

# Tourist guide

Park of Canals  
and Castles



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## EDITORIAL

The tour guide of the Park of Canals and Castles returns this year with its new structure which has been redesigned so that you can discover even more about what the Region has to offer!

The first part features the essentials and the unmissable... our most precious treasures. In particular, discover our «UNESCO Heritage» including the Bois du-Luc mining site, the Carnival of Binche, the historic canal and its famous lifts; a rich and diversified museum attraction; carnivals and major events throughout the year. This region is the perfect setting for walking and culture enthusiasts.

In the second part, discover the 11 towns of the Park of Canals and Castles, one after the other and everything there is to know about having a great time, there: heritage, suggested walking routes and tips, for places to visit/ eat...

We look forward to welcoming you to the Park of Canals and Castles, Please contact us if you would like any further information!

Michel Di Mattia,  
Chairman of the Tourist Information Office for the Park of Canals and Castles

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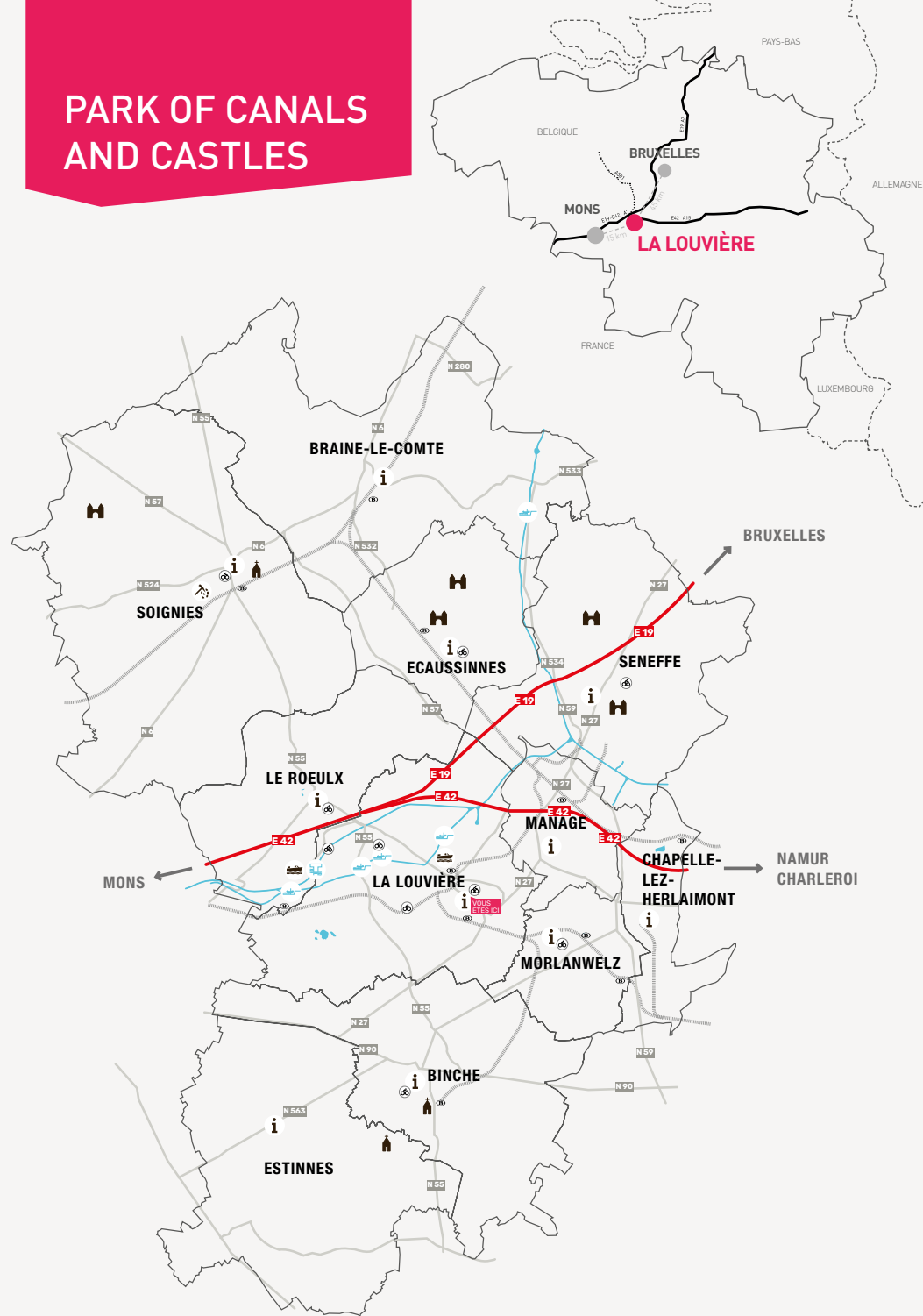
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# PARK OF CANALS AND CASTLES



## THE REGION

The Park of Canals and Castles invites you on a journey of discovery in a region through which countless canals and waterways weave their way, boasting a rich, impressive heritage: industrial archaeology, works of art, historic buildings, castles dating back to the Middle Ages or the more recent past, parks and green spaces... come and explore the Park of Canals and Castles and prepare to be well and truly charmed!

## THE MUNICIPALITIES

The Park of Canals and Castles is made up of 11 municipalities: Binche, Braine-le-Comte, Chapelle-lez-Herlaimont, Ecaussinnes, Estinnes, La Louvière, Le Roeulx, Manage, Morlanwelz, Seneffe and Soignies.



