



Ghent

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Ghent is a compact, authentic city where the past and present co-exist in perfect balance. Walking through the city is like travelling through time: you turn the corner and just like that, you go from the fourteenth century to the twenty-first. In Ghent pounds the young heart of a cultural city filled with music, theatre, film and visual arts. Because of its central location in Flanders, Ghent is an ideal operating base to visit the Flemish Art Cities. Ghent is ready to welcome you with open arms!

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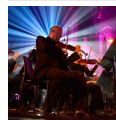
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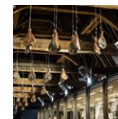
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Vibrant Ghent is well worth a weekend trip. It's ideal for a last-minute city trip as well. Quirky Ghent offers a fascinating cultural cocktail brimming with trendy, modern urban life. Ghent is a city where people enjoy life: a chilled-out place where anything goes and a city that feels human. Its friendly, welcoming people love the good life.

Don't miss the chance to admire the world-famous masterpiece—the Mystic Lamb by the Van Eyck brothers—during your weekend trip.

TOP 10 TIPS

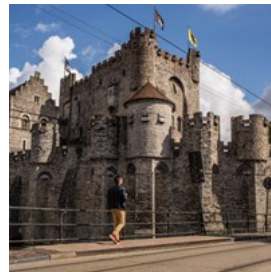


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Ghent has to be not just seen but experienced. Take your time, get lost in the historic centre, explore the museums, enjoy our culinary talent and throw yourself into the bustling nightlife.

Below are 10 tips on what to see and do. But this is just the beginning, discovering Ghent means this and so much more!

The Castle of the Counts



A weekend trip to Ghent is simply not complete without a visit to the mysterious 'Castle of the Counts'. This important sight in Ghent is a castle

with a very turbulent past, closely intertwined with the complex—often stormy—political and social history of the city. It is the only remaining mediaeval castle with a moat and largely intact defence system in Flanders. Your visit to the Castle of the Counts will give you a complete picture of heraldic culture in the 12th century. The gatehouse, ramparts, keep, count's residence and stables are open to visitors.

Be sure to go up the long spiral staircase to the museum of torture devices on the top floor of the Castle of the Counts. Here, you will find a unique collection of instruments for torture and coercion, as well as a collection of weapons. The Castle of the Counts also hosts all kinds of cultural activities, events and activities, for example during the Ghent Festivities. It is also a popular place to get married for Ghent's locals.

Let's not forget the time the Castle of the Counts was occupied by protesting students in 1949! Explore the castle during your weekend trip in Ghent and find out all about the 'Battle of the Castle of the Counts'.

The keep, symbol of the Counts' power
Go back in time inside this majestic fortress. Its history goes back to the time of the Roman occupation, when there was already a settlement

on a sand bank by the River Lys. After a brief period of Viking plundering, the Counts of Flanders converted the earlier wooden constructions into a keep (living quarters) in the Middle Ages, with ramparts built entirely of stone, replete with 24 towers. The imposing building with its military architecture was a symbol of the Counts' power in the turbulent city of Ghent.

Do you want to dig deep into the history of Ghent? This is where you need to be. Ghent, full of charming history and modern vibrancy.

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The Mystic Lamb: supreme divine art



The Mystic Lamb, or 'The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb' by the Van Eyck brothers, completed in 1432, is recognised worldwide as a great

work of art, and one of the most influential paintings ever made. It is an absolute must-see on your weekend break to Ghent. A total of 18 panels form a magical evocation of scenes from the Bible, as well as a portrait of the church warden, Joos Vijd, who commissioned the altarpiece, and his wife Elisabeth Borluut.

The monumental Mystic Lamb was painted on oak panels covered in thin layers of a mixture of chalk and animal glue. The figures were applied in several layers of oil paint. The combination of the painstaking work and transparent paint creates an extra dimension. Discover it for yourself as you stand in front of this masterpiece.

You will see that an inner glow seems to radiate from the painting: the light of the divine.

Hubert van Eyck painted part of the Ghent Altarpiece that includes the Mystic Lamb, but was never able to finish it. His younger brother Jan, an absolute master of the art of painting, is said to have finished this masterpiece a few years after Hubert's death.

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Vegetarian restaurants



Ghent is a paradise for veggie lovers. Since, proportionally, our city has more vegetarian restaurants than say Paris or London, we can call ourselves the veggie capital of Europe. A title we should be proud of!

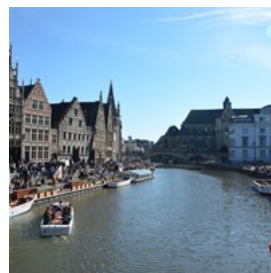
Discover our veggie restaurants.

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History on the Graslei and Korenlei



Ships have been docking here since the 11th century and Ghent wouldn't have it any other way. It is like the song of the Lorelei. The beauty of the Graslei in Ghent brings everyone and everything to a standstill. This is the place where beautiful façades are reflected in the River Lys.

Tourists and residents alike relax on either side of the water, whether dangling their legs over the quay, or sitting comfortably at a café terrace.

Lovely Grasbrug

This bridge is positively poetic. And it's every Ghent native's pride. On your visit to Ghent, it would be a sin to miss this little bridge just around the corner from the Korenmarkt. Cross the river at the Grasbrug and soak in the scenery. There are still boats moored at the quays today. Even better, nowadays you can take a boat ride yourself! There's nothing that will immerse you more in the history of Ghent.

Façades on the Graslei

The houses by the water live and breathe history. The Cooremetershuys is now an accessory store. In the Middle Ages, however, the official corn measurer presided over the grain trade there. Have a good look at the completely restored façade of the Guild House of the Free Sailors as well. A lot of money has been invested in this building over the centuries, and it shows! The stately stepped gable from the old corn store has been watching over the town since the 13th century.

The corn store—also known as 't spijker—has been redefined. It's come a long way from those old sacks of grain. Of course you don't have to push the boat out quite that far. You can also try a cosy brasserie on the Graslei or Korenlei. Or why not just buy finger food and sit down on the quayside! Because sometimes, appreciating the little things is the most romantic.

Aperitif in the sun

Tempted by all those café terraces? There is nothing more blissful than enjoying an aperitif—or two—by the waterside. When the sun

is shining, this is a delightful spot to hang out ensconced by beautiful old buildings. Enjoying the first warmth of a spring day with a chilled white wine, putting the world to rights...but anyway, we digress.

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Address: Graslei, 9000 Gent, Belgium

Opening hours: 24/7

Tickets: Free

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Old St Elizabeth Beguinage



The beguinages of Flanders and the Netherlands are always oases of calm and stillness, where you might still expect to see an old beguine mumbling her prayers in a doorway. Two of Ghent's three beguinages have been included on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Although the Old St Elizabeth Beguinage, in Begijnhofdries in Ghent, is no longer enclosed by a wall, making it simply part of the city, it still has a unique atmosphere. Today the Old St Elizabeth Beguinage is known as 'holy corner', a place of religious tolerance, because it has no less than three different churches: one is Roman Catholic, one is Orthodox and the other is Protestant.

From bleachfield to orchard

This open beguinage grew into something of a 'beguine city' in the 13th century, with a church, the 'Grootjuffer's House', an infirmary, a chapel, more than a hundred houses for beguines, a bleachfield (a field where linen was laid out to bleach) and an orchard. After the French

Revolution, with increasing industrialisation, the inhabitants moved to their new beguinage in Sint-Amandsberg in 1873.

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Ghent Belfry, world heritage



Look up at the magical city skyline for a moment during your weekend trip in Ghent: you can't miss it. The Belfry is the middle tower in the

famous row of three, between St Bavo's Cathedral and St Nicholas' Church. A fiery dragon, the proud symbol and mascot of Ghent, guards the historic heart of the city.

The Ghent Belfry symbolises the city's prosperity and independence. The Cloth Hall, built onto the Belfry, was completed in 1907. The flamboyant Brabant Gothic style of the Cloth Hall is an ode to the industry to which Ghent owes so much. On the corner of the Cloth Hall is an old jailer's house.

The Ghent Belfry, a recognised UNESCO World Heritage, is well worth a visit. In 1402, it was the place where city privileges were kept: in a chest, locked up in the Belfry safe. The dragon, which has been up on the tower since 1377, kept an eye on the city as well as being the symbolic guardian of the belfry. The Belfry also proudly carried the alarm bell, the 'Great Triumphant'. Today you will find this bell, nicknamed 'Roland' by the people of Ghent, not far from the Belfort on Emile Braunplein.

Until 1442, St Nicholas' Church was the main watchtower. In 1442, the watchmen in the tower moved across to the newly completed Belfry. Along with the bell ringers, these watchmen, or the corps of 'men who guard the city', served until 1869. Fire was a particular danger in Ghent.

The Belfry tower is an absolute must-see! Climb the stairs, listen to the chiming sound of the carillon and enjoy the view of the vibrant city of Ghent. There is a lift from the first floor. The stunning view over Ghent is bound to enchant you. However, the Belfry is not accessible to visitors with reduced mobility.

The Mammelokker, a legend behind bars
In 1741, a building was erected between the Belfry and the Cloth Hall, which served as the entrance to the city jail. You will see a relief sculpture above the entrance. The sculpture tells an old Roman legend of a man, Cimon, who was sentenced to death by starvation. He survived his sentence because his daughter visited every day and breastfed him. 'Mamme' means 'breast' and 'lokken' means 'suck' in an old Ghent dialect.

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St Michael's Bridge, romantic Ghent



St Michael's Bridge is the place for romantic hearts. Grab your smartphone and take some spectacular selfies. Wherever you look, there

is a breathtaking view: you are surrounded by 360 degrees of Ghent's charming beauty. Get an extra-special fairy-tale view of the heart of Ghent at twilight, when all the historic sights are gorgeously illuminated.

In short, St Michael's Bridge is where you will find out what makes the people of Ghent and everyone who has been here love Ghent so much.

Experience a moment to remember on St Michael's Bridge during your weekend in Ghent. Pause here to enjoy the picture-postcard views: the Graslei and Korenlei with the Old Fish Market, the Castle of the Counts in the distance, St Michael's Church, the back of Het Pand and, of course, all three of Ghent's famous towers in a row. It is only from this bridge that you can capture all three of them in one single picture.

St Michael's Bridge used to be a flat turntable bridge, but it was replaced by stone arches at the beginning of the 20th century. In the middle of the bridge is a beautiful central lantern with a bronze statue of St Michael. Cameras at the ready!

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Opening hours: 24/7

Tickets: Free

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St Bavo's Cathedral: majestic tower



This magnificent sight on Sint-Baafsplein in Ghent is a proud old lady: don't just walk past her on your city trip. St Bavo's Cathedral is the oldest

parish church in the lively heart of Ghent. It stands on the site of a 10th century church and a 12th century Romanesque church. The latter was dedicated to St John the Baptist. In the Middle Ages, Ghent was a rich and powerful city that had the means to commission ever-larger and more opulent churches. So the Church of St John the Baptist was converted during the 15th and 16th centuries into the imposing Gothic St Bavo's Cathedral.

