





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 world famous Cathedral of Our Lady and the Rubens House, the home of Antwerp's most famous ambassador.



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THE CITY



Ask an Antwerp local about his city and he will pour you a Bolleke beer, face beaming, and tell you about its majestic Cathedral, about walks along the quays and about the city's master painter, Peter Paul Rubens. Antwerpers are known to be very proud of their city, and rightly so. For centuries, the port, which continues to expand, has contributed to a constant influx of the most diverse influences. As exotic spices landed on the quays, more and more intellectuals also set foot in this flourishing city, enriching Antwerp with their ideas and creations.

No wonder then that a city where so much is moving and shaking has become the ideal habitat for world leaders and luminaries. One such enlightened spirit, albeit of a rather despotic inclination, was Napoleon, who acquired the Royal Palace in Meir in 1812. There he quietly devised military strategies for his war against Britain. Antwerp seems like an easy place to lose your heart because another luminary, the Russian tsar Peter the Great, felt quite at home in the city, where he spent a considerable amount of time learning everything there was to know about shipbuilding.

In the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries Antwerp already was a city with an international reputation, which extended far beyond the city's borders: it was reputed for its flourishing art trade and its bustling port, which turned the city into an economic hotspot. During this Golden Age Antwerp resembled present-day New York: it was a world city.

5 HOT TIPS



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DO & SEE



Today Antwerp continues to build on this rich history and positions itself as a modern metropolis. Although it always remains respectful of the numerous historic buildings, which bear witness to the city's rich history Antwerp today wants to become a city known for its iconic architecture.

Examples include the new Law Courts, the new MAS museum or the Port Authority building, which has been designed by renowned architect Zaha Hadid. The Antwerp Six are living proof of Antwerp's influence on the fashion world, and more generally spoken, on the art world, which thrives in Antwerp, especially in the Zuid district.

All this and more in a city where you can still sit down on a park bench and smell the roses and where you will never feel lost in the crowd. Antwerp succeeds in being a world-class city without ever forgetting about the importance of being a pleasant and above all liveable city.

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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.

Photo: Antwerpen Toerisme & Congres Address: Koningin Astridplein 26 Phone: +32 3 202 45 40

Internet: www.zooantwerpen.be

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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.



Address: 14 Havenkaai, Londenstraat

Phone: +32 3 231 31 00 Internet: www.flandria.nu

Sightseeing tours



Horse and carriage Romantic at heart, Antwerp unfolds for those travelling at this deliciously slow yet charmingly old-fashioned and enjoyable pace. View the city

as people did before Henry Ford did his thing! The horses depart under good weather conditions from Grote Markt near the Town Hall.

Antwerp Diamond Bus/ Touristram tours
Hop on the Antwerp Diamond double-decker bus and visit
Antwerp's best-known hot spots. Hop on/hop off at any of
the seven stops. New bus stop: MAS (Museum aan de
Stroom). It's a first timers' ideal introduction to the city.
Daily departures from April until November, the other
months only in the weekend. The smaller Touristram also
offers a carefree tour of the Antwerp classics. Departs
hourly from Groenplaats between 12PM and 4PM.

Photo: Antwerpen Toerisme & Congres - fotograaf Dave Van Laere Internet: www.werkendpaard.be/paardentram, www.touristram.be, www.antwerp-citytour-bus.be, www.koetsen-vervoort.be

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Bicycle rental



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Antwerp by Bike



Guided bike tours (individual and group bookings accepted)

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Internet: www.middelheimmuseum.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.

Address: Vleeshouwerstraat 38-40, 2000 Antwerpen

Phone: +32 3 292 61 00

Internet: www.museumvleeshuis.be

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.

Address: Keizerstraat 10-12, 2000 Antwerpen

Phone: +32 3 201 92 50 Internet: www.rockoxhuis.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.

Address: Waaistraat 5, 2000 Antwerpen

Phone: +32 3 232 03 84 Internet: www.mkaweb.be

Badboot

During the summer months Antwerp's Badboot is a floating open-air swimming pool. In winter it is converted into the largest floating ice skating rink worldwide. You can also enjoy typical Belgian dishes in the boat's brasserie, "Antoon".

