Grand Commandery Alden Biesen lives.

A TURBULENT PAST
From the regional headquarters of the Teutonic Order in the 13th century to a dramatic fire that set the place ablaze in 1971 ... Every stone of the Grand Commandery Alden Biesen emanates European history. A past we are proud of and that we wish to share with everyone.

A VIBRANT PRESENT
Today the Grand Commandery Alden Biesen is a unique heritage site, an international cultural and conference centre and one of the finest gems of Haspengouw. Every year events such as the International Storytelling Festival, the Zomeropera, Fleuramour, Agricultura and the Scottish Weekend attract throngs of curious visitors.

NEW!
As of October 2016 Alden Biesen will host Bilzen Mysteries: a night-time walk through the fascinating past of this unique moated castle. With spectacular video, sound and light effects and ... a mysterious guide. A real must do alone, as a couple, family or company.
Immerse yourself in the past!

The Grand Commandery Alden Biesen is brimming with stories. Ancient secrets lurking in the darkness are brought back to life. With Bilzen Mysteries you experience the past of Alden Biesen as if you were there yourself!

**BILZEN MYSTERIES SETS YOUR IMAGINATION ON FIRE**

With a tablet in your hand and headphones on your ears, you make an unprecedented multimedia journey through 800 years of history of the Teutonic Order.

From the Brethren Knights on crusade, over dancing nymphs in the romantic Temple of Minerva, to a devastating fire ... Immerse yourself in the enchanting scenery of Alden Biesen and a fascinating story based on true events.

Your guide is Lord Biesen, the last owner of the castle. He knows the site inside out and he reveals all the secrets of the Grand Commandery to you one at a time.

Video, sound and light effects thrill your senses and intensify the experience. The past has never been this exciting before.

Bilzen Mysteries: experience it for yourself during a one-hour spectacle.

Lord Biesen awaits you ...
Lord Biesen: a special guide!

Lord Biesen was the last private owner of the Grand Commandery. Today he is your guide and narrator in Bilzen Mysteries. You meet him on 8 March 1971, the day that fate dealt Alden Biesen a terrible blow.

Everyone knew Squire Armand Roelants du Vivier as ‘Lord Biesen’. Throughout his life, he fought to maintain the massive property and keep it intact. Gardening, repairing roofs, fixing the plumbing ... He did everything himself and no one could stop him.

You can recognise this charming eccentric by his raincoat, rubber boots and dilapidated moped!
A fascinating history.

THE TEUTONIC ORDER
In Alden Biesen, the 'Versailles of the Low Countries', the Teutonic Order ruled for 800 years. Only those who know the secret passage through the Night Gate will discover why this order was so powerful.

KNIGHTS AND HORSEMENT
Experience an exciting tournament between the German Grand Master and the Polish king. The future of Europe depends on it!

PILGRIMS
Pilgrims were welcomed in the Guest House after a tiring journey. During Bilzen Mysteries you must try to secretly follow these pilgrims.

HERETICS
The battle against the infidels was also fiercely fought here: heretics, Protestants and adherents of other religions stood in the crossfire.

THE CHURCH
In the church, novices became knights of the Teutonic Order and were given their mission as dragon slayers. But beware: evil is closer than you think!

THE MOON
Stroll through the English Park and imagine you are lord or lady of the castle! A romantic and mythical experience in the moonlight...

CRUSADERS
Put on your helmet and follow the Brethren Knights on their Fifth Crusade in the ultimate battle to free Jerusalem from the cunning Al-Kamil.

MINERVA AND THE NYMPHS
The light dances around the Temple of Minerva. Or are those nymphs trying to seduce you?

THE PLAGUE
Around the moat of the castle the plague doctor warns us from behind his spine-chilling mask.

THE FIRE OF THE CENTURY
Alden Biesen in flames! Experience the destruction of the moated castle with your own eyes.

FRENCH FORMAL GARDEN
A French feast provides a rousing finale. And Lord Biesen finally discovers why the stubborn fountain is not working!
Ready to pay a visit?

Book your tickets online at www.bilzenmysteries.be!

**Admission rates**

**Individuals**
- Adults: €15 p.p.*
- Free for children up to the age of 6
- Children and young people up to the age of 18: €12 p.p.*
- Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children/young people or 1 adult and 3 children/young people): €48*
- Students on production of a student card: €12 p.p.*
- Senior citizens (60 years and over): €12*
- Disabled & accompanying carer: €12* (on production of a "disability certificate")

**Groups of 20 people or more**
- Adults and children: €10 p.p.*

* Rental of tablet and headphones included in the price. A supplement of €3 is charged on the entrance price at the gate.

**Ample parking**

Parking is **free**, including for buses.

**Duration of Bilzen Mysteries**

Approximately **1 hour**.

**Opening times (see timeline below)**

From sunset to midnight (last admission at 11 pm), during the summer months until 1 am (last admission at midnight).

**Opening days**

- During (Belgian) holiday periods daily /
- Outside (Belgian) holiday periods, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday /
- **By reservation only** (for groups and company events) Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**Closed**

- Closed in September and between the end of the Christmas holidays and the start of the spring half-term.

Would you like to combine an event or activity at our conference centre with a group visit to Bilzen Mysteries? No problem. We would be delighted to offer you an attractive deal to suit your requirements.

For a price quote for a corporate event or group visit, contact us at info@bilzenmysteries.be.

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**Opening times**

For details of opening times, visit www.bilzenmysteries.be
A weekend in Limburg?
Why not!

A visit to Bilzen Mysteries fits perfectly with a weekend in Limburg: cycling through orchards, a day’s shopping in trendy Hasselt, a nostalgic visit to the Jazz Bilzen museum, The Legend or the famous Gallo-Roman Museum in Tongeren, discovering the Voer Region, Bokrijk and B-Mine, feasting on regional products ... In Limburg you can do it all.

Moreover, there is a wide range of extremely comfortable and pleasant accommodation on offer: from trendy boutique hotels and cosy B&Bs to farmhouses full of rustic charm in the countryside, Limburg welcomes you! Not forgetting countless places to eat and drink, trendy bars and gastronomic restaurants. What are you waiting for?
How to get here

KASTEELSTRAAT 6 - 3740 BILZEN

We are at the heart of the Euregio, with cities such as Hasselt, Tongeren, Liège, Maastricht (NL) and Aken (DE) in the vicinity.

By car
On the E313 Antwerp-Liège, take exit 31. Then follow the signs for Alden Biesen.

De Lijn
Our attraction cannot be accessed via De Lijn for the time being.

Public transport
Alden Biesen is 5 km from the station in Bilzen and can be easily reached by taxi from there.

By air
- Maastricht Airport (NL) 20 km
- Zaventem Airport 95 km
- Charleroi Airport (Brussels South) 110 km
- Liège Bierset Airport 35 km

By bicycle
Alden Biesen is located on the cycle junction 68. There is a bicycle parking station on site.

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