to get as close to your destination as you can. A maximum speed limit of 30 km/h is enforced in the area inside of the ring road.

Free parking or pay and display?

If you have a European parking pass for people with disabilities, you may park for free, for an unlimited period of time in Leuven in:

- Reserved parking spaces for people with disabilities.
- Parking spaces for short stay parking such as shop-and-go parking spaces and kiss-and-ride spaces.
- Parking spaces where you must display or use a parking disc.

For an overview of the reserved parking spaces for people with disabilities in Leuven, navigate to

www.visitleuven.be/en/accessibility





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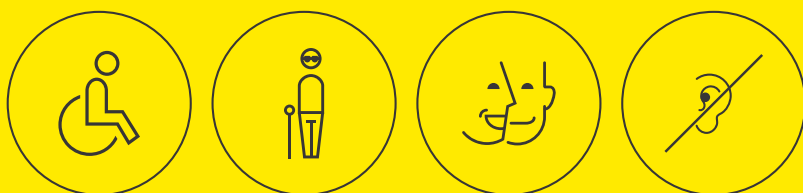
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