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The holiday season is upon us and thoughts turn to festivals, holidays, and good food and drink. In this edition of News from Flanders, we bring news about forthcoming exhibitions, including Antwerp's celebration of James Ensor, one of Flanders' greatest modern masters and trailblazer for the development of modernism in the 20th century. And for cycling of a more competitive kind, all eyes will be on host Flanders, for the forthcoming UCI World Gravel Championships. Elsewhere in the region we bring news about an exciting new tour focussed on beer tourism in Leuven with the introduction of some interesting beer and cycling routes there, which hosts its famous Leuven Innovation Beer Festival this August. Cheers to all our readers for a happy summer ahead!

Arts and Heritage:

James Ensor - 4 major exhibitions to open in Antwerp

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Antwerp Museums

Four new exhibitions, inspired by James Ensor will dominate Antwerp's major museums this Fall as the city takes over its role to celebrate the life and works of this most famous of Belgian modernist painters. The KMSKA, which houses the biggest collection of Ensor works will display its vast collection, as well as displaying notable loans from around the world. The UNESCO World Heritage inscribed Plantin Moretus Museum will also feature etchings by Ensor and two further exhibitions at the photographic museum FOMU and the fashion museum MOMU will complete the Ensor "tribute" in Antwerp.



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Early Music in Bruges and Antwerp

August 2-11 & 23 Aug 23- Sept 1

Concertgebouw Bruges & Amuz Antwerp

Early Music has always had a special place in Flanders. This term spanning medieval, renaissance and baroque genres attracts big audiences. This August, both Antwerp and Bruges offer two annual concerts, in respectively amazing venues. Tucked amongst the trendy shops and bars of Kammenstraat, AMUZ in Antwerp is a 400-year-old baroque church and former Augustine Monastery. Unassuming from the outside, its opulent interior provides an impressive backdrop to some great performances, in particular for [Laus Polyphoniae](#). Nearby, the stunning city of Bruges boasts the annual [MAFestival \(Musica Antiqua\)](#) at the Concertgebouw Bruges. Held annually, this early music concert aims to bring a contemporary vision and presentation with complex musical heritage from the 15-18th Century.



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Cycling News

New Beer and Cycling routes

Leuven

Leuven has just introduced a series of interesting beer and cycling routes (also discoverable on by foot). Leading to some of the city's charming streets, beer bars and taking you off the beaten track via hidden suburban gems. Expect to weave a path via water -lined landscapes to get to some extraordinary breweries. As an added bonus, visitors can purchase a Leuven Beer Adventure Taste Ticket which entitles riders to sample the local beers along the way.



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UCI Gravel World Championships

October 5 2024

Vlaams Brabant - Leuven

The region of Vlaams Brabant in Belgium will host the 2024 UCI Gravel World Championships. The races will take place in the "Brabantse Wouden", a forest region south and east of the capital city Brussels. After the start in Halle a first loop is made before entering the Hallerbos, Zoniën Forest and the Meerdael Forest before finishing in Leuven. Amateur gravel riders will have to qualify through mass events spread across five continents and over a full year to take part in this race.





Flanders Fields News

The Forgotten Track- new immersive experience opens

June onwards

Lijssenthoek Visitor Center

During the First World War, Poperinge was a maze of railway tracks, spanning over 160km. Lijssenthoek, was one of the stations the largest casualty evacuation stations on the Ypres Salient during WWI. A new visitor experience has now opened at the cemetery. In a building along from the visitor centre, a new six-metre long train can be found and is the home of a new immersive experience, telling the story of the WWI train journey. The experience was created by artist Sven Verhaghe with a haunting soundtrack composed by David Poltrock. Admission is free and opens alongside visitor center opening times.



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A new visitor center

CWGC Visitor Center

Ypres, Flanders Fields

A new visitor center for the CWGC in Ypres has just opened its doors. A new interior greets visitors including a new information desk with plans to open a new tearoom for its visitors to enjoy later this year. Creating memorable visitor experiences, the CWGC Ieper Information Center provides an ideal starting point for anyone wanting to visit the various cemeteries and memorials in the region. Visitors trying to find out vital information about those who fell during World War One come here for advice and guidance about how to plan their trip in the region. Its knowledgeable staff provides invaluable help and even undertakes research for those needing more information. Located in the center of Ypres, close to the Menin Gate – it's somewhere well worth visiting for anyone embarking on a visit to the area.



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Gastronomy and Beer

Celebrating its 10th Anniversary

Kazematten Brewery

Ramparts - Ypres

Ypres' city brewery [Kazematten](#) is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Uniquely located in the historic casemates under the ramparts that surround Ypres, it is located in the former home of the famous "Wipers Times" printing home dating back to the Great War where it published its newspaper. Historically, Ypres once boasted nearly 30 breweries but after WW1, only 5 or so remained. The last city brewery before Kazematten was created in 2014 closed its doors in 1976. With a range of award-winning beers, Kazematten, it has also become one of the biggest tourist attractions in Ypres. Be sure to try one its delicious beers or try some tasty bites in its cafe. And whilst in Ypres, don't miss out on the new "T Potje Pate "Wipers Times" beer pate available in the local butcher Charcuterie Depuydt.



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Leuven Innovation Beer Festival

Olevedroom

Leuven

The Leuven Innovation Beer Festival prides itself in showcasing unique beers and creative brewers. This year, the festival focuses on beers produced in the Leuven region and provides the perfect insight and taste of beers produced by artisan microbreweries who will let you taste their innovative beers here. There'll be a total of 16 breweries taking part and the hope is to create the perfect setting for both breweries and visitors to collaborate and forge new ideas together.



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