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## Green and future oriented



The prestigious **European Green Leaf Award** - Leuven was the first Belgian city to win it with its cutting-edge approach to sustainability and quality of life. The city has made sustainability a top priority, taking serious strides forward to achieve its goal: **a climate neutral future**. How? Leuven is drastically reducing its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, planting new trees and neighbourhood gardens and cutting down on car traffic in the city centre. The key to its innovative approach? Partnership. Public authorities, business, residents, the university and research organisations all work as one towards a brighter future. As soon as you bike out of the city centre, you'll find yourself in the middle of field and forest, on your way towards a little bit of zen in the green setting of Park Abbey.



## A smart city for the curious



Leuven is a university town, no doubt. It's jampacked with students, professors, innovators and inventors. Its **internationally renowned university**, KU Leuven, has shaped the city for nearly 600 years. Always poised on the cutting-edge of innovation, green and smart tech, KU Leuven and its high-tech spin-off companies infuse the city with unbridled genius and creativity. But that's not all. **Leuven is where the curious get their kicks, with hidden gems around every corner, you're in for a treat!** Follow the urban graffiti art trail or spend a night on the town clubbing. The city radiates old-world grandeur with its cobbled streets, churches and great beguinage, but its soul? It never grows old!

## In the center of Belgium



Leuven is located in the centre of Belgium and is very easily accessible. Brussels National Airport is only 15 min. away, Brussels Midi station less than half an hour, thanks to a direct train connection.

Welcome to Leuven.



## Luv Leuven, for all seasons



There's never a dull moment in Leuven, especially if you can't get enough of culture and the arts. Whether you're a resident or visiting, there's always something going on. **From beer weekends and the M museum, to the fairy-tale glow of Winter Season and sultry summer nights with movies, free concerts and pop-up bars** - Leuven is a city that's always on the move. Why not visit the Vaartkom? Once a dilapidated industrial and brewing site near the Canal, this area is being transformed into one of the city's trendiest spots. Drop by and discover the perfect synthesis of old and new, with plenty of green and new restaurants and shops that are popping up around the harbour.



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## Small town, big city feel

Leuven is a small town that radiates a hip & urban vibe, guaranteed to draw you into its vibrancy. 157 nationalities from all walks of life call it home and are the beating heart of the city. **The traits of every true metropolis are all there: creativity, versatility, diversity and shopping, nightlife, history, culture and art.** And... you've got everything you need at your fingertips, plus cosy cobbled streets to mosey down with friends. Everybody in town knows someone via-via, and they're more than happy to point you to the best eats and drinks around. So, give into the temptation and immerse yourself in timeless and happening Leuven.



## Like a local in Leuven

Exploring Leuven is a breeze. With parks, shopping, a local market, and historic buildings galore, it's the place for a weekend out and about. Walk, or hop on a bike like the locals do and cycle round the 2 km city centre. What is there to do? Plenty! All the classic highlights are there, but the specialty shops, coffee bars, pubs, restaurants offering everything from traditional Belgian cuisine to the best vegetarian eats, and eco-friendly shops are a must. Feeling daring? **Leave your map at home! Wander the streets aimlessly and get pleasantly caught off guard by the city's many hidden gems.** Finally, drop by the Oude Markt (the world's longest bar) and throw back a beer with the locals and drink in the town's unparalleled ambiance.



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