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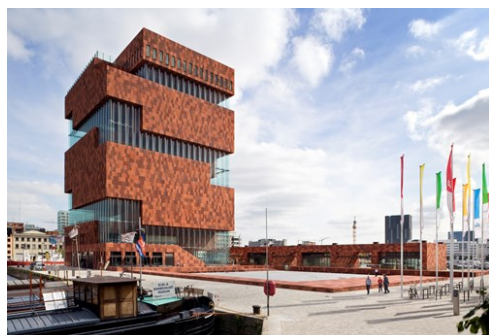
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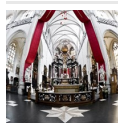
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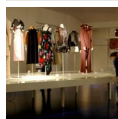
Antwerp, a busy pocket-sized metropolis, has something for everyone. The city is an inspiring source of culture thanks to its impressive architecture and magnificent museums and churches. Fashionistas can explore the boutiques of Antwerp's designers, whose stylish creations are revered all over the world. Foodies and people with a passion for life in general will enjoy the warm welcome of Antwerp's cafés and restaurants. A visit to Antwerp should definitely include the iconic museum MAS, the Cathedral of Our Lady and the Rubens House.

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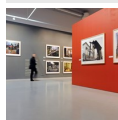
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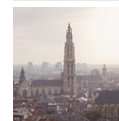
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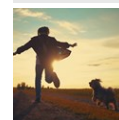
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Visit Antwerpen

Antwerp, with its roots stretching back to the Middle Ages, has long been a hub of commerce and culture. Founded around the 4th century, it rose to prominence in the 16th century as one of Europe's leading ports. Throughout the ages, Antwerp has been a witness to prosperity and hardship, playing pivotal roles in the Age of Exploration, the Spanish Fury, and the diamond trade, affirming its economic and cultural significance.

Today, Antwerp offers visitors a blend of historical marvels and modern vibrancy. From the majestic Cathedral of Our Lady, housing works by Rubens, to the bustling diamond district, the city is a treasure trove of artistic and architectural wonders. Contemporary attractions, such as the cutting-edge MAS Museum, complement its rich history. With its fashion-forward mindset, underscored by the influence of the Antwerp Six designers, the city is a fashionista's paradise.

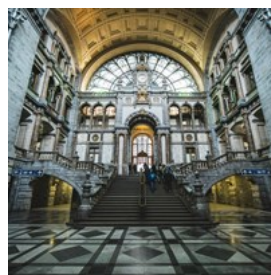
Whether strolling through the charming Zurenborg district, exploring the cobbled lanes of the old town, or savouring the Belgian culinary delights, Antwerp invites visitors to experience its unique heritage and dynamic present.

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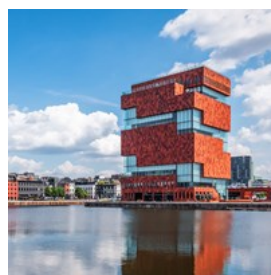
Antwerp's Central Station is a magnificent architectural feat with its steel canopy over the platforms. Architecturally inspired by the Pantheon in Rome, the station was inaugurated in 1905. In 2007, the station was expanded, and a tunnel was added. The large station hall is frequently used for all kinds of events. Centraal Station has been voted one of the most beautiful stations in the world on numerous occasions.

Photo: Mika Baumeister/unsplash

Address: Koningin Astridplein 27, Antwerp

More Info: Some of the best waffles can be found in a small kiosk under the escalators on the street level.

MAS — Museum aan de Stroom



If you visit one museum in Antwerp make it MAS. The 60-metre-high museum tower has become a new focal point in Antwerp. Here, the city and the port meet in every sense of the word. On the roof of MAS, you can enjoy a 360° panoramic view of Antwerp.

Photo: Nancy Pauwels/shutterstock

Address: Hanzestedenplaats 1, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 338 44 00

Internet: www.mas.be/en

Email: mas@antwerpen.be

More Info: Buy a ticket to see permanent and temporary exhibitions. Access to the roof terrace is free.

Het Steen



Het Steen is Antwerp's medieval fortress and its oldest building. Today, it houses a Visitor Centre, a cruise terminal, and The Antwerp Story exhibition.

This historic site offers a deep dive into the city's heritage, complemented by stunning views from its terrace and a sleek, modern interior.

Take the opportunity to snap a photo with Druon Antigoon, the mythical giant who lived in Antwerp. His statue towers over the passers by next to Het Steen.

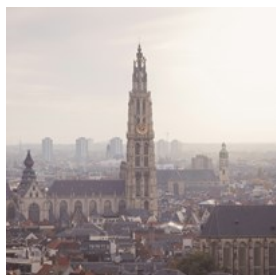
Photo: Natalia Paklina/shutterstock

Address: Steenplein 1, Antwerp

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

Internet: visit.antwerpen.be/en/het-steen

Cathedral of Our Lady



After 169 years of construction, the cathedral of Antwerp finally dominated Antwerp's skyline in 1521 with a height of 123

metres. It was and still is the biggest Gothic building of the Benelux. The Cathedral is a huge treasury of works of art. Eye-catchers include two masterpieces by Rubens: The Raising of the Cross and The Descent from the Cross.

Photo: Zoë Gayah Jonker/unsplash

Address: Onze-Lieve-Vrouwekathedraal, Groenplaats 21,

Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 213 99 51

Internet: www.dekathedraal.be/en

Email: info@dekathedraal.be

Nello & Patrasche Statue



In front of the Cathedral, the touching statue by Batist Vermeulen commemorates Nello and Patrasche, characters from the 1872 novel "A

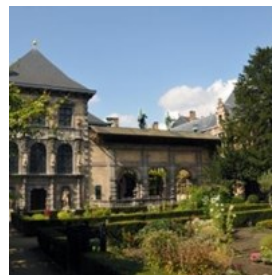
Dog of Flanders". Set in Antwerp, this tale of enduring friendship between a boy and his dog, culminating in their tragic end at the cathedral, resonates globally, especially in Japan. The statue captures their final, poignant moments together, symbolising unconditional loyalty.

Photo: maxim ibragimov/shutterstock

Address: Handschoenmarkt, Antwerp

Internet: visit.antwerpen.be/en/info/nello-patrasche-en

Rubens House



Step into the shoes of the leading Baroque artist of his era. Rubens and his family lived in this palatial setting for well over 25 years and it is

here that the artist created the lion's share of his work. Here he entertained Europe's nobility and Royalty and stored his impressive art collection in a beautiful art room. The charming garden, the creators' workshop and the fabulous collection draws hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the world.

Photo: Antwerpen Toerisme & Congres/Visit Antwerpen

Address: Rubenshuis, Hopland 13, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri 10am-5pm; Sat & Sun 10am-6pm; Wed closed

Phone: +32 3 201 15 55

Internet: www.rubenshuis.be/en

Grote Markt & Brabo Fountain



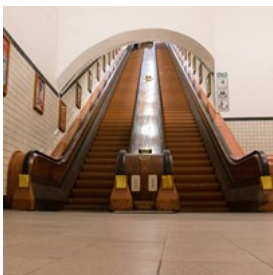
At Grote Markt, the Brabo Fountain stands as a striking centrepiece amidst the historic architecture of Antwerp's central square. This celebrated monument is based on the legendary tale of Brabo, a local folk hero who defied the giant Antigoon, probably inspiring the city's name by throwing the giant's hand ("werpen" the "hant" in Middle Dutch) into the Scheldt River.

Photo: mareandmare/shutterstock

Address: Brabofontein op de Grote Markt, Antwerp

Internet: visit.antwerpen.be/en/grote-markt

St Anna's Tunnel



St Anna's Tunnel, a historical marvel beneath the Scheldt River, offers a passage from Antwerp's core to Linkeroever (the left bank). Its rare wooden escalators, a novelty since the 1930s, guide cyclists and pedestrians through the tiled tunnel, making it a favourite for photographers and Instagram enthusiasts.

Photo: Untitled Photo/unsplash

Address: Sint-Annatunnel, Sint-Jansvliet, Antwerp

Internet: visit.antwerpen.be/en/the-underpass

Zurenborg



Zurenborg, a quiet neighbourhood known for its whimsical architecture, is packed with impressive art nouveau villas. Start your

journey at Cogels-Osylei, hailed as Antwerp's most splendid street. Don't miss Dageraadplaats and Draakplaats, both excellent for brunch or evening drinks. Put on your walking shoes and let your imagination soar among the urban palaces and verdant roundabouts.

