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from **NAMUR** to **BASTOGNE**

Less than **1 hour by train** from Brussels you can forget the fast-paced bustle of the city and kick back in the countryside. From art to history buffs, hikers and bikers to backpackers or simply **curious travelers** looking to get away from it all, **French-speaking** Belgium, Wallonia is an affordable escape for food, culture and fun...

it is beyond your expectations!

Why go outside Brussels?

Discover Belgium's Wild Side

YOU CAN VISIT THE ROMANTIC CITY OF **NAMUR**, WITH ITS MAJESTIC, 10TH CENTURY CITADEL, ALONG THE RIVER MEUSE AND ITS NEIGHBOR, **DINANT**, BIRTHPLACE OF **ALDOPHE SAX**, INVENTOR OF THE SAXOPHONE. WALK ALONG THE COBBLE-STONE STREETS AND CASTLE OF **DURBUY**, THE SMALLEST TOWN IN EUROPE. GET YOUR ART AND CULTURE FILL IN **LIÈGE**, HOME OF THE NEWLY-RENOVATED GRAND CURTIUS MUSEUM COMPLEX AND NEW TRAIN STATION DESIGNED BY FAMOUS, SPANISH ARCHITECT, **SANTIAGO CALATRAVA**. NEARBY IS **SPA**, THE "MOTHER OF ALL SPAS" AND **BASTOGNE**, SITE OF THE HISTORICAL **BATTLE OF THE BULGE**. WITH CASTLES AND BREWERIES EVERYWHERE YOU TURN, FRENCH-SPEAKING BELGIUM, WALLONIA, IS A DELIGHT FOR EVERY KIND OF TRAVELER.

FOR THE NATURE LOVER AND THE MORE ADVENTURESOME:

With hundreds of rivers, visitors can kayak, sail, scuba and even windsurf. The countryside is perfect for hiking and bike-riding and more extreme climbing if your heart desires.

RAVEL: Created in 1995, a network of trails designed for hikers, bikers and people just looking to be outside and enjoy nature
Please contact us for more information.

EUROP'AVENTURE www.europaventure.be



WHAT ABOUT CASTLES?

ANNEVOIE CASTLE AND GARDEN: Dating back to the 18th century, this is the only water garden in Belgium and one of the most beautiful in Europe.

www.annevoie.be

CASTLE OF LAVAUX-SAINT-ANNE: Magnificent castle portraying seigniorial life in the 17th and 18th centuries.

www.chateau-lavaux.com

CASTLE OF JEHAY: Renaissance-style castle from the 16th century with beautiful gardens.

www.chateaujehay.be

CASTLE OF VEVES: Picturesque, feudal castle dating back to the 14th century, in the village of Celles.

www.chateau-de-veves.be

CHATEAU DE MODAVE: 17th century castle built on a rock peak in the middle of a nature reserve, with twenty richly decorated and furnished rooms.

www.modave-castle.be

CHATEAU FEODAL DE LA ROCHE: Originally built in the 9th century and then rebuilt during the 12th century, located in La Roche-en-Ardenne.

www.chateaudelaroches.be

For more castles in French-speaking Belgium:
visit our page [Castle & Gardens](#)

CISTERCIAN ABBEYS: www.cister.eu

DO YOU LOVE BEER?

MAREDSOUS ABBEY: Founded by Benedictine monks in the gorgeous Molinee Valley, the Maredsous brewery offers 3 types of beer. Visit the Abbey and taste their cheese and bread.

www.maredsous.be

LEFFE MUSEUM: The museum illustrates the link between Notre-Dame Abbey and the beer.

www.leffe.com

ORVAL ABBEY: A trappist brewery located within the Abbey Notre-Dame d'Orval monastery.

www.orval.be

BRASSERIE DU BOCQ: A brewery founded in 1858 with guided tours followed by a tasting.