Looking for a weekend getaway that is just that little bit different? Do you like to explore off the beaten track? Welcome to Ghent, the city of rebels! St Bavo's Cathedral literally carries Ghent's rebellious history in its very stones. In the crypt, the Romanesque style can still be seen in the central nave. In the 15th century, it was decided that the Romanesque structure would be replaced with a larger Gothic church that was completed in 1559. In 1540, the church became the seat of the Chapter of St Bavo, and St Bavo became the patron saint of the church. Later, in 1559, the church was converted into the cathedral of the Bishops of Ghent.

St Bavo's Cathedral has a rich history and it is also filled with art treasures that make many an art-lover's mouth water: from the baroque high altar in white, black and red flamed marble, the Rococo pulpit in oak, gilded wood and marble, to a masterpiece by Rubens: Saint Bavo enters the Convent at Ghent, and the Calvary Triptych by Justus van Gent, the Gothic chandelier/sanctuary lamp, the opulent tombs of the Bishops of Ghent - and of course the world-famous Mystic Lamb.

Admire the divine glow of 'The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb' by the Van Eyck brothers in St Bavo's Cathedral. Read all about this famous work by the Flemish Primitives. Do you want to

visit the Mystic Lamb? Find out the opening hours of the chapel where the Mystic Lamb is on display at St Bavo's Cathedral.

'Festive' view of the city of Ghent

You can only go up the tower of St Bavo's Cathedral during the Ghent Festivities. Negotiate the stairs and enjoy the magnificent view of this unique party for the people in the heart of Ghent. At other times of the year, you can enjoy the most beautiful view of Ghent from directly beneath the golden dragon, Ghent's mascot, on the Belfry tower opposite. From there you can continue exploring the heart of Ghent. Anything goes.

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Magical Ghent in the evening



As evening falls, the daylight in Ghent does not simply make way for the streetlights. There is light art to enjoy as well. Streets, squares and

buildings are covered in an artistic light display. It is almost as though the city were getting dressed up for the theatre. The effect is awe-inspiring. Discover Ghent Alight and immerse yourself in this de-light-ful evening experience!

The Ghent Light Plan was first designed in 1998. The idea was to provide sustainable lighting for the city without wasting energy. But at the same time, it has transformed the centre of Ghent into a magical nocturnal landscape of light and

shadow. Architectural accents, streets, monuments and squares are lit up to display them at their best. Ghent is a leading light in combining environmentally conscious lighting with beauty. Let the play of atmospheric lights spark your imagination. Rediscover the city by night in a whole different way. The city has received many prizes and international acclaim for its pioneering role in integrated city lighting and illumination.

Would you like a sparkling tour of Ghent's most beautiful illuminated buildings and squares? Follow the light walk and discover it for yourself! Start at the Kouter for a walk of approximately three miles. The walk takes you past all the highlights of the Ghent illuminations. You will need about two hours to complete the entire walk. It's best not to start too late, because at the stroke of midnight, the atmospheric lighting is replaced by ordinary streetlights. Plan your walk with one of the guides. Or explore for yourself!

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Flea market at Bij Sint-Jacobs



A square steeped in folklore. Whether you visit during the Ghent Festivities in the summer or come to the weekly flea market, there is always something going on here. It is a real hotspot for bargain hunters at the weekend. And in mid-July, it is the epicentre of the Festivities with a capital F. The main stage at St James' Church gets the whole city rocking!

Ghent Festivities

Sint-Jacobs, the popular square around the stately St James' Church, has been the centre of the Ghent Festivities for decades. This was where the festivities were given a new lease of life in 1969 at Café Trefpunt, by the folk singer Walter De Buck. An old Ghent tradition was reborn. What started out as a small affair among artists around St James' has grown into an event that takes over the entire city centre, thanks to support from Ghent city council. The ten-day, non-stop party is packed with folklore, street theatre, puppet shows, and music, and has now grown into one of the biggest street parties in Europe!

Before and after the Ghent Festivities, the local atmosphere is never far away at Bij Sint-Jacobs. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning, this lively square is taken over by trinkets, baubles, small antiques and old junk. The flea market is a real Ghent tradition. And the market is so firmly rooted in Ghent culture that a whole host of vintage and curiosity shops have moved into the streets around the Romanesque church of St James, beside the famous antiques gallery, Gallery St-John. Bij Sint-Jacobs is the absolute place to be for collectors!

The mighty St James' Church stands in the middle of the square. A rough, Romanesque fortress of God. Its imposing architecture, dating back to the 12th century, may be the reason that this old church is still standing. It has survived desecrations and an iconoclasm. It has been damaged, scarred and then repaired, restored and extended time and again. That has led to an interesting mixture of styles. The architecture is Romanesque with Gothic and Baroque elements. It is a genuinely remarkable piece of religious

architecture.

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SEE & DO



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The vibrant city of Ghent is more than worth a weekend trip. Ghent offers you a quirky, fascinating cultural cocktail brimming with rich history, culture and a trendy city vibe. Ghent is a chilled-out city where anything goes: a city break on a human scale. Take a look at all the sights in the vibrant city of Ghent. There are so many must-see attractions to visit on your holiday.

You'll be spoilt for choice in Ghent! Choose. Do.

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Ghent city walk, quirky charm



Start your city break by visiting the heart of Ghent: the historic centre. This city walk takes about two hours.

Absorb the mystery:

follow your guide to the Castle of the Counts, the Graslei and Korenlei and Ghent's famous Three Towers. Let your eyes drink in the modern architecture of the City Pavilion and the rustic charm of the Patershol, an old neighbourhood with mediaeval streets full of restaurants. Join the sociable Ghent residents and enjoy life.

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Great Butchers' Hall



East Flanders has more than 175 traditional regional products. And in Ghent you can find them all handily displayed under one roof! The Great

Butchers' Hall houses the Centre for East Flemish Regional Products. You will find everything here, whether you want individual products or a gift hamper. Or why not put together your own delicious gift? If you can't wait to taste our specialities, reserve a table at the restaurant across the aisle and enjoy local dishes right there on the spot!

The Great Butchers' Hall was originally a covered market. This hall, which dates back to the 15th century, was the central place where meat was inspected and traded. This was partly because selling meat door-to-door was forbidden

in the Middle Ages. Delicious Ganda Ham is now hung up to dry in the magnificent exposed wooden rafters. This ham is still salted and dried by craftspeople following an age-old traditional recipe.

You might want to experience Ghent on a miniature scale as well. Beside the Great Butchers' hall is the smallest pub in Ghent, 't Galgenhuisje. This vibrant little café used to be one of the tripe shops. Animal entrails were sold in these huts, separated off from the market hall for reasons of hygiene. The little bar fills up quickly. But not to worry. There is plenty of room on the terrace, and it's heated in winter!

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Patershol, culinary heart of Ghent



This particularly beautiful corner of Ghent is a city within the city. Forget where you are for a moment and travel back in time to the Middle

Ages. Have fun discovering centuries of history in this gorgeous part of town! Breathe in the nostalgia of old customs. Enjoy art and architecture. You will love the picturesque streets full of cosy restaurants, down-to-earth pubs and trendy bars.

Ghent is heaven for foodies. But the Patershol is definitely at the top of everyone's menu. Eateries are almost shoulder to shoulder in these tiny cobbled streets. Take a culinary trip around the world from Japanese and Indonesian food, past

Turkish, Italian and Spanish restaurants to traditional Flemish cuisine. Pick your style, whether it's modern, romantic, a bit eccentric or exclusive. You certainly won't be leaving with an empty stomach.

Real people live their lives in the shadow of the Castle of the Counts. Residents here go about their daily business. They welcome neighbours through their doors. Children play in the street. The Patershol is more than a tourist hotspot. Above all, it is a place where people live. There is a festival committee that honours local traditions. All of this gives the mediaeval streets a unique historic value. Wander down the narrow alleyways and experience the real soul of the Patershol.

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Ghent City Museum (STAM)



The STAM is the ideal place to start your cultural holiday in Ghent, an unmistakably contemporary building against a historic backdrop. Ghent is a city of every era, and the same applies to the modern Ghent City Museum: the 14th-century abbey, 17th-century convent and new 21st-century building all form part of the STAM.

The STAM tells the story of Ghent from the Middle Ages to the present day, with imaginative collections and interactive multimedia. The past, present and future of the city are presented in a

clear and interesting way: from mediaeval metropolis to city of knowledge and culture.

The eye-catcher at Ghent City Museum, the STAM, is a gigantic aerial photograph of Ghent (measuring 300 m2!) that you are allowed to walk all over. Use the multimedia app to see Ghent in detail in four different centuries. 'Views of Ghent' shows a view of the city in 1534, maps from 1614 and 1912 and a contemporary aerial photograph.

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St Peter's Abbey, peaceful vineyard



This Benedictine abbey was founded in the 7th century by St Amand, who christened the very city of Ghent itself. In the 14th and 15th centuries, it grew into nothing short of an abbey village, with farms, gardens, homes and estates. The abbey owed its prosperity to the privileges it had gained and the taxes it was allowed to impose on its estates. It owned land all the way to the port in Ghent.

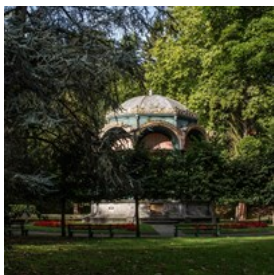
The virtual monk 'Alison' will give you a virtual tour of the abbey. 'Jean-François Alison' is your mystery movie guide during your visit to St Peter's Abbey. In seventeen episodes, he takes you on an exciting and mysterious journey in search of his friend's murderer. He takes you to places you would never otherwise go. The mediaeval dining hall, the majestic abbey

church, a beautiful garden and endless attics: you will stumble from one surprise to the next, between heaven and earth. It is really thrilling, and suitable for children as well. Why not take a virtual look at St Peter's Abbey now?

The garden of this abbey is a real hotspot in Ghent that is particularly popular with the city's students who come here to chill out or revise in the sunshine. A must-see during your city break. The magnificent garden with its vineyard and ruin is an oasis of greenery in the city. Prestigious exhibitions with an international allure are held every year in St Peter's Abbey. The dining wing of St Peter's Abbey is authentic, dating from the Middle Ages. Visit the ground floor of St Peter's Abbey for free (cloisters and quadrangle, as well as the permanent exhibition Between Heaven & Earth and the abbey garden).

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Citadelpark



The Citadelpark is a park in Ghent on the brow of a hill between the rivers Scheldt and Lys. This city park was created in 1875 on the place where the Dutch citadel of Ghent formerly stood, built between 1819 and 1831. The citadel, one of the largest and most modern in Europe at the time, was later used as an infantry and artillery barracks. It was in use until 1870.

Today it is a great place to enjoy botanical

abundance. Spot the name tags that were placed in front of all the remarkable trees in 2005. Here, animal-lovers can take dogs from the rescue centre for a walk. Kids aged 10 and under can have fun in the playground. When the sun is shining, this spot is where Ghent residents and students come to chill out and have a picnic. Enjoy!