Photo: Phant/shutterstock

Address: Cogels-Osylei, Zurenborg, Antwerp

Internet: visit.antwerpen.be/en/neighbourhood-in-the-spotlight-zurenborg

Museum Mayer van den Bergh



In the late 1800s, a passionate collector Fritz Mayer van den Bergh amassed an amazing art collection. He purchased paintings by Peter Brueghel for a pittance, and managed to beat major museums purchasing stunning medieval sculptures. Mayer van den Bergh had an eye for the best quality in almost every genre. After his death, his mother finally managed to make her son's dream come true: she built a museum, which showcased his collection. Today, the museum stands largely unchanged: it is still a museum of one man... and his mother. Highly recommended in the Great smaller museums of Europe.

Photo: Antwerpen Toerisme & Congres/Visit Antwerpen

Address: Lange Gasthuisstraat 19, Antwerp

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +32 3 338 81 88

Internet: www.museummayervandenbergh.be/en

Email: mmb@antwerpen.be

Discounted / free entrance with Antwerp City Card. More info in the City Card-section.

Red Star Line Museum



Between 1873 and 1934, the Red Star Line's ocean steamers ferried about 2.6 million adventurers and fortune seekers from Antwerp to New York.

For many people, their passage started in the Red Star Line buildings in Antwerp. This museum tells the story of these passengers. The old buildings render their feelings, emotions and experiences tangible and visible. This new Antwerp museum also examines the issue of migration today.

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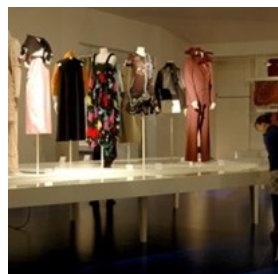
Address: Montevideostraat 3, Antwerp

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +32 3 298 27 70

Internet: www.redstarline.be/en

MoMu — Fashion Museum



Right in the heart of the Antwerp fashion district is the ModeMuseum, also known as MoMu. Whilst the museum manages a collection of more than

25,000 objects (including garments and shoes) that are not accessible to the public, it does organize alternating exhibitions on specific themes: designer, fashion house or any other fashion-related topic.

Photo: Antwerpen Toerisme & Congres/Visit Antwerpen

Address: ModeMuseum, Nationalestraat 28, Antwerp

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, Mon closed

Phone: +32 3 470 27 70

Internet: www.momu.be

Museum Plantin-Moretus



The Plantin-Moretus museum gives an overview of book printing from the 15th until the 18th century and owns the world's oldest

printing press from around 1600. The stately town house also boasts period rooms, decorated with tapestries, gilt leather and paintings, including a Rubens, sculptures, earthenware and porcelain. The Museum Plantin-Moretus/Print Cabinet received the ultimate recognition in 2005 and was named as a UNESCO world heritage and is the only museum worldwide to have been given this honour.

Photo: Antwerpen Toerisme & Congres/Visit Antwerpen

Address: Vrijdagmarkt 22, Antwerp

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +32 3 221 14 50

Internet: www.museumplantinmoretus.be/en

M HKA — Museum of Contemporary Art Antwerp



The Museum of Contemporary art or M HKA is located in the bustling Zuid district, among the galleries and the lively cafés. Explore a

fascinating collection of modern art in the old converted corn silo. The museum features a mural by Keith Haring in its cafeteria.

Photo: Antwerpen Toerisme & Congres/Visit Antwerpen

Address: Leuvenstraat 32, Antwerp

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 11am-6pm, Mon closed

Phone: +32 3 260 99 99

Internet: www.muhka.be

Saint Paul's Church



Near the river Scheldt, you find Saint Paul's Church, the former Dominican church completed in 1639. Masterpieces by the likes of Jordaens, Rubens, Van Balen and Van Dyck emphasise the church's unique appeal.

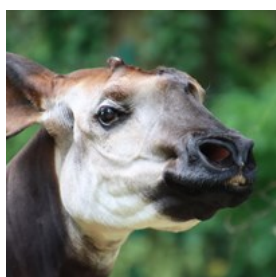
Photo: Collection Maykova/shutterstock

Address: Sint-Pauluskerk, Sint-Paulusstraat 22, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 231 33 21

Internet: www.sintpaulusantwerpen.be/en

Antwerp Zoo



The Antwerp Zoo was founded in 1843, which makes it one of the oldest zoos worldwide and the oldest in Belgium. About 5,000 animals from 950

species call this zoo their home. They live in monumental buildings and an impressive, meticulously maintained garden. A visit to the Zoo is a dose of pure relaxation in the middle of the city.

Photo: Dominik Rheinheimer/pixabay

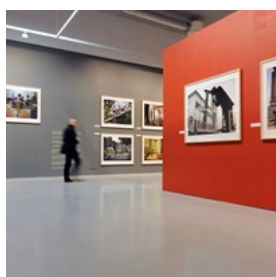
Address: Koningin Astridplein 20-26, Antwerp

Opening hours: Daily from 10am

Phone: +32 3 224 89 10

Internet: www.zooantwerpen.be/en

FOMU — Fotomuseum



FOMU, Antwerp's photography museum, offers a deep dive into the world of photography, spanning its inception to contemporary works.

With a vast collection of images, books, and equipment, the museum features thoughtfully

curated exhibits showcasing both Belgian and international photographers. FOMU also hosts engaging tours, lectures and workshops.

Photo: FoMu/Guy Voet/Visit Antwerpen

Address: Waalsekaai 47, Antwerp

Opening hours: Tue–Sun 10am–6pm, Mon closed

Phone: +32 3 242 93 00

Internet: www.fomu.be/en

KMSKA — Royal Museum of Fine Arts Antwerp



Explore seven centuries of art at the Royal Museum of Fine Arts Antwerp. Home to masterpieces from Flemish Primitives to

Expressionists, it boasts extensive collections of James Ensor and Rik Wouters. This newly renovated museum displays works by Rubens, Van Dyck and Van Eyck, alongside more modern artists like Magritte and Modigliani. A fusion of tradition and innovation, it's a must-visit for art lovers.

Photo: Julie Pitteviels/unsplash

Address: Koninklijk Museum voor Schone Kunsten

Antwerpen, Leopold de Waelplaats 1, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon–Wed & Fri 10am–5pm; Thu 10am–10pm;

Sat & Sun 10am–6pm

Phone: +32 3 224 73 00

Internet: www.kmska.be/en

Maagdenhuis Museum



In this historic 16th-century building you can take a closer look at the phenomenal collection of the OCMW (public social welfare

centre). The house used to be a girl's orphanage, hence its name and a lot of the items in the collection refer to this period.

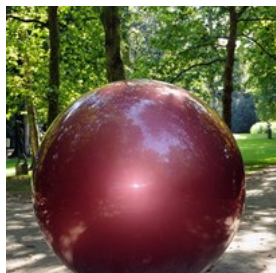
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Address: Lange Gasthuisstraat 33, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 435 99 10

Internet: www.maagdenhuis.be/en

Middelheimmuseum



Middelheimmuseum is a unique place in Antwerp. This stunning park features an impressive art collection and temporary exhibitions.

Some of the leading artists whose sculptures are on display in Middelheim Museum include: Auguste Rodin, Rik Wouters, Ai Weiwei and Erwin Wurm. The completely renovated castle — with a reception, café and museum shop — is the open-air museum's beating heart. There's always something new to discover!

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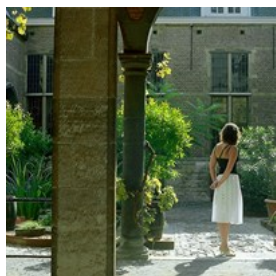
Address: Middelheimlaan 61, Wilrijk

Opening hours: Tue-Sun from 10am, Mon closed

Phone: +32 3 288 33 60

Internet: www.middelheimmuseum.be/en

Snijders&Rockoxhuis



This museum is a combination of two historic homes: the home of the 17th century artist Frans Snyders and his neighbour, mayor

Nicolaas Rockox. The permanent exhibition brings together masterpieces from Jan Fyt, Cornelis Massijs, Peter Paul Rubens, Jan Sanders van Hemessen, Hans III Jordaens, Jacob Jordaens, Maerten de Vos, David Teniers, Quentin Matsys, Joachim Patinir, Frans Snyders himself, Lucas Faydherbe, Paulus Pontius and Lambert Lombard. In the other rooms, you can admire art cabinets, sculptures, tapestries and ceramics.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Keizerstraat 10, Antwerp

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +32 3 201 92 50

Internet: www.snijdersrockoxhuis.be/en

Saint Andrew's Church



In the early 16th century, the Augustinian Friars built St Andrew's Church in the popular St Andrew's neighbourhood. Inside, you can see

stunning Baroque altars and works of art from the 17th century.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Sint-Andrieskerk, Sint-Andriesstraat 5, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 232 03 84

Internet: www.sint-andrieskerk.be

Antwerp Diamond Bus



Hop on the Antwerp Diamond double-decker bus and visit Antwerp's best-known hotspots. It's a first timers' ideal introduction to the city.

