By coach

There are two places in the city centre where your coach may stop for 15 minutes to drop off or pick up passengers.

You can get to Veemarkt (a 450-metre walk from Grote Markt) via Keizerstraat, drop off your passengers in Veemarkt and exit the city via Biest and Frederik de Merodestraat.

You can reach Wollemarkt (a 250-metre walk from Grote Markt) via Sint-Katelijnestraat and Sint-Romboutskerkhof, drop off your passengers in Wollemarkt and exit the city again via Goswin de Stassartstraat. Free parking available for coaches in Douaneplein.

By train

Thanks to its central location, Mechelen is easy to reach by train from practically any Belgian or European city. Mechelen has 2 stations: Mechelen and Mechelen-Nekkerspoel. Both stations are walking distance from the city centre.

You will find more information about the timetables of the trains on the website www.belgianrail.be.

By bus

You can get to the city centre and the bus station in Veemarkt in just a few minutes from the station of Mechelen with the shuttle bus (bus line 1).

Timetable: www.delijn.be

By car

Cars are banned in a large part of the city centre of Mechelen from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. You can park cheaply in the car parks in Rode-Kruisplein and Zandpoortvest, on the fringe of the city. The car park in Douaneplein is free. You can easily reach Mechelen, which is centrally located in Flanders, via the E19 motorway. Coming from Antwerp, you can choose between Exit 9 (Mechelen-Noord) and Exit 10 (Mechelen-Zuid). Then follow the signs for Mechelen-Centrum.

Attention!

Cars are banned in a large part of the city centre during daytime, meaning access for motorised vehicles is limited during these times.
Guided Tours in the city center

Burgundian City Walk

Explore places that influenced Mechelen’s Burgundian history and still define the modern city today. See magnificent city palaces, take a look at the unique Aldermen’s Hall and stroll through the quaint streets of the Beguinage. The guide has plenty of interesting stories and fun anecdotes to share with you. After this tour, prominent figures such as Emperor Charles V or Margaret of Austria will no longer have any secrets for you.

Length: 2 hours
Price: 80 euro/guide
(max. 25 pers./guide)
Info and reservation:
Visit Mechelen
+32 15 29 76 54
group@mechelen.be
www.visit.mechelen.be

In the footsteps of Hieronymus and Margareta

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Your ticket for the museum is valid for the whole day.

Length: 2 hours
Price: 80 euro/guide
(max. 15 pers./guide)
10 euro/pers. (entrance fee Hof van Busleyden)
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GUIDED TOURS IN THE CITY CENTER

Historic City Walk
Did you know that Mechelen played an important political and economic role in the Burgundian period? Many historical buildings bear witness to this. Hold on, because the list is long: Saint Rumbold’s Cathedral, the former palaces of Margaret of Austria and Margaret of York, the Palace of the Great Council, ... So don’t hesitate and follow the guide through 16th-century Mechelen.

Length: 2 hours
Price: 80 euro/guide
(max. 25 pers./guide)
Info and reservation: Visit Mechelen
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group@mechelen.be
www.visit.mechelen.be

Human Rights walk
The Human Rights Walk takes you on a tour of lesser known locations and heritage in Mechelen. Discover places that played a role in the city’s human rights history or defined its humanistic past and learn more about contemporary events. This walk highlights social themes, diversity and commitment in a city that is a melting pot of nationalities.

Length: 2 hours
Price: 80 euro/guide
(max. 25 pers./guide)
Info and reservation: Visit Mechelen
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www.visit.mechelen.be

Historic Women’s Walk
This walk looks at the power of women and their influence on the city. It pays tribute to some of Mechelen’s foremost women, from the highest ranks to the lowest, from the distant past through to the present day. Among other things, you will visit Margaret of Austria’s palace and what are now the law courts, and you will have an outside view of Margaret of York’s palace, which now houses the municipal theatre.

