
ANTWERP BESPOKE STUDIO

Discover Antwerp



ANTWERP, A BUSTLING CITY

Any visit to Antwerp is an unforgettable experience. This is the city of fashion, diamonds, craft beer and so much more. It's a cosmopolitan metropolis, yet it also has almost a village feel. Creative and relaxed, inspiring and inviting: Antwerp makes everyone feel instantly at home.

ANTWERP FOR FOODIES

Anvers, as French-speaking Belgians call the city, is synonymous with conviviality. Antwerp is the ultimate city for foodies and gourmets. And we're not just talking about a quick stop at a pavement café. Food and drink really do crown off this city break. So, make sure you devote plenty of time in Antwerp to all the culinary delights this city has to offer: dive into one of the many chocolate shops, sample 'Antwerpse handjes' (traditional buttery biscuits made with almonds), order a 'Bolleke' beer and feast on some fries.

DISCOVER THE HISTORIC CENTRE

Take plenty of time to soak up the culture. There is so much to see and do in the narrow streets of Antwerp's historic centre. Centuries-old houses with beautiful facades, quaint boutiques and pubs galore. This district is also home to the Grote Markt, the square at the heart of the city. The City Hall is the square's showpiece, but even more attractive are the old buildings with their characteristic stepped gables all around it. The Cathedral of Our Lady is the other landmark in the old town, an imposing Gothic cathedral with a tower that rises 123 metres. Not only is it a beautiful structure to look at, it is also a treasure trove of art, including works by Rubens, Antwerp's most famous painter. This district is also home to Rubens House, where the painter created his masterpieces, which is now a museum.

Also be sure to stroll down Vlaeykensgang, a hidden and picturesque alley with quaint houses and courtyards from the Middle Ages. Antwerp's historic centre alone will conjure up a full day of discoveries and entertainment. So, why not book a hotel so you can stay a little longer in this cosmopolitan city on the Scheldt?



HOTELS

Unwind in style and with a touch of elegance during your stay in one of Antwerp's exceptional hotels. From five-star to boutique hotels, Antwerp offers something for everyone.

Enjoy spacious rooms and a personalised service in refined and inviting hotels, so all you have to do is relax and enjoy yourself. A stay in one of Antwerp's many luxury hotels will provide you not only with many unforgettable memories, but also with a renewed appreciation for the joys of luxury travel.

In a nutshell, a stay in Antwerp is an experience in itself. Enjoy unparalleled luxury, refined elegance and a warm welcome. Immerse yourself in the grandeur of this city and experience the feeling of relaxation and style in the most exquisite way possible.



BOTANIC SANCTUARY ANTWERP (*****)

Botanic Sanctuary Antwerp is a five-star hotel in Antwerp. It is housed in the former monastery and hospital complex of Elzenveld. The hotel takes its name from the nearby Botanical Garden. As Antwerp's first member of Leading Hotels of the World, it is a five-star superior hotel where historic charm meets modern luxury.

Lange Gasthuisstraat 45
(GPS: Leopoldstraat 26)
2000 Antwerp
T. +32 3 269 00 00
botanicantwerp.be/the-hotel



HOTEL FRANQ (****)

Hotel FRANQ lies in the heart of Antwerp, just 400 metres from Meir, the main shopping street, Groenplaats square and the Cathedral of Our Lady. Guests can enjoy the hotel's own Italian restaurant La Volta. The bar & lounge area offers a wide range of drinks.

Kipdorp 10-12
2000 Antwerp
T. +32 3 555 31 80
hotelfranq.com



SAPPHIRE HOUSE ANTWERP (*****)

Sapphire House Antwerp is located in the centre of Antwerp. Housed in a 17th-century building that breathes the history of Antwerp's Golden Age, it offers air-conditioned rooms, a fitness centre, a bar and a garden. This five-star hotel features room service, a restaurant and a terrace. Breakfast also comes with vegan options.

Lange Nieuwstraat 20-24
2000 Antwerp
T. +32 3 201 03 70
sapphirehouseantwerp.com



HOTEL JULIEN (****)

The interior of Hotel Julien, close to the Grote Markt and Groenplaats squares, is an experience in itself. The boarded floors and beautifully restored Empire-style ceilings welcome you with a sense of grandeur, and the 21 rooms all have their own unique touch. Expect 24-hour service, an excellent and varied breakfast with à la carte options, heavenly beds with Egyptian linen and a spa (sauna, hot stone and ice scrub).

Korte Nieuwstraat 24
B-2000 Antwerp
T. +32 3 229 06 00
hotel-julien.com



SMALL LUXURY HOTEL DE WITTE LELIE (****)

A small boutique hotel in the centre of Antwerp, Small Luxury Hotel De Witte Lelie is housed in a renovated building dating back to the 16th century. The hotel is known for its spacious and luxurious rooms and suites. Its unique blend of historic character and modern design makes it a popular choice for those looking for peace and refinement in the heart of the city.