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Old Fish Market

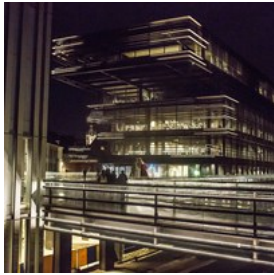


Opposite the Castle of the Counts on Sint-Veerleplein lies the monumental gateway (1689) to the Old Fish Market. Neptune keeps watch over the Scheldt (male) and the Lys (female).

This fully refurbished complex is home to, among other things, the Ghent Tourist Office: the showpiece of the office is the centrally located multimedia data table. Through innovative touch technology information can be obtained about Ghent, East Flanders and other art cities.

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The Krook



This architectural work of art is a unique meeting place for residents, students and visitors. You can meet other people there, discover culture, enjoy a quiet drink or even try out innovations and technologies like 3D printing and virtual reality for yourself. As well as connecting people, the building links the Historic Centre with the Art Quarter.

Various institutions work together and offer services at the site. They are known collectively as 'the inhabitants of De Krook'. In addition to the city library, Imec (the Flemish research centre for nanoelectronics and digital technologies) and UGent are housed at De Krook.

The building also includes a multi-purpose room, a study room and a reading café.

The monumental building, which incorporates works by artist Michaël Borremans, was designed by the Ghent architecture firm Coussée & Goris Architecten and their partner TV RCR Aranda Pigem Vilalta Arquitectes. This Spanish architecture firm also won the Pritzker Prize this year, the highest international distinction for architecture!

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The Castle of the Counts



A weekend trip to Ghent is simply not complete without a visit to the mysterious 'Castle of the Counts'. This important sight in Ghent is a castle with a very turbulent past, closely intertwined with the complex—often stormy—political and social history of the city. It is the only remaining mediaeval castle with a moat and largely intact defence system in Flanders. Your visit to the Castle of the Counts will give you a complete picture of heraldic culture in the 12th century. The gatehouse, ramparts, keep, count's residence and stables are open to visitors.

Be sure to go up the long spiral staircase to the museum of torture devices on the top floor of the Castle of the Counts. Here, you will find a unique collection of instruments for torture and coercion, as well as a collection of weapons. The Castle of the Counts also hosts all kinds of cultural activities, events and activities, for example during the Ghent Festivities. It is also a popular place to get married for Ghent's locals.

Let's not forget the time the Castle of the Counts was occupied by protesting students in 1949! Explore the castle during your weekend trip in Ghent and find out all about the 'Battle of the Castle of the Counts'.

The keep, symbol of the Counts' power Go back in time inside this majestic fortress. Its history goes back to the time of the Roman occupation, when there was already a settlement on a sand bank by the River Lys. After a brief period of Viking plundering, the Counts of Flanders converted the earlier wooden constructions into a keep (living quarters) in the

Middle Ages, with ramparts built entirely of stone, replete with 24 towers. The imposing building with its military architecture was a symbol of the Counts' power in the turbulent city of Ghent.

Count Philip and his castle: dominating the city
Count Philip of Alsace wanted everyone to know that he was the boss. A Latin inscription above the entrance states that Count Philip (1168-1191) built the castle in 1180. The sense of wealth and power that his castle gave him is brought to life when you stand between the battlements at the top of the keep and gaze out over the vibrant city of Ghent.

Industrial revolution banishes knights from Ghent

You are bound to be fascinated by the twists and turns in the story of the Castle of the Counts during your weekend getaway. In the late 18th century, the Castle of the Counts was sold to private owners who later converted it into a factory complex. In 1807, the fortress in the heart of Ghent housed a cotton mill, and its outbuildings served as primitive dwellings for about fifty families of workers. When the mill and its workers left, the Castle of the Counts was in a state of complete disrepair, ready for demolition.

By that point, the Castle of the Counts was a symbol of abuse of power, feudal repression, horrific torture methods and a cruel inquisition as far as the people of Ghent were concerned. Restoration gave the Castle of the Counts a new meaning and world fame as Ghent's most important tourist sight, partly due to the World Expo 1913, which took place in Ghent.

Do you want to dig deep into the history of

Ghent? This is where you need to be. Ghent, full of charming history and modern vibrancy.

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Flower market Kouter



A Sunday morning on the Kouter means a pleasant stroll around the flower market, stopping now and then for a klapke: a glass of white wine with an oyster. Bask in the elegance of life in Ghent. And why not enjoy a relaxed bite to eat at one of the great restaurants nearby. It is a favourite ritual for Ghent residents.

You don't need to wait for spring! Thanks to the daily flower market, you can see a bright tapestry of flowers every day of the year on the Kouter. But the best time of all to visit is on a sunny Sunday morning in spring. Stretch your legs in the first rays of spring sunshine, enjoy the colours and listen to music playing in the background. Blissful. If you're lucky, a brass band will be playing in the bandstand. This is what we call the good life.

Ghent's most sophisticated gourmets gather at De Blauwe Kiosk at about eleven in the morning. This monument converted into an aperitif bar serves a glass of cava, fresh oysters and other amuse-bouches to connoisseurs at the market. Originally a hexagonal newspaper kiosk, this little building has stood on the Kouter since 1885, along with 38 other kiosks around the centre of Ghent. Today this one is the only

survivor. Since 1990, it has had a new lease of life as an open-air bar.

There is more here than just strolling, flowers and wine! The Kouter is also a hub of music. There is something here for everyone! The 19th-century Opera Gent building and De Handelsbeurs concert venue on the Kouter span the entire music scene, from pop, rock and world music to jazz, opera and classical music. Perhaps running through the entire offerings would be a bit much. Simply rest assured that the Kouter is the place to be if you're a music lover.

The Kouter is the perfect place to start a shopping spree in the Veldstraat.

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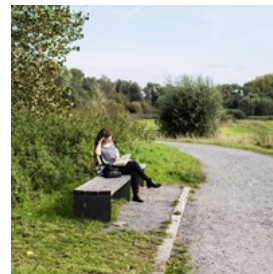
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Gentbrugse Meersen



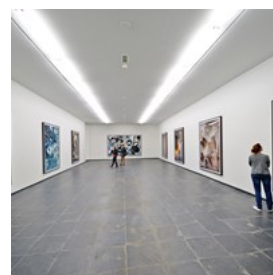
Gentbrugse Meersen is a park and nature reserve that is still being created. You can come here for sports, play, gardening and picnics. Take a walk

in the woods and discover stretches of open water populated by water birds. A piece of wild nature close to the city.

The barefoot path is a 1-km long footpath that has not been laid artificially. It is a natural path which changes along with the weather and the seasons. A real treat for your feet!

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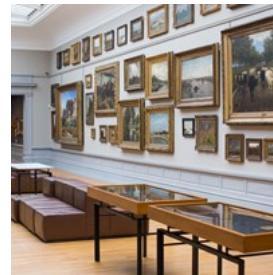
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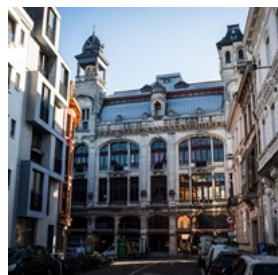
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Arts Centre Vooruit



This bustling art centre is housed in an impressive 100-year-old monument and offers a variety of cultural events. The focus is on concerts and

parties.

The spacious Art Deco café and the modern patio at the side of the building are a meeting place for a snack, drink and chat.

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Opera Gent



Music theatre, concerts and recitals In the first half of the 19th century, rich Ghent industrialists initiated the building of a new and luxurious opera

house. It was meant to be the showcase for their newly acquired wealth and no expense was spared. In the splendid horseshoe-shaped theatre, being seen was just as important as seeing.

The impressive chandelier is an attraction in itself, just like the three salons, measuring together 90 m long.

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Portus Ganda



Ganda, as Ghent was originally called, arose at the confluence of the Lys and the Scheldt. On that site there is now a marina for passing boat traffic,

Portus Ganda.

Once filled in to make room for the almighty car, the Lower Scheldt has today been restored to its former glory. Bridges and parks, cosy pavement cafés and a wonderfully restored art deco swimming pool all make up one of Ghent's most beautiful (new) little corners.

Drop anchor at Portus Ganda, less than a kilometre from the heart of the city. You will find all the facilities you need in the splendid Van Eyck swimming baths.

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Sunday shopping



Ghent is a shopping city that loves to pamper its shoppers! The shops in the city centre are open every first Sunday of the month. Happy shopping!

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Sint-Pietersplein



Sint-Pietersplein is the city's square for large-scale events. Each year, the Mid-Lent Fair takes place on the square. Since 2007 an underground car park has been built up. Its construction led to many important archeological discoveries. They are symbolised by stainless steel markers.

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Ghent Town Hall



This schizophrenic building is in two parts, as you can clearly see, making it a fascinating sight in political Ghent. The façade on the Hoogpoort side shows you the flamboyant Late Gothic style that dates from the early 16th century. This style is in sharp contrast to the Renaissance style on the Botermarkt side. In this later wing (1559 -1618), you will see three-quarter Doric, Ionic and Corinthian columns and pilasters inspired by Italian palazzi.

In the niches in the façade of Ghent Town Hall, you will see the Counts of Flanders, although they were only added in the early 1900s. Behind this façade are no less than 51 rooms, including the Wedding Chapel, where Ghent residents make their wedding vows. Many a bride has been captivated by the beautiful, romantic stained-glass windows or got lost in the labyrinth of corridors and chambers inside the building.

Would you like a tour of Ghent Town Hall during your city trip? Tours are only available with a guide.

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Free transport in Ghent:

With the CityCard Ghent, you can get on and off all the trams and buses in the historic city centre of Ghent.

Do you want to explore Ghent by bike? Follow your nose: get on and off your bicycle wherever you want! Feel the Ghent city vibes, just like the free-spirited residents and students in Ghent. It's the ideal way to explore vibrant Ghent and its mysterious, winding streets. This CityCard entitles you to free bicycle rental for one day. Are you more at home on the river? Be sure to

explore the centre of Ghent from the water. That's right: the CityCard also includes one guided tour by boat. Immerse yourself in Ghent's rich and rebellious history. It might just be the ideal starting point for your weekend trip. Oh, and with this advantage card, you can also get on and off the Ghent hop-on/hop-off water tram for one day.

A maximum dose of must-see attractions: The CityCard Ghent gives you free access to all the sights, monuments and museums in Ghent during your city break (you only pay €1 extra for the use of the audio guide in the cathedral). You can also visit all the temporary exhibitions at Ghent's museums free-of-charge with the all-in CityCard Ghent.

Golden tip! Child-friendly Ghent loves to welcome children and under-18s: they can get into most museums for free anyway. This means a CityCard might not be such a great benefit for them.

The museums STAM, MSK, S.M.A.K. and Museum of Industry are accessible to wheelchair users. Of course anyone accompanying a wheelchair user can visit these museums free-of-charge.