Length: 2 hours
Price: 80 euro/guide
(max. 25 pers./guide)
Info and reservation: Visit Mechelen
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Mechelen sculpture tour
Mechelen has produced generations of leading sculptors. Lucas Fayd’herbe - the ‘Bernini of the North’ - was a genius of Baroque sculpture, and decorated many of the city’s churches. Before World War I, Mechelen native and famous fauvist Rik Wouters didn’t just produce paintings of his muse, ‘Nel’, but also immortalised her in bronze. On the streets and façades of Mechelen, from fantastic oak pulpits to the ‘Little Devils House’, you’ll see how creative minds have filled their city with gargoyles, nymphs, cherubs, and Madonnas.

Length: 2 hours
Price: 80 euro/guide
(max. 25 pers./guide)
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www.visit.mechelen.be
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**Mechelen’s Beguines**

This peaceful walk in the Large and Small Beguinage includes a visit to the Beguinage Church. The quaint, narrow streets of the beguinages exude an atmosphere of tranquillity and make for a very pleasant stroll. Its typical Flemish character and unusual architecture has ensured the Large Beguinage of a place on the UNESCO list of world heritage sites.

*Length: 2 hours*
*Price: 80 euro/guide (max. 25 pers./guide)*
*Info and reservation: Visit Mechelen [group@mechelen.be](mailto:group@mechelen.be) [www.visit.mechelen.be](http://www.visit.mechelen.be)*

**Mechelen city of churches**

Mechelen has eight wonderful historic churches. During this walk, you can visit two or three of them. You can choose yourself which ones. Attention! Most churches are only open in the afternoon.

*Length: 2 hours*
*Price: 80 euro/guide (max. 25 pers./guide)*
*Info and reservation: Visit Mechelen [group@mechelen.be](mailto:group@mechelen.be) [www.visit.mechelen.be](http://www.visit.mechelen.be)*

**Mechelen City-on-the-Dyle**

Explore Mechelen along its lifeblood, the River Dyle. Walk with your group alongside a number of typical Mechelen inlets, like the Melaan, a tributary of the Dyle, and cross the plank bridges from one bank to the other. The city once owed its prosperity to water.

*Length: 2 hours*
*Price: 80 euro/guide (max. 25 pers./guide)*
*Info and reservation: Visit Mechelen [group@mechelen.be](mailto:group@mechelen.be) [www.visit.mechelen.be](http://www.visit.mechelen.be)*
GUIDED TOURS IN THE CITY CENTER

Carolus Walk

This is a chance to explore Mechelen and sample its liquid gold! The Carolus Walk will take you through the historic centre, where you will make one or two stops at a typical Mechelen café to enjoy a delicious Mechelen beer. The exact route depends on which cafés are taking part.

Length: 2 hours (incl. 1 tasting)
Length: 3 hours (incl. 2 tastings)
Price:
10.50 euro/person (2 hours)
16 euro/person (3 hours)
Info and reservation: Visit Mechelen +32 15 29 76 54
group@mechelen.be
www.visit.mechelen.be

Culinary Walks

As part of a group accompanied by a specialist guide, you will walk from dish to dish, stopping at several nice restaurants and a number of unusual places along the way and learning about Mechelen’s fascinating history as you go! Could there by a more irresistible introduction to Mechelen!

Info and reservation: +32 497 54 95 69
info@culinairewandelingenmechelen.be
www.culinairewandelingenmechelen.be

Time Walk

Join a time walk and journey through time! Himself a highly-experienced clock and watch restorer, the curator of the Clock and Watch Museum, Jozef Op de Beeck, has amassed a wealth of information about clock-making and timekeepers in Mechelen. All these stories and anecdotes have gradually been put together to provide a fascinating time walk. See where the makers of watches, clocks, tower clocks and city clocks lived and admire public clocks, sundials and even a colour clock! Find out what is meant by “Mechelen time” and how long a Mechelen foot it!

