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All information is subject to changes due to regulations regarding the international Coronavirus/COVID-19 crisis.

Please refer to the contact information of the venue for the latest information.

BRUSSELS



BRUSSELS BIANNAL FLOWER CARPET

Brussels

Every 2 years the Grand Place in Brussels gets covered with a flower carpet. Entrance is free, you can get a panoramic view against payment.

MORE INFORMATION

11-15 August 2022

Mail: info@flowercarpet.be

www.flowercarpet.brussels.be





THE ROYAL GREENHOUSES (SERRES)

Brussels

15 April till 8 May

It is well recommended to visit the Royal Serres in early spring, usually in the second half of April until early May, as only then they are open to the general public. It is a tradition that has been maintained since 1965.

The architect Alphonse Balat designed the complex of greenhouses for King Leopold II. The tropical garden is surmounted by a dome. The largest greenhouse is called the winter garden. For some occasions it is used as a reception space for dignitaries.

PRICE

4 EUR per person. Free of charge for under 12 y. You must book your visit online in advance. Choose a time slot for your arrival.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

tram: 3, 7 and 19, De Wand tram stop bus: 53 (STIB/ MIVB), 230, 231, 232 (De Lijn), Koninklijke Serres / Serres Royales bus stop

Opening hours vary, please check website.

www.koninklijke-serres-royales.be/en

FLORIST GARDENS IN LAEKEN

Brussels

This domain used to be home to the florists and gardeners of King Leopold II. Today the site has been transformed into a demonstration garden and the Brussels Centre for Horticultural Art and Technology will be located there.

Visitors will be able to admire a wide variety of plants and be introduced to different ecological gardening techniques.

Guided tours and events are also organised on a regular basis.

MORE INFORMATION

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Sobieskilaan, 1020 Brussels
Tel: +32 (0)2 775 75 75

Mail: info@leefmilieubrussel.be

<https://gardens.brussels/nl/groene-ruimten/de-tuinen-van-de-bloemist>



MEISE BOTANIC GARDEN

Meise Botanic Garden, Meise

Meise Botanic Garden is one of the largest botanic gardens in the world. It grows a treasure trove of plants from all over the world. Both in the open air and in several majestic greenhouses you can discover about 18,000 species. The greenhouse complex with the Victoria greenhouse is one of the most beautiful in Europe and covers around 1 ha. Enjoy the anemones in spring or the rich colors of autumn. Every day there's a new species flowering or setting fruit, from orchids to oaks.

One day is simply too short to discover everything the Botanic Garden has to offer: a walk through all biomes of this Earth, a visit to the new wood museum 'Woodlab', wandering through the Castle of Boecheut where the story of Princess Charlotte of Belgium comes to life, discovering the new Rose garden... You are welcome to enjoy a simple meal, drinks and ice-cream in the Orangerie.

Meise is located approximately 12km/7.5m from Brussels city centre.

Adults: 9 EUR per person
65+: 8 EUR per person
Children (6-17 year): 3 EUR per person

MORE INFORMATION

Open daily from 10:00. Closing hours vary depending on the season. Tickets can be purchased online.

www.plantentuinmeise.be/en/



FLORALIA BRUSSELS

Castle of Grand Bigard (Groot-Bijgaarden) 2 April till 3 May 2022

The park of 14 hectares incorporates nearly all spring bulb varieties. The castles' gardeners have planted by hand more than 1 million bulbs. During the four weeks in which the exhibition takes place flower lovers will have the opportunity to discover 500 varieties including 400 tulip varieties.

INDOOR EXHIBITION

Visitors can also enjoy the prestigious indoor exhibition in the 1000 m² newly restored greenhouse. About 150 creations reflecting the trends and current fashions will be presented in a beautiful indoor garden.

The donjon, dated from the 14th century, will be accessible to its roof terrace from where you can see the Atomium and the city of Brussels. Each floor will be decorated in different themes.

The park is located 10 km from the historic centre of Brussels, and daily open from 10 am to 06 pm.

Adults: 15 EUR per person
Seniors: 13 EUR per person
Children (6-14 year): 5 EUR per person
Groups 20+: 12 EUR per person

Mail: contact@kasteelgrootbijgaarden.be

www.floralia-brussels.be/floralia-brussels/



SONIAN FOREST

Brussels

The Sonian Forest—that's 4,400 hectares (10,920 acres) of top European nature, the destination of several million visitors each year. It is also a vast and enchanting forest on the edge of Brussels.