Price:
48 h €30.00
72 h €35.00

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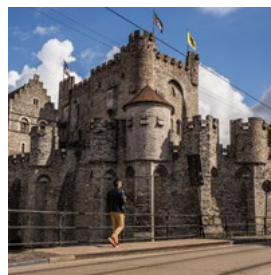
The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb



If there's one masterpiece you should not miss, it's this majestic altarpiece by the Van Eyck brothers. It's considered the absolute masterpiece of medieval painting, featuring some jaw-dropping details. It survived the Protestant iconoclasm, fell into French hands under Napoleon and was requisitioned by Nazi Germany during WWII. 'The Just Judges' panel, stolen in 1934, is still missing.

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Castle of the Counts



A medieval fortress in the heart of the city. Cold halls and even colder dungeons. Endless staircases leading up the towers. Wells of oblivion and a torture museum. You can't really call the Castle of the Counts a cosy retreat. But it is impressive... Overlooking the city from high up on the keep, you feel like the Counts of Flanders, with Ghent lying at your feet. An experience not to be missed!

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STAM, Ghent City Museum



The City Museum, or STAM is your gateway to the city. The fourteenth-century abbey, the seventeenth-century monastery and adjoining infirmary, the twentieth-century gatehouse and the new twenty-first-century development introduce you to the history of Ghent.

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St Peter's Abbey, peaceful vineyard



This Benedictine abbey was founded in the 7th century by St Amand, who christened the very city of Ghent itself. In the 14th and 15th centuries, it grew into nothing short of an abbey village, with farms, gardens, homes and estates. The abbey owed its prosperity to the privileges it had gained and the taxes it was allowed to impose on its estates. It owned land all the way to the port in Ghent.

The virtual monk 'Alison' will give you a virtual tour of the abbey. 'Jean-François Alison' is your mystery movie guide during your visit to St Peter's Abbey. In seventeen episodes, he takes you on an exciting and mysterious journey in search of his friend's murderer. He takes you to places you would never otherwise go. The mediaeval dining hall, the majestic abbey church, a beautiful garden and endless attics: you will stumble from one surprise to the next, between heaven and earth. It is really thrilling,

and suitable for children as well. Why not take a virtual look at St Peter's Abbey now?

The garden of this abbey is a real hotspot in Ghent that is particularly popular with the city's students who come here to chill out or revise in the sunshine. A must-see during your city break. The magnificent garden with its vineyard and ruin is an oasis of greenery in the city. Prestigious exhibitions with an international allure are held every year in St Peter's Abbey. The dining wing of St Peter's Abbey is authentic, dating from the Middle Ages. Visit the ground floor of St Peter's Abbey for free (cloisters and quadrangle, as well as the permanent exhibition Between Heaven & Earth and the abbey garden).

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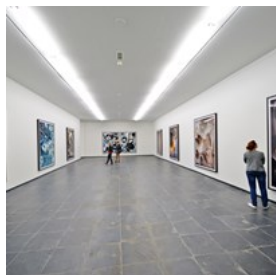
Rederij De Gentenaer - Departure:

Groentenmarkt, at the Vleeshuisbrug

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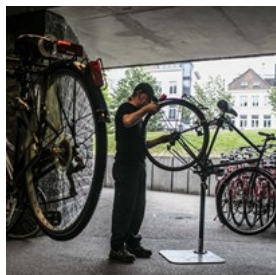
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De Fietsambassade, bicycle hire points



De Fietsambassade has three bicycle hire points where you can rent or repair a bike or pump up your tyres. These bicycle hire points are located at

Gent-Sint-Pieters railway station (Voskenslaan 27), Gent-Dampoort railway station (Oktrooiplein 10 Z) and under the City Pavilion in the city centre (Emile Braunplein).

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Hop on hop off water tram



The hop on hop off water tram gives you a different way to visit the city's attractions. There are six stops: Castle of the Counts, Graslei-Korenlei,

Museum Site, St Peter's Abbey, St Bavo's Cathedral and Veldstraat.

When you buy a CityCard Gent, the day pass for

the hop on hop off water tram is included in the purchase price.

Jetty : corner Kraanlei, near the castle (50m.), at the yellow umbrella.

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Public Transport



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Museum of Industry



Ghent is proud of its industrial past, and that makes the Museum of Industry a hotspot for many Ghent locals: a sight in Ghent that needs

to be on your to-do list for your city trip. In the Middle Ages, Ghent linen was an international household name.

Much of the industrial heritage that bore witness to the first and second industrial revolutions was scrapped and demolished from the 1970s

onwards. Ghent City Council has made efforts to preserve machines and objects.

Did you know? Ghent was the first city where the industrial revolution took hold on the continent, after the United Kingdom, at the end of the 18th century. The British government was terrified of espionage and guarded its technological progress by banning the export of machines. But it hadn't reckoned with the Belgian entrepreneur Lieven Bauwens, who smuggled the components of a 'Spinning Mule' out of the country in 1798 in sacks of coffee and flour. The 'Spinning Mule' or 'Spinning Jenny' is a spinning machine that can still be admired at the Museum of Industry in Ghent.

The Museum of Industry is housed in an old cotton mill. It provides a unique picture of the profound technological changes that our society has undergone in the last 250 years. Enjoy a magnificent view of the city from the highest floor of this transparent building.

Museum of Industry in Ghent: mega kid-friendly! If you're out in Ghent on a weekend break with your children, this is the ideal museum to visit with your curious kids. Explore everything together. Toddlers will enjoy the game 'Out with Emma and Emiel'. Children learn through games how the workers and their families used to live. Many of them will be thrilled by the straw bed they found here, the lights, the fabrics, the photos, the soap... Kids aged 6 to 12 can explore the museum building and collection in a creative way with the games 'Bag of Surprises' and 'KidSafeBreaker'. Fantastic fun!

All that fun with fabrics in the museum games is thirsty work. Never mind: you can quench your thirst at Bar Mitte, the museum café at the

Museum of Industry. This creative space has great food and a lovely sun terrace with a view of the museum garden.

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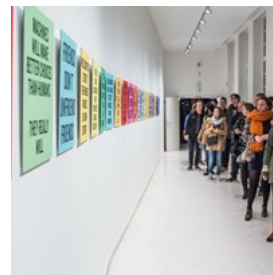
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Internet: visit.gent.be/en/see-do/museum-industry

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Design Museum Gent



Wild about design? Be sure to visit the Design Museum Gent. A modern, open building lurks behind a magnificent 18th century façade. This

impressive city residence in Rococo style was bought by the City of Ghent in 1922, and used it to house the Design Museum. The temporary exhibitions complement the magnificent permanent collection, from art nouveau to trends in contemporary design.

Toilet roll: sticking it to the man

Even if you don't need to go, the toilet enclosure at the museum is well worth a visit. The bathroom wing was built in defiance after Design Museum Gent kept being refused the funds for an expansion by Ghent City Council. When it did get a permit for a huge monumental work of art, a huge toilet roll with toilets hidden inside it, a message was added with a double meaning: 'de pot op'. Literally it means "go to the loo" but what the expression really means colloquially is "go to hell", giving the figurative finger to Ghent City Council.

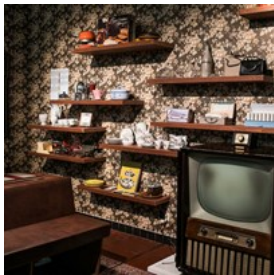
Child-friendly Design Museum in Ghent

There is always something for families and children to do at the Design museum Gent. Play the museum game or take part in an exciting

workshop. Everything is possible!

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Internet: <https://visit.gent.be/en/see-do/design-museum-gent-modern-meets-history>
Email: museum.design@stad.gent

House of Alijn Museum



The House of Alijn museum in Ghent puts the ordinary daily life of 20th century people in the spotlight. This was once the 'Children of Alijn hospice'. It is the only almshouse—a charitable institution where the old and sick were cared for—to have been preserved in Ghent.

Escape the city and even time itself for a moment during your weekend trip to Ghent. Stroll from the beginning of the 20th century through the two World Wars to the 1980s. Each room has its own 'large as life' story to tell from our collective memory.

Traditions and rituals belong to the past and present. Daily routines and special events determine the rhythm of your life. During your weekend trip to Ghent, enjoy the customs, traditions and rituals at the House of Alijn museum that recall a recent or more distant past.

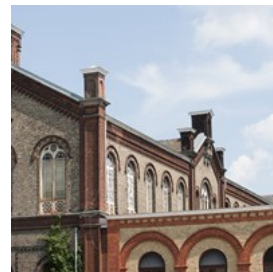
Go 'back to the future': rediscover your very first baby photos, marbles in the playground, your first love, the excitement of the summer holidays... The way we approach 'occasions and emotions' changes over time: it is both personal and universal. Find out that everyday life is anything but ordinary.

Enjoy these collective memories in the lovely courtyard garden and a typical working class pub. We recommend it!

Alijn, where kids in Ghent feel right at home! A must-see during your city trip to Ghent with the kids. Visit the House of Alijn with your children or grandchildren and discover or rediscover together how daily life has changed. Dip into the dressing-up box, flick through photo albums from grandma's time, revel in the nostalgia of old films, enjoy Play-Doh, hopscotch and knucklebones: rediscover your inner child!

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<https://visit.gent.be/en/see-do/house-alijn-escaping-time>
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Dr Guislain Museum, art and psychiatry



The oldest mental asylum in Belgium, which dates back to 1857 is in Jozef Guislainstraat. Today it houses an absolutely fascinating museum. It was the visionary Dr Guislain who was one of the first to think of mentally ill people as patients with a right to humane treatment. The shame that was felt at the way psychiatric patients had been treated in the past was the impetus for founding the Dr Guislain Museum in Ghent in 1986.

Dr Guislain Museum in Ghent aims to break down the many prejudices that still define what is 'mentally ill' and what is 'normal'. Discover the permanent collection and find out about the history of psychiatry, as well as an international

collection of outsider art or art brut. The temporary exhibitions are always great too.

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Phone: +3293986950
Internet: visit.gent.be/en/see-do/dr-guislain-museum-art-and-psychiatry
Email: info@museumdrguislain.be

The world of Kina: the House



A unique fossil of a pre-historic reptile, a splendid diorama room with native birds and an unbelievably cool interactive exhibition

with thousands of rocks and minerals.

The House is a museum where your children will uncover one surprise after another.

The Heritage App gives you a lot of extra information on 'Kei Cool', an exhibition about rocks and minerals. It answers questions like, "What is desert rose?", "How do tectonic plates move?" and "Which mineral is used to make the base of the FIFA World Cup?"

Tip: also check out The world of Kina: the Garden. This location, which includes an educational garden, is not within walking distance from the House, but it can easily be reached from Sint-Pietersplein by bus (Tolhuislaan).

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The World of Kina: the Garden



More than 1000 plant species, a bee colony and live tarantulas in the Garden. Children and youngsters will know where the action is. Brave parents can also tag along.

Tip: also check out The World of Kina: the House. This museum location is not within walking distance from the Garden, but from Tolhuislaan it can easily be reached by bus (Sint-Pietersplein).