Info and reservation: +32 15 21 18 94
info@horlogeriemuseum.be
www.horlogeriemuseum.be
GUIDED TOURS IN THE CITY CENTER

A flavoursome walk

A flavoursome walk through the city. Discover some of the most fascinating and nicest spots in Mechelen, along with our experienced guide. Listen to interesting stories, take in some culture and history and laugh at the funny anecdotes. We stop en route to treat your taste buds to some local specialties, both sweet and savoury. Finally, we will treat you to a delicious lunch, prepared with local and regional ingredients, in a carefully selected restaurant. We then continue our exploration and end the day with a regional beer and the presentation of the prize to the winner of the city quiz. A unique opportunity to discover Mechelen’s DNA.

Info and reservation:
+32 2 580 0 580
info@discover-belgium.be
www.discover-belgium.be

Q-rius to taste guided tours

Discover Mechelen with all your senses on a Q-rius to taste guided tour. In the hands of our experienced guides you can be sure of an unforgettable visit packed with a delicious combination of extraordinary anecdotes and tasty morsels. The tour is tailored to your requirements: budget, duration, starting place, number of stops (in restaurants, café’s, shops), etc. and can be conducted on foot, by bicycle, boat, etc., or a combination of all of them.

Info and reservation:
info@q-rius.be
www.q-rius.be

BeerWalk

This interesting BeerWalk contains different beertastings about the craftbeers of brewery Het Anker, well know for it’s international nominated Gouden Carolus series. Our specialised beer guides will learn to smell, taste, enjoy different types of beers in joyful pubs and historical bars or taverns: each containing it’s own story. BeerWalk allows you to discover the fabulous Malin and it’s beer history in a unique, different manner.

Info and reservation:
info@beerwalk.be
www.beerwalk.be

Join us at Eco Lifestyle Tour

Searching for a lifestyle that embraces fun, comfort and respect for nature? Discover together with us fun zero-waste shops, eco-coffee bars, fair fashion, organic cosmetics and creative ateliers, and ask all your questions to the experts behind. Let yourself be inspired!

Info and reservation:
hello@mixua.be
www.mixua.be
Boat trips on the Inner Dyle

Embark for a fascinating boat trip on the Dyle, Mechelen’s lifeblood!
You will learn all about the sights you pass on the riverbanks and you will be fed interesting snippets of information and anecdotes about Mechelen’s history as you go.

Length: 40 minutes
Price: 6 euro (min. 15 - max. 40 pers.)
Children (4-12 year): 4 euro (2019)
Children (0-3 year): free

Info and reservation:
Rederij Malinska
+32 478 08 51 14
info@bootjesinmechelen.be
www.bootjesinmechelen.be

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+32 15 29 76 54
group@mechelen.be
www.visit.mechelen.be

Guided cycling tour of the city and outskirts

Want to visit Mechelen a little bit faster than on foot? Then let yourselves be led on a bike tour by a cycling city guide. This tour also takes you to the beautiful parks and green areas on the city’s outskirts. Bring your own bike or rent one!

Length: 2 hours (in the city center)
Length: 3 hours (in the region)
Price: 80 euro/group (2 hours)
113 euro/group (3 hours)
(min. 10 - max. 15 pers.)
(price excl. bicycle rentals)

Info and reservation:
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group@mechelen.be
www.visit.mechelen.be
ACTIVE VISIT

City Golf
City Beer Golf

Become an honorary 'Moon Extinguisher', as Mechelen people are nicknamed, by discovering the city’s secrets during a round of City Golf. As you play, with Mechelen’s unique townscape as your golf course, you get to visit the city centre’s most attractive locations. Tee off towards Beethoven’s statue, aim at the flag on the main square, try to touch the Opsinjoor in as few strokes as possible, and discover a whole lot more besides. City Golf is a perfect team-building activity, a trip for your club or association, or a family day out. Come to Mechelen and try your hand at an activity you’ll be sure to remember.

You prefer soccer? Go for City Foot Golf!

Info and reservation:
+32 498 39 86 94
info@city-golf.be
www.city-golf.be/CityGolfMechelen.html

Supping on the Dyle

If it’s a fun challenge you’re after, then supping (stand-up paddle boarding) is for you! Paddle your way along the River Dyle on a paddle board and discover Mechelen from the water!

