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Visitors guide info

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Discover the World Heritage City of Bruges with all your senses

Bruges is a city full of fascinating stories. Cultural, artistic, cosmopolitan and above all enigmatic with a blend of influences from the Middle Ages to modern times. The entire historical city centre is a Unesco World Heritage site. Strolling through the medieval network of streets or sauntering along the quiet canals and the green moats you will fall hopelessly in love with its elegant secrecy. Thus an intimate place that is best discovered as a couple. In Winter the dimly lit winding streets and the misty canals can seem even more poetic. As if the city waits for the dark to reveal its best side.

If you map out the strengths of Bruges – no mean feat – you will find culture right at the very top. The city is inundated with cultural events throughout the year: ground-breaking dance routines, fascinating one-man shows, and entertaining city festivals, alternating with exhibitions with an international allure, ... Bruges has it all, and everything within walking distance. The 14 city museums house prestigious collections of works by the Flemish Primitives and contemporary art, archaeological finds, literary treasures and valuable remnants from one of the oldest hospitals in Europe.

Parallel investments in restoration and contemporary architecture have resulted in a captivating townscape with a historic heritage that interacts with the modern Concert Hall, for example. A visit inside will fulfil all promises: the Concert Hall has built up a cast-iron

reputation with its innovative programme, but is also cherished as a place for contemporary visual art and as a panoramic vantage point looking out over the city.

Bruges is also a city of places of culinary character, genuine brown bars, trendy lunchtime dens, and famous gourmet restaurants. Ideal before, during and after a trip to the fashionable shops.

If you have a real appetite for everything Bruges has to offer, accommodation is available to suit every budget...

Let this visitors guide be an initial guide and then let yourself be carried by the beat of the city.

We and our fellow townfolk hope you have a wonderful stay.

Jean-Marie Bogaert
Alderman for tourism

Patrick Moenaert
Burgomaster





Bruges as an economic capital city of northwest Europe (1200-1400)

- 1200: first big international annual market in Bruges
- 1245: foundation of the Beguinage
- 1256: first reference to the Holy Blood in Bruges
- 1290: construction of the water hall in the market square, meeting place for merchants
- 1291: first reference to the Procession of the Holy Blood
- 1302: Battle of the Spurs with a strong contribution from Bruges
- 1376-1420: construction of the city hall

A Bruges story

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1200

1300

1400

From early settlement to international trading centre (...-1200)

- 851: oldest reference to the city
- 862: Baudouin I arrives at the Burg
- 864: first Bruges coin
- 1089: the provost of Bruges' Saint Donatien's Church becomes chancellor of Flanders
- 1127: count Charles the Good is murdered in Saint Donatien's Church, first city wall
- 1134: emergence of the Zwin, the link between Damme as a Bruges outpost and the sea

As early as the 2nd century Bruges was a trading centre. The Gallic-Roman settlement that had become established here kept close trading links with the rest of Gaul and England. Nevertheless, it would be a further seven centuries before the name Brugge (the Dutch name for Bruges), a derivative of the old Norse 'bryggja' or jetty, would crop up for the first time. At that time, the Norsemen there maintained an appropriate low profile. Perhaps the imposing castle, which then stood on the Burg, had something to do with it. Over the centuries Bruges remained the trading centre par excellence.

International trading centre

The 11th century was a rather anxious time when Bruges' direct link to the sea threatened to silt up. But the new channel, the Zwin, provided solace and in the 14th century Bruges could proudly call itself the most important trading centre in northwest Europe. A boastful title that the people of Bruges could thank Flemish cloth for in particular. Ter Beurze House, which gave the exchange its name (the Dutch word for exchange is 'beurs'), is the exponent of the monetary and commercial traffic of the time. Despite its typical medieval problems (epidemics, political unrest, social inequality) Bruges remained a thriving city. Around 1350 the walled-in city centre had as many as 40,000 inhabitants. Our cycle route (see page 28) takes you to the age-old city ramparts and on the way shows you lively working-class districts and charming almshouses.

The Golden Century of Bruges (1384-1490)

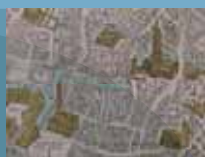
- 1384: marriage of Margaretha van Male to Duke Philip the Bold
start of the Burgundian period in Bruges
- 1427: Bruges bear is included in the Bruges coat of arms
- 1430: Philip the Good founds the Order of the Golden Fleece
- 1436: Jan van Eyck paints the first panel painting 'Madonna with canon George van der Paele'
- 1468: Charles the Bold and Margaretha of York marry (Procession of the Golden Tree)
- 1477: marriage of Maximilian of Austria to Maria of Burgundy
- 1478: birth of Archduke Philip the Beautiful in the Bruges Prinsenhof
- 1482: Maria of Burgundy dies after falling off a horse
- 1488: Maximilian of Austria is imprisoned in the Craenenburg House (market square)
- 1489: Hans Memling completes the Ursula Shrine (Memling in Sint Jan's Hospital Museum)

The city finds its second wind (1494-1584)

- 1498: Gerard David completes the diptych 'the Judgement of Cambyses'
- 1506: the cloth merchant Jan Mouscron buys the Madonna with Child from Michelangelo
- 1528-1531: Lanceloot Blondeel designs the hearth of the Palace of the Liberty of Bruges
- 1548: the scientist Simon Stevin is born in Bruges
- 1559: Bruges becomes a cathedral city
- 1562: Marcus Gerards draws the first official city map of Bruges
- 1578-1584: Bruges rises up against Spain

Provincial city with renewed ambitions (1885-1970)

- 1887: unveiling of the statue Jan Breydel & Pieter de Coninck (market square)
- 1892: publication of "Bruges la Morte" by novelist Georges Rodenbach
- 1902: first exhibition of the Flemish Primitives
- 1907: official start of Bruges seaport (Zeebrugge)
- 1914-1918: the First World War spares the city, not the port
- 1940-1945: the Second World War leaves the city centre practically intact
- 1948: foundation of the College of Europe



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Bruges becomes a poor city in poor Flanders (1584-1850)

- 1584: Bruges falls into Spanish hands
- 1603: birth of Jacob van Oost, most important Bruges painter of the 17th century
- 1604: close of the Zwin by the Dutch
- 1656-1659: exile of the English King Charles II in Bruges
- 1717: foundation of the Academy of Fine Arts, precursor of the Groeninge Museum
- 1799: demolition of Saint Donat's Cathedral with rearrangement of the Burg
- 1830: the poet Guido Gezelle sees the light of day

The new city (1970-...)

- 1970: the Mergers Act substantially expands the territory of Bruges
by incorporating the former neighbouring municipalities
- 1985: opening of the new sea lock in Zeebrugge by King Baudouin
- 2000: city centre becomes a World Heritage Site
Euro 2000 (European football championship)
- 2002: Bruges, cultural capital of Europe

The Golden Century

In the 15th century, Bruges' Golden Century, business was still good. The Burgundian dynasty settled in the city, new luxury products were produced in abundance and famous painters such as Jan van Eyck and Hans Memling – the great Flemish Primitives – found their creative niche here. The fine arts ruled. Churches, mansions and unique foreign merchant houses were decorated. Bruges seemed unassailable. Walk B (see page 22) allows you to experience this glorious age, and strolling through the former commercial district you will pass the old tollhouses, the former foreign merchant houses and the restored Burghers' Lodge, at that time the meeting point for the upper middle classes.

The Downturn

The death of Maria of Burgundy heralded a sudden reversal. The relationship between the people of Bruges and the widower, Maximilian of Austria, became sour and the Burgundian court left the city. The international merchants and the great prosperity that they brought with them, followed. The silting up of the coastal region had set in and Bruges started to lose its privileged commercial position. From 1580 onwards, long centuries of wars and changes of power followed. In the mid 19th century Bruges was a poor, impoverished city that had missed the industrial revolution and thus did not have the resources to adapt to the new age. The old network of streets was thus preserved.

Unesco World Heritage

In 'Bruges la Morte', (1892) by Georges Rodenbach, Bruges was described as a sleepy but nevertheless enigmatic place. The mysterious intimacy that characterises the city became its greatest asset. Millions of visitors rediscovered Bruges' glittering heritage. In 2000, Unesco promoted the entire historical city centre to a World Heritage Site. Two years later Bruges celebrated a year long festival as the Cultural Capital of Europe. And the rest is history. Walk A (see page 14) lets you discover the city centre and takes you back in time.



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10 Irresistible Classics!



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04/09

01 Flemish Primitives

(read more on page 8)

Admire the unique and world famous collection of paintings by the Flemish Primitives in the city where they were created. Or choose ground-breaking modern art, moving popular romanticism, or majestic city palaces? The Bruges Museums will serve your needs.

02 Bruges canals

(read more on page 27)

Sailing on the canals, the arteries of the city, discover picturesque places, charming bridges and wonderfully beautiful still lifes. The most beautiful places are even more charming when you see them from the water.

03 The Beguinage and the Minnewater

(read more on page 19)

Some places are so beautiful that they will reduce you to silence. The Beguinage is just such a place where you will wander around speechless. Its purity can hardly be captured with words. Thus take your time and settle along the romantic Minnewater to enjoy this age old picture.

04 Church of Our Lady, Belfry, Saint Saviour's Cathedral

(read more from page 14)

These three towers determine the Bruges skyline. For centuries the



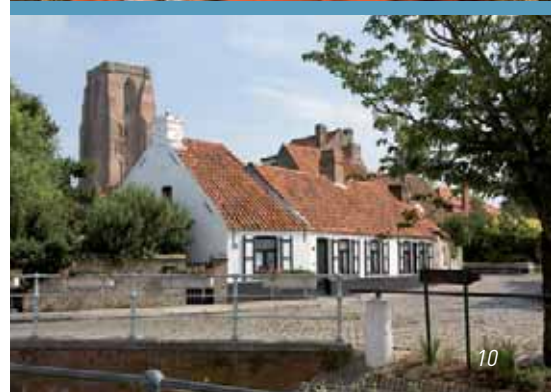
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stately Belfry has been the proud symbol of Bruges' independence, and after a hard climb you come to an unforgettable panoramic view. The splendid gothic Reception Church of our Lady, with the highest brick tower in Europe, and the restored tower of the Saint Saviour's Cathedral illustrate the workmanship of the Bruges builders.

05 The Burg Square and the City Hall

(read more on page 9)

The Burg Square is the beating heart of the city. Bruges has been administered for hundreds of years from the 14th century gothic city hall, one of the oldest in the low countries. All this time this remarkable historical building has dominated the majestic square. Nowhere else does the affluence of Bruges come so to life.

06 Almshouses

(read more on page 20)

Small villages in the city. That is how these medieval residential areas are best described. So many centuries ago they were built as an act of charity. With their picturesque small gardens, whitewashed facades and glorious silence, they are the outstanding places to come for peace and quiet.

07 Bruges city festivals

(read more on page 36)

Musica Antiqua, the rocking Cactus Festival, the swinging Klinkers, the impressive film moments of Cinema Novo: throughout the year the Bruges city festivals create a delightful, infectious and varied ambiance that is impossible to ignore.

08 Chocolate

(read more on page 13)

With more than 40 chocolate shops, the chocolate museum Choco-Story, chocolate walks and the chocolate exchange, Bruges has positioned itself as the capital of chocolate. Something that first and foremost must be discovered by tasting them.

09 Bruges' Cultural Temples

(read more on page 36)

In Bruges you can experience culture in the best conditions. Whether a classical concert in the contemporary Concert Hall or a ground-breaking performance in the majestic theatre, one of Europe's best preserved city theatres, you will always enjoy an exceptional setting.

10 Lissewege, the most beautiful village in Flanders?

(read more on page 38)

A few kilometres outside Bruges by bicycle is the beautiful polder village of Lissewege. With its delightful

small canal, the renowned abbey barn complex Ter Doest, the white polder houses, the impressive church tower and the extensive meadows, it is not by chance that Lissewege has been nominated as one of the prettiest villages (among many) in Flanders. Lively, charming and a touch nostalgic. Worth the trip!



Musea Brugge

www.museabrugge.be

Museums

With its 14 museum locations, divided over three museum groups, Bruges Museums will fill your cultural appetite. The Flemish Primitives might be the Bruges showpieces, but museum devotees who want more will not be disappointed.

Important info

Closing day:

Bruges museums are closed on Mondays (except Easter Monday and Whit Monday). The City Hall, Liberty of Bruges and the Belfry are however open 7 days a week. All Bruges Museums are closed on 1/1, 25/12 and on Ascension Day (Procession of the Holy Blood) in the afternoon.

Reductions:

- > groups of at least 15 people
- > youths from 13 to 26 years
- > senior citizens from 60 years

Free entry:

- > children under 13 years

You can come in up to half an hour before closing time. For Bruggemuseum - Belfry it is up to 45 minutes before closing.

Groeninge Museum

Perhaps the most famous museum in Bruges. Here you can see a varied overview of the history of Belgian plastic arts, with the high point being the world famous Flemish Primitives. In addition you can marvel at the best neoclassical and realistic works from the 18th and 19th century, masterpieces of Flemish expressionism and a variable offering of post-war art.

OPEN > 9.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m

CLOSED > Mon

PRICE > including Arentshuis, Forum+ [Concert Hall] and audio guide
Individual € 8.00

Reduction € 6.00

DIJVER 12 | CENTRE

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Forum+

Modern art, that is what you will see in the Forum+ museum platform of the Concert Hall. The focus is on monographic exhibitions of sculptures, installations, etc. The splendid city view is a particularly nice extra!

OPEN > 9.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m

CLOSED > Mon

PRICE > Individual € 3.00
Reduction € 2.50

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Arentshuis

In this elegant 18th-century mansion with its picturesque city garden, the work of the versatile British artist Frank Brangwyn (1867-1956) is on display on the top floor. The ground floor is the setting for temporary plastic art exhibitions.