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Internet: <https://visit.gent.be/en/see-do/world-kina-garden>
Email: kinatuin@stad.gent

Hotel d'Hane Steenhuyse



Discover the majestic home of the aristocratic d'Hane Steenhuyse family! Its colourful salons, fine furniture, sumptuous wall hangings and tantalizing murals whisk your back in time two hundred years. So don't be surprised if you stumble upon a housemaid or coachman. And do take a stroll in the beautiful enclosed garden, an oasis of peace in the hectic Veldstraat.

You'll find the door open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays between 14 and 18.00 hrs. The house is suffused with the spirit of the ancien régime. You hear the sounds of dance music and approaching carriages. Here and there historical film clips elucidate the complicated rules of conduct and etiquette of that period. You soon lose all sense of time and imagine you are a

guest of the Count and Countess d'Hane Steenhuyse.

Those interested in more background information would do well to join the guided tour which takes place every Friday and Saturday at 14.30 hrs. Everyone loves a good story and when it comes to the history of the house, the guide holds nothing back. Find out what went on behind the doors of the boudoirs, cabinets and enfilades. This guided tour includes a visit to the Chinese Salon and the study of Nobel prizewinner Maurice Maeterlinck in Hotel Clemmen, opposite Hotel d'Hane Steenhuyse.

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Address: Veldstraat 55, 9000 Gent
Internet: visit.gent.be/en/see-do/hotel-dhane-steenhuysse

Hotel Clemmen

The interiors of the Hotel Clemmen appeal for a lot of imagination. The most attractive rooms include the Chinese Salon and reconstruction of the study of Ghent's Nobel Prize winner in Literature, Maurice Maeterlinck.

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Phone: +3292698460
Internet: <https://visit.gent.be/en/see-do/hotel-clemmen>

Ghent Belfry, world heritage



Look up at the magical city skyline for a moment during your weekend trip in Ghent: you can't miss it. The Belfry is the middle tower in the famous row of three, between St Bavo's Cathedral and St Nicholas' Church. A fiery dragon, the proud symbol and mascot of Ghent, guards the historic heart of the city.

The Ghent Belfry symbolises the city's prosperity and independence. The Cloth Hall, built onto the Belfry, was completed in 1907. The flamboyant Brabant Gothic style of the Cloth Hall is an ode to the industry to which Ghent owes so much. On the corner of the Cloth Hall is an old jailer's house.

The Ghent Belfry, a recognised UNESCO World Heritage, is well worth a visit. In 1402, it was the place where city privileges were kept: in a chest, locked up in the Belfry safe. The dragon, which has been up on the tower since 1377, kept an eye on the city as well as being the symbolic guardian of the belfry. The Belfry also proudly carried the alarm bell, the 'Great Triumphant'. Today you will find this bell, nicknamed 'Roland' by the people of Ghent, not far from the Belfort on Emile Braunplein.

Until 1442, St Nicholas' Church was the main watchtower. In 1442, the watchmen in the tower moved across to the newly completed Belfry. Along with the bell ringers, these watchmen, or the corps of 'men who guard the city', served until 1869. Fire was a particular danger in Ghent.

The Belfry tower is an absolute must-see! Climb

the stairs, listen to the chiming sound of the carillon and enjoy the view of the vibrant city of Ghent. There is a lift from the first floor. The stunning view over Ghent is bound to enchant you. However, the Belfry is not accessible to visitors with reduced mobility.

The Mammelokker, a legend behind bars
In 1741, a building was erected between the Belfry and the Cloth Hall, which served as the entrance to the city jail. You will see a relief sculpture above the entrance. The sculpture tells an old Roman legend of a man, Cimon, who was sentenced to death by starvation. He survived his sentence because his daughter visited every day and breastfed him. 'Mamme' means 'breast' and 'lokken' means 'suck' in an old Ghent dialect.

The Belfort, great fun for little dragons
Ghent wouldn't be Ghent without children and young people, so Ghent Belfry also has plenty to offer little dragons. Here you will find activities for kids aged 6 to 18 years old. Kids up to the age of 100 are more than welcome here as well ;-).

Child-friendly Ghent: have fun on your weekend trip with the whole family. Do you know about the city game with Fosfor the dragon as well?

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St Bavo's Cathedral: majestic tower



Powerful Ghent church and home of the Mystic Lamb This magnificent sight on Sint-Baafsplein in Ghent is a proud old lady: don't just walk past her on your city trip. St Bavo's Cathedral is the oldest parish church in the lively heart of Ghent. It stands on the site of a 10th century church and a 12th century Romanesque church. The latter was dedicated to St John the Baptist. In the Middle Ages, Ghent was a rich and powerful city that had the means to commission ever-larger and more opulent churches. So the Church of St John the Baptist was converted during the 15th and 16th centuries into the imposing Gothic St Bavo's Cathedral.

A history of rebellion: from church to cathedral
Looking for a weekend getaway that is just that little bit different? Do you like to explore off the beaten track? Welcome to Ghent, the city of rebels! St Bavo's Cathedral literally carries Ghent's rebellious history in its very stones. In the crypt, the Romanesque style can still be seen in the central nave. In the 15th century, it was decided that the Romanesque structure would be replaced with a larger Gothic church that was completed in 1559. In 1540, the church became the seat of the Chapter of St Bavo, and St Bavo became the patron saint of the church. Later, in 1559, the church was converted into the cathedral of the Bishops of Ghent.

Bursting with riches: Ghent's art treasures
St Bavo's Cathedral has a rich history and it is also filled with art treasures that make many an art-lover's mouth water: from the baroque high altar in white, black and red flamed marble, the Rococo pulpit in oak, gilded wood and marble, to

a masterpiece by Rubens: Saint Bavo enters the Convent at Ghent, and the Calvary Triptych by Justus van Gent, the Gothic chandelier/sanctuary lamp, the opulent tombs of the Bishops of Ghent – and of course the world-famous Mystic Lamb.

Admire the divine glow of 'The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb' by the Van Eyck brothers in St Bavo's Cathedral. Read all about this famous work by the Flemish Primitives. Do you want to visit the Mystic Lamb? Find out the opening hours of the chapel where the Mystic Lamb is on display at St Bavo's Cathedral.

Fascinating fact about the Mystic Lamb: So that you have a chance to admire all the panels of the Ghent Altarpiece in all their glory, the outer panels of this masterpiece by Van Eyck are folded inwards every day between 12.00 and 13.00. Admission tickets for this chapel are sold until about 15 minutes before closing time.

Souvenirs galore: the cathedral shop
Of course you want memories to take home with you that are as beautiful as the cathedral itself. Pop into the cathedral gift shop for postcards, art books, posters etc.

'Festive' view of the city of Ghent
You can only go up the tower of St Bavo's Cathedral during the Ghent Festivities. Negotiate the stairs and enjoy the magnificent view of this unique party for the people in the heart of Ghent. At other times of the year, you can enjoy the most beautiful view of Ghent from directly beneath the golden dragon, Ghent's mascot, on the Belfry tower opposite. From there you can continue exploring the heart of Ghent. Anything goes.

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Public Transport: <https://visit.gent.be/en/see-do/st-bavos-cathedral-majestic-tower>
Opening hours: <https://visit.gent.be/en/see-do/st-bavos-cathedral-majestic-tower>
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Internet: <https://visit.gent.be/en/see-do/st-bavos-cathedral-majestic-tower>
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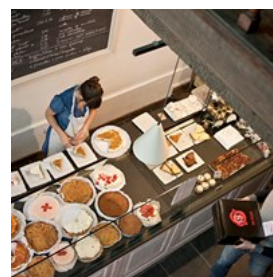
COFFEE & BREAKFAST



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The first meal of the day is the most important. And in the city of Charles V, you can find plenty of breakfast menus which are fit for an emperor. Fresh and healthy, savoury and hearty, fast or leisurely: there are too many options to list.

Julie's House



Luscious ladies who serve delicious breakfast, traditional cakes and colourful cupcakes with a dash of old-fashioned conviviality.

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Phone: +32-9 233 33 90
Internet: www.julieshouse.be
Email: info@julieshouse.be

Le Pain Perdu



Fancy a drink, a tasty breakfast or a hearty lunch? Then Pain Perdu, with its great atmosphere, is an absolute must! It's the place to be for the best and biggest sandwiches. The large, covered garden behind the shop provides a nice extra touch.

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Address: Walpoortstraat 9, 9000 Gent
Phone: +3292241825
Internet: www.painperdugent.be
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Gust



Gust is a cosy breakfast, lunch and take-away restaurant decorated with soft pastel shades and light wood. Everything on the menu is home-made and the lunch menu changes on a weekly basis.

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Phone: +32474416595
Internet: www.gustgent.be
Email: gustgent@gmail.com

Tante Paula



A unique combination: a café serving breakfast and lunch-cum-coffee bar in a photo shop. "Tante Paula" does it all with flair, paying lots of attention to her customers. The menu includes fresh, generously filled sandwiches, pastries and soups.

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Address: Vlasmarkt 2, 9000 Gent
Phone: +32486519954
Email: info@tante-paula.be

Wasbar



Impressive launderette with adjoining bar. Young tourists, Erasmus students and young inhabitants of Ghent come here to do their laundry while sipping a cool beer or a coffee at the bar.

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Internet: www.wasbar.be
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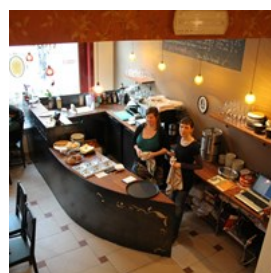
Simon says



Trendy coffee bar in a beautiful building dating from 1904. The eye catchers are Panamarenko's golden murals while the coffee is roasted by the eccentric artist's wife.

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Phone: +3292330343
Internet: www.simon-says.be
Email: info@simon-says.be

Huize Colette



Chocolate and literature, a delicious combo which contributes to the inimitable atmosphere at Huize Colette. Don't forget to taste the home-made lemonades and brownies, scones and

cake!

Every morning you can have a simple or an elaborate breakfast here.

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Email: huizecolette@gmail.com

Koffies De Draak



Traditional roasted coffee specialities, a wide range of teas, and exclusive sweets and gifts.

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Phone: +3292330205

Internet: www.dedraak.be

Email: info@dedraak.be

Labath



Coffee bar Labath is located near the Sint-Lucas art college and a few steps from Saint Michael's Bridge. This corner bar with gigantic windows has a big-city feel. Head over there to read the paper, work on your laptop, have a chat on the terrace and of course a cup of coffee.

Both Thomas and Valentine are true coffee connoisseurs, so they'll only serve you topquality brews, whether you prefer a regular or a "slow coffee".

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Address: Oude Houtlei 1, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292252825

Internet: www.cafelabath.be

Email: cafelabath@gmail.com

Or Coffee



international awards.

OR Coffee is the place to be for a delicious cup of coffee or tea in a lively yet cosy setting, newspaper in hand. The barista has won several

The owners have an artisanal coffee roastery in Wetteren, where they roast their Direct Fair Trade coffee, which they purchase directly from the plantations in the coffee's country of origin.

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Address: Sint-Pietersnieuwstraat 126A, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292236500

Internet: orcoffee.be/en/bar/espresso-bar-ghent-city-center

Email: info@orcoffee.be

Paard van Troje



Bookshop slash coffeehouse with big summerterrace on Kouter square. Santé ! - Cheers !