Keizerstraat 16-18
2000 Antwerp
T. +32 3 226 19 66
dewitteliele.be



AUGUST (****)

Hotel August offers a restaurant, a bar, a communal lounge and a garden. This accommodation also features a concierge service and a terrace. Limited private parking can be arranged for an extra charge. A continental breakfast and a buffet breakfast are available every morning.

Jules Bordetstraat 5
2018 Antwerp
T. +32 3 500 80 80
august-antwerp.com



CUISINE

Are you a foodie yearning for tasty adventures in Antwerp? Or are you just looking for a cosy restaurant for a great evening out?

The culinary offerings of this vibrant city are virtually endless. Whether you fancy an Italian trattoria, a tasty lunch on a sunny terrace or dinner in a lovely restaurant in this city on the Scheldt, passionate chefs and sommeliers will make sure you have an unforgettable culinary experience.

Antwerp has become the culinary capital of Flanders and Belgium. The city is home to an impressive number of top restaurants with awards from renowned gastronomic guides. But there are also plenty of restaurants and bistros without stars that are well worth visiting. This port city is therefore one of the best places for a gastronomic city break.

Allow us to highlight some unique restaurants for you on the following pages...



ZILTE (*)**

Creative

Three-star cuisine, with a three-star view. Zilte towers over Antwerp from the top of the MAS, literally and figuratively. From the tableware and luxurious décor to the attentive service and the wine, everything plays a part in the experience that Viki Geunes offers his guests.

Hanzestedenplaats 5
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 283 40 40

zilte.be

Open Monday to Friday
(lunch + dinner)



HERTOG JAN AT BOTANIC ()**

Creative with Asian influences

A meal with Gert De Mangeleer and sommelier Joachim Boudens will live long in the memory. An exclusive experience awaits you in their intimate restaurant. The chef conjures up elaborate dishes – Asian-inspired, surprising, intense. He works meticulously and plays with all your senses. This incredible journey is an emotional experience that will stay with you for a long time.

Lange Gasthuisstraat 51
2000 Antwerp
(GPS: Leopoldstraat 26)

T. +32 3 269 90 90

hertog-jan.com

Open Monday to Saturday
(lunch + dinner)



LE PRISTINE (*)

Contemporary Italian

The fashionable Le Pristine is a must for a trendy lunch or dinner. With so much to choose from on the menu, it's a difficult decision to make! Sergio Herman and his team prepare Italian dishes with a clear nod to his Zeeland roots. Generosity and strong flavours guaranteed!

Lange Gasthuisstraat 13
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 376 33 76

lepristine.com

Open Tuesday to Saturday
(lunch + dinner)



BISTROT DU NORD (*)

Traditional cuisine

Bistrot du Nord is a rediscovery of traditional French cuisine. With characteristic intense flavours, but lighter than before. With the typical bistro décor – think panelling and mirrors – it really looks the part.

Lange Dijkstraat 36
2060 Antwerp

T. +32 3 233 45 49

bistrotdunord.be

Open Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday and Friday
(lunch + dinner)



NATHAN (*)

Modern French

Chef Nathan Van Echelpoel and his partner Eva Van de Peer strive for nothing short of perfection, and you notice this in every detail. The minimalist yet warm interior brings calm, and the thoughtful and balanced dishes are of a rare high standard. Restaurant Nathan lies on Lange Koepoortstraat, a street with reduced traffic close to the Grote Markt square and Meir shopping street. A favourite of many foodies.

Lange Koepoortstraat 13
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 284 28 13

restaurant-nathan.be

Open Thursday and Friday
(lunch + dinner), and
Wednesday, Saturday and
Sunday (dinner)



PONT NEUF (*)

Fish restaurant

In the very trendy Eilandje district, near the Willem dok marina. Freshly-caught fish, both traditional and inventive dishes. The charming Dominique Leroy enjoys sharing her passion for Italian wines, while chef Tommy Bocklandt gives the starring role on the plate to fish, preferably from the North Sea. His cuisine is all about the purity of the product, while the sauces and garnishes create excitement.

Verbindingsdok Oostkaai 9
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 298 86 88

pont-neuf.be

Open Tuesday to Saturday
(lunch + dinner)



THE BUTCHER'S SON (*)

Meat restaurant

Bert Jan Michielsens, chef and son of a butcher, grew up surrounded by meat. His passion for craftsmanship and flavour led him to Stadsbrouwerij De Koninck, where he has been running The Butcher's Son since 2016. In his open kitchen, he takes classics such as 'entrecôte' and 'vol-au-vent' to the next level. His love of meat and refinement earned him a Michelin star in 2018.

