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ANTWERP

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 stores of Antwerp's designers, whose stylish creations are revered all over the world. And 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 new museum MAS, the Cathedral of Our Lady and the Rubens House.



ANTWERP CITY CARD



Are you interested in exploring all of Antwerp? Then use the Antwerp City Card as your guide. The card will open the nicest, tastiest and most surprising doors of the city for you, for free or at a discount. What's more, you can choose how long you want to use it. Depending on how much time you will be spending in Antwerp, you can choose a card that is valid for 24, 48 or 72 hours. The Antwerp City Card costs 27 euros for 24 hours, 35 euros for 48 hours or 40 euros for 72 hours.

ROCKOXHUIS

From February 2 2013 visitors to the Rockox House in Antwerp will be able to see how an Antwerp art collection must have appeared in the Golden Century. More particularly, the residence of burgomaster Nicolaas Rockox (1560-1640) is being transformed into a luxurious art cabinet with top items from Antwerp's KMSKA and the most important works from the Rockox House itself. On display will be a range of fine paintings by such masters as Van Eyck, Rubens and Van Dyck. A chance, then, to immerse yourself in the world of the rich citizen of the seventeenth century.

Keizerstraat 10-12, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 201 92 50
www.rockoxhuis.be

MUSEUM VLEESHUIS

Butcher's Hall tells the story of 600 years of sound and music in Antwerp. Find out more about the enchanting history of street musicians, heralds and carillon players. The Antwerp opera, instrument building, house music and dance are also covered in detail. Do not expect to visit a conventional instrument museum. Butcher's Hall takes you on a lively journey to the world behind the music.

Vleeshouwerstraat 38-40, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 292 61 00
www.museumvleeshuis.be

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 Low Countries. 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. Currently the Cathedral is hosting a splendid exhibition, called Reunion, which showcases altarpieces from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries in their original location. Absolutely worth visiting!

Handschoenmarkt
+32 3 213 99 15
www.dekathedraal.be

MAAGDENHUISMUSEUM

The Maidens' House Museum is a hidden gem. In this historic sixteenth-century building you can take a closer look at the phenomenal collection of the OCMW (public social welfare centre). Here you will find paintings by Rubens, Van Dyck and Jordaens as well as stunning sculptures and furniture from the fifteenth until the eighteenth century. The Maidens' House used to be a girl's orphanage; hence its name and a lot of the items in the collection refer to this period in its history.

Lange Gasthuisstraat 33, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 338 26 20
www.ocmw.antwerpen.be/maagdenhuismuseum

BOAT TOUR ALONG THE ANTWERP PORT

Antwerp's port is the second largest port in Europe, covering a surface area of approximately 13.500 hectares. A boat trip is the ideal way to catch a glimpse of the impressive port operations and its seafaring giants, drawbridges and continuous bustling activity. Buy your ticket at least half an hour before the scheduled departure time.

14 Havenkaai, Londenstraat
+32 3 231 31 00
www.flandria.nu

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.

Wapper 9-11
+32 3 201 15 55
www.rubenshuis.be

SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH

In the early sixteenth century the Augustinian Friars built St. Andrew's Church in the popular St. Andrew's neighbourhood, which today is also the beating heart of the Antwerp fashion industry. Inside you can see stunning Baroque altars and seventeenth-century works of art such as the monument for the Queen of Scotland, Mary Stuart. The dramatic nineteenth-century pulpit is a must-see.

Waaistraat 5, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 232 03 84
www.mkaweb.be

SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

Near the river Scheldt you find Saint Paul's Church, the former Dominican church, which was completed in 1639. The church has some splendid Baroque altars, more than 200 statues and 50 paintings. Masterpieces by artists such as Jordaens, Rubens, Van Balen and Van Dyck emphasise the church's unique appeal. The Calvary garden looks like a set from an epic film about Christ's suffering and resurrection.

Veemarkt 1
+32 3 232 32 67
www.topa.be/sint-pauluskerk

MOMU / FASHION MUSEUM

The Fashion Museum has a stunning collection of over 25,000 items including clothes, shoes, accessories, lace and much more. It preserves historic costumes as well as contemporary pieces. Every year the museum organises two themed exhibitions, featuring items from the museum's collection. Get ready for a beautifully illustrated expedition focussing on creativity, craftsmanship and trendy clothes.

Nationalestraat 28
+32 3 470 27 70
www.momu.be

M HKA / MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART ANTWERP

The Museum of Contemporary art or M HKA (Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst) 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. In 2013 M HKA will be organising several collection presentations as well as exhibitions by the Belgian artists De Gruyter & Thys and the American Kerry James Marshall.

Leuvenstraat 32
+32 3 260 99 99
www.muhka.be

MAS / MUSEUM AAN DE STROOM

If you visit one museum in Antwerp make it MAS (which opened in 2011). The sixty-metre high museum tower – an amazing feat of bold architecture – has become a new focal point in Antwerp. Here the city and the port (Europe's second biggest) meet in every sense of the word. The museum collection tells the story of the city, the port and the world and on the roof of MAS you can enjoy a 360° panoramic view of Antwerp.

Hanzestedenplaats 1

+32 3 338 44 00

www.mas.be

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



'Antwerp by night' starts with good food, always a highlight. Chatting away the hours with friends in a funky bar or on the river terraces in the summer is the low key 'night out'. For an adrenalin pumping, party night, the city is your dance floor - salsa, hard rock, disco or drum 'n bass, the beat thumps and the dance clubs heave around the city center and along the river Scheldt.

CAFÉ HOPPER

This jazz cafe has been named after the American painter, Edward Hopper and is widely known in Antwerp. Every week the café hosts several performances.

Leopold De Waelstraat 2, 2000 Antwerpen
<http://www.cafehopper.be>

TRIX

The Trix concert hall is the place to be for anyone who enjoys alternative and innovative converts. There are three rooms (Trix bar, Trix club and Trix zaal). Check the programme on their website.

Noordersingel 28-30, 2140 Antwerpen
www.trixonline.be

DE VAGANT

In De Vagant you can enjoy a wide range of Belgian jenevers (they serve over 200 different ones!). The café is situated on a picturesque street, with a stunning view of the Cathedral.

Reyndersstraat 25, 2000 Antwerpen
<http://www.devagant.be>

DEN ENGEL

This is one of Antwerp's most authentic cafés. The history of this building dates back to the fourteenth century. People of all ages enjoy hanging out here with a beer.