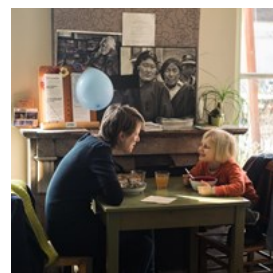
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Internet: www.paardvantroje.be

Trafiek



Coffee and tea house serving vegetarian pasta or fresh soup. Almost everything is organic.

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Internet: trafiek.blogspot.com/
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Alice



At lunch restaurant Alice, named after the owner's deceased mother, chef Frederic Stas brings Alice's authentic recipes to life. Meanwhile, David

Sobrie, the grandson of the famous former patisserie chef from Ghent, blows new life into old pastry recipes.

The cherry on the cake? The French 'boudoir chic' interior.

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Internet: www.alice-gent.be/
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Barista



The name "Barista" or coffee sommelier says it all. This is the place to be if you want to enjoy a good coffee. At Barista coffee is the main

attraction but the pastries and bread are also delicious. They're all carefully baked at an organic bakery. The lunchtime menu includes soup, sandwiches, focaccia and toasted sandwiches. In the afternoon, you can enjoy a slice of homemade cake with coffee, tea or organic lemonade.

Take a seat at the long tables and admire the hustle and bustle of Ghent's Zuid neighbourhood.

A few years ago "Barista Zuivelbrug" opened its doors, right in the city centre, near the bridge between Langemunt and Oudburg.

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Phone: +32488469830
Internet: www.mybarista.be/
Email: info@mybarista.be

Belle Histoire



Belle Histoire, in the heart of Ghent, is more than just a coffee shop. You can have breakfast there in the morning, and for lunch you can choose from salads, rolls, toasted sandwiches, soup and quiches. In the afternoon, Belle Histoire offers a wide range of homemade pancakes, fresh cakes and pastries, waffles, ice cream and milkshakes.

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Address: Korte Meer 4, 9000 Gent
Phone: +3293363533
Internet: www.bellehistoire.be/
Email: info@bellehistoire.be

Mokabon



Nowadays coffee bars are everywhere but this is first coffee bar in Ghent. It is right in the city centre and has been serving excellent coffee

since the very beginning, which can also be purchased and is always topped with a dollop of fresh whipped cream. Sometimes it's difficult to find a table in this small bar, but it has become custom to join other coffee lovers at their tables. Cosiness at its best!

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Address: Donkersteeg 35, 9000 Gent
Phone: +3292257195
Internet: www.mokabon.be/
Email: info@mokabon.be

Clouds in my coffee



The ideal place for a relaxed breakfast in a colourful neighbourhood. Go for one of the delicious breakfast menus or just pick whatever

takes your fancy.

Hot coffee ready for you all day.

Children are welcome.

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Address: Dendermondsesteenweg 104, 9000 Gent
Phone: +3293368434
Internet: www.clouds9000.com/
Email: hello@clouds9000.com

Maison Elza



Enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinner and afternoon tea in this little eatery with a 1920s interior. The interior was inspired by Elza, the owner's

grandmother. It is the perfect place for a romantic breakfast, a quick cup of coffee, a fun afternoon tea with scones, cake and sandwiches, or an extensive dinner. Pure pleasure.

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Address: Jan Breydelstraat 36, 9000 Gent
Phone: +3292252128
Internet: www.maisonelza.be/
Email: info@maisonelza.be

Madam Bakster



Madam Bakster is the place to be if you like tasty, but healthy food. All cakes and desserts are made using only natural ingredients, such as nuts, oats and dates, without refined sugar or animal products. Delicious with a cup of coffee or tea... or a cappuccino made with almond and hazelnut milk!

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Phone: +32496440236
Internet: www.madambakster.be/
Email: info@madambakster.be

STAMcafé



The STAMcafé by Pain Perdu offers a wonderful view of the architecture and green spaces of the Bijloke site and the café's wonderful sun

terrace.

You can visit the café for breakfast, brunch, lunch, coffee, tea and cake.

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Address: Godshuizenlaan 2, 9000 Gent
Phone: +32 9 225 89 93
Internet: <http://www.stamgent.be/en/visit/cafe>
Email: stam@painperdugent.be

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Stad Gent/Visit Gent

The best night life can be found in Ghent. The thousands of students, lively atmosphere and cool music scene make Ghent the ideal destination for a night out.

At the Oude Beestenmarkt, you will be tripping over trendy places to go. De Vlasmarkt is a meeting place for real night owls. De Overpoort is where you will find the students and where you can party until late the next morning.

NOTE: This section has been limited to 20 points of interest. For the full guide, please visit: <http://arrivalguides.com/en/Travelguide/GENT>

Afsnis



Brown café where you can enjoy a chat. The place to be for beer lovers and a legendary spot in Ghent.

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Phone: +32495383911

Bar Jan Cremer



This coffee bar and hotspot with a wood interior and a sunny terrace – just a stone's throw from Overpoort – serves bagels and gestreken mastellen ('ironed buns') with coffee or a cool pint. A go-to spot for students.

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Address: Kramersplein 5, 9000 Gent
Phone: +32474248593
Internet: www.barjancremer.be
Email: info@barjancremer.be

Café Den Turk



The oldest café in Ghent with a beautiful brown interior and some of that typical Ghent arrogance, known for pouring the best draught beers in Ghent.

Whiskies, cognacs and sandwiches 'mee uufflakke' (brawn). The regular haunt of many local councillors who go and enjoy a pint there after council meetings.

This 15th-century house was built during the same period as Sint-Jorishof around the corner. The Den Turk house was the base of the young St George's guild (Sint-Jorisgilde). The façade is made of sand lime, which was often used for prestigious buildings in 15th- and 16th-century Ghent. The popular café Den Turk claims to be the oldest café in Ghent, and many councillors and civil servants like to pop in for a drink after their council meetings.

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Address: Botermarkt 3, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292330197

Internet: www.cafedenturk.be

Email: info@cafedenturk.be

Café de Zoo



Cocktail bar - lounge café linked to restaurant “De Acht Zaligheden”.

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Address: Oudburg 2, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292243197

Internet: www.deachtzaligheden.be

Email: info@deachtzaligheden.be

Charlatan



Popular nightlife and music café, the epicentre of the Ghent nightlife scene. The place to dance the night away during the weekend; free

performances on Thursdays and Sundays; open till the wee hours; large indoor and smokers' terrace (weather permitting) and so much more...

Also known as the “House of Perdition”.

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme

Address: Vlasmarkt 6, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292242457

Internet: www.charlatan.be/

Club 69



Trendy dance club for sexy people with great DJs and cool beats.

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme

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Phone: +32495236423

Internet: www.club-69.be

Email: info@club-69.be

De Geus van Gent



Beautiful café at the “Geuzenhuis” with a lounge area and a peculiar rounded ceiling where you can enjoy a chat; meeting place for liberal people (whether they share the same views or not) with a waterside terrace.

Photo: Visit Gent

Address: Kantienberg 9, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292207825

Internet: www.geuzenhuis.be/cafe

Email: geusvangent@gmail.com

De Roerkuip



Eclectic music and dance café with an elevated dance hall, where you can enjoy a quiet chat or a great party. DJs every Friday and Saturday.

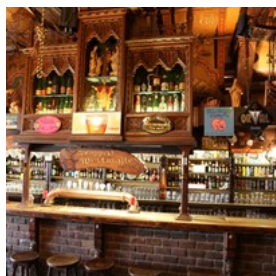
From chansons to disco and electro.

Photo: Visit Gent

Address: Oude Beestenmarkt 8, 9000 Gent

Phone: +32488481600

Dulle Griet



“Brown café” in an old, beautiful medieval interior decorated with cartwheels. This café offers the largest beer selection in Ghent: more than 500 local and international beers.

Exchange your shoe for a Max beer poured in a bootshaped glass. But don't worry, you will get it back afterwards.

Photo: Visit Gent

Address: Vrijdagmarkt 50, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292242455

Internet: www.dullegriet.be

Email: info@dullegriet.be

Folklore



One of the last real brown cafés in the heart of Ghent where owner Jacques has been doing whatever he pleases for the past three decades.

Your drinks are served with cooked eggs on the side, following an old tradition.

Building dating back to 1667 that has known quite a few historical owners, filled with stories and decorated with chamber pots on the ceiling.

Jukebox with six catchy tunes for 1 euro.

Photo: Visit Gent

Address: Lange Steenstraat 69, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292243118

Galgenhuisje



What is now the smallest café in Ghent, used to be the tripe house, where less well-off people could purchase entrails.

Because of hygienic reasons these could not be sold in the Butchers' Hall itself. The name of the café, however, refers to the function of the rear side. Condemned men and women waited there for the execution of their sentences.

18th-century “brown café”, the smallest in Ghent, which has been a café non-stop since 1776.

The terrace is larger than the café.

Two basement halls for parties, also larger than the actual café.

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme

Address: Groentenmarkt 5, 9000 Gent

Phone: +32474930034

Internet: www.galgenhuis.be/

Email: galgenhuisgent@outlook.com

Gloria



Popular night-time café located in a basement run by two fun owners, the chubby buddies Igor and Bert. Every month the window is decorated with controversial, satirical quotes by Igor, one of the owners.

Photo: Visit Gent

Address: Vlasmarkt 17, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292242457

Gruut



The Gruut Brewery is one of the rare breweries to use a mix of spices, known as gruit, instead of the traditional hops.

Although this brewery uses modern technology it brews its beers in keeping with the ancient traditions.

Currently Gruut produces five beers: a white beer, a blonde, an amber beer, a brown beer and a beer called Inferno.

A group visit to the brewery ends - of course - with a tasting session. Cheers!

Photo: Visit Gent

Address: Rembert Dodoensdreef 1, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292690269

Internet: www.gruut.be

Email: info@gruut.be

Hasta Mañana



Pub with Art Deco interior & Latin vibes.

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme

Address: 19 Lammerstraat

Internet: www.polepole.be

Het Spijker



Brown café frequented by youngsters. *Has a very popular joint summer terrace with the café next door, "t Gouden Mandeké".

Photo: Stad Gent

Address: Pensmarkt 3, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3293294440

Internet: www.cafehetspijker.be/

Email: contact@cafehetspijker.be

Het Trappistenhuis



Brown beer pub where you can enjoy a chat; owned by a beer expert. More than 170 Belgian specialty beers, according to someone who's tasted them all.

Photo: Visit Gent

Address: Brabantdam 164, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292242937

Email: bierman@telenet.be

Hot Club de Gand



Very well hidden jazz bar with a southern feel and a small indoor terrace in a narrow side alley of Groentenmarkt.

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme

Address: Groentenmarkt 15, 9000 Gent

Phone: +32486740799

Internet: www.hotclub.gent/

Email: info@hotclub.gent

Hotsy Totsy



Pub with a glorious past and a beautiful decor. The ideal place to have a chat. Known for its poetry readings, conferences, stand-up comedy, cabaret and jazz concerts.