Info and reservation:
+32 470 07 36 96
info@sup-school.com
www.sup-school.com

Mechelen by carriage

Explore Mechelen in an alternative and charming fashion. Groups of maximum 22 people can take a tour of the city centre in a horse-drawn tram. The tram leaves from Grote Markt every Sunday in August, and has a guide on board. You can also book tours on other days upon request. A perfect idea for a fun excursion with your company, friends or your family.

Info and reservation:
+32 475 68 72 27
info@koetsenverhuur-foubert.be
www.koetsenverhuur-foubert.be
De Gouden Kooi
Escape Games

You will be “locked up” with a few friends or colleagues for 60 minutes in a mysterious room. You have one hour to break out. How? By solving a series of interesting and varied puzzles. The vital ingredients: collaboration and inventiveness. You also get to experience a unique story in every room. You will briefly feel as if you are starring in a thriller! Whether the story has a happy end is entirely up to you...

Info and reservation:
+32 15 67 68 67
info@degoudenkooi.be
www.degoudenkooi.be
Attractions & Museums

Hof van Busleyden

To step inside this magnificent Renaissance mansion in Mechelen, the capital of the Burgundian Netherlands 500 years ago, is to walk in the footsteps of Hieronymus van Busleyden, Margareta of Austria, Erasmus and Thomas More. Find out how the ruling Burgundians viewed the city, how they wielded power, and what mastery and craftsmanship meant to them. You will get to know the real Margareta and have the chance to marvel at the intriguing, sixteenth-century horti conclusi or ‘enclosed gardens’.

In this museum we look back at the city’s glorious past and we look to the future. It is a story without end.

Price: 80 euro/guide (max. 15 pers./guide) 10 euro/pers. (entrance fee Hof van Busleyden)
Info:
www.hofvanbusleyden.be
Reservation:
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group@mechelen.be
www.visit.mechelen.be

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www.visit.mechelen.be
Climbing St. Rumbold’s Tower with a guide

The symbol of Mechelen has to be its imposing St. Rumbold’s Tower. Climb up for a view of the rooftops of Mechelen and catch your breath en route in one of the six tower rooms, where a guide will tell you more about the tower’s history. The route to the summit is impressive: because where in the world can you see two carillons in one tower? Once on top you can enjoy a jaw-dropping view from the skywalk. On a clear day you can even see the Atomium in Brussels and Antwerp’s port.

Price: 80 euro/guide (max. 25 pers./guide) 6 euro/pers. (entrance fee)
Info and reservation: Visit Mechelen +32 15 29 76 54 group@mechelen.be
www.visit.mechelen.be

Carillon School and Saint Rumbold’s Tower with the carillonneur

This visit includes an exclusive look behind the walls of Mechelen’s famous Royal Carillon School and the opportunity to climb St. Rumbold’s Tower. You will be accompanied by a carillonneur who will fill you in on Mechelen’s carillon history. After that you can walk to St. Rumbold’s Tower. Before enjoying the view from the Skywalk, a short carillon concert will be thrown in for good measure. Make sure to book in advance because of the limited amount of carillonneurs.

Price: 120 euro/carillonneur (max. 25 pers./carillonneur) 6 euro/pers. (entrance fee)
Info and reservation: Visit Mechelen +32 15 29 76 54 group@mechelen.be
www.visit.mechelen.be

Carillon School Mechelen - Guided tour with the carillon player

This guided tour includes an exclusive look behind the walls of Mechelen’s famous carillon school. Follow the carillonneur and immerse yourself in Mechelen’s carillon tradition. The visit also includes a demonstration concert on a practice keyboard in the school.

