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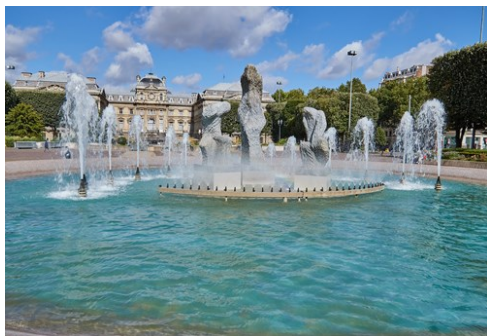
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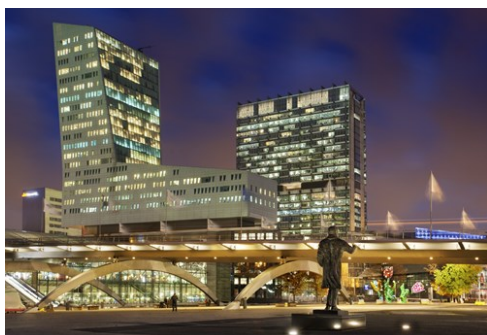
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The title of European Capital of Culture awarded to Lille over a decade ago was not the height of its ability, but rather a humble beginning, for in the years to follow Lille has grown to become a cultural hub second to none in northern France – and, some would argue, even beyond. There is a strong Flemish flavour in Lille, which manifests itself literally, through Lillois cuisine, and figuratively, through the ornate buildings of the charming old town (Vieux Lille).

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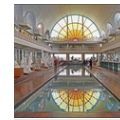
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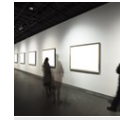
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THE CITY



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Although Lille has a reputation for being a sprawling city – and it is indeed the largest one in northern France – its charming old town is entirely walkable, and contains all the attractions, restaurants, and nightlife establishments a weekend city-breaker could wish to explore in a couple of days. The vibrant, multicultural neighbourhood of Wazemmes, known for its popular market, lies just south of the old town, and is within equally easy reach. The significant student population accounts for Lille's youthful, jovial spirit, which co-exists with refinement and cultural heritage that spans many centuries.

Once an important trading post, Lille later grew into an industrial powerhouse and even became known for being a working class stronghold, a status that has now given way to one of a cultural hub. Beyond the old town, museums worth making the trip to the suburbs for are the curious La Piscine (museum set up inside a 20th century swimming pool building, the pool still technically functional) of Roubaix and Lille Métropole Museum of Modern, Contemporary and Outsider Art in Villeneuve-d'Ascq.

DO & SEE



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Wandering the old town streets and admiring the Flemish renaissance architecture might be one of the greatest pleasures the city has to offer, but together with a handful of solid art museums, excellent shopping and hearty, scrumptious cuisine, Lille is northern France's biggest city in not only terms of size, but also cultural offerings.

Old Town



Start your stay in Lille by exploring the old part of town and wandering along Vieux-Lille's cobble streets. Apart from fine examples of old

Flemish architecture, the area contains a plethora of small boutiques and cosy cafes. Do not miss the charming little Place aux Oignons.

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Palais des Beaux Arts



Second only to Parisian Louvre in the calibre of its collection, Lille's Fine Arts Museum (Palais des Beaux Arts) contains works by assorted great masters, the likes of Rubens and Manet. The basement level holds archaeological finds and

miniature representations of the region's 18th-century fortified settlements.

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Address: 18bis Rue de Valmy, Lille

Opening hours: 14:00-16:00 (Monday) 10:00-18:00 (Wednesday to Sunday)

Phone: +33 3 20 06 78 00

Internet: www.pba-lille.fr

La Piscine Museum



The building of what once was an Art Deco swimming pool has now been turned into a fine/applied arts museum (La Piscine Musée d'Art et d'Industrie), classical sculptures and busts lining the filled-up pool in a bizarre yet curious presentation.

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Address: 23 Rue de l'Espérance, Roubaix

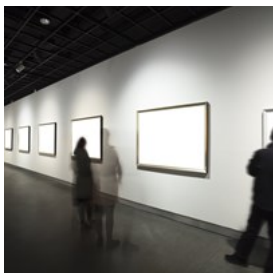
Public Transport: Gare Jean Lebas / Grand Place (underground)

Phone: +33 3 20 69 23 60

Internet: www.roubaix-lapiscine.com

Email: lapiscine.musee@ville-roubaix.fr

Lille Métropole Museum of Modern, Contemporary and Outsider Art



The Lille suburb of Villeneuve-d'Ascq is worth the trip if only for its singular Modern Art Museum (Musée d'Art Moderne, d'Art Contemporain et d'Art Brut - LaM), which showcases works by celebrated modernists (such as Picasso and Modigliani, to name a couple), along with a noteworthy collection of outsider art.

