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Summer in Leuven

The big festivals are making way for a well-filled summer programme at unexpected locations. Enjoy, discover, listen, watch and relax! There is a wide range of activities, each more surprising than the last, which you can do at your own pace and in your own bubble. The whole programme can be found at www.zomervan2020.be. (only in Dutch)

De groten hof Parklife

Enjoy snacks and drinks at the pop-up bar or put the busy working day behind you with a game of Kubk. With extra treats and activities for children in the weekend.

4/07 - 30/08 | Tue - Thu: 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Sat & Sun: 1 p.m. - 9 p.m. | City park, Tiensestraat

Anderhalvemetersessies One and a half metre sessions

The city is summery and buzzing with over 130 events at 11 locations. With classical music, circus, theatre, cinema, gastronomy and much more.

13 - 31/08 | various locations | tickets: Visit Leuven

Zomer van Sint-Pieter Exquisite lunch concerts

A series of wonderful lunch concerts in the heart of the city with both the familiar repertoire and new discoveries.

1/07 - 27/08 | Wed & Thu | 12.15 p.m. | 30CC/Schouwborg tickets: www.30CC.be/zomer



InUit Exit

Ten artists give the best of themselves at five locations in the city. And they do that every Saturday.

11/07 - 08/08 | Sat | 8 p.m. | various locations

Summer concerts | organ

Enjoy a summer organ concert in the beautiful setting of the Church of Our Lady of the Dominicans.

18 + 25/07 & 1 + 8/08 | 3 p.m. | Church of Our Lady of the Dominicans, OL Vrouwstraat

Colora Festival

A journey around the world with plenty of musical discoveries, brilliant circus shows, interesting workshops, dazzling fire shows and much more.

15 + 16/08 | from 2 p.m. | Lemmekesveld, Matadilaan 6, Heverlee | tickets: daan@masereelfonds.be

Colora Festival @ Fiesta Partigiani

A casual festival with a fantastic programme of spoken word, dance, theatre and film.

8/08 | 2 p.m. | Parkveld, Ondernemingenweg 2, Heverlee | tickets: daan@masereelfonds.be

Tango aan 't station

Argentine tango at the summer terraces on the Martelarenplein. Tango DJ Jé plays the most beautiful tandas.

8 + 22/08 | 7.30 p.m. | Martelarenplein info: st.artvzw@gmail.com

Explore the city

Discover the loveliest walks in Leuven

Set off on your own with a mapped-out walk through Leuven with a map and a detailed explanation of some stops en route.

every day for sale at Visit Leuven

Leuven's monumental churches

Leuven has very special and beautiful churches with a story. During the summer months, you can visit many of them free of charge.

Fri, Sat and Sun | St Gertrude's Church, St Michael's Church, St Quentin's Church: 1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Park Abbey: Fri + Sun: 1.30 p.m. - 5 p.m. free of charge

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Town Hall

Follow the guide for the story behind the most beautiful city hall façade in the world, and discover the rooms and Gothic halls.

3 p.m. (NL) | extra: Fri, Sat, Sun: 4 p.m. (EN) face masks required tickets: Visit Leuven, Naamsestraat 3 or visitleuven.be (note: limited places!)

GUIDED TOUR

University Library & Tower

The reading room of the University Library simply looks beautiful and impressive. Climb the tower, discover the history of the building on the way, and enjoy the unique view over the city.

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mgr. Ladeuzeplein 21 | with an online ticket only via <https://bib.kuleuven.be/over-ons/index/bibliotheektoeren/> (Note: the large reading room will not be accessible during the week)

AUDIO-GUIDE

M Leuven

An impressive and sleek museum building in the heart of the city. The permanent collection is complemented by surprising temporary exhibitions of old masters and contemporary artists.

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Thu: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. | Wed: closed L. Vanderkelenstraat 28 | www.mleuven.be by reservation only (audio guide)

AUDIO-GUIDE

Botanical Garden

Belgium's oldest botanical garden is a veritable verdant gem in the city of 2.2 hectares, with a colourful collection of trees, shrubs, bushes and plants.