Price: 75 euro/carillonneur (max. 25 pers./carillonneur)
Info and reservation: Visit Mechelen +32 15 29 76 54 group@mechelen.be
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ATTRACTIONS & MUSEUMS: IN THE CITY

Guided tour of Het Anker brewery

Two tastings are included in this guided tour of the brewery that makes the prize-winning ‘Gouden Carolus’. Founded in 1471, Het Anker brewery is one of Belgium’s oldest breweries and a Mechelen success story! It was local beers like the ‘Gouden Carolus’ and the ‘Cuvée van de Keizer’ that brought this small, artisanal family brewery world fame and won it a number of awards.

Price: 9,00 euro/person (2019) (min. 10 – max. 25 pers./groupe)
Info and reservation:
Het Anker
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info@hetanker.be
www.hetanker.be

Visit Mechelen
+32 15 29 76 54
info@visit.mechelen.be
www.visit.mechelen.be

Kazerne Dossin with guide

PERMANENT EXHIBITION

On a guided tour of the permanent exhibition, you will learn all about the history of the Dossin barracks during the Second World War, and its role as an assembly camp for Jews and Roma. After an introductory film, your guide will take you step by step through the history of the Holocaust.

Info and reservation:
Kazerne Dossin
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reservaties@kazernedossin.eu
www.kazernedossin.eu

Guided tour of De Wit Royal Manufacturers of Tapestry

Illustrious museums and stately homes the world over have their most prized tapestries cleaned, restored and conserved at De Wit Royal Manufacturers of Tapestry. De Wit also has a prestigious collection of tapestries of its own.
Tip! Visit De Wit on a Thursday or Friday between 11.00 and 12.00 hrs or after 15.30 hrs and you’ll also be able to take a look inside the workshop.

Info and reservation:
Visit De Wit
+32 15 20 29 05
visit.dewit@telenet.be
www.dewit.be

Fun guided tour of Mechelen’s Toy Museum

Get the most out of your museum visit and book a tour with an enthusiastic guide. On your journey through the Toy Museum, toys and games will stir up memories of your childhood, and your children or grandchildren will get to see what you once played with. In this wondrous world, old-fashioned games like knucklebones and spinning tops are demonstrated and you can have a go at some of them yourself. Are you ready for a trip down memory lane?

Info and reservation:
Mechelen’s Toy Museum
+32 15 55 70 75
info@speelgoedmuseum.be
www.speelgoedmuseum.be
ATTRACTIONS & MUSEUMS: IN THE CITY

**Guided tour of the Watchmakers' Museum**
The measurement of time has not always been taken for granted as it is today. Timepieces of every description showing the complexity of the work of highly-skilled watchmakers are brought together in this museum.

**Guided tour of The Mad Art Collection**
This extraordinary museum is housed in the magnificently restored house known as ‘t Vliegend Peert, once the home of Pieter Bruegel’s mother-in-law and mentor Mayken Verhulst. The collection consists of satirical paintings of 16th century painters like Bosch, Brouwer and Bruegel. During the guided visit the visitor will meet many monstrous creatures and extremely weird people.

**Michiels Carillons and clocks**
Huis Michiels builds and repairs carillons and clocks. Explore the workshop and stunning buildings with its original cellar together with the owner. The tower clock workshop is located at the bottom of the garden. Several mechanical tower clocks and carillons passed through here over the centuries and the workshop is still used to restore old mechanisms today.

**Info and reservation:**
- **Guided tour of the Watchmakers' Museum**
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  - info@horlogeriemuseum.be
  - www.horlogeriemuseum.be
- **Guided tour of The Mad Art Collection**
  - +32 15 29 01 55
  - vliegendpeert@skynet.be
  - www.vliegendpeert.be
- **Michiels Carillons and clocks**
  - +32 15 42 12 96
  - michielsmechelen@telenet.be
  - www.michielsmechelen.be
ZOO Planckendael

ZOO Planckendael on the outskirts of Mechelen, where you hop from one continent to another, is the ideal destination for your group outing. Europe’s bill-clattering storks. The African savannah, home to giraffes and antelopes. Lemurs, black and ring-tailed, hanging out on their private veranda. In America you come face to face with the giant anteater. Australia smells pleasantly of koalas and eucalyptus. And the daredevils? They’ll jump onto a raft or into a canoe along the way and the acrobats will hang out in trees 14 metres above the ground. This world offers you so much more than a fun-filled day. Gather together all your friends, family members and neighbours and come and explore ZOO Planckendael! You’ll also be doing your bit for the preservation of nature.