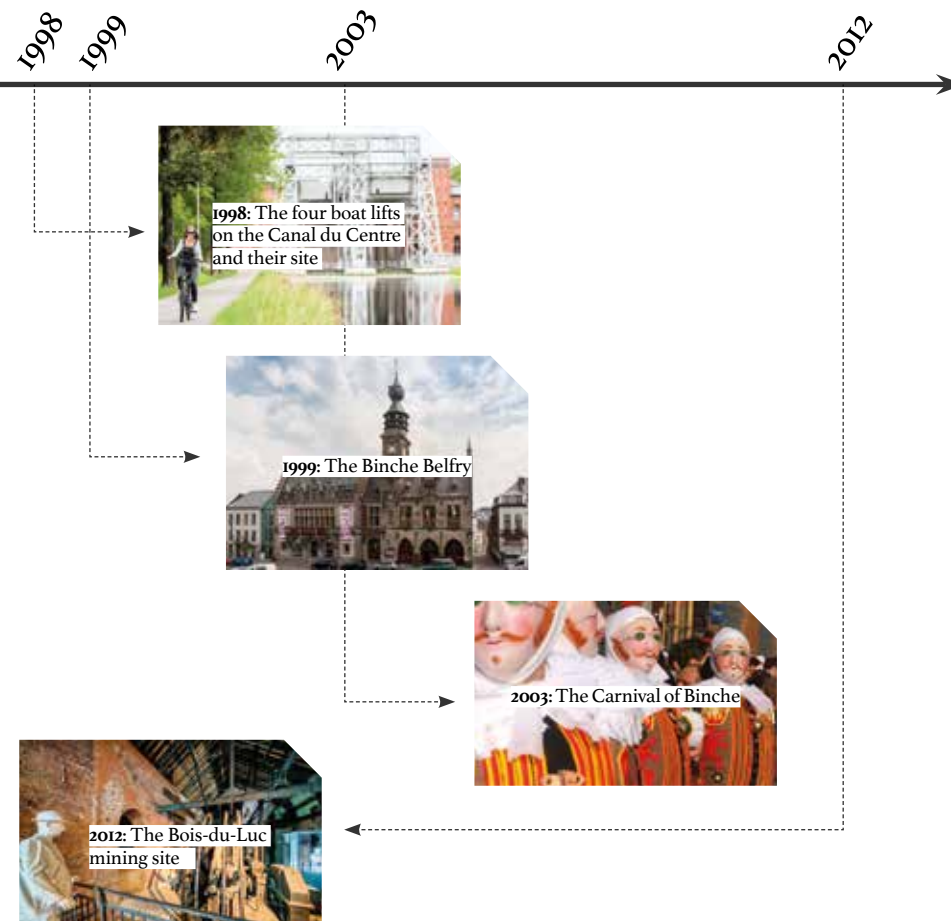


## 4 UNESCO MASTERPIECES OF WORLD HERITAGE!

World heritage and intangible cultural heritage are two categories recognised by UNESCO for places, objects and traditions around the world with exceptional universal value.

With 19 sites and events recognised by UNESCO as examples of World Heritage, and one object on UNESCO's Memory of the World register, Hainaut Province holds a national record.

THE PARK OF CANALS  
AND CASTLES IS HOME TO  
3 UNESCO SITES AND  
1 UNESCO EVENT!





1998 / THE FOUR BOAT LIFTS ON THE CANAL DU CENTRE

The first site in Belgium recognised by UNESCO before the Grand Place in Brussels and the Flemish Bèguinages!

Of the eight hydraulic boat lifts built at this time and at the beginning of the 20th century, the four lifts on the Canal du Centre are the only surviving examples in their original working order!

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1999 / THE BINCHE BELFRY

Of the 56 belfries in Belgium and France included as one entry on the UNESCO World Heritage list, 5 can be found in Hainaut Province!

The Binche belfry, part of the town hall, was built in the 14th century. Burnt down by the French in 1554, the hall was soon restored in a Renaissance style by architect Du Broeucq. In the 18th century, the architect Dewelz covered the building with a neoclassical façade but, after major restoration works in 1901, the town hall regained its Renaissance appearance.

A Baroque onion-shaped dome crowns the belfry home to a carillon: a few of its bells date back to the 16th-century. Charles V and his sister Mary of Hungary's adorn the building.

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## 2003 / THE CARNIVAL OF BINCHE

Added to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Dating back to the Middle Ages, the famous Carnival of Binche is one of the oldest events of its kind that continues to this day in Europe!

The International Carnival and Mask Museum invites you on a fascinating journey into the heart of festivities and rituals from around the world.

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## 2012 / BOIS-DU-LUC MINING SITE

Since 1 July 2012, 4 major mining sites in Wallonia have been on UNESCO's world heritage list. These are the best-preserved examples of coal mining sites, an activity that was common from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century until the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Bois-du-Luc boasts a large number of buildings constructed between 1838 and 1909 as well as one of the oldest coalmines in Europe, dating back to the late 17<sup>th</sup> century.

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# EXPLORE THE CANALS AND ALL THE TREASURES THEY HAVE TO OFFER!



## THE BOAT LIFTS ON THE HISTORIC CANAL DU CENTRE

You can't think about La Louvière without imagining the canal that runs through it, and the many opportunities for walks along its tree-lined banks, or barge trips down its undulating waters! Not to mention the boats on the boat lift! Between La Louvière and Thieu, four hydraulic boat lifts have been working for the last century. Built between 1882 and 1917, each one can take you up or down somewhere in the region of 17 metres, functioning thanks to just one energy source: water!

## LA CANTINE DES ITALIENS

Built in 1946 by Boël for its workers, the buildings have been converted into a café/restaurant and visitor centre dedicated to immigration.

Hire an electric boat and set sail from the Cantine!



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- Cruises start from the Strépy-Thieu  
Funicular Lift : Rue Raymond Cordier, 50 -  
7070 Strépy-Thieu

- Bike rental at the lift n°3  
Strépy-Bracquegnies





## STRÉPY-THIEU FUNICULAR LIFT

The process of networking Belgium's waterways for vessels up to 1,350 tonnes demanded the construction of a new stretch for the Canal du Centre with the creation of a boat lift: the largest ever built anywhere in the world, covering a height of 73.15 m! This exceptional construction is open to the public, and your experience will be packed full of amazing discoveries, including the impressive machine room and the panoramic view of the whole site and the delightful surrounding area, not to mention the exhibition of fossils discovered on the site during earth-moving work. Plus the educational aspect, with a film about the construction and operation of the lift, demonstrated by animated models and interactive games. Visit the new exhibition dedicated to the inland navigation in Belgium.

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### TOP TIP!

Embark on a guided cruise along the historic canal from the Strépy-Thieu Funicular Lift as a family outing or part of a group!