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Address: 1 Allée du Musée, Villeneuve-d'Ascq

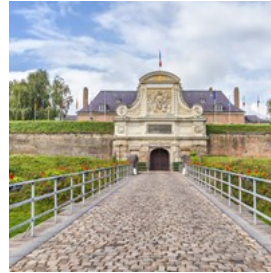
Opening hours: 10:00-18:00 (Tuesday to Sunday)

Phone: +33 3 20 19 68 68

Internet: www.musee-lam.fr

Email: info@musee-lam.fr

Citadel of Lille



First built in the 17th century following the seizing of Lille by French forces, the Citadel is an impressive star-shaped fortress which now houses the French Rapid Reaction Corps. Guided tours of the Citadel are held monthly. The park area surrounding the fortress contains pleasant greenery and the Lille Zoo.

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Address: Avenue du 43e Régiment d'Infanterie, Lille

Phone: +33 4 43 05 12 90

The Old Stock Exchange



The building of La Vieille Bourse, as it is known locally, consists of a couple dozen separate buildings and a beautiful courtyard containing a book flea market. It is a fine example of 17th century ornamental Flemish Renaissance.

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Address: Place Charles de Gaulle, Lille

Opening hours: 13:00-17:00 (Tuesday to Sunday)

Phone: +33 891 56 20 04

Lille Cathedral



Finally completed only at the turn of the current century, the Cathédrale Notre-Dame-de-la-Treille bears striking dissimilarity to Gothic and Romanesque cathedrals across Europe - perhaps, due to its pronouncedly modern facade. The inside contains a crypt and sacred art museum.

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Address: Place Gilleson, Lille
Phone: +33 3 20 31 59 12
Internet: www.cathedralelille.com
Email: cathedraledelatreille@gmail.com

Lille Zoo



Located only a short walk outside the old town, the Lille Zoo is a pleasant afternoon pastime for the whole family. Ticket prices are times lower than those at an average west European zoo, all animals are well looked after, and an impressive collection of species for a zoo of such compact size is represented.

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Address: Avenue Mathias Delobel, Lille
Phone: +33 3 28 52 07 00
Internet: www.lille.fr/Zoo-de-Lille
Email: zoolille@mairie-lille.fr

Lille Belfry



The belfry of Lille's Hôtel de Ville shoots up a hundred metres into the sky, and is accessible via both stairs and an elevator (the latter means

of reaching the top is recommended). From up top, a splendid view unfolds over the entire city, including a few local landmarks (although admittedly little of the old town).

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Address: Place Roger Salengro, Lille
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Hospice Comtesse Museum



The Hospice Comtesse Museum, or Musée de l'Hospice Comtesse, is a century-old once-hospital now open to visitors. The complex consists of a former hospital hall and an adjacent chapel. The English audio guide is informative and essential for those who do not speak French.

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DINING

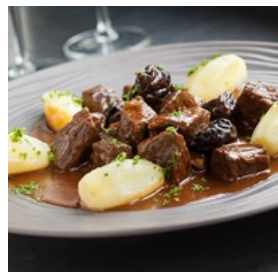


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Those looking to savour Lillois specialities should cast their glance at carbonade flamande, waterzooi, and potjevleesch. The latter one might be the most exotic: four different types of meat held together with gelatin, served cold. Carbonade flamande is, perhaps, the safest bet, as little can go wrong with beef stewed to utmost

tenderness in beer. As for waterzooi, it is a Flemish creamy stew of fish or chicken with egg yolk and various vegetables.

Le Bistrot Lillois



For honest, authentic Lillois fare, try this unpretentious eatery that serves a combination of French and Flemish dishes. Be warned: the

offerings of northern French cuisine are generally rather straightforward, built on the foundation of meat and potatoes, with the occasional curiosity in the form of - in this case - bone marrow.