Info and reservation:  +32 3 224 89 35
groepenb2b@kmda.org
www.planckendael.be

Technopolis

Technopolis is a place where nosy parkers aged 4 to 104 can satisfy their curiosity for all things scientific and technological. Roll up your sleeves in a workshop, fix your eyes on the maddest demonstrations and take your pick of the interactive displays. If you want to cycle in the air, go parapenting, rescue animals using augmented reality or land an aircraft, there is only one place where you can do all that in one day: Technopolis, the Flemish activity centre for science and technology.

Info and reservation:  +32 15 34 20 00
info@technopolis.be
www.technopolis.be

Sportimonium

You don’t have to be a top-class athlete or break Olympic records to have fun in Sportimonium. Set to work yourself in the sports lab with "Measuring up against Athletes". In the garden you can try your hand at several traditional popular sports. Explore the Olympic museum’s unique sport collection, which tells the story of sport then and now.

Info and reservation:  +32 15 61 52 22
sportimonium@sportimonium.be
www.sportimonium.be
ATTRACTIONS & MUSEUMS: OUTSIDE THE CITY AND GREEN OUTSKIRTS

Guided tour of the Ursuline Institute Winter Garden

Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-Waver’s convent of the Ursuline nuns and its highly reputable ‘Pensionnat de demoiselles’ – boarding school for the education of young ladies - were founded in the 19th century. A listed building, the magnificent winter garden with its leaded windows is well worth a visit. The winter garden is at its most beautiful when there is plenty of light, so in winter it is best to visit before 15.00 hrs.

Info and reservation: +32 15 75 77 28
info@visitwintertuin.be
www.visitwintertuin.be

Guided tour of the Provincial Vrijbroek Park

The verdant, 50-hectare Vrijbroek Park is situated on the outskirts of the city. It is the ideal place to walk, kick a football around or simply sit back and daydream. Vrijbroek Park boasts one of the most beautiful rose gardens in Europe and a visit is highly recommended. In 2003 it won the ‘Award of Garden Excellence’, not least because of the seductive scent of the more than 1,000 species of rose which fills the air. A guide will also introduce you to other flowers, plants and animals in the park.

Info and reservation: +32 15 45 13 92
vrijbroekpark@provincieantwerpen.be
www.vrijbroekpark.be

Guided tour of the Parkcoplus deer farm

A visit to a red deer breeder’s is definitely not an everyday experience! Parkcoplus farm is just a stone’s throw from Mechelen and it’s well worth popping along there for answers to questions like: What do deer eat? How do you breed them? And how exactly do those antlers grow? You’ll get the answers to these questions and to lots of others, too, at Parkcoplus!

Info and reservation: +32 38 86 20 58
cisse.vleminckx@telenet.be
www.farmingwhiteandreddeerfromparks.be
**ATTRACTIONS & MUSEUMS: OUTSIDE THE CITY AND GREEN OUTSKIRTS**

**’t Grom**

This 18th-century farmstead provides an interactive and fun introduction to our market-gardening heritage. You will learn all about the soil, seeds and their growth and about our eating culture and healthy eating. Whether you are looking to learn or just want some fun and relaxation, ’t Grom is definitely worth a visit. And the farmer will take the children off on an exciting trail which involves finding the answers to all sorts of questions. So pay a visit to ’t Grom and enter the wondrous world of vegetables!

*Info and reservation: +32 15 31 50 55*
*info@tgrom.be*
*www.tgrom.be*

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**Guided visit Tivoli**

Take a walk around Tivoli, a former castle park, with centuries-old trees, stunning lawns, romantic corners and a fragrant herb garden. The eye-catchers include the petting zoo, the playground and magnificent castle, with a tavern and restaurant. Book a tour with a nature guide and learn more about the park’s plants and animals throughout the seasons. You can choose from several educational themes such as herbs, the beekeeper and the honeybee, old regional pet breeds, the orchard... You can also try your hand at some traditional Flemish popular sports.