## RONQUIÈRES INCLINED PLANE

One of the masterpieces of the "Park of Canals and Castles". Visible from tens of kilometres away in every direction, the tower of the Ronquières Inclined Plane not only boasts a stunning panorama, but is also the venue for an interactive experience, dedicated quite naturally, to canals, entitled "Un bateau, une vie..." (A boat, a life...). When it comes to technical feats, it is of course the inclined plane itself (two caissons on rails that go up and down a slope 1,500 metres long, changing height by around 70m) that will grab your attention. A real masterpiece, and a remarkable example of the use of concrete in architecture (by the same person who designed the Civil Engineering Arrow for Expo 58). Take the time to explore the Visitor Centre to watch the boats go by from the glass footbridges above the site, accessible via panoramic lifts.

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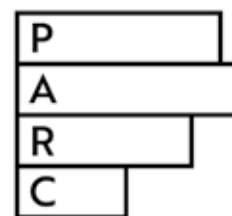
### TOP TIP!

Try the interactive experience, "Un bateau, une vie" (A boat, a life), dedicated to canals and how the inclined plane works. Climb to the top of the tower, 150 metres up in the air!





## P.A.R.C. EIGHT EXCEPTIONAL MUSEUMS!

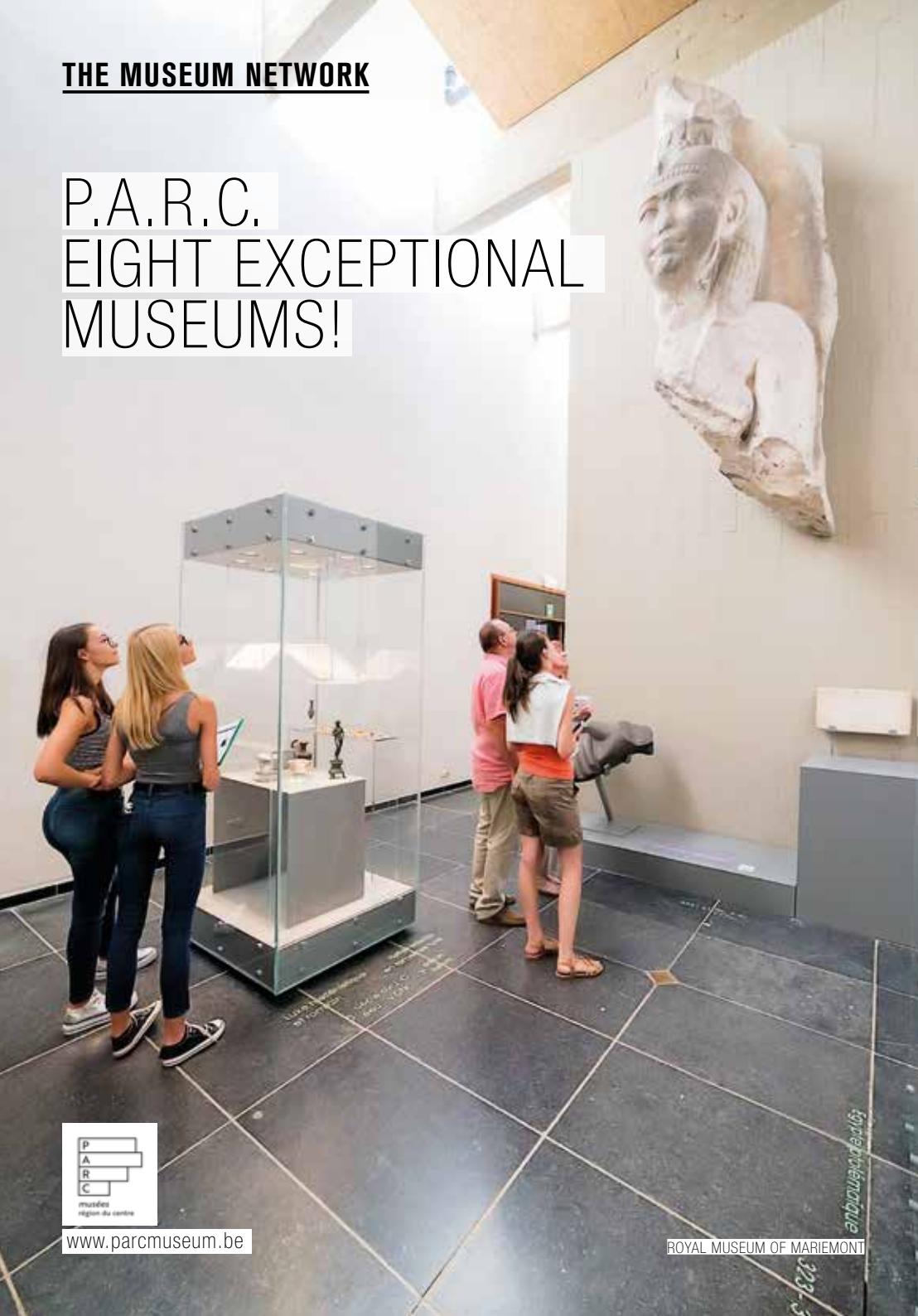


**musées  
région du centre**

**P.A.R.C., IT'S THE FOCAL  
POINT FOR THE ARTS IN THE  
CENTRAL REGION... BUT NOT  
ONLY THAT!**

Patrimony, Past, Paintings, Atelier, Archaeology, Archives, Approaching, ARTour, Reverie, Rhythm, Collieries, Carnival, Ceramics, Castle... It's also without question a boundless treasure. Some even say that it's the largest museum in Belgium! No wonder - eight museums, so close to each other, with as many collections and as much variety.... You don't see that every day. So, art-lovers, explorers and connoisseurs, what are you waiting for?

Visit these not-to-be-missed places and discover the museum treasures of the Centre Region: The Centre de la Gravure (Engraving and Printed Image Centre) / Keramis, Ceramics Centre / the Mill / Daily-Bul & Co./ The Museum of Mining and Sustainable Development (Mining Site of Bois-du-Luc classified by UNESCO) / The International Museum of Carnival and Masks / The Domain of the Castle of Seneffe - the FWB Goldsmith's Museum / The Royal Museum of Mariemont.



