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Nicknamed the Ardent City for its intense cultural activity as well as its friendly and festive atmosphere, Liège is the essential destination in Wallonia for a stay filled with discoveries and thrills.

You will be swayed by the charms of Liège, the leading tourist city in Wallonia, thanks to its different facets and activities: whether seeking historical and cultural discoveries, or culinary specialities, there is something for all tastes and desires.

History buffs will find their heart's desire through discovery of the city's considerable architectural heritage, magnificently illustrated by the seven former collegiate churches, the Prince-Bishop's palace, the Cité Mirroir, etc.

They may also quench their thirst for art by visiting the city's two major museums, situated in remarkable buildings, namely La Boverie (the fine arts museum and exhibition centre) and the Grand Curtius, which brings together five museum collections in a single venue.

Nature lovers will not be left out, with walks through the famous slopes of the citadel (rated 3 stars in the renowned Michelin Green Guide) that will offer peace, quiet and an unbeatable view over the valley. From October to November, discovering the city can be rounded off with a trip along the Meuse River, thanks to the river shuttle.

Liège is ardent but also food loving. Take advantage of your stay to taste local specialities: *boulets à la liégeoise* meatballs and regional beers, but also a wide range of chocolates, the Authentic Liège Waffle and the Veritable Café Liégeois.

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The historical centre

The historical centre of Liège includes an impressive amount of listed sites, all invaluable witnesses to the city's thousand-year history. It is therefore not surprising that ten of the twelve essential visits are located in this part of the city. The tourist information office has published several brochures and routes that will take you on a voyage of discovery through this unique district.

The Grand Curtius

Museum complex

In floor-space of 5,000 m², the Grand Curtius brings together the prestigious collections of the former armoury, glassware, archaeology, decorative arts, religious arts and Mosan arts museums. From prehistory to the present day, discover the history of Liège in buildings erected between the late 16th century and 18th century, including the Hôtel Hayme de Bomal and Palais Curtius. The quantity and quality of items on display and in reserve make it one of the most well-stocked art and history museums in Belgium.



The section on “civilian firearms” (hunting and target shooting), inaugurated in 2018, is the first phase of renovation that the armoury department is undergoing: 600 items from the history of armoury between the 16th and 21st century are on display in the Palais Curtius (listed as exceptional Walloon heritage). These witnesses to high precision craftsmanship (including masterpieces of mechanics, engraving, carving, inlaying, etc.) all meet 3 criteria: their historical, aesthetic and technical values, which all pay homage to the work of Liège armourers, making it one of the finest showcases to armoury in the world.

www.grandcurtius.be

Open from Monday to Sunday from 10.00 to 18.00, closed on Tuesday.



Saint Barthélemy Collegiate Church

The Saint-Barthélemy Collegiate Church, built in coaly sandstone in the 11th and 12th centuries, was restored at the beginning of the 2000s. Although it has undergone many transformations as centuries have passed by, this collegiate church is the finest example of Romanesque architecture in Liège. The interior was refurbished in the 18th century.

The edifice plays host to baptismal fonts considered to be a masterpiece of early 12th century goldsmithery. Through the high quality of their reliefs and the skills with which they were crafted, they are often presented as one of the seven wonders of Belgium. The collegiate church is also home to many remarkable works of art.

www.st-barthelemy.be

Montagne de Bueren

Sometimes said to be one of the most extreme set of stairs in the world, this mountain of stone boasts 374 steps.

These stairs, built at the end of the 19th century, made it possible to directly link the citadel barracks with the lower reaches of the city, without passing along Rue Pierreuse.

Its name pays tribute to the failed show of force by the 600 men of Franchimont. Led by Vincent de Bueren and Gossuin de Streel, on the night of 29th October 1468, they attempted to capture Charles the Bold and Louis XI.



The slopes of the citadel

A veritable green lung near to the historic centre, the site of the slopes of the citadel offers unique views of Liège and the Meuse Valley. Combining nature and heritage, it boasts many of the city's emblematic monuments.

From the terraces of the Teutonic knights to the remains of the 13th century walls, not forgetting the Mongagne de Bueren steps, the slopes of the citadel contain a whole host of gems to be discovered.

Five marked trails have been set up to take you winding through this Michelin Green Guide 3-star rated site.



Museum of Walloon Life



Located in a magnificent convent founded in the 13th century and renovated in the 17th century, the Museum of Walloon Life offers visitors the chance of discovering how Wallonia has been profoundly transformed since the Industrial Revolution.

It lifts the veil on the Walloon way of life (beliefs, customs, etc.) and how it has evolved since that era. Lastly, this museum boasts a working traditional puppet theatre and regularly organises temporary exhibitions.

www.viewallonne.be

From Tuesday to Sunday from 9.30 to 18.00, closed on Monday.

Place du Marché

A veritable forum of Liège, Place du Marché boasts many listed buildings including two major monuments: the Perron and the City Hall.

The Perron, a symbol of municipal liberties, is at the centre of the city's coat of arms. Moved to Bruges in 1467 by Charles the Bold, it only returned after his death in 1477. The current Perron monument was rebuilt by Jean Del Cour after the previous one was knocked down by a violent storm in 1693.

Traditionally referred to as La Violette, after the emblem of the house that played host to the city council in the Middle Ages, the city hall was bombarded in 1691 by the troops of Louis XIV. Rebuilding work commenced in 1714 and was completed in 1718.



The Prince-Bishop's Palace

The palace, the former home of the Prince-Bishops of Liège, was rebuilt from 1526 onwards under the orders of Prince-Bishop Érad de La Marck. This gothic style building is based around two courtyards. In the first courtyard, there are sixty columns, all of which are different, decorated with extraordinary human figures and strange patterns, bearing witness to humanist thought and the discovery of America.

Following a fire in 1734, the southern wing was rebuilt under the reign of Georges-Louis de Berghes, as evoked by its imposing coat of arms. The western wing, built in neo-gothic style, to welcome the provincial government, was erected as from 1849.