*Info and registration: +32 15 20 66 84*
*tivoli@mechelen.be*
*www.mechelen.be/tivoli*

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**De Molenberg Distillery**

De Molenberg is the first whisky distillery in Belgium with traditional copper, Scottish pot stills. The refined Gouden Carolus Single Malt Whisky produced here is distilled from the mash from the famous Gouden Carolus Tripel beer. The fascinating story of the old millers who once lived here and the more recent story of the production of award-winning Belgian whisky will be divulged on a guided tour of De Molenberg Distillery in Blaasveld (Willebroek, not far from Mechelen). Round off with a tasting. The visit lasts approx. 1 hour. If you’d like to hear the whole Anker story, then book a Brewery-Distillery combination ticket.

*Info and reservation: +32 15 28 71 41*
*info@hetanker.be*
*www.hetanker.be*
TOURS BY COACH

Discover Mechelen’s (cottage) garden

If your group is travelling to Mechelen by coach, then choose a tour around Mechelen. Your guide will hop on board and take you on a tour of Sint-Katelijne Waver. You will be given a general overview of the region and explore the beating heart of Belgium’s vegetable region. In addition to several cultural and religious heritage gems (the Ursuline Institute and its winter garden, Rosendael Estate, Borgerstein vzw, Sandhoeve, Spookhoeve ‘Slaapt in ’t stro’ you can also explore its stunning natural surroundings (Hondsbossen Forest, Gasthuissbosjes Forest...). You will also find out more about the current buildings and operations of the Mechelen vegetable auction, De Nayer Institute and the new town hall. This coach tour ties in seamlessly with a visit of Mechelen.

The Twixt Water and Greenery tour

Why not make this half-day coach trip part of your visit to Mechelen? You will spend a morning or afternoon in the watery Vaartland, just outside Mechelen, home to the Rupel and Zenne rivers, their canals and bridges. An experienced Scheldeland guide will accompany you on the coach via the villages of Heffen and Heindonk to the Hombeek plateau. Together you will be able to visit the picturesque skippers’ village of Klein-Willebroek, a delightful spot for a canal-side stroll. The coach will then take you under the Vredesbrug, the “iron and steel monster” bridge to which Wannes Van de Velde dedicated a song, and back to Mechelen via Leest and Hombeek.

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toerisme@skw.be
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info@toerismerupelstreek.be
www.toerismerupelstreek.be
Food & Drink for groups

Restaurants for groups

Do you want to give your group a taste of Mechelen?

Are you looking for a suitable restaurant? Then take your pick from the list of restaurants on our website. All these restaurants have the capacity to receive your group in a qualitative manner.

A typical Mechelen speciality is Malines chicken. This chicken is a cross-breed of cuckoo-patterned domestic farm chickens and imported Oriental chickens. Malines chicken meat is firm and deliciously tender. It is used in several dishes and pairs nicely with a refreshing glass of Gouden Carolus.

Restaurants with an (*) serve Malines chicken.

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BOOKING A DAY-TRIP

Directly to Visit Mechelen

1. Choose your preferred activity for your day out in Mechelen from our programme and contact us by letter or e-mail to make your booking.

2. We must receive your request at least 14 days before the day of the planned visit. For requests received between 13 and 7 days before the visit, we can only offer the Burgundian City Walk, subject to the availability of guides.

3. Once you have made your booking, you will receive a Confirmation of Programme. Only then you have a firm reservation.

4. Once we have received payment, which must be made no later than 7 days before your visit, we will send you the necessary vouchers. A one-off administrative fee of 5 euros will be charged for every booking.

Activities of other partners

The terms and conditions for activities vary, depending on the organiser. You can find the terms and conditions on the website of the partners, with whom you book the activity.