[www.parcmuseum.be](http://www.parcmuseum.be)

ROYAL MUSEUM OF MARIEMONT



CENTRE FOR ENGRAVING  
AND THE PRINTED IMAGE



## BOIS-DU-LUC, MUSEUM OF MINING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Bois-du-Luc is characterized by a mining village that has been preserved in its entirety, from its industrial buildings and school through to its hospice, bandstand, workers' houses and church. Come and enjoy an absorbing visit to this real-life site, the only one of its kind in Europe. Let's discover the inner workings of a remarkably old colliery (1685-1973).

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## CENTRE FOR ENGRAVING AND THE PRINTED IMAGE

The Centre for engravings is a museum dedicated to the art of printing, a unique collection, original exhibitions and an educative offer with multiple facets. It's a beautiful space that was renovated and extended in 2011.

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## IANCHELEVICI MUSEUM

### Mill

Housed in the former courthouse of La Louvière, the museum is dedicated to the sculptor Idel Ianchelevici. The permanent collection offers a track among original pieces in marble, bronze, stone, plaster and many drawings. The museum organizes temporary exhibitions around a varied program focusing on contemporary art and accompanied by an educational offer for all types of public.

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## THE DAILY-BUL: A THOUGHT, A REVIEW, A PUBLISHING HOUSE

The Daily-Bul is a thought, a magazine and a publishing house founded in 1957 by André Balthazar and Pol Bury in La Louvière following the COBRA movement and Belgian Surrealism. Founded in 2009, the Daily-Bul & C° Center promotes the archives of the Daily-Bul and its national and international collaborators including Alechinsky, Folon, Dotremont, Chavée, etc ...



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## KERAMIS: THE FRENCH COMMUNITY'S CERAMICS CENTRE

Keramis is a Museum and a space of art and creation dedicated to ceramics, and is erected on the site of the old Boch pottery in La Louvière, around three giant bottle ovens, the last of its kind in Belgium. Keramis explores the world of ceramics through temporary exhibitions en activities designed to promote an unknown and yet thousand-year-old discipline.

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## ROYAL MUSEUM OF MARIEMONT

Come and spend an unforgettable moment in the largest museum of Wallonia ! Let yourself fall under the charm of our natural and archaeological parc. At its heart, an ambitious architectural achievement invites you to a journey at the crossroads of time and cultures: treasures from all over the world and of great civilisations intertwine with those of our own Hainaut province and Belgian history.

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## CHÂTEAU DE SENEFFE ESTATE

The Domain of Seneffe, made up of a castle, the FWB silversmith's museum and a park, is an essential place to show the life in society of the time, with its permanent collection (Faste and Intimacy), at temporary exhibitions, conferences and cultural activities. Lovers of walks, the park of Domaine de Seneffe and its outdoor exhibitions are yours.

### INFO

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## INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL AND MASK MUSEUM

Visit our new Interpretation Centre and immerse yourself in the heart of the Carnival of Binche as if you were there. Discover also the folklore, the rites and the masked festivals and traditions of the whole world. Make a captivating journey through the five continents and admire hundreds of masks and costumes! A must-see collection which is unique in Europe!

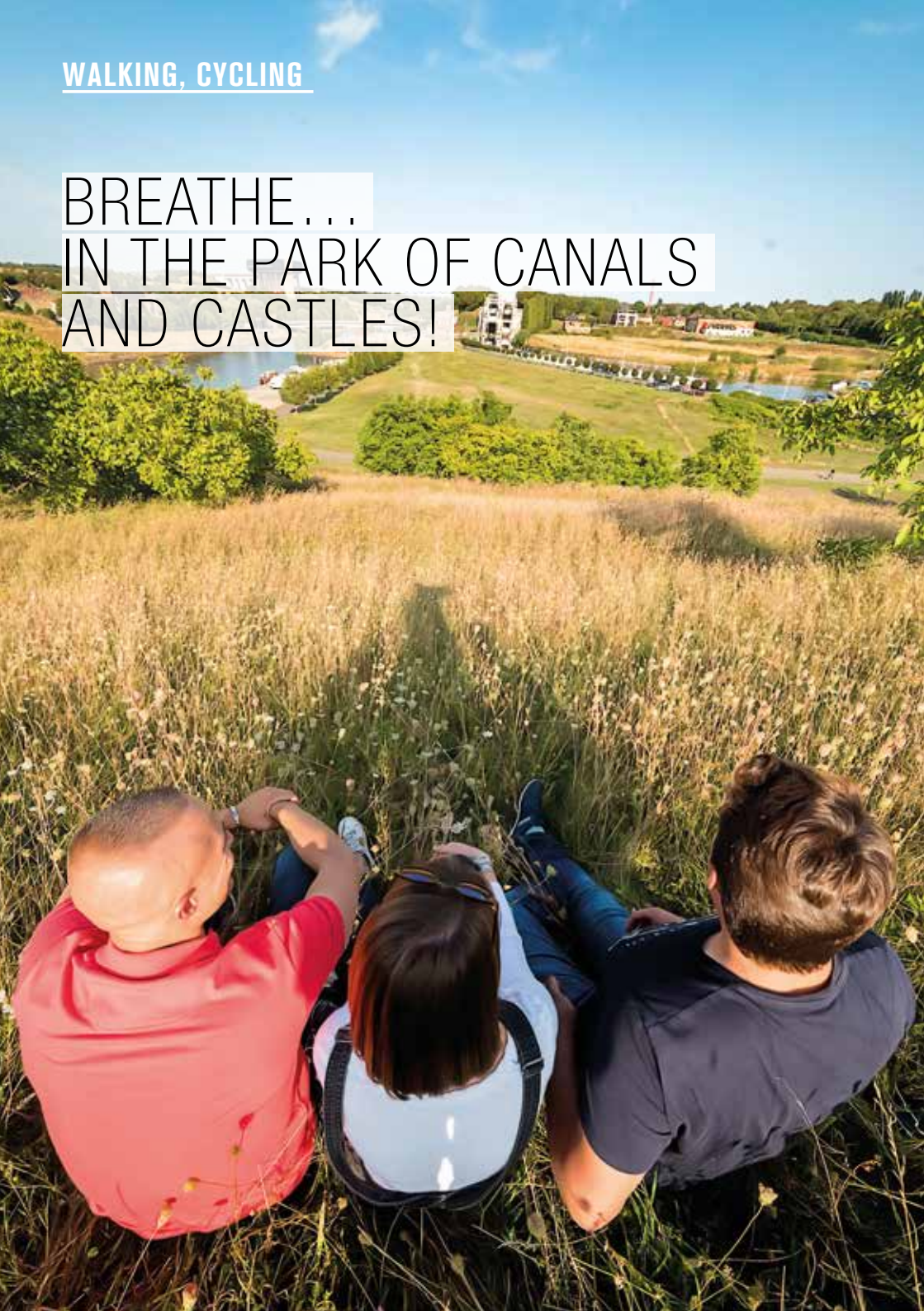
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# BREATHE... IN THE PARK OF CANALS AND CASTLES!