OPEN > 9.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m

CLOSED > Mon

PRICE > Individual € 3.00

Reduction € 2.50

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Bruggemuseum – City Hall

The Bruges City Hall dates from 1376 and is one of the oldest in the Netherlands. The city has been managed from here for more than 600 years. An absolute visitor's must is the Gothic Hall. With its 19th-century murals and colourfully painted vault it is a splendid work of art. In 2005 the museum was rearranged to make the centuries old relationship between the people and the council clearer.

OPEN > 9.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m

PRICE > including Bruggemuseum – Liberty of Bruges and audio guide
Individual € 2.50
Reduction € 2.00

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Bruggemuseum – Liberty of Bruges

This original stately home, from where the Bruges countryside was managed, dates from 1722-1727. However, the oldest wing dates from the early 16th-century. Today this part houses the city archive and the written memory of Bruges is expertly kept here. You can still take a look at the Renaissance room where the monumental mantelpiece in wood, marble and alabaster is the striking eye-catcher. Designed in the 16th century by Lanceloot Blondeel, and so many centuries later it is still a feast for the eyes!

OPEN > 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

& 1.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m

PRICE > including Bruggemuseum – City Hall and audio guide
Individual € 2.50
Reduction € 2.00

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Bruggemuseum – Welcome Church of Our Lady

With its 118 metre high brick tower, it is difficult to ignore the Welcome Church of Our Lady. And that is precisely the intention. After all the tower illustrates the workmanship of the Bruges builders. Take a look inside and admire the rich art collection that adorns the church. In addition to the world famous 'Madonna and Child' by Michelangelo, there are also many other paintings, 13th-century painted sepulchres and the tombs of Maria of Burgundy and Charles the Bold.

OPEN CHURCH > Mon-Sat: 9.30 a.m. - 4.50 p.m. Sun: 1.30 p.m. - 4.50 p.m.

OPEN MUSEUM > Tue-Fri: 9.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Sat: 9.30 a.m. - 4.20 p.m., Sun: 1.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

CLOSED > Mon

PRICE > Individual € 2.50

Reductie € 2.00

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Musea Brugge

www.museabrugge.be

Bruggemuseum – Gruuthuse

The luxurious city palace of the gentlemen of Gruuthuse welcomes you as if you were a medieval sovereign. The attractions include the splendid tapestries, the five-hundred-year-old kitchen and the unique prayer chapel. There are also many objects that refer to life between the 15th and 19th centuries. From the most commonplace (age-old furniture, kitchenware, ...) to the most bizarre (weapons and even a guillotine).

Gruuthuse will be restored in 2008 and access will thus be restricted. The collection comes across more strongly than ever, with all top items neatly gathered on one floor. Reduced entrance fee during the restoration works:
Individual: € 4.00
Groups: € 3.00
During temporary exhibitions (Bruges in paint: 23/3-21/9/2008 & The Face of Lace as of November 2008) you pay the normal entrance fee.

OPEN > 9.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
CLOSED > Mon

PRICE > including Welcome Church of Our Lady and audio guide
 Individual € 6.00
 Reduction € 5.00

DIJVER 17 | CENTRE
 map: E10

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Bruggemuseum – Archaeology

The motto of the archaeology museum is "feel your past beneath your feet", and here you can discover the history of the city through all kinds of activity and search elements. A mix of archaeological finds, replicas and reconstructions shed light on daily life in times gone by in an entertaining way. From living and working, to life and death. An activity corner with archaeological puzzles closes each time period.

OPEN > 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
 & 1.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

CLOSED > Mon
PRICE > Individual € 2.00
 Reduction € 1.50

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Bruggemuseum – Folklore

The restored and poignant 17th century studios will take you back in time. You wander around a small classroom, a hattery, an old pharmacy, a confectionery, a glassworks and an authentic bedroom interior. Afterwards you can let all these impressions sink in in the pleasant museum pub 'The Black Cat', or you can venture a quick game of petanque in the garden.

OPEN > 9.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
CLOSED > Mon

PRICE > including Bruggemuseum – Gezelle or Bruggemuseum – Mills
 Individual € 3.00
 Reduction € 2.50

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Bruggemuseum – Mills

Since the construction of the outermost city wall at the end of the 13th century, and up until the 19th century, many mills have graced the city moats of Bruges. Today four proud examples stand at the Kruisvest. The Sint-Janshuis mill (1770) is the only one that still glitters and grinds grain in its original place, together with the Koelewei mill.

SINT-JANSHUIS MILL > May till

Sept: 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. & 1.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

KOELEWEI MILL > July & Aug: 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. & 1.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

CLOSED > Mon

PRICE > Individual € 2.00

Reduction € 1.50

KRUISVEST | CENTRE

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Bruggemuseum – Gezelle

The literary and biographical museum of Guido Gezelle (1830-1899), one of Flanders' most well known poets, has been incorporated into the house where he was born. All kinds of documents and printed matter evoke the life and work of this poet priest. Modern literary presentations give the museum a contemporary vitality. The fine home with its romantic garden is located in a quiet working class district.

OPEN > 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. & 1.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

CLOSED > Mon

PRICE > Individual € 2.00

Reduction € 1.50

ROLWEG 64 | CENTRE

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WALLET-FRIENDLY MUSEUM HOPPING:

BRUGES MUSEUMS COMBITICKETS

WITH COMBI-5 YOU CAN VISIT FIVE MUSEUMS FOR JUST € 15.00, QUARTET GIVES YOU 4 TOP FLEMISH PRIMITIVES LOCATIONS FOR JUST € 14.00, AND WITH THE CYCLO-3 FORMULA YOU CAN CYCLE TO THREE MUSEUMS AND YOU ARE ALSO TREATED TO A FREE DRINK. PRICE € 15.00. CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH OTHER REDUCTIONS. TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM IN&UIT IN THE CONCERT HALL ON 'T ZAND.

FLEMISH ART COLLECTION

WITH THE 'FLEMISH ART COLLECTION' COMBITICKET, FOR JUST € 12.00 YOU CAN VISIT THE ROYAL MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS ANTWERP, THE BRUGES GROENINGE MUSEUM AND THE GHENT MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS. YOU CAN BUY TICKETS FROM THE VARIOUS DESKS AND THEY ARE VALID FOR THREE YEARS. FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM WWW.VLAAMSEKUNSTCOLLECTIE.BE



Bruggemuseum – Belfry

Another important Bruges tower is the Belfry, a good 83 metres high. On the way to the top discover the treasury, an impressive clock mechanism and a carillon with 47 melodious bells. After precisely 366 steps you are rewarded with a breathtaking view of Bruges and its surrounds. A panoramic view that will still be imprinted on your retina days later.

OPEN > 9.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
(tickets until 4.15 p.m.)
PRICE > Individual € 5.00
Reduction € 4.00

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Hospital Museum – Memling in Sint-Jan

The Sint-Jan's Hospital boasts eight centuries of history. Nuns and monks cared for pilgrims, travellers and the sick there. With an impressive collection of archive material, works of art and medical instruments, you will get to know its rich history in the medieval wards and the church. The museum also has six works by Hans Memling who has a specific connection with this hospital. In addition to the wards you can also visit the Diksmuide attic, the former dormitory, the warden's room and the adjoining pharmacy.

OPEN > 9.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
(Pharmacy: 9.30 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. & 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.)
CLOSED > Mon

PRICE > including Hospital Museum
– Our Lady of the Pottery and audio guide
Individual € 8.00
Reduction € 6.00

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Hospital Museum – Our Lady of the Pottery

The history of the Our Lady of the Pottery Hospital goes back to the 13th century when nuns cared for pilgrims, travellers and the sick there. Over the years the hospital developed into a modern old people's home and the wards were converted into a museum. The museum contains a rich collection of works of art, convent and religious relics and many healthcare objects. The gothic church with its baroque interior, formerly connected to the wards, is certainly worth a visit.

OPEN > 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
& 1.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.
CLOSED > Mon
PRICE > Individual € 2.50
Reduction € 2.00

POTTERIEREI 79 | CENTRE
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**WALLET-FRIENDLY
MUSEUM HOPPING:**

**Combination ticket
KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!**

COMBINE A TASTY VISIT TO CHOCO-STORY WITH A DAZZLING LOOK AT THE DIAMOND MUSEUM AND PAY ONLY € 10.00. IF THINGS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO SPARKLE AND GLISTEN FOR YOU, THEN STICK TO CHOCO-STORY AND LUMINA DOMESTICA AND SAVE JUST AS MUCH. HERE TOO YOU PAY ONLY € 10.00.

COMBITICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT FROM THE MUSEUMS IN QUESTION AND FROM IN&UIT IN THE CONCERT HALL ON 'T ZAND.



Bruges Diamond Museum

Private collection

The Bruges Diamond Museum takes you on a fascinating trip through Bruges' extraordinary history as the oldest diamond centre in Europe. You will get to know everything about the mysterious world of diamonds, which today is still one of Belgium's most important export products. See how a diamond is cut at the daily animated diamond show and all your questions will be answered.

OPEN > 10.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.

CLOSED > 24 & 25/12, 1/1, 7-18/1 inclusive

DIAMOND CUTTING SHOWS > daily at 12.15 p.m.
(present at 12.00 noon)

PRICE MUSEUM VISIT >

Individual € 6.00

Groups (+25 people) by appointment € 5.00

PRICE SHOW + MUSEUM >

Individual € 9.00

Groups (+25 people) by appointment € 7.50

DIAMANT COCKTAIL > on request

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www.diamondmuseum.be | info@diamondmuseum.be

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Lumina Domestica

Private collection

Who invented the light bulb, what does a LED lamp actually do? In the light museum you will get to know how we evolved from the torch and oil lamp to the incandescent bulb and LED. The complete history of interior lighting. In addition, here you can see the largest lamp collection in the world, good for more than 6,000 antiques.

OPEN > 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

CLOSED > 24, 25 & 31/12, 1/1, 7-18/1 inclusive

PRICE > including Choco-Story

Individual € 10.00

Groups € 8.00

Students € 8.00

Senior citizens € 8.00

Children (aged 6 - 12) € 6.00

Wijnzakstraat 2 | Centre

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Choco-Story

Private collection

You will have undoubtedly noticed that Bruges has many chocolate shops. If you want to take a closer look at this delicious subject, you can do so in the chocolate museum. You are not only immersed in the finger-licking history of cocoa and chocolate, you can also see how chocolates are made and – certainly just as important – you can try them. High time to gain some new knowledge.

OPEN > 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

CLOSED > 24, 25 & 31/12, 1/1, 7-18/1 inclusive

PRICE > Individual € 6.00

Groups € 5.00

Students € 5.00

Senior citizens € 5.00

Children (6 - 12 years) € 4.00

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WALK **a**

Monumental Bruges (5 km)

Discover Bruges on foot Amble along on your sightseeing

It is best to see Bruges on foot. This visitors guide contains two walks, providing one and a half to two hours of walking pleasure. If you are in Bruges for the first time, then take walk A. This walk will take you past the most spectacular monuments and the biggest crowd-pullers in the southern part of the city. Walk B, the northern version, lets you discover the less well known side of Bruges. You walk in the footsteps of international merchants and bankers who did well here up until the 15th century. You will explore the commercial and monetary past of the city and discover foreign merchant houses, patrician homes, bankers houses, inns and the Ter Beurze House, which gave the exchange its Dutch name: "beurs". An international walk through the rich Bruges of the Golden Century.

Walk A Monumental Bruges = 5 km

Walk B Bruges' Golden Century = 3 km

Would you rather be led by someone else? Then take one of the guided walks or tours (see page 26).

» This walk starts at the Concert Hall on 't Zand, but you can join it anywhere.

13 Concert Hall

42 't Zand is dominated by the new Concert Hall, the majestic, contemporary and cultural anchor point of the city. For the whole of its life the Concert Hall will be inextricably linked to 2002, when Bruges was proclaimed the Cultural Capital of Europe and the Concert Hall story began. Architects Paul Robbrecht and Hilde Daem took the familiar cityscape into account, but also wanted to give the city an ambitious, contemporary anchor point. The result, 120 metres long, 50 metres wide and 1,295 seats, is a creative tribute to Bruges and its dreams. The Lantern Tower certainly catches the eye, and with its 28 metres and eight floors it towers above 't Zand and houses the Chamber Music Hall. There is always something going on in the Concert Hall, from top international performances to private events. Modern exhibitions are regularly organised in the elevated Forum+ museum platform, and you will also enjoy an unforgettable panoramic city view. On the ground floor you can also book tickets and obtain a detailed programme.

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THE NUMBER IN FRONT OF EACH PLACE OF INTEREST REFERS TO THE CITY MAP. THE ADDRESS IS GIVEN AFTER EACH PLACE OF INTEREST.



» You enter the Zuidzandstraat, one of Bruges' many pleasant shopping streets.

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Saint Saviour's Cathedral:

Bruges' oldest parish church (12th – 15th century) guarantees many discoveries. Here you can see the choir stalls, the rood loft with organ, the medieval painted graves, the Brussels tapestries and the rich collection of Flemish paintings (15th - 18th century). The cathedral treasury houses an extremely valuable patrimony with paintings of Dirk Bouts, Hugo van der Goes, Pieter Pourbus, textiles, manuscripts, copper memorial plaques, sculptures and samples of work in precious metals.
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» Continue your walk and you will automatically come to the Steenstraat.

Simon Stevinplein

The Simon Stevinplein was named after the famous Flemish-Dutch scientist Simon Stevin (° Bruges 1548, † The Hague 1620), who was also one of the most important advisors of Prince Maurice of Nassau. His statue graces the middle of the square. Up until the early 19th century the Westvleeshuis stood here, which was used as an abattoir.