Grote Markt 3, 2000 Antwerpen
<http://www.cafedenengel.be>

PETROL

This club is located in an old factory and has retained its industrial look. They host live performances as well as DJ sets. The emphasis is on alternative music and electro dance.

D'Herbouvillekaai 25, 2020 Antwerpen
<http://www.petrolclub.be>

SIPS

The best cock- and mocktails in town are served at Sips. Chief bartender Manuel can make 1.000 cocktails with the original ingredients by heart. Some of the recepies go back to 1790. He also invents new drinks.

Gillisplaats 8
 +32 477 63 91 52
www.sips-cocktails.com

DE MUZE

This bar is a monument of Antwerp nightlife and international jazz scene. Check out the live performances in this cozy bar.

Melkmarkt 15
 +32 3 226 01 26
www.jazzmuze.be

PATERS VAETJE

At Paters Vaetje you can make a choice out of more than 200 kinds of beer. Try a few of them and you will realise why Belgium is the beer capital of the world. Everybody likes this cozy, little bar: students, tourists and locals. Open until very late.

Blauwmoezelstraat 1
 +32 3 231 84 76
www.patervatje.be

CAFÉ D'ANVERS

Located in a former church in Antwerp's red light district Café d'Anvers has been a favourite of Antwerp clubbers since 1989. You can dance the night away to house, techno and r&b here. On Fridays and Saturdays the club opens at 11 p.m.

Verversrui 15, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 226 38 70
www.cafe-d-anvers.com

COCKTAILS AT NINE

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

Lijnwaardmarkt
+32 3 707 10 07
www.cocktailsatnine.be

ROXY ANTWERP

These days the Roxy Club occupies the 'shop', where Antwerp dock workers would go to be hired. Roxy is open on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Rijnkaai 14, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 477 33 20 70
www.roxy-antwerp.be

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 this 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.

Hanzestedenplaats 5
+32 3 231 43 00
www.cafe-storm.com

RED AND BLUE

Looking for a gay club? Then look no further because Red&Blue is Belgium's biggest gay club attracting an international audience. Every first Sunday of the month they organise a fun disco party with a colorful dress code. Men only on Saturdays.

Lange Schipperskapelstraat 11, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 213 05 55
www.redandblue.com

EVENTS



LUC TUYMANS AT THE MAS

The MAS | Museum aan de Stroom (Museum on the River) is celebrating its fifth anniversary with an exhibition of Luc Tuymans, one of Belgium's leading artists. Visitors will be able to admire 20 portraits that have never been shown together before.

Hanzestedenplaats 1, 2000 Antwerp
<http://www.mas.be/en/activity/luc-tuymans-glasses>
 13/05/2016 - 18/09/2016

ENERGY FLASH

Energy Flash is the first museum exhibition focusing on the rave culture of the 1980s and 1990s. The ideologies, the aesthetics, the link with electronic music, and the effect on the wider culture are covered.

Leuvenstraat 32, 2000 Antwerp
 +32 (0)3 260 99 99
<http://www.muhka.be/en>
 17/06/2016 - 25/09/2016

PHOTOGRAPHY INC.

This exhibition recounts the history of photography from the industry perspective. Using photographs, cameras, magazines and albums, this engaging exhibition will present both famous moments and new discoveries in the wide-ranging history of photography.

Waalsekaai 47, 2000 Antwerp
<http://www.fotomuseum.be>

RUBENS MARKET

On August 15th Antwerp's historic city centre will once host the Rubens market. Stallholders peddle their wares, dressed in seventeenth-century clothing. Enjoy the great atmosphere!

Grote Markt, 2000 Antwerp
 15/08/2016

YOUNG BELGIAN PHOTOGRAPHY – TOM CALLEMIN

For the fifth year in a row, FOMU provides a platform for young Belgian photography. This year, they present Tom Callemin's photographic universe. Callemin examines the relationship between photographers and their models.

Waalsekaai 47
<http://www.fotomuseum.be/tentoonstellingen/tom-callemin.html>
 26/06/2016 - 02/10/2016

CLARA PEETERS. DINNER IS SERVED!

One of very few female painters in the baroque period, the Antwerp artist Clara Peeters (1594 - 1657) was a pioneer of still-life painting. At the age of just fourteen, Clara painted small, detailed scenes with unparalleled mastery.

Keizerstraat 10-12
<http://www.rockoxhuis.be/en>
 16/06/2016 - 02/10/2016

450TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN HALL

This free exhibition runs until 31 March 2017 on the ground floor of the town hall. The exhibits are in Dutch but visitor brochures are available in French, German and English. In this exhibition visitors will learn more about this building's history.

Grote Markt 1, 2000 Antwerp
www.antwerpen.be/450jaarstadhuis

FIESTA EUROPA

Fiesta Europa is a free food festival with stallholders from all over Europe who offer their typical wares from their countries at very reasonable prices. The result is a colourful and high-quality European market with an enormous range of goods on sale.

Groenplaats, Antwerp

<http://www.visitantwerpen.be/detail/fiesta-europa-en>

20/07/2016 - 24/07/2016

THE TALL SHIPS RACES

From Thursday 7 July until Sunday 10 July 2016, Antwerp will be the starting point for the Tall Ships Races. Some of the largest and most spectacular vessels in the world participate in this classic sailing race.

Steenplein, 2000 Antwerp

www.tsrantwerp.be

ANTWERP PRIDE

Antwerp Pride, celebrating gay-friendly Antwerp with a programme of parties, sports events, exhibitions and cultural activities.

www.antwerppride.com

10/08/2016 - 15/08/2016

Various locations

EUROPEAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

With the qualification of the national team, the Red Devils, a lot of spectator madness is expected in Antwerp. Screens will be erected all over the city during the big football festival. Several bars and restaurants will also be placing TV screens on their terraces.

<http://www.visitantwerpen.be/detail/european-football-championship>

BOLLEKESFEEST

The Bollekesfeest is the country's liveliest urban festival, offering everyone the chance to enjoy the best of Antwerp. Belgian beers, the local treats ... it's all there, plus live music, theatre, walks and entertainment around the Grote Markt.

Grote Markt, Antwerp

www.bollekesfeest.be

18/08/2016 - 21/08/2016

REUNION. FROM QUINTEN METSIJS TO PETER PAUL RUBENS

In 1559 the Church of Our Lady was re-named the Cathedral of Our Lady. This exhibition celebrates its 450-year existence. The Cathedral has become a veritable treasury of religious art, which was painted and sculpted by renowned masters.