## VHELLO

Points-nœuds network (marked cycling network) in the Heart of Hainaut

This network of cycling itineraries in the Heart of Hainaut, covering 880km, will be connected to a group of “points-nœuds” cycling networks (marked cycling networks) which includes more than 46,000km of marked sections; the closest networks of Mons and of the Centre Region were already marked, or those of: Wallonie Picarde à Vélo and Brabant Wallon à Vélo.

Each intersection of the network is identified by a point-nœud (marker) number. The signs indicate the closest markers and the direction to follow to join them.

To prepare your itinerary, you only need to write down the list of markers that you want to pass, in the proper order, and then follow the numbered markers on land.

The network of “points-nœuds” will be available as early as July 2019.

Join the Vhello team!

INFO

vhello.be





## WOULD YOU LIKE TO HIRE A BIKE?

The Tourist Information Office has a fleet of 80 bikes.

### INFOS

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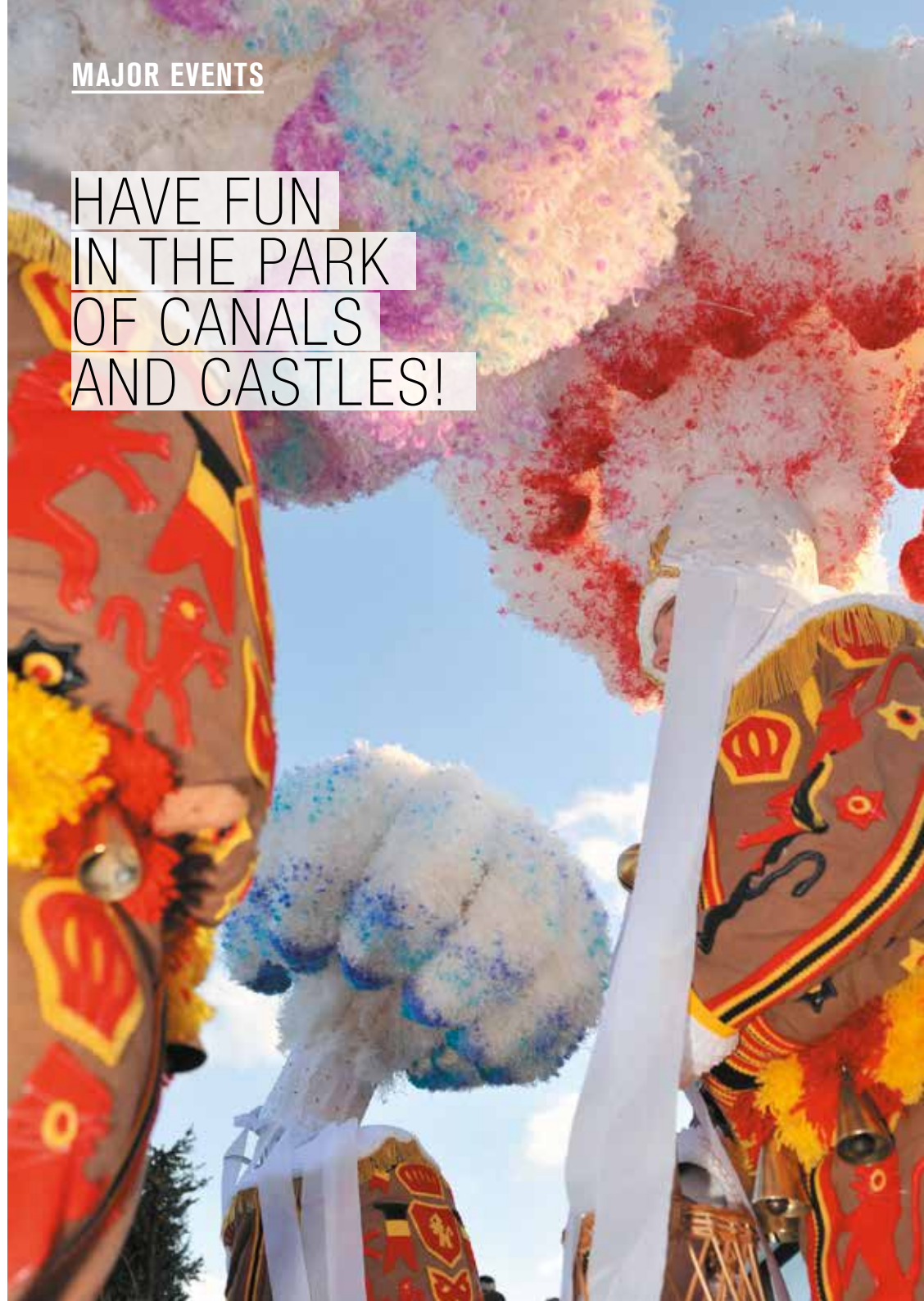
## WHERE YOU CAN HIRE THEM:

- Park of Canals and Castles Tourist Information Office
- Strépy-Thieu Funicular Boat Lift (on request)
- Strépy-Bracquenies Boat Lift number 3
- Binche Tourist Information Office
- Seneffe Castle
- Morlanwelz Tourist Pavilion
- Soignies municipal tourist information office
- Sports Center «Des Ascenseurs»
- Ecaussinnes Local Development Agency
- Bois-du-Luc, Museum of Mining and Sustainable Development



## MAJOR EVENTS

## HAVE FUN IN THE PARK OF CANALS AND CASTLES!





## LAND OF THE CARNIVAL, LAND OF THE GILLES!

Gille is the symbolic character of the Carnival of Binche, but he is also present at all the carnivals in the Centre region.. Each municipality has since developed its own unique characteristics, gradually become quite distinct from the Carnival of Binche.