Boomgaardstraat 1
2018 Antwerp

T. +32 3 230 16 38

thebutchersson.be

Open Monday to Friday
(lunch + dinner)



DIM DINING (*)

Asian

Asian cuisines are the playground of the creative minds behind Dim Dining. Authentic produce and intense flavour enhancers are playfully and originally combined here. Prepare to be surprised, by the exquisite sakes and Japanese beers too. A spot at the bar is ideal to admire the chefs at work.

Vrijdagmarkt 7
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 226 26 70

dimdining.be

Open Wednesday to Saturday
(lunch), and Tuesday to Saturday
(dinner)



KOMMILFOO (*)

Creative French

Olivier de Vinck de Winnezele has a special relationship with top produce. Dairy goat from the Pyrenees, brill from the North Sea, pigeon from Steenvoorde: he keeps them simple, just accentuates their flavour and combines them with sauces in which he brings all his talent to bear. Food lovers are in their element at the elegant Kommilfoo.

Vlaamsekaai 17
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 237 30 00

restaurantkommilfoo.be

Open Thursday to Friday (lunch),
and Wednesday to Saturday
(dinner)



COBRA

Sharing

This restaurant was inspired by the legendary Cobra art movement that included Alechinsky, Karel Appel and Hugo Claus. In its quirky interior with colourful pop-art-style paintings, the chef serves dishes to share: original interpretations of international classics prepared with local produce.

Leopoldplaats 3
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 321 39 29

cobra-antwerp.com

Open Thursday to Monday
(lunch + dinner)



CAMIONETTE

Plant-based

A world of sophisticated, sustainable plant-based dishes awaits you at restaurant Camionette. Discover the creations of passionate young chefs, who compile challenging and varied menus using fresh, organic and local ingredients. The wine bar offers a meticulous selection of seasonal produce, including natural wines that embrace sustainability.

Regine Beerplein 1
2018 Antwerp

T. +32 3 284 48 03

camion-ette.be

Open Thursday to Saturday
(lunch), and Wednesday to
Saturday (dinner)



FIERA

Dishes with worldly influences

In the majestic setting of the historic bourse, we find Fiera. You will enjoy stylishly served dishes with worldly influences and ingredients that were once traded in this commodity exchange. The interior and the experience in general also exude style. The porcelain, glassware and cutlery, for instance, are the result of a collaboration with Antwerp fashion designer Ann Demeulemeester.

Lange Nieuwstraat 14
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 369 23 32

fiera.be

Open daily (lunch + dinner)



DIVIN BY SEPI

Gastro bar

Close to the majestic KMSKA museum, Sepideh Sedaghatnia welcomes her guests in a restaurant with contemporary, soft oriental décor, complete with central bar, large wine cellar (with space for as many as 1,500 bottles) and an exciting wine selection. The chef combines French and Mediterranean cuisine with Iranian influences, as a nod to Sepideh's country of origin.

Verschansingstraat 5
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 284 07 40

divinbysepi.be

Open Friday (lunch + dinner),
and Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday and Saturday (dinner)



GLASS (*)

Wine bistro

In this discreet à la carte wine bistro, chef Wouter Van Tichelen and sommelier Jurgen Lijcops showcase their craft. This is evident both in the special vintages in the glass and the classic bistro dishes that arrive on the plate. Age-old recipes are revived here in dishes that combine finesse and generosity.

Vlaamsekaai 40
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 499 73 05 73

wijnbistro-glass.be

Open Tuesday to Saturday
(dinner)



WIJNBISTRO GODDAARD

Wine bistro

Wijnbistro Goddaard is a unique wine bistro offering a selection of over 700 world wines in a historic restored setting, perfect for enjoying gastronomy and tranquility. It acts as an oasis for wine lovers and for anyone looking for a cosy meeting place.

Grote Goddaard 30
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 475 49 30 69

wijnbistrogoddaard.be

Open Friday from 4 p.m.
to 1 a.m. and Saturday
from 3.30 p.m. to 1 a.m.



COCKTAILS & WINE

Antwerp, the bustling city on the Scheldt, has a lively and sophisticated cocktail culture that knows how to charm any aficionado. From elegant hotel bars to hidden speakeasies, the city offers a diversity of tastes and styles, where craftsmanship and innovation go hand in hand. Mixology is elevated to an art form here, with bartenders experimenting with unique ingredients and surprising combinations. Whether you are after a classic Negroni, an exotic tiki drink or an inventive signature cocktail, Antwerp has it all.

Besides a sophisticated cocktail culture, Antwerp also has a thriving scene for wine lovers. The city is home to an impressive number of wine bars where connoisseurs and the curious can go for a glass of a fine vintage wine or an adventurous natural wine.

The following page features some of the city's best cocktail bars and wine bars, where atmosphere, creativity and craftsmanship come together. Cheers!