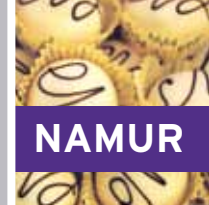
www.bocq.be

FLOREFFE ABBEY: Dating from the 12th century, the abbey offers 5 different types of beers and the "assiette Floreffoise" (local ham, sausages, pate & cheese)

www.abbaye-de-florefe.be

For more information, please visit our page [Beer](#)





NAMUR

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Only 40 minutes by car or train from Brussels, discover charming Namur, a **romantic city** on the River Meuse, perfect for a quick getaway from city life. Capital of French-speaking Belgium, Namur is a college town, chock full of historical sites, great food, cool shopping and fun things to do. www.namurtourisme.be

SPECIALTIES OF THE REGION

Frites
Chocolate
Mussels
Mustard
Charcuterie

Local Breweries
Cheese
Couque de Dinant
Green Produce
Famous strawberries from town of Wepion

WHAT TO DO

A REAL CITADEL: With origins around the 10th century, Namur was a fortress city built around a citadel. Guided tours available. www.citadelle.namur.be

ECLECTIC MUSEUMS: The art lover just has to visit the Felicien Rops museum to view his eccentric collection. www.museerops.be

For a complete listing of other museums: www.paysdesvallees.be

SHOPPING ON RUE DE BRUXELLES, RUE DE FER & IN THE OLD CITY
www.tourisme-et-tradition.be

ALSO FLEA MARKETS EVERY SUNDAY ON THE QUAI DE MEUSE!

HIKE OR RIDE A BIKE ALONG THE RIVER MEUSE
www.tourismegps.be
ravel.wallonie.be

WHERE TO STAY AROUND NAMUR



FROM HOTELS AND CLASSIC B&B'S TO FARM OR CASTLE STAYS, ACCOMMODATIONS IN AND AROUND NAMUR REFLECT THE CLASSIC EUROPEAN COUNTRYSIDE WITH A RELAXING ATMOSPHERE.

LES TANNEURS DE NAMUR: A charming hotel in the heart of Namur. www.tanneurs.com

LE CHATEAU DE NAMUR: Located next to the citadel with a panoramic view of the Meuse valley. www.chateaudenamur.com

L'ÉCHAPÉE BELLE: A simple yet modern B&B in Falaen, one of the Most Beautiful Villages in Wallonia. www.lechappeebelle.be

LES JARDINS DE LA MOLIGNÉE: A Hotel/Restaurant with an indoor pool. www.jardins.molignee.com

FERME DU QUARTIER: A renovated farmhouse. www.ferme-du-quartier.be

MOULIN DES RAMIERS: A restored mill in Crupet, one of the Most Beautiful Villages in Wallonia. www.lemoulin-desramiers.be

MOULIN DE DAVERDISSE: In the heart of the Belgian Ardennes with a garden, a river & an indoor pool. www.daverdisse.com

HOSTELLERIE GILAIN: Peace and quality in hotel and gourmet restaurant. www.hostelleriegilain.com

HOTEL LE MONNIER: A cozy hotel with a trendy restaurant. www.lemonnier.be

NEW HOTEL DE LIVES: Close to Namur in the bank of the Meuse river. www.newhoteldelives.com

HÔTEL BEAU SÉJOUR: A charming hotel with an indoor pool. www.lebeausejour.be

LA MALLE-POSTE: A captivating 17th century mansion. www.lamalleposte.be

LE CHATEAU D'HASSONVILLE: Beautiful 17th century castle turned hotel. www.hassonville.be

QUARTIER LATIN HOTEL: An 18th century former Jesuit church in Marche-en-Famenne. www.quartier-latin.be

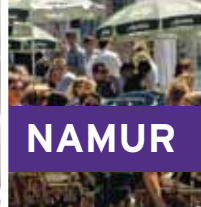
LES DUVES: A contemporary-styled Guesthouse. www.lesduves.be

VILLA GRACIA: A castle/hotel along the river Meuse. www.villagracia.com

CHATEAU DE LA POSTE: A gorgeous castle with a modern twist. www.chateaudelaposte.be

Many hotels have gourmet restaurants, check website for more information.

For other accommodations in the province of Namur: **Visit our page Accommodations**



WHERE TO **EAT** AND **DRINK**

NAMUR AND ITS SURROUNDINGS ARE AN OASIS FOR FOODIES, FROM CHEAP EATS TO SOPHISTICATED CUISINE, THESE **RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS** ARE SURE TO IMPRESS ANY TRAVELER:

LE TEMPS DES CERISES: Cozy restaurant with authentic Wallon & French cuisine.
www.cerises.be

L'AIR DU TEMPS: A one-michelin starred restaurant, French cuisine with an original twist.
www.airdutemps.be

CUISINE MOI: A one-michelin starred trendy restaurant.
www.cuisinemoi.be

L'ESPIÈGLERIE: A sophisticated cuisine from the Hotel les Tanneurs.
www.tanneurs.com

