Accessible route in Ghent

You start at the inquiry desk of Visit Gent, in the Oude Vismijn on the Veerplein. You immediately have a beautiful view of the Castle of the Counts. On this square, between house numbers 8 and 10, you will also find an accessible public toilet. When you leave the inquiry desk, turn right on the square. Follow the row of facades and then turn right again onto the Geldermarkt.

Cross the bridge. On your right you can visit the Great Butchers’ Hall. It’s best to leave it on the same road you came in. Continue along the Goorstraat and turn right to Korenmalt. Keep to the right-hand side of the road. Here you will find benches, and on your right hand side under the bridge there is also an accessible public toilet. If you like, you can also turn right onto the St Michael’s Bridge. This bridge is quite steep, but you will be rewarded with a splendid view of the Graslei, Korenlei and the three towers of Ghent. Then you return on the same side and cross the Korenmalt to St Nicholas’ Church. Stay to the right of the church and follow the left side of the Cataloniestraat, where you will also find the entrance to the St Nicholas’ Church.

A little further on, on the Emile Braunplein, take a left down the slope. In the left-hand corner you will not only find an accessible public toilet and a renting service for prams and wheelchairs, but also a lift leading to the City Pavilion on the Gouden Leeuwplein. Here you will also find benches. Leave the lift on the right and go under the City Pavilion. Via the Poeljemarkt you walk left next to the Belfry, which leads to the Sint-Baafsplein. Here you will again find benches.

You cross the square diagonally, behind the fountain. There you will find a barrier-free transition. At the end you see St Bavo’s Cathedral. The accessible entrance to the new visitor centre is on the left side of the cathedral. Later in the route you will pass by there, but if you like you can cut off part of the route here by turning left into the cathedral and connect to the Nederpolder via the Kapittelstraat. To follow the standard route, cross the Limburgstraat from the Sint-Baafsplein to the Lange Kruisstraat. There you immediately cross over again, via a small threshold of about 3 to 4 cm, so that you are walking on the right side of that street. A little further on, turn right into Mageleinsteeg. Then turn left into Sint-Baafssteeg, and right again into Korte Kruisstraat. Here the flat cobblestones are somewhat uneven. Then turn left again into the Mageleinsteeg, where you will find benches.

You cross over to the Kalandestraat, via a threshold of about 3 to 4 cm. The flat cobblestones in this street are somewhat uneven here and there. You will also find benches here. A little further on, keep right at the fork in the road, and then turn left into Kouterdreef. You will arrive at Kouter, where there are benches. The Sunday flower market continues on the Kouter.

Turn immediately left and follow the Vogelmarkt and EBrabantdamm on the left until you reach the François Lourentplein. On your right you will see De Krook. If you like you can cross over to the viewpoint at the water. You will find benches here. Cross the square first, then turn left and continue on the right side of the square. At the end, cross the Vlaanderenstraat and then immediately turn left into the Limburgstraat. At both crossings you will have a small threshold of about 2 cm. You are now in front of the Castle of Gerald the Devil.

A little further on, after the Castle of Gerald the Devil, turn right into the Geraard De Duveistraat. Here you will see the statue of the Van Eyck brothers, the painters of the Mystic Lamb, on the Maaseikplein. This is a pedestrian zone, where it is best to stay on the street to avoid the bumpy footpath (the reconstruction is planned). Turn right again in the Maaseikstraat.

At the end of Maaseikstraat, cross the Bisdomplein diagonally to the left. In this way you partly avoid the cobblestones of the street itself. You will find benches here. Then turn left onto the Bisdomkaai, where you need to cross some cobblestones. If you like, you can relax a bit further along the water of the Reep by taking the strip down into flat cobblestones. There are benches here as well.

The route itself continues to the left, in the Nederpolder. This is a traffic-free street, where the pavement is not accessible, but you can just stay on the street. A little further on, via Kapittelstraat (a residential area where pedestrians have right of way and can therefore remain on the street), you reach the entrance to the new visitors’ centre of St Bavo’s Cathedral on your left. After your visit you return to the Nederpolder. Please note that the street is sloping all the time. You follow it to the end, where you cross straight on to the Hoogpoort. On your left you will see the Town Hall.

In the Hoogpoort it is best to stay on the right side to avoid the central gutter. A little further you turn right into the colourful Werregarenstraat. Halfway you will see the courtyard garden of the Hof van Ryhove, which you can visit a little further on. At the end, turn right again, into the Onderstraat. This is another residential area, where you can just stay on the street. A little further on, you can visit the courtyard garden of the Hof van Ryhove (house number 20) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays. You have to take the sloping pavement and a 3 cm threshold.

Nearby you turn left into the Serpentstraat, via a threshold of about 3 cm and a short but steep slope. The cobblestones are flat, but somewhat uneven. It is best to stay on the left side of the street to avoid the central gutter. At the end, turn immediately left into the Kammenstraat, and after 10 metres, cross the street on the right. Then immediately turn left again to Vrijdagmarkt, in front of the entrance to the car park. On the Vrijdagmarkt you will see the statue of Jacob Van Artevelde in the car park building you will find an accessible public toilet. Follow the strip between the rows of trees in flat paving stones. At the end, cross the street diagonally to the left and continue straight ahead until you reach the Big Cannon.

On the Big Cannon Square, turn right. A short stretch of cobblestones is very uneven here. Then you turn left over the bridge of the Meerseniersstraat. After the bridge the flat cobblestones are also uneven here and there. At the end you turn left. You keep going along the water, on the left side of the Kraanlei. Here you will find some benches and pass the House of Aijn. The flat cobblestones have been raised again.

At the end you cross over a threshold of 3 to 4 cm and a sloping pavement to the Veerplein. You are now at the end of the walk.

In the brochure you will find more information about these places.