BAR BURBURE

Cocktail and wine bar

Indulge your senses with the carefully curated cocktail menu. Each creation is a masterpiece, made with the finest ingredients and a touch of creativity. Whether you love classics or are looking for new flavours, the bartenders are ready to surprise you.

Kelderstraat 10

2000 Antwerp

T. +32 472 41 17 45

barburbure.be

Open Tuesday to Saturday
from 5 p.m. to midnight



HENRY'S BAR

Cocktail bar

From classic mixed drinks to creative and innovative combinations, the skilled mixologists of Henry's Bar will take you on a journey of flavours and aromas you won't forget in a hurry. The location of this cocktail bar is also an experience. Henry's Bar lies close to the Botanic Sanctuary Hotel, within the walls of a 13th-century monastery.

Lange Gasthuisstraat 41
(GPS: Leopoldstraat 26)
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 269 00 00

botanicantwerp.be/
gastronomy/henry-s-bar

Open daily from 10 a.m.
to midnight



BAR BRUT

Wine bar

For the perfect combination of a quirky, quality selection of wines, beer and finger food, Bar Brut in the Eilandje district is the place to be. The bar is not big, but that makes it all the cosier; it's always a pleasure, especially on the sun-drenched terrace. Plus: from the wide range of (natural) wines, you can also take home one or more bottles.

Catharina Pepijnstraat 3

(GPS: Londenstraat 3)
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 485 50 48 80

barbrut.be

Open Wednesday to Monday
from midday to 10 p.m.



MARIGOLD

Cocktail bar

The Marigold boutique bar is located on Antwerp's Vrijdagmarkt, one of the city's nicest squares, overlooking the Plantin-Moretus Museum, with a unique décor reminiscent of the Hollywood of yesteryear. A nostalgic atmosphere, then, with both classic and signature cocktails.

Vrijdagmarkt 18
2000 Antwerp

no phone number

marigold.bar

Open Thursday and Friday
from 4 p.m. to midnight,
Saturday from 2 p.m.
to midnight and Sunday
from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.



BELROY'S MAS

Cocktail bar

Belonging to the well-known Belroy's cocktail family yet with a character all of its own, this bar at the MAS charms with its distinctive setting: a unique, vaulted cellar of the former "Rubens Noord" warehouse. The choice is plentiful, with homemade spirits including vodka, rum and gin alongside a impressive range of exceptional strong drinks.

Godefriduskaai 14

2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 658 79 14

belroys.com

Open Monday to Saturday
from 4 p.m. to midnight



LE SOUFFLEUR

Speakeasy bar

Mysterious. Classy. Flavourful. Le Souffleur is a real 'speakeasy bar', hidden between the walls of a 17th-century living room in the heart of the city. With just seven tables and attentive, talented cocktail shakers, this is the perfect setting for an exclusive or romantic evening. The exact location is a secret and will be told to you when you make a booking by phone or text message.

Secret location
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 347 606 32

lesouffleur.be

Open Thursday to Saturday
from 5 p.m. to midnight



MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

There are museums in Antwerp that house classic works from different eras of art history. They abound with sculptures and paintings, or artefacts from certain parts of the world. Antwerp's own rich history of great artists is also showcased in other museums. But anyone who is more of a fan of modern art or photography doesn't necessarily have to visit the Tate Modern in London either. You can also find fascinating modern art in Antwerp.

The city of Antwerp is home to a vibrant contemporary art scene - from internationally renowned museums, galleries and art centres to artists-in-residence, art academies, project spaces, young and upcoming initiatives, and pop-up exhibitions. Together, they create a thriving visual art scene.

As you will see, Antwerp's museums have a lot to offer!

A full list of Antwerp museums, exhibitions and discount tickets & passes can be found at: antwerpen.be/musea



KMSKA | ROYAL MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS ANTWERP

Following renovations that took about 10 years, KMSKA reopened its doors in 2022. Look forward to opulent décor, the world's largest Ensor collection and international masterpieces like Fouquet's Madonna. Seven centuries of art: from Flemish Primitives to Expressionists. Some 8,200 works of art by world-famous masters are hanging on those walls.

Leopold de Waelplaats 1
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 224 73 00

kmska.be

Open daily (check the site
for opening hours)



TIM VAN LAERE GALLERY

Tim Van Laere Gallery is a leading contemporary art gallery in Antwerp, which brings together international and emerging artists. The gallery is housed in a striking, architectural building specially designed to showcase art in all its glory. The unique combination of artistic vision and contemporary design makes this a popular place for anyone looking for inspiration and creativity in the heart of the city.

Jos Smolderenstraat 50
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 257 14 17

timvanlaeregalleries.com

Open Tuesday to Saturday
from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.



PLANTIN-MORETUS MUSEUM

Three hundred years of book printing and family history: that's the Plantin-Moretus Museum. You will admire the world's oldest printing presses, a rich art collection and portraits by Rubens. In the libraries, you will find manuscripts, incunabula and original prints. And the archives will tell you about daily life in the printing house and mansion. Be sure to visit the Print Cabinet too, with more than 20,000 old drawings.