MORE INFORMATION

Mail: Toerisme@hoeilaart.be

www.sonianforest.be/see-and-experience/walking/





GAASBEEK (CASTLE)/ PARK AND MUSEUM GARDEN

Gaasbeek

Gaasbeek Castle lies at the heart of an extensive park (49 hectare) that was laid out in the seventeenth century already. It has both impressive avenues and narrow winding paths. It probably has the tallest beech trees in Belgium!!

Be aware: Gaasbeek Castle has closed its doors until 2023 for a major restoration campaign. The ambition is to keep the castle and its museum alive and dynamic. In addition, the castle must become even more accessible to a large, international audience.

MUSEUM GARDEN

The garden is made up of six different sections:

- A terrace garden with an Italian-style orangery garden.
- A kitchen garden, divided into four squares, with a greenhouse, cold frames and beds for flowers and herbs. In the middle is a cloister with low standard pyramid-shaped pear trees, flat-lying garlands and rose columns.
- Berry and fig gardens, with a cross-shaped arbour with an abundance of espaliered fruit and flowers.
- An orchard with a regional collection of half standard plum trees.
- An orchard with full standard fruit trees, typical of Pajottenland fruit farming circa 1900, with a traditional fruit shed and a mushroom cellar.
- An orchard with low standard trees showing how cultivation practices have evolved over time from around 1950 to the present.

In 2012, the Museum Garden was awarded the EGHN (European Garden Heritage Network).

OPENING HOURS

From 1 May to 30 September:

daily from 10 am to 6 pm.

From 1 October to 31 October,

daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The garden is closed every Monday, except for public holidays.

TICKETS

Standard rate: 5 EUR

Reduced price: 4 EUR for students/ European Youth Card up to 26 years, 60+, people with disabilities, visitors Botanical Garden Meise.

Free: under 18 years of age, escorts of persons with disabilities, National Trust. Guided tours are possible for groups of up to 20 people. A tour for your group takes an hour and a half and costs 60 EUR per guide + an entrance ticket per visitor. Reservation is mandatory and must be submitted 2 weeks in advance on

museumtuin.i-reserve.net

www.museumtingaasbeek.be



ROSE GARDEN OF COLOMA CASTLE

Sint- Pieters- Leeuw

Located 10 km from Brussels and 15km from the Castle of Groot Bijgaarden you can find the Internationally renowned rose gardens with approximately 3,000 varieties of roses and 30,000 rose bushes.. The four themed gardens together constitute a beautifully landscaped area is set inside unique castle grounds (16th century).

Coloma is one of the most extensive rose gardens in Europe. You can probably find every type of rose on the planet there: antique roses, the most recent hybrids, climbing roses, rambling roses and bush roses.

MORE INFORMATION

Free Entrance.

The rose garden of Coloma is open all year from Tuesday to Sunday from sunrise to sunset. Also on public holidays. The recommended visit period is from June to the beginning of October.

Reservation for guided tours:

Tel: +32 (0)2 371 22 62 or

Mail: toerisme@sint-pieters-leeuw.be

www.natuurenbos.be/coloma



HALLERBOS

Halle Blue Bells: Mid April – Beginning of May

Hallerbos – ‘The Blue Forest’ – is the most important and most extensive forest area between Zenne and Zoniën. The forest is a public's favorite thanks to the beautiful purple carpet of bluebells, which bloom around mid-April. The giant Sequoia trees and rolling hills also make a visit to this forest more than worth it.

MORE INFORMATION

The best way to explore the Hallerbos is with the free walking map. There are also three marked hiking loops (yellow, blue and white/black) in the forest. You can learn more about the forest on one of the many free open walks with a nature guide. A group can request a guided visit with a nature guide.

www.hallerbos.be/en/visitors-info



TERVUREN PARK AND ARBORETUM

Tervuren

TERVUREN PARK

Tervuren park, also called Warande Park, covers 205 ha and was once the hunting ground of the Dukes of Brabant.