Groenplaats 21

+32 3 213 99 51

www.dekathedraal.be

Onze-Lieve-Vrouwekathedraal

€ 6

WINTER IN ANTWERP

The city may not have mountains, but all the ingredients needed for a great winter holiday can be found in Antwerp. Plan your holiday and select your favourite activities from the winter programme.

<http://www.visitantwerpen.be/winter-in-antwerp>

10/12/2016 - 08/01/2017

Groenplaats, Suikerrui, Grote Markt, Steenplein

ANTWERP À LA CARTE

This exhibition presents the history of Antwerp through culinary glasses. It focuses on the vital challenge of how cities feed an ever-growing group of city-dwellers throughout the centuries.

Hanzestedenplaats 1, 2000 Antwerp

<http://www.mas.be/en/activity/5-antwerp-%C3%A0-la-carte>

€5 per person

SHOPPING SUNDAY

Every first Sunday of the month, you can shop in the following neighbourhoods: De Keyserlei, Meir, Diamond district, Wilde Zee, Fashion district, Hoogstraat, Kloosterstraat, Schuttershofstraat, Huidevettersstraat, Kammenstraat, Groenplaats and Zuid.

www.visitantwerpen.be

Every first Sunday of the month

FASHION SUMMER SALES

During the official July sales retailers and fashion stores (shoes, clothes and leather goods) sell their products at a discounted price. Antwerp, the Belgian fashion capital, is the perfect place to get some great deal on stunning outfits.

www.visitantwerpen.be

01/07/2016 - 31/07/2016

HUYSMAN ANTWERP RACE

No sailing lovers will want to miss this event – the biggest yachting regatta in the Benelux with a finishing line right in front of the Antwerp Scheldt Quays.

Scheldekaaien, Antwerpen

www.antwerprace.be

15/10/2016

LAUNDRY DAY

Laundry Day is a Belgian dance festival in Antwerp. It was organized for the first time in 1998 and is held annually on the first Saturday of September, marking the end of the Belgian festival summer. It is known for its line-up of mainly Belgian DJs.

D'Herbouvillekaai, Antwerpen

www.laundryday.be

03/09/2016

LAUS POLYPHONIAE

Take a step back in time and listen to these concerts of ancient music that will create a wonderful atmosphere at different locations in the city.

Kammenstraat 81, 2000 Antwerp

www.amuz.be

19/08/2016 - 28/08/2016

THE GOLDEN CABINET. THE ROYAL MUSEUM AT THE ROCKOX HOUSE.

In the Rockox House you are able to see how an Antwerp art collection must have appeared in the Golden Century. The residence of Rockox is transformed into a luxurious art cabinet with top items and the most important works from the Rockox House itself.

Rockox House, Keizerstraat 10-12, 2000

Antwerpen

www.rockoxhuis.be

From February 2nd 2013

MUSEUM NIGHT

On the 6th of August the museums of Antwerp open their doors for a new museum night. In addition to their permanent collections and current exhibitions visitors can enjoy a mysterious nocturnal program. Expect summer bars, workshops, gigs and dj-sets.

various locations

www.museumnacht.be

06/08/2016

SUMMER OF ANTWERP

The Summer of Antwerp (Zomer van Antwerpen) is just that, a summertime programme of events that are organised throughout the city with a Summer Bar for that instant holiday feeling and a Summer Factory as a night-time hotspot for parties and more. Don't forget to visit the grandstand of the SunSet for the most beautiful spectacle on earth.

<http://www.zomervanantwerpen.be/brochure/brochure-en>

JAZZ MIDDELHEIM

Jazz Middelheim was organised for the first time in 1969 and is widely considered one of the best jazz festivals in Europe. Every year in August a host of leading jazz musicians gathers here in Antwerp.

Den Brandt Park, 2020 Antwerpen

www.jazzmiddelheim.be

12/08/2016-15/08/2016

DINING



Antwerpers take pride and have passion for food – true foodies at heart. In the Golden Age (16th century), all types of food, drink, herbs and spices from countries all over the world were transported through the Port. Even today, food is brought in from all corners of the globe, contributing to the city's fascinating diversity.

Food knows no boundaries in the city with exotic and foreign being held in high esteem amongst locals. New trends are tested and refined on the adventurous food lovers of the city. Many a cuisine buzzword is used here - European, exotic, classic French transformed with a delicate Belgian touch is what to consider on the menu of Antwerp! The biggest concentration of restaurants is in the historic city centre and Antwerpen-Zuid.

URBAN STORY DELI SHOP

The Urban Story Deli Shop, near MAS, is a buffet restaurant with an international vibe, which serves fresh salads, desserts and a special of the day, which changes daily. All the dishes and their packaging are organic.

Godefriduskaai 2, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 344 66 46

MAMPOKO

Head over to this quintessential Antwerp brasserie for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The kitchen serves Belgo-Franco cuisine with an oriental twist here and there. The menu features salads, steaks and pasta but do check the list of daily suggestions.

Amerikalei 8, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 257 77 10

MILANO

Milano is the oldest Italian restaurant in Antwerp. Everything is freshly made in the kitchen, from the bread to the pasta and the ice-cream. The kitchen is always open until 11.30 p.m., making this restaurant a good option for dinner after a film.

Statiestraat 11, 2018 Antwerpen
+32 3 232 67 43
<http://www.restaurantmilano.be>

BIER CENTRAL

Bier Central serves more than 3,000 beers in a bottle and more than 20 other beers on tap. The menu features an array of traditional Belgian dishes such as mussels, oven-baked Brussels endives, and beef stew prepared with Belgian beer.

De Keyserlei 25, 2018 Antwerpen
+32 3 201 59 85
<http://www.biercentral.be>

ELLIS GOURMET BURGER

Located opposite the new MAS museum Ellis Gourmet Burger serves exactly that: hamburgers for gourmets. The menu features traditional burgers as well as vegetarian and kids' burgers.

Sint-Aldegondiskaai 52-54, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 344 54 55
<http://www.ellisgourmetburger.com>

L'ÉPICERIE DU CIRQUE

Named after the grocery shop that was located here, this is now a charming restaurant with fastly changing menus to surprise the guests. Specialties include seafood, vegetarian dishes.

Volkstraat 23
+32 3 238 05 71
www.lepiciereducirque.be

BISTRO DE KORAAL

De Koraal is a charming luxury bistro, in Leeuwenstraat, near Vrijdagmarkt. Watch the chef prepare various specialities such as lobster, beef carpaccio, truffle dishes and Belgian caviar in the open kitchen. The kitchen is open until midnight.