Vrijdagmarkt 22
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 221 14 50

museumplantinmoretus.be

Open Tuesday to Sunday
from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



MOMU | FASHION MUSEUM ANTWERP

MoMu houses the largest collection of Belgian contemporary fashion in the world and draws you in with its engaging fashion exhibitions. As a visitor, you will not just see the objects, but be immersed in the world of the designer or theme. Each exhibition completely transforms the space. This makes every visit a unique experience.

Nationalestraat 28
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 470 27 70

momu.be

Open Tuesday to Sunday
from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



RUBENS HOUSE

The Rubens House is the former city residence of Baroque painter Peter Paul Rubens, which has been set up as a municipal museum since 1946.

Please note: due to renovations, the artist's residence is closed until 2030. You can, however, visit the Rubens Experience, the Baroque garden and the library. The courtyard garden of the Rubens House is a hidden gem in the heart of Antwerp.

Hopland 13
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 201 15 55

rubenshuis.be

Open Monday to Friday
from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
and Saturday and Sunday
from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



M HKA | MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART ANTWERP

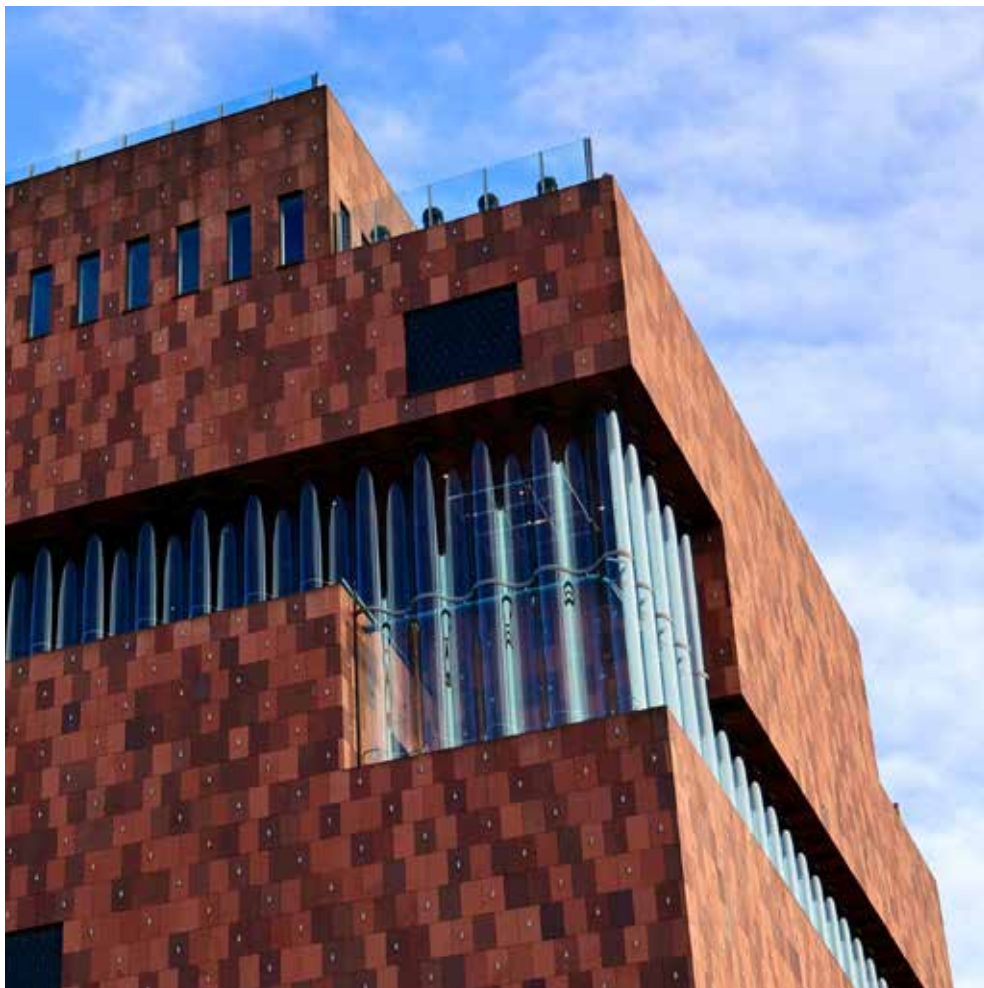
The Museum of Contemporary Art Antwerp is a lively cultural meeting place for art lovers. Housed in an old grain silo, the museum displays a wide collection of contemporary art from 1970 onwards, with regularly changing exhibitions and a library. The museum has nearly 5,000 works of art in its own collection.