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Hof van Watervliet

Oude Burg 27
Splendidly restored 15th-century building complex.

» Now take the first street on the right and continue along the Kartouizerinnenstraat.

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Former Carthusian convent with church (1716)

Today the convent church is used as a military chapel.

» Turn left at the end, and via the Wollestraat proceed to the market square (Markt), the beating heart of the city where there is something to experience every day.



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39 Bruggemuseum – Belfry (and Halles)

Markt 7

The grandiose building of the city! Admittedly with its 366 steps the climb is not easy, but once at the top you are rewarded with a breathtaking and unforgettable panoramic view. On the way you pass the former medieval treasury and the 47 melodious bells of the Bruges carillon, good for 27 tonnes of bronze.

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31 Provincial Palace



Markt 3

The former West-Flanders Provincial Council used to meet in this neogothic building (1887-1921). Up until the 18th century, the Waterhalle stood proudly here, the covered depot where people worked all out to load and unload goods.

Jan Breydel & Pieter De Coninck

The two popular heroes of Bruges, who in 1302 (Battle of the Spurs) played a prominent role in the Flemish resistance against French rule, were rewarded with a statue in 1887.

» Continue walking through the *Breidelstraat*, you then come to the *Burg* where many historic buildings compete for your attention.

30 Proosdij

Burg 3

The 'Provost of Saint Donation's', later the bishop, resided in the baroque Proosdij (1665-1666), indeed Saint Donation's Cathedral used to stand here under the trees of this square. The excavation works for the

construction of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in 1988 revealed the Romanesque choir aisle of the cathedral that was destroyed in 1799. These foundations were stylishly integrated into the cellars of the hotel. Close by, the picture of *The Lovers* symbolically refers to the many loving couples who got legally married in the nearby City Hall.



05 Basilica of the Holy Blood



Burg 15

In this mystical double chapel you are below the Romanesque Saint Basilus' Church (1139-1149). The Relic of the Holy Blood is kept and venerated in the neogothic basilica on the first floor, rebuilt in the 19th century. In the treasury of the Holy Blood you can see reliquary, church attire and paintings.

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12 Bruggemuseum - City Hall



Burg 12

The Bruges City Hall is one of the oldest city halls (1376-1420) in the low countries. The first floor contains the famous Gothic Hall with an impressive wooden colourfully painted vault and many historic murals. In the Historic Hall you can see objects, documents and paintings that in one way or another are connected to the history of the city administration.

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32 Old Recorders' House & Bruggemuseum – Liberty of Bruges

Burg 11A

This Flemish Renaissance building (1534-1537) was recently restored and colourfully painted again. Just next to it (Burg 11A) is the Bruggemuseum – Liberty of Bruges, which forms part of the old Country House of the Liberty of Bruges. The showpiece here is the splendid oak mantelpiece (1529) with alabaster and frieze to glorify Emperor Charles V. You can also admire some remarkable royal portraits and judicial tableaux.

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01 Old Country House of the Liberty of Bruges

Burg 11

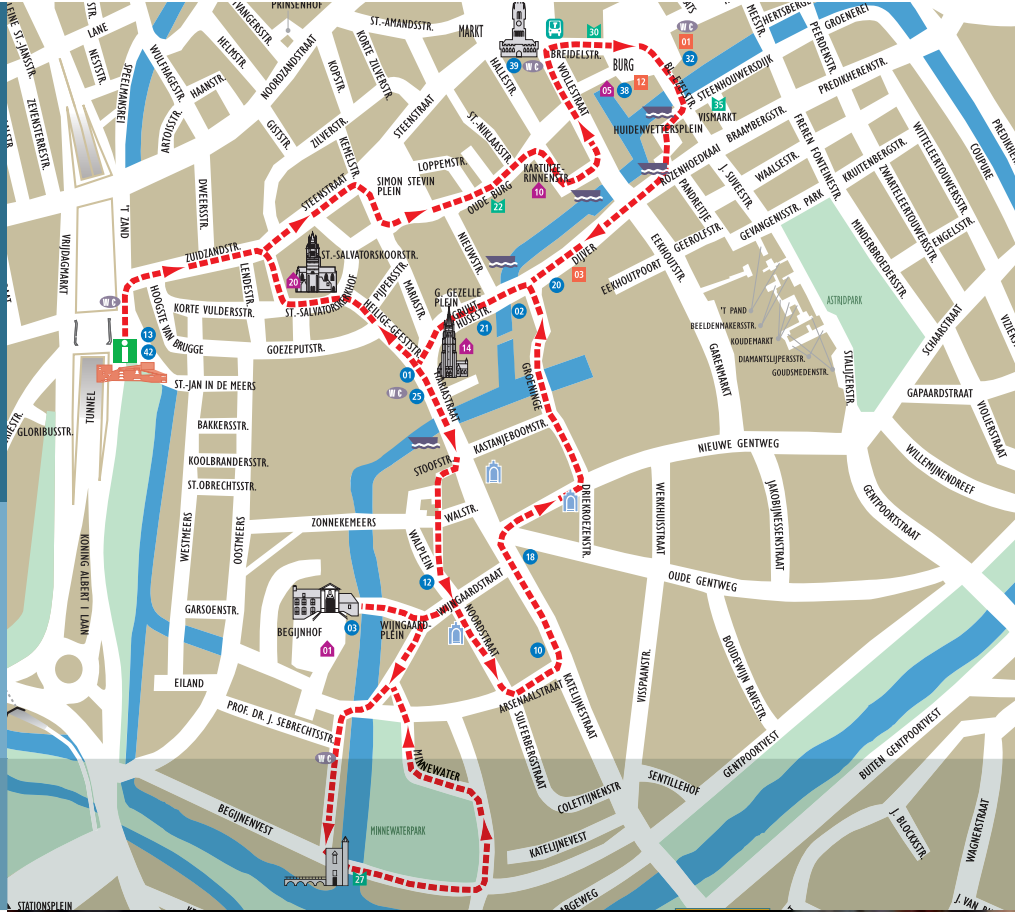
This original stately home, from where the countryside around Bruges was administered, dates from 1722-1727 and was the Courthouse from 1795 to 1984. Since 1988 it has been used as the City Administrative Centre.

» Leave the *Burg* via the *Blinde Ezelstraat*. Do not forget to look up at the ingeniously produced arch between the *City Hall* and the *Former Recorders' House*. Over the little bridge you come to the fish market (*Vismarkt*).



35 Fish Market

In this covered complex (1821) fresh sea fish are sold every morning from Tuesday to Saturday.



» Stroll on somewhat further along the fairy-tale Steenhoudersdijk and Groenerei. Notice the growth on the quay walls. On the way you pass two small bridges (Meebrug and Peerdenbrug). Look along the Groenerei at the tastefully restored almshouse 'De Pelikaan'. Now turn around and go back to the fish market to come to the Huidenvettersplein via a narrow opening. Here you will see the former tanners' house (1630 and 1716).

» Wandering further on you come to the Rozenhoedkaai, undoubtedly the most photographed spot of Bruges!

» Continue your walk along the Dijver, a nice peaceful stretch.



03 College of Europe

Dijver 11

In this postgraduate educational institution a select group of students of various nationalities take specialised courses on various aspects of the European Union.



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20 Groeninge Museum



Dijver 12

In the Groeninge Museum you can not only see the world famous masterpieces of the Flemish Primitives (Jan van Eyck, Hans Memling, ...) but also a few valuable works of Flemish expressionists. In brief, a complete overview of southern Dutch and Belgian painting, from the 15th to the 20th century.

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02 Arentshuis

Dijver 16

The work of the versatile British artist Frank Brangwyn (1867-1956) is displayed on the top floor of this elegant 18th century mansion with picturesque city garden. The ground floor is the setting for temporary visual art exhibitions.

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21 Bruggemuseum - Gruuthuse

Dijver 17

The luxurious city palace of the gentlemen of Gruuthuse welcomes you as if you were a medieval sovereign. The attractions include the splendid tapestries, the 500-year-old kitchen and the unique prayer chapel. There are also many objects that refer to life between the 15th and 19th centuries. Up until December 2008, the completion date for the restoration, you can see a limited collection at a reduced price. During temporary exhibitions the normal price applies. The exhibition 'Bruges in paint' runs from 23 March to 21 September 2008 inclusive, and from November it is the turn of the grand 'The Face of Lace' exhibition.

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» *Gruuthusestraat*

Guido Gezelleplein

The Guido Gezelleplein could not of course be without a statue of Bruges' most famous poet priest (1830-1899).

» *Turn left to go into the Mariastraat.*

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Bruggemuseum – Welcome Church of Our Lady

With its 118 metre high brick tower, it is difficult to ignore the Welcome Church of Our Lady. And that is precisely the intention. After all the tower illustrates the workmanship of the Bruges builders. Take a look inside and admire the rich art collection that adorns the church. In addition to the world famous 'Madonna and Child' by Michelangelo, there are also many other paintings, 13th-century painted sepulchres and the tombs of Maria of Burgundy and Charles the Bold. During religious services the church is not accessible for visits.

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Bruggemuseum – Archaeology

Mariastraat 36A

The motto of the archaeology museum is "feel your past beneath your feet", and here you can discover the history of the city through all kinds of activity and search elements. A mix of archaeological finds, replicas and reconstructions shed light on daily life in times gone by in an entertaining way.

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By horse and carriage, bus or bicycle

TIRED OF WALKING?

THEN TAKE A HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDE, A TOURIST MINIBUS RIDE OR HIRE A BICYCLE. THE MARKET SQUARE IS THE CENTRAL STARTING POINT FOR ALL THESE COMFORTABLE ALTERNATIVES. MORE INFO PAGE 26-27.



25 Hospital Museum Memling in Sint-Jan



Mariastraat 38

The former Sint Jan's Hospital (from the 12th century) boasts eight centuries of history. Nuns and monks cared for pilgrims, travellers and the sick there. With an impressive collection of archive material, works of art and medical instruments, you will get to know its rich history in the medieval wards and the church. The museum also has six masterpieces by Hans Memling, who has a specific connection with this hospital. In addition to the wards you can also visit the Diksmuide attic, the former dormitory, the warden's room and the adjoining 17th-century pharmacy. The Old Sint-Jan Art and Congress Centre has been incorporated into the 19th-century buildings of the hospital, which offers an appropriate infrastructure for congresses and exhibitions.

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» *The Mariastraat becomes the Katelijnestraat that we will follow for a short while, and we will then turn right once over the water. You are now in the Stooftstraat, the narrowest street in the city, that opens out into the very pleasant Walplein. One of the many hidden treasures of Bruges.*

12 Brewery De Halve Maan

Walplein 26

This age old brewery, which was established around as early as 1546, is the last active city brewery of Bruges. Here everything revolves around the 'Brugse Zot', a lively top fermented beer, made from malt, hop and special yeast. You can try the beer locally. If you want to know more about the production process and the history of the brewery, take a guided tour.

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» *After a short passage through the Wijngaardstraat, the first street on the right after the Walplein, we come to the picturesque Wijngaardplein. Here the horses stop and the swans swim on undisturbed. Neither carriages, boats or tourists can disturb them. In brief, a place to be cherished.*

01 Beguinage

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Although the 'Princely Beguinage of the Vineyard', founded in 1245, is no longer inhabited by beguines but by nuns of the Order of St. Benedictine, in the beguinage you can still get a good picture of how the daily life of the time was. Here you stroll along elegant whitewashed facades through a quiet convent garden. An unforgettable experience! Note, the entrance gate to the beguinage closes for the



night at 6.30 p.m. Through the Minnewaterstraat you come to the park of the same name.

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The Minnewater (Lake of Love)

This used to be the mooring place for the 'barges' or canal boats that provided a regular connection between Bruges and Ghent. Today it is an outstanding romantic place, a film set where you play the leading role in your own story.

27 Gunpowder Tower

Just next to the bridge over the Minnewater you can see the Gunpowder Tower, a former munitions store.

» *Turn back to the Wijngaardstraat and then turn into the Noordstraat.*



De Vos Almshouse (1713)

This almshouse with its remarkable small chapel is one of the many typical almshouses. The old homes were built by craftsmen for their elderly members and widows, or by well-to-do citizens for the needy elderly. The oldest almshouses date from the 14th century. Today just about all almshouses have been restored and modernised and are still occupied. The communal gardens, often with a small chapel and water well, are freely accessible. The almshouses of De Vos (Noordstraat), De Pelikaan (Groene Rei), Zorghe and Schippers (Stijn Streuvelsstraat), the Catholic Convent (Katelijnestraat), De Meulenaere and Sint-Jozef (Nieuwe Gentweg) are among the most beautiful.

» Somewhat further on is the nicely restored 16th-century chimney with oven vault of the former Bogarden monastery.

» Take the first left into the Arsenaalstraat and at the end turn left again to go further along the Katelijnestraat.

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City Academy of Fine Arts and Bogarden Chapel

Katelijnestraat 86

This former chapel of the Bogarden school, once a beguinage for men and later on a 16th-century orphans school, currently houses the City Academy of Fine Arts and the Bruges Cultural Centre. During one of the temporary exhibitions you can admire a varied offering of modern visual arts.

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Bruges Diamond Museum

Katelijnestraat 43

Bruges Diamond Museum takes you on a fascinating trip through Bruges' extraordinary history as the oldest Diamond Centre in Europe. You get to know everything about the mysterious world of diamonds. During the daily diamond show you can see how a diamond is cut and all your questions will be answered.

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» On the corner take the second street on the right and turn into the Nieuwe Gentweg.



Meulenaere and Sint-Jozef Almshouses

Stop a moment to admire the pretty interior gardens of the Meulenaere (1613) and the Sint-Jozef Almshouses (1674).

» Now take the first street on the left and walk further down the Groeningestraat.