Address: Kattendijkdok Oostkaai, 2000 Antwerp

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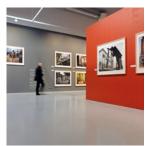
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Internet: www.middelheimmuseum.be

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.

Address: Vleeshouwerstraat 38-40, 2000 Antwerpen

Phone: +32 3 292 61 00

Internet: www.museumvleeshuis.be

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.

Address: Keizerstraat 10-12, 2000 Antwerpen

Phone: +32 3 201 92 50 Internet: www.rockoxhuis.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.

Address: Waaistraat 5, 2000 Antwerpen

Phone: +32 3 232 03 84 Internet: www.mkaweb.be

DINING

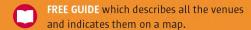


Antwerpers take pride and have passion for food – true foodies at heart. In the Golden Age (16th century), all types of food, drink, herbs and spices from countries all over the world were transported through the Port. Even today, food is brought in from all corners of the globe, contributing to the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



FREE ENTRY to all Antwerp museum and monumental churches, including the famous Cathedral of Our Lady. Permanent collections and temporary exhibitions are included in



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Historic Centre

Brasserie Appelmans



Nothing beats the location of this restaurant, literally only a few steps away from Antwerp's amazing Cathedral. Brasserie Appelmans serves great food with some nice

Belgian touches like the handmade chips and the stew made with De Koninck, a locally brewn beer. The building is a combination of old and new, just like Antwerp itself.

Address: Papenstraatje 1 Phone: +32 3 226 20 22

Internet: www.brasserieappelmans.be
Email: info@brasserieappelmans.be

Grand Café Horta



Grand Café Horta is an icon in the centre of Antwerp's theatre district, very close to the pedestrianized shopping street Meir. The restaurant is named after Belgian art

nouveau architect Horta, remains of his tore-down building

Het Volkshuis' were used in this restaurant. Good choice if you are looking for a light lunch or a meal made with the famous Belgian beer.

Address: Hopland 2 Phone: +32 3 232 28 15 Internet: www.grandcafehorta.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 is an excellent spot. In summertime this is a perfect place to enjoy the soundtrack of the city life.

Address: Reyndersstraat 18 Phone: +32 3 233 50 33

Internet: www.degrootewittearend.be Email: info@degrootewittearend.be

Central Station

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.

Address: De Keyserlei 28 Phone: +32 3 202 68 87 Internet: www.granduca.be Email: granduca@telenet.be

Antwerp Catering

Antwerp Catering brings together a number of Belgian gastronomy and other restaurants at De Keyserlei, near to Central Station. You can taste the Belgian chips at Oud België, drink the Belgian beers at Beer Central, go disco-style at Popcorn and finish the night at Kelly's Irish Pub. Whatever you prefer, you'll probably find it here.

Address: De Keyserlei 27 Phone: +32 477 52 46 58

Internet: www.antwerpcatering.com Email: info@antwerpcatering.com

Brasserie Gustav



Next to Antwerp's opera building and across from the UGC Movie Theatre this is a 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 with the beautiful high ceiling, large mirrors and marble walls.

Address: Van Ertbornstraat 2 Phone: +32 3 225 55 28 Internet: www.brasseriegustav.be Email: operagustav@hotmail.com

Eilandje

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. They serve Belgian cuisine with Italian and French undertones.

Address: Sint-Aldegondiskaai 20 Phone: +32 3 233 30 30 Internet: www.luxantwerp.com

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.

Address: Siberiastraat
Phone: +32 3 770 86 25
Internet: www.hetpomphuis.be
Email: info@hetpomphuis.be

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.

Address: Godefriduskaai 30 Phone: +32 3 203 03 30 Internet: www.felixpakhuis.nu

Zuid

Hippodroom



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

Address: Leopold De Waelplaats 10 Phone: +32 3 248 52 52 Internet: www.hippodroom.be Email: info@hippodroom.be

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.

Address: Marnixplaats 12 Phone: +32 3 257 13 57 Internet: www.fiskebar.be

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 and [] forgotten vegetables'. After dinner you can hop on to the other side for a drink in one of Antwerp's most popular bars [] Hopper'.