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Address: 40 Rue de Gand, Lille

Phone: +33 3 20 14 04 15

Estaminet Au Vieux de la Vieille



During the summer months, this atmospheric little eatery spills out onto the charming Place aux Oignons, where patrons tuck into hearty

Flemish specialities. Cheese-lovers won't find themselves at a loss, and meals are welcome to be followed by a sweet crêpe or another local dessert.

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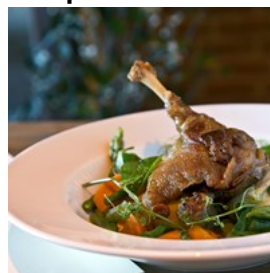
Address: 2-4 Rue des Vieux Murs, Lille

Phone: +33 3 20 13 81 64

Internet: www.estaminetlille.fr/auvieuxdelavieille

Email: auvieux@estaminetlille.fr

Comptoir 44



The Parisian-style brasserie serves a regularly updated menu of French dishes, with a special emphasis laid on showcasing fresh,

seasonal ingredients. Le Comptoir 44 serves simple, hearty dishes, along with sophisticated specials like foie gras and crêpe suzette.

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Address: 44 Rue de Gand, Lille

Opening hours: 12:00-14:00 19:00-22:30 (Monday to Friday)

12:00-14:30 19:00-22:30 (Saturday, Sunday)

Phone: +33 3 20 21 03 63

Internet: www.comptoir44-lille.fr

La Petite Table



The cosy old town restaurant offers a fusion menu of Flemish and international dishes, one of the most popular orders being the humble

"Welsh" - essentially, toast smothered in cheese, with a few filling extras. Frequenting by both locals and guests looking to experience northern French dining.

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Address: 59 Rue de la Monnaie, Lille

Phone: +33 3 20 55 60 47

Internet: www.lapetitetable-vieuxlille.com

La Petite Cour



The pleasant, centrally located restaurant entices with good value menus featuring Belgian and Flemish specialities.

When weather permits, make use of the restaurant's intimate outdoor

courtyard seating.

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Address: 17 Rue du Cure Saint-Etienne, Lille

Phone: +33 3 20 51 52 81

Internet: www.lapetitecour-lille.fr

La Chicorée



This atmospheric brasserie often stays open till the wee morning hours, entertaining guests with live music shows and fine food. It is a rather popular local dining spot, not least because of its great value French and Flemish cuisine. A "Chicorée" menu will set you back just over a dozen euros (includes starter or dessert, plus main).

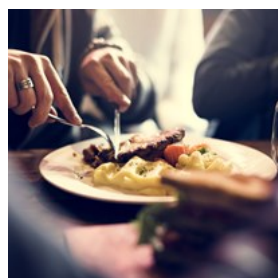
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Address: 15 Place Rihour, Lille

Phone: +33 3 20 54 81 52

Internet: www.chicoree.restaurantsdelille.com

Pancook



Popularity of this corner restaurant is on the rise, and no wonder: dishes served are all great value home-style cooking at its best. The star of the menu are the "pancooks" themselves - hollowed-out bread bowls stuffed with a mix of ingredients, sealed off with a generous helping of cheese.

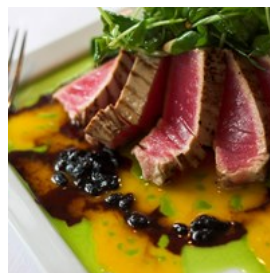
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Address: 125 Rue Colbert, Lille

Phone: +33 3 20 40 10 97

Internet: www.pancook-restaurant-lille.fr

Quai 38



Quai 38 is all hype among local seafood-lovers, for it is fresh seafood that the restaurant has its focus on. From scallops to lobster, to perfectly seared fish, there simply is no room to go wrong on the extensive and carefully thought out menu. Ring the day of booking to confirm the restaurant will be open.

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Address: 38 Rue Saint-Sébastien, Lille

Phone: +33 3 20 42 10 68

Internet: www.quai38-lille.fr

CAFES



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When in Lille, do not skip on the city's most sought-after dessert: vanilla waffles served at Meert, Lille's historic and most reputable cafe. There are plenty of places to tuck into a savoury galette or syrup-drenched crepe, or even just grab a cup of coffee (some particularly good finds are concentrated around old town's Grand Place). A dessert you'll be seeing nearly anywhere you go is merveilleux, a small, meringue-based cake sprinkled with chocolate shavings. If you're into cheese, try the city's own Le Vieux Lille, a gourmet variety with a distinctive smell.