LE GRILL DES TANNEURS: A perfect place for a laid back meal.
www.tanneurs.com

LA PETITE FUGUE: Classic cuisine with a modern twist.
www.lapetitefugue.be

CHÂTEAU DE NAMUR: Belgian specialties in a picturesque environment, décor dating back to 1755.
www.chateaudenamur.be

L'ESSENTIEL: A one-michelin starred restaurant in Temploux.
www.lessentiel.be

LA PLAGE D'AMÉE: Great for a romantic dinner in Jambes.
www.laplagedamee.be

FENÊTRE SUR COUR: A local favorite with exceptional décor.
www.exterieur nuit.be

LA MEUNERIE: An elegant restaurant and cooking school in Hastiere-Lavaux (near Dinant).
www.meunerie.be

LE D'ARVILLE: Situated in Wierde, offers delicious, affordable cuisine in an elegant setting.
www.ledarville.be

Other casual restaurants to try around Namur:

LA BRASSERIE FRANCOIS (place Saint-Aubain, 3)

LE PEANUTS (rue de l'Ouvrage, 3)

VILLEROY (rue de fer, 59)

LA MAISON DES DESSERTS: Pastries and baked goods,
www.maison-des-desserts.be

L'ETNA: For pizza, (rue Haute Marcelle, 13-15)

For more suggestions: www.sensum.be & www.resto.be

YOU MIGHT NOT BE IN BRUSSELS ANYMORE, BUT NIGHTLIFE IN NAMUR IS STILL HAPPENING, CHECK OUT THESE **LOUNGE/BARS** FOR AFTER HOURS FUN:

CAPRICE D'AMBIANCE: www.capricedambiance.be

BABY BOY BAR: www.babyboybar.be

EXTERIEUR NUIT: www.exterieur nuit.be

FRIENDS: www.friendsworld.be



ARE YOU A **TINTINOLOGIST?** NOT SURE? FIND OUT AT THE NEW **HERGÉ MUSEUM**

In the university town of Louvain-la-Neuve, near Brussels, is the new Hergé Museum designed by architect Christian de Portzamparc. With over 230 million Tintin comic books sold worldwide in over 80 languages, the tradition will continue with Steven Spielberg's 3-D movie "The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn" in December 2011. www.museeherge.com

TAKE A SHORT VISIT TO DINANT – IT'S FULL OF **SAX APPEAL!**

The birthplace of Adolphe Sax, inventor of the saxophone, also happens to be a beautiful town along the river right next to Namur. Visit the 16th century citadel and the Lefe Beer museum.
www.forteressesetchateaux.be





DURBUY

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A great stop **en route to Bastogne** is Durbuy, the smallest town in Europe. Durbuy is a quaint village with cool restaurants and B&Bs, perfect for a day or overnight trip. With a **castle** and cobble-stone streets, you can take a stroll or ride in a horse-drawn carriage. Be sure to take a picture in front of the Chateau d'Ursel. www.durbuyinfo.be



WHAT TO DO

ANTIQUES: Jean-Paul De Coster's Antiques, (rue des Recollectines)

GOLF DE DURBUY: Pro shop and bar with a restaurant www.golfinfo.be

DURBUY ADVENTURE: For the adventurous www.durbuyadventure.com

SPECIALLY FOR HIKING: www.randos.be

BRASSERIE LA MARCKLOFF: Created in 1988, a micro brewery following a 14th century tradition, (rue de comte d'Ursel)

HOMEMADE JAM: You can also see how they make jam (Confiserie Saint-Amour, 13 rue St. Amour)

TOPIARY PARK: A unique collection of sculpted box trees, with more than 250 figures www.topiairesdurbuy.be

RADHADESH: A spiritual community www.radhadesh.com

GROTTE DE HAN: Caves, located in Han-sur-Lesse, a great attraction for the family www.grotte-de-han.be
For information on other attractions: www.durbuyinfo.be

WHERE TO STAY

LE SANGLIER DES ARDENNES: Offering golf packages www.sanglier-des-ardennes.be

LE CLOS DES RECOLLETS: Located in "Old Durbuy" www.closdesrecollets.be

JEAN DE BOHÈME: A charming hotel in the city center www.jean-de-boheme.be

LA BALADE DES GNOMES: Bio-organic house with rooms modeled after fairytales www.labaladedesgnomes.be

AU MILIEU DE NULLE PART: A mixture of rustic and trendy www.aumilieudenullepart.com