Leeuwenstraat 1, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 226 26 70
www.bistrodekoraal.be

HET POMPHUIS

If you want to experience the grandeur of the Port of Antwerp, you have to come to Pomphuis. This restaurant is located in a monumental building that was used to pump water out of the adjacent dock. It offers a great dining experience.

Siberiastraat
+32 3 770 86 25
www.hetpomphuis.be

TE KOOK

Take a seat at the large round bar/table, which is the centrepiece of this minimalistic interior. The waiters move around in the centre of the circle, serving dishes which are prepared in the semi-open kitchen.

Vrijdagmarkt 7, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 689 39 29
www.tekook.be

BRASSERIE GUSTAV

Next to Antwerp's opera building and across from the UGC Movie Theatre this is an excellent place to grab a bite before or after a performance or a movie. But there's also breakfast, lunch menus and much more. The restaurant has a nostalgic feel.

Van Ertbornstraat 2
+32 3 225 55 28
www.brasseriegustav.be

BISTRO MIRO

In Moorkensplein in Borgerhout you will run into a tiny but cosy bistro, called Miro, which is opposite the stunning district house. The chef serves fresh products at an affordable price. Seating is limited so reservations are mandatory.

Moorkensplein 28, 2140 Antwerpen
+32 3 235 03 25

RISTORANTE ARTE

This Italian restaurant with its modern interior is located in the centre of the old city. Ristorante Arte is known for its delicious pizzas and refined Italian food.

Suikerrui 24, 2000 Antwerp
+32 3 226 29 70
www.ristorante-arte.be

AHAAR

An Indian restaurant which only serves vegetarian dishes. Go à la carte or choose the buffet formula and enjoy a nice selection of traditional Indian dishes.

Lange Herentalsestraat 23, 2018 Antwerpen
+32 3 226 00 52
www.aahaar.com

FELIXPAKHUIS

This beautiful restored warehouse is located at the marina of Willemdok and very close to the MAS museum. They serve lunches and dinners with a focus on seasonal produce.

Godefriduskaai 30
+32 3 203 03 30
www.felixpakhuis.nu

EILANDJE

BRASSERIE DEN ARTIST

Brasserie Den Artist, in Antwerp's Zuid district, attracts Antwerpers and visitors alike. Den Artist serves Belgian dishes and is widely considered an excellent address for breakfast or brunch.

Museumstraat 45, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 238 09 95
<http://www.brassriedenartist.be>

HIPPODROOM

Steps away from the monumental museum of fine arts ,this restaurant serves French-Belgian cuisine with global influences.

Leopold De Waelplaats 10
+32 3 248 52 52
www.hippodroom.be

ZUID

RIMBAUD

An authentic restaurant with a nostalgic interior. The chef only uses fresh produce. Order the “Confiance menu” and enjoy three refined and beautifully balanced dishes. Friday is fish day with the chef serving mouth-watering seafood and/or fish dishes.

Hessenbrug 5, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 226 73 70
www.rimbaud.be

BON BINI

Bon Bini (the word for welcome in Papiamento is located in the university neighbourhood and serves food, wine, cocktails and spirits from all over the world. Specialities include kangaroo and fajitas but they also serve a wide selection of tapas.

Paardenmarkt 72, 2000 Antwerp
+32 3 770 86 46
www.bon-bini.be

CIVILTA DEL BERE

If you love Italian wine then this trendy eatery with its stylish interior is the place to go.. The pizzas are super fresh with the price reflecting the delicious quality. They also sell several other Italian products.

De Burburestraat 43, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 257 56 60

BRASSERIE APPELMANS

This restaurant is located near Antwerp’s amazing Cathedral. Brasserie Appelmans serves great food with some nice Belgian touches the stew made with De Koninck, a locally brewed beer. The building is a combination of old and new, just like Antwerp.

Papenstraatje 1
+32 3 226 20 22
www.brasserieappelmans.be

A L’INFINTISTE

A 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 dishes for a fixed price. Besides the main course he also serves creative hors d’oeuvres.

Kasteelpleinstraat 6, 2000 Antwerp
+32 3 237 43 37
www.alinfintiste.be

CHEZ FRED

The menu at Chez Fred will make your mouth water – from the traditional Belgian beef stew to the tuna steak with mint pesto. Highly recommended if you are looking for a nice place to have an affordable and delicious meal.

Kloosterstraat 83, 2000 Antwerp
<http://www.chezfred.be>

LUNCHBOX

In Theaterplein, where you can find the biggest market of Antwerp during the weekend, you can eat snacks at Lunchbox. They focus on serving eco-friendly and organic food, with a menu comprising healthy sandwiches, wraps, hand-made burgers and fresh juices.

Nieuwstad 8-10, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 231 04 79
www.lunchbox.be

DOCK’S CAFÉ

Dock's Café has been a staple in Antwerp for many years. The restaurant with its artistic interior specialises in contemporary Franco-Italian dishes. The oyster bar and fantastic array of sea food and the Bresse chickens are favourites with Antwerpers.

Jordaenskaai 7, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 226 63 30
www.docks.be

HISTORIC CENTRE

HET GERECHT

Het Gerecht is a contemporary restaurant, located in a magnificent town house near the old law courts. They serve French, seasonal dishes. The restaurant also has a nice terrace, bar and lounge.

Amerikalei 20, 2000 Antwerp
+32 3 248 79 28
www.hetgerecht.be

MEAT & EAT

This tiny restaurant, which is located in a former butcher's shop, caters to meat lovers' every wish and command. Here you can choose from a selection of affordable meat dishes, which you might be hard pressed to find on the menu in other restaurants.

Vrijheidstraat 63, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 238 11 15
www.gastro-by-mo.be

BROUWERSVLIET 23

An innovative combination of a bistro, a restaurant and a wine shop. The chef serves traditional dishes, with wine pairings.

Brouwersvliet 23, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 234 09 79

FISKEBAR

Lovers of seafood should not miss this restaurant. Fiskebar is a small simple place. It focuses on fresh fish: tuna, king crab, prawns, oysters, lobster, mussels, it all can be found here.

Marnixplaats 12
+32 3 257 13 57
www.fiskebar.be

CAMBODIA

If you happen to find yourself in Antwerp's Eilandje neighbourhood and you're up for a more Asian flavour then head over to Cambodia. The restaurant serves Thai, Vietnamese and Cambodian cuisine and has a nice view of Antwerp's MAS museum.