Address: Volkstraat 23
Phone: +32 3 238 05 71
Internet: www.lepicerieducirque.be
Email: info@lepicerieducirque.be

CAFES



Coffee is booming in Antwerp. These are the places where you get the best coffee:

Caffènation

"One Drug, One Café, One Caffènation" is the slogan of Caffènation. Once over the threshold, you almost stumble over the sacks of house blend coffee. Inside is a pleasant, no-nonsense atmosphere, typical of a business that has nothing more to prove. The music is slightly harder and both the service and the interior have a rough edge.

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



Address: Mechelsesteenweg 16

Opening hours: Maandag - vrijdag: 8.30 - 19u. Zaterdag: 9-19u. Zondag:

11-18u

Phone: +32 486 323 015 Internet: www.caffenation.be Email: caffenation@gmail.com

Normo

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

Address: Minderbroedersrui 30

Opening hours: Maa - Vrij: 10:00 - 19:00. Zat: 10:00 - 18:00

Email: http://www.normocoffee.be/ More Info: Historic city centre

Broer Bretel

Two brothers wearing braces serve great coffee and full-flavoured tea. The homemade Great Granny Ice Tea (with parsley!) comes highly recommended. On the wall, there are Polaroid photos of the nicest customers. Broer Bretel is the ideal place to talk quietly after a visit to the MAS museum.

Address: Nassaustraat 7, t'Eilandje

Opening hours: Maa-Zat: 9:30 - 18:00u. Zondag : 10.30 - 18.00u

Phone: +32 484 15 82 96 Internet: www.broerbretel.be Email: broerbretel@gmail.com

Mademoiselle Moustache



You immediately feel at home in this recently opened, angular shop. Mademoiselle Moustache serves not only coffee, but also homemade shakes, soups and sandwiches

at her counter.

Address: Paardenmarkt 21

Opening hours: Ma-Vr 10:00 - 18:00u. Zo 11:30 - 18:00u. Internet: http://www.mademoisellemoustache.be/

Starfish & Coffee

Looking for a cosy place in the shadow of "den Bell"? At Starfish & Coffee, owner Katja bakes delicious crumbles, cakes and "chocolate tarts". Try the homemade Ginger Tea too.

Address: Bresstraat 9, Zuid

Opening hours: di-vr: 9.30-18u zo: 13-18u

Phone: +32 486 98 76 77

Internet: www.starfishandcoffeeantwerpen.blogspot.com

Coffee & Vinyl

This stately mansion with a coffee lounge at the front and a record bazaar at the rear gives the drinks menu a rock'n'roll touch. Try a Flat Barry White (double shot cappuccino) or a Snoop Doggy (chocolate milk with Maltesers and honey).

Address: Volkstraat 45, Zuid

Opening hours: Di - Zat : 10-19u. Zo : 12-19u.

Phone: +32 3 337 77 93

Internet: www.coffeeandvinyl.com

Revista

Revista combines coffee, free wifi and a whole array of international magazines and newspapers, the holy trinity for bloggers and fashion students. Revista also offers soups and sandwiches, so you can easily spend a whole day there.

Address: Karel Rogierstraat 47, Zuid Opening hours: Ma-Zo: 08.00 - 20.00u

De Dikke Kat

De Dikke Kat is a coffee bar and exhibition space under one roof with limited but original menu and walls full of beautiful things to see. Try a "kabouter (gnome)" or a "honey poppie" while you peruse the photographs, paintings and sculptures on display here.

Address: Kasteelpleinstraat 26, Zuid

Opening hours: Ma-Vr: 08.00 - 18.00u. Zat : 10.00 - 18.00u.



Internet: www.dedikkekat.be
Email: isabelle@dedikkekat.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 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 kick back, relax and enjoy your drink. If you can, try to get hold of an outdoor seat. The view on the dock is amazing.

Address: Hanzestedenplaats 5 Phone: +32 3 231 43 00 Internet: www.cafe-storm.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.

Photo: Cocktails at Nine Address: Lijnwaardmarkt Phone: +32 3 707 10 07 Internet: www.cocktailsatnine.be

Paters Vaetje



In Antwerp you have to try the Belgian beers. At Paters Vaetje you can make a choice out of more than 200 kinds. 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.

Photo: Paters Vaetje Address: Blauwmoezelstraat 1 Phone: +32 3 231 84 76 Internet: www.patersvaetje.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.

Photo: Cocktail Bar Sips Address: Gillisplaats 8 Phone: +32 477 63 91 52 Internet: 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.