Daily departures from April until November, the other months only at the weekend.

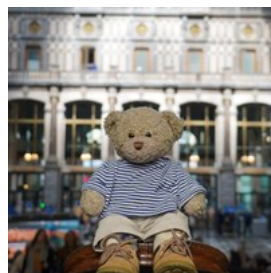
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Address: Astridplein

Internet: www.citytourbus.be

Email: info@citytourbus.be

Plopsa Station Antwerp



Plopsa Station Antwerp is the newest alteration of the indoor park at Antwerp's Central Station. Plopsa offers a variety of fun rides based on cartoon characters: The Bumbamoles, The

Flying Bicycles, Jommeke Carrousel, K3 Disco Cars, Maya's playground, Storm at Sea, Wickie's fall tower and Wickie's ball pool, the Suske & Wiske Raging Race. It's a perfect family activity on a rainy day.

Photo: Julija Ogradowski/shutterstock

Address: Antwerpen Centraal, Mediaplein, Antwerp

Phone: +32 58 42 02 02

Internet: www.plopsa.com/en/plopsa-station-antwerp

Email: info@plopsa.be

DINING



Visit Antwerpen

Antwerp, a city of true food enthusiasts, boasts a rich culinary heritage dating back to the Golden Age. In the 16th century, a diverse array of food, drinks, herbs and spices from around the world passed through its port. This tradition continues today, with global flavours enriching the city's vibrant food scene.

In Antwerp, food transcends borders, with exotic and international cuisines held in high regard by the locals. Antwerp's menus reflect a fusion of European and exotic flavours, with classic French dishes receiving a unique Belgian twist.

The largest concentration of restaurants can be found in the historic city centre and Antwerpen-Zuid, offering a diverse culinary adventure that mirrors the city's rich cultural tapestry.

Brasserie Appelmans



Brasserie Appelmans, located close to Antwerp's Cathedral, offers a perfect mix of traditional and modern. Known for serving excellent food with Belgian highlights, like a stew made with local De Koninck beer, the restaurant reflects Antwerp's character in its fusion of the old and the new.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Papenstraatje 1, Antwerp

Opening hours: Tue–Thu 4pm–midnight, Fri 4pm–1am, Sat noon–2am, Sun noon–midnight, Mon closed

Phone: +32 3 226 20 22

Internet: www.brasserieappelmans.be/en

Email: info@brasserieappelmans.be

Maritime



Restaurant Maritime, a longstanding fixture located between the main square and the Scheldt, is a prime destination for seafood enthusiasts.

Celebrated for preserving its beloved recipes over decades, this restaurant is a must-visit for those seeking authentic local seafood.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Suikerrui 4, Antwerpen

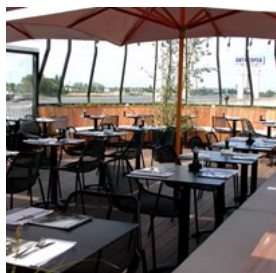
Opening hours: Fri–Tue noon–2pm / 6pm–10pm; Wed & Thu closed

Phone: +32 3 233 07 58

Internet: www.restaurantmaritime.be

Email: info@restaurantmaritime.be

RAS



In many ways RAS resembles a moored ship along the Scheldt quays. In the summer, you can dine outside on the large terrace. The menu features contemporary cuisine, a diverse range of salads and some surprising seasonal dishes.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Ernest Van Dijckkaai 37, Antwerp

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +32 3 234 12 75

Internet: www.ras.today/en

Email: ras@zuiderterras.be

Grand Café De Rooden Hoed



Den Rooden Hoed is Antwerp's oldest restaurant, located opposite the Cathedral. Besides serving Belgian traditional fare like

mussels and eel in green sauce, the menu also includes several refined meat and fish dishes.

Photo: Christopher Carson/unsplash

Address: Oude Koornmarkt 25, Antwerp

Opening hours: Tue-Fri noon-2pm / 5pm-9:30pm; Sat & Sun noon-3:45pm / 4pm-10pm; Mon closed

Phone: +32 3 289 09 09

Internet: www.deroodenhoed.be

Email: info@deroodenhoed.be

Horta Grand Café & Art Nouveau Zaal



Grand Café Horta, named after Belgian art nouveau architect, is an icon in Antwerp's theatre district. The restaurant is located within walking distance of De Meir, Antwerp's main shopping street. An excellent choice if you are looking for

a light lunch or a meal with the famous Belgian beer, a glass of wine or a cocktail.

Photo: Louis Hansel/unsplash

Address: Hopland 2, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-10pm, Sat & Sun 9am-10pm

Phone: +32 3 203 56 60

Internet: www.grandcafehorta.be/en

Email: info@grandcafehorta.be

De Peerdestal



De Peerdestal is within walking distance of Antwerp's main attractions. The restaurant has a distinct Paris feel to it, and the specialities include horse meat, beef and the fresh lobster from their own homarium.

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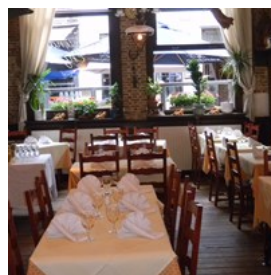
Address: Wijngaardstraat 8, Antwerp

Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-2pm / 5pm-9:30pm

Phone: +32 3 231 95 03

Internet: www.depeerdestal.be/en

De Reddende Engel



If you like French cuisine, then De Reddende Engel is the place to go. Here, you can indulge in classic French fare, including bouillabaisse, cassoulet, and brandade de Nîmes, each dish a testament to authentic Gallic culinary traditions.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Torfbrug 3, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon & Thu-Sun noon-2pm / 6pm-9pm; Tue & Wed closed

Phone: +32 3 233 66 30

Internet: www.de-reddende-engel.be

Invincible



Discover Invincible in the heart of Antwerp, a culinary gem since 2004. Savour grilled specialties and seasonal dishes right from the counter,

watching the chefs at work, complemented by a fine selection of wines in a relaxed atmosphere.

Photo: Louis Hansel/unsplash

Address: Hotel Matelote, Haarstraat 9, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 231 32 07

Internet: www.invincible.be

Email: reservaties@invincible.be

Elfde Gebod



Elfde Gebod, a distinctive culinary pub steps away from the cathedral, is adorned with countless statues of angels and saints, offering a

heavenly setting. Indulge in historic Flemish dishes and Belgium's finest beers, including the largest Trappist beer selection, complemented by live music from Wednesday to Sunday.

Photo: Catarina Belova/shutterstock

Address: Torfbrug 10, Antwerp

Opening hours: Daily noon-10pm

Phone: +32 487 93 46 43

Internet: www.elfdegebod.com

Email: info@elfdegebod.com

More Info: The name, Elfde Gebod, means "the 11th commandment" — which, as legend says, is drinking beer.

Graanmarkt 13



Graanmarkt 13, a gem in Antwerp's elegant square, houses a chic fashion store, gallery, and a Michelin-starred (2021 and 2023) restaurant. Led

by Chef Chollada 'Tan' Phimharua, it offers a menu of modern classics infused with French-Belgian and Provençal flavours, focusing on simple, beloved dishes in a 'petit grand café' setting. Experience the essence of flavour in a cosy, no-fuss atmosphere.

Photo: Sepp Van Dun/Visit Antwerpen

Address: Graanmarkt 13, Antwerp

Opening hours: Tue-Sat noon-2:30pm / 6pm-10pm; Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +32 3 337 79 92

Internet: www.graanmarkt13.com

Ristorante Arte



Ristorante Arte offers a tribute to Sardinia's culinary heritage. Known for delectable pizzas and refined Italian cuisine, this modern eatery also

delights with fresh starters, perfectly crafted mains and exquisite non-alcoholic cocktails. Enjoy a contemporary ambiance with a selection of fine Italian wines and tantalising desserts like their alcohol-free tiramisu.

Photo: Jakub Kapusnak/unsplash

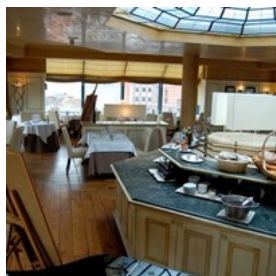
Address: Suikerrui 24, Antwerp

Opening hours: Daily noon-2:30pm / 6pm-10:30pm

Phone: +32 3 226 29 70

Internet: www.ristorante-arte.be

Gran Duca



If you don't know it's there, you'd walk right past it. Take the elevator to the top floor and enjoy the fantastic view of the Central Station and

surroundings. The Italian menu is consistently good, complete with a selection of wines.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Hyllit Hotel, De Keyserlei 28, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 202 68 87

Internet: www.granduca.be/en

Email: info@granduca.be

Hoffy's



At Hoffy's, the Hoffman brothers serve traditional Ashkenazi dishes. The menu includes a wide selection of fish and meat dishes, soups and

vegetarian food.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Lange Kievitstraat 52, Antwerp

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-10pm, Fri 8am-3:30pm, Sat closed

Phone: +32 3 234 35 35

Internet: www.hoffys.be

Fong Mei



Fong Mei in Antwerp's Chinatown is a culinary gem, celebrated for its homemade, fresh dim sum, hailed by many as the city's best. Offering a

taste of Southern China with

Guangdong-inspired dishes, this restaurant is a haven for authentic Chinese cuisine, including tender barbeque pork and flavourful roasted

duck. With friendly staff and a versatile seating arrangement, it's perfect for both intimate and group dining experiences.