Godefriduskaai 10, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 234 09 79
www.cambodiarestaurant.be

DE GROOTE WITTE AREND

Having a meal in this historic building is like stepping back into time, the origins date back to the 16th century. If you are looking for a nice and quiet meal in the heart of the historic city centre then this is an excellent spot.

Reyndersstraat 18
+32 3 233 50 33
www.degrootewittearend.be

CENTRAL STATION

LE JOHN

The menu of this simple yet trendy restaurant in Antwerp's Zuid district features Flemish, Mediterranean, Italian and oriental cuisine. After your meal you can continue your conversation in the lounge bar on the first floor.

Kasteelpleinstraat 25, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 289 92 25
www.lejohn.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 on Central Station and surroundings. Lovers of Italian food should definitely consider this restaurant.

De Keyserlei 28
+32 3 202 68 87
www.granduca.be

IL MAGNIFICO

An Italian Osteria near Antwerp's former Southern Docks. The menu is limited but they do serve all the traditional Italian dishes. There are photos and works of art on the walls and the terrace is a pleasant place to eat on sunny days.

Waalsekaai 52, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 238 04 74
www.il-magnifico.be

LUX

The building in which Lux is housed today was once the residence of a Polish shipping company. Many original features have been maintained including wood panelling, gilded mouldings and mosaic floors. The view on the MAS museum is an added bonus.

Sint-Aldegondiskaai 20
+32 3 233 30 30
www.luxantwerp.com

GRAND CAFÉ HORTA

Grand Café Horta is an icon in Antwerp's theatre district, very close to shopping street Meir. This place is named after Belgian art nouveau architect Horta. Good choice if you are looking for a light lunch or a meal made with the famous Belgian beer.

Hopland 2
+32 3 232 28 15
www.grandcafehorta.be

INVINCIBLE

In the historic city centre you will find Invincible, a restaurant which combines delicious food, excellent wine and a lovely setting. Take a seat at the counter near the open kitchen or in the small, cosy dining room. Excellent and fairly-priced food!

Haarstraat 9, 2000 Antwerp
+3232313207
<http://www.invincible.be>

MARITIME

Restaurant Maritime is located between the main square and the Scheldt. If you like fish, this is the place to be! Definitely try the local dishes!

Suikerrui 4, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 233 07 58
<http://www.maritime.be>

HOFFY'S

At Hoffy's, the Hoffman brothers serve food which has been prepared according to the rules of traditional Yiddish cooking. The menu includes a wide selection of fish and meat dishes, soups and vegetarian food.

Lange Kievitstraat 52, 2018 Antwerpen
+32 3 234 35 35
<http://www.hoffys.be>

DE PEERDESTAL

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

Wijngaardstraat 8, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 231 95 03
<http://www.depeerdestal.be>

BISTROT DU NORD

Bistrot du Nord is located only a stone's throw from Park Spoor Noord. This is a small, relaxed, private restaurant which serves simple brasserie fare. The menu features a lot of meat dishes but the fish will also appeal to no-nonsense gourmets.

Lange Dijkstraat 36, 2060 Antwerp
<http://bistrotdu nord.be/>

CIRO'S

Everyone knows Ciro's in 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.

Amerikalei 6, 2000 Antwerp

<http://www.ciros.be/>

GRAANMARKT 13

Graanmarkt 13 is the address of a building in one of the most beautiful squares of Antwerp. It is home to a fashion and design store, a gallery and a restaurant. The chef serves fair food using quality products, with Belgian and European influences.

Graanmarkt 13, 2000 Antwerpen

+32 3 337 79 91

www.graanmarkt13.be

DELREY

For over sixty years Antwerp chocolate lovers have found their way to DelRey. 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.

Appelmansstraat 5 2018 Antwerpen

+32 3 470 28 67

<http://www.delrey.be>

L'ILE D'ANVERS

This restaurant is situated in Antwerp's Eilandje or Little Island neighbourhood near MAS. The restaurant draws inspiration from Belgian and Southern French cuisine serving fresh, seasonal dishes. You can find wines from all over the world on the wine list.

Verbindingsdok Oostkaai 3, 2000 Antwerpen

+32 3 226 99 09

www.liledanvers.be

KOMMILFOO

In the centre of the Zuid district you will find Kommilfoo, a restaurant which earned its first Michelin star in 2011. The chef serves modern-contemporary cuisine using the latest culinary techniques to enhance his seasonal Franco-Belgian dishes.

Vlaamsekaai 17, 2000 Antwerpen

+32 3 237 30 00

www.restaurantkommilfoo.be

LA SIRENA

An old favourite in Antwerp. La Sirena opened in 1965 and today patrons are still welcomed by the same owner. The menu includes typical Italian fare alongside a few Belgian dishes. A popular choice among Antwerpers and tourists alike.

Statiestraat 7-9, 2018 Antwerpen

+32 3 233 01 02

THE SQUARE

The Square is located on the ground floor of the Radisson Blu Astrid Hotel. The Square serves Franco-Belgian cuisine as well as some popular international dishes. On Friday and Saturday evenings you will be treated to live piano music during dinner.

Koningin Astridplein 7, 2018 Antwerpen

+32 3 233 01 02

www.thesquare.be

LAS MAÑAS

Step into Las Mañas and you might think that you ended up in a Spanish pub. The restaurant tables are at the back and are populated by people from all walks of life. If you like delicious Galician food, then Las Mañas should be your first pick!

Ankerrui 36, 2000 Antwerpen

+32 3 231 72 20

www.lasmanas.com

DEN ROODEN HOED

Den Rooden Hoed is Antwerp's oldest existing restaurant and is located opposite Antwerp's Cathedral. Besides serving Belgian traditionals such as mussels and eel in green sauce the menu also includes several refined meat and fish dishes.

Oude Koornmarkt 25, 2000 Antwerp

+32 3 289 09 09

www.deroodenhoed.be

12, PLACE DU MARCHÉ

This restaurant opened four years ago in Theaterplein. The chef of 12, place du marché only uses seasonal fresh products. Because the restaurant is located near Antwerp's biggest market the square is always bustling with activity on Saturdays and Sundays.

Nieuwstad 12, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 707 11 29
www.placedumarche.be

UMAMI

Umami is a brand-new innovative Asian-style restaurant in Antwerp, serving several innovative Asian dishes. The varied menu includes sushi, tempura, dim sum and wagyu beef. It is also the perfect place for a pre- or after-dinner drink!