The Cité Miroir



Erected in 1938, the Sauvenière thermal baths and spa building is a symbol of Belgian inter-war modernist style inspired by the German Bauhaus architectural movement. They were inaugurated in 1942 during German occupation and remained open until 2000.

In 2014, it experienced a second youth when it welcomed the Cité Miroir. This Liège cultural centre is dedicated to collective memory, dialogue between cultures and citizenship. The Cité Miroir holds permanent and temporary exhibitions. The splendour of the 80-m long grand hall was preserved by its renovation and is occupied by the two former pools that have now been converted into exhibition spaces.

www.citemiroir.be

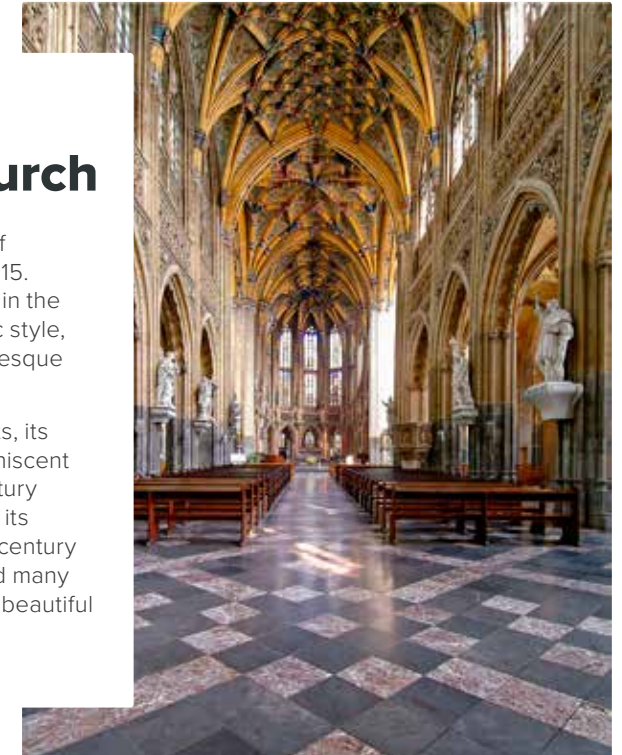
Open every day from 9.30 to 18.00, closed on Sunday in July and August.

Saint Jacques Collegiate Church

The former Benedictine abbey of Saint-Jacques was founded in 1015. The abbey's church was rebuilt in the 16th century in flamboyant gothic style, with the exception of the Romanesque avant-corps.

With its entirely painted net vaults, its many sculpted decorations reminiscent of lacework in stone, its 14th century stalls, its stained-glass windows, its 16th century organ case, its 17th century baroque statues by Del Cour and many other gems, it is one of the most beautiful churches in Belgium.

www.saintjacquesliege.be





Guillemins railway station

This cathedral of glass, concrete and steel was designed by Santiago Calatrava.

The Guillemins railway station has become one of the symbols of Liège. Its white colour and its shapes reflect the style of internationally renowned architect Santiago Calatrava, which can in particular be noted for the city of art and sciences centre built in Valencia.

Inaugurated in 2009 after nine years of work, it is often compared to a cathedral with its vast glass roof that covers an area of 32,000 m².

Its metallic framework, whose 39 arches reach a height of 40 m, required 10,000 tonnes of steel.



Saint Paul Cathedral and its treasury



This former collegiate church founded in 966 became a cathedral in 1803 to replace the former Notre Dame & Saint-Lambert Cathedral destroyed during the Revolution. The gothic style current edifice was rebuilt between the 13th and 16th centuries. Certain additions, such as the tower, date back to the 19th century. The Saint Paul Cathedral boasts many remarkable works, including its 16th century stained-glass windows, Jean Del Cour's reclining Christ (1696), or also paintings and sculptures from the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

The cloisters are home to the treasury of Liège, an art and history museum devoted to the former episcopal principality of Liège (containing paintings, sculptures, goldsmithery, etc.). On display are many items of major importance such as the reliquary of Charles the Bold (circa 1471) and the reliquary-bust of Saint Lambert (circa 1512).

www.cathedraledeliège.be
www.tresordeliège.be



Treasury of Liège

Open from Tuesday to Saturday from 10.00 to 17.00.
 Sunday from 14.00 to 17.00.





La Boverie

Fine arts museum and international exhibition centre.

Located in a park at the tip of the Outremeuse island, the La Boverie museum is housed in a building built in 1905 for the universal exhibition and recently renovated under the supervision of architect Rudy Ricciotti. Tucked away in a green setting, La Boverie is a showcase for modern creation and a variety of cultural projects but also for plentiful historical and modern collections.

Its artistic project includes both programming of international exhibitions and a new setting for the permanent collection of the Liège fine arts museum.

The permanent collection highlights masterpieces of artistic creation from Liège and abroad. Lambert Lombard, Ingres, Monet, Gauguin, Picasso, Pissarro, Evenepoel, Delvaux, Magritte and others can be discovered on a chronological tour stretching from the Renaissance to the present day, backed up by information resources in four languages.

La Boverie cooperates with the prestigious Louvre Museum within the framework of an exceptional partnership for organising prestigious exhibitions (In the Open Air, its inaugural exhibition in 2016; Viva Roma in 2018).

www.laboverie.com

Open from Tuesday to Sunday from 9.30 to 18.00, closed on Monday.



Our **top tips** for discovering Liège

Guided tour of the historical centre

Information and bookings:
www.visitezliege.be



Led by a guide, you will cross the historical centre of Liège to discover the heritage of the city and its history. Depending on the size of your group, the guide can even adapt to your centres of interest or even introduce you to his or her favourite sites.

Pôle Fluvial (Cruises)

Information:
liege-croisieres.com
bateaulepaysdeliege.be



Located on Quai Van-Beneden, opposite the Aquarium-Museum, the Pôle Fluvial river transport centre is the perfect place for visitors seeking to enjoy a cruise along the Meuse River. It plays host to the landing stages for the Pays de Liège and Prince Albert cruise boats and there is also a stop for the river shuttle (see p. 29).