Photo: Zoshua Colah/unsplash

Address: Van Arteveldestraat 65, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 225 06 54

Internet: www.fongmei-antwerpen.be

Ellis Gourmet Burger



Ellis's Gourmet Burgers are such a success with meat lovers that they have opened numerous locations around the Benelux. The menu

includes traditional burgers as well as vegetarian and kids' burgers.

Photo: Jan Crab/Visit Antwerpen

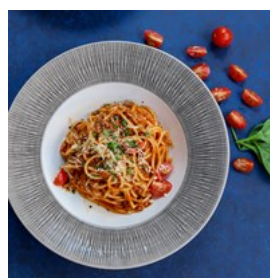
Address: De Keyserlei 21, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 689 97 03

Internet: www.ellis.be/en-be

More Info: Ellis has two locations in Antwerp: next to MAS and close to the central station.

La Fontanella da Enzo



Near the Central Station, you can find a variety of restaurants, including La Fontanella Da Enzo. This modern and sleekly designed Italian

restaurant offers a great selection of pasta, risotto, pizza, meat and fish dishes.

Photo: Danijela Prijovic/unsplash

Address: Statiestraat 26, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 231 53 03

Internet: la-fontanella-da-enzo-restaurant.eatbu.com

Bier Central



and stew cooked with local beer.

Bier Central offers more than 300 bottled beers and over 30 on tap. The menu features typical Belgian dishes like mussels, baked endive

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: De Keyserlei 25, Antwerp

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11:30am-midnight, Fri & Sat 11:30am-1am

Phone: +32 3 201 59 85

Internet: www.biercentral.be/eng

Email: antwerpen@biercentral.be

Aahaar Delux



of traditional Indian dishes. The restaurant is located in the diamond trading district and is a popular lunch spot for locals.

Aahaar is an authentic Indian restaurant which only serves vegetarian dishes. Go à la carte or choose the buffet formula and enjoy a nice selection

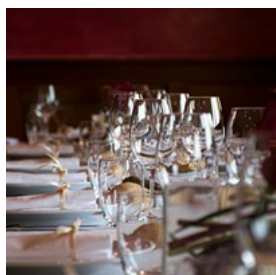
Photo: Lior Shapira/unsplash

Address: Lange Herentalsestraat 23, Antwerp

Phone: +32 473 48 52 52

Internet: www.aahaar.com

Bistrot du Nord



primarily features meat dishes, but the fish options will also delight the no-nonsense gourmets. Deliciously affordable, and with a

Just a stone's throw from Park Spoor Noord is Bistrot Du Nord — a relaxed, cosy restaurant with a straightforward brasserie fare. The menu

Michelin star!

Photo: Fabio Sangregorio/unsplash

Address: Lange Dijkstraat 36, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri noon-2pm / 7pm-9pm;

Wed, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +32 3 233 45 49

Internet: www.bistrotduNord.be

De Burgerij Eilandje



offering both classic and unique burger varieties.

Head to the Burgerij next to MAS for a delicious burger straight from the grill. The restaurant uses beef of Belgian and Luxembourgish origin,

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Sint-Laureiskaai 8, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 336 66 63

Internet: www.burgerij.be

Pazzo



many options available by the glass.

Pazzo, housed in a revamped Oude Leeuwenrui warehouse, offers a fusion of French, Italian and Japanese dishes, with a special love

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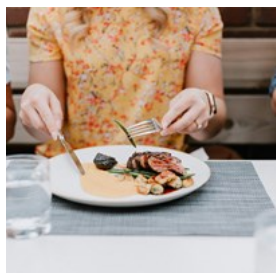
Address: Oudeleeuwenrui 12, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 232 86 82

Internet: www.pazzo.be/en

Email: contact@pazzo.be

B23

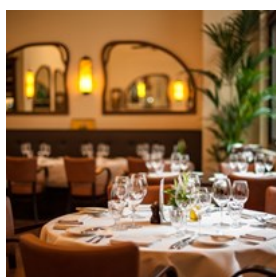


B23, near Antwerp's MAS, serves refined dishes like oysters, truffle-accented plates, and supreme steaks.

Enjoy their extensive wine list and a cosy terrace. A top choice for fresh, quality dining with vegetarian options.

Photo: Priscilla Du Preez/unsplash
Address: Brouwersvliet 23, Antwerp
Phone: +32 3 345 15 14
Internet: www.bistro-b23.be

Marcel



Dave and Lieze opened the trendy restaurant Marcel in a former seamen's church just around the corner from MAS. They serve

Franco-Belgian cuisine, and like to focus on fish and game dishes. The building itself is an architectural destination itself — a former seamen's church of the Dawson Memorial Church, known as 'The Missions to Seamen'.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen
Address: Van Schoonbekeplein 13, Antwerp
Phone: +32 3 336 33 02
Internet: www.restaurantmarcel.be/en
Email: info@restaurantmarcel.be

Las Mañas

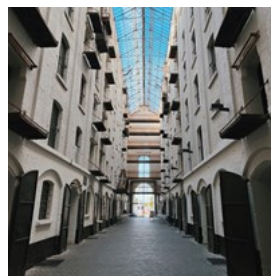


Stepping into Las Mañas feels like entering a lively Spanish tavern. It's a melting pot for people from all walks of life, all drawn by the authentic

Galician cuisine.

Photo: Douglas Lopez/unsplash
Address: Ankerrui 36, Antwerp
Phone: +32 3 231 72 20
Internet: www.lasmanas.be/en
Email: info@lasmanas.be

Felix Food Klub at Felix Pakhuis



This beautifully restored warehouse is located by the Willemdok marina, near the MAS museum. Here, you can enjoy meals with a clear focus on fresh, seasonal ingredients.

Photo: Jonas Denil/unsplash
Address: Godefriduskaai 30, Antwerp
Phone: +32 3 203 03 30
Internet: www.felixfoodklub.be

Au Vieux Port



Au Vieux Port exudes a nostalgic bistro atmosphere. Belgian/French classics are expertly prepared here in accordance with

proven traditional methods. Some dishes are even carved right before your eyes in the dining area. Truly a spectacular experience.

Photo: takedahrs/pixabay
Address: Napelsstraat 130, Antwerp
Opening hours: Mon-Fri noon-2pm / 6pm-9:30pm; Sat & Sun closed
Phone: +32 3 290 77 11
Internet: www.restaurantauxvieuxport.be
Email: info@restaurantauxvieuxport.be

Balls & Glory



Predictably, the speciality of this casual eatery are their gloriously delicious handmade meatballs with a different filling each day, served with mashed potatoes or a salad. The meat is carefully sourced, ensuring it's organic and of top quality.

Photo: Sigrid Spinnox/Visit Antwerpen

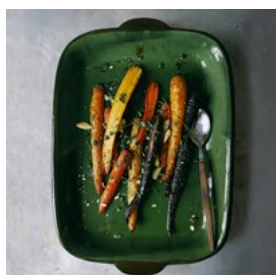
Address: Theaterplein 1, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11:30am-9pm, Sat & Sun 9am-9pm

Phone: +32 3 568 61 24

Internet: www.ballsnglory.be/antwerpen

La Pipe d'Anvers



To experience the authentic atmosphere of Antwerp, take a stroll in Cadixwijk, just behind the MAS. In the cosy eatery La Pipe d'Anvers, you can

enjoy the tastiest Antwerp dishes in its original Art Deco interior.

Photo: Matilda Bellman/unsplash

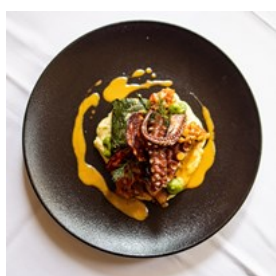
Address: Cadixstraat 3, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-11pm (kitchen until 9:30pm),
Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +32 3 770 61 11

Internet: www.lapipedanvers.be

L'Amitié



You will find L'Amitié in one of the oldest buildings in het Zuid, an old coffee roastery. You can still see the rails for the carts that were filled

with coffee. The chef serves delicious, refined fare in a relaxed atmosphere.