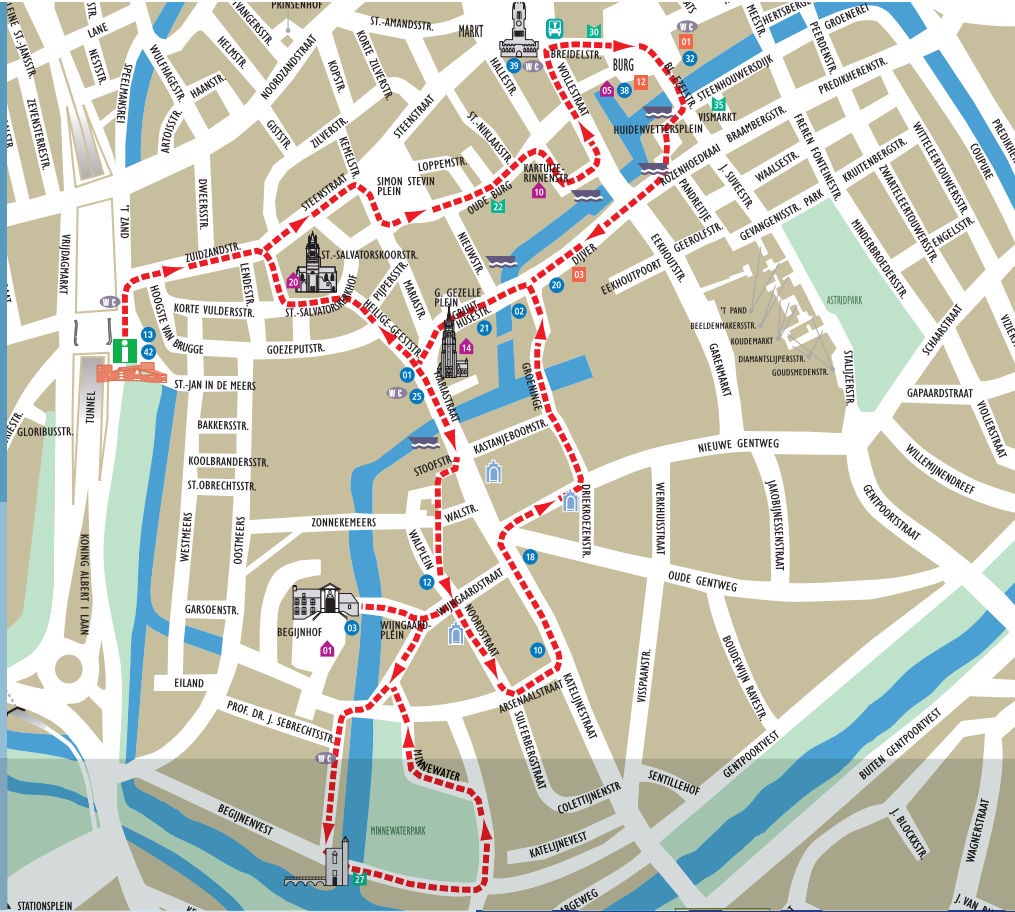
Hof Arents

The Hof Arents houses the sculpture group 'Horsemen of the Apocalypse' (Rik Poot, 1987), an allegoric representation of the worldly horrors of death, war, famine and revolution. Somewhat further on there are many rather more affable things. The Bonifacius bridge is the classic example of Romanticism caught in stone, and thus an excellent setting for many idyllic photos. The type of dream place that romantic films seem to have a monopoly on.

» At the end of this romantic trip turn left into the Gruuthusestraat. On the corner take the second street on the right, the Heilige-Geeststraat where you will see the Episcopal Palace, the former 16th-century Hof van Pittem.

» Go left at the end in order to come to the Zuidzandstraat via the Sint-Salvatorskerkhof. Now turn left, walk down the Zuidzandstraat and you end up where you started, on 't Zand.





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20 Saint Saviour's Cathedral

OPEN CHURCH > Mon: 2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. | Thu-Fri: 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon & 2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. | Sat: 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon & 2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. | Sun: 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. & 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

OPEN TREASURY > Sun-Fri: 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

PRICE > Individual € 2.50
Groups, students, juniors € 1.50

Steenstraat | Centre

map: D10

03 Beguinage

OPEN > 9.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon & 1.45 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. | Sun: 10.45 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. & 1.45 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

MUSEUM PRICE > Individual € 2.00
Youths, groups € 1.00
Senior citizens € 1.50

Begijnhof 1 | Centre

map: D11

05 Basilica of the Holy Blood



OPEN TREASURY & BASILICA > 1/10 - 31/3: 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon & 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
1/4 - 30/9: 9.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon & 2.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

CLOSED > Wednesday afternoons (1/10-31/3)
On Friday reliquary veneration in the chapel
Upper chapel: 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon | 2.15 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

MUSEUM PRICE > Individual € 1.50
Groups € 1.00; -12 FREE

Burg 15 | Centre

map: F9

12 Brewery De Halve Maan

OPEN | VISITS > April-September: Continuous from 11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
October-March: 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

PRICE > Individual € 5.00 (One drink of 'Brugse Zot' included)

INFO > tel 050/33 26 97, fax 050/34 59 35
info@halvemaan.be, www.halvemaan.be

Walplein 26 | Centre

map: E11





WALK

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Bruges' Golden Century (3 km)

» *This walk starts at the market square (Markt), but you can join it anywhere.*

39 Bruggemuseum – Belfry (and Halles)

Markt 7

Sporty types who climb the 366 steps of this Bruges symbol, are rewarded with an unforgettable panoramic view. But you do not necessarily have to climb a mountain to enjoy this medieval grandiose building, once the guardian of the city laws. The melodious carillon of the 47 bronze bells can be heard perfectly well from a cafe terrace!

31 Provincial Palace

Markt 3

Today you would hardly imagine that up until the 18th century this was a covered port where people worked hard unloading goods. Only afterwards, between 1887 and 1921, was this neogothic building built where the West-Flanders Provincial Council used to meet.

Jan Breydel & Pieter De Coninck

No resident of Bruges is so famous as these two popular heroes who played a prominent role in the resistance during the Battle of the

Spurs (1302) when Flanders opposed French rule. They were rewarded with everlasting glory and a statue in Bruges' most prestigious place, the market square (Markt).

» *Continue walking via the Vlamingstraat. In the middle ages this was the most important commercial street, many houses have vaulted cellars, which were needed at the time for storing all the goods.*

33 Royal City Theatre

Vlamingstraat 29

The Bruges City Theatre (1869), one of the best preserved city theatres in Europe, was thoroughly restored in 2002. Behind the plain, neorenaissance facade is a majestic theatre hall and an eclectic foyer. The historic City Theatre is used by Bruges Cultural Centre as an important platform for contemporary dance, plays and concerts.

» *Turn right before the Royal City Theatre into the Kraanplein. On the Kraanplein a city crane used to unload sacks and barrels. The crane was manpowered.*

» *Keep going up to the Sint-Jansplein*

41 Choco-Story

Wijnzakstraat 2

On the corner of the Sint-Jansstraat and the Wijnzakstraat is the chocolate museum. Here you are not only immersed in the finger-licking history of cocoa and chocolate, you also see how chocolates are made and you can try many of them. The same premises also house the light museum.

43 Lumina Domestica

Wijnzakstraat 2

In the light museum you will get to know how we evolved from the torch and oil lamp to the incandescent bulb and LED. The complete history of interior lighting. In addition, here you can see the largest lamp collection in the world, good for more than 6,000 antiques.

» *Walk via the Wijnzakstraat to the Biskajerplein. The square gets its name from the former Biskaje foreign merchant house.*

» *Turn right into the Spinolarei and take a pause to admire its beauty.*



» Somewhat further you come to the Oosterlingenplein. The Oosterlingen (Orientals) were merchants from the East who, in contrast to their southern colleagues, formed themselves into a league: the German Hanse. Bruges played an important role as a Hanse office. The Oosterlingenhuis (15th century), where the German merchants met, is still largely preserved.

» On the Woensdagmarkt dominates the statue of Hans Memling. On the way to the Jan van Eyckplein, see one of the two authentic wooden Bruges facades from the 16th century that have withstood the ravages of time.

» Walk further on and you almost blindly come to the peaceful Jan van Eyckplein.

38 Old Tollhouse



Jan van Eyckplein 2

In this tollhouse (1477) tolls were levied on all goods that were unloaded in the Bruges inland port. Today it is a provincial information office. This square is also home to the statue of the famous Flemish painter, Jan van Eyck. Above the door of the small Pijndershuisje notice the two bearers who seem to be carrying the entire house.

» Go to the top right-hand corner of the square and walk into the Academiestraat.

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Burghers Lodge

Academiestraat 14

This 15th-century building was the meeting place for the prominent Bruges' citizens or burghers. It is now used as the National Archive. In a niche of the Burghers Lodge you will see a picture of the 'Bruges Bear', according to tradition, the oldest and most prominent resident of the city.

» At the end of the Academiestraat you come to the Vlamingstraat.

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Ter Beurze House



Vlamingstraat 35

In the square in front of this house, a former inn, traders conducted their business, from commercial transactions to exchange transactions. The name of the Ter Beurze House lies at the foundation of the Dutch word for exchange, 'beurs', which has also been adopted by various other languages.

Lodge of Genoa, Venice and Florence

Close to Ter Beurze were three Italian foreign merchant houses: the Genoese Lodge, later dubbed the Saaihalle (Dull Hall), the Venetian Lodge (now a bookshop) and the Florentine Lodge (today a restaurant with the same name).

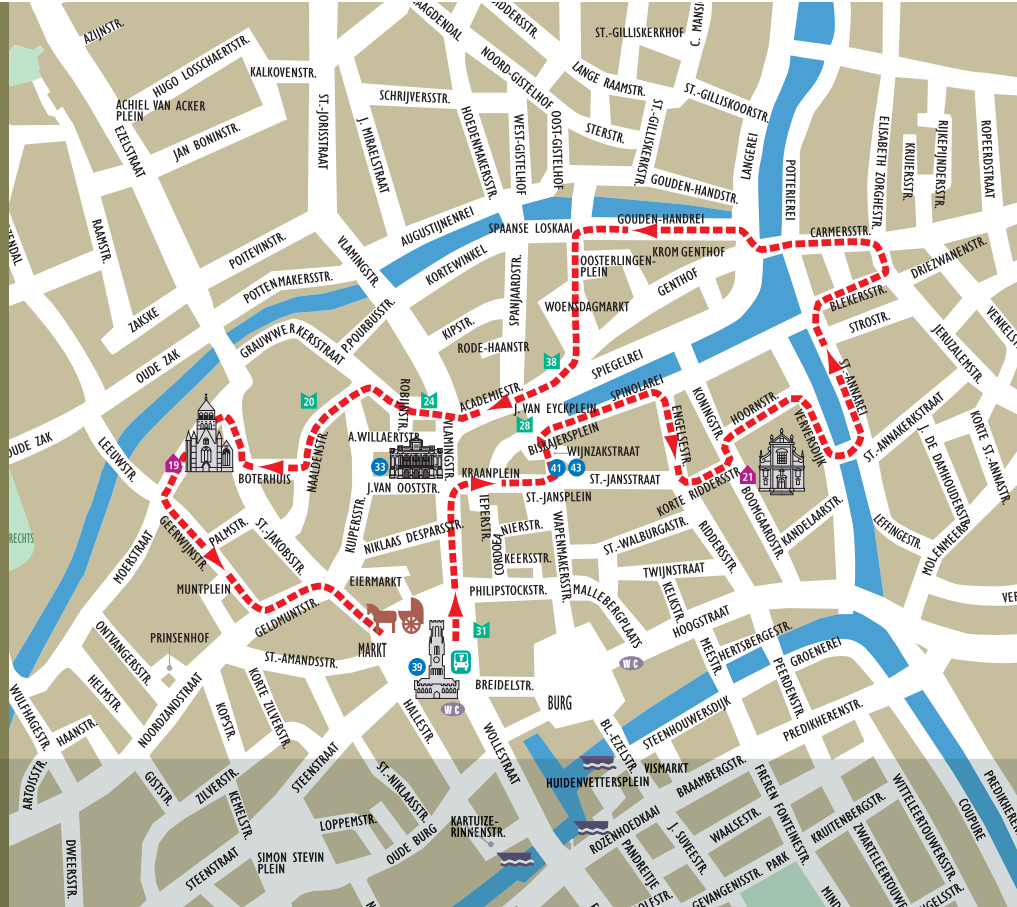
» At the Ter Beurze House take the Naaldenstraat. At number 30 was the Lucca foreign merchant house, mainly known for its silk imports.



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Hof Bladelin

VISIT TO THE INNER COURT > free
BUILDING VISIT > € 1,00
OPEN > 9.00 a.m.-12.00 noon and 2.00 p.m.-
5.00 p.m., every day except Sundays and
public holidays.



20 Hof Bladelin

Naaldenstraat 19

In around 1440 Pieter Bladelin, treasurer of the Order of the Golden Fleece, commissioned the construction of the Hof Bladelin. In the 15th century, a subsidiary of the powerful Florentine Medicibank was housed here. Around the peaceful inner court you can still admire the stone medallion portraits of the former bank owners, Lorenzo de Medici and his wife.
(practical info see above)

» Turn into the small street on the left and cut across the enigmatic Boterhuis to end in the Sint-Jakobsstraat. Keep right here.

19 Saint Jacob's Church



Saint Jacob's Church was built around 1240 and somewhat later, in the 15th century, extended substantially thanks to donations from Burgundian dukes and many foreign merchants. It immediately explains the rich art heritage such as the tomb of Ferry De Gros († 1544), treasurer of the Golden Fleece.

» Take the second street on the left and walk into the Moerstraat, and then after a few metres left again to come via the Geerwijnstraat to the Muntplein.