Balades Liégeoises (Walks through Liège)

Download for free from the App Store and Play Store.



Discover Liège, its valley, hills, historical centre and shops, as well as its paths along the banks of the Meuse River. The Ardent City boasts a plethora of walks to enjoy. Thanks to this application, you can discover the city all by yourself.

Brochure for families

Information and bookings:
www.visitezliege.be



For children and adults seeking new adventures, several brochures will give you a fun and amusing introduction to the major sites of Liège. The slopes of the citadel, the former Saint Lambert Cathedral and many other publications await you at the tourist information office.

Themed Visits

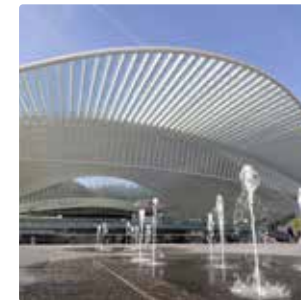
Information and bookings:
www.visitezliege.be



Take part in a themed visit proposed by the tourist information office and discover Liège as you have never seen it before, through its history, famous characters, remarkable monuments, artistic treasures, hidden corners, etc.

Routes

Information and bookings:
www.visitezliege.be



To help you discover the many gems that Liège boasts, the tourist department has drawn up a series of routes whose maps can be obtained from the tourist information office, on the Balades Liégeoises application or on our web site.

Aventures Liège

Download for free from the App Store and Play Store.



Go on an adventure and become a member of the Archivist's Guild! Thanks to this application and its many games, observe the city, solve its riddles and have fun discovering Liège.



Le Street Art

Liège may well be a thousand-year-old city, but that does not stop it being youthful and dynamic. Like other cities, it has benefitted from the rise of street art. Over the last twenty years, this urban artform is supervised in Liège by the Palis'art operation which has succeeded in highlighting, promoting and encouraging this exuberantly creative energy. Each year, new productions see the light of day and embellish the city. Liège is therefore an ideal destination for street art enthusiasts who will be able to admire many original creations.

A map is available for free from the tourist information office. Two routes can be downloaded for free via the *Balades Liégoises* application. Throughout the year, guided tours are organised and can be booked for groups.



The Collegiate Churches Circuit

Founded circa 1000 AD, the seven former collegiate churches of Liège are valuable witnesses to the city's history.



For eight centuries, Liège was the capital of an ecclesiastic principality governed by Prince-Bishops. It was nicknamed the city of one hundred spires and, according to a saying, was hell for women, purgatory for men and paradise for priests.

The city has retained remarkable religious heritage, majestically illustrated by its seven former collegiate churches: **Saint Paul** (the current cathedral), **Saint Barthélemy**, **Sainte Croix**, **Saint Denis**, **Saint Jacques**, **Saint Jean** and **Saint Martin**. Together, they make it possible to recount more than 1,000 years of art and history.

Each of them still plays host to an artistic wonder, such as the 12th century baptismal fonts in the Saint Barthélemy church, the 13th century Madonna (Sedes Sapientiae) in the Saint Jean church or the 14th century stalls in the Saint-Jacques church, which, with its flamboyant architecture, is often said to be one of the most beautiful churches in Belgium.

The circuit also includes three other sites intricately linked to the collegiate churches and which also pay witness to the importance of the city's religious heritage: the **treasury of Liège**, the **Archeo-forum** and the **Grand Curtius**.

A map is available for free from the tourist information office and the collegiate churches. Throughout the year, guided tours of the collegiate churches are organised and can be reserved for groups.

www.circuitdescollegiales.be

A profusion of museums

In Liège, art has pride of place: the city has many museums to satisfy the enthusiasm, cultural curiosity and artistic inquisitiveness of each and everyone.



Already presented in the essential visits section, five major Liège museums boast remarkable collections of prestigious works and regularly propose major exhibitions:

the **Grand Curtius**, the **Museum of Walloon Life**, the **Cité Miroir**, the **Treasury of Liège** and **La Boverie**.

In addition to these five museums, Liège also possesses many museums that raise awareness of the city's long history and the wealth of its heritage.

While the **Maison de la Métallurgie** metalworks and industry museum and the **Public Transport Museum** allow a focus on the industrial revolution, the **Archeo-forum** will immerse you in the city's origins.

Inside the **Institute of Zoology**, you will find the **Maison de la Science** scientific museum and the University of Liège **Aquarium Museum**, at which you can discover the extent of the aquatic world's diversity. The **Sart Tilman Open Air Museum**, also run by the University of Liège, combines modern works, modern architecture and walks.

Lastly, Liège has several smaller museums that cover themes as varied as lighting (the **Liège Lighting Museum**), differentiated arts (**Trinkhall Museum**), local puppet theatre (**Tchantchès Museum**) and the life of composer André Grétry (**Grétry Museum**).

Due to the health crisis, the times mentioned in this brochure are likely to be modified. It is therefore necessary to check them, as well as access measures, by contacting each museum.



Le Grand Curtius

Find this museum on the 6 page



Le Musée de la Vie Wallonne

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La Cité Miroir

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Le Trésor de Liège

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La Boverie

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Archeo-forum

Evidence from more than 9,000 years ago immerses visitors in the city's origins, via an underground trail.

With prehistoric traces, the walls of a Gallo-Roman villa, the vestiges of medieval religious buildings as well as the ruins of Notre Dame & Saint Lambert Cathedral, the Archeo-forum is a place full of memory that pays witness to the city's thousand-year-old history.

www.archeoforumdeliege.be

Open from Monday to Sunday from 9.30 to 18.00, closed on Monday.

Trinkhall Museum

The Trinkhall Museum hosts the international collection of the Créahm association in the Walloon region. It brings together almost 3,000 works produced in all the workshops of the association whose aim, throughout the world, is to unveil and deploy art forms produced by artists with a mental handicap, mental illness or mental vulnerability.

www.trinkhall.museum

Open from Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 17.00. On Saturday and Sunday from 14.00 to 18.00.