Photo: Stefan Schauburger/unsplash

Address: Vlaamsekaai 43, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon-Fri noon-1:30pm / 6pm-9:30pm; Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +32 3 257 59 05

Internet: www.lamitie.net

Email: info@lamitie.net

Kommilfoo



In the heart of het Zuid, you'll find Kommilfoo — a Michelin star restaurant. The restaurant offers a smart yet unpretentious dining experience,

showcasing the chef's creative flair and commitment to culinary innovation. The house speciality, Pyrenean milk goat, is a constant, tantalising presence throughout the year.

Photo: Culibooks inc./Visit Antwerpen

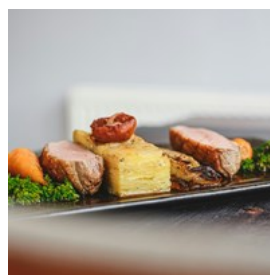
Address: Vlaamsekaai 17, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 237 30 00

Internet: www.restaurantkommilfoo.be

Email: info@restaurantkommilfoo.be

Le John



The menu of this simple yet trendy restaurant in het Zuid features Flemish, Mediterranean, Italian and Eastern cuisine. After your meal,

you can continue your pleasant evening in the lounge bar on the first floor.

Photo: Emma Houghton/unsplash

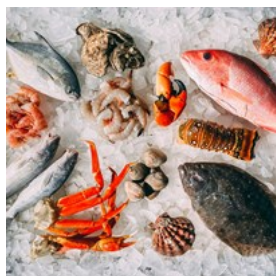
Address: Kasteelpleinstraat 25, Antwerp

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 6pm-midnight, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +32 488 09 09 12

Internet: www.lejohn.be

Fiskebar



This simple restaurant serves fresh tuna, king crab, prawns, scampi, lobster, mussels and more. Seafood lovers are crazy about Fiskebar.

Their ceviche and octopus starters are highly recommended.

Photo: Mike Bergmann/unsplash

Address: Marnixplaats 12, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon-Fri noon-3:30pm / 6pm-10pm; Sat & Sun noon-10pm

Phone: +32 3 257 13 57

Internet: fiskebar.be

Umami



On the menu of this Asian-style brasserie, you'll find many innovative Asian dishes. The varied menu includes sushi, tempura, dim sum and wagyu. It is also the perfect place for a pre- or after-dinner drink!

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Luikstraat 6, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 6pm-10pm; Fri & Sat 6pm-11pm; Sun 11:30am-3pm / 5:30pm-10pm

Phone: +32 3 237 39 78

Internet: www.umami-antwerp.be

Finjan



In het Zuid, Finjan is the go-to place for pita dishes, falafel and everything grilled. This Middle Eastern specialty shop has been an

institution in Antwerp for years. The newspaper De Morgen even recently awarded it the title of

the best pita restaurant in Antwerp!

Photo: Ludovic Avice/unsplash

Address: Graaf van Hoornestraat 1, Antwerp

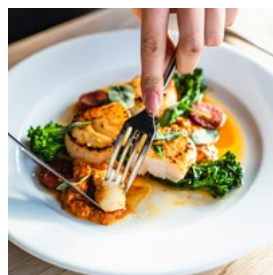
Opening hours: Tue-Thu 5pm-10:30pm, Fri & Sun

5pm-11pm, Mon closed

Phone: +32 3 248 77 14

Internet: www.finjan.be/en

Brasserie Den Artist



Den Artist in het Zuid attracts Antwerp locals and visitors alike. The brasserie serves Belgian dishes and is renowned as an excellent spot for

breakfast and brunch.

Photo: iMattSmart/unsplash

Address: Museumstraat 45, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon & Wed-Sat 11:30am-11pm; Sun

11:30am-9pm; Tue closed

Phone: +32 3 238 09 95

Internet: www.brasserieledenartist.be

Email: info@brasserieledenartist.be

Mampoko



Head over to this quintessential Antwerp brasserie for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The cuisine is Belgian/French with Eastern influences.

The menu includes salads, steaks and pastas. Be sure to check the daily fresh suggestions on the chalkboard.

Photo: Tom Peters/Visit Antwerpen

Address: Amerikalei 8, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-10pm, Sat 9am-10:30pm, Sun 9am-9pm

Phone: +32 3 257 77 10

Internet: www.mampoko.be

Civiltà del Bere



In this trendy eatery with a contemporary interior, you'll feel like you're in New York's Little Italy. The name means 'the civilization of drinking', with a focus on Italian wines. The pizzas here are extra fresh, and the price-quality ratio is optimal.

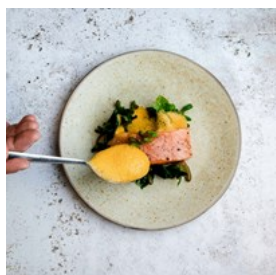
Photo: Pinar Kucuk/unsplash

Address: De Burburestraat 43, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 257 56 60

Internet: www.civiltadelbere.be

Het Gerecht



Het Gerecht is a contemporary restaurant located in a beautiful mansion near the old courthouse. They serve French, seasonal dishes.

The restaurant also has a nice terrace, bar and lounge.

Photo: Edward Howell/unsplash

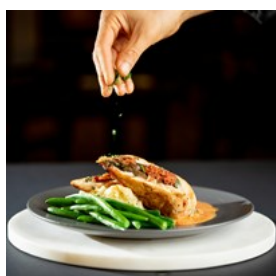
Address: Amerikalei 20, Antwerp

Opening hours: Lunch: Tue-Fri noon-4:30 (kitchen until 2pm). Dinner: Thu-Sat 7pm-00:30am (kitchen until 9pm)

Phone: +32 3 248 79 28

Internet: www.hetgerecht.be

À L'infintiste



À L'infintiste is a tiny restaurant with a special concept. You bring your own aperitif, wine or soft drinks and coffee or tea. Every day, the chef

creates refined 6-course menus a fixed price.

Photo: Peter Dawn/unsplash

Address: Kasteelpleinstraat 6, Antwerp

Opening hours: Daily from 7pm

Phone: +32 3 237 43 37

Internet: www.alinfintiste.be

Ciro's



Everyone knows Ciro's in het Zuid. For generations food connoisseurs have been coming here to enjoy a no-frills approach to good cuisine. The menu still features the best steaks, the most delicious fish dishes and excellent French-Belgian cuisine.

Photo: Louis Hansel/unsplash

Address: Amerikalei 6, Antwerp

Opening hours: Wed-Fri & Sun 11am-10pm; Sat 5pm-10pm; Mon & Tue closed

Phone: +32 3 238 11 47

Internet: www.ciros.be

CAFÉS



Nathan Dumlao/unsplash

Coffee culture is booming in Antwerp. Normo and Caffènation are probably the two best known cafes and roasters in Belgium, and they both call this city home. Be sure to sample some light roast on site and bring a bag of beans with you.

Caffènation



“One Drug, One Café, One Caffènation” is the slogan of Caffènation. Once over the threshold, you almost stumble over the sacks of house blend

coffee. Inside is a pleasant, no-nonsense atmosphere, typical of a business that has nothing more to prove. The music is slightly harder and both the service and the interior have a rough edge.

Most coffees come from their own roasting business, which also supplies many other bars and restaurants in Antwerp. Furthermore, almost all local baristas made their first great espresso here. If you want to take home some typical Antwerp coffee, choose from a variety of bags of the bar’s own coffee beans.

Photo: Nathan Dumlao/unsplash

Address: Mechelsesteenweg 16, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon–Thu 8am–5pm, Fri 8am–6pm, Sat 9am–6pm, Sun 10am–6pm

Phone: +32 3 689 70 13

Internet: www.caffenation.be

Email: caffenation@gmail.com

More Info: Caffènation has four locations in Antwerp.

Normo



At Normo, the jute sacks of raw coffee beans are displayed on pallets on the floor. Owner Jens Oris has put an authentic coffee roaster in the middle of his business, and roasts the beans during normal business hours. This “micro roastery” makes Normo perhaps the most independent coffee business in the city.

Photo: Battlecreek Coffee Roasters/unsplash

Address: Minderbroedersrui 30, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon–Sat 8:30am–5pm, Sun closed

Phone: +32 495 65 72 43

Internet: www.normocoffee.be

Revista



Revista combines coffee, free wifi and a whole array of international magazines and newspapers — the holy trinity for bloggers and

fashion students. Revista also offers soups, filling salads and sandwiches, so you can easily spend a whole day there.