» In the attractive Muntplein, named after the mint ('munt' in Dutch) that was housed here in the 14th century, you can see the 'Flandria Nostra', an allegoric portrayal of the county of Flanders, according to some inspired by the horse-riding Maria of Burgundy. The contemporary corner building of Robbrecht and Daem is a horse of a completely different colour and shows remarkable similarities to the Concert Hall, built by the same duo of architects.

» You end in the Geldmuntstraat where you turn left to arrive back in the market square after a few steps.





On foot, by boat, horse-drawn car

Discover Bruges on foot, by boat, horse-drawn carriage or minibus.

Admittedly you can also stroll, saunter or walk for a day or a weekend on your own, but sometimes you have to look at things from a different perspective. During a walk for example, a guide can show you many secret places, a boat trip on the mysterious canals is unforgettable, and a ride in a horse-drawn carriage is undoubtedly the height of romance. Or do you just want to see all the highlights of the city in a fast and comfortable way? Then get into a minibus of City Tour Brugge. On the way you will be given the necessary explanation in your own language.

Bruges on foot

Not yet tired of walking and want to be guided expertly, then hurry to the tourist information point in the Concert Hall on 't Zand. Here you can register individually for a fascinating group walk that starts at 2.30 p.m. and takes two hours. In July and August they are organised every day, in June and September only at weekends.

OPEN > June & Sep: weekend
Juli & Aug: every day

PRICE > € 7.00

In winter (November to March) special evening walks start at the Concert Hall.

MORE INFO > www.brugge.be/winter



riage, minibus

Bruges by boat

A visit to Bruges would not be complete without a trip on the Bruges canals. You can board at one of the five landing stages (see city map) for a half hour boat trip that will allow you to admire the best parts of the city from a completely different angle.

PRACTICAL > Mar-Oct: 10.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m.

CLOSED > Nov-Feb (depending on weather conditions)

PRICE > Individual € 6.50

Children 4-11 years (accompanied by an adult): € 3.00

Children under 4: free / Groups (min. 20 people): € 5.50



Bruges by horse-drawn carriage

Nothing is quite so romantic as a horse-drawn carriage ride through the historic winding streets. You can get them at the market square (Markt) for a fairy-tale ride of half an hour and around halfway the horse and carriage take a brief stop at the tranquil Beguinage. A carriage can seat up to 5 people. During the trip the coachman will give you further explanations about what you are seeing.

PRACTICAL > 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m

PRICE > € 34.00 per carriage



City Tour Brugge

If you would like to be carried in comfort and style along Bruges' highlights, take the minibus of Sightseeing Line. Individual headphones provide commentary in your own language. The minibuses follow a set timetable and leave every hour from the market square (Markt). The trip takes 50 minutes.

PRACTICAL >

First bus: 10.00 a.m.

Last bus: Jan-Feb: 4.00 p.m., Mar: 5.00 p.m.,

Apr-Jun: 7.00 p.m., Jul-Sep: 8.00 p.m.,

Oct: 6.00 p.m., Nov-Dec: 5.00 p.m.

PRICE > Adults: € 11.50

Children (6-11 years): € 6.00

Families (2 adults and 2 children): € 30.00

INFO > Sightseeing Line,

Kanunnik Decoeneplein 6 | 8310 Bruges

tel. 050/35 50 24 (10.00 a.m.-12.00 p.m.

www.citytour.be





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Bruges by bicycle

Cyclists are favoured in Bruges. As a cyclist not only can you easily ride from one historic monument to the next, you also have little to worry about when it comes to traffic. In Bruges, cyclists are more than properly catered for and you can cycle in both directions in around fifty one-way streets. A question of losing no time! Thus leave the beaten path and cycle in the quiet working class districts that lie hidden in the city centre. This route of tranquillity takes you to tall churches, monumental city gates, nostalgic windmills and many more picturesque places. Time to start pedalling!

Make it easy on yourself, join one of the guided cycle tours and ride in the tracks of an experienced guide (see page 35).

» Leave the market square (Markt) behind you and take the Vlamingstraat to discover the Hanse quarter.

» You pass the Royal City Theatre (Vlamingstraat 29), the Ter Beurze House (Vlamingstraat 35) and the houses of the Genoese, Venetian and Florentine foreign merchant housing companies.

33 **Royal City Theatre**
Vlamingstraat 29



24 **Ter Beurze House**
Vlamingstraat 35



» Ride straight on up to the bridge where you will see the bay window of a goldsmith, and once past the bridge turn left straightaway into the Pottenmakersstraat. On the left you can see the remnants of the first defensive line around the city. Turn left, cross the bridge and round the corner, and ride straight into the Moerstraat. The church appears on your left.

19 **Saint Jacob's Church**



Saint Jacob's Church was built around 1240 and somewhat later, in the 15th century, extended substantially thanks to donations from Burgundian dukes and many foreign merchants. It immediately explains the rich art heritage such as the tomb of Ferry De Gros († 1544), treasurer of the Golden Fleece.

THE NUMBER IN FRONT OF EACH PLACE OF INTEREST REFERS TO THE CITY MAP. THE ADDRESS IS GIVEN AFTER EACH PLACE OF INTEREST.

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» Take the first street on the right, and you come to the Leeuwstraat where a splendid bridge spans the Reie.

» At the end turn left into the Oude Zak, and somewhat further is the Hof Sebrecchts. This green oasis, located between the Oude Zak and the Beenhouwersstraat, was the convent vegetable garden of the Poor Clares of Saint Elizabeth in the 15th century.

» Go right at the end and ride along the Beenhouwersstraat to then cross over the ring of the Gulden-Vlieslaan. On the right you will see the 'Stil Ende', the remains of a canal partially filled in for the railway that has now completely disappeared.

» Turn left into the cycle path and continue riding along the water up to the Bloedput. Up until 1500 the surgeons of Bruges used this to dispose of the blood from the many daily bloodlettings with which they tried to cure their patients.

» Cross the road and follow the cycle path to the right, and then immediately turn left over the bridge and follow the gravel path alongside the water. Turn right at the end of that path.

14 De Bond

Buiten Smedenvest 1

Today the Bruges Cultural Centre displays recent work by leading

plastic artists in Belgium and abroad. De Bond originally served as a cotton and wool weaving mill (1861). In 1890 the building became a sales hall of the Boerenbond (farmers union) and thus got its name 'De Bond'.

33 City gate Smedenpoort

The Smedenpoort was built in 1368 and later repeatedly rebuilt. A bell still hangs above the gate that announces the evening closing time. The bronze skull at the back of the gate is to remind people of a certain Francois vander Straeten, who in 1688 wanted to secretly open the gate to let in the French invaders. Only here is the double wall still visible. The old city gates formed part of the medieval defensive line that was built around the city in the 13th-14th century. Today you can happily cycle and walk along this delightful green line of the former defences.

» Cross over the road and follow the gravel path.

Water House

Along the city defence, on the other side, parallel to the H. Conscience- laan is the Water House. This 14th-century building was an important link in the Bruges water network up until the mid 18th century.

City gate Boeveriepoort

Although the Boeveriepoort was demolished in 1863, the name and foundations continue to exist. If you want to see them, you have to wait for the low water level in the interior canal. The name of the gate refers to the Latin term for 'fields' or 'where cows graze'.

» Take the cyclists tunnel under the Unesco roundabout, cross the junction and leave the station behind you.

» Follow the route along the Begijnvest, the picturesque cycle path and footpath that is surrounded by trees and water.

27 Gunpowder Tower

Just next to the bridge over the Minnewater is the Gunpowder Tower, a former munitions store.

Minnewater (Lake of Love) and Minnewaterpark

This used to be a mooring place for the barges or canal boats that provided regular connections between Bruges and Ghent. Today it is a romantic place par excellence.



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36 Barge Bridge

The very modern pedestrian bridge, Barge Bridge, connects the Bargeplein on the city side to the Minnewater Park. The Dutch designers designed a bright red asymmetric bridge that looks like a climbable reptile. Alongside this bridge, under the shelter, is a small building containing public toilets. For coach tourists, the Barge Bridge is the first promising introduction to the city.

» *Follow the route along the Gentpoortvest.*

03 City gate Gentpoort

The old city gates formed part of the medieval defensive line that was built around the city in the 13th-14th century. Today you can happily cycle and walk along this delightful green line of the former defences.

» *Continue riding along the Boninvest.*

01 Coupure

Unknown but certainly not unloved, the attractive inland port that stretches along the Coupure is without doubt one of the most beautiful places in Bruges. The new cycle bridge designed by the Swiss, Jürg Conzett, that bridges the Coupure, combines ingenious techniques with architectural purity and fits in perfectly with this special landscape.

» *Continue cycling along the Kazernevest.*

In the interior garden of the Court is the firing squad wall. During the First World War members of the resistance against the German occupation were executed here.

» *A few metres further on you come to the city gate Kruispoort. Continue your ride along the Kruisvest*

26 City gate Kruispoort

Although this defensive bulwark (1402) forms part of the line that was built around the city in the 13th-14th century, it seems somewhat different to its colleagues. Indeed, the entire gate was built with white sand-lime brick. Its latest restoration dates from 2001.

Bonne Chiere

This wooden post mill (1888) was taken from Olsene (East Flanders) to Bruges in 1911 and rebuilt. The mill is no longer operational.

» *Climb the slope of this first mill and enjoy the privileged view of the garden of Saint George's Archers Guild.*

35 Saint George's Archers Guild Stijn Streuvelsstraat 59

Just like their colleagues from Saint Sebastian's Guild, the crossbowmen of Saint George's keep their expensive archives and a unique collection of crossbows in their premises.

» *Cycle alongside the water on the Kruisvest.*

32 Bruggemuseum – Sint-Janshuis mill

This post mill (1770) provided faithful service until 1914. In 1964 it was reinstated and since then the sails have turned at full speed during summer when there is sufficient wind speed. The miller will be happy to explain things to you.
(practical info page 11)

» *Now turn left into the Rolweg. First left you come to the Bruggemuseum – Gezelle.*

22 Bruggemuseum – Gezelle

Rolweg 64

The literary and biographical museum of Guido Gezelle (1830-1899), one of Flanders most well known poets, has been incorporated into the house where he was born. All kinds of documents and printed matter evoke the life and work of this poet priest. Modern literary presentations give the museum a contemporary vitality. The fine home with its romantic garden is located in a quiet working class district.
(practical info page 11)

» *Now take the first street on the left. You will ride past the tranquil Hugo Verrieststraat, and then further on past the Albrecht Rodenbachstraat you will come to the Stijn Streuvelsstraat and end at the Kantwerkersplein.*

07 Jerusalem Chapel

Peperstraat 3

The small quiet Jerusalem Chapel of the Adornes family was built in the 15th century in imitation of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in

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Lace Centre

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Mon-Fri: 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon |
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Sat: 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon |
2.00 p.m.-5.00 p.m.

DEMONSTRATIONS > afternoons

CLOSED > Sundays and public holidays

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map: H7



Jerusalem. The remarkable 16th-century interior has some unique stained glass windows and the tomb of Anselmus Adornes and his wife. (17th century)

24 Lace Centre

Peperstraat 3A

Just next to the church is the Lace Centre, housed in the 15th-century almshouses that were financed by the Adornes family. Lacework demonstrations are regularly given in the centre. In the shop you can buy the necessary material to have a go yourself.

(practical info see above)

» Keep right and turn into the Balstraat.

Lace School for the Young

Balstraat 16

27 Bruggemuseum – Folklore

Balstraat 43

The restored and poignant 17th century studios will take you back in time. You wander around a small classroom, a hattery, an old pharmacy, a confectionery, a glassworks and an authentic bedroom interior. Afterwards you can let all these impressions sink in in the pleasant

museum pub 'The Black Cat', or you can venture a quick game of petanque in the garden.

(practical info page 9)

» Take the first street on the left and turn again into the Rolweg, then turn right three streets further on into the Jeruzalemstraat to end up at the Sint-Annaplein.

16 Saint Anne's Church



The current church, inaugurated in 1624, replaced its gothic predecessor which was destroyed in 1582. In the lavish interior you can marvel at the marble rood loft, the choir stalls, the confessional boxes, the chandeliers and the baptismal font where Guido Gezelle was baptised.

» Turn right into the Carmersstraat and follow it to the end.

03 English Monastery

Carmersstraat 85

The impressive dome of the monastery church (1736-1739) is one of the eye-catchers of the pleasant working class district of Saint Anne.

31 Saint Sebastian's Archers Guild

Carmersstraat 174



The premises of this old venerable archers guild house valuable paintings, important archives and souvenirs of the membership of Belgian and British monarchs.

» Keep left to continue your route into the Peterseliestraat.

» Take the second street on the left, and you are on the Oliebaan.

» Ride up to the water and turn right, this is the Potterierei.

04 Episcopal Palace



Potterierei 72

This former Cistercian abbey of 'The Dunes' has an impressive 18th-century church.



13 Hospital Museum – Our Lady of the Pottery

Potterierei 79



The history of Our Lady of the Pottery Hospital goes back to the 13th century when nuns and monks helped pilgrims, travellers and the sick. Over the years the hospital developed into a modern old people's home and the wards were converted into a museum. In that museum you can see a rich collection of works of art, monastery and religious relics and many healthcare objects. The gothic church with baroque interior, formerly connected to the wards, is certainly worth a visit.

(practical info page 12)

» *When leaving the chapel retrace your steps for a short while to ride over the next bridge. Cross over the bridge.*

» *Immediately turn left and follow the Langerei.*

Hof de Jonghe

You can get to this quiet, green secret place along the Langerei.

