

Museums

Museum of Playing Cards

A visit to the Museum of Playing Cards sheds a revelatory light on the fascinating history of playing cards and the age-old playing card printing industry in Turnhout. Authentic printing presses and graphics equipment show how innovations led to successive improvements in printing techniques and reveal everything that happens to turn a piece of paper into a playing card. Paper refinement plays a crucial role in the ultimate quality of the cards. Come and see, feel and smell it all – and try it out for yourself!

Druivenstraat 18
WWW.SPEELKAARTENMUSEUM.BE

Taxandria Museum

Welcome to the Taxandria Hotel! No other museum bears the unusual name of 'ho-tel', but then this is a museum where every room is occupied by a character from history. Come and meet Hendrik Wiske van Heertum, the last deer in Turnhout, or the imposing Amalia van Solms, Lady of Turnhout. Meet all the hotel guests and let them tell you about the history and origins of Turnhout and the Campine region, its development and traditions.

Begijnenstraat 28
WWW.TAXANDRIAMUSEUM.BE

Beguinage Museum

'Ladies in black habits with white wimples, caricatured in comics': this is the image that young people in the future risk having of beguines. But the Beguinage Museum has other ideas! Eight poor beguines lived together at the Convent of St John in Begijnhof 56 until the 1970s. All the items in the museum once belonged to the beguines in Turnhout. So the collection is a wonderful way to find out more about the lives of these unusual women.

Begijnhof 56
WWW.BEIJNHOFMUSEUM.BE

21 Meduceum

Fortunately for us, the hospital nurse Alena couldn't bear to part with her medical equipment. This collection shows the evolution of care for the sick and the fight against disease in the Meduceum. The Medu-what? The Medical Education Museum (Meduceum). You will also find out all about the career and achievements of Dr Paul Janssen, an honorary citizen of Turnhout and the greatest Belgian ever after Father Damien.









Kasteelplein 20
WWW.MEDUCEUM.BE

22 Natuurpunt Museum







Discover the relationship between nature and heritage at the Natuurpunt Museum. The museum displays its collection, along with old films and historical works of art, in four rooms. Be sure to take a walk in the garden as well. It is a delightful slice of nature in the heart of the city, where you can see and hear solitary bees buzzing around the insect tower. Or gain inspiration for your own garden.

Graatakker 11
WWW.NATUURPUNT.BE







Top tourist sights

-  Museum of Playing Cards
-  Castle of the Dukes of Brabant
-  Beguinage – UNESCO
-  Taxandria Museum
-  St Peter's Church
-  de Warande Cultural Centre
-  Turnhout Wetlands
-  Marina / Nieuwe Kaai / canal

Churches and chapels

-  St Peter's Church
-  1 Church of the Sacred Heart
-  2 Church of the Holy Cross
-  3 Our Lady Mediatrix Church
-  4 Chapel of Our Lady of Help
-  5 St Theobald's Chapel






Sport & Leisure

-  6 City park / Miniature steam trains
-  7 Minigolf
-  8 Raf & Otje indoor playground
-  9 Gustaaf Klimt climbing centre
-  10 Swimming pool Stadspark
-  11 UGC Entertainment complex

Green north

-  12 Cycling bridge / Bels Lijntje cycling route
-  13 Heizijdse Velden Park
-  14 Klein Engelandhoeve / start of walks
-  15 Turnhout Wetlands / lookout tower

Nice to see

-  16 City Hall
-  17 Water tower
-  18 Arts campus / Turnova
-  19 Paterspand
-  20 Blairon campus

Logies

-  A Hotel Corsendonk Turnova ****
-  B Hotel Ter Driezen ****
-  C Turnhout City Hotel ****
-  D Hotel Corsendonk Viane ***
-  E B&B De Hessie ****
-  F B&B Bon-Bon 'Nuit' ***
-  G B&B Edelweiss ***
-  H B&B De Joker
-  I B&B Begijnhofpoort
-  J B&B Caramel
-  K B&B De Buitenmuur
-  L B&B RS10
-  M Baalse Hei campsite ****
-  N Villa holiday home ****
-  O Lindehoeve holiday home ****
-  P Maison Georges holiday home
-  Q Pulcinella holiday home
-  R Ochtendgloren holiday home
-  S Bels Lijntje holiday home
-  T Caramel holiday home

Shopping, food & drink

Looking for a great place to have breakfast, lunch or dinner?

Turnout has it all! Combine your meal with a shopping trip in and around Gasthuisstraat, on the Lebon site or at Turnova, and turn it into a full-day excursion. Scan the QR code to discover what's on offer.





Castle of the Dukes of Brabant

That's right, you read it correctly: Turnhout has a castle. And not just any old castle, but the Castle of the Dukes of Brabant. It used to be the Dukes of Brabant's summer residence and now serves as the courthouse. It is one of the oldest buildings in the city, and it is still buzzing with life.

Kasteelplein 1
www.visitturnhout.be/kasteel



Beguinage – UNESCO

Step into a haven of peace in the heart of the vibrant city centre. In days gone by, beguines walked across the cobbles of the beguinage around this square. Nowadays, their black habits and white wimples have become museum pieces, but the beguinage itself is still intact and features on the prestigious list of UNESCO Cultural World Heritage.

Begijnenstraat
www.begijnhofmuseum.be



St Peter's Church

If you thought St Peter's Church was a church like any other, think again. The outside is decidedly sober, but the interior is breathtaking. Pride of place goes to the choir and pulpit, dating from 1862. They are the work of a Flemish Master. Did you know that the citizens of Turnhout got their nickname 'mosquito extinguishers' under this church tower?

Grote Markt 80
www.visitturnhout.be/sint-pieterskerk



de Warande Cultural Centre

Looking for the place where Turnhout cooks up all the culture it has to offer? de Warande is where you need to be. As one of the biggest cultural centres in Flanders, de Warande is a multipurpose meeting place. And while the stage is waiting for the next show, the antiques and curiosities market on a Sunday morning generates a friendly vibe.

Warandestraat 42
www.warande.be



Turnhout Wetlands

Extending over more than 100 hectares, the Turnhout Wetlands are rightly known as the green lung of the city. This unique region of lakes and moors is one of the most valuable in Flanders. The shallow layers of clay keep this natural area wet for long periods, making it an ideal habitat for species at risk of extinction. From up in the panoramic lookout tower, you can spot godwits, lapwings and curlews.

Klein Engeland 29
www.kleinenghelandhoeve.be



Marina

There is nowhere that the city, the water and green nature merge as beautifully as they do at the marina. You can walk, cycle or take boat trips along the Dessel-Schoten canal to your heart's content. If you need a break along the lovely route, the marina is the perfect place to stop. Enjoy benches at the waterside, cosy café terraces on the quay, a sunbathing meadow, a pleasant view of trees and, of course, the water.

Nieuwe Kaai
www.jachthaventurnhout.be



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