It is one of the gateways to the Sonian Forest. A walk between majestic oak and beech trees, past elegant French gardens, ponds and flower beds, is a breath of fresh air after a day in busy Brussels.

In front of the park there is a French garden featuring ponds, flower beds and statues, which extends to a series of ponds that receive water from the river Voer. Combine your walk with a visit to the AfricaMuseum.

www.africamuseum.be/en/visit/park

ARBORETUM OF TERVUREN

In addition to the existing Royal Walk, which allows you to explore the domain over the beautiful avenues, five themed walking routes have been set up, which penetrate deeper into the interior of the arboretum via forest paths and meadows.

The Arboretum is an area open to the public free of charge.

MORE INFORMATION

Booking guided tours:

www.visittervuren.be/en/see-do/top-5/geographical-arboretum

Tel: +32 (0)2 766 53 40

Mail: toerisme@tervuren.be

VAN BUUREN MUSEUM & GARDENS

Ukkel

The garden, which Jules Buyskens designed, shows a great unity of style with the Art Deco house. Alice commissioned René Pechère 45 years later to design the new gardens to complement the villa.

Now, the garden can be divided into the "picturesque garden", the "Labyrinth" and the "Garden of the Heart". The "Picturesque garden" is an "ordinary" garden, with a geometrically constructed rose garden, reminiscent of the straightforwardness of Art Deco. The whole forms a green shrine in the heart of Brussels, which can be visited all year round.

MORE INFORMATION

Registration is required.

Open on all public holidays.

Individuals: every day 14h00-17h30. Closed on Tuesday.

Groups: every day 10h00-17h30.

More information and reservation guided tours:

Tel: +32 (0)2 343 48 51

Mail: info@museumvanbuuren.be

www.museumvanbuuren.be/en/





RECOMMENDED A COMBINATION OF:

- Meise Botanic Garden (always open)
- Serres of Laeken (!!! when open – only 3 weeks a year in spring)
- Floralia – Castle of Groot-Bijgaarden (2/4 - 3/5/2022)
- Rose Garden of Coloma (spring + summer)
- Hallerbos, when the blue bells are blooming (mid April – beginning of May)
- Museum Garden and park of the Castle of Gaasbeek (spring + summer)
- when in Brussels, get some fresh air in the Sonian Forest, or combine exquisite art with the beautiful and atypical gardens in Museum Van Buuren.

ALSO INTERESTING

5 secret parks and gardens in Brussels:

www.visit.brussels/en/article/five-secret-parks-and-gardens-in-brussels

The 'green belt' surrounding Brussels:

www.toerismevlaamsbrabant.be/en/catalogus/parken-tuinen-en-bossen



LEUVEN



HERB GARDEN AND TROPICAL GREENHOUSE OF LEUVEN

Open Daily

The Herb Garden of Leuven dates back to 1738 and is therefore the oldest in Belgium. Just as the gardens of Antwerp and Ghent, this garden was originally used for growing medicinal plants. For a large part this is still the case today and the garden is widely considered of great scientific importance. Besides the 2.2 ha of medicinal herbs, plants and trees, there is a greenhouse with 450 m² of tropical and subtropical plants.

MORE INFORMATION

Opening hours:

From 1 May to 30 September: 8:00-20:00

Sundays & holidays: 9:00-20:00

From 1 October to 30 April: 8:00-17:00

Sundays & holidays: 9:00-17:00

Free entrance

Guided visits are free and can be requested for groups of up to 30 people. It's possible to have a guided tour around a specific subject.

Tel: +32 16 27 23 80

Mail: toerisme@leuven.be

www.visitleuven.be/en/green-spots

ARBORETUM OF WESPELAAR

Haacht-Wespelaar

The collection was started in the 1970's by Philippe de Spoelberch, a passionate dendrologist. The domain now covers 20 hectares and has a specialised collection of shrubs and trees from all over the world, of which many are threatened in the wild.

Acer, Magnolia, Rhododendron and Stewartia are particularly well represented. The garden is of interest in all seasons, as the beautiful autumn colours vary from green, yellow, orange, red to even purple.