Address: Melkmarkt 15 Phone: +32 3 226 01 26 Internet: www.jazzmuze.be

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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

Address: D'Herbouvillekaai 25, 2020 Antwerpen Internet: http://www.petrolclub.be

Noxx



Noxx Antwerp opened in 2007 and since then it has become one of the biggest clubs in Belgium, with four rooms, a champagne bar and spectacular light shows.

Address: Straatsburgdok Noordkaai 3, 2030 Antwerpen Internet: http://www.noxxantwerp.com

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.

Address: Grote Markt 3, 2000 Antwerpen Internet: http://www.cafedenengel.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.

Address: Reyndersstraat 25, 2000 Antwerpen Internet: http://www.devagant.be

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.

Address: Leopold De Waelstraat 2, 2000 Antwerpen Internet: http://www.cafehopper.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. No cover on Thursday, when you will mainly find students here.

Address: Verversrui 15, 2000 Antwerpen

Phone: +32 3 226 38 70 Internet: www.cafe-d-anvers.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 from all over Europe and beyond.

Every first Sunday of the month they organise Studio 54, a fun disco party with a colourful dress code and loads of hits.

Attention: men only on Saturdays.

Photo: Red&Blue



Address: Lange Schipperskapelstraat 11, 2000 Antwerpen

Phone: +32 3 213 05 55 Internet: www.redandblue.com

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.

Address: Rijnkaai 14, 2000 Antwerpen

Phone: +32 477 33 20 70 Internet: www.roxy-antwerp.be

D-Club

D-Club, a gay dance club, is located near one of the oldest train stations of Antwerp. Open on Saturday and also for rent for private parties and other activities. The club has two rooms and the audience is very mixed.

Address: Damplein 27, 2060 Antwerpen Internet: http://www.d-club.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.

Address: Noordersingel 28-30, 2140 Antwerpen Internet: www.trixonline.be

SHOPPING



One of the many titles bestowed on Antwerp in the sixteenth century was 1 triomfelycke 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.

Meir

The Meir, linking the fashion district and the Quartier Latin is a pedestrianized shopping street lined with 18th and 19th century facades. International chains jostle for attention with small Antwerp designer boutiques. Between the Meir and Hopland, another upmarket street is a shopping complex with an elegant edge, the Stadsfeestzaal has 40 luxurious stores lavishing in the restored marble, gilded and mosaic interior. Sint-Katelijnevest offers hi-fi, computer and office equipment.

Wilde Zee

The Burie Chocolate shop at 3 Korte Gasthuisstraat epitomizes the De Wilde Zee area elegant, full of delicious treats and welcoming. Along Lombardenvest, Wiegstraat, Groendalstraat, Schrijnwerkerstraat and Korte



Gasthuisstraat is yet another shopping mecca for shopaholics. De Wilde Zee is a gentle and pleasant neighbourhood, specializing in delicatessens, pralines, fashion boutiques, a social atmosphere and a laid back clientele! Nieuwe Gaanderij passage with its clothes and make-up stores leads you gracefully through to Huidevettersstraat.

Quartier Latin

The Quartier Latin elegantly mixes boutiques, atmosphere and a good dose of laid back charm. The classiest boutiques and specialty stores are on Schuttershofstraat and the Horta complex, along Hopland. Leopoldstraat draws in the antiques collectors while Mechelsesteenweg is known for interior decor paraphernalia. Nearby Leopoldstraat, is antique lovers haven with bric-a-brac galore, reminiscent of a harbour city. The Horta Complex, a brand new addition next to the Stadschouwburg is brimming with stylish boutiques, a grand Art Nouveau café and art gallery.

Fashion District

Today, the Modenatie on the corner of Nationale and Drukkerijstraat is the epicentre of the fashion district. Housing the Flanders Fashion Institute (FFI), the Fashion Museum (MOMU) and the Fashion Academy, it's a good place to start to get the unique vibe. For fashion afficionados, big designer names gravitate toward the welcome uniqueness of Antwerp. For Antwerp fashion at its most rocking, the area around Kammenstraat, Lombardenvest and St Antoniusstraat beckons.