8 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Sat & Sun: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Kapucijnenvoer 30 | entrance free of charge

Saint Peter's Church

This majestic church is a beautiful example of 15th-century Brabantine Gothic architecture.

10 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. | Sun: 11 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. | closed on Wednesdays | Grote Markt

Abbey Visit

Centuries old and beautifully preserved, but what goes on behind the walls of Park Abbey? Discover that for yourself on a wonderful tour.

2 p.m. | Sat & Sun | Park Abbey | by reservation only: www.abdijvanpark.be

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Practical info

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Music & performance

Tower visit & carillon recital

Visit the tower of the University Library and enjoy a recital of the carillon up close.

Wed: 12.20 p.m. (except 17/08-6/09) | Mgr. Ladeuzeplein 21 | reservation: www.kuleuven.be/carillon

Free carillon concerts

Carillon of the University Library

Wed: 1 p.m. (except 17/08-6/09) | Mgr. Ladeuzeplein

Carillon of the Saint-Peter's Church

Fri | Grote Markt | 12 p.m.

Carillon of the Park Abbey

Wed | Abdij van Park | 5 p.m.

Leuven Bells

www.leuvenbells.be

Carillon of the Saint-Gertrude's Church

26/07 & 2+9+16/08 | Sint-Geertruikerk | 3 pm

Carillon of the Great Beguinage

1+8+15+22/08 | Groot Begijnhof | 3 p.m.

Carillon of the University Library

6+13+20+27/08 | Mgr. Ladeuzeplein 21 | 8.30 p.m.



Exhibition

Between heaven and earth Discover The Last Supper by Bouts

Discover the fascinating story of Saint Peter's Church and its art treasures. Top works by Flemish Masters literally come to life thanks to a touch of mixed reality.

10 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. | Sun: 11 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. | Saint Peter's Church | www.diericbouts.be | reservation for digital participation required

The American College

This student residence has a history dating back to 1857. An exhibit tells the whole story using photographic material from the university archives.

9 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Naamsestraat 100 (wooden door next to the chapel entrance)

Rodin, Meunier & Minne

At the end of the 19th century, this trio led the way to a genuine sculptural revolution. By juxtaposing their work with medieval statues, you can see where they got their inspiration.

to 30/08 | M Leuven | by reservation only

Body language

The human body has always been a source of inspiration. Discover old masterpieces and contemporary art in which the body is central.

to 11/10 | M Leuven | by reservation only

Parcum

A unique collection of art from Flemish monasteries, churches and abbeys. Wonderful witnesses of the rich religious culture in Flanders over the past fifteen centuries.

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Tue - Sun | Park Abbey | tickets: www.parcum.be

Fear of communism

This exhibition searches the KADOC collections for traces of anti-communism between 1930 and 1960 on election posters and in cartoons, brochures and magazines, even in films and comics.

to 30/08 | Mon - Fri: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Sun: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. | KADOC, Vlamingenstraat 39 | free of charge

The seven sacraments

An exhibition on rituals and customs accompanying the seven sacraments, with the "Triptych of the Seven Sacraments" by the Flemish Master Rogier van der Weyden as the central work.

to 1/04/22 | M Leuven | by reservation only

Moved

A series of intriguing objects, personal testimonies and historical images bring forgotten religious rituals from our regions back to life.

to 4/09/22 | M Leuven | by reservation only

Down to the bone. The story of a Flemish masterpiece

The 13th century reliquary of Saint Odilia and the Saint Lutgardis' chair. They are real Flemish masterpieces. But why? What is their history? What makes a Flemish masterpiece a masterpiece?

14/08-20/09 | Parcum | tickets: www.parcum.be

In Paradisum

Three artists bring their own view of man, nature and time to life. They do this with clay sculptures in the orangery of the Kruidtuin.

