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TODAY
IN LEUVEN

12.2021 + 01.2022

VISIT LEUVEN

For everyone's safety, we wear a face mask inside
and we use the Covid Safe Ticket if necessary

Practical info

VISIT LEUVEN

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visit@leuven.be
every day: 10:00-17:00 | closed: 25/12 & 01/01

ILUVLEUVEN TICKET

Visit the highlights of Leuven at a favourable rate:

ILUVLEUVEN TICKET

€ 8



Town Hall

University Library
& TowerMuseum
M Leuven

ILUVLEUVEN TICKET XL

€ 16



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www.visitleuven.be

Winter Season Leuven



Art Light Festival (Un)Holy Light

Art Light Festival "(Un)Holy Light" lights up Leuven. Take a walk or bike ride and experience the magical appeal of the five lighting installations selected by French curator Juliette Bibasse.

11-18/12: 17:00-21:00

by reservation only: www.visitleuven.be/en/winter

Distracted professors & crazy scholars | Winter walk

Enjoy funny and fascinating anecdotes about the best minds in Leuven during the walk and enjoy a delicious winter drink afterwards.

10-12/12, 17-19/12, 27-30/12 & 03-08/01: 17:00

start: Grote Markt (Tafelrond) | only in Dutch

tickets: Visit Leuven or online

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Leuven on a winter's evening Winter walk (EN & FR)

Join us on a voyage of discovery. Along the way we tell you many stories about the city and its inhabitants and about the very learned but sometimes very absent-minded professors who worked here. Drink included.

11+18/12 (EN/FR) & 07+08/01 (FR): 17:30

start: Grote Markt (Tafelrond)

tickets: Visit Leuven or online

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Search | The secret of Mercator

Gerard Mercator wrote us a puzzling letter. Take a mysterious detective hunt through Leuven and experience a wonderful trip through time. With an extra beer at the end.

Tue-Sat | start between 10:00 & 15:00 | start & tickets:

Visit Leuven | www.leuvenleisure.com

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Stadhuis | Town Hall

Follow the guide behind the most beautiful town hall façade in the world and discover the building's Gothic rooms, the foyer and the mayor's salon.

• Mon-Fri: 17:00 (NL/EN)

• Sat: 14:00 (FR), 15:00 (NL) & 16:00 (EN)

• Sun: 15:00 (NL/EN)

• Closed: 25/12, 01/01 & 12-16/01

Grote Markt | tickets: www.visitleuven.be

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Universiteitsbibliotheek & toren | University Library & Tower

The reading room of the University Library is stunning. Climb the tower, discover the history of the building on the way, and enjoy the unique view over the city.

• Mon-Fri: 10:00-17:00 (tower) | 9:30-19:00 (library)

• Sat, Sun & public holidays: 10:00-17:00

• Closed: 25/12 & 01/01

Mgr. Ladeuzeplein 21 | by reservation only

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Museum 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.

• Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat & Sun: 11:00-18:00

• Thu: 11:00-22:00

• Closed: Wed, 25/12 & 01/01

L. Vanderkelenstraat 28 | www.mleuven.be

by reservation only

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Kruidtuin | Botanical garden

Belgium's oldest botanical garden, featuring a colourful collection of trees, shrubs and plants, is a verdant gem in the city of Leuven.

• Mon-Sat: 8:00-17:00

• Sun: 9:00-17:00

Kapucijnenvoer 30 | free entrance

Sint-Pieterskerk Saint Peter's Church

This majestic church is a beautiful example of 15th-century Brabantine High Gothic architecture. The treasures come to life in an innovative experience via a tablet or a brand-new holographic lens.

• Mon-Sat: 10:00-16:30

• Sun: 11:00-16:30

• Closed: Wed, 25/12 & 01/01

Grote Markt | free entrance

TABLET
HOLOLENS
FLYER

Skating rink HAL 5

Fun for young and old on an eco-friendly skating rink. Gliding without ice? Come and experience it at one of the new hotspots in Leuven: HAL 5. You can order something tasty at the food court and enjoy the Christmas specials at the winter bar.

11/12-09/01

Mon-Fri: 13:00-22:00 | Sat & Sun: 10:00-22:00

HAL 5 | info & register: www.hal5schaatspiste.be

Currende | Il Natale

The ensemble Currende presents Italian Christmas music from the 16th and 17th centuries, from majestically festive to whisperingly intimate. Enjoy work by Palestrina, Cavalieri, Cavalli and Monteverdi.