University of Liège Aquarium-Museum

At the Aquarium, discover aquatic animal species from all of the world's oceans, seas and waterways. In the museum, you can admire preserved specimens, either embalmed or in skeleton form, from several continents. In the TréZOO room containing veritable gems of aquatic life, you will be able to discover specimens of great scientific, historical or artistic value.

In the new area devoted to classification of living things, come and discover the kinship relationships between animals.

www.aquarium-museum.uliege.be

Open from Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 17.00. On Saturday and Sunday from 10.00 to 18.00.



Metalworks and industry museum

Travel through four centuries of industrial adventures with gems of our heritage: the oldest preserved blast furnace in Belgium, a spectacular steam engine, the prototype of Gramme's dynamo, etc. Enter the world of a former foundry and meet Cockerill and Dony who were both symbols of the Industrial Revolution in the Liège area, to get a taste of what these transformations were like.

www.mmil.be

Open from Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 17.00. On Saturday and Sunday from 14.00 to 18.00.

Scientific museum

If you like science, if you want to introduce your children to science or if you want to illustrate your science lessons, then come and visit the Maison de la Science!

Expert scientific guides, interactive and quirky experiments, learning workshops, collections from the university's scientific heritage and much, much more awaits you!

www.maisondelascience.ulg.ac.be

From Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 12.30 and from 13.30 to 17.00. On Saturday and Sunday from 14.00 to 18.00.



The Wallonia Public Transport Museum

Come and discover horse-drawn carriages, horse-drawn and electric tramways, trolleybuses, buses, etc. Sound effects as well as interactive and audio-visual elements enhance the exhibition.

The exhibition not only looks at the past, but also presents the stakes of mobility today as well as innovative transport projects for the future.

www.musee-transports.be

From Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 17.00. On Saturday and Sunday from 14.00 to 18.00.





The Grétry Museum

The birthplace of André-Modeste Grétry (1741-1813) displays a collection of personal belongings and documents related to the master of comic opera.

www.lesmuseesdeliege.be
Open from Monday to Friday from 10.00 to 18.00.

The Liège Lighting Museum

The Liège Lighting Museum recounts the history of lighting appliances from the dawn of time to the present day.

Working lamps, pendant lights, wall lights and chandeliers show the evolution of the different ways mankind has used illumination. Philippe Deitz, the curator, has been collecting antique lighting fixtures since the age of 15 years.

www.lesmuseesdeliege.be
Open on Thursday and Friday from 10.00 to 18.00.



The Tchantchès Museum

Otherwise known as the museum of the free republic of Outremeuse, it includes outfits offered to Liège's oldest citizen, Tchantchès, and the remarkable puppet collection of Denis Bisscheroux (a sculptor and puppeteer) from the formerly imperial Royal Theatre.

www.tchantches.be
Open on Tuesday and Thursday from 14.00 to 16.00.



Sart Tilman Open Air Museum

Sculptures and murals can be found dotted around the natural site and remarkable modern architecture of the university campus.

www.museepla.uliege.be
Open every day.

Visit Pass

Thanks to the Visit Pass, for 18 euros you will be able to access 15 museums* located in Liège and the surrounding area: the Grand Curtius, La Boverie, The Ansembourg Museum, the Liège Lighting Museum, the Grétry Museum, the Treasury of Liège, the Museum of Walloon Life, the Archeo-forum, the Cité Miroir, the University of Liège Aquarium Museum, the Maison de la Science scientific museum, the Liège Maison de la Métallurgie metalworks and industry museum, the Walloon Public Transport Museum, Crystal Discovery and the Prehistomuseum.

That's not all! It also enables you to follow a guided tour of the historical centre (in peak season), take the river shuttle (in peak season) and discover the baptismal fonts in the Saint Barthélemy collegiate church, which are a veritable masterpiece of the 12th century.

As you can well imagine, the Visit Pass is the best way to visit Liège and spend less!

Price: € 18
Validity: valid for 48 hours
On sale from: the Liège tourist information office

**Depending on each museum, an extra charge may be required for temporary exhibitions.*



Attractions

Goofy – Laser game

Plunged into the dark, come and test your skills on a mini-golf course made up of glow-in-the-dark decors, a fun experience to try out with your family.

If you want more action, you can also spend your energy at the Laser Game decorated with a Star Wars theme.

Come and test your dexterity and tactical acumen. Whether a golfer or a Jedi, this is a test not to be missed!

www.goofyliege.be



Virtual reality

If you want to have fun, on your own or as part of a team, in completely crazy universes, then Liège boasts four virtual reality centres that will meet all your expectations!

The Vex, Game OVR, One Reality and The Square offer a catalogue brimming with all sorts of adventures, ideal for team building and stag or hen nights.

Finally, The Square also possesses a Goofy: an indoor mini-golf course plunged into darkness.

Liège Skating Rink

Located at the heart of the Médiacité shopping centre, the Liège Skating Rink, the only Olympic skating rink in Wallonia, is the ideal place for all ice lovers.

On its 1,800 m², come and enjoy the pleasure of ice skating alone, with your family or with friends.

The special feature of this skating rink is its wooden lounge which allows skaters to quench their thirst without having to take their skates off.

www.patinoire-liege.be



Escape Game

Have you always thought you would make a good detective?

Liège boasts seven escape games that will severely test your grey matter and deductive skills.

While Keywi will place you aboard a spacecraft, Get Out! and Evasion Room will take you back in time. As for The Right Escape, it will immerse you in a mysterious world filled with illusions. The Treasury of Liège will take you on the traces of the relics of Samael.

Lastly, the distinguishing feature of Liège Outdoor Game and Cuddy Games is that they do not shut you in a room but propose missions in the city centre of Liège.

Paintball.be

Paintball.be welcomes you to the biggest indoor paintball site in the Liège region, just several minutes from the city centre. Located in a former arena, it boasts 3,000 m² entirely dedicated to paintball.