Photo: Taylor Kiser/unsplash

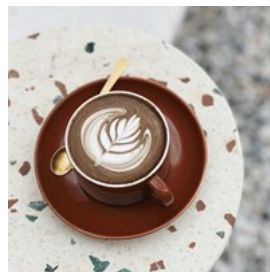
Address: Karel Rogierstraat 47, Zuid, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon–Wed 8:30–10pm, Thu & Fri 8:30–midnight, Sat 11am–1am, Sun 11am–8pm

Phone: +32 488 62 74 67

Internet: www.revista-antwerp.be

Esco*bar



Need a break while shopping? Then head to Esco*bar, where you can choose from a range of coffees and teas, or enjoy some breakfast or lunch.

Weather permitting, the large garden doors are opened for some al fresco dining.

Photo: Daryl Han/unsplash

Address: Quellinstraat 32, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 336 18 11

Internet: www.instagram.com/escobar_lunch

Wasbar



Wasbar is a hip place where you can do your laundry and enjoy a nice cup of coffee or a bite to eat — all at the same time. The menu features waffles, toasts, soups and salads. On Friday, they serve cocktails, and Sunday is the perfect day for brunch.

Photo: Kid Circus/unsplash

Address: Graaf van Egmontstraat 5, Zuid, Antwerp

Opening hours: Daily 9am-7pm

Phone: +32 3 344 91 04

Internet: www.wasbar.be/en

More Info: Wasbar is a chain with five locations in Antwerp.

Mokkakapot



Mokkakapot is a creative coffee bar in Borgerhout's fast changing Moorkensplein, only a stone's throw from Central Station. There is art on the walls, a store selling clothes, jewellery and books as well as a menu with some original drinks and sandwiches.

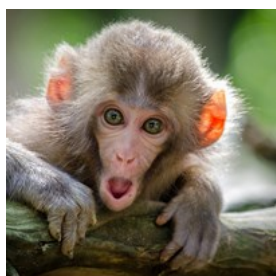
Photo: Mazen Ir/unsplash

Address: Sergeyselsstraat 2 (Moorkensplein), Borgerhout, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 344 43 42

Internet: www.mokkakapot.be

Me & My Monkey



Me & My Monkey (named after a song by The Beatles) is the successor of La Chascona. The interior matches the antique feel of the Kloosterstraat. The menu is full of decadent

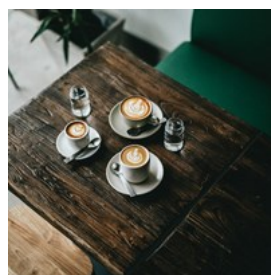
coffee drinks, sweetened with honey and speculoos (gingerbread cookie spread).

Photo: Jamie Haughton/unsplash

Address: Oever 18, Antwerp

Internet: www.instagram.com/meandmymonkeyantwerp

Viggo's Coffee Bar



Viggo's is a coffee bar with a decidedly Scandinavian feel to it. You'll find it at the hip and colourful Coninckplein, not far from Central Station and the Permeke library. They serve a wide range of teas and chocolate milk made with Belgian chocolate. Of course, the coffee is excellent, and there's decidedly no decaf! In summer months you can also order refreshing smoothies, iced coffee or ice tea here.

Photo: Nathan Dumlao/unsplash

Address: De Coninckplein 21, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm, Sat closed, Sun 9:30am-5pm

Internet: www.viggos.coffee

Salon de Thé Claude



A stylish tearoom that serves breakfast, lunch and cake. Claude also takes reservations for his "lazy afternoon tea", which includes coffee or tea, sandwiches, scones, cakes and macarons. You can also buy the macarons and enjoy them at home. Fresh Darjeeling, jasmine or chamomile tea: it's all available here.

Photo: Erol Ahmed/unsplash

Address: Groendalstraat 18, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 237 05 01

Internet: www.salondetheclaude.be

Vitrin



Vitrin is a trendy bar in Antwerp's popular Zuid district with large windows and lots of light. Enjoy a delicious cappuccino, a homemade

bowl of soup or a Spritz, their popular afternoon drink. The bar is always bustling with activity, throughout the day and especially in the evening.

Photo: Annie Spratt/unsplash

Address: Marnixplaats 14, Antwerp

Phone: +32 485 17 95 58

Internet: www.vitrincafe.com

Email: vitrin.cafe@gmail.com

Caffe Mundi



Follow the smell of freshly roasted coffee to Oude Beurs near Grote Markt, where you will find Caffe Mundi.

Guaranteeing its

customers only the best quality, the owners have come up with a new and original approach: everything is done in house, from the roasting, to the grinding and the brewing. Of course, you can even buy your own coffee plant in this coffee bar and shop.

Photo: Andrew Neel/unsplash

Address: Oude Beurs 24, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-6pm, Sat & Sun 9:30am-5pm

Phone: +32 3 226 21 30

Internet: www.caffemundi.be/en

Email: info@caffemundi.be

Tartoer Coffee Bar



What does Antwerp have in common with Rome? Find out at the Tartoer: a finger-licking good cake bar in the centre of Antwerp, with a gorgeous

blue Vespa lending it some old-school romantic vibe. Enjoy the tastiest home-made desserts, pies and cupcakes, along with a cup of coffee. The cake bar is decorated with some vintage Vespas, but you can also buy the coolest accessories and clothes here.

Photo: Catarina Belova/shutterstock

Address: Korte Koepoortstraat 2, Antwerp

Phone: +32 474 38 60 75

Internet: www.instagram.com/tartoer_coffee_bar

Chocolatier Del Rey



For over 60 years, Antwerp chocolate lovers have found their way to Del Rey. Every day master chocolate makers craft delicious pralines,

biscuits, pastries and ice cakes here. You can also have lunch at the Chocolate Lounge next door.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Appelmansstraat 5, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, Sun closed

Phone: +32 3 470 28 61

Internet: www.delrey.be

Email: info@delrey.be

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Visit Antwerpen

A lot of old-school cafés acquire a definite bar vibe as the sun nears the horizon. Spend long summer evenings chatting away with friends in a funky bar or on the river terraces. For a more adrenaline-packed party night, the city is your dance floor: salsa, hard rock, disco or drum 'n' bass — the beat thumps and the dance clubs fill up around the city centre and along the river Scheldt.

Without a doubt, a major attraction in Flanders is the beer. You have numerous types, varieties and brands to explore. However, if you just want a small draft beer to pass the time, ask for "een pintje" or just show the bartender your little finger. Don't leave without trying De Kriek (cherry beer), the amazing Westmalle Dubbel, and be careful with the surprisingly strong Duvel.

Café Storm



If you need to contemplate on your visit to the MAS museum, then you don't have to go far. Located in the MAS building, Café Storm is the ideal place to relax and enjoy your drink. If you can, try to get hold of an outdoor seat. The view on the dock is amazing.

Photo: Aliaksandr Antanovich/shutterstock

Address: MAS, Hanzestedenplaats 5, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon-Fri from 11am, Sat & Sun from 10am

Phone: +32 3 231 43 00

Internet: www.cafe-storm.com/en

BelRoy's at Nine



Next to Antwerp's Cathedral, you can enjoy great cocktails in an amazing setting. The building is over 200 years old! On a hot summer night you can have a seat in the inner courtyard. In winter, gather around the open fire.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Lijnwaadmarkt 9, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon & Wed-Sun from 5pm; Tue closed

Phone: +32 3 344 79 54

Internet: www.belroys.com/en

More Info: You can also find BelRoy's at MAS and in het Zuid

Paters Vaetje



In Paters Vaetje, you can choose from more than 200 types of beer. Let the extensive menu guide you, and you'll understand why Belgian beers are the best in the world. Whether you're a student, tourist, or a local: everyone loves this cosy café. Open until very late!

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Blauwmozelstraat 1, Antwerp

Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-2am, Fri & Sat noon-3am

Phone: +32 3 231 84 76

Internet:

www.theeuropeanbarguide.com/paters-vaetje-antwerp

Sips



Some of the best cocktails and mocktails in Antwerp can be found at Sips. Chief bartender Manuel makes about 1,000 cocktails without ever needing to glance at a cheat sheet. Some recipes date back to 1790. That's not all; he also regularly invents new cocktails.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Gillisplaats 8, Zuid, Antwerp

Phone: +32 478 31 08 66

Internet: www.instagram.com/sips.antwerp

De Muze



De Muze is a monument of Antwerp's nightlife and jazz scene. Enjoy the numerous performances that take place here.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Melkmarkt 15, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 226 01 26

Internet: www.jazzcafedemuze.be

Email: info@jazzcafedemuze.be

Den Engel



Den Engel, just metres away from the city hall, is one of the most typical cafés in Antwerp. The history of the building dates back to the 14th century. The pints poured here are enjoyed by both young and old.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Grote Markt 3, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 233 12 52

Internet: www.cafedenengel.be

Email: contact@cafedenengel.be

De Vagant



In De Vagant, you can sample a wide range of Belgian jenevers: more than 200 types! The café is located on an atmospheric, picturesque street with a beautiful view of the Cathedral.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Reyndersstraat 25, Antwerp

Phone: +32 473 91 16 60

Internet: www.instagram.com/de_vagant

Café Hopper



This jazz cafe has been named after the American painter, Edward Hopper and is widely known in Antwerp. The cafe has been hosting small live music events since its doors opened in 1991.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Leopold De Waelstraat 2, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 248 49 33

Internet: www.cafehopper.be

Red&Blue Cargo Club



Looking for a gay club? Then look no further, because Red&Blue Cargo Club is Belgium's biggest gay club attracting an international audience. Thursday nights are the busiest!