The Arboretum has been voted one of the 13 most beautiful arboretums in the world, according to the Huffington Post.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Open every Wednesday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Entrance fees:

Adults and children +12 years: 5 EUR

Children -12 years (accompanied by an adult): free

GUIDED TOURS

To be requested in advance, also possible on other days than the opening days

50 EUR per group (max. 25 persons) and 5 EUR entrance fee per person.

www.arboretumwespelaar.be/EN/Contact_and_visits/





EAST-FLANDERS



THE GHEENT UNIVERSITY BOTANIC GARDEN

GARDENS OF ADEGEM

April to September

These gardens combine the splendour of 4 typical garden styles into one harmonious symphony of scents and colours. In the Gardens of Adegem you can wander around for hours while fully enjoying the exuberant shapes, plants, shrubs and water features. Visit can be combined with the adjacent Canadamuseum.

MORE INFORMATION

Daily open from 1pm till 6pm, except on Monday and Tuesday.

Reachable on Wednesdays and Sundays between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

GUIDED VISITS ONLY.

Reservation required.

Admission is 7 EUR pp, guide is free

Tel: +32 (0)50 71 06 66

Mail: info@tuinenvanadegem.com

www.tuinenvanadegem.com

THE GHEENT UNIVERSITY BOTANIC GARDEN

Open Daily

The collections serve scientific and educational purposes.

The greenhouses are a safe haven for tropical and subtropical plant groups. There are three large public greenhouses, which are open to the public and more than 20 smaller ones which are dedicated to specialized collections. The latter are unfortunately not open to the public. There is also a herb and seed collection. The garden as well as the Victoria greenhouse and the tropical and subtropical greenhouse are open daily. Admission is free.

Trained guides will show you the most captivating plants in the garden and in the greenhouses. The children's' tour includes a tasting session of fruits and other plant products. A guided tour of about 2 hours is available in English and costs 85 EUR. Groups are limited to 15 persons per guide. With combi ticket of 38 EUR you can also visit the Museum of Zoology.

MORE INFORMATION

Make you reservation on:

www.gum.gent/en/group-visit-with-guide

www.gum.gent/en/museum-botanical-garden



FLORALIES GHENT

FLORALIES GHENT (2022)

29 April till 8 May 2022

My paradise, a worldly garden' will be the theme of the Floraries.

In our society, people are increasingly looking for silence and peace, for themselves and for their personal paradise. That paradise is in a different place for everyone. Some find it in their green living room, others feel best in a park or in their own garden.

Sources of inspiration for the theme are a print of the garden of Bishop Triest and the Mystic Lamb by the Flemish master Van Eyck. The central panel of the Mystic Lamb shows a paradisiacal medieval garden full of symbolism.

MORE INFORMATION

Group visits can be combined with breakfast (8 - 10 a.m.), lunch (noon - 2 p.m.) or afternoon tea (2 - 4 p.m.). More info and reservation:

veerle@floralien.be

www.floralien.be/en/welcome/

FLORALIES CYCLING TOURS

Surroundings of Ghent

The Floraries theme tours run along five loops that are interconnected.

- **THE BEGONIA ROUTE** (32 km) starts at the Castle of Laarne.
- **THE ROSARY ROUTE** (34 km) starts at Parking Aard in Wetteren. The tour takes you past the Provincial Domain Den Blakken.
- **THE AZALEA ROUTE** (40 km) starts in the heart of flowers municipality Lochristi. The tour takes you past farms, the Research Centre for Ornamental Plants in Destelbergen and impressive azalea and begonia fields.
- **THE TREES ROUTE** (51 km) starts at the Informationpoint Munte and takes you past many farms and florists with home sales.
- **THE RHODODENDRON ROUTE** (53 km) starts as tour in Provincial Domain Puyenbroeck Wachtebeke.

Order the route brochure on this website (the route is only available in Dutch, but gives a good overview of the different stops):

www.tov.be/nl/pagina/fietsroutes-blov



GARDENS OF THE OOIDONK CASTLE

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Ooidonk

The Ooidonk Castle is well known, but the beautiful gardens surrounding the castle are also well worth a visit in themselves. They can also be visited separately from the castle.

MORE INFORMATION

Groups of minimum 10 persons.
On request from 1 March to 20 November.

contact: Els Lisabeth
Tel: +32 (0)9 282 26 38
Mail: els.lisabeth@ooidonk.be

www.ooidonk.be

PARK VAN BEERVELDE

GARDEN DAYS

6-8 May 2022 and 8-10 October 2022

This event takes place twice a year, each second weekend of May and October.