Leuvenstraat 32
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 260 99 99

muhka.be

Open Tuesday to Sunday
from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



MAS | MUSEUM AAN DE STROOM

Impressive 10-storey warehouse where each floor tells a new story about Antwerp, the port and the world. Also enjoy the beautiful panoramic view of the whole city from the roof of the museum for free.

Hanzestedenplaats 1
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 338 44 00

mas.be

Open Tuesday to Sunday
from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
last admission at 4 p.m.

The boulevard and panorama
are open Tuesday to Sunday
from 9.30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
(last admission at 9.30 p.m.)



GALLERY SOFIE VAN DE VELDE

Highly recommended is Gallery Sofie Van de Velde in Nieuw Zuid, where promising young artists hang alongside established (international) figures. The gallery is known for its innovative exhibitions and collaborations. Some of their works are hanging at JLR on consignment.

Léon Stynenstraat 21
2000 Antwerp

no phone number

sofievandelvele.be

Open Tuesday to Sunday
from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.



SERAX

Serax in Kontich (about 10 km south of Antwerp) is a Belgian design brand that offers a stunning collection of tableware, furniture, lighting and home accessories. Visitors to the Antwerp Bespoke Studio can admire and discover elements from various Serax collections thanks to collaboration and consignment.

Veldkant 21
2550 Kontich

T. +32 3 458 05 82

serax.com

Not normally open to the
general public, but a visit can
be arranged on request.



SPORT

Antwerp offers numerous opportunities for leisure and recreation. Whether you want to relax, sample exquisite flavours or hone your sporting skills, the city has something for everyone.

That means Antwerp is also an excellent destination for golf lovers. The city and its surroundings offer various golfing opportunities for players of all levels. From expansive greens to modern indoor golf centres and driving ranges, anyone wanting to refine their swing or just play a relaxing round will find everything they are looking for here.

For those who love tennis and padel, Antwerp also has a lot to offer. Scattered around the city, you will find numerous tennis clubs and padel courts, both indoor and outdoor. Whether you play recreationally or are after a competitive challenge, there are options for every level. Modern sports facilities, cosy clubhouses and a vibrant community make Antwerp an ideal place to get out your racket.



RINKVEN INTERNATIONAL GOLF CLUB

Rinkven International Golf Club is located in Schilde, north of Antwerp, in a 135-hectare green oasis, with two 18-hole golf courses at its disposal: the North Course (par 72) and South Course (par 71). Members and green fee players can enjoy the clubhouse and the large practice facilities that were completely renovated in 2015.

Sint-Jobsteeweg 120
2970 Schilde

T. +32 3 380 12 80

rinkven.be



BRASSCHAAT OPEN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Designed in 1990 by Belgian architect Paul Rolin, the main course offers something for beginners and experienced players alike. Although the course is not the longest by today's standards, its tree-lined fairways, strategically placed bunkers and water features require careful game management.

Miksebaan 248
2930 Brasschaat

T. +32 3 653 10 84

brasschaatgolf.be



TERNESSE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Established in 1976, Ternesse Golf & Country Club has 27 holes in a splendid 70-hectare former castle estate. Majestic trees and beautiful water features create the unique character of the course, with each hole providing a new and completely different experience. In 2009, the golf course was extensively renovated, giving Ternesse a contemporary and challenging look.

Uilenbaan 15
2160 Wommelgem

T. +32 3 355 14 30

ternessegolf.be



ROYAL ANTWERP TENNIS CLUB

Royal Antwerp Tennis Club in Wommelgem is a vibrant club, where the focus is on sportsmanship and fun. With six perfectly maintained gravel courts, two of which are floodlit, and indoor facilities for winter, you can play here all year round. The club also offers padel courts, a tennis school and a cosy cafeteria. Beginners and advanced players alike will find a warm, sporty home here.

Mariastraat 10
2160 Wommelgem

T. +32 3 322 63 03

ratc.be



ROYAL ANTWERP GOLF CLUB

Royal Antwerp is Belgium's oldest golf club, founded in 1888. Since 1912, the club has been based in Kapellenbos, north of Antwerp. The course is considered one of the finest wooded heathland courses in north-western Europe. With excellent sandy soil, heather and mature pines lining the fairways, the terrain is easy to walk but challenging to play.

Torenlei 1A
2950 Kapellen

T. +32 3 666 84 56

ragc.be



ANTWERP PADELCLUB

Antwerp Padelclub is a lively sports venue with no fewer than nine modern padel courts, several of which are covered. Ideal for both regular players and beginners. With a cosy bar and rackets for hire, this is the perfect place for sporting relaxation.

Filip Williotstraat 1
2600 Berchem

T. +32 478 78 53 90

antwerppadelclub.be



WELLNESS

For those seeking rest and rejuvenation, Antwerp has excellent wellness centres where you can enjoy saunas, massages and thermal baths.

Looking to pamper yourself in Antwerp?