Two magnificent installations have been created for paintball enthusiasts, making this an ideal place for enjoying time with your friends.

www.paintball.be



Totemus

Totemus treasure hunts are at the midway point between paper chases and geocaching.

Totemus combines sport, with different difficulty levels, culture – thanks to promotion of Walloon heritage and know-how (tales and legends, art, gastronomy, etc.), and adventure.

www.totemus.be



Parks and gardens

La Boverie park

Located at the confluence of the Meuse and Ourthe Rivers, the botanical parks and gardens were created during the second half of the 19th century.

It was used as the site for the universal exhibition in 1905 when the *Palais des Beaux-Arts* fine arts palace, the current La Boverie museum, was built. The cybernetic tower, the sculpture of Nicolas Schöffer (1961) and the convention centre are all listed as Belgian historical monuments.



Domain of Sart Tilman

Based around the University of Liège campus, several hectares of woods are punctuated by walking trails, cycle tracks or bridleways and are embellished with many works from the open-air museum.



The botanical gardens

This 3-hectare park, the former botanical gardens of the University of Liège, is home to approximately 400 trees and shrubs.

The now listed greenhouses were inaugurated in 1883 and are open to the public.

www.botanique.ulg.ac.be



The slopes and park of the citadel

Located on the heights of the city on the site of the former fortress, this site boasts several remarkable trees and is adjacent to the slopes of the citadel (see p.8).



The River Shuttle

Liège is often described as the daughter of the Meuse River and has developed along its banks. This means the shuttles are an excellent way to discover the city's unmissable sites and its wealth of heritage.

Two river shuttles link one side of the city to the other and allow you to enjoy Liège and its many tourist attractions in peace and quiet.

Indeed, the various river shuttle stops have been placed to make it possible for you to reach the best that Liège has to offer in just a few minutes: La Boverie, the Guillemins railway station, the historical centre, the cathedral, Place Saint Lambert, Place du Marché, the Montagne de Bueren steps, the Grand Curtius and many other sites.

In addition to being practical, it also gives you the opportunity to enjoy a cruise along the river to discover the banks of the Meuse.



www.navettefluviale.be
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Pleasures of the palate

From a cheap and cheerful snack to a luxury dish, from local specialities to the most exotic dishes, you will always find food to thrill your tastebuds in Liège.

For food lovers keen for new discoveries, try out traditional Liège culinary delights.

On the menu: Liège meatballs and chips, Liège salad, Liège fricassee, veal kidneys, Liège waffle, pèkèt gin, café liégeois, boukètes pancakes, etc.

To promote the region's leading products, there are different labels: Liège Beer Lovers' city, the Veritable Café Liégeois et the Authentic Liège Waffle.

A specific brochure is available for these products.



The Veritable Café Liégeois

This creamy, sweet and tasty dessert is without any doubt the most well-known speciality of Liège throughout the world. It is a subtle mixture of coffee's strength as well as ice cream's sweetness and is an ideal way to finish a meal in Liège.

Since its creation, or at least its name, is closely linked to the First World War, a label was created in 2014 to celebrate its centenary.



The Authentic Liège Waffle

From Paris to New York, not forgetting Japan or Canada, the Liège Waffle has satisfied food lovers from all over the world for generations.

For the question "where can you taste the best Liège waffle?", the obvious answer is "in Liège"!

In addition to being sublimely succulent, in Liège it is totally authentic.



Liège Beerlover's City

The Ardent City is brimming with taste sensations, including brewers' beverages. With breweries, specialist stores, cafés, bars, restaurants, zythology courses, etc., there is plenty to discover.

To provide guidance to beer enthusiasts, the Liège Beer Lovers' City label has set up a series of events and quality certifications for products and establishments.



Pékèt

Pékèt is the local version of juniper (grain alcohol). Whether plain or flavoured (lemon, strawberry, melon, violet, etc.), it is the traditional drink for festivities in Liège, but is also enjoyed every day in the city's many bistros.

Pékèt is also an essential ingredient of regional dishes.

Liège at night

Liège boasts an intense cultural life and can take pride in welcoming infrastructures and quality sources of entertainment.

Like everywhere in Belgium, the cultural sector in Liège has been heavily affected by the health crisis. At the time of publishing (March 2021), it is not possible to provide you with specific information.

However, despite the fact that their doors are closed, the major players on the Liège scene are attempting to set up many initiatives to ensure that the city remains an important cultural venue.

Do not hesitate to check their web sites for further information.



Opéra Royal de Wallonie

The Opéra Royal de Wallonie is a veritable cultural institution of Liège, has been completely renovated and, since September 2012, is one of the most modern opera houses in the world from a technical point of view.

It is internationally renowned for the quality of its productions and welcomes the biggest stars of the opera world: Anna Netrebko, Juan Diego Florez, Leo Nucci, Jonas Kaufmann, Olga Peretyatko, Grégory Kunde and also Ruggero Raimondi have all trod the boards of this Liège theatre.

With its youth-focused policy, the Liège opera house provides places to young people at very affordable prices, for less than the cost of a cinema ticket. If you are interested in a visit behind the scenes, the tourist information office organises guided tours.

www.operaliege.be



Liège Theatre

The Liège Theatre is one of the four Dramatic Centres in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation. It is also a European centre for theatre and choreographic creation, in view of its production and broadcast missions with a local, regional and international influence in terms of theatre and modern dance.

Each season, the institution produces forty shows, a dozen of which are first time performances. Its rich and diverse programme brings the productions of major directors and choreographers from Belgium and abroad to its stage, as well as internationally renowned comedians (Isabelle Huppert, Mélanie Laurent, Emmanuelle Béart, Toni Servillo, Denis Podalydès, among others) and emerging artists, who pay witness to the culture of today and are ambassadors for the culture of tomorrow.

www.theatredeliege.be

The Liège Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

The OPRL (Orchestre Philharmonique Royal de Liège) is the only professional symphonic orchestra in French-speaking Belgium. The orchestra performs in Liège, in the prestigious setting of the philharmonic hall built in 1887, throughout the country, as well as in Europe's major concert halls and festivals (in Amsterdam, Paris, Vienna, Spain, Switzerland, France, etc.), but also in Japan and the USA.