16+23+29+30/12: 18:00 | Sint-Pieterskerk, entrance

Grote Markt | tickets: Visit Leuven, online & on site

Silent walks Park Abbey

Experience the peace of life at and around the abbey. When you are very quiet yourself, you will discover that things are never really quiet. A unique experience!

17/12: 19:00 & 08/01: 9:00 | Abdij van Park, Neerhof

tickets: www.visitleuven.be/en/winter/walks

An Amazing View

You can visit the tower of the University Library exceptionally in the evening. A unique opportunity to enjoy the amazing view of the city all lit up.

Wearing a face mask is mandatory during the visit.

29+30/12 & 05+06/01: 17:00-22:00

Universiteitsbibliotheek | tickets: Visit Leuven & online

all tickets (unless mentioned otherwise): www.visitleuven.be/en/winter

Exhibition

Between heaven & earth Experience 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.

Sint-Pieterskerk | www.diericbouts.be

tablet & hololens: by reservation only

TABLET
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Alexis Gautier

The exhibition is conceived as a sequence of different chapters and movements. Gautier invites several people to be protagonists and co-authors of the script.

until 20/03 | M Leuven | by reservation only

Allez Allez! Racing in Leuven

Leuven's riders, racers and clubs from the past 140 years come back to life with personal stories, fun anecdotes and striking photos.

until 30/06

Velodroom, next to Romaanse Poort, Brusselsstraat 63

This is not a collection

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.

Tue-Sun: 10:00-17:00 | closed: Mon, 25/12 & 01/01

PARCUM | tickets: www.parcum.be/en

Park Abbey

The heart of the abbey

Follow in the footsteps of the Norbertines and walk through Park Abbey's historic rooms and spaces. Step by step you will discover the traces of the long history of the abbey.

10:00-17:00 | closed: Mon, 25/12 & 01/01

tickets & information: www.parcum.be/en

American College

The building was opened in 1857 and has been housing students of KU Leuven since 2014. The exhibition illustrates the history of the building through a series of photographs from the University Archives.

9:00-20:00 | Naamsestraat 100 | EN

(wooden door next to entrance chapel)

Guided (cycling) tour

Pub Tasting Tour

Visit the best beer bars, taste a different local beer and learn what makes them special.

Fri: 19:30 (except 24+31/12); start: Leuven Leisure, Tiensestraat 5 | tickets: Leuven Leisure

Winter brewery visit Stella Artois

From the malted grain to the fermentation tanks, the brewing kettles and the bottling plant. A visit behind the scenes of the world's largest brewery. With a delicious seasonal beer to finish.

10+17+21+22+23/12: 17:00 (EN) & 19:00 (NL)

12+19/12: 11:00 & 15:00 (NL), 13:00 (EN)

Sat (until 18/12/from 08/01): 13:00 & 17:00 (NL), 15:00 (EN)

Aarschotsesteenweg 20 | tickets: Visit Leuven & online

Beerwalk

Learn about the authentic beer culture through anecdotes and monuments from the past. You can taste a delicious, special beer in five authentic popular cafés.

Sat & Sun 14:00 | start: Vismarkt 16 | www.beerwalk.be

Lovely Leuven Bike Tour

Quick stops and fun facts are the highlights of this bike tour which takes you along Leuven's most prominent landmarks, hidden gems and many other wonderful places.

Sat: 10:00 (EN) | Sun: 14:00 (FR)

(except 25/12 & 01/01) | start: J.P. Minckelersstraat 98

tickets: Visit Leuven & www.citiesbybike.be



BANG! Festival of the Big Bang

15/10/2021- 30/01/2022 | www.bangfestivalleuven.be

Did you know that Leuven is the birthplace of the Big Bang Theory? It's no small wonder then that Leuven has made the Big Bang the theme of its sensational city festival. Enjoy exhibitions, music, events and everything that makes life BANG! exiting.

Planetarium Music Festival

Prepare to be immersed in visuals and music by Belgian and international headliners in a cosmic dome with 360° projection and surround sound.

until 05/12 | The Dome, Martelarenplein

BANG! walk

In the footsteps of Georges Lemaître

Stroll by the places where he lived and worked. Learn more about the sometimes complex relationship between faith and science and get to know the man behind the scientist.