Méert



Méert's gourmand history begins in the 18th century, when chocolate maker Delcourt opened his first boutique in Lille and started a real pastry

revolution in the city. Nowadays, this tea salon is very popular for the exquisite cakes and pastries, along with, of course, the famous vanilla waffles: the best in Lille.

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Address: 27 Rue Esquermoise, Lille

Phone: +33 3 20 57 07 44

Internet: www.meert.fr

La Crêperie



Lille's finest crêperie boasts an extensive selections of sweet and savoury crepes and galettes (the latter are made with buckwheat

flour). The chefs make sense of the most bizarre flavor combinations and easily turn even the most sceptical of diners into converts.

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Address: 64 Rue de Gand, Lille

Phone: +33 3 20 12 77 76

Internet: www.lacreperiedelille.fr

Meo



Despite its central location smack in the Grande Place of Lille, the cafe manages to keep its prices reasonable and slew of customers

content. Grab a coffee and head to the second floor - if you're lucky, you might be able to

secure a spot by the window, overlooking the very heart of the city.

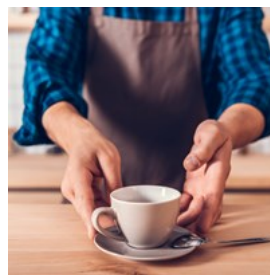
Photo: michajela/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3-5 Place Charles de Gaulle, Lille

Phone: +33 3 20 57 34 54

Internet: www.meo.fr

Coffee Makers



This little gem of a cafe is a favourite for breakfast, casual lunch or even just a cup of coffee (soy and oat milk available on request). One of the

cafe's best attributes is the jovial, welcoming attitude of the staff (that apart from the delicious toasted sandwiches).

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Address: 151 Rue de Paris, Lille

Phone: +33 9 73 55 93 60

Internet: www.coffeemakers.fr

Email: bonjour@coffeemakers.fr

Crêperie Beaurepaire



It would be an abomination to leave northern France without sufficiently indulging in the region's speciality - galettes and crepes - and

Beaurepaire lets you do just that, all at very reasonable prices. The menu variety astounds - from classics containing just egg and ham to much more elaborate concoctions (look out for the day's specials on the chalk board above the kitchen counter). The chef graciously agreed to take us in despite the scheduled afternoon break (2-7pm).

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Address: 1 Rue Saint-Etienne, Lille

Phone: +33 3 20 54 60 54

Internet: www.creperiebeaurepaire.com

Notting Hill Coffee



With multiple locations across the city, Notting Hill Coffee is an easy-to-find spot for a snack or a full meal accompanied by very decent coffee. In the food department, there are soups, salads, pasta, bagels, wraps, and all sorts of sandwiches; for dessert, pick from muffins, cookies, brownies, cakes and more.

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Address: 11 Rue de Béthune, Lille

Phone: +33 3 20 49 77 41

Internet: www.nottinghill-coffee.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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The Lillois drink of choice is beer, with some of the coolest beer bars concentrated around Place de la Gare. There are dozens of varieties, each served in its own designated glass. The Lillois know how to let loose, and a typical evening would consist of pre-drinks somewhere along Rue de Gand, followed by a night out at one of the livelier nightlife venues.

Le Dandy



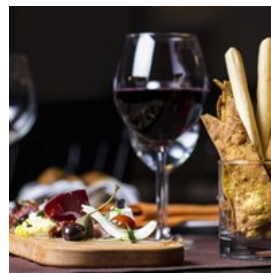
One of the city's trendiest cocktail bars, Le Dandy entices with its unusual array of artisan cocktails, some of the flavours including ones as naughty as cookie dough. The sleek interior and stylish ambience have quickly turned it into a local favourite.

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Address: 67 Rue Basse, Lille

Phone: +33 3 20 51 50 01

Jaja



Jaja does what one would expect a French wine bar to do, which is commendably showcase wines from the country that knows how to make them best. There are many labels to choose from, and delicious meat and cheese platters to order on the side.

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Address: 36 Rue Saint-André, Lille

Phone: +33 3 20 51 83 73

Dernier Bar avant la Fin du Monde



This quirky bar is a find for any sci-fi, comic book, or even just pop culture enthusiasts. With regular thematic exhibitions and events, it attracts patrons with not only drinks but the thematic component, too, making for an entertaining pastime in the well-stocked game room.