It is pro-active in its support for creation, promoting Franco-Belgian heritage and exploring new repertoires. Additionally, its recorded music policy boasts almost one hundred recordings, most of which have been rewarded by many prizes and international distinctions.

www.oprl.be



Liège folklore



Tchantchès, hero of puppet theatre

Tchantchès (Walloon for the French name François), a puppet and folklore character, is the personification of the stubborn, boozy and rebellious archetypal Liège inhabitant, but also wears his heart on his sleeve and is ready to fight the slightest injustice at the drop of a hat.

Tchantchès is the hero of the local puppet theatre. He addresses family audiences in an accessible mixture of French and Walloon and invites them to share in his adventures, which are most often linked to episodes in the life of Charlemagne.

The 15th of August festivities

The year's most unmissable festivity takes place in the district of Outremeuse. Over a four-day period, the district's streets and potale niches are illuminated, its thoroughfares are packed and pékèt gin flows freely.

On the programme: puppet shows, folk dances, procession of the Black Madonna, an open air mass with the sermon in Walloon, firecrackers, a procession with giant puppet parade, folkloric games, concerts, etc.

Le Carré

The reputation of this district, which is the nerve centre of nights out in Liège, needs no introduction: its renown has for a long time reached beyond the confines of the city.

With its wealth of bars and cafés, it is teeming with people in a rush to quench their thirst and have fun, driven by the desire to dance until the early hours of the morning. More than any other district of Liège, the Carré symbolises the city's festive soul, which is dear to the heart of many of its inhabitants.



Student folklore

The academic year is also punctuated by student festivities: freshers' week and year beginning inductions, Saint Nicolas in December, Saint Torê in March, etc.

Do not be surprised if, walking along a street, you come across a young person swaying along dressed in a scrawled upon, strange-smelling apron, decked out in a cap with a long peak called a *penne*.

This is the essential outfit of any decent *guindailleur* (student reveller).

Shopping and strolling

For shopaholics, the city centre and its pedestrianised streets contain all sorts of boutiques: renowned creators, young milliners, designers, delicatessens, etc. You will find everything that you are looking for and probably even something that you are not. Passage Lemonnier, the oldest covered shopping gallery in Belgium, is an essential visit.

In addition to major stores that can usually be found in major urban centres, Liège stands out thanks to an impressive concentration of designer boutiques located in its historical streets: Souverain-Pont, Neuvise and Hors-Chateau.

The shops are open from Monday to Saturday from 10.00 to 18.00.



La Batte

The La Batte market on Sunday is an institution of which the people of Liège are right to be proud. It is often said to be the biggest and oldest public market in Belgium.

Every Sunday from 8.00 to 14.30.

Saint-Pholien

According to connoisseurs, this flea market has, over time, developed into a veritable Champs-Élysées of bric-a-brac, popular not just with the inhabitants of Liège but also the citizens of the Euro-region.

It takes place every Friday from 6.00 to 13.00.

Passage Lemonnier

Passage Lemonnier, inaugurated in 1839, was the first shopping gallery created in Belgium. After a full renovation between 1934 and 1939, since when it has remained largely unaltered, it has rhymed with luxury and sophistication.

Open from Monday to Saturday from 10.00 to 18.00.

Events

Due to the health crisis, all these recurring major events have been cancelled in 2021 or postponed until later. Please visit our web site for an up-to-date diary of events.

January

Liège Festival

This festival proposes artists' powerful points of view on the crucial issues of our era via innovative performances.

www.festivaldeliege.be

April

Cité de la bière (Beer city)

In addition to 60 beers available for tasting, you can also enjoy many concerts and performances.

www.lacitedelabiere.net

Liège-Bastogne-Liège

Nicknamed *La Doyenne* (the old lady), it is one of the oldest cycling races.

www.liege-bastogne-liege.be

The Liège international detective film festival

The biggest cinematographic event in Liège.

www.fifpl.070.be

Liège jazz festival

This festival boasts an impressive range of internationally renowned artists and groups.

www.jazzalieu.be

May

Les épicuriales

The largest open-air restaurant in Liège in the La Boverie park!

www.epicuriales.be

Summer Beer Lovers' festival

This festival brings together many Belgian breweries.

www.summerbeerloversfestival.be

Beerlovers' Marathon

The Beer Lovers' Marathon (in Liège) is a 42.195 km race with a maximum time limit of 6 hours and 30 minutes.

www.beerlovermarathon.be

July

Les Ardentes hip-hop and urban music festival

Every year, this festival welcomes international stars and more than 50,000 spectators.

www.lesardentes.be

The Gaulish Village

Around a petanque pitch, forty chalets sell craft products, in a local and pleasant atmosphere.

www.enjeu.be

August

Festival de promenade (Walking festival)

Guided walks, choose your own route trails, plus activities.

www.visitezliege.be

August

The 15th of August festivities in Outremeuse

Jazz and hymns, scents of gunpowder and incense, a fun fair and street party, a Marian procession, *pékèt* gin and holy water, as well as *bouquette* pancakes.

www.visitezliege.be

Retrouvailles (reunions)

The planet of leisure, in which more than 300 associations present their activities, via stage events and performances.

www.enjeu.be

Journée du patrimoine (Heritage day)

Many buildings that are usually closed to the public propose guided tours and free activities.

www.journeesdupatrimoine.be

Sept.