Luikstraat 6, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 237 39 78
www.umami-antwerp.be

ELLIS GOURMET BURGER

Ellis's Gourmet Burgers are such a success with meat lovers that they recently opened a second restaurant near Central Station. The menu includes traditional burgers as well as vegetarian and kids' burgers.

De Keyserlei 21, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 689 97 03
www.ellisgourmetburger.com

THE GLORIOUS

The Glorious is the perfect asset in a neighbourhood which is populated by fashion, antiques and interior design stores. In this wine bar/bistro you can taste about 30 wines by the glass which are paired with a refined no-nonsense style of cooking.

De Burburestraat 4A, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 237 06 13
www.theglorious.be

BAR CÉSAR

Bar César is a New York-style bar in Antwerp, in the Les Nuits boutique hotel. As you may surmise from its name you can order a delicious Caesar salad here but they also serve high tea, breakfast and drinks.

Lange Gasthuisstraat 12, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 770 72 00
www.bar-cesar.be

BALLS & GLORY

The speciality of this "Shop and Table" eatery? Delicious, hand-made meatballs, using only the best ingredients for a fair price. The filling changes daily and the meatballs are served with mashed potatoes or a salad.

Godefriduskaai 30, 2000 Antwerp
<http://www.ballsglory.be/>

LA PIPE D'ANVERS

Want to get a taste of the authentic Antwerp? Then stroll around the Cadix neighbourhood, behind the MAS. Order some of the most delicious Antwerp dishes in La Pipe d'Anvers and don't forget to check out the original Art Deco interior.

Cadixstraat 3, 2000 Antwerp
<http://www.lapipedanvers.be>

AU VIEUX PORT

Au Vieux Port is a restaurant with a nostalgic bistro atmosphere. The restaurant excels at traditional French and Belgian dishes, and some are even sliced or prepared at your table. A fantastic experience!

Napelsstraat 130, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 290 77 11

DE BURGERIJ

Head to the Burgerij near MAS for a delicious burger: a juicy piece of meat, straight from the grill. They use Belgian and Luxembourg beef and serve a wide range of traditional and more contemporary burgers. Something for everyone.

Sint-Laureiskaai 8, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 336 66 63
<http://www.burgerij.be>

FINJAN

The place to go for pita dishes, falafel and grilled meat. This Middle Eastern specialty restaurant is a popular place to eat in Antwerp. The newspaper De Morgen even recently awarded it the title of best pita restaurant in Antwerp!

Graaf Van Hoornestraat 1, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 248 77 14
<http://www.finjan.be>

PUUR PERSONAL COOKING

This is a highly personal restaurant, since the chef does everything himself: he receives the guests, and serves them the food he prepares. There is no menu. The restaurant can seat 16 guests. A lunch menu costs 30 euros, a four-course dinner 50 euros.

Edward Pecherstraat 51, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 495 83 24 87
<http://www.puurpersonalcooking.be>

L'AMITIÉ

You will find l'Amitié in one of the oldest buildings in the Zuid district, an old coffee roastery. In the entrance you can still see the rails for the carts that were filled with coffee. The chef serves delicious, refined fare in a relaxed atmosphere.

Vlaamse Kaai 43, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 257 59 05
<http://www.lamitie.net>

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.

Van Schoonbekeplein 13, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 336 33 02
<http://www.restaurantmarcel.be>

ZUIDERTERRAS

In many ways Zuiderterras 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 suggestions.

Ernest Van Dijckkaai 37, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 234 12 75
www.zuiderterras.be

DE REDDENDE ENGEL

If you like French cuisine then De Reddende Engel is the place to go. The two chefs, who each specialise in a region, serve typical French dishes such as bouillabaisse, cassoulet and brandade de Nîmes.

Torfbrug 3, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 233 66 30
www.de-reddende-engel.be

KATHEDRAALCAFÉ

The interior of this historic edifice is simply bursting with statues of saints, which the owners collected over the last thirty years. The menu features several Belgian specialities such as beef stew, chicken friand and mussels.

Torfbrug 10, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 289 44 66
www.kathedraalcafe.be

FONG MEI

Searching for an Antwerp restaurant which serves authentic Chinese cuisine? Then head over to Antwerp's China Town and eat at Fong Mei. The restaurant is renowned for its home-made fresh dim sum, which some even consider to be the best in Antwerp.

Van Arteveldestraat 65, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 225 06 54
www.fong-mei.weebly.com

LA FONTANELLA DA ENZO

Near Central Station you will find several restaurants which serve all types of cuisine, including gems like La Fontanella Da Enzo. This Italian restaurant with its sleek, modern interior serves a variety of pasta, risotto, pizza, meat and fish dishes.

Statiestraat 26, 2018 Antwerpen
+32 3 231 53 03

LAMALO

Lamalo is a Mediterranean kosher restaurant in Antwerp's diamond district which also partly explains the Jewish influence in its cuisine. But the chef also draws on Moroccan traditions for inspiration.

Appelmansstraat 21, 2018 Antwerpen
+32 3 213 22 00
www.lamalo.com

PAZZO

An old warehouse on Oude Leeuwenrui, has been converted into a restaurant called Pazzo. The owner is one of Belgium's best sommeliers, which explains the emphasis on wines and the amazing wine list with many wines available by the glass.

Oude Leeuwenrui 12, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 232 86 82
www.pazzo.be

DO & SEE



Antwerp is the city that strongly believes that you can always do things just that little bit differently. Enjoy architectural feats such as the Antwerp Law Courts, the Bourla Theatre and MAS | Museum aan de Stroom. Treat yourself to dishes from all over the world. Explore the shopping streets with the many high-end shops and unique concept stores. Take a stroll along the River Scheldt and gaze at the port from afar. Don't forget to visit the diamond district. And what about museums like the Rubens House, the Red Star Line Museum and Museum Plantin-Moretus. With world-class collections in a unique setting. Discover why our city is different from other cities. Discover Atypical Antwerp.

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Handschoenmarkt
+32 3 213 99 15
www.dekathedraal.be

ANTWERP BY BIKE

Guided bike tours (individual and group bookings accepted)

Steenplein, 2000 Antwerpen
www.antwerpbybike.be

ANTWERP ZOO

The Antwerp Zoo was founded in 1843. It is one of the oldest zoos worldwide and the oldest in Belgium. About 5.000 animals from 950 species live in the Antwerp Zoo. It also has an amazing garden and all the buildings in the zoo are listed buildings. A visit to the Antwerp Zoo is always a moment of sheer relaxation in the centre of the city.