## CARNIVAL OF BINCHE

**23 > 25/02/2020**

Each year, during the three days preceding Lent, it is host to carnival festivities that mobilize the historic centre and attract throngs of foreign visitors. With roots dating back to the Middle Ages, Binche's famed celebration ranks as one of Europe's oldest surviving street carnivals.

## MORLANWELZ CARNIVAL «LE FEUREU»

**01 > 02/03/2020**

Le Feureu is one of the most stunning carnivals involving Gilles in the region. During the morning of the first Sunday in Lent, all the societies gather in the Grand'place to create a magnificent spectacle. For two whole days, the town celebrates. The high point of the Feureu Carnival takes place on Monday night, in the Place Albert 1<sup>er</sup> where the groups form a huge circle around a pyre.

## LA LOUVIÈRE CARNIVAL

**22 > 24/03/2020**

Halfway through Lent, La Louvière wakes to the sound of drumming and the hammering of clogs: it's the Gilles. Dating back 150 years, the Laetare Carnival takes place in La Louvière, the city of wolves. The defining moment of Tuesday is the "brûlage des bosses" at 9pm: to symbolise the end of the carnival, an effigy dressed as Gille and stuffed with straw is burned.

## CHAPELLE-LEZ-HERLAIMONT CARNIVAL

**22 > 24/03/2020**

The Chapelle Carnival has established quite a reputation for itself that has managed to cross the region's borders. On Laetare Monday, the fireworks create a fabulous pyrotechnic spectacle, the high point of the event known as "Prestige des Tchats", which is followed by several thousand spectators.

## THE UNMISSABLE EVENTS FOR THE PARK OF CANALS AND CASTLES 2019 /2020

## SALSICCIA FESTIVAL (CHAPELLE-LEZ-HERLAIMONT)

**LAST WEEKEND IN MAY**

With more than 15,000 visitors over the course of the weekend, the "Salsiccia" festival has become the region's biggest Sicilian celebration.

## INTERNATIONAL HOT AIR BALLOON CHALLENGE (LE ROEULX)

**LAST WEEKEND IN JUNE**

On the last Sunday in June, as part of the carnival, Le Roeulx hosts a hot air balloon extravaganza during which around thirty multi-coloured balloons of all shapes and sizes rise up together in a magnificent ballet in the sky.

## EL CAUDIA IN BOIS-D'HAINE (MANAGE)

**ON THE TUESDAY AFTER  
THE LAST SUNDAY IN JUNE**

The "Chauveau" in Bois-d'Haine is a long-standing celebration whose origins date back to 1411. On the Tuesday after the last Sunday in June, a procession makes its way through the streets of the village to the sound of music. At sunset, the "chauveau" (a milk soup with sugar and mastelle biscuits) is cooked in pots hanging from the horse chestnut tree in the Place Roi Baudouin. Once the "chauveau" is ready, it is offered to the mayor and the parish priest before it is distributed to the people.



INTERNATIONAL HOT AIR  
BALLOON CHALLENGE



WEEKEND ON THE WATER'S  
EDGE AND SPECTACULAR  
CRUISES (LA LOUVIÈRE)

1<sup>st</sup> WEEKEND IN JULY

Attracting thousands of visitors each year, the “Weekend au bord de l’Eau” has become an unmissable event in La Louvière’s calendar. At the beginning of July, visitors alike can enjoy a market of food and crafts, nautical fairground activities and a concert stage. Head along the towpath to Lift no. 3 to enjoy the street artists, family entertainment circus acts, musicians and creative workshops. If you’d like to find out more about the boat lifts, you’re in for a treat!



WEEKEND ON THE WATER'S EDGE  
AND SPECTACULAR CRUISES

RONQUIÈRES FESTIVAL  
(BRAINE-LE-COMTE)

1<sup>st</sup> WEEKEND IN AUGUST

In 7 years and a total of 210.000 festivalgoers have succumbed to the charm of this wonderful atmosphere and location, with fantastic concerts establishing the Ronquières Festival on the events calendar.



RONQUIÈRES FESTIVAL

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT  
BONNE-ESPÉRANCE ABBEY  
(ESTINNES)

4<sup>th</sup> WEEKEND IN AUGUST

«AOÛT EN ÉCLATS»  
(SOIGNIES)

LAST WEEKEND IN AUGUST

This free, multidisciplinary and family-friendly multi-festival welcomes a multitude of activities: shows, concerts, a world market and flavors and a village for children.

FESTIVAL « LES TAILLEURS »  
(ECAUSSINNES)

1<sup>st</sup> WEEKEND IN OCTOBER

The original idea behind this young festival was to revitalise the village’s public space by bringing culture on to the streets and putting on an event in the centre of the village for a weekend that would stay in people’s minds for many years to come.

SENEFFE FESTIVAL  
(SENEFFE)

