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**LIÈGE**



# LIEGE



## LIEGE, A CITY, A SPIRIT ...

As the most important tourist city in Wallonia, Liege has innumerable riches in store waiting to be discovered. The characteristic districts, the river Meuse, which transects from South to North, the abrupt and wooded hills surrounding it as well as its marked relief, providing a multitude of original perspectives give the city an exceptional charm. A vigorous cultural and artistic life and a considerable architectural heritage combine to make this an essential part of any trip to Belgium.



## THE MUST-SEES

### THE HISTORICAL HEART

Set out on a discovery of the historical Hors-Château – Féronstrée area, which boasts a series of old buildings and prestigious museums. The commercial area takes on a lively and international flavour with its La Batte market on Sundays and its antique quarter.

**Must-sees:** the Place Saint-Lambert, the Palace of the Prince-Bishops, the Place du Marché, the Perron monument and the town hall, the Saint-Antoine courtyard, the side streets and more...



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## **GRAND CURTIUS MUSEUM**

Major art and history museum complex, bringing together collections of weaponry, glass, archaeology, decorative art, religious and Mosan art.

[www.grandcurtiusliege.be](http://www.grandcurtiusliege.be)



## **ARCHEOFORUM**

The basement of the square contains the vestiges still in place of the oldest occupations of the city: prehistoric traces, walls of a Gallo-Roman villa, remains of medieval buildings including vestiges of the Romanesque and Gothic cathedrals ....

[www.archeoforumdeliege.be](http://www.archeoforumdeliege.be)



## **BAPTISMAL FONT OF THE SAINT-BARTHELEMY CHURCH**

Masterpiece of goldsmithing of the early 12th century. By the high quality of its reliefs and its execution, it is considered to be one of the seven artistic wonders of Belgium.

[www.st-barthelemy.be](http://www.st-barthelemy.be)



## **MUSEUM OF WALLOON LIFE (MUSÉE DE LA VIE WALLONNE)**

Lifestyle, beliefs and trades in Wallonia (French-speaking part of Belgium) from the 19th and 20th centuries.

[www.viewallonne.be](http://www.viewallonne.be)



### **ANSEMBOURG MUSEUM**

Mansion of the 18th century testifying of the refined art of living of the time in Liege, by a suggestive set of architecture and decorative arts.

[www.lesmuseesdeliege.be](http://www.lesmuseesdeliege.be)



### **MULUM - LIGHTING MUSEUM**

History of lighting from prehistory to the present day.

[www.lesmuseesdeliege.be](http://www.lesmuseesdeliege.be)

### **THE HILLSIDE OF THE CITADEL NATURE AT THE HEART OF THE CITY**

The hillside of the citadel is a popular spot classed 3 stars in the famous Michelin Green Guide. Having wandered through streets bathed in history, you will find yourself trule behind the city scenes, traversing a labyrinth of courtyards, steps, alleys, gardens and meadows.



### **LA BATTE**

Large market (2 km) on Sunday mornings held on the banks of the river Meuse. It is one of the oldest and largest in Belgium.

Every Sunday 8 am - 2 pm



## THE CATHEDRAL DISTRICT

The city centre is the true heartbeat of Liege. Shopping addicts and food-lovers will be in their element. An ideal place for pedestrians to take a stroll.



### SAINT-PAUL CATHEDRAL AND TREASURY

Integrated in the cloistered annexes, this museum presents an exceptional course through the art and history of the ancient principality of Liege. – [www.tresordeliege.be](http://www.tresordeliege.be)



### CHURCH SAINT-JACQUES

This Gothic-style building was thoroughly renovated from 1514 to 1538 and only the Romanesque building (12th century) was preserved. In 1558 a porch was added in Renaissance style. One of the most beautiful churches in Belgium.

### CITÉ MIROIR

The former Sauvenière Baths become La Cité Miroir. An exceptional place dedicated to education and culture. Live events, performances, debates, exhibitions, conferences, educational courses.

[www.citemiroir.be](http://www.citemiroir.be)



## THE GUILLEMINS RAILWAY STATION

This work of the great Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava was open in 2009. Strong architectural symbol, it is one of the most beautiful railway stations in Europe..



## OUTREMEUSE ISLAND

Just cross the river Meuse and you're in Outremeuse district (beyond the Meuse river). This is the true land of folklore so beautifully described by Georges Simenon. This is a neighbourhood typical of Liege with its winding alleys decorated with potales (little chapels dedicated to the Virgin Mary).



## **LA BOVERIE - FINE ARTS & EXHIBITIONS**

The park of la Boverie, located between the Meuse and the «Dérivation» canal, is a place for family leisure, open to all and open to the world. The rose garden, the Nicolas Schöffner Tower, a new footbridge, make it a lovely place for leisure. The building which was constructed in the framework of the 1905 World Expo has become “La Boverie”, the cultural masterpiece of the park  
[www.laboverie.com](http://www.laboverie.com)



## **AQUARIUM – MUSÉUM**

Approximately 200 species of ocean, sea, lake and river fishes from around the world populate the 50 pools of the Aquarium and stuffed animals from every continent are exhibited at the muséum. – [www.aquarium-museum.be](http://www.aquarium-museum.be)

## **GRÉTRY MUSEUM**

Birthplace of the musician. Paintings, sculptures, engravings, scores, instruments and documents relating to the artist.