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Address: Lange Schipperskapelstraat 11, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 213 05 55

Internet: www.cargoclub.be

Trix



Concert hall Trix is the place to be for those who love alternative and innovative concerts. There are three rooms (Trix bar, Trix club and

Trix zaal). Check the event calendar on their website.

Photo: Anneke Peeters/Visit Antwerpen
Address: Noordersingel 28-30, Antwerp
Phone: +32 3 670 09 00
Internet: www.trixonline.be
Email: info@trixonline.be

Cafe Beveren



Cafe Beveren is a cosy, unpretentious bar by the Scheldt river. It's a decidedly local place; there's no flashy facade to attract the tourists.

However, this dive bar features a unique Decap dance organ from 1937. Drop a one Euro coin into a control box on the wall, and you can enjoy tunes from this mechanical marvel. Stop by for a quick pint and see an accordion, a drum set and a saxophone come to life.

Photo: Merja Partanen/pixabay
Address: Vlasmak 2, Antwerp
Phone: +32 495 81 81 34
Internet: www.instagram.com/cafe_beveren

Bar Paniek

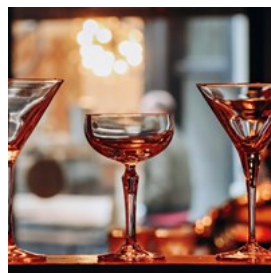


Bar Paniek, an eclectic hub created by the Time Circus collective, offers an industrial grunge vibe in an artistically repurposed warehouse by the Kattendijkdok. With its unique decor of

salvaged materials and vintage charm, it's an incredible place to enjoy local beers, homemade juices and waterfront sunsets.

Photo: Africa Studio/shutterstock
Address: Kattendijkdok-Oostkaai 21B, Antwerp
Opening hours: Usually open from April through September
Internet: www.timecircus.be
Email: bar.paniek@timecircus.be

Korsakov

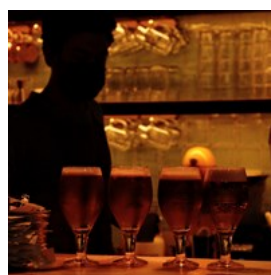


Korsakov is a funky neighbourhood bar with recognisably hipster decor and interesting beers. In summer, the bar gets quite full and the

crowd stands packed along the sidewalk, with trams passing by close enough to touch. There is a pool table in the smoking room upstairs.

Photo: Andrei Antipov/shutterstock
Address: Sint-Jorispoort 1, Antwerp
Opening hours: Mon-Wed 2pm-2am, Thu & Fri 2pm-5am, Sat noon-5am, Sun noon-2am
Internet: www.instagram.com/korsakov_antwerp
More Info: If Korsakov is too full for comfort, step into the neighbouring Hypothalamus.

Witzli-Poetzli



Witzli-Poetzli, a charismatic bar in the shadow of the Cathedral, is a haven for Antwerp's creative souls. Known for its eclectic drink selection

and tasteful music, it offers a unique vibe and authentic decor. It's a place where conversations flow as freely as the drinks. Enjoy the summer terrace or cosy up in winter for a game of chess and a few pints.

Photo: Max Kukurudziak/unsplash
Address: Blauwmoezelstraat 8, Antwerp

Opening hours: Daily from noon

Internet: www.instagram.com/witzli.poetzli

Kulminator



Kulminator operates like a speakeasy for vintage Belgian beer, with all the eccentricity that implies. Entry isn't guaranteed: first-time visitors must

ring the bell and convince the elderly owners — Leen Boudewijn and Dirk Van Dyke — that they're serious about tasting, not just drinking. Those admitted step into a time capsule where cuckoo clocks keep watch over towering stacks of beer crates, and the scent of aged lambic hangs in the air.

The beer list reads like a museum catalogue, with vintages stretching back decades. The owners treat each pour with reverence, serving Trappist ales in proper glassware alongside plates of sharp cheese or cured meat.

This is no place for rowdy groups — Van Dyke has been known to turn away anyone he deems unserious. But for those who pass muster, Kulminator offers something vanishingly rare: the chance to taste history, one meticulously preserved bottle at a time.

Photo: Kristen Prah/shutterstock

Address: Vleminckveld 32, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 232 45 38

Internet:

www.atlasobscura.com/places/kulminator-beer-bar-antwerp

SHOPPING



Visit Antwerpen

Renowned as a premier shopping destination, Antwerp combines vast diversity with convenience, housing a small selection of shopping centres all within a short stroll from each other. The city's historical architecture and pedestrian-friendly streets make window-shopping a unique delight. At the heart of Antwerp's retail allure is its iconic fashion scene, anchored by the legacy of the Antwerp Six. Their names are well-known: Walter Van Beirendonck, Ann Demeulemeester, Dries Van Noten, Dirk Van Saene, Dirk Bikkembergs and Marina Yee. This group of visionary designers transformed the city into a global fashion capital in the 1980s, setting the stage for Antwerp's continuing influence in contemporary design.

Today, you can explore a wealth of boutiques offering cutting-edge fashion from well-established designers like Jan-Jan Van Essche, garments from fresh, yet undiscovered talents, and a plethora of second-hand treasures.

If you are looking for some souvenirs that are less permanent in nature, you can never go wrong with artisanal Belgian chocolate, signature hand-shaped cookies or a bottle of a rare jenever.

De Meir



The Meir is a pedestrianized shopping street that connects the central station to the historical centre of Antwerp. Here,

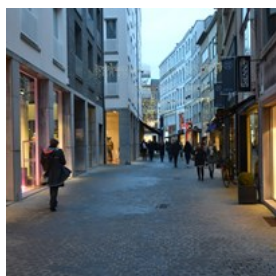
international chains jostle for attention with small Antwerp designer boutiques. The Stadsfeestzaal shopping centre, once a concert hall, has 40 luxurious stores lavishing in the restored marble, gilded and mosaic interior, plus a few restaurants and a bar.

Once a month and all through the month of December, many shops, cafes and restaurants will stay open for Koopzondag (Shopping Sunday).

Photo: Jan Crab/Visit Antwerpen

Internet: visit.antwerpen.be/en/sunday-shopping

Wilde Zee



De Wilde Zee is a quaint and pleasant shopping neighbourhood, just south of the iconic Boerentoren building. The shops of this pedestrian area

specialise in delicatessens, pralines, fashion and create a social atmosphere and a laid back clientele.

Photo: Eva Janssens/Visit Antwerpen

Internet: visit.antwerpen.be/en/shopping-zone-wilde-zee

Quartier Latin

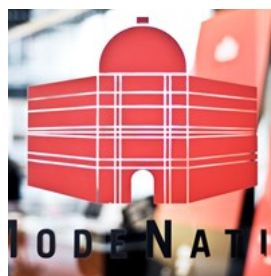


In Quartier Latin, also known as Theaterbuurt, you'll find the most upscale boutiques and specialty stores, antique and interior design shops.

The Bourla on Graanmarkt and Stadsschouwburg theatre still remind us of the former Mecca for travelling theatre companies and the vibrant nightlife. When the weather cooperates, bring your lunch and a book to the botanical garden in the centre of the neighbourhood.

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Fashion District



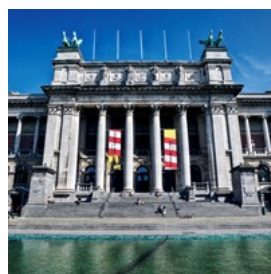
The Modenatie building on the corner of Nationalestraat and Drukkerijstraat is the centre of this district, housing the Fashion

Museum and the Fashion Academy. The area around Kammenstraat, Lombardenvest and Sint Antoniusstraat beckons the true fashionistas.

Photo: Dave Van Laere/Visit Antwerpen

Internet: visit.antwerpen.be/en/shopping-zone-fashion-district

Het Zuid



South of the centre, between Amerikalei and the river, is the district known as het Zuid. Art and culture are the assets of this area, with

important museums, numerous art galleries and renowned auction houses. Surely the trendiest area of the city, there is an abundance of designer restaurants, shops and cafes, too.