3<sup>th</sup> WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER

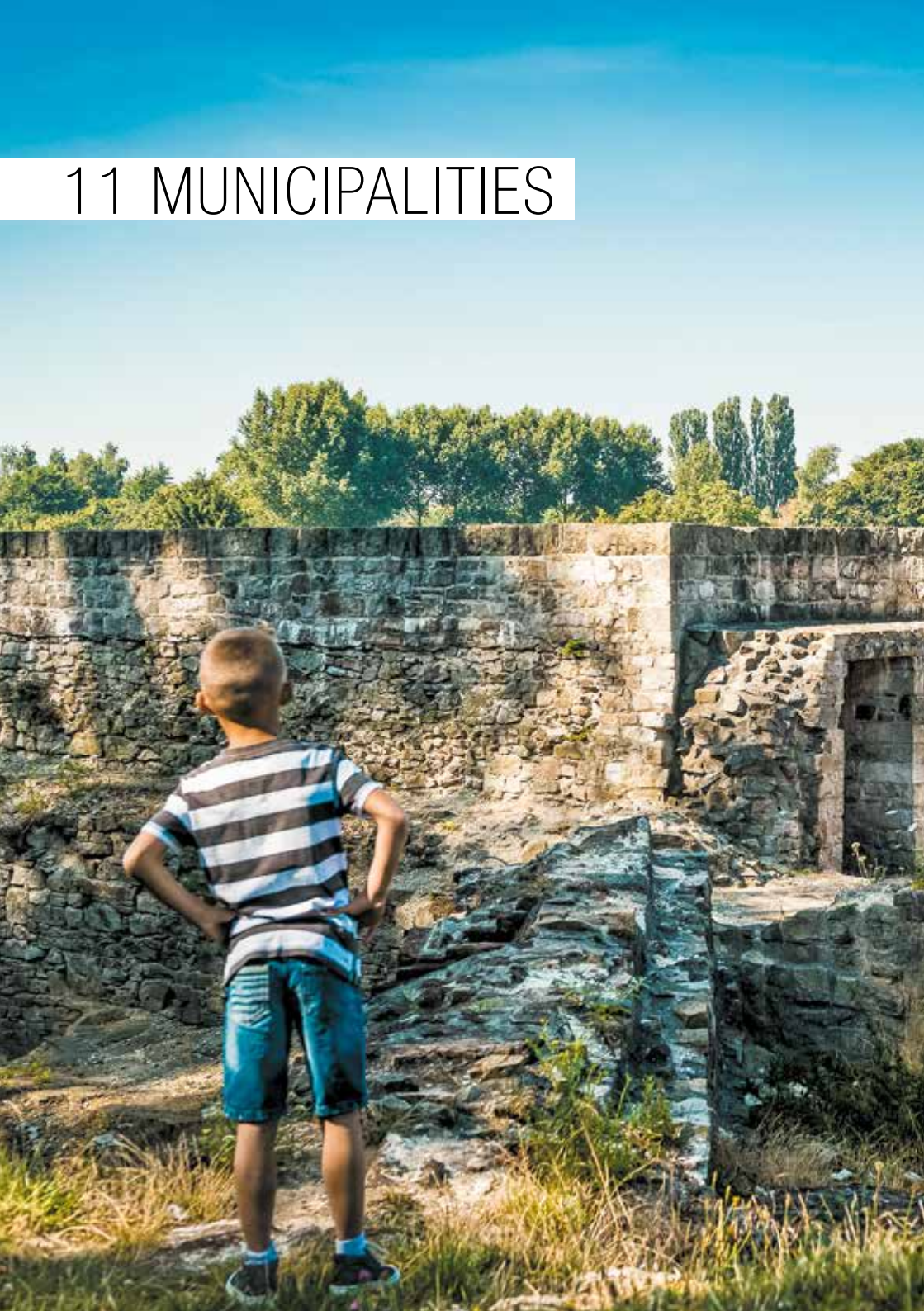
Seneffe will be welcoming the best cover and tribute bands for a weekend for the ultimate celebration of music.



FESTIVAL « LES TAILLEURS »



# 11 MUNICIPALITIES



## BINCHE

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### THE BINCHE BELFRY

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### CARNIVAL OF BINCHE

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### INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL AND MASK MUSEUM

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### THE FORTIFICATIONS

Delightfully restored and lit up at night, with its 22 towers, today's fortifications in Binche date back to the 14th century. They replaced an older, smaller construction that protected the rocky spur to the south of Binche.

### SAINT-URSMER COLLEGIATE CHURCH

The Moustier Sainte-Marie, a primitive building, was built in the Roman style in the 12th century. In 1408, the Lobbes chapter came to Binche with its holy relics and treasures, and the collegiate church dedicated to Saint Ursmer was built.

### "LA BINCHOISE" ARTISAN BREWERY

The history of the Brasserie dates back to 1847. In 1929, the site was bought by Oscar Roulez, a maltster, who knocked down the old brewery and built the current buildings. In 1979, André Graux installed the Brasserie La Binchoise. Since 2000, the brewery has been open to the public. You can go on a guided tour as well as taking part in beer tasting sessions.



INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL  
AND MASK MUSEUM



BRAINE-LE-COMTE

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RONQUIÈRES INCLINED PLANE

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BOIS DE LA HOUSSIÈRE

Braine-le-Comte boasts one of the most remarkable wooded areas in Hainaut, an expanse of over 650 hectares whose existence can be explained by the tall mound of Lutetian sand (with a 160m summit) marking the boundary between the Bainette Valley and the Senette Valley.

CHAPELLE-LEZ-HERLAIMONT

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CHAPELLE-LEZ-HERLAIMONT CARNIVAL

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IRON MAN

The Survey marker (nicknamed Iron man) can be found at the southernmost point of the wood. It contributed to the map of Belgium in the XIX<sup>th</sup> century, made with the help of the principle of triangulation. It was later used to calculate latitude/longitude, altitude and force of gravity. It remains a reminder of our history and the ingenuity of our ancestors.

WALKING AND CYCLING  
IN BRAINE-LE-COMTE

The landscape around Braine-Le-Comte is incredibly diverse and a wonderful area to explore; walks in the forest, mountain biking through the countryside, a stroll along the canal, a bike ride taking in the local heritage... Nature is one of our greatest assets, and some sites are listed so well worth a visit.

CLAIRE-FONTAINE ESTATE

For an hour or more, the Claire-Fontaine rest and relaxation centre welcomes visitors in a lovely green setting, next-door to a bird sanctuary, for some outdoor activities. You can try your hand at water sports or just take a stroll along the surrounding paths. As well as a wide range of recreational activities, the site also houses a campsite and caravan park.

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BOIS DE LA HOUSSIÈRE



CLAIRE-FONTAINE ESTATE





ECAUSSINNES-LALAING FORTIFIED CASTLE

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### THE ECAUSSINNES-LALAING FORTIFIED CASTLE AND GARDEN

Built in the 12<sup>th</sup> century by Count Baudouin V of Hainaut, the Ecaussinnes-Lalaing fortified castle is a stunning example of medieval architecture that has been passed down through the centuries to the present day.

### THE 14-18 AND 40-45 WAR MUSEUM

For more than 30 years, Raymond Maucq collected everything that could relate to the 14-18 war, but even more so the 40-45 war. You'll find an impressive and incredibly diverse collection of objects that were used during the war, the end of which marked the freedom of Europe and the beginning of its Union.