The Wallonia Festival

Folk processions, gastronomic brotherhood gatherings, street theatre, the Walloon village with its regional produce and craft products, exhibitions, sports events and concerts enliven the city.

www.provincedeliege.be

BIP – Biennale de l'Image Possible (biennial of image possibilities)

More than just a photo festival, the BIP gives pride of place to the many facets of modern photography.

www.bip-liege.org

International triennial of modern engraving

This international competition introduces fifty modern engravers to the public.

www.laboverie.com

Night on the Slopes of the Citadel (first Saturday of October)

Night-time performances and magical illuminations light up the slopes of the citadel.

www.lanocturnedescoteaux.eu

October

October fair

This is the major fun fair in Liège, with its special atmosphere, odours, sparkling lights and picturesque characters.

www.foiredeliege.be

Festival d'Orgue de Liège (Liège Organ Festival)

The Liège Organ Festival was created in 1998 to promote the most beautiful organs in the Liège region.

www.festivalorgueliege.be

Nov.

The Liège international comedy film festival

Laughter is indisputably good for your health, so long live comic actors, from Louis de Funès to Benoît Poelvoorde, who provide a very pleasant therapy to undergo.

www.fifcl.be

Dec.

Liège Christmas City

At this time of the year, Liège is even more illuminated and friendly than ever, with a variety of events organised to delight children and adults alike.

www.liege.be

Liège: so near to you!

Located several kilometres from Germany, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, 2 hours from Paris and Amsterdam, Liège is at the heart of Europe.

Liège is at the crossroads of several of the most important motorways in Belgium: E25 (Luxembourg – Netherlands), E40 (Germany and Luxembourg – the North Sea), E42 (France – Netherlands) and E313 to Antwerp.

Thanks to the majestic Guillemins railway station, an international hub and a destination for several high-speed rail lines, it is especially easy to get to Liège from other major European cities, not forgetting that the station is a tourist attraction in itself, due to the incredible architectural prowess achieved in its design and construction.

Several kilometres from the city centre, Liège international airport links the city to all of Europe.

Lastly, thanks to its marina, every year Liège welcomes hundreds of travellers delighted to discover navigation on the Meuse River.



Getting around Liège

On arrival in Liège, tourists have plenty of possibilities for travelling around the city. A city pass jointly proposed by the SNCB (train) and TEC (bus) makes it possible to link the city centre to surrounding municipalities and to travel between the various stations and bus stops.

In the heart of Liège, two bus lines provide links to the main tourist zones. Line 1 crosses the city from north to south, whilst the circular route of line 4 links the two banks of the river.

It is also possible to get around by bicycle. Bikes can be hired from the tourist information office as well as certain hotels. Furthermore, the SNCB's Blue Bike system is available at the Guillemins railway station if you register. The river shuttle (p. 29) is also an excellent way of travelling through the city.



By train

Liège-Guillemins HSR station
To reach the city centre from railway station, take bus No. 1 or No. 4.



By plane

Liège-Bierset airport.
To reach the city centre from the airport, take bus No. 53 and 57.

The tourist information office

The tourist information office is located in the former meat market building called the "Halle aux Viandes".



If you want tourist information, then visit the office's web site, www.visitze liege.be

Or on the main social networks, Facebook and Instagram, with the handle @visitliege

Built in 1546, the hall is one of the oldest civil buildings in the city. It was built for the butchers' corporation known in Liège as Les Mangons. Their coat of arms is visible above each entry.

The interior, with its 16th century roof beams and columns, is worth the detour. After renovation in the 1990s, it was used as an exhibition hall before welcoming the tourist information office in May 2016.

The tourist information office, open every day of the week, welcomes tourists from 9.00 to 17.00.

Multilingual staff are on hand to advise visitors and inform them of the main attractions and events taking place during their stay.

The tourist information office also has a souvenir shop and free Wi-Fi.

The tram is coming

Trams are an ecological, modern, quick and reliable form of public transport. More importantly, they let the city breathe. As in many cities in Europe and elsewhere, urban life is acquiring greater space. Pedestrians and cyclists can thus draw greater enjoyment out of the new revamped public spaces.

However, a project of such scale within a limited time framework inevitably creates inconveniences and disruptions regarding mobility. We trust that you will not hold this against us.



By boat

Each year the marina welcomes several hundred pleasure boats for a stopover in the Ardent City.



By car

The city possesses plenty of car parks, see page 43.

Accommodation

Hotels

Amosa ★★★★★

Rue Saint-Denis, 4-6 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 331 93 36
www.amosaliege.be

Pentahotel Liège ★★★★★

Bd de la Sauvenière, 100 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 221 77 11
www.pentahotels.com

Mercure Liège city center ★★★★★

Quai Saint-Léonard, 36 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 228 81 11
www.ramadaplaza-liege.com

Van der Valk hotel Séllys Liège ★★★★★

Mont Saint-Martin 9-11 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32(0)4 222 94 94
www.hotelselys.be

Van der Valk congrès hotel Liège ★★★★★

Esplanade de l'Europe, 2 – 4020 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 244 12 00
www.congreshotelliege.be

Campanile ★★★

Rue Jules de Laminne, 18 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 224 02 72
www.liege.campanile.com

Couronne ★★★

Place des Guillemins, 11 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 340 30 00
www.hoteldelacouronne.be

Cygne d'argent ★★★

Rue Beeckman, 49 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 223 70 01
www.cygnedargent.be

Hors Château ★★★

Impasse des Drapiers, 2 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 250 60 68
+32 (0)496 54 00 64
www.hors-chateau.be

Auberge de jeunesse Georges Simenon

Rue Georges Simenon, 2
4020 Liège (Outremeuse)
Tél. +32 (0)4 344 56 89
www.laj.be

IBIS Styles Liège Guillemins ★★★

Rue des Guillemins, 135 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 221 69 00
www.ibishotel.com

IBIS centre Opéra ★★★

Place de la République française, 41
4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 230 33 33
www.ibishotel.com

Neuvicé ★★★

En Neuvicé, 45 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 375 97 40
www.hotelneuvicé.be

Univers ★★★

Rue des Guillemins, 116 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 254 55 55
www.univershotel.be

Acteurs ★★

Rue des Urbanistes, 10 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 223 00 80
www.lesacteurs.be

IBIS Budget ★

Rue de l'Arbre Courte-Joie, 380
4000 Liège-Rocourt
Tél. +32 (0)4 247 03 13
www.etapehotel.com