» *Cross over the residential complex. Turn immediately right and ride into the J&M Sabbestraat.*

» *At the junction take the Calvariebergstraat, which is on your left.*

Hof Sincfal

Behind the houses of the Calvariebergstraat is the Sincfal Park, which for centuries has had an indolent history. In 1262 the rich Clares set up their convent here, during the French

occupation the convent estate was auctioned off and the grounds served as a blanching field and vegetable garden. In 1867 the Capuchin Friars settled here, but in the Nineteen Sixties their numbers became so low that they had to sell their property. The new owner built a prestigious apartment complex, and 0.6 of a hectare of the monastery garden became a local park.

» *Take the first street on the left and turn into the Baliestraat.*

Turn two streets further on, and cycle into the Annuntiatenstraat.

» *Arriving at the Langerei turn right and continue along the waterside. Cross over the second bridge and ride along the other side via the Sint-Annarei.*

In the small street on your left, the Blekersstraat, is the oldest inn in Bruges, Café Vlissinghe.

» *However we do not turn into here, but continue our course.*

» *Two bridges further on you cross over again and immediately turn right, and through a short part of the Ver-versdijk you end up in the Hoornstraat, first street on the left. Ride to the end of the street. On the left you will see Saint Walburgha's Church.*

21 Saint Walburgha's Church

This splendid baroque church (1619-1642) was built by a Bruges Jesuit monk, Pieter Huysens. The marble communion rail is remarkable, as is the high altar and the pulpit. In summer you can come here in the

evening to be treated to tranquil music and atmospheric lighting.

» *Keep left and cycle into the Korte Ridderstraat. Keep right and ride into the Sint-Jansstraat.*

» *On the corner of the Sint-Jansstraat and the Wijnzakstraat is the chocolate museum, Choco-Story and the light museum, Lumina Domestica.*

41 Choco-Story

*Wijnzakstraat 2
(practical info page 13)*

43 Lumina Domestica

*Wijnzakstraat 2
(practical info page 13)*

» *Continue riding up to the Sint-Jansplein.*

» *On the Sint-Jansplein take the Cordoaniersstraat, the street in the top left corner.*

08 Saint Peter's Chapel

Keersstraat 1

This former count's chapel (11th century), later the chapel of the candle makers, is today shared by the United Protestant Church and the English Church.

» *Follow the winding Cordoaniersstraat and ride right into the Philipstockstraat.*

» *A few metres further on and your route ends back on the market square (Markt).*

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EXTRA > only ordinary city bicycles

CYCLE MAP > no free map – no sale

DETAILS > collection point: 'Baggage' subject to submission of ID card and deposit (€ 12.50)

CONTACT > Stationsplein, tel. 050/30 23 29

map: B13

De Ketting

LOCATION > Gentpoortstraat 23

PRICE 1/2 DAY > € 5.00

PRICE DAY > € 5.00

EXTRA > Holland bikes and city bicycles

CYCLE MAP > free city map (no cycle map)

– no sale

DETAILS > possibly a deposit

CONTACT > tel. 050/34 41 96

map: G11

Eric Popelier

LOCATION > Mariastraat 26

PRICE 1/2 DAY > € 7.00

PRICE DAY > € 10.00

EXTRA > also scooters and tandems

CYCLE MAP > free city map (no cycle map)

– no sale

DETAILS > no deposit

CONTACT > tel. 050/34 32 62

map: E10

Koffieboontje

LOCATION > Hallestraat 4

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DETAILS > credit card number or deposit of € 150.00 per bicycle

CONTACT > tel. 050/33 80 27

info@hotel-koffieboontje.be

www.adventure-bike-renting.be

map: E9

Bauhaus Bike Rental

LOCATION > Langestraat 145

PRICE 1/2 DAY > € 6.00

PRICE DAY > € 9.00

EXTRA > city bicycles and mountain bikes

CYCLE MAP > free city and cycle map – no sale

DETAILS > submission of credit card

CONTACT > tel. 050/34 10 93

www.bauhaus.be/bikes.html

map: I7

Snuffel Backpacker Hostel

LOCATION > Ezelstraat 47-49

PRICE 1/2 DAY > € 6.00

PRICE DAY > € 6.00

EXTRA > only city bicycles

CYCLE MAP > free city and cycle map

– no sale

DETAILS > submission of driving licence or ID card

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map: D6



Made-to-measure cycling

A day cycling around Bruges, what can you expect?

» Saint Trudo's Abbey Male junction number 68

The counts of Flanders used to live here, today it is the turn of the canoness sisters of the Holy Sepulchre. The abbey was skilfully restored in the 20th century and the 'Neerhof' houses the visitors centre, which is freely accessible at weekends. Notable points are the 'Hooghe Huus', an old pillory and the main tower from the 14th -15th century.

Pelderijnstraat 14 | Sint-Kruis
<http://users.skynet.be/abdijmale/>
BUS > No. 6 Sint-Kruis/Malehoek,
 stop: Wollestraat (map: E9)
DIRECTION > map: J8

» Tillegembos Provincial Estate junction number 70

This splendid estate of a good 117 hectares has a finely restored 14th-century water stronghold, many footpaths, a horse mill, sun terraces and playing fields. You will see that you can easily amuse yourself here for hours.

Tillegemstraat 81 | Sint-Michiels
BUS > No. 25, Sint-Michiels/Driehoek, stop: Biekorf (map: E8) and Station (map: B13)
DIRECTION > map: A10

» Tudor City Estate junction number 71

Around this stately Tudor castle is an immense park of a good 40 hectares, open free of charge every day from sunrise to sunset. From May to October you can also visit the herb garden and the bee garden (Monday-Friday 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m., Sundays and public holidays 2.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.)

Municipal Parks & Public Gardens Department,
 Zeeweg 147, Sint-Andries | tel. 050/32 90 11
OPEN > Mon-Fri: 8.30 a.m. -12.00 noon &
 2.00 p.m. -4.00 p.m.
BUS > No. 5 Sint-Andries/Hermitage,
 Biekorf (map: E8)
DIRECTION > map: A10

» Beieren Fort Provincial Estate junction number 10

An earthen fortress from 1704, the ruins of a castle and an impressive landscape, that's Beieren Fort in a nutshell. Overgrown moats, open lakes, curved poplars, romantic bridges and the old castle garden invite you to saunter for hours. The Fort is conveniently close to the canal between Bruges and Damme!

Gemene Weidestraat 51 | Koolkerke
BUS > No. 4 Koolkerke, stop: 't Zand and Station (map: C10 and B13)
DIRECTION > map: I2

» Beisbroek City Estate junction number 71

Stroll in this immense castle park, find your way along the educational nature path, or discover a new planet in the public observatory. In Beisbroek, adventures are open to the young and old, the big and small.

For further info: page 43



» Sint Andries' Abbey Zevenkerken junction number 72

This Benedictine abbey, founded around 1100 and rebuilt after being destroyed by the French, lies in extensive woodland. Here you can visit the sedate abbey church, enjoy a best beer in the Benedictine yard or lose yourself in one of the religious-liturgical works sold in the adjacent bookshop.

Torhoutsesteenweg | Loppem
www.zevenkerken.org
BUS > No. 72, Brugge/Loppem/Zedelgem,
 stop Heidelberg
 Info: Lijnwinkel, Stationsplein: tel. 070/22 02 00
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Festivals and Exhibitions

The monthly entertainment magazine events@brugge, available free of charge from the information offices in the Concert Hall and in the station, contains a detailed calendar of events.

» Ascension Day, 1 May 2008

Procession of the Holy Blood: For many years tableaux from the Old and New Testament have been strikingly portrayed during this popular city procession.

www.brugge.be

» 4, 5 & 6 July 2008

Cactus Festival: Attractive open-air music festival with rock, reggae, dance and world music in the Minnewater Park.

www.cactusmusic.be

» 1 to 9 August 2008 inclusive

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www.festival.be/brugge

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www.klinkers-brugge.be

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» 14 November 2008 to 1 March 2009 inclusive

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» 15, 16, 18, 20, 22 & 23 August 2008

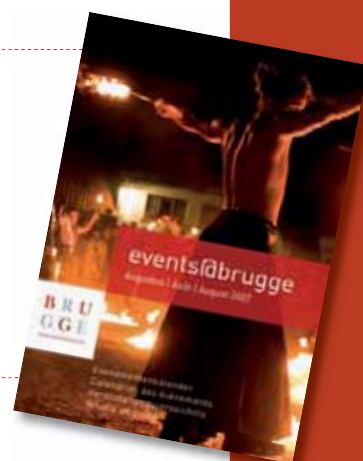
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Worth the trip!

Lissewege

With its charming canal, white polder houses and extensive meadows, Lissewege has been nominated as one of the prettiest villages (among many) in Flanders. It is the classic example of how a Flemish village should look. Lively, charming, a touch nostalgic and well stocked with good places to eat. You can also easily discover this delightful polder village by bicycle. Lissewege is a compulsory stop on the bicycle network (see page 35). Welcome to Lissewege where time will always almost stand still.

The free magazine 'Zeebrugge, Lissewege aan zee' can be obtained from the tourist information offices in the Concert Hall and in the railway station.

LIKE TO KNOW MORE? > [VVV Lissewege](http://www.lissewege.be)
Oude Pastoriestraat 5 | 8380 Lissewege
050/55 29 55 | www.lissewege.be

» Welcome Church of Our Lady

It is no accident that this impressive 13th-century brick complex is a cathedral of a church. Lissewege was after all a compulsory stop for all those travelling on foot to Santiago de Compostela. The attraction is undoubtedly the church tower that provides a unique and unforgettable panoramic view of the polders.

OPEN TOWER > **May-Oct:** on request,

Jul & Aug: 3.00 p.m.-5.00 p.m.

OPEN CHURCH > **every day:** 10.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.

Tel. tower keeper: 0495/38 70 95 (after 2.30 p.m.)

» Visitors Centre

The Visitors Centre combines the rich past of the white village, with more than 1,000 years of history, and the former Cistercian abbey, Ter Doest. Unique photos, maps, models and a collection of archaeological finds introduce you to Lissewege in an appropriate way. The friendly reception staff will answer all your questions.

OPEN > **Jul-Sep:** 2.00 p.m.-5.30 p.m.

PRICE > € 1.50 for the "Saints and their Lives" exhibition

Oude Pastoriestraat 5 | 8380 Lissewege

» Ter Doest

Today you can still admire the imposing gothic barn (14th century) of this former Cistercian abbey (12th century). The barn was recently gloriously restored. The pigeon tower (1651) and the monumental gatehouse (1662) have kept a spirited stand over the years.

OPEN ABBEY BARN > 10.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.





Zeebrugge

You already know that Zeebrugge is a world port of stature, but this remote corner of Bruges is much more. It has an extensive beach for example, good for a nonchalant holiday atmosphere, and genuine fishing districts with unadulterated fishermen's cafes and a fashionable marina. In short, the entire world comes together in Zeebrugge. In addition, in Zeebrugge you can join the coastal cycling route that connects all Belgian bathing towns to one another, or take the cycling network of the Bruges' wet- and woodlands. Thus, time is short.

» Port cruise

If you want to watch the port activities from the water, you can take a trip on the River Palace, a boat operated by Euro-Line. You will sail along the naval base and the Pierre Vandamme lock (one of the largest locks in the world), go past the LNG terminal, the wind farm, and watch the immense container boats sail in and out. In brief, a feast for the eyes.

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DEPARTURE > The old fish market

PRICE > Individual:

Adults: € 8.70

Children aged 3-12: € 6.50

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Groups (as of 20 people)

Adults: € 8.10

Children aged 3-12: € 6.10

During the season there is also a dinner-dance on board the River Palace on Saturday evenings.

For dates: tel. 0475/20 94 52

River Palace berth: Oude Visserhaven, Zeebrugge (old fish market Zeebrugge)

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www.euro-line.be

» The beach

In winter this is the place to get a breath of fresh air. In summer, you can come to this wide, safe sandy strip to sunbathe, swim and lounge around in the company of many people from Bruges. Did you know that in summer you can get to the beach by rail?

» Seafront

In this maritime theme park, aptly located in the old fish market, you will duck under to see what is going on below sea level. Afterwards, it is time to learn something about the history of Zeebrugge port, and the fishermen will take you into their hard sea life. Then set course for the Russian submarine, Foxtrot, and the lightship, West-Hinder. Guaranteed to be an experience with a lasting impression. Your kids can enjoy themselves in the new pirates' paradise.

OPEN > Everyday from 10.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m.

July and August from 10.00 a.m.-7.00 p.m.

CLOSED > from 7 to 25 January 2008

PRICE >

Individual:

Children up to 1m (accompanied by parent): FREE

Children up to 12: € 8.50

Adults: € 10.50

Over 65: € 10.00

Groups (as of 20 people)

Children up to 12: € 6.25

Adults: € 8.50

LIKE TO KNOW MORE? > Seafront,

Vismijnstraat 7-9 | 8380 Zeebrugge

050/55 14 15 | www.seafront.be



Damme

Another absolute must is the picturesque Damme. This medieval town stretches along the canal between Bruges and Damme and provides a beautiful setting in the centre between Bruges and the North Sea coast. In its ambling streets you will find many bookshops alongside good restaurants. From comic book shops to antique shops, Damme is thus Flanders' very first book village.

LIKE TO KNOW MORE? > Toerisme Damme, Huyse de Grote Sterre

Jacob van Maerlantstraat 3 | 8340 Damme
050/28 86 10 | www.toerismedamme.be

» Lamme Goedzak

If you prefer not to work up a sweat, then take a return trip on the Lamme Goedzak, the nostalgic river boat that will take you to Damme. Board at the Noorweegse Kaai. A bus will take you from the station or market square (Markt) to the jetty and back again.

PRACTICAL > Daily: from 1/4 to 3/10

Departure Bruges: 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon-2.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m.

Departure Damme: 9.15 a.m.-11.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.-3.00 p.m.-5.20 p.m.