HOTEL VICTORIA: A restored 17th century house www.hotel-victoria.be

LE SAINT-AMOUR: A trendy boutique hotel www.saintamour.be

LE TEMPS D'UNE REVE: A chalet-style B&B with garden www.tempsdunreve.be

TROPICAL HOTEL: A very "green" setting www.tropical-hotel.be

HOTEL-RESTAURANT COTÉ COUR: A romantic setting in the heart of Durbuy www.hotelcotecour.com

HOTEL LA CALÈCHE: Hotel/restaurant with 13 rooms www.lacaleche.be

HOSTELLERIE D'INZEPRE: Rooms located in a vast garden www.inzepre.be

For other accommodations in the province of Durbuy: Visit our page [Accommodations](#)

WHERE TO EAT

LA GARGOUILLE: www.lagargouille.be

LA GARGOTE: French cuisine with terrace, (rue de Fleurie, 24 - Bomal-sur-Ourthe)

LA CANETTE: www.lacanette.be

L'ESCALE: Belgian regional cuisine, (Grand rue 22 - Barvaux-Sur-Ourthe)

Every hotel listed above has a restaurant.



SPA & LIEGE

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Spa, the mother of all spas, is the place to kick back and relax. You can visit the Roman baths and mineral springs and treat yourself to a deep tissue massage or other therapies at one of the many spas in the town. **Liege**, just 50 minutes from Spa, is a cultural city famous for great museums, hopping nightlife and its new rail station built by famous, Spanish architect, **Santiago Calatrava**.



WHAT TO DO

SEVEN SPRINGS: All good for you health & all accessible to the public

LES THERMES DE SPA: Newly renovated facilities located on a hill accessible by cliff railway www.thermesdespa.com

FORMULA ONE SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS RACE TRACK: The Formula One race takes place on the Spa-Francorchamps track annually www.spa-francorchamps.be

STAVELOT ABBEY: Three museums in a romanesque abbey www.abbayedestavelot.be

GOLFING OR HIKING through the beautiful surrounding forests

SUMMER FESTIVAL IN SPA: www.francofolies.be

■ Located around SPA ■ Located around LIEGE

GRAND CURTIUS MUSEUM COMPLEX: Home of famous Arms Museum www.grandcurtiusliege.be

MUSEUM OF WALLOON LIFE: Life in Wallonia through various themes www.viewallonne.be

PALACE OF THE PRINCE BISHOPS & CHURCH OF ST JACQUES: www.liege.be

LIEGE GUILLEMINS TGV TRAIN STATION: Designed by architect Calatrava www.euro-liege-tgv.be

LA BATTE FLEA MARKET: Every Sunday on the river Meuse

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF JAZZ (MAY) www.jazzaliege.be

WHERE TO STAY IN THE SPA AND LIEGE AREAS

LE MANOIR DE LEBIOLES: A stunning mansion and a sprawling garden www.manoirdelebioles.com

RADISSON BLU PALACE AND BALMORAL HOTELS: In the heart of the City and the forests of the Ardennes www.radissonsas.com

DORINT SPA-BALMORAL: Overlooking Lake Warfaaz www.dorintspa.be

LA VIGIE: B&B built in 1900, offers aromatherapy treatments www.lavigie.be

LA CHAMBOISE: B&B with massage and relaxation packages www.lachamboise.be

HOSTELLERIE LAFARQUE: A Relais & Chateaux property www.hostellerie-lafarque.com

CHATEAU DES THERMES: A beautiful spa hotel www.chateaudesthermes.be

CROWNE PLAZA: New hotel opening in 2011 www.crowneplazaliege.be

RAMADA PLAZA: In the city centre, on the banks of the river La Meuse www.Ramadaplaza-liege.com

HUSA DE LA COURONNE: Next to the TGV train station of Liège-Guillemins www.hotelhusadelacouronne.be

HOSTELLERIE ST. ROCH: A Relais & Chateaux property www.st-roch.be

HORS CHATEAU: Stylish guest rooms in a 18th century building www.hors-chateau.be

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WHERE TO EAT AROUND SPA AND LIEGE

L'ART DE VIVRE : A creative kitchen www.artdevivre.be

LA BRASSERIE DE GRAND MAUR: In the heart of Spa www.legrandmaur.com

LE BOUCHON GOURMAND: Exotic meats in Jalhay www.bouchon-gourmand.be

MAISON FAGNES: A specialty lobster restaurant in Jalhay www.maisonfagnes.be

THE MANOIR DE LEBIOLES: A gourmet restaurant www.manoirdelebioles.com

Liege has a rich traditional local cuisine with boulets-frite (meatballs and fries), salade liegeoise (green beans, potatoes, diced bacon,) peket (gin/juniper spirit), café liegeois (coffee) & the Liege Waffles