We are happy to share some addresses where luxury and serenity take centre stage. Several of the hotels we recommend in this guide have high-end spas. At Botanic Sanctuary, August and Hotel Julien, you will be welcome to enjoy their wellness facilities even if you are not a hotel guest. A reservation is recommended though, especially on weekends or public holidays.

Each of these venues offers a unique atmosphere, from historical charm to modern elegance, with treatments that balance body and mind.



BOTANIC SANCTUARY

This modern renovated monastery not only houses a luxury hotel and top restaurants, it is also home to the 1,000 m² Botanic Health Spa. With an 18-metre panoramic pool, a relaxation gallery, a range of saunas and steam rooms, an ice fountain, unique botanical showers, a herbal tea room and a vitamin bar, wellness is elevated to an art form.

Lange Gasthuisstraat 45
(GPS: Leopoldstraat 26)
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 269 00 10
botanicantwerp.be



AUGUST

Hotel August's wellness facility is a place to cherish, a piece of paradise in the heart of the city. Outside, a natural swimming pond purified with plants will attract your attention. And inside too, warm hues and natural materials set the tone. Go for the sauna, ice scrub or hot stones. August is also known for its facials with 100% organic rosehip oil.

Jules Bordetstraat 5
2018 Antwerp

T. +32 3 500 80 80
august-antwerp.com



HOTEL JULIEN

Hotel Julien's spa is an oasis of calm in Antwerp city centre. These spaces were designed according to the rules of Feng Shui, with numerous rustic and harmonious elements. Hammam, sauna, rain showers, waterfall, hot stone, body massages and facials by experts... Lose yourself in the moment and simply enjoy. Only four people are admitted at a time, so peace and quiet are guaranteed.

Korte Nieuwstraat 24
2000 Antwerp

T. +32 3 229 06 00
hotel-julien.com



TASTINGS

Antwerp has everything you could possibly want to make your leisure time a special experience. The city invites you to enjoy, discover and sample. Lovers of fine drinks can indulge in wine and whisky tastings. Specialised wine bars and atmospheric tasting rooms will introduce you to carefully selected wines and craft whiskies. Guided tastings offer an insight into the complexity and depth of these drinks, enriching your palate.

Every Saturday afternoon between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., for example, Hotel Franq invites you to The Wine Experience, an exclusive journey through the world of fine wines. The theme changes weekly and is based on different countries, winemakers and expert sommeliers, who share their passion and knowledge. A stylish and inspiring experience in an elegant setting, perfect for enthusiasts looking to expand their knowledge of wine. Sample, learn and enjoy! Whether you're a connoisseur or just curious, Antwerp offers a stylish setting to indulge your senses.

Let us know what you're interested in and we will see if we can organise a tasting to suit you.



SHOPPING

From historic architecture to beautiful museums: Antwerp has a lot to offer. The city is also known as a veritable paradise for fashion enthusiasts. The Fashion District is the city's creative fashion hub. This is where you will find the Fashion Museum Antwerp (MoMu); with its changing exhibitions, this is a must-visit for fashionistas. Schuttershofstraat (which runs into Hopland), Kammenstraat and Korte Gasthuisstraat are home to the city's best boutiques. But you will also find plenty of nice shops on the small streets around there.

Meir, Antwerp's famous shopping street, is home to the biggest retail chains. The Stadsfeestzaal shopping mall is also located there. This building is over 100 years old and worth a visit in itself. The glass dome with gold leaf is particularly impressive. So, make sure you look up too.

If you plan to do some serious Sunday shopping during this city break, keep in mind that most shops in Antwerp are closed on Sundays except for the first Sunday of the month. The shops on Kloosterstraat, however, are open every Sunday.

SCHUTTERSHOFSTRAAT, LATIN QUARTER

In the heart of the popular Latin Quarter, you will find Schuttershofstraat. This is the place to be for anyone who loves high fashion and exclusive watches! Schuttershofstraat and the surrounding streets (Hopland, Leopoldstraat, Komedielaats) are home to boutiques and flagship stores of world-famous brands such as **Hermès, Louis Vuitton, Chanel, Burberry, Delvaux, IRO, Pinko** and many others.

MIGLOT Parfums, the Belgian perfume house of perfumer Kristof Lefebvre, is on Leopoldstraat. You will find exclusive, gender-neutral fragrances in small editions, in a minimalist design with a warm human touch.

SINT-JORISPOORT, CENTRE

Just a few minutes' walk from the city centre is a tucked-away neighbourhood where every establishment exudes style: Sint-Jorispoort. You will find all kinds of quaint and unique shops, such as **In 't Zonneke**, known for its wide range of authentic and traditionally made door and furniture fittings. **Quest for Diamonds** is an exclusive jewellery and perfume store, while at **Bloemen van Cornelis** you will find the season's finest flowers, lush plants and an impressive collection of vases and other pottery. Finally, there is **De Messenwinkel**, a specialist in knives and shaving tools, and also the oldest shop in Antwerp.