PRICE SINGLE >

Individual: Adults: € 5.50

Over 65: € 5.00

Children (aged 3-11): € 4.00

Groups (min. 30 people):

Adults: € 5.00

Over 65: € 4.50

Children (aged 3-11): € 3.80

PRICE RETURN >

Individual: Adults: € 7.00

Over 65: € 6.00

Children (aged 3-11): € 5.00

Groups (min. 30 people):

Adults: € 6.50

Over 65: € 5.50

Children (aged 3-11): € 4.50

BUS > (BUSES ALSO DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

No. 4 Sint-Jozef-Koolkerke, stop: Markt.

Special bus from 1/4 to 1/10, No. 43 'Brugge-Damme' to jetty:

From the station: 9.33 a.m.-11.33 a.m.-1.33 p.m.-2.33 p.m.-3.33 p.m.-5.33 p.m.

From the Markt: 9.39 a.m.-11.39 a.m.-1.39 p.m.-2.39 p.m.-3.39 p.m.-5.39 p.m.

INFO | RESERVATION >

Toerisme Damme

Tel. 050/28 86 10 | toerisme@damme.be

To make things even easier, you can take one of the City Tour minibuses. You will then be taken to Damme and after sailing back with the Lamme Goedzak you will be picked up at the quay and taken back to the market square. This excursion operates from April to September inclusive, lasts two hours and costs € 16.50. Children (aged 6 to 11) pay € 8.25. Meet at the market square (Markt) at 4.00 p.m.

Like to know more? Sightseeing Line Brugge | Kanunnik Decoenplein 6 | 8310 Brugge
050/35 50 24 (10.00-12.00 noon) | www.citytour.be



» On your bike

If you want to fully experience 'the flat country', you only have to get on your bike and pedal your way to Damme. This medieval town is only a few kilometres further on and the car-free cycle route along the canal between Bruges and Damme guarantees continual sights of postcard beauty. From herons landing gracefully on the water, to anglers who finally get a bite. Swaying trees provide the soundtrack. 'Forts and Dykes between Bruges and Damme': theme cycling trip from Bruges, available from In&Uit in the Concert Hall on 't Zand.





» Triple Treat Quasimodo chocolate, waffles and beer

This relaxing, English-speaking minibus trip takes you to prestigious castles, the medieval Damme, and you can enjoy splendid waffles, finger-licking chocolates and Belgian regional beers.

From February to December on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, you are picked up at 9.15 a.m. from the Parkhotel on 't Zand (map C9) and returned at 5.00 p.m. On request you can be collected at your hotel.

PRICE > € 55.00, under 26 € 45.00, including packed lunch, entrance fees and tickets.

LIKE TO KNOW MORE? > Quasimodo Tours
Tel. 050/37 04 70 | Fax 050/37 49 60
freephone 0800/97525,
info@quasimodo.be | www.quasimodo.be

Battlefields

Around 50 kilometres from Bruges is Westhoek, the green border region that stretches between the North Sea coast and France. This is the rolling setting of the Great War, and today the traces of the First World War determine the landscape. An area that you have to see. You will never forget it afterwards.

» WWI Battlefields Tour

Quasimodo takes you on a personal and relaxing minibus trip along Passendale, Hill 60, various trenches and bunkers, various cemeteries, the Menin Gate, different monuments (ANZAC, Canadian, British and Irish), in brief all highlights.

From February to the new year on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. From April to October inclusive also on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. You will be collected at 9.15 a.m. at the Parkhotel on 't Zand (map C9), and on request you can also be collected at your hotel, and returned around 5.00 p.m.

The English-speaking excursion costs € 55.00, and for those under 26 € 45.00 (including packed lunch and tickets).

LIKE TO KNOW MORE? > Quasimodo Tours,
Tel. 050/37 04 70 | freephone 0800/97525
www.quasimodo.be

» Flanders Fields Battlefield Daytours

Small groups (maximum 8 people) and individual passengers are collected at their hotel for a minibus tour to the sights of Westhoek.

> Flanders Inside out

This tour takes you past a German cemetery in Langemark, the Tyne Cot Cemetery in Passendale, the Menin Gate, the Pool of Peace at the Kimmelberg, the Talbot House in Poperinge, and the Trench of Death in Diksmuide. Departure each morning at 8.45 a.m. from Wednesday to Sunday inclusive, returning at 5.30 p.m. Tickets cost € 59.00, and if you have a student card you pay € 50.00. On request, Canadian, Australian, Irish and American monuments can also be visited.

> Last Post Daytours

This short evening trip takes you to Ypres and back to see the last post ceremony at the Menin Gate.

DEPARTURE > 6.15 p.m. (return around 9.15 p.m.)

PRICE > € 40,00

LIKE TO KNOW MORE > Daytours
freephone 0800/99 133, tel. 050/34 60 60
www.visitbruges.org



Tailor-made for kids

Boudewijn Seapark Brugge

A fine wild amusement park for young and old with many attractions, from a pirates' ship and Ferris wheel to the rollercoaster. In Europe's most modern covered Dolphinarium playful dolphins steal the show while the sea lions provide the spectacle in the brand new open-air theatre. The panoramic aquariums give you a view below water level.

PERFORMANCES > Daily performances with dolphins, sea lions, birds of prey, seals (2 to 4 shows per day). For the timetable of all performances, up to 4 per day, consult www.boudewijnseapark.be

INFO & TICKETS > In&Uit in the Concert Hall on 't Zand

OPEN > July and August : every day from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Easter holiday: 10.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.

May, June: daily, except Wednesdays: 10.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.

September: every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday: 10.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.

INFO > Boudewijn Seapark Brugge
A. De Baeckestraat 12 | 8200 Sint-Michiels
Tel. 050/408 408 | fax 050/38 23 43
info@boudewijnseapark.be | www.boudewijnseapark.be

Accessible just outside the city centre.

BUS > No. 7 & 17 Sint-Michiels, stop 't Zand (map: C10) & Biekorf, Kuipersstr. (map: E8)



Brand new kids walk

Are your kids more than tired of the traditional city walk, then we have good news for you. Recently a brand new kids walk has been developed that will keep your kids interested with adventurous search assignments, amusing anecdotes and nice facts throughout the walk. Put an end to the moans, walking has never been so exciting!

The map for the walk also includes many child-friendly tips and also provides detailed information on museums, cinemas and amusement parks.

PRICE > "Bruges - kids welcome": € 2.00, available in Dutch, French and English from In&Uit in the Concert Hall on 't Zand.



Indoor playgrounds

Birthday parties, school trips or just a pleasant afternoon, these indoor playgrounds guarantee hours of fun. While the smallest can safely live it up without hindrance, the parents can keep a reassuring eye on them from the cafeteria. The solution for all those who want to get through a rainy afternoon without a lot of drama.

» De Toverplaneet

OPEN > Wed: 1.00 p.m.-8.00 p.m., Fri: 3.30 p.m.-8.00 p.m.

Sat, Sun and holidays: 10.30 a.m.-8.00 p.m.

(May be closed on hot summer days)

PRICE > € 6.00 (Accompanying adults: free)

Legeweg 88 | 8200 Sint-Andries
Mobile phone 0478/22 69 29
www.detoverplaneet.be

BUS > No. 9, Stop: Rozenhof (map: A10)

» Speeldorp

OPEN > Wed, Sat, Sun and school holidays: 1.00 p.m.-7.00 p.m.

PRICE > € 5.00 (Accompanying adults: free)

Diksmuidestraat 5 | 8000 Brugge
tel. 050/34 84 27 | Mobile phone 0496/81 65 63 |
fax 050/34 84 28 | www.speeldorp.be

BUS > No. 14, Stop: Krakelebrug or De Veste (map: E3)



Swimming pools

» JAN GUILINI

KEIZER KARELSTRAAT 41 | 8000 BRUGES
BUS: NO. 9, STOP VISARTPARK

» INTERBAD

VELTEMWEG 35 | 8310 SINT-KRUIS
BUS: NO. 11, STOP SINT-ANDREASLYCEUM

» OLYMPIA

DOORNSTRAAT 110 | 8200 SINT-ANDRIES
BUS: NO.25, STOP JAN BREYDEL

ALL OPENING TIMES AVAILABLE FROM IN&UIT
IN THE CONCERT HALL ON 'T ZAND.



Kids farm The Seven Turrets

This 14th-century loans court harbours a cheerful kids farm with many activities. But you can also just drop in and enjoy a cup of coffee on the terrace while your kids knock about in the playground. The finely restored pigeon tower and the gothic barn are nice extras. You can order the annual programme free of charge.

OPEN > Freely accessible on weekdays and weekends from 8.00 a.m. to sundown

INFO > Kids farm: tel. 050/35 40 43

Municipal Parks & Public Gardens Department |
tel. 050/32 90 11

(Mon-Fri: 8.30 a.m.-12.00 noon |
2.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m.)

CAFETERIA > tel. 050/37 13 04

open: daily from 2.00 p.m. (Sundays as of 11.00 a.m.)

closed: Mondays and Tuesdays (during school holidays closed on Tuesdays only)

Canadaring 41 | 8310 Assebroek

BUS > No. 2 A.Z. Sint-Lucas/Assebroek, Stop: Biekorf (map: E8)

Direction > via Generaal Lemanlaan (map: I12)



Beisbroek City Estate

In this immense castle park with an area of 98 hectares, it is delightful to stroll in the woods and the heathland. Or would you prefer an educational path through nature? In the nature centre, an interactive exhibition and a field lab give you an appropriate answer to your questions on nature. If you just want a quiet time, hurry along to the deer field or one of the picnic zones.

OPEN >

Apr.-Nov: Mon-Fri: 2.00 p.m.-5.00 p.m. | Sun: 2.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m.

March: Sun: 2.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m.

Municipal Parks & Public Gardens Department |
tel. 050/32 90 11

(Mon-Fri: 8.30 a.m.-12.00 noon | 2.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m.)

» The Public Observatory

In the Public Observatory you can watch the sun, the stars and the planets. The modern Scythe Planetarium, the interactive exhibition and the well equipped observatory reveal fascinating secrets of the night sky to you.

New! Planet path: a fascinating footpath that leads to the castle...

OPEN PLANETARIUM PRESENTATIONS >

Wed: 3.00 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. | Fri: 8.30 p.m.

Sun: 3.00 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

Group visits (min. 15 people)



possible by appointment

Extra presentations during school holidays

PRICE FOR PLANETARIUM PRESENTATIONS >

Children: € 4.00

Adults: € 5.00

INFO > Zeeweg 96 | Sint-Andries | tel. 050/39 05 66
info@beisbroek.be | www.beisbroek.be

BUS > No. 52 Brugge/Gistel/Oostende, No. 53 Brugge/Jabbeke

Stop: 't Zand and Station (map: C10 and B13)

DIRECTION > via Torhoutse Steenweg (map: A10)





Practical

Cash machines

- DE POST** > Markt 5 | map: E8
KBC > Steenstraat 38 | map: D9
FORTIS BANK > Simon Stevinplein 3 | map: D9
EUROPABANK > Vlamingstraat 13 | map: E8
AXA > 't Zand 1 | map: C9
STATION > Stationsplein | map: B13

Cinemas

- » Programmes from In&Uit in the Concert Hall on 't Zand
 » All films are shown in their original language
 » See also www.cinebel.be

- LUMIÈRE** > Sint-Jakobsstraat 36
www.lumiere.be | map: D7
KINEPOLIS BRUGGE > Koning Albert-I-Laan 200
www.kinepolis.com/brugge | map: A14

Church services

- » **BEGUINAGE CHURCH** > Sun: 9.30 a.m.
 » **BASILICA OF THE HOLY BLOOD** > Sun: 11.00 a.m.
 » **HOLY MAGDALENA** > Sun: 10.00 a.m.
 » **OUR LADY** > Sat: 17.30u, Sun: 11.00 a.m.
 » **CAPUCHINS** > Sat: 6.00 p.m., Sun: 7.00 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
 » **SAINT ANNE'S** > Sun: 10.30 a.m.
 » **SAINT GILE'S** > Sun: 10.00 a.m.
 » **SAINT JACOB'S** > Sat: 4.30 p.m.
 » **SAINT SAVIOUR'S** > Sat: 4.00 p.m., Sun: 10.30 a.m.
 » **SAINT WALBURGHA'S** > Sun: 7.00 p.m.
 » **ENGLISH CHURCH / Saint Peter's Chapel,** Keersstraat 1 > Sun: 6.00 p.m.
 » **UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH / Saint Peter's Chapel,** Keersstraat 1 > Sun: 10.00 a.m.
 » **FREE EVANGELICAL CHURCH /** Naaldenstraat 18 > Sun: 10.00 a.m.

