

Your visit to Leuven

Practical Information

We are excited to welcome you in Leuven soon!

In the following you will find some useful information to prepare for your trip including hotel suggestions and travel information.

And to make you excited for your stay in Leuven, you will also find a selection of recommended restaurants that serve delicious lunch or dinner for you to enjoy, suggested cafés where you can get your caffeine (or tea) fix and bars where you can experience the Belgian beer capital first-hand.

Travel

Travel to Leuven

Leuven is located in the heart of Belgium, merely a 25 minute train ride away from Brussels. As such the city is easily accessible. There are many ways to travel from the neighbouring countries straight to the heart of our university city.

By Train

We highly recommend travelling to Leuven by train as it is not only a great way of travelling environmentally friendly, but also the fastest and most convenient means of transportation to get to Leuven. The comfortable Thalys, Eurostar, ICE, and TGV high-speed trains will get you from the neighbouring countries to the centre of Leuven in practically no time at all.

International trains usually arrive in Brussels-South (Brussel Midi) or in Liège. From there, you can take a national train to Leuven (approx. 25 minutes).

- For international tickets: <https://www.b-europe.com/EN>
- For travel within Belgium: <https://www.belgiantrain.be/en>

By plane

Brussels Airport | 28 km from Leuven

The easiest and fastest way to reach Leuven from Brussels Airport is by train. A direct train will have you in Leuven in just 15 minutes.

- [Website Brussels Airport](#)
- [Website NMBS](#)

Brussels South International Airport | 90 km from Leuven

You can buy a ticket at Charleroi Airport which combines the bus to Charleroi Sud with the train to Leuven.

- [Website Brussels South Charleroi Airport](#)
- [Website NMBS](#)

By car

We always suggest using public transport whenever possible. If you do come by car it is important to know that the historical centre of Leuven is traffic-free. The rest of the city centre is subdivided into 5 districts. In each district a loop directs traffic from the ring road to a city centre parking garage and back to the ring road

Some hotels also provide parking opportunities on site. Please check directly with the hotel to get more information on parking opportunities and rates. If your hotel does not provide parking opportunities, you can search for the closest car parks and its rates via <https://www.leuven.be/parkings/en>

Travel in Leuven

The historic city centre of Leuven measures only 2km in diameter and as such is easily accessible by foot, bike or public transport.

By bus

The central departure point for the local buses is at the railway station. The buses that leave from here serve all the outlying areas and surrounding communes of Leuven. More information and bus tickets via <https://www.delijn.be/en/>

By bike

If you want to get around by bike you can rent a bike via **Leuven Leisure** which has an ample choice of city bikes available. If you want to rent a bike, you have to make a reservation beforehand. More information can be found [here on their website](#).

[City Map for download/ print](#)

By taxi

A taxi hub is located right in front of the main entrance of Leuven Station where available taxis are waiting. In case no taxis are available there, please find the contact details of taxi companies here:

- Leuvense Taxi Maatschappij: +32 495 222 000 or +32 16 222 000
- Taxi Jenny +32 16 26 10 10

Accommodation

Everything in Leuven is within a short walking distance. Below you will find a selection of hotels in Leuven that are located at strategic points in the city – either close to the Leuven station or in the city centre. Either are great choices.

KU Leuven has agreements with all of these hotels which enables us to get better conditions. Below you can find the agreed prices for these hotels. Please take into account that these prices are only valid for a limited number of rooms. When the rooms are fully booked, the price can change according to the occupancy of the hotel.

Booking a room with these special conditions: This is only valid if booked directly via the hotel and not through a 3rd party (for instance booking.com). please mention that your stay is related to the **Una Europa event at KU Leuven**. The hotels will only apply the agreed discounts if this procedure is followed!

Accommodation near the station

Novotel Leuven Centrum****

📍 Vuurkruisenlaan 4, 3000 LEUVEN

☎ + 32 16 21 32 00

✉ H3153@accor.com

🌐 novotel.accor.com

🌐 businesstravel.accor.com

📍 City Center: 19 minutes on foot



🛏 **Rates (all including breakfast; incl. VAT)**

- Room double superior single: **137 EUR**
- Room double superior double: **157 EUR**

Booking via special booking form (attached on the last page of this document)

Special rate applies for bookings until 15.10.2022

Park Inn Leuven ***

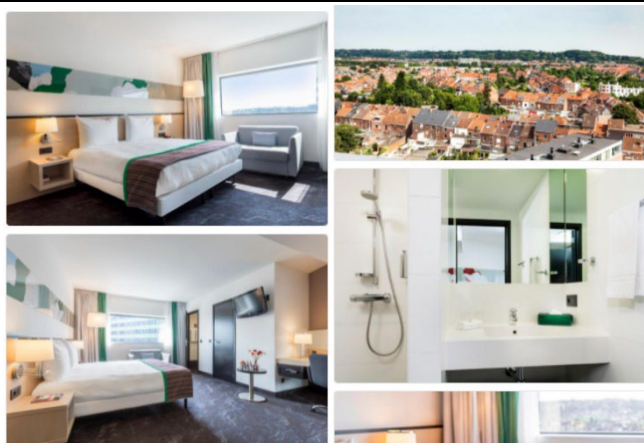
📍 Martelarenlaan 36 , 3010 LEUVEN

☎ + 32 16 60 10 00

✉ info.leuven@parkinn.com

🌐 www.parkinn.com/hotel-leuven

📍 City Center: 19 minutes on foot




🛏 **Rates (all including breakfast; incl. VAT)**

- Single room: **139,00 EUR**
- Double room: **149,00 EUR**





Booking via this online link.