DE WILDE ZEE, CENTRE

The Wilde Zee neighbourhood is made up of five pedestrian streets in the heart of Antwerp. Here, you can stroll at your leisure along De Korte Gasthuisstraat, Wiegstraat, Lombardenvest, Groendalstraat and Schrijnwerkersstraat. You will find trendy boutiques and fashionable brands, and, for an energy boost while shopping, you can call at **Bakkerij Goossens**. This family-run business is located in an authentic little store on Korte Gasthuisstraat that you will recognise from a distance by the queue of people waiting patiently for their turn to shop. They are known for their delicious cookies and the traditional Antwerp Roggeverdommeke, a rye bread filled with raisins.

On Schrijnwerkersstraat, we find **Pierre Marcolini**, an exquisite Belgian master chocolatier. Next to the shop area, you will also see a large, open production space. He roasts and grinds the cocoa beans himself until he obtains his signature chocolate with its specific flavour. For his Antwerp workshop, he selects cocoa beans from places including Madagascar, Sao Tomé, Indonesia, Tamil Nadu (India) and southern China.

KAMMENSTRAAT, CENTRE

Do you like striking fashion brands that you can't find everywhere? Then Kammenstraat is the place to be. There's **O My Bag**, for example, a sustainable bag brand, available at Studio Play and Wear Antwerp. There are also some lovely vintage shops to wander through here.

MEIR, CENTRE

Meir is a pedestrian, commercial hotspot in the city of Antwerp, connecting Central Station with the historic centre. Here you can shop at the biggest retail chains. Meir has a rich history and contains historic buildings such as the **Royal Palace on the Meir** and the **Stadsfeestzaal**. The latter is a large shopping centre housed in an old festival hall.

KLOOSTERSTRAAT, SINT-ANDRIES

Another thing you can do in Antwerp is source beautiful furniture, antiques and jewellery! The best place for this is Kloosterstraat. Here you can hunt around for treasures in all kinds of antique shops and concept stores. The focus here is not on clothing. Take a look at antique furniture shop **Blue Fonz**, for example, or call in at **Anna+Nina** for trendy jewellery! A fun fact: the shops are open daily on Kloosterstraat.





RANGE ROVER CHAUFFEUR

Are you coming to the Antwerp Bespoke Studio by plane? Our chauffeur can be waiting for you. We can provide a Range Rover with a chauffeur to pick you up at Brussels Airport or Antwerp International Airport. If you arrive by train, we can wait for you at Antwerp Central Station or Berchem Station.

After your visit to the Antwerp Bespoke Studio, our chauffeur can return you to the airport, railway station or your hotel.

Interested in this service? Be sure to let us know. We will then look at the options with you.



PARKING

PARKING ZONES AND PARKING FEES

Want to get to the historic centre by car? If so, it's best to park in a public car park as there is a parking zone in the historic centre where only residents with a parking permit are allowed to park. Dynamic parking guidance will direct you with ease to a car park with available spaces. Payment can be made via a parking app, SMS or bank card.

There are no fewer than 30 public car parks in the heart of Antwerp; the full list can be found here: slimnaarantwerpen.be/en/car-taxi/public-car-parks. The most accessible and largest car parks are:

- **Groenplaats** (Groenplaats 46) - 24/7:
www.indigoneo.be/en/parkings/12803/parking-groenplaats
- **Kooldok** (Waalsekaai) - 24/7:
www.q-park.be/en-gb/cities/antwerp/kooldok/
- **Meir** (Eiermarkt 33) - entry between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.:
www.interparking.be/en/parkings/antwerp/meir/
- **Grote Markt** (Ernest Van Dijckkaai 3) - entry Monday to Thursday from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m.; continuously from Friday at 7 a.m. through to 2 a.m. on Sunday night: antwerpseparkings.be/AP18/index.php/en/antwerpse-parkings/cp-grote-markt-uk
- **Oudaen** (Oudaan 3) - entry between 7 a.m. and 1 a.m.:
www.interparking.be/en/parkings/antwerp/oudaen/

The whole of Antwerp city centre and Linkeroever combined has been a low-emission zone since 1 February 2017. Vehicles emitting too much soot and particulate matter are no longer allowed to enter the low-emission zone. Check whether your vehicle meets the requirements for entry before you arrive at <https://lez.antwerpen.be/?taal=EN>



OTHER CITIES

While Antwerp is an absolute hit for culture, gastronomy and shopping, it certainly pays to explore other Belgian gems as well. There's historic Bruges with its romantic canals, vibrant Ghent full of creativity and charm, or cosmopolitan Brussels, where European flair meets Belgian tradition. Each of these cities offers a unique atmosphere and is easily reached from Antwerp.