During these weekends, more than 220 nurserymen, designers and artisans exhibit, for the public's pleasure and enlightenment, probably the most spectacular variety of plants and garden-related ware one could hope to see in Belgium. It is worthwhile mentioning that prices of the plants are definitely lower in Belgium than in England or France.

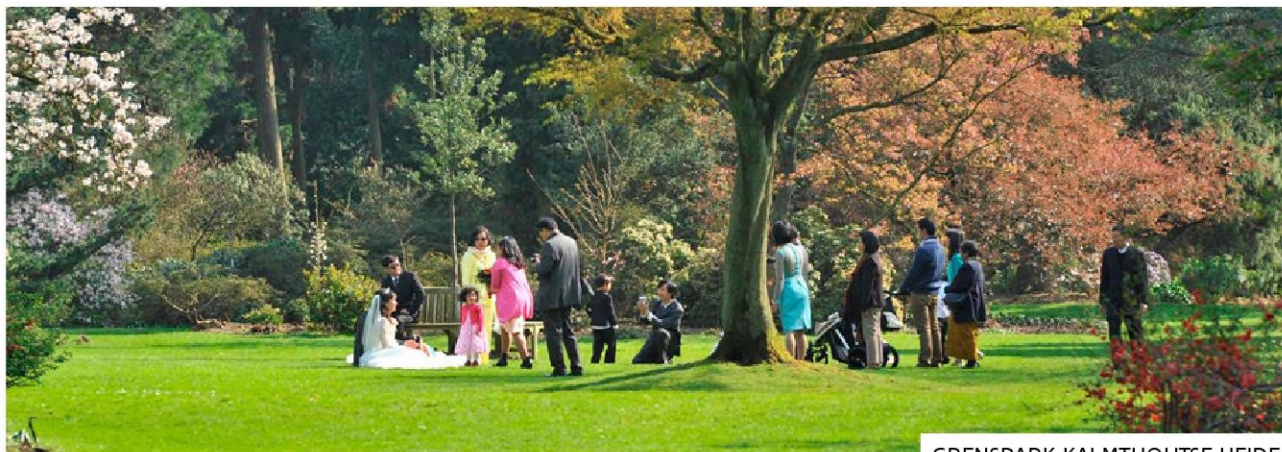
Beervelde is also particularly attractive because each time (twice a year) the organizer creates a new theme, which is worked out by the participants.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

www.parkvanbeervelde.be/en



ANTWERP



GRENSPARK KALMTHOUTSE HEIDE

ARBORETUM

Kalmthout

Arboretum Kalmthout is open every day from 10 am to 5 pm. Closed on 25 December and 1 January.

Arboretum Kalmthout is a unique site with amazing flowering borders, a colourful rose garden and a butterfly garden full of life. In spring there are flowering magnolias and cherries, while in autumn the maples are ablaze with colour. Enjoy a magnificent nature walk and admire over 7,000 different varieties of plants from all over the world.

Kalmthout is a small town in the Province of Antwerp, approximately 30km/19m from the Antwerp city centre.

MORE INFORMATION

ADMISSION

Adults 7 EUR, children (under 12) free, seniors 6 EUR, students 5 EUR, tour guide 55 EUR

GUIDED TOURS

A guided tour lasts two hours, and you can choose the start time. There is no set minimum for the number of people. The group rate of 6 EUR per person will apply to groups of 15 or more. A guide for a group of up to 25 costs 55 EUR.

BOOK YOUR GUIDED TOUR ONLINE

www.arboretumkalmthout.be/en/visit/guided-tours.html

CONTACT INFORMATION

Arboretum Kalmthout Heuvel 2

2920 Kalmthout

Tel: +32 (0)3 666 67 41

Mail: info@arboretumkalmthout.be

www.arboretumkalmthout.be/en

GRENSPARK KALMTHOUTSE HEIDE

Only excursions on demand

And while you are in the town of Kalmthout, why not pay a visit to Grenspark Kalmthoutse Heide. This cross-border nature reserve has many pools, bright purple heath land (in august/september), inland dunes and vast forests.