Zuid district

South of the centre between the Amerikalei and the river is the Zuid District located - known for wide boulevards and historic buildings, Art Nouveau is definitely the style here! Walking along the river is like browsing through an architecture book — styles, design shops, interior showrooms and contemporary galleries sit side by side. Surely the trendiest area of the city, there is an abundance of designer restaurants, shops and cafes with a clientele

to match!

Around Central Station

Antwerp's pavements have been paved with diamonds for at least 500 years! The km2 diamond district around the Central Station, offers 1800 diamond shops so shop around. If you are looking for the best, as girls do... go for the \(\Bar{\text{L}} \) Antwerp Cut', known around the world as a brilliant cut of the highest quality.

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. People watching is the new shopping so don't lose track of time over a De Koninck and chips. The Grand Bazaar Shopping Centre links Eiermarkt and Schoenmarkt with 50 shops, the biggest indoor centre, it is a good place for book and clothing shopping. Kloosterstraat is for new hippies - recent antiques, paintings, old furniture and home accessories as well as Fifties' and Sixties' design. Close by on Lange Koepoortstraat, rare and antique books and music is on sale.

EVENTS



Reunion. From Quinten Metsijs to Peter Paul Rubens

In 1559 the Church of Our Lady was re-named the Cathedral of Our Lady. During its 450-year existence, the Cathedral has become a veritable treasury of religious art, which was painted and sculpted by renowned masters. Until the French Revolution, they were commissioned to



decorate the pillars, chapels and walls of the Cathedral. In the wake of this upheaval, several altarpieces were transferred to museums, including the Royal Museum of Fine Arts in Antwerp.

Address: Groenplaats 21
Phone: +32 3 213 99 51
Tickets: Price € 5 Until 2017

Internet: www.dekathedraal.be

More Info: Onze-Lieve-Vrouwekathedraal

Fashion: Happy Birthday Dear Academie!

Party time! This year Antwerp will be celebrating the 350th anniversary of the foundation of the Royal Academy of Fine Arts and the 50th anniversary of its Fashion Department, in its museums and on the streets. MoMu, Antwerp's fashion museum, will highlight the success story of Antwerp fashion while MAS has put together an exhibition which focuses on the Academy's amazing history, featuring works by Rubens, Van Gogh and Panamarenko, among others. The celebrations will also take to the streets: gigantic Fashion Totems will be installed throughout the city, which represent the world of the world-renowned Antwerp fashion designers. Happy Birthday Dear Academie!

Opening hours: From September 8th 2013 Internet: www.hbda.be

Red Star Line: a new museum in Antwerp

On September 28th the new Red Star Line Museum in Antwerp will open. Between 1873 and 1934 the Red Star Line's ships ferried 2,6 million adventurers and fortune-seekers from Antwerp to New York. For many people the crossing started in the Red Star Line buildings. Visit the original buildings, experience the fascinating tale of the passengers and discover the relationship with contemporary immigrations stories.

Address: Montevideostraat 3, 2000 Antwerpen Opening hours: From September 28 Internet: www.redstarline.be

The Golden Cabinet. The Royal Museum at the Rockox House.

During the latter part of the sixteenth century and the early part of the seventeenth, the Scheldt city of Antwerp enjoyed an especially favourable artistic and economic climate that made it the prime production and trading centre for luxury articles. It was a time when many patricians and merchants built up rich collections of contemporary and ancient art, though the majority of those collections have – alas – come to be dispersed in the course of time. From 2 February 2013, however, visitors to the Rockox House in Antwerp will be able to see how an Antwerp art collection must have have appeared in the Golden Century. More particularly, the residence of burgomaster and patron Nicolaas Rockox (1560–1640) is being transformed into a luxurious art cabinet with top items from Antwerp's Royal Museum of Fine Arts (closed for renovation) and the most important works from the Rockox House itself. On display will be a range of fine paintings by such masters as Van der Weyden, Memling, Van Eyck, Rubens and Van Dyck. A chance, then, to immerse yourself in the world of the rich citizen of the seventeenth century.

Address: Rockox House, Keizerstraat 10-12, 2000 Antwerpen Opening hours: From February 2nd 2013 Internet: www.rockoxhuis.be

About Coming and Going

The new Red Star Line Museum opens on 28 September in Antwerp. In its next exhibition "ABOUT COMING AND GOING" the Prints Room of the Museum Plantin-Moretus will share its reflection on migration in 50 prints and drawings. Five newcomers from all over the world who live in Antwerp were invited to make their own selection of works. They tell their own story with these prints or drawings.