### LE GOÛTER MATRIMONIAL

Every year at Pentecost, a whole population mobilizes and relives the tradition of the «Goûter Matrimonial», initiated by Marcel Tricot in 1903.



BONNE-ESPÉRANCE ABBEY

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### BONNE-ESPÉRANCE ABBEY

Founded in 1130 by the canons of the Ordre of Prémontré, the Norbertine Bonne-Espérance Abbey, located in the municipality of Vellereille-les-Brayeux, in Estinnes, is the only one in Hainaut to have been preserved from the ravages of the French revolution. As it stands today, it is a remarkable example of 18<sup>th</sup> century architecture.

### THE WINDMILL PARK

Modern-day windmills now tower over the Estinnes countryside. Eleven wind turbines, each one 198m tall, regarded as the most powerful onshore wind turbines in the world.

### AGAISES VINEYARD

The Agaises vineyard can be found in the municipality of Estinnes, a few kilometres East of Binche. More than 180,000 vines are planted on 18 hectares, making Agaises the biggest wine producer in Belgium. The traditional production method, using Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier grapes, has produced plaudits for a number of Seigneur Ruffus champagnes.





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La Louvière, also known as the City of Wolves, is Wallonia's 5<sup>th</sup> town and the capital of the Central Region. Its UNESCO-listed mining site and boat lifts bear witness to some stunning post-industrial heritage, while its six museums demonstrate its cultural buzz. It is also a city that is constantly on the go, led by countless events that punctuate the calendar, including the famous carnival. Last but not least, whilst it is of course an urban hub, La Louvière is also packed with peaceful green spaces, which are a delight to explore.

#### INCREDIBLE RIVER HERITAGE

##### THE BOAT LIFTS ON THE HISTORIC CANAL DU CENTRE

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##### THE STRÉPY-THIEU FUNICULAR BOAT LIFT

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#### BOAT LIFT NO. 4 ON THE HISTORIC CANAL DU CENTRE

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#### STRÉPY-THIEU FUNICULAR BOAT LIFT

see p.14

#### THE ST-FEULLIEN BREWERY

In the 7<sup>th</sup> century, an Irish monk called Feuillien came to the continent to preach the Gospel. Unfortunately, in 655, he was attacked and decapitated. His disciples built a chapel which, in 1125, became a Norbertine Abbey: the Abbaye de Saint-Feuillien du Roeulx. Up until the French Revolution, the abbey prospered, and monks brewed beer there. Founded in 1873 by Stéphanie Friart, Saint-Feuillien Brewery keeps the memory of the abbey alive today.

#### THIEU MARINA

Thieu Marina is on the historical canal of the Centre Region (350 tonnes), not far from Boat Lift no. 4.



LA LOUVE (SHE-WOLF), THE SYMBOL OF LA LOUVIÈRE



STRÉPY-THIEU FUNICULAR BOAT LIFT EN BOAT LIFT N°4





SCAILMONT VALLEY

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### EL CAUDIA IN BOIS-D'HAINE

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## SCAILMONT VALLEY

Rich and diverse, it covers 10 hectares, encompassing the Bois de Scailmont, ponds and lots of streams. This peaceful, relaxing area is the central point of a number of walking routes that are perfect for exploring the countryside, historic sites and prehistoric attractions but perhaps more importantly, for all sorts of outdoor and natural leisure activities.



MARIEMONT PARK

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### MARIEMONT ROYAL MUSEUM

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## MARIEMONT PARK

Mariemont Park is one of the most beautiful parks in Belgium. It covers around 45 hectares, as well as its driveway, "Drève de Mariemont". It looks the same as it would have done at the beginning of the 20th century. Designed according to models of English gardens of that time, with lawn, lakes, winding paths and foliage, the park also have a number of trees that are over a hundred years old.

## MARIEMONT WOOD

Mariemont wood covers around 150 hectares and is part of the Mariemont Estate. It is mainly made up of neutrophile beech, oak and hornbeam trees. When it comes to heritage, the wood contains many reminders of the region's mining past. Mineshafts, rail tunnels, remnants of the railway and man-made ravines and embankments are just some of the traces of coal mining still visible today.

## MONTAIGU PRIORY

Along with the Notre-Dame Chapel in Saint-Sang, Montaigu Priory is one of the last witnesses of Morlanwelz's past that is still standing today. A contemporary of the Royal Castle of the Archdukes Albert and Isabelle, an iconic local monument, it is only natural that it has become a cultural venue for the area, even if originally it would have seemed unlikely that it would end up with such a profane vocation.





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SILVERWARE COLLECTION

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SENEFFE PARK AND GARDENS:  
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Designed as a site for walks and leisure, Seneffe Castle Park will also be a venue for open-air exhibitions and events, where visitors will be won over by the beauty of the setting and the magic of the activities that take place here. Internationally renowned artists use the space to exhibit their work here every year.

MARINA & DOCK

Seneffe has a marina where boats can be moored for a few days or permanently. As well as the marina building, there are also sinks, rooms and mooring facilities.



BLUE STONE

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LOUVIGNIES CASTLE

A real treasure trove, this charming romantic castle, a typical example of 19<sup>th</sup> architecture, houses memories of daily life during the Belle Epoque. The guided tour will take you through formal living rooms, bedrooms where chatelaines used to get ready. The kitchen is a real treat and has been used as the set for films including Claude Berry's "Germinal" and François Ozon's "Angel".

SAINT-VINCENT COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Soignies, a town with Medieval origins, lived for almost 9 centuries to the rhythm of the Canons of Saint Vincent, who built an imposing Collegiate church here in the 11<sup>th</sup> century. The primitive Roman style, with its tall rubble stone walls and two imposing towers, give the building a strength, majesty and elegance.

BLUE STONE DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

Soignies, European Center of the Blue Stone, makes the international fame of the city. Discover the grandiose spectacle of the men bustling at the bottom of the quarries and maneuvering mechanical monsters in the roar of roaring engines and the clatter of the chains that hoist the huge limestone blocks. Tour of the working quarry's installations with the guide.



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