The whole area measures +/- 6.000 ha (15.000 acres) and is home to some real ecological treasures. Moreover, the entire nature reserve constitutes a landscape of great cultural-historical value. The area is cut into two by the Belgian-Dutch border.

This diversity makes the park well worth a visit. Grenspark Kalmthoutse Heide is officially a 'Silence Area'.

The park is easy to reach with public transport, trains coming from Antwerp Central Station twice every hour (except for weekends). There is ample parking space for coaches.

MORE INFORMATION

Visit Kalmthout

Putsesteenweg 131

2920 Kalmthout

Tel: +32 (0)3 666 61 01

Mail: visit@kalmthout.be

grensparkkalmthoutseheide.com/english



LIMBURG



JAPANESE GARDEN

Hasselt

Open from Tue to Sun from 10am to 5pm. Closed on Monday and during winter season (November – March).

With its 2.5 ha, this is the largest Japanese Garden in Europe. The garden was laid out in 1992, with the help of the Japanese city of Itami after the model of an original 17th century tea garden. The main garden contains a ceremonial house, a tea house, several water features and exceptional plants. There is also a park with 250 Japanese cherry trees.

The Hasselt Japanese Garden is an ideal place to walk around, while enjoying the views and listening to the softly flowing water. The garden is located between the city centre and the main ring, yet breathes a delightful calm. It is the ideal place for contemplation and meditation. Also not to be missed: a tea demonstration or a Japanese flower arrangement class in this unique garden.

MORE INFORMATION

Several group arrangements are possible.

www.visithasselt.be/en/japanese-garden/japanese-garden-groups

Adults 5 EUR, seniors/ groups of 15 people 4.50 EUR
Tel: +32 (0)11 23 96 66

www.visithasselt.be/en/japanese-garden



BOKRIJK

Genk

Bokrijk is more than the Open Air Museum. Discover 550 hectares of pure variety. Take a healthy walk or bike ride in the beautiful nature.

ARBORETUM

Arboreta have huge collections of plants that have something to offer scientifically. The scenic arboreta, which also includes Bokrijk, are a must for every garden lover. Bokrijk has specialized in the genera holly (Ilex), Magnolia, the woody grasses and the Rhododendrons. Of course that was also a deliberate choice, as they are all very decorative or usable genera.

In addition, investments were made in the innovative cycle route “**Cycling through the water**”. This way you cycle straight through a pond without getting wet.

www.bokrijk.be/nl/arboretum



ROMANTIC GARDEN OF DINA DEFERME

FLEURAMOUR, BE PART OF THE MAGIC LANDCOMMANDERIJ ALDEN BIESEN

23 - 26 september 2022

Far away, hidden deep in the castle estate of Alden Biesen, something magical is going to happen. For the 25th time, a flower paradise will be revealed for four days. A silver jubilee that will not go unnoticed. In addition to a spectacular 'floral tour' along hundreds of creations holding over 150,000 flowers, you will be able to enjoy a beautiful 'floral show' and a cosy pop-up market. You will also be treated to numerous magical moments after this year's 'Magic' style.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

23 - 26 September 2022 (10:00 - 18.00).
Address: Kasteelstraat 6, 3740 Bilzen
Price: 25 EUR
Groups: 22 EUR

MORE INFORMATION

www.fleuramour.be

ROMANTIC GARDEN OF DINA DEFERME

Stokrooie (Hasselt)

This wonderful 4-hectare (10-acre) garden with an English touch belonging to garden designer Dina Deferme and Tony Pirotte is to be found in a rural area not far from Hasselt.

A garden full of surprises where every part radiates pure relaxation and fascinates by its unique atmosphere. The impressive borders change their colour every month.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Guided tours on request.

Mail: info@deferme.be

www.deferme.be

HEX CASTLE

Heers

3-5 June and 10-11 September 2022

The Castle of Hex was built in the 18th century on a beautiful natural site. It was then surrounded by 12.5 acres of formal gardens set in a 150 acre English style park. The gardens, park and woodlands have always been immaculately maintained.

Hex is a private estate. The castle is inhabited by the d'Ursel family, who are the distant relatives of the founders of the estate in the 18th century.

However, **guided visits can be arranged** on working days (only) from 10:00 till 12:00 and from 14:00 till 17:00.