Première classe ★

Rue de l'Arbre Courte-Joie, 330
4000 Liège-Rocourt
Tél. +32 (0)4 247 47 51
www.liege.premiereclasse.com

Bed & breakfast

Au jardin calme 🌿🌿🌿

Rue Haute-Wez, 43 – 4030 Grivegnée
Tél. +32 (0)4 343 38 60 – +32 (0)494 10 65 31
leonardmonique.wix.com/aujardincalme
leonard.monique@gmail.com

Bienvenue au 31 🌿🌿🌿

Rue de la Faille, 31 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)486 15 32 74
bienvenueau31.wixsite.com/liege
bienvenueau31liege@gmail.com

Chez Mamy

Rue de la Boucherie, 7 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)476 83 67 68
chezmamy.be – chezmamy@chezmamy.be

Chez Marie 🌿🌿🌿

Rue des Glacis, 233 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 226 33 06 – +32 (0)496 10 17 76
www.chezmarie-liege.blogspot.be
info.chezmarie@gmail.com

Dormir en altitude 🌿🌿

Montagne de Bueren, 33 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)474 28 37 82
www.montagnedebueren.be
dormir@montagnedebueren.be

Le Fourchu Fosse

Boulevard Émile-de-Laveleye, 19
4020 Liège
www.lefourchufosse.be

Les Houblonnières 🌿🌿🌿

Rue des Houblonnières, 6 – 4020 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)478 75 97 62
www.leshoublonnieres.be
info@leshoublonnieres.be

Matin Tranquille 🌿🌿🌿

Rue Auguste-Donnay, 74 – 4000 Liège
www.matintranquille.be
marlene@matintranquille.be

N°5 – Bed & Breakfast 🌿🌿🌿

Place Saint-Barthélemy, 5 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 250 36 02
+32 (0)494 30 58 73
www.n5bednbreakfast.be
denise.pitz@n5bednbreakfast.be

Red & Breakfast 🌿🌿🌿

Rue Bassenge, 45 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)478 38 54 71
www.redandbreakfast.be
info@redandbreakfast.be

The Street Lodge

Rue Dartois, 17A – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)494 54 35 59
www.thestreetlodge.be
info@beautiful-lodge.be

Villa Thibault 🌿🌿🌿

Rue Hullos, 5 – 4000 Liège
Tél +32 (0)4 224 13 11
www.maisondhote.com/fr/villa-thibault-760

W'allons nous dormir 🌿🌿🌿

Rue des Wallons, 228 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 252 16 65
+32 (0)497 57 45 24
www.wallonsnousdormir.be
v.detienne@wallonsnousdormir.be

Urban rentals

Le chat maudit de Maryse 🌿🌿🌿

Rue du Palais, 18 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)494 68 26 54
+32 (0)472 70 11 04
www.lechatmauditdemaryse.be
contact@lechatmauditdemaryse

Chez Josette et Jacqueline 🌿🌿🌿

Rue d'Awans, 25 – 4000 Liège
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josetteandjacqueline.wordpress.com
veroniqueparisliege@gmail.com

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Rue Bassenge, 45 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)478 38 54 71
www.redandbreakfast.be
info@redandbreakfast.be

Gîte des Coteaux

Rue Pierreuse, 146 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)486 61 87 71
www.gitedescoteaux.be

Useful addresses

Accident & Emergency department 112

Hôtel de Police

Rue Natalis, 60/64 – 4020 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 340 80 00
www.policeliège.be

Lost property office

Place Saint-Michel, 56 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 222 16 22
www.objetstrouvesliege.be

Duty doctors (City of Liège)

Tél. +32 (0)4 341 33 33
www.poste-medical-liege-glamo.be

Duty chemists

Tél. +32 (0) 903 99 000
www.pharmacie.be

Anti-poison centre

Tél. +32 (0) 70 245 245
www.centreantipoisons.be

Liège Airport

Rue Diérain Patar – 4460 Bierset
Tél. +32 (0)4 234 84 11
www.liegeairport.com

Gare Liège-Guillemins

Gare Liège-Saint-Lambert
Tél. +32 (0)4 528 28 28
www.belgianrail.be

Self TEC Liège (Buses)

Place Saint-Lambert, 1/5 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 361 91 49
www.infotec.be

Palais des Congrès

Esplanade de l'Europe, 2 – 4020 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 340 38 88
www.palaisdescongresliege.be

Centre J (Youth information)

Boulevard d'Avroy, 5 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 223 00 00
www.bpost.be

La Poste

Place du Marché, 32 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 201 23 45
www.bpost.be

Liège Marina

Boulevard Frères-Orban – 4000 Liège
+32 (0)4 223 14 04
www.portdeliege.be

Université de Liège

Place du 20 Août, 7 – 4000 Liège
Tél. +32 (0)4 366 21 11
www.ulg.ac.be

Maison Arc-En-Ciel Liège

Rue Hors-Château, 7 – 4000 Liège
Tél. : +32 4 223 65 89

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La Batte - 4000
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Quai de la Goffe, 13 - 4000
- P₃** Parking Saint-Lambert
Place Saint-Lambert - 4000
- P₄** Parking Saint-Denis
Place Saint-Denis, 1 - 4000
- P₅** Parking Opéra
Rue Georges-Clémenceau, 1 - 4000
- P₆** Parking Saint-Lambert
Rue de Bruxelles - 4000
- P₇** Parking Cadran Saint-Hubert
Square Léon-Léonard - 4000
- P₈** Parking Cadran Bons-Enfants
Rue des Bons-Enfants - 4000
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Bld de la Sauvenière, 55 - 4000
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Passage Charles-Bury - 4000

- P₁₂** Parking Cathédrale
Place de la Cathédrale - 4000
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Rue Sur-la-Fontaine, 96 - 4000
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Rue des Prémontrés, 2 - 4000
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Rue Méan, 24 - 4020

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- Parking Guillemins P1**
Rue Serrurier-Bovy - 4000
- Parking Guillemins P2**
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