Photo: Dave Van Laere/Visit Antwerpen

Internet: visit.antwerpen.be/en/shopping-zone-het-zuid

Kloosterstraat



Kloosterstraat remains Antwerp's most compelling paradox. It's a street where 17th-century guildhouses jostle with avant-garde boutiques, and the scent of aged wood from antique shops mingles with espresso from minimalist cafés. While still home to Belgium's densest cluster of vintage dealers (think Art Deco chandeliers, Flemish oak cabinets and stacks of Delftware), the thoroughfare has evolved beyond its brocante roots. Design galleries and independent fashion ateliers now occupy spaces between the traditional antiquarians, their sleek displays contrasting with the patina of Mercator-Orteliushuis's Golden Age facade.

The real pleasure lies in the hunt: you might uncover a 1920s medical diagram in one shop, then turn the corner to find handcrafted leather jackets or a gallery specialising in Brutalist ceramics. Even the street's quirks — like the whimsical wooden Guirlande sculpture dangling above the pavement — reflect its refusal to be pinned down as purely old or new. Come weekdays when dealers have time to chat about provenance over bitterballen at the corner wine bar.

Photo: Kamilla Isalieva/unsplash

Internet: www.kloosterstraatantwerpen.com/planjebezoek

Around Central Station



Did you know that Antwerp has been the world's largest diamond centre for over 550 years? Hundreds of diamonds are traded here daily. More than 80% of all rough diamonds in the world pass through here. All this takes place within a compact area next to the central station. You can shop precious stones, gawk at the shiny window displays, check out the specialised jewellery tool shops or have excellent Jewish or Indian food.

Photo: Noortje Palmers/Visit Antwerpen

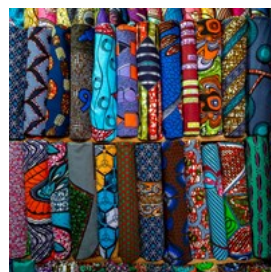
Historic City Centre



There is nowhere better to begin a shopping trip to Antwerp than in the traditional heart of the city — the Grote Markt and Groenplaats. The Grand Bazar Shopping Centre links Eiermarkt and Schoenmarkt with 50 shops. Kloosterstraat offers top-notch antiquing.

Photo: Jan Crab/Visit Antwerpen

Sonna Import/Export



Next to the south entrance to the central station, on Mediaplein, you'll find the fantastic Sonna store. The store offers an expansive collection of the finest African textiles. The creativity on display is incredible, and the plethora of designs will surely inspire you to create something unique for your wardrobe. Don't miss the opportunity to visit Sonna, even if

you only plan to browse their shelves.

Photo: Eva Blue/unsplash

Address: Van Immerseelstraat 1, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-6:30pm, Sun closed

Phone: +32 3 233 38 98

Internet: www.sonna.com/eu

Kringwinkel



Antwerp has plenty of opportunities to shop second hand items, from clothing and books to furniture and interior design items, and everything in between. Kringwinkel is a long-standing charity shop, and probably the first step for any Antwerpener who wants to say goodbye to a precious object they no longer need. Stop by and browse the shelves, and find something unique without breaking the bank.

Photo: Paolo Chiabrando/unsplash

Address: Lange Koepoortstraat 39, Antwerp

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun closed

Phone: +32 3 340 88 61

Internet: www.kringwinkel.be

More Info: Kringwinkel has locations all over Flanders. Five of them can be found in Antwerp.

TOURIST INFORMATION



Mika Baumeister/unsplash

Antwerp, conveniently situated at the heart of Europe, is easily accessible by bike, car, train or plane. Positioned at a junction of major motorways, the city boasts a state-of-the-art railway network reaching into its core. Additionally, Antwerp offers an extensive network of tram and bus lines for seamless urban travel.

Airports



When travelling to Antwerp from afar, you are most likely to fly to Brussels Airport (BRU) or Charleroi Airport (officially Brussels South Charleroi Airport, CRL).

Belgium's biggest and most important airport is situated 45 km from Antwerp city centre, a 40-minute car trip. The express train from Brussels Airport – Zaventem station to Antwerpen Centraal takes only 30 minutes.

Antwerp's own airport (ANR) is only 7 km from Antwerp city centre, a mere 15 minutes by car. Luxair, Tui Fly and Sky Alps offer connections to popular vacation spots, including London. The nearest train station is Mortsel. The local bus stop is right outside the terminal.

Brussels South Charleroi Airport is the farthest of the three, around 115 kilometres away. The most cost-effective connection is to take the local bus from the airport to Charleroi Gare Centrale (around 20 minutes) and then take the train to Antwerpen Centraal (1 hour 45 minutes).

Photo: yousef alfuhi/unsplash

Address: Internationale Luchthaven Antwerpen,

Luchthavenlei, Antwerp

Internet: www.luchthaven-antwerpen.com

Velo



Since 2011, you can explore Antwerp with one of the thousand red-and-white city bikes, called Velos. Wherever you are in the city centre, there is always a Velo station within walking distance. You can buy a bike pass for a day, week or year.

Photo: Velo Antwerpen/Visit Antwerpen

Internet: www.velo-antwerpen.be/en

Passport & Visa



Citizens of European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) countries do not need a visa to enter Belgium, only a valid ID. Many

other countries, including the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Australia, and New Zealand, benefit from visa-free entry for short stays of up to 90 days within a 180-day period.

Visitors from visa-exempt countries must hold a valid passport and, starting in late 2025, will

need to apply for an ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) authorisation online before travelling.

For those requiring a visa, such as travellers from some Middle-East, African or Asian nations, a Schengen visa must be obtained prior to arrival. All travellers should ensure their passport is valid for at least three months beyond their intended stay.

Photo: maramade/shutterstock

Internet: https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy_en

Public Transport



Antwerp is a pocket-sized metropolis: compact and easy to navigate, even on foot. You can easily explore the city on foot. About 20% of the historic

centre is car-free, and during many summer events, pedestrians are given absolute priority. Ideal for crossing the city: take the tram or bus from the Flemish transport company De Lijn.

De Lijn's trams run for an extra hour on Fridays and Saturdays. As a result, the weekend timetable better matches the schedule of the night buses. Good news for partygoers, who can enjoy the nightlife longer and want to get home safely and quickly.

Buy your tram or bus ticket at a pre-sale point (newsagent, supermarket, corner shops, or at the machines at the stops). With pre-sale, a ticket is 20% cheaper. You can also pay the fare with De Lijn mobile app.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Internet: www.delijn.be/en/content/reisinfo/ontdek-de-app

Taxi



In Antwerp, all official taxis have a permit from the City of Antwerp. You can recognise them by an illuminated taxi sign on the roof and a red license plate on the front. You pay a uniform tariff set by the city. The tariff is always visible on the taximeter on the dashboard. When you arrive at your destination, the taximeter automatically prints out a ticket with the taxi company's name and contact information.

There are always taxis on Queen Astrid Square (Koningin Astridplein), immediately north of the central station.

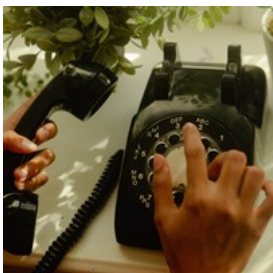
Alternatively, book your ride through the taxi.eu app or call +32 3 238 38 38.

Photo: Visit Antwerpen

Phone: +32 3 238 38 38

Internet: www.taxi.eu/en/cities/antwerp

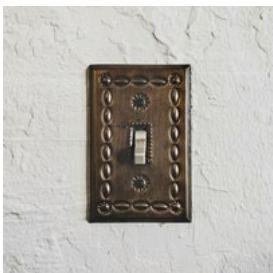
Telephone



Country code: +32 Area code: (0)3

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Electricity



In Belgium, power plugs type C and E are the official standards. The electrical plugs are compatible with type F plug with two round pins.

The standard voltage is 230 Volt and the frequency is 50 Hz.

Photo: mk. s/unsplash

Population

The city: 536,079

The municipality: 1.23 million

Currency

1 Euro = 100 cents

Opening hours

Shops are open from Monday to Saturday 10am–6pm. Large department stores stay open longer.

Internet

<https://visit.antwerpen.be>

www.visitflanders.com

Newspapers

Gazet Van Antwerpen: www.gva.be

De Standaard: www.destandaard.be

De Morgen: www.demorgen.be

Het Nieuwsblad: www.nieuwsblad.be

Het Laatste Nieuws: www.hln.be

Emergency numbers

All emergencies: 112

Medical emergency service/fire brigade: 100

Police: 101

Doctor on call: +32 900 10 512

Belgian poison control: +32 70 245 245

Tourist information

Visit Antwerpen has two offices.

Het Steen (close to Grote Markt)

Steenplein 1, Antwerpen

Open daily 10am–6pm

Centraal Station (located on level 0, near the escalators)

Koningin Astridplein, Antwerpen

Open daily 9am–5pm

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