Address: Vrijdagmarkt 2, 2000 Antwerpen

Phone: +32 3 221 14 50

Internet: www.museumplantinmoretus.be



ACCOMMODATIONS



Whether you choose a charming luxurious hotel, one of the city's many individual B&Bs or a campsite, they will all welcome you with open arms.



Elzenveld Hotel Seminarie

In the former Saint-Elisabeth hospital and monastery, steeped in history, you find today Elzenveld Hotel and Seminar Centre. Elzenveld is located in the centre of the city, very near to the most important shopping streets and Antwerp's Fashion District. Yet it is a peaceful oasis surrounded by beautiful greenery and right next to the Botanical Garden. Elzenveld can accommodate guests in hotel rooms and in apartments. Everything you expect? They think so and they hereby invite you to spend some quality time in another era. You will feel right at home. Elzenveld is your ideal vantage point to explore the culinary and artistic richness of Antwerp.

Address: Lange Gasthuisstraat 45, Antwerp

Phone: +32 3 202 77 11 Internet: www.elzenveld.be

Hotel Julien



Hotel Julien is a charming boutique hotel located in the centre of Antwerp. It features a contemporary décor in an historic building. Staff, service, breakfast, are all seen as

excellent.

Address: Korte Nieuwstraat 24 Phone: +32 3 229 06 00 Internet: www.hotel-julien.com Email: info@hotel-julien.com

Hilton Hotel



You can't be more centrally located than in Hilton
Antwerp. This hotel boasts
Belgium's largest hotel
ballroom and offers amongst others dining with views on

Antwerp's Cathedral.

Address: Groenplaats 32 Phone: +32 3 414 20 18 Internet: www.hilton.co.uk/antwerp

Park Inn



Perfect location if you travel by train and arrive in Antwerp's stunning Central Station. Excellent price/quality ratio.

Address: Koningin Astridplein 14 Phone: +32 3 202 31 70

Internet: www.parkinn.com/hotel-antwerpen

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Leopold Hotel



Renovated hotel close to Central Station. The hotel offers parkview rooms and is located in Antwerp's diamond district.

Address: Quinten Matsijslei 25 Phone: +32 3 231 15 15

Internet: www.leopoldhotelantwerp.com
Email: info.antwerp@leopoldhotels.com

Holiday Inn Express



If you want to stay near the new museum MAS this hotel is a good choice. Good price/quality ratio and standard Holiday Inn service.

Address: Italiëlei 2A Phone: +32 3 859 50 95 Internet: www.hiexpress.com

Hotel 't Sandt



This seventeenth-century neo-Rococo stately dwelling has been converted into a luxurious, contemporary hotel in the historic city centre.

Enjoy the Italian courtyard

garden and the hotel's unique summer terrace with a view of the Cathedral.

Address: Zand 13-19, 2000 Antwerpen

Phone: +32 3 232 93 90

Internet: http://www.hotel-sandt.be

Hotel Scandic Antwerpen



If you are visiting Antwerp by car then the Hotel Scandic is the right choice as it is located near the ring road. The hotel has free Internet as well as a gym, sauna, hamam and

indoor swimming pool.

Address: Lt. Lippenslaan 66, 2140 Antwerpen

Phone: +32 3 235 91 91

Internet: http://www.scandichotels.com

Antwerp City Center Hotel



This recently renovated mid-price category hotel is situated in the heart of Antwerp's diamond district, near Central Station. It has 70 spacious and comfortable

rooms.

Photo: Antwerp City Center hotel

Address: Appelmansstraat 31, 2018 Antwerpen

Phone: +32 3 203 54 00

Internet: http://www.antwerpcchotel.com

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 Alrport 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

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). You can find a bike station at Grote Markt, near the Fashion Museum, near MAS, near your favourite bar and in many more locations. Velos have been designed for short distances. The first half hour of every rental is included in the price. If you rent it out for longer you will pay more. The easiest way to book a Velo is online at www.velo-antwerpen.be. For bike trips of half a day or more we recommend that you rent a bike from another company.

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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 guite 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 <a>I Blauwe Lijn' (blue line) of the Antwerp police: +32 800 123 12

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