Founded by the Claus brothers; in 1984 it was the backdrop for the presentation of the novel

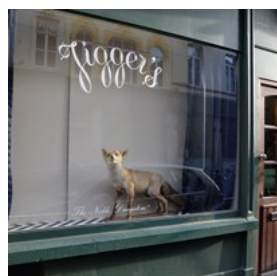
'Het Verdriet van België (The Sorrow of Belgium)'.
Pool table and many party games. Jazz, variety shows and chansons.

Photo: Visit Gent

Address: Hoogstraat 1, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292242012

Jigger's



Timeless cocktailbar. A weekly changing drinks menu. Ask for your favourite classic or allow yourself to be pleasantly surprised with a mix of homemade products.

Photo: Visit Gent

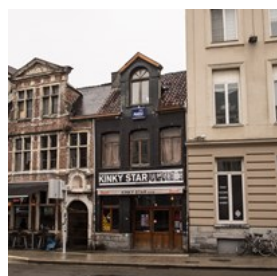
Address: Oudburg 16, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3293357025

Internet: jiggers.be/

Email: welcome@jiggers.be

Kinky Star



Alternative music and nightlife café known for its Irish coffees. *Home base of Ghent's Kinky Star record label.

*Weekly performances; usually there are also DJs.

#Alternative swing music

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme

Address: Vlasmarkt 9, 9000 Gent

DINING



Stad Gent/Visit Gent

Love great food? You're in luck. Ghent is the place to be for the good life and great food. Ghent residents love to enjoy life. Whet your appetite during your weekend trip with the huge array of restaurants, bars and cafés in Ghent. Make your mouth water with gastronomic or fusion cuisine. Foodies will be right at home here. Ghent is the veggie capital of Europe, and its young rock-star chefs are causing a sensation on the international food scene. Taste. Enjoy.

NOTE: This section has been limited to 20 points of interest.

For the full guide, please visit:

<http://arrivalguides.com/en/Travelguide/GENT>

A food affair



It is all about wok in this world cuisine restaurant and healthy light dishes with refreshing taste combinations.

Photo: Visit Gent

Address: Hoogstraat 58, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292241805

Tickets: www.afoodaffair.be/

Internet: www.afoodaffair.be

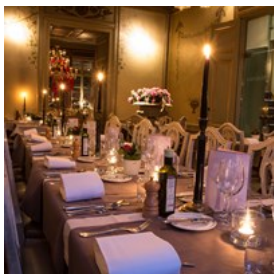
Aba-jour



Art Deco brasserie with a view of the Leie, specialised in regional Ghent produce and beer gastronomy.

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme
Address: Oudburg 20, 9000 Gent
Phone: +3292340729
Internet: www.abajour-gent.com

Allegro Moderato



Traditional French restaurant in an 18th century listed building filled with splendour of days gone by: impressive chandeliers, baroque fireplaces and decorative frescos, and still it will feel like home. It has a lovely terrace with a view of historical Ghent.

Photo: Visit Gent
Address: Korenlei 7, 9000 Gent
Phone: +3292332332
Internet: www.restoallegro.com

Amadeus



Restaurant serving a liberal supply of spareribs. The Vichy-style table-cloths and nostalgic knick-knacks are reminiscent of the twenties and thirties. Be careful not to overdo, because it is 'all you can eat'!

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme
Address: Plotersgracht 8-10, 9000 Gent
Phone: +32497438571
Internet: www.amadeus-resto.be

Ankara



Typical Turkish restaurant with Turkish specialities (think Turkish pizza, stews and mezze) at reasonable prices. The interior is basic, with a noisy cosiness and there is quite a terrace.

Photo: Visit Gent
Address: Oudburg 44, 9000 Gent
Phone: +3292257818
Internet: www.ankararesto.be/

Balls & Glory



Wim Ballieu's meatball concept is a big success: meatballs with fillings served with mash or a salad. Try them at the lunch restaurant in Sint-Jacobsnieuwstraat. The open-plan kitchen allows you to see how these delicious meatballs are made. You can eat in or choose the takeaway option

There's something for vegetarians too: there is a different vegetarian alternative on the menu every week.

Photo: John Brunton
Address: Jakobijnenstraat 6, 9000 Gent
Phone: +32486678776
Internet: www.ballsglory.be

Belfort Restaurant



Ambitious city brasserie located underneath the very impressive City pavilion, and right in between three historical monuments: the Belfry, St

Nicholas' Church and the Town Hall.

The Stadscafé caters for breakfast, snacks and drinks. Lunch and dinner are served in the Stadsrestaurant.

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme

Address: Emile Braunplein 40, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292256005

Internet: www.belfort-stadscafe.be/

Email: info@belfort-stadscafe.be

Café Theatre



This is the place to be for a delicious overture or a tasty encore! And the interior of Café Théâtre deserves a round of applause as well. Come

here at any time of the day: for a delightful breakfast in the morning, or a quick lunch or leisurely dinner later on. In the evening, the bar staff will be happy to mix you a fantastic cocktail!

It's absolutely true: Café Théâtre is where you will officially find the Best Steak Tartare in Flanders and Brussels. Awarded first prize by the leading Belgian magazine Knack, this dish comes highly recommended. But you can also opt for one of the chef's suggestions or three-course set menu, or you can eat à-la-carte. There is a varied selection of starters, main courses and desserts to choose from.

At night the real magicians appear behind the bar. A juice with the right punch, a stiff shot from the bottle, and as if by magic a fabulous cocktail appears. The bar staff at Café Théâtre have won several prizes, so you know you've found the right mix!

Café Théâtre is a great place for breakfast as well!

The impressive coffee and breakfast menu at Café Théâtre is based on the local traditional Bloch Bakery: a household name in Ghent with a history going back 100 years. The family bakery with a name that is famous far beyond the city will spoil you with its unique pastry recipes from far and wide.

Photo: Stad Gent

Address: Schouwburgstraat 7, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292650550

Internet: www.cafetheatre.be

Email: info@cafetheatre.be

Carte Blanche



Gastronomic restaurant, also serving vegetarian dishes.

Photo: Visit Gent

Address: Martelaarslaan 321, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292332808

Internet: www.cartelanchepw.be

Email: info@cartelanchepw.be

Chambre Séparée



Chambre Séparée is the new concept by 'Flemish Foodie' Kobe Desramauts. The restaurant only seats 16 people. The guests sit surrounding the kitchen, which creates an intimate atmosphere in the setting of an old industrial building. What follows is a unique experience, translated into a menu of 20 dishes. However, the restaurant does not offer an à la carte dining experience. Instead, the chef

compiles the menu on the basis of seasonal products and the inspiration of the moment. As a result, the food comes as a complete surprise.

Planning a visit to Ghent and looking for an exclusive evening out? If so, be sure to keep an eye on the *Chambre Séparée* website and book a meal with Kobe no more than 2 months before your arrival!

Photo: Piet De Kersgieter

Address: Keizer Karelstraat 1 9000 Gent

Internet: www.chambreseparee.be/

Email: info@chambreseparee.be

Cochon de Luxe



Chef Tom Van Lysebettens and his partner Alison Roels look forward to welcoming you to their restaurant Cochon de Luxe. Enjoy

original, contemporary gastronomy in a delightful setting.

The refined menus are based on classic French cuisine with contemporary interpretations. Chef Tom creates playful dishes in a balanced combination of rich flavours and touches of freshness. He often uses Roomer, a natural, locally produced, alcoholic drink based on elderflowers in his desserts.

Cochon de Luxe has space to seat 20 diners. If you want to be sure of a place, don't forget to reserve in advance.

Photo: Cochon de Luxe

Address: Brabantdam 113 9000 Gent

Phone: +323361672

Internet: www.cochondeluxe.be/

Email: info@cochondeluxe.be

De Acht Zaligheden



Restaurant located in 'Oudburg' with a warm interior and a view of the 'Lys' river at the back, serving a refreshing French cuisine. 'Café

Zoo', next to the restaurant, is run by the same people and an ideal place for a nightcap afterwards

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme

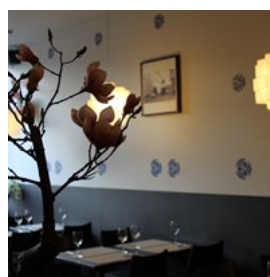
Address: Oudburg 4, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292243197

Internet: www.deachtzaligheden.be

Email: info@deachtzaligheden.be

De Fobie



Delicious, no-nonsense food. Vegetarian dishes also available. Sunny terrace at the back of the restaurant.

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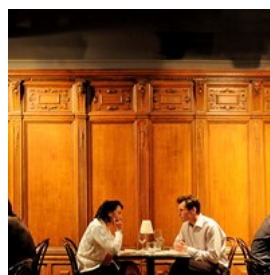
Address: Brusselsepoortstraat 61, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292341767

Internet: www.eethuisdefobie.be

Email: info@eethuisdefobie.be

De Foyer



Restaurant on the second floor of the impressive municipal theatre NTGent serving Belgian-French cuisine. Balcony terrace with a lovely view of St

Bavo's Cathedral and the Belfry. Abundant brunch on Sunday.

Photo: Visit Gent

Address: Sint-Baafsplein 17, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292341354
Internet: www.foyerntgent.be
Email: info@foyerntgent.be

De Superette



Kobe Desramaults is everywhere in Ghent: first he opened his bistro De Vitrine and now De Superette at Hofstraat. Visit this craft bakery and

brasserie with a wood stove at any time of day: for breakfast, brunch or a drink as well as for a full lunch or dinner. The woman behind the oven is the American bread expert Sarah Lemke.

And of course you can just buy a loaf of bread here, made with a sourdough base.

Photo: Visit Gent
Address: Guldensporenstraat 29, 9000 Gent
Phone: +3292780808
Internet: www.de-superette.be/
Email: info@de-superette.be

Du Progrès



One of Ghent's oldest brasseries which has been run by the same family for generations. People come for the honest and substantial

brasserie cuisine without all the frills. An established value in Ghent.

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme
Address: Korenmarkt 10, 9000 Gent
Phone: +3292251716
Internet: www.duprogres.be
Email: info@duprogres.be

ENTR



ENTR is a culinary free zone where scents and flavours meet and blend. The menu features Belgian classics, tapas, world cuisine, halal and veggie dishes. This is a cosy hangout, not only to enjoy a meal but also to drink a coffee or sip a cocktail.

Photo: ENTR
Address: Ham 147, 9000 Gent
Phone: +3292782699
Internet: decentrale.be/nl/entr
Email: decentrale@gent.be

Godot



Lounge restaurant at 10 meters from the Graslei with a big summer terrace. Serving both classics and world cuisine.

Photo: Visit Gent
Address: Hooiaard 8, 9000 Gent
Phone: +3293298208
Internet: www.godotgent.be
Email: info@godotgent.be

Gust



Gust is a cosy breakfast, lunch and take-away restaurant decorated with soft pastel shades and light wood. Everything on the menu is home-made and the lunch menu changes on a weekly basis.

The décor is all soft pastel tints and pale wood. Everything is homemade and the lunch menu is different every week.