Koningin Astridplein 26
+32 3 202 45 40
www.zooantwerpen.be

RED STAR LINE

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Montevideostraat 3
www.redstarline.be

BOAT TOUR ALONG THE ANTWERP PORT

Antwerp's port is the second largest port in Europe. A boat trip is the ideal way to catch a glimpse of the impressive port operations and its seafaring giants, drawbridges and continuous bustling activity.

14 Havenkaai, Londenstraat
+32 3 231 31 00
www.flandria.nu

MUSEUM PLANTIN-MORETUS

This museum gives an overview of book printing from the 15th until the 18th century and owns the worlds 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/Prints Room 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.

Vrijdagmarkt 22
+32 3 221 14 50
www.museumplantinmoretus.be

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.

Wapper 9-11
+32 3 201 15 55
www.rubenshuis.be

SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH

In the early sixteenth century the Augustinian Friars built St. Andrew's Church in the popular St. Andrew's neighbourhood. Inside you can see stunning Baroque altars and seventeenth-century works of art.

Waaistraat 5, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 232 03 84
www.mkaweb.be

SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

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

Veemarkt 1
+32 3 232 32 67
www.topa.be/sint-pauluskerk

MUSEUM MAYER VAN DEN BERGH

In the late 1800's the passionate collector Fritz Mayer van den Bergh amassed an amazing art collection. He purchased paintings by Peter Brueghel for a pittance, 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 only showcased his collection. And today Museum Mayer van den Bergh hasn't changed: it is still a museum of one man... and of his mother. Highly recommended in the Great smaller museums of Europe!

Lange Gasthuisstraat 19
+32 3 232 42 37
<http://www.museumvandenbergh.be>

MOMU | FASHION MUSEUM

Right in the heart of the Antwerp fashion district is ModeMuseum of the Province of Antwerp, also referred to 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 theme).

Nationalestraat 28
+32 3 470 27 70
www.momu.be

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.

Leuvenstraat 32
+32 3 260 99 99
www.muhka.be

ROCKOXHUIS

This museum was once the home of 17th century mayor Nicolaas Rockox. The Golden Cabinet brings together masterpieces from the KSMKA and the Rockox House, providing visitors with an idea of how an art room must have looked during the Golden Age.

Keizerstraat 10-12, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 201 92 50
www.rockoxhuis.be

MUSEUM VLEESHUIS

Butcher's Hall tells the story of 600 years of sound and music in Antwerp. Find out more about the enchanting history of street musicians, heralds and carillon players. Do not expect to visit a conventional instrument museum.

Vleeshouwerstraat 38-40, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 292 61 00
www.museumvleeshuis.be

MIDDELHEIMMUSEUM

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

Middelheimlaan 61, 2020 Wilrijk
+32 3 288 33 60
www.middelheimmuseum.be

MAAGDENHUISMUSEUM

In this historic sixteenth-century building you can take a closer look at the phenomenal collection of the OCMW (public social welfare centre). It used to be a girl's orphanage; hence its name and a lot of the items in the collection refer to this period.

Lange Gasthuisstraat 33, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 338 26 20
www.ocmw.antwerpen.be/maagdenhuismuseum

BICYCLE RENTAL

De Ligfiets
Steenhouwersvest 25
+32 3 293 74 56
info@ligfiets.be

Freewieler
Steenplein 1
+32 3 213 22 51
info@v-zit.be

Fietshaven
Centraal Station
Antwerpen Centraal train station: level -1:
+32 3 203 06 73

De Fietsenfikser
Amerikalei 173
2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 238 32 00
jakke@fietsenfikser.be
www.fietsenfikser.be

FOMU | FOTOMUSEUM

Do you like photos or are you a photographer? Then do visit FoMu. It's permanent collection shows you the history of photography. During the temporary exhibitions you can take a closer look at the work of Belgian and internationally renowned photographers.

Waalsekaai 47, 2000 Antwerpen
+32 3 242 93 00
www.fotomuseum.be

HOPNSTOP

This shuttle is a unique way to discover the city. Departure and arrival: Grote Markt with STOP Eilandje (MAS / RSL), STOP Central Station, STOP Groenplaats and STOP Zuid

Grote Markt
<http://www.touristram.be/>

HORSE AND CARRIAGE

Romantic at heart, Antwerp unfolds for those travelling at this deliciously slow yet charmingly old-fashioned and enjoyable pace. The horses depart under good weather conditions from Grote Markt near the Town Hall.

Grote Markt

www.werkendpaard.be/paardentram

ANTWERP DIAMOND BUS

Hop on the Antwerp Diamond double-decker bus and visit Antwerp's best-known hot spots. It's a first timers' ideal introduction to the city. Daily departures from April until November, the other months only in the weekend.

Astridplein

<http://www.antwerp-citytourbus.be/>

MAS | MUSEUM AAN DE STROOM

If you visit one museum in Antwerp make it MAS. The sixty-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.

Hanzestedenplaats 1

+32 3 338 44 00

www.mas.be

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



Antwerp is located centrally in Europe and can be easily reached by bike, by car, by train and by plane. The city is situated at a crossroads of motorways and prides itself on a modern railway network, which extends to the center of the city. The city also has an extensive network of tram and bus lines.

AIRPORT

Brussels Airport

Web: www.brusselsairport.be

Belgium's biggest and most important airport is situated 45 km from Antwerp city centre, a 40 minute drive by car.

Train: 4 connections each hour to Brussels North Station from where there are 3 trains each hour to Antwerp. 9,90 euro one way. Starting in June there will be a new train link between Brussels Airport and Antwerpen Centraal. Travelling time: 34 minutes, price: 12,40 euro.

Airport Express: a direct coach connection between train station 'Antwerpen Centraal' and Brussels Airport. There is also a stop at L. Legrellelaan in Antwerp, in front of the Crowne Plaza hotel. Travel time is 45 minutes (depending on traffic), the coach goes hourly in both directions. Price: 10 euro one-way.

Web: www.airportexpress.be

Taxi: +/- 90 euro one-way

Antwerp Airport: 7 km from Antwerp city centre, 15 minute drive

Bus line 14 connection between railway station "Antwerpen-Centraal" and Antwerp Airport

Taxi: 15 minutes to the centre of Antwerp, +/- 15-20 euro

Antwerpen Centraal: the city can be comfortably reached by train. You arrive at Antwerp's unique railway station "Antwerpen-Centraal".