LE BISTROT D'EN FACE: www.lebistrotdenface.be

CAFE LEQUEST: A favorite with locals, (quai sur Meuse 17)

L'ECAILLER: www.lecailler.be

AS OUHES: www.as-ouhes.be



BASTOGNE & WWII

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In Bastogne, visitors can join the annual anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. Full of historic attractions, travelers to Bastogne can also enjoy the natural surroundings of the Ardennes and visit the breweries, castles and gardens for which Southern Belgium is famous!



WHAT TO DO

THE MARDASSON MEMORIAL: A tribute from the Belgian population to the American nation, its construction came about thanks to an initiative of the Belgian American Association set up in 1945, consisting of various Belgian dignitaries who wished to perpetuate the memory of those brave American youths who fell on our soil.

www.si-bastogne.be

BASTOGNE HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Next to Mardasson Memorial (the museum will be closed in 2011 for renovation)

www.bastognehistoricalcenter.be

EXHIBITION: "I was 20 in '45 in Bastogne": This exhibition focuses on memories within the context of the famous Battle of the Ardennes.

www.bastogne.be/20ans45

To receive a copy of the Battle of the Ardennes brochure & map, please contact us.

WHERE TO STAY AND EAT IN AND AROUND TOWN

HOTEL COLLIN: A modern and comfortable hotel in the city center www.hotel-collin.com

HOTEL LEO: On the main square of Bastogne www.hotel-leo.com

AUBERGE LA GRANDE CURE: Where nature meets gastronomy in Marcourt www.lagrandecure.be

HOTEL DU COMMERCE: A beautiful hotel with a garden-terrace www.hotelducommerce.be

LES FORGES DU PONT D'OYE: A small hotel with a fantastic restaurant www.lesforges.be

LE CHALET: A cute hotel with a family atmosphere www.lechaletlaroche.com

HOSTELLERIE LA CLAIRE FONTAINE: A hotel with green surrounding and a restaurant serving local specialties www.clairefontaine.be

LINCHET: An atypical villa in La Roche www.hostellerie-linchet.be

HOTEL MOULIN DE LA STRUMENT: A hotel in an old mill combining tradition and modernity www.strument.be

L'AUBERGE DU SABOTIER: An ancient 17th century coaching inn www.aubergedusabotier.be

LA DISTILLERIE: A charming B&B www.ladistillerie.be

DO NOT MISS THESE EVENTS!

CARNIVAL OF BINCHE (February) - NAMUR IN JAZZ (February) - STAVELOT CARNIVAL (March) - BEER FESTIVAL IN MONS (May) - BEER FESTIVAL AND FLEA MARKET IN LUSTIN (May) - INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL IN LIEGE (May) - NAMUR IN MAY STREET FESTIVAL (May) - VERDUR ROCK FESTIVAL IN NAMUR (June) - WALLONIA MUSIC FESTIVAL (June) - FRANCOFOLIES OF SPA MUSIC FESTIVAL (July) - DINANT JAZZ NIGHTS (July) - INTERNATIONAL FLEA MARKET IN TEMPLoux (August) - GRAND PRIX OF BELGIUM IN SPA (September) - FESTIVAL OF BAROQUE MUSIC IN CHIMAY (September) - INTERNATIONAL FRENCH LANGUAGE FILM FESTIVAL IN NAMUR (September-October) - WALLONIA MUSIC FESTIVAL (October) - ANTICA INTERNATIONAL ANTIQUES FAIR IN NAMUR (November) - CHRISTMAS MARKETS (December) - and many more...

HOW TO GET TO **BELGIUM**

AIR:

11 direct flights from North America daily

BRUSSELS IS

77 minutes by train from **Paris** with Thalys

www.thalys.com, www.raileurope.com

113 minutes by train from **Amsterdam** with Thalys

111 minutes by train from **London** with Eurostar

www.eurostar.com

45 minutes by car from **Namur**

NAMUR IS

60 minutes from **Durbuy**

45 minutes from **Liege**

70 minutes from **Spa**

71 minutes from **Bastogne**

90 minutes from **Bruges**

LIEGE IS

130 minutes by train from **Paris** with Thalys www.thalys.com

60 minutes by car from **Brussels**

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