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Address: 12 Rue de Pas, Lille

Phone: +33 3 61 50 43 20
Internet: www.dernierbar.com

Bar L'illustration



This atmospheric bar in Lille's old town has, over the years, become a meeting place for the cultured elites, who rub shoulders with those outsiders who are lucky enough to stumble upon or learn of the place. The bar hosts live singers and serves a pleasant selection of drinks.

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Address: 18 Rue Royale, Lille
Phone: +33 3 20 12 00 90
Internet: www.bar-lillustration.fr
Email: bar.lillustration@voila.fr

Le Network



Following the closing of Lille's popular Magazine Club, Le Network now remains Lille's best of the kind for a night out on the dance floor. Le Network's indoor space is fit to host up to a few hundred party-goers, all dressed to the nines and ready to light up the night to house and electronic beats.

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Address: 15 Rue du Faisan, Lille
Phone: +33 3 20 40 04 91
Internet: www.lenetwork.fr
Email: network-cafe@wanadoo.fr

La Pirogue



Patrons do not mind being a little cramming into the compact space of this atmospheric bar with a very eclectic client base. In the drinks department, everything here revolves around rum and rum-based drinks, so expect to leave being on a friendly footing with the drink.

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Address: 16 Rue Jean Jacques Rousseau, Lille
Phone: +33 3 20 31 70 82

Bartown



Bartown serves - rumour has it - some of the best cocktails in the city, with generous servings of fruit mounted on top of some of their concoctions. The atmosphere is pleasant and relaxed, forged by the establishment's jovial regulars. Meat and cheese platters complement the drinks.

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Phone: +33 3 20 21 16 97

SHOPPING



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Rue de Bethune is Lille's main shopping thoroughfare, while Rue de la Grande Chaussée is the place to go for upscale luxury brands. There are plenty of individual boutiques selling deli (try the local Le Vieux Lille cheese) and drinks, with plenty of ethnic shops scattered around the Wazemmes area. Lille's modern shopping centre, Euralille, contains stores of internationally known brands, as well as all the facilities one would expect from a commercial complex of the kind.

Wazemmes Market



The working-class, eclectic neighbourhood of Wazemmes contains Lille's most praised food market, the Marché de Wazemmes. On Sundays, trade spills out onto the adjacent outdoor area, making for an animated commercial affair. Nearby streets contain shops that minister to residents of North African origin.

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Address: Place Nouvelle Aventure, Lille

More Info: Halles de Wazemmes:

fr-fr.facebook.com/hallesdewazemmes

Furet du Nord Bookshop



Spread over an entire 8 floors, the stunning Furet du Nord is a bookstore that lays substantial claim to being the best in all of northern France. Genres represented vary greatly, from classics to manga comics, and a pleasant selection of English-language literature, along with local souvenirs, is also on offer.

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Address: 15 Place Charles de Gaulle, Lille

Opening hours: 9:30-19:30 (Monday to Saturday)

Phone: +33 3 20 78 43 43

Internet: www.furet.com

More Info: Lille's bookshop:

www.furet.com/cafe/librairie-de-lille

Philippe Olivier Fromagerie



The cheese boutique of a century-old family business is an absolute must: the family has long-dedicated itself to preserving rare varieties of cheeses and propelling the cheese-making tradition further. The boutique stocks cheeses sourced from small local producers.

Photo: Hayati Kayhan/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Rue Cure St Etienne, Lille

Phone: +33 3 20 74 96 99

Internet: www.philippeolivier.fr

Email: info@philippeolivier.fr

Sebastopol Market



The market in Lille's Place Sébastopol takes place twice a week, gathering farmers from the region, who come to showcase and sell the finest produce, charcuterie, cheeses, and other locally-grown products.

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Address: Place Sébastopol, Lille

Opening hours: 7:00-14:00 (Wednesday, Saturday)

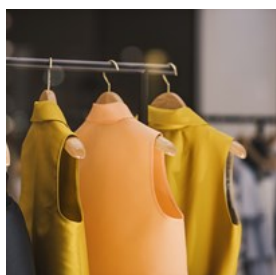
Braderie de Lille



The annual Braderie held in Lille the first weekend of September is a city-wide flea market, the largest one of its kind in Europe. For two days, the entire city transforms into an open-air marketplace featuring events and celebrations, as roughly two million shoppers make their way into town.

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Maisons de Mode



Maisons de Mode is a collection of small designer boutiques selling unique, one-of-a-kind creations, primarily clothing and accessories. There are two locations of the "maisons" in Lille, another one being in Roubaix (Jardin de Mode, 58-60 Rue du Faubourg des Postes).