Web: www.nmbs.be

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Getting around the city

Antwerp is a pocket-sized metropolis: compact and easy to navigate, even by foot if you feel like it. Approximately 1/5 of the historic city centre is a pedestrian zone and pedestrians have priority during many of the city's summer events. If you need to move at a faster pace, jump on a tram or bus operated by the Flemish public transport company, De Lijn. Fast, flexible and convenient, it's got Antwerp covered!

Enjoying a night out in town: if you are partying the night away on Friday and Saturday and still want to get home safely, the De Lijn trams run an hour later, tying in with the night buses. The night buses leave from Antwerp-South at 1.25 a.m. and 3.30 a.m. respectively and at 1.45 a.m. and 3.30 a.m. from Rooseveltplaats.

If you aren't quite ready to head home, you can always use a TOV ticket (Taxi-Public Transport ticket), giving you a 2 € discount on your taxi ride home.

TAXI

Considering a taxi? Good idea, they are fast and affordable. Each taxi has a red recognition sign as proof that it's a licensed taxi. The rate is uniform and is controlled by the city. Don't forget to reserve your taxi beforehand or scan the streets for the orange taxi signs. You can also get a taxi at the click of a button by using the new app for iPhone and Android: <http://m.taxi4me.net/antwerp>

Antwerp Taxi: +32 3 238 38 38

DTM Taxi: +32 3 366 66 66

Metropole Taxi: +32 3 231 61 42

Taxi Sinjoor: +32 3 828 25 25

In case of any taxi-problems, you can contact the 'Blauwe Lijn' (blue line) of the Antwerp police: +32 800 123 12

PHARMACY

+32 900 105 12

TELEPHONE

Country code: +32

Area code: 3

ELECTRICITY

220V

VELO

Since 2011 you can explore Antwerp with one of the thousand city bikes, called Velos. Wherever you are in the city centre there is always a Velo station within walking distance (maximum 400 metres).

<http://www.velo-antwerpen.com>

SHOPPING



One of the many titles bestowed on Antwerp in the sixteenth century was 'trionfelycke coopstad' (triumphant shopping city). Even today, the city languishes in the accolades of shoppers in the know - shopping in Antwerp means pedestrian streets, historic dwellings and bustling shopping centers.

Do you want to find out how Antwerp became a fashion capital? Hear more about the stories of the designers, the Academy, find out fashion facts and learn more about special places to go? Then download the Fashion in Antwerp app (<http://www.fashioninantwerp.be>). You can choose from five routes and one Best of, or 64 unique locations which tell the story of fashion in Antwerp, from the sixteenth century to the present day.

QUARTIER LATIN

The Quartier Latin elegantly mixes boutiques, atmosphere and a good dose of laid back charm. Here you can find the classiest boutiques and specialty stores, antiques collectors, interior decor paraphernalia and art galleries.

WILDE ZEE

De Wilde Zee is a gentle and pleasant neighbourhood, specializing in delicatessens, pralines, fashion boutiques, a social atmosphere and a laid back clientele!

ZUID DISTRICT

South of the centre between the Amerikalei and the river is the Zuid District located - known for wide boulevards and historic buildings. Surely the trendiest area of the city, there is an abundance of designer restaurants, shops and cafes!

FASHION DISTRICT

The Modenatie on the corner of Nationale and Drukkerijstraat is the epicentre of this district, housing the Flanders Fashion Institute, the Fashion Museum and the Fashion Academy. The area around Kammenstraat, Lombardenvest and St Antoniusstraat beckons.

MEIR

The Meir is a pedestrianized shopping street. International chains jostle for attention with small Antwerp designer boutiques. The Stadsfeestzaal has 40 luxurious stores lavishing in the restored marble, gilded and mosaic interior.

AROUND CENTRAL STATION

Did you know that Antwerp has been the largest diamond centre in the world for over 550 years? Every day hundreds of diamonds are traded here. The diamond trade is centred in the square mile, as this district is sometimes called.

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 Bazaar Shopping Centre links Eiermarkt and Schoenmarkt with 50 shops. Kloosterstraat is for new hippies.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ANTWERP



CENTRAL STATION

Antwerp's Central Station is a magnificent architectural feat with its steel canopy over the platforms. The large station hall is frequently used for all kinds of events. In 2014 the website Mashable ranked it the most beautiful station in the world.

Koningin Astridplein 27, 2018 Antwerp

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Montevideostraat 3

www.redstarline.be

THE TALL SHIPS RACES

From Thursday 7 July until Sunday 10 July 2016, Antwerp will be the starting point for the Tall Ships Races. Some of the largest and most spectacular vessels in the world participate in this classic sailing race.

Steenplein, 2000 Antwerp

www.tsrantwerp.be

SHOPPING SUNDAY

The retailers of the centre welcome you every first Sunday of the month. You can shop in De Keyserlei, Meir, Diamond district, Wilde Zee, Fashion district, Hoogstraat, Kloosterstraat, Schuttershofstraat, Huidevettersstraat, Kammenstraat, Groenplaats and Zuid.

www.visitantwerpen.be

Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 4

MUSEUM PLANTIN-MORETUS

This 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.

Vrijdagmarkt 22
+32 3 221 14 50
www.museumplantinmoretus.be

RUBENS HOUSE

Rubens and his family lived in this palatial setting for well over 25 years. Here he created the lion's share of his work and stored his impressive art collection. The museum draws hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the world.

Wapper 9-11
+32 3 201 15 55
www.rubenshuis.be

MUSEUM MAYER VAN DEN BERGH

In the late 1800's the collector Fritz Mayer van den Bergh amassed an amazing art collection. After his death his mother built a museum, which only showcased his collection. Highly recommended in the Great smaller museums of Europe!

Lange Gasthuisstraat 19
+32 3 232 42 37
<http://www.museumvandenbergh.be>

MOMU / FASHION MUSEUM

The Fashion Museum has a stunning collection of over 25,000 items. It preserves historic costumes as well as contemporary pieces. Get ready for a beautifully illustrated expedition focussing on creativity, craftsmanship and trendy clothes.

Nationalestraat 28
+32 3 470 27 70
www.momu.be

MAS | MUSEUM AAN DE STROOM

If you visit one museum in Antwerp make it MAS. Here the city and the port meet in every sense of the word. The museum collection tells the story of the city, the port and the world and on the roof of MAS you can enjoy a 360° panoramic view of Antwerp.

Hanzestedenplaats 1
+32 3 338 44 00
www.mas.be