Photo: Visit Gent

Address: Annonciadenstraat 4, 9000 Gent

Phone: +32474416595

Internet: www.gustgent.be

Email: gustgent@gmail.com

Greenway



Vegetarian eatery serving world cuisine and healthy fast-food in a green and trendy interior. Take away possible.

Photo: Visit Gent

Address: Nederkouter 52, 9000 Gent

Phone: +3292690769

Internet: www.greenway.be

Email: nederkouter@greenway.be

FESTIVALS



Visit Gent

During the ten-day Ghent Festivities in July, the city centre is transformed into one giant festival. The Ghent Jazz Festival and the Festival of Flanders earned Ghent the title of UNESCO Creative City of Music. In October, film lovers and stars flock to the Ghent Film Festival. See what's on!

Copacobana Festival



Every year the Sint-Baafskouterpark hosts the Copacobana Festival, a free festival at the park for all ages. Come and enjoy music, theatre and dance workshops and much, much more.

Photo: Stad Gent

Address: Ledestraat 38, 9040 Ledeborg

Internet: <https://visit.gent.be/en/calendar/copacobana-festival>

Email: info@copacobana.be

Gent Jazz Festival



Every year in July jazz enthusiasts can have a great time during the Gent Jazz Festival. Renowned artists from Belgium and abroad make up the programme. Head to Restaurant Lof to enjoy lunch concerts.

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme

Address: Sint-jacobsnieuwstraat 50, 9000 Gent

Internet: <https://visit.gent.be/en/calendar/gent-jazz-festival>

Email: info@gentjazz.com

The Ghent Festivities



A sparkling cultural popular festival with numerous performances of various national and international artists: a unique event in Europe, thanks to the varied and free offer of (music) performances, (street)theatre, exhibitions, animation for children, fairs, parades and so much more!

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme

Address: Gent
Phone: +3292694600
Internet: <https://gentsefeesten.stad.gent/>
Email: evenement.feesten@stad.gent

Jazz in the Park



Jazz in the Park (Jazz in 't Park) presents Belgian contemporary jazz to a large audience by organising free concerts. Discover established names and local talent, bringing light-digestible jazz as well as the more complicated genre.

Photo: Stad Gent
Internet: <https://visit.gent.be/en/calendar/jazz-park>

Ghent Festival of Flanders



Ghent Festival of Flanders is an international music festival where diversity, creativity and top quality are essential. Discover classical and world music in a surprising artistic way, at different exclusive locations in and around the city of Ghent.

Every year you can find at least 180 concerts listed on the program, where more than 1500 national and international artists are participating. Original concepts like OdeGand and Parklife make sure that the festival attracts above 60 000 visitors yearly and leave an unforgettable experience for young and old.

Go to the website to view the full programme

Photo: Visit Gent
Address: Bijlokekaai 8 bus 9
Phone: +3292439494
Internet: www.gentfestival.be/
Email: info@festival.be

Film Fest Gent



The Film Fest Gent has become a not-to-be-missed event on the Flemish and international cultural scene. It owes its success to events that keep making their return: dozens of quality films, major film music concerts by top composers and extraordinary exhibitions in the margin of film.

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme
Address: Leeuwstraat 40b, 9000 Gent
Phone: +3292428060
Internet: www.filmfestival.be/en
Email: info@filmfestival.be

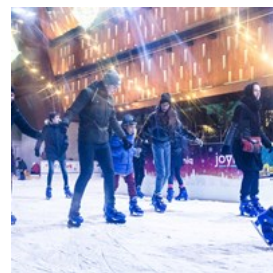
The six-days bicycle race



Every year in November, the very best track racing cyclists compete for the victory in the legendary 'Kuipke' cycling stadium. Every day you can watch the race for points, the team race, the elimination race, the time trial, the super sprint and the derny. Don't miss this spectacle!

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme
Address: 't Kuipke, Citadelpark, 9000 Gent
Phone: +3211459900
Internet: www.z6sdaagse.be
More Info: Every year in November

Winter Festivities



At the beginning of December, it feels as though Ghent is getting all dressed up and making a beeline for Christmas and New Year. The historic centre gradually metamorphoses

into a winter landscape, from Sint-Baafsplein to the St.-Veerleplein.

Wander past the stalls of the Christmas Market selling snacks and drinks, fancy trinkets and authentic crafts. The scent of pine resin and mulled wine make the experience complete. Emile Braunplein looks like a tableau from a Brueghel painting: warmly wrapped-up skaters whirl around in a mediaeval setting.

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme

Internet: <https://visit.gent.be/en/good-know/practical-information/inspiration/winter-ghent>

The Light Festival



Every three years, Ghent is set ablaze with lights during the free Ghent Light Festival. This festival lights up the city with works by

international light artists. The city's nights will become the backdrop for a surprising spectacle, ingenious installations, spectacular performances and beautiful events, all based on light. Get ready to discover Ghent's historic sites and monuments from a different angle. The Light Festival puts the internationally acclaimed Ghent lighting plan in the spotlight and gives you the opportunity to catch a glimpse of Ghent's unique hidden charm after sunset.

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme

Tickets: Free

Internet: <https://lichtfestival.stad.gent/en>

SHOPPING



Stad Gent/Visit Gent

Shopping in Ghent is wonderful. Ghent has the largest pedestrian shopping area in Belgium and a highly varied range of shops and markets, all within a stone's throw of each other. In Ghent, you will find the big, famous clothing stores alongside authentic boutiques. Shops are also open on the first Sunday in the month in Ghent. They are closed on all other Sundays and public holidays.

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SLEEPING

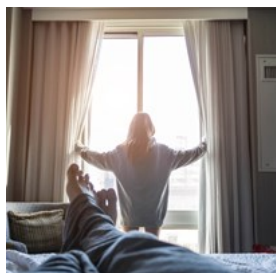


Stad Gent/Visit Gent

If you've never spent the night in Ghent, you've never really experienced the city. Ghent shines day and night. When the sun goes down, Ghent is transformed with fairy-tale lighting. Find B&Bs, design hotels and distinctive boutique hotels, no-frills hostels and chic apartments in Ghent. In

Ghent, everyone is welcome.

Bed & Breakfast



Dozens of Ghent's residents will welcome you in their own, unique bed & breakfasts, in the bel étage of a town house, in an

Asian-inspired suite, or in a cabin on the water. Often original, always hospitable.

<https://visit.gent.be/en/overnight-stay/bed-breakfast>

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Campsites

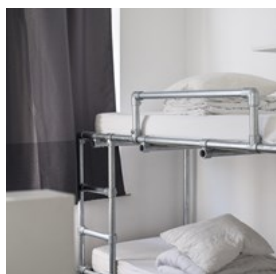


Do you want to camp in the green belt around Ghent? No problem! Camp under a four-star sky

Photo: Stad Gent

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Hostels

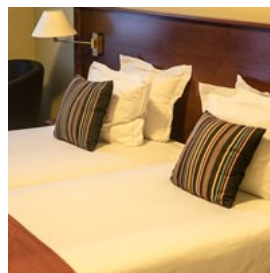


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Hotels



Staying the night in Ghent? You've got nothing to worry about, because every licensed hotel meets the quality standards of the Flemish

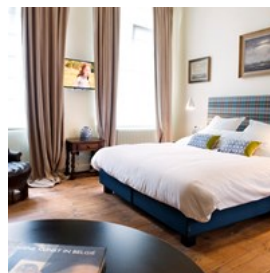
Tourist Accommodation decree.

The number of stars awarded to a hotel indicates the comfort level you can expect. A first class establishment, mid-range or standard hotel? Find a hotel that suits you!

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Internet: <https://visit.gent.be/en/overnight-stay/accommodations?f%5B0%5D=category%3A30&f%5B1%5D=category%3A30&map=hide>

Holiday homes



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transformed with fairy-tale lighting.

Photo: Duco Devries

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Yacht marinas



<https://visit.gent.be/en/overnight-stay/accommodations?f%5B0%5D=category%3A37&f%5B1%5D=category%3A37>

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme

Internet: <https://visit.gent.be/en/overnight-stay/accommodations?f%5B0%5D=category%3A37&map=hide>

TOURIST INFORMATION



Stad Gent/Visit Gent

Emergency numbers



112 is the general number used in all countries of the European Union to contact the emergency services: police, fire brigade or

medical assistance. The number operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

112

Ambulance/Fire Department/Police

+32 9 266 61 11

General telephone number Ghent Police

+32 2 475 44 99

Child Focus Belgium

+32 70 245 245

Poison Control Centre Belgium

+32 78 15 10 20

Drug hotline Belgium

+32 800 99 533

LGTBQ hotline Belgium

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme

Internet: <https://visit.gent.be/en/good-know/good-know/useful-locations/emergency-services>

Public Transport



Ghent's public transport is well organised, with a wide network of trams and buses. The buses and trams in Ghent will take you to where you want to

go from early in the morning until late in the evening: for free if you have a CityCard. The CityCard Ghent allows you to use all the trams & buses in Ghent without paying extra!

What if you haven't got a CityCard Ghent with all its great benefits?! You will find a 'Lijnwinkel', or ticket shop, at Gent-Sint-Pieters railway station, Korenmarkt and Gent-Zuid (Woodrow Wilsonplein) where you can buy tickets. Always buy your ticket in advance from the Lijnwinkel or a machine at the tram or bus stop.

Tram lines 1, 2 and 4 take you from one end of Ghent to the other, passing right through the city centre.

Photo: Stad Gent - Dienst Toerisme

Internet: <https://visit.gent.be/en/good-know/good-know/getting-around/public-transport-ghent>

Plane



Choosing to fly in for your city trip? Ghent does not have an airport of its own but is easy to reach from the two main airports in Belgium: Brussels Airport and Brussels South Charleroi Airport.

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Climate



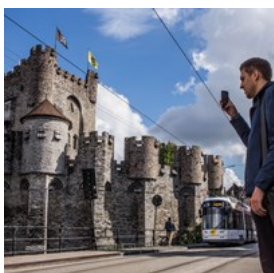
Belgium has a temperate maritime climate, with unpredictable, volatile weather. Ghent is not far from the North Sea and has a temperate rainy climate. You can never be certain it will remain dry, but generally, spring is the least rainy of all the seasons. January and February are the coldest months, with average minimum temperatures of 0 to 1 °C. The summer months are sunny, with an average maximum temperature of 21 °C.

Don't postpone your visit to Ghent because of the weather, because it's a beautiful city all year round. In summer, the many festivals make it a bubbly place to be and in winter, the magical evening lighting gives it an extra cosy touch. On a rainy day, you can satisfy your craving for culture with a museum visit, topped with a culinary treat in one of the many cafés and restaurants. And remember... at the end of the day, the weather in Ghent is just as quirky as the city and its inhabitants.

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Telephone



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Electricity



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Population

259.000 inhabitants

Currency

Euro

€

Opening hours

7/7 - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Internet

www.visit.gent.be/en

Emergency numbers

112 is the general number used in all countries of the European Union to contact the emergency services: police, fire brigade or medical assistance. The number operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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