FLANDERS
Where history, artistic beauty, and hidden secrets await you

Welcome to Flanders, a small region where everything from delicious food to wonderful music, takes craftsmanship to new levels. Artistic cities such as Antwerp, Brussels, Ghent, Leuven and Mechelen are home to culinary delights, delicious chocolate and an endless variety of local and artisanal beers. You'll find cutting-edge design and fashion that's ahead of its time side-by-side with architecture that's revolutionary. The Flemish Masters were experts in their craft, such as Jan van Eyck who revolutionised oil painting techniques. Prepare yourself for an experience: Flanders wants to share its secrets, its delights and its painting techniques. Prepare yourself for an experience: Flanders wants to share its secrets, its delights and its painting techniques.

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Rubens House
Rubens’ house is a masterpiece in this charming place where the master lived and worked.

Antwerp Cathedral
An impressive Gothic church where Rubens is buried next to his masterpiece. There is still much to see today. Like a challenge? Drink the lift steps to the bell tower.

St. Charles Borromean Church
The very best Rubens church. We designed parts of the church himself and the masterpiece. The statues of the holy family can be found there.

Royal Museum of Fine Arts
This museum is one of the best Rubens collections. It is ideal to see the works of the master in an intimate, homely setting.

Brabo
A statue of Rubens’s personal hero, the god Baco.

Magdalen House
The lower floor of this former monk’s oratory now serves as a Rubens’ art collection and the historical site is certainly worth a visit.

Museum Mayer van den Bergh
Free waged, they are responsible for some of the most important art collections in the country during the 19th century. The collection contains several masterpieces by the Flemish Masters, which can still be admired in an intimate, homely setting.

Cycling
Use the city bike to move around the city easily. For bike hire, you can buy a daily pass.

De Kooning Brewery
Former brewery in Antwerp. Home of delicious beer as well as a detailed history of the brewery and beer at the interactive visitor centre.

Seefrist
Born in失败 times, a pils was a rougher, stronger kind of beer. In the 18th century, they used to drink brown ale in brandy-storing carpenter homes. You can follow this route from beer to market.

The Eleventh Commandment
Drink a glass of beer under the approving eye of angels in this unique restaurant full of religious décor from pujols to saints.

Café Kilkariert
One of the 10 best beer calls on the planet, according to the leading beer website belgiumbeer.be.

Dagsearr: PLAATS
Here we select the best with the locals in this welcoming square.

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Rockox and Swevers Houses
Former mayor Rockox Rockox and painter Swevers lived in these houses with Rubens. Together, their homes create a beautiful city palace which is now open to the public.

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Venus

Antwerp is a centre of fashion. Around lunch restaurant Het Gebaar. Reservations are advised.

Museum Aim de Strycker (MAWI and BLAEMU)
The eclectic building dates from the beginning of the 20th century. Much like the district it is in, the Museum Aim de Strycker (MABI) is a welcoming venue with timely exhibitions.

Port House
The spectacular Port House is the official building of the port of Antwerp. The architectural gem was designed by world renowned architect Zaha Hadid.

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Graslei and Het Steen
A building complex with two towers, located near the old city walls. The building contains a museum.

Museum Plantin-Moretus
Christophe Plantijn and his son-in-law Jan Moretus were pioneers of letterpress printing. The museum is now a museum and is open to the public.

New Palace of Justice
Law and order are the priority in this prestigious legal center. The daring construction is the work of Richard Rogers, who also drew the plans for the Centre Pompidou in Paris.

Desingel
This cultural temple is a beacon of contemporary arts theatre, dance and music.

Cosies-Pijsk
This venue is a unique combination of masterpieces from the architectural heyday of Antwerp. Musicians, Mezzos and balladeers.

Grote Markt
Rubens was a leading light in the flamboyant Renaissance period. The architecture of the town hall, in the Grote Markt, is a gem from this period.

Museum Van de Stroom (MAWI and BLAEMU)
This building is also an architectural gem to Belgium. The little kiosk, which was ultimately absorbed into the 20th century. Much like the district it is in, the Museum Van de Stroom (MAWI) is a welcoming venue with timely exhibitions.

Central Station
This train station is more than a point of arrival or departure. It’s a destination in itself. The elaborate building dates from the beginning of the 20th century and has been frequently named as one of the most beautiful stations in the world.

Dino Museum
This hands-on experience centre offers an insight to diamond city of the diamond capital of the world.

St. Annus Pedestrian Tunnel
St. Jacob tunnel was opened in 1910 and is still going strong. You can access the tunnel via an authentic wooden escalator, walk under the clock and view Antwerp’s skyline from the lift.

Botanical Garden
The unique green space in the city centre has a history of over 200 years. In a unique location, the Botanical Garden has attracted many tourists from both home and abroad.

Vlaanderen Bouw
The home of Rubens, around tram stop, you will find the fashion department store and rubens’s home from top designers.

Wing
Here, you will find stunning city museums housing many fabulous shops in the perfect stopping area.

Kloosterstraat
Nestled around this vintage street in Antwerp.