The entrance fee is 15 EUR, with a minimum of 20 persons per group. Groups of more than 35 persons will be split up into two groups.

GARDEN DAYS OF HEX CASTLE

The gardens are also open to the public twice a year, in June and September, for the Flower and Plant show. It is the perfect opportunity to get inspired and find the right flower for your garden. Get informed by attending exhibitions, demonstrations and lectures by professionals

from Belgium and abroad, and shop at the nurseries specialised in old and botanic roses and breeders of rare plants. The formal gardens are regularly replanted, and the terraces in front of the south-east façade were redesigned in 1990 by the internationally renowned landscape architect Jacques Wirtz. The surrounding park, created in 1770, has survived almost untouched to this day.

OPENING HOURS

from 10 am to 5 pm

TICKETS

11 EUR pp, presale online 10 EUR pp
(children till 16 years old are free)

No dogs allowed

Free parking

Tel: +32 (0)1 274 73 41

Mail: gardens@hex.be

www.hex.be



ALDEN BIESEN CASTLE





ALDEN BIESEN CASTLE

Bilzen, Grand Commandery Alden Biesen

A magnificent heritage site, an international culture and conference centre and a tourist draw: The Grand Commandery Alden Biesen has more than one ace up its sleeve. Originally built by the Teutonic Order, it is now one of the largest castle estates of the Euregion.

A visit to Alden Biesen isn't complete until you've explored the natural beauty on and around the castle estate. So strap on those hiking boots or mount your (rented) bicycle and off you go, with or without a guide. Thanks to the cycle route network, cycling in and around Alden Biesen is enjoyable and safe. The routes run along mostly car-free cycle paths via a unique bicycle junction network.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Kasteelstraat 6, 3740 Bilzen (B)

Tel: +32 (0) 89 51 93 93

GPS: Roelants du Vivierlaan (visitor parking)

OPENING HOURS

Summer (April 1 - September 30)

Weekdays: 7:30 am - 8:00 pm

Weekend and public holidays: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Winter (October 1 - March 31)

Weekdays: 7:30 am - 8:00 pm

Weekend and public holidays: 10am - 4pm

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

www.alden-biesen.be/praktische-info?lang=en

NATIONAL PARK HOGE KEMPEN

Genk

More than 12 000 hectares of forest and heathland are managed and protected in this unique nature reserve.

Extensive pine forests alternate with purple-flowering heather and shifting dunes, large ponds bear witness to former gravel and sand extraction, high peaks offer great views, Numerous rare and unusual animals live in this natural setting.

In National Park Hoge Kempen, a brand new cycle path called 'Cycling through the Heathland' will open in spring 2021:

www.visitlimburg.be/en/cycling-through-the-heathland

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

www.nationaalparkhogekempen.be/en

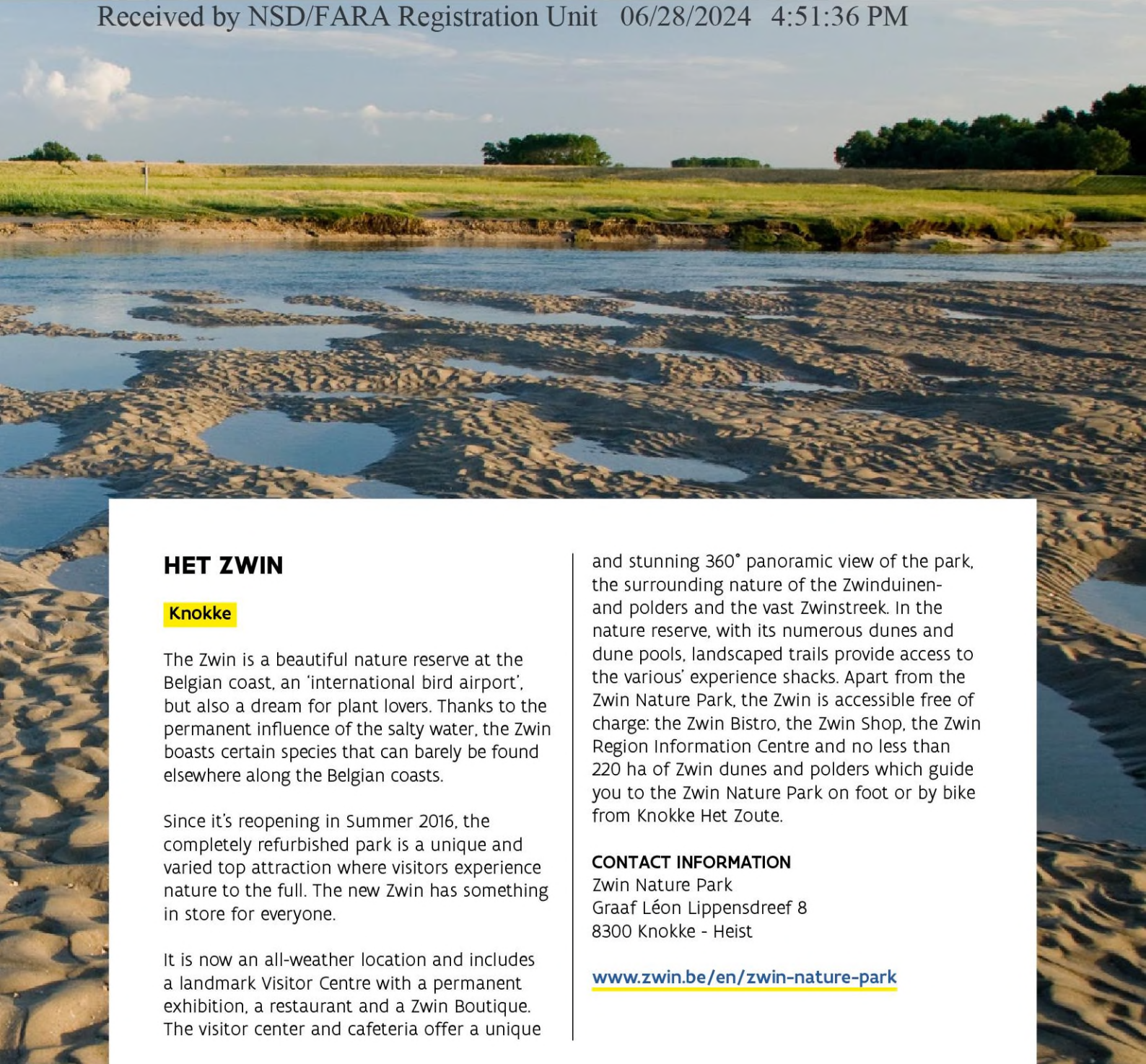
Guided tours with a park ranger on request:

www.nationaalparkhogekempen.be/en/rangers



HET ZWIN

WEST-FLANDERS



HET ZWIN

Knokke

The Zwin is a beautiful nature reserve at the Belgian coast, an 'international bird airport', but also a dream for plant lovers. Thanks to the permanent influence of the salty water, the Zwin boasts certain species that can barely be found elsewhere along the Belgian coasts.

Since it's reopening in Summer 2016, the completely refurbished park is a unique and varied top attraction where visitors experience nature to the full. The new Zwin has something in store for everyone.

It is now an all-weather location and includes a landmark Visitor Centre with a permanent exhibition, a restaurant and a Zwin Boutique. The visitor center and cafeteria offer a unique

and stunning 360° panoramic view of the park, the surrounding nature of the Zwinduinen- and polders and the vast Zwinstreek. In the nature reserve, with its numerous dunes and dune pools, landscaped trails provide access to the various experience shacks. Apart from the Zwin Nature Park, the Zwin is accessible free of charge: the Zwin Bistro, the Zwin Shop, the Zwin Region Information Centre and no less than 220 ha of Zwin dunes and polders which guide you to the Zwin Nature Park on foot or by bike from Knokke Het Zoute.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Zwin Nature Park
Graaf Léon Lippensdreef 8
8300 Knokke - Heist

www.zwin.be/en/zwin-nature-park





GARDENS OF OOSTKERKE CASTLE

Oostkerke (Damme)

The internationally renowned Dutch garden architect Mien Ruys was commissioned to create the garden around the castle. The garden lives in perfect harmony with the surrounding polder landscape. The garden is privately owned by Baron van der Elst, but can sometimes be visited during the open garden days in the month of June. Groups may be allowed with a local guide. Information at Visit Damme.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Visit Damme

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