11/07 - 30/08 | 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. | Kruidtuin



Shopping & markets

Flower and plant stalls

**Thu | 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Brusselsestraat
face masks recommended**

Food, textiles, flowers & plants

Fri | 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. | centre | face masks required

Small, cosy artisanal market

Sat | 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Brusselsestraat, Parijsstraat, M. de Layensplein | face masks recommended

Sunday Shopping

2/08 | 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. | centre

Folklore & tradition

Age Set Ritual Exhibition

The Leuven Age Sets are a unique phenomenon, recognised as heritage by UNESCO. This exhibition teaches you all there is to know about their history.

25/07 & 22/08 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Town Hall, Raadselders, Grote Markt

Guided (cycling) tours

Stella Artois Brewery

From the malted grain to the fermentation tanks, the brewing kettles and the bottling plant. A visit behind the scenes of the Artois Brewery. With a delicious Stella to finish off, of course.

Sat: 3 p.m. (NL) & 5 p.m. (EN) | Sun: 11 a.m. (EN) & 1 p.m. (NL) | face masks required | tickets: Visit Leuven & online: www.visitleuven.be

Domus Brauhaus

Let yourself be guided around this small home brewery in the shadow of the town hall, and end your visit with a tasting of the six house beers. Accompanied by local snacks.

from 1/08 | Fri: 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Sat: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Jozef Vounckplein 3 | reservations: info@domusbrauhaus.be

Breweries Bike Ride

Head out together with a beer connoisseur for a bike ride to two local breweries. A guided tour and a freshly draughted house beer await you at each brewery.

Sat | 1.30 p.m. | tickets: Visit Leuven, www.visitleuven.be or Leuven Leisure, Tiensestraat 5

City Golf Tour

A game of golf at six special places in the city. A really original way to explore the city!

23/07 + 21/08 | 2 p.m. | Mgr. Ladeuzeplein (totem) | tickets: Visit Leuven or www.visitleuven.be



Pub Tasting Tour

A seasoned beer connoisseur will take you to Leuven's best beer bars. In each pub, you will taste another delicious regional beer while your guide tells you what makes the beer so special.

Fri | 7.30 p.m. | tickets: Visit Leuven, www.visitleuven.be or Leuven Leisure, Tiensestraat 5

Leuven on tap

You will visit a local brewery with a beer connoisseur as your guide. Afterwards, you will discover the city, the past and present of its beers, and taste five local beers. You will end your tour in the old Leuven Café Sport.

Sat | 2 p.m. | tickets: Visit Leuven, www.visitleuven.be or Leuven Leisure, Tiensestraat 5

Highlights and hidden corners

The stories and surprises behind passages and doors that seem closed, but are not always. Let Leuven surprise you!

**Sat: 10:30 | Start: Leuven Leisure, Tiensestraat 5
Tickets: Leuven Leisure**

Sunset Walk

When the sun goes down and the city's lights go on, suddenly there is a real change in Leuven's atmosphere. It's the perfect moment for an evening walk.

Fri | 20:00 | Tickets: Visit Leuven, www.visitleuven.be or Leuven Leisure, Tiensestraat 5

Beerwalk

During this walk, you will discover small local breweries and special beers of Leuven. You will taste five special beers with a link to Leuven's rich beer history.

Fri, Sat, Sun | 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. | start: Mechelsestraat 51 | tickets: www.beerwalk.be

Abbey and brewery tour

A bike ride through the city and the green surroundings along no less than six breweries. And at each stop a tasting awaits you.

**Sun | 10.30 a.m. | start: J.P. Minckelerstraat 98
reservations: Visit Leuven or www.visitleuven.be**

Lovely Leuven Bike tour

A bike ride along the most beautiful spots and hidden gems in Leuven. With as many as twenty stops where fun facts and anecdotes await you at each stop.

various times | start: J.P. Minckelerstraat 98 | reservations: Visit Leuven or www.visitleuven.be

Leuven in short stories

The highlights of the city in a different setting or through different eyes. This walk along the Grote Markt, the Oude Markt and the Ladeuzeplein will definitely reacquaint you with Leuven.

25/07 & 22/08: 1 p.m. | start: Town Hall | tickets: Visit Leuven or www.visitleuven.be