Internet

- » **THE COFFEE LINK**
OPEN > 11.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m.
CLOSED > Thursdays & Fridays
PRICE > 10 minutes € 2.00 | 25 minutes € 5.00
ADDRESS > Congress Hall Oud-Sint-Jan Mariastraat 38
INFO > tel. 050/34 99 73 | info@thecoffeelink.com
 map: D10
- » **TELEBOUTIQUE**
OPEN > Mon-Sat: 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m. | Sun: 10.30 a.m.-10.00 p.m.
CLOSED > Friday afternoon between 2.00 p.m.-3.30 p.m.
PRICE > € 2.00 per hour
ADDRESS > Corner of Langestraat-Predikherenstraat, 8000 Bruges
INFO > tel. 050/61 67 39
 map: G8

- » **SNUFFEL BACKPACKER HOSTEL**
PRICE > € 1.00 per half hour
ADDRESS > Ezelstraat 47-49, 8000 Bruges
INFO > tel. 050/33 31 33
info@snuffel.be | www.snuffel.be
 map: D6

- » **BAUHAUS**
PRICE > first 15 minutes € 1.00 + € 0.05 per minute
ADDRESS > Langestraat 145, 8000 Bruges
INFO > www.bauhaus.be
 map: I7

Shopping & market days

- MARKET DAYS**
 » **WEDNESDAYS** > 8.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. | Markt | Food & flowers
 » **SATURDAYS** > 8.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. | 't Zand & Beursplein | Miscellaneous
 » **SUNDAYS** > 8.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. | Ten Briele, Gemeenteafdeling Sint-Michiels | Miscellaneous
 » **TUESDAY TO SATURDAY INCLUSIVE** > 8.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. | Vismarkt | Fish
 » **SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS** > from 15 March to 15 November | 10.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m. | Dijver | Antiques and second-hand

Medical help

- » **DUTY DOCTORS**
 8.00 p.m. to 8.00 a.m. | tel. 078/15 15 90
 » **DUTY PHARMACIES**
 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. > tel. 050/40 61 62 or 0900/10 500
 10.00 p.m. to 9.00 a.m. > tel. 101
 » **S.O.S. EMERGENCIES** > tel. 100
 » **HOSPITALS**
 A.Z. St.-Jan > tel. 050/45 21 11
 St.-Lucas > tel. 050/36 91 11
 St.-Franciscus Xaveriuskliniek > tel. 050/47 04 70
 Red Cross > tel. 050/32 07 27
 Flemish Cross > tel. 050/33 26 28
 » **ANTI-POISON CENTRE** > tel. 070/245 245

Bureaus de change

- GOFFIN CHANGE** > Steenstraat 2 | map: E8
PILLEN R.W.J > Rozenhoedkaai 2 | map: F9



Parking

Bruges is a city made for people. Most sights are within walking distance from where you are staying. In order to keep the historic city centre attractive and accessible, the above-ground parking in the city centre is limited in time (max. 4 hours in the blue zone and 2 hours in the pay-parking zone). You can safely leave your car in one of the underground car parks (max. € 8.70/24h). Your hotel can give you more information on the parking facilities in the vicinity of your hotel. The cheapest and biggest car park is at the station. You pay € 2.50 per day, including bus transfer with De Lijn to the city centre. You do not need to wait long, a free bus to the centre leaves very regularly.

» CENTRUM 'T ZAND

CAPACITY > 1400

OPEN > Sun-Thu: 07.00 a.m.-01.00 a.m.,

Fri-Sat: 24/24

PRICE >

Evening rate: € 2.50 after 7.00 p.m. (max. duration 12 hours)

1 hour: € 1.20 | 2 hours: € 2.40 | 3 hours: € 3.50
 4 hours: € 4.30 | 5 hours: € 5.00 | 6 hours: € 5.70
 then € 0.50 per hour to a maximum daily price of € 8.70

» CENTRUM STATION

CAPACITY > 1500

OPEN > Sun-Thu: 24/24, Fri-Sat: 24/24

PRICE > € 0.50 per hour

(max. for 24 hours € 2.50)

During your stay, you can use the Stadslijn 12 Centrum that continually shuttles between the most important city stops such as the Markt (map E8), the Biekorf (map E8), the station and the Katelijne car park. From Monday to Friday from 7.38 a.m. to 6.59 p.m., on Saturday from 7.31 a.m. to 6.28 p.m., on Sundays and public holidays from 9.11 a.m. to 6.59 p.m. A prepurchased ticket costs € 1.20, on the bus you pay € 1.50. A prepurchased day pass costs € 5.00, and on the bus you pay one euro extra. You can buy prepurchased bus cards in the information office of De Lijn, in the information office in the Concert Hall on 't Zand and in various book shops.

The map at the back of this brochure contains a handy overview of all bus stops. You can obtain more info from: tel. 070/22 02 00



Taxis

TAXI RANKS >

Markt: tel. 050/33 44 44

Stationsplein: tel. 050/38 46 60

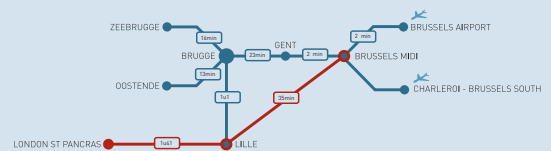
How to get to Bruges

» TRAIN

EUROSTAR > info and reservation:

www.eurostar.com

NMBS > info: www.b-rail.be



» AIRPLANE

Bruges can easily be reached through Charleroi - Brussels South - Airport and Lille Lesquin.

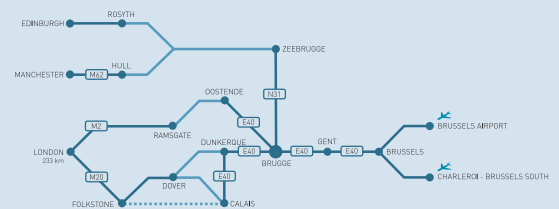
NEW! Direct bus between the Bruges train station and Brussels South Charleroi Airport (4 times per day)

TICKETS > € 20 (one way) and € 38 (return ticket)

BOOKINGS > www.brugge.be/bus or on the spot in the bus

» CAR

Exit 8 Brugge - follow Brugge Centrum



www.nmbs.be
www.ns.nl



www.thalys.be

* Detailed train, bus and ferry timetables can be obtained from the information offices in the Concert Hall and in the station.



BIG CITY MAP FOR SALE AT
THE INFORMATION OFFICES
IN THE CONCERT HALL AND
AT THE RAILWAY STATION,
STATIONSPLEIN.

Legend

- Ring, two-way traffic
- Pedestrian area or area with limited traffic
- Tunnel for pedestrians and bikes
- No through traffic
- One-way traffic
- Two-way traffic
- Parking area
- Coach parking
- Parking mobil homes
- Motor, home overnight parking area
- Railway station
- Access road or entrance gates
- Bus-stop De Lijn
- Boats
- Horse-drawn cabs
- Sight-seeing Line
- Cash machines
- Boudewijn Seapark Brugge
- Almshouses
- Meeting point guides
- Bike Rental
- Public toilet
- Branch Toerisme Brugge
- In&Uit Brugge
- [Concertgebouw], 't Zand (C10)
Tel +32 50 44 46 46
www.brugge.be
toerisme@brugge.be
- one-stop information point for details on culture and tourism and for ticket sales.

Churches

- D11 Beguinage church
- D10 Episcopal Palace
- H6 English convent
- G4 Episcopal seminary
- F9 Basilica of the Holy Blood
- G10 Church of the Holy Magdalena
- H7 Jerusalem Chapel
- E8 Saint Peter's Chapel (United Protestant Church & English Church)
- B10 Capucins
- E9 Military Chapel (Carthusian Chapel)
- C6 Oecumenical Chapel
- D6 Discalced Carmelites
- G4 Church of our Lady of the Pottery
- E10 Welcome Church of Our Lady
- D6 Orthodox Chapel (St Heleen and Constantine)
- G7 St Anne's Church
- F6 St Giles' Church
- B10 St Godelieve's Abbey
- D7 St Jacob's Church
- D10 St Saviour's Cathedral
- F7 St Walburgha's Church
- E7 Free Evangelical Church
- B9 Chapel of Our Lady of the Blind

Culture – Museums

- D10 Bruggemuseum - Archeology
- E10 Museum Arentshuis
- D11 Beguine's house
- E8 Biekorf Library
- E8 Biekorf Theatre (CC)
- E11 Bogarden Chapel
- E11 Brewery 'Halve Maan'
- C10 Bruges Concert Hall
- A9 De Bond (CC)
- D7 De Republiek (Lumière, Cactus)
- D4 De Werf
- E11 Diamond Museum Brugge
- G1 Entrepôt (Youth and Cultural Centre)
- E10 Groeninge Museum
- E10 Bruggemuseum - Gruuthuse
- I6 Bruggemuseum - Gezelle
- D6 Joseph Ryelandt Concert Hall
- H7 Lace Centre
- E10 Hospital Museum - Memling in Sint-Jan
- H7 Bruggemuseum - Folklore
- D8 Organ Hall (Music Academy)
- I6 St Sebastian's Archers Guild
- F8 City Archives - Bruggemuseum - Liberty of Bruges
- E7 City Theatre (CC)
- I7 St George's Archers Guild
- A11 Magdalena hall
- G4 Hospital Museum - Our Lady of the Pottery
- F8 Bruggemuseum - City Hall
- E8 Bruggemuseum - Belfry
- F7 Choco-Story (chocolate museum)
- C10 Forum+ (Concertgebouw)
- F7 Lumina Domestica
- A14 Kinepolis Brugge



attraction or museum
suitable for children



wheelchair access



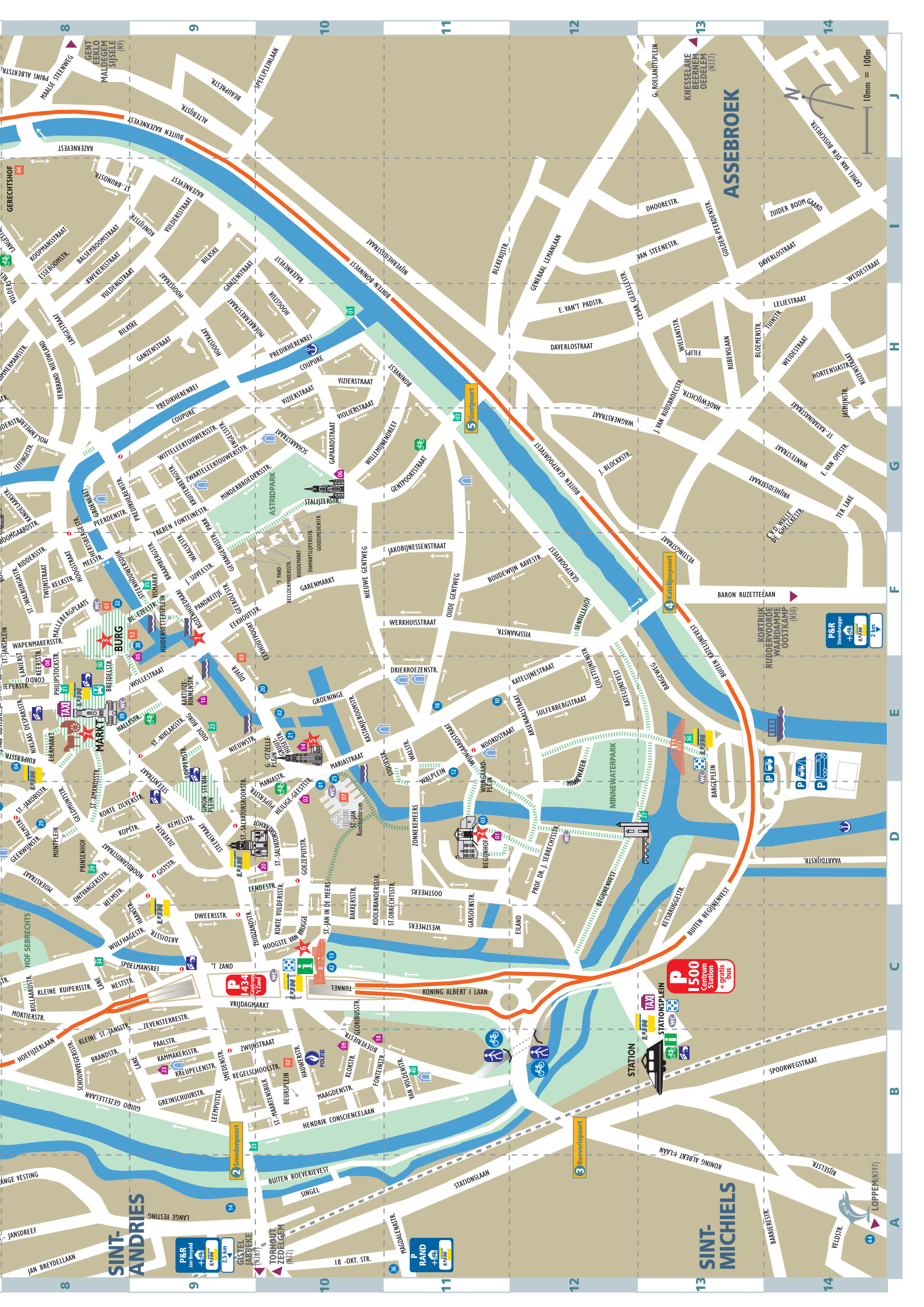
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Historic sites and places of interest

- H10 Conzett bridge
- C5 City gate
- G11 City gate
- E7 Genoese Lodge (Saaihalte)
- D7 Hof Bladelin
- E9 Hof van Watervliet
- E7 Ter Beurze House
- H4 Bruggemuseum - Koelewei mill
- J7 City gate
- D13 Gunpowder Tower
- E7 Burgers' Lodge (State archives)
- D8 Prinsenhof
- E8 Proesdij
- E8 Provincial Palace
- I6 Bruggemuseum - Sint-Janshuis mill
- B9 City gate
- C8 Minstrels Guild's Chapel
- F9 Fish Market
- E13 Barge bridge
- F7 Old Toll House
- B11 Dumery Bell

Public or semipublic buildings

- F8 Administrative Centre 't Brugse Vrije
- B10 Exhibition Centre
- E9 College of Europe
- I8 Courthouse
- D10 Meeting Event & Conference Centre Old Sint Jan
- F9 City Hall
- B6 Swimming pool Jan Gullini



SINT-ANDRIES

SINT-MICHIELS

ASSEBROEK

1500
Centrum
Station
+ 9 fiets
stapels

2 Bredelooppoort

3 Bredelooppoort

4 Grote lijnpoort

5 Gemeentepoort

10mm = 100m

Loppe (0397)

STATION

STATIONSPLEIN

1434 Centrum Station

P&R Jan Breydel

P RAND Jan Breydel



Loppe (0397)

VELDSTR.

BARRIÈRESTR.

RIJSELSTR.

KONING ALBERT I LAAN

SPOORWEGSTR.

BAEGELSTR.

MINNENWATERPARK

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