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Address: 31-62 Rue du Faubourg des Poste, Lille

Phone: +33 3 20 99 91 20

Internet: www.maisonsdemode.com

Email: contact@maisonsdemode.com

L'Abbaye des Saveurs



This compact old town store is truly a dream-come-true for all beer-lovers: the selection of artisan brews and beers from all over the region impresses and invites visitors to discover flavours they would never have elsewhere. Stocks a selection of other regional products.

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Address: 13 Rue des Vieux Murs, Lille

Phone: +33 3 28 07 70 06

Internet: abbaye-des-saveurs.business.site

Les Vins d'Aurelien



What makes this particular wine shop stand out from competition is the owner, Aurélien, who is a wine connoisseur and enthusiast that prides himself on being personally involved in tasting and independently selecting each wine represented at the boutique. Quality is, therefore, at the forefront. Wine tastings are held frequently; check the website for schedules.

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Address: 5 Rue Jean Sans Peur, Lille

Phone: +33 3 62 64 36 63

Internet: www.lesvinsdaurelien.fr

Email: caviste@lesvinsdaurelien.fr

More Info: Information about tastings (ateliers): www.lesvinsdaurelien.fr/ateliers

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport/Visa



France can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and

most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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Best Time to Visit Lille, France



The best times of year to visit Lille are late spring and summer, when warm temperatures allow for walks and outdoor pursuits. The first

weekend of September is also an interesting time

to visit, since this is when Lille hosts its historic "braderie", a large-scale, city-wide flea market that attracts 2 million visitors annually.

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Airport



The Lille-Lesquin Airport is located 7 kilometres away from the city centre. A shuttle bus service is offered and runs between the airport

and the Euralille shopping centre (next to the main train station of Lille), and the journey lasts 20 minutes. Taxis can also be hired at the airport (check out this link to see the taxi firms that serve Lille Airport and some fares examples: w.lille.aeroport.fr/getting-to-the-airport/taxis).

Lille can also be reached by train or bus from Brussels, and direct bus routes exist between the Brussels South Charleroi Airport and the city of Lille (check the flibco shuttles www.flibco.com).

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Rue de l'Aéroport, Lille

Phone: +33 320 496 747

Internet: www.lille.aeroport.fr

Email: information@lille.aeroport.fr

Public Transport



Lille has a well-developed public transportation system, managed by Transpole, comprising metro, tram, and bus lines. Transpole has two

underground lines which share the different areas of the city.

The bus service include many lines which

entirely cover the city of Lille. The service also include a night line (every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night) et a shuttle for the old city (with departures every 10-15 minutes, Monday to Saturday, from 7:00 to 21:00).

Lastly, two tram lines serve nine districts of the city.

Tickets for every mean of transport can be purchased both at the stations and online. For further information about tariffs:

www.transpole.fr/fr/32-les-titres-occasionnels.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Address: Lille Flandres Station

Opening hours: 6:30-20:00 (Monday to Friday) 9:00-20:00 (Saturday)

Phone: +33 3 20 40 40 40

Internet: www.transpole.fr

Taxi



There are several taxi ranks across the city (Boulevard de Leeds at Lille Europe station or on Place de Buisses at Lille Flandres station).

Multiple taxi-to-order companies operate in Lille, some of which include:

TaxisLille

+33 7 60 06 61 61

www.taxislille.com

Taxi Flandres

+33 6 05 05 05 01

www.taxi-flandres.com

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Pharmacy



Pharmacies are marked with a green cross and are relatively easy to locate. One 24-hour pharmacy is Grande Pharmacie des Halles:

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: 99 Rue Solférino, Lille

Phone: +33 3 20 54 02 74

Post



Stamps may be purchased at post offices (most close for lunch) and tobacco shops. Post boxes are yellow in colour.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 8 Place de la République, Lille

Internet: www.laposte.fr

Telephone



+33 (country code) 3 (city code)

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



230 V, 50 Hz

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

227,560

Currency

1 euro = 100 cents

Opening hours

Most shops operate between 9am and 6pm, from Monday to Saturday (closing on Sundays). For restaurants and other businesses, hours may vary.

Newspapers

La Voix du Nord

20 minutes

Emergency numbers

112

Tourist information

Office de Tourisme et des Congrès de Lille

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