11/12, 08+22/01: 11:00 | tickets: Visit Leuven & online

Expo | An eternal gaze

Religious heritage is the exhibition's touchstone and guide for telling stories of creation, transience, and hope.

until 16/01 | PARCUM, Abdij van Park | www.parcum.be

Exhibition | Imagining the universe

A breathtaking exhibition featuring a hundred or so Belgian and foreign masterpieces. It explores how answers took shape in science and the visual arts from prehistory to the late 18th century.

until 16/01 | M Leuven

Exhibition | To the edge of time

An exhibition at the intersection of science and art. It sheds light on concepts such as space, time, dimensions, geometry, and the size of the universe.

until 16/01: 10:00-17:00 | Universiteitsbibliotheek

Exhibition | Richard Long

He has changed the way in which we look at a sculpture. In his work he rearranges natural materials in primordial forms that refer to the cosmos and the universe.

until 20/03 | M Leuven



Shopping & markets

HAL 5

HAL 5 has transformed vacant historic railway premises into a bustling and ecologically friendly urban meeting place. Featuring a central bar, a food court, regional products and an outdoor café.

information: www.hal5.be

Locomotievenstraat, 3010 Leuven

Tip | Skating Rink (see Winter Season)

Shopping events

• Sunday shopping

05/12 | 13:00-18:00 | city centre

• Christmas shopping

12+19/12 | 13:00-18:00 | city centre

Markets

• Antiques & flea market | Indoor

05/12 | 9:00-17:00 | Brabantal, Brabantlaan

• Camping Flamingo

(creative & second hand market)

05/12 | 12:00-18:00 | HAL 5, Locomotievenstraat

• Flower & plant stalls

Thu: 13:00-18:00 | Brusselsestraat

• Food, textiles, plants & flowers

Fri: 7:00-13:00 | city centre

• A small, convivial artisanal market

Sat: 9:00-18:00 | city centre

Explore the city For children

KU Leuven University Tours

There is always something of interest going on at the KU Leuven campus. You can choose from three types of walking tours.

free | Appstore & Google Play Store

Runnin' City App

Combine walking with sightseeing and discover Leuven's most fascinating highlights on one of these five routes.

free | Appstore & Google Play Store

Street Art Cities App

Leuven features a great deal of impressive street art. A map of the city or a list featuring all the works of street art in a particular neighbourhood, background information included, is available.

free | Appstore & Google Play Store

Walking package

Discover the most beautiful 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.

for sale: Visit Leuven

Family tour in Saint Peter's Church

Juicy stories, fun facts and tasks - all brought together in a fantastic activity book. Discover some of the church's highlights.

for 4-6 yo or from 7 yo | Sint-Pieterskerk

Scavenger hunt | Story hunter

Look for a story sign at each of these six stops and scan the code to hear the story.

from 8 yo | www.leuven.be/verhaaljagers

In search of Mr. Cuddles

This playful activity booklet takes young families along the most delightful places in Leuven for them to visit and play.

for 0-4 yo | available: Visit Leuven & M Leuven

www.visitleuven.be/en/mrcuddles

Music, film & performance

International Short Film Festival

A wide range of hundreds of new short films in all possible styles and genres: children's films, non-narrative films, fiction and animation films and all conceivable crossovers.

03-11/12 | Cinema ZED-Vesalius, A. Vesaliusstraat 9C

www.kortfilmfestival.be

Winters Circus

Enjoy an extra serving of circus from the circus workshop and discover the impressive, physical, acrobatic or even intimate performances.

12-22/12 | various locations

tickets & info: www.30cc.be/en/circus

Tower visit & carillon concert

Enjoy the view at the balcony and attend a carillon concert in the front row.

until 22/12

Tue 18:30 & wo: 12:30 | Mgr. Ladeuzeplein

max. 6 persons | info: www.kuleuven.be/carillon

Free carillon concerts

• Carillon of the University Library

until 22/12

Tue: 19:00 & Wed: 13:00 | Mgr. Ladeuzeplein

• Carillon of Park Abbey

Wed: 16:00 & 13/12: 12:00 | Abdij van Park

• Carillon of Saint Peter's Church

Fri: 12:00 | Grote Markt