[www.lesmuseesdeliege.be](http://www.lesmuseesdeliege.be)

## **TCHANTCHÈS PUPPET MUSEUM**

Tchantchès, the oldest and most legendary citizen of Liege, invites you to visit his 374-costumes wardrobe.  
[www.tchantches.eu](http://www.tchantches.eu)



## LIEGE BY NIGHT

With its bustling cultural life, Liège can be proud of its hospitality and its top entertainment.



- Opéra royal de Wallonie – [www.operaliege.be](http://www.operaliege.be)
- Orchestre philharmonique royal de Liège – [www.oprl.be](http://www.oprl.be)
- Le Forum – [www.leforum.be](http://www.leforum.be)
- Théâtre de Liège – [www.theatredeliege.be](http://www.theatredeliege.be)
- Cinemas, including 8 art-houses and experimental theatres – [www.grignoux.be](http://www.grignoux.be)
- Numerous theatres.

The Carré district is an original concept not to be missed: a set of very busy pedestrian streets where there is also a concentration of dozens of cafés, pubs and restaurants...



Liège is also the beerlovers' city. A brewery, specialty shops, bars and events welcome you under one label...

[www.liegebeerloverscity.be](http://www.liegebeerloverscity.be)





## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

### **SAINT-PHOLIEN FLEA MARKET**

EVERY FRIDAY (7 am to midday)

Boulevard de la Constitution (Outremeuse district)

### **FESTIVAL OF LIEGE**

JANUARY (uneven years)

Theatre – danse – music – [www.festivaldeliege.be](http://www.festivaldeliege.be)

### **INTERNATIONAL BIENNAL OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND VISUAL ARTS**

FEBRUARY (even years)

### **INTERNATIONAL BIENNAL OF CONTEMPORARY ENGRAVING**

MARCH (uneven years)

### **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF DETECTIVE FILMS**

APRIL – [www.festivaliege.be](http://www.festivaliege.be)

### **MITHRA JAZZ FESTIVAL – MAY**

An impressive range of artists and groups with an international repute. – [www.jazzaliege.be](http://www.jazzaliege.be)

### **LES ÉPICURIALES – PENTECOST WEEKEND**

The largest open air restaurant in Liege !

[www.epicuriales.be](http://www.epicuriales.be)

### **SUMMER BEER LOVERS' FESTIVAL – PENTECOST WEEKEND**

For three days Liege is the capital of the Walloon beers! On the Place Saint-Lambert, craft breweries make you appreciate their expertise and the fruits of their labor!

<http://summerbeerloversfestival.be/>

### **LES ARDENTES – JULY**

During four days, international and Belgian artists propose concerts with a great diversity: rock, electro, hip-hop, house, techno, drum'n'bass, soul, chanson française, folk, pop, etc. [www.lesardentes.be](http://www.lesardentes.be)

### **FESTIVAL OF THE 14TH JULY**

Due to cultural ties, Liege also celebrates the French national day. Popular dances, Gallic market and fireworks enliven the streets of the former principality.

[www.amitiesfrançaises.be](http://www.amitiesfrançaises.be)



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**OUTREMEUSE FESTIVAL – AUGUST 13 - 16**

A must-see, with its flea market, puppet shows, folk dancing, parade, its mass in the Walloon language, the “tirs de campes” (ground fireworks), the procession with fanfares and giants, a series of popular games, concerts and various other activities. [www.tchantches.eu](http://www.tchantches.eu)

**HERITAGE DAYS – SECOND WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER**

Many buildings that are not normally open to the public offer guided tours and free events. – [www.journeesdupatrimoine.be](http://www.journeesdupatrimoine.be)

**WALLONIA FESTIVAL – THIRD WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER**

Folklore processions, gatherings of gastronomic associations, street shows, the “Walloon village” combining local produces and crafts, exhibitions, sporting events, concerts... make the city come alive.

[www.provincedeliege.be/fetesdewallonie](http://www.provincedeliege.be/fetesdewallonie)

**NIGHT OF THE CITADEL HILLSIDE**

FIRST SATURDAY IN OCTOBER

On the hillside of the Citadel, bathed in magical, warm illuminations, the public can walk a circuit marked out by numerous animations. – [www.lanocturnedescoteaux.eu](http://www.lanocturnedescoteaux.eu)

**LIEGE FUNFAIR**

FROM THE FIRST WEEK-END IN OCTOBER TO 11 NOVEMBER

The October funfair, with its special ambiance, its perfumes, its sparkling lights, its picturesque characters, is a part of everyone’s subconscious in Liege. – [www.visitezliege.be](http://www.visitezliege.be)

**RECIPROCITY DESIGN LIEGE – NOVEMBER 2018 (triennial)**

Exhibitions and events (colloquia, thematic days, store visits, etc.) in various locations: museums, galleries or alternative locations. [www.designliege.be](http://www.designliege.be)

**LIEGE ORGAN FESTIVAL – FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER**

Every year the most famous organists are invited during the autumn to bring a mostly baroque repertoire. – [www.msj.be](http://www.msj.be)

**INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION COMEDY FILM FESTIVAL OF LIEGE – NOVEMBER**

[www.fifcl.be](http://www.fifcl.be)



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## LIEGE - CHRISTMAS CITY - DECEMBER

A real village recreates the Christmas atmosphere around many wooden chalets throughout the city center. It is the biggest Christmas market through Belgium.

- outdoor skating rink on the Place de la Cathédrale.
- toboggan run on Place Saint-Lambert
- sound and light show at the Cathedral Saint Paul
- European Circus Festival in the park d'Avroy
- many other events ...

[www.visitezliege.be](http://www.visitezliege.be) - [www.villagedenoel.be](http://www.villagedenoel.be)



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