Special rate applies for bookings until 14.10.2022






Hotel La Royale

 Martelarenplein 6, 3000 LEUVEN
 + 32 16 22 12 52
 laroyale@lodge-hotels.be
 <https://www.lodge-hotels.be/en/hotels/b/la-royale-leuven>

 City Center: 15 minutes on foot

Reference: *Una Europa conference of KU Leuven*





(this needs to be mentioned during the booking so that KU Leuven special rates apply)


 **Rates (all including breakfast; incl. VAT)**


- Single room: **81,00 EUR**
- Double room: **95,00 EUR**

Accommodation in the city center

The Lodge Theater***


 Bondgenotenlaan 20, 3000 LEUVEN
 + 32 16 22 28 19
 theaterhotel@lodge-hotels.be
 <https://www.lodge-hotels.be/en/hotels/b/theater-hotel-leuven>

 Station: 11 minutes on foot

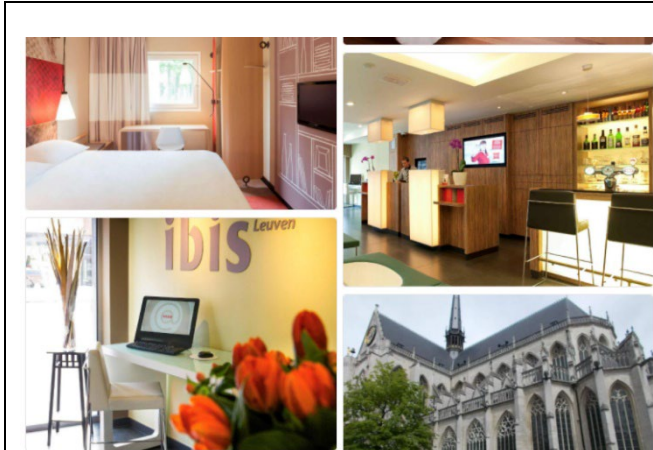


Reference: *Una Europa event 4600002940*

(this needs to be mentioned during the booking so that KU Leuven special rates apply)

 **Rates (all including breakfast; incl. VAT)**

- Standard Single room: **104,00 EUR**
- Standard Double room: **119,00 EUR**
- Family Room (4 pers.): **140,00 EUR**



Ibis Leuven Centrum ***

📍 Brusselsestraat 52-58, 3000 LEUVEN
 ☎ + 32 16 29 31 11
 ✉ H1457@accor.com
 🌐 <https://all.accor.com/hotel/1457/index.en.shtml>
 🌐 businesstravel.accor.com

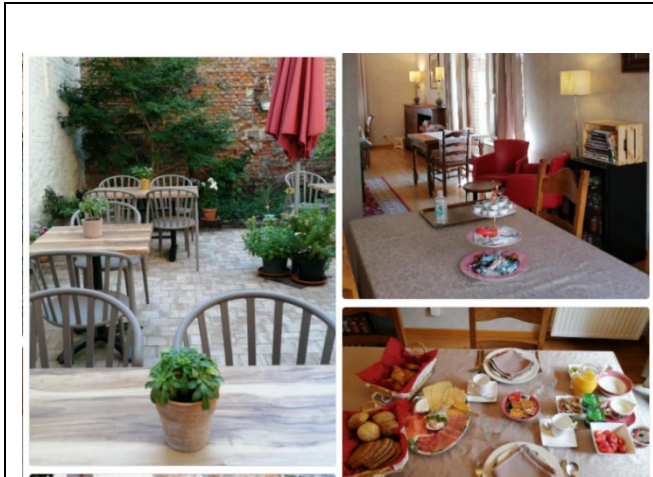
📍 Station: 16 minutes on foot

Reference: The event Una Europa 4600003048
(this needs to be mentioned during the booking so that KU Leuven special rates apply)

🏠 Rates (all including breakfast; incl. VAT)

- Single room: **120,50 EUR**
- Double room: **134,50 EUR**

Bookable at special rate only until 14.10.2022



Gasthof "De Pastorij" ***

📍 Sint-Michielsstraat 5, 3000 LEUVEN
 ☎ + 32 16 82 21 09
 ✉ depastorij@yahoo.com
 🌐 <https://depastorij.com/en/>

📍 Station: 16 minutes on foot

Reference: Una Europa event of KU Leuven
(this needs to be mentioned during the booking so that KU Leuven special rates apply)

🏠 Rates (all including breakfast; incl. VAT)

- Single room: **102,00 EUR**
- single suite: **130,00 EUR**
- double suite: **150,00 EUR**
- Double room for 1 person: **115,00 EUR**
- Double room for 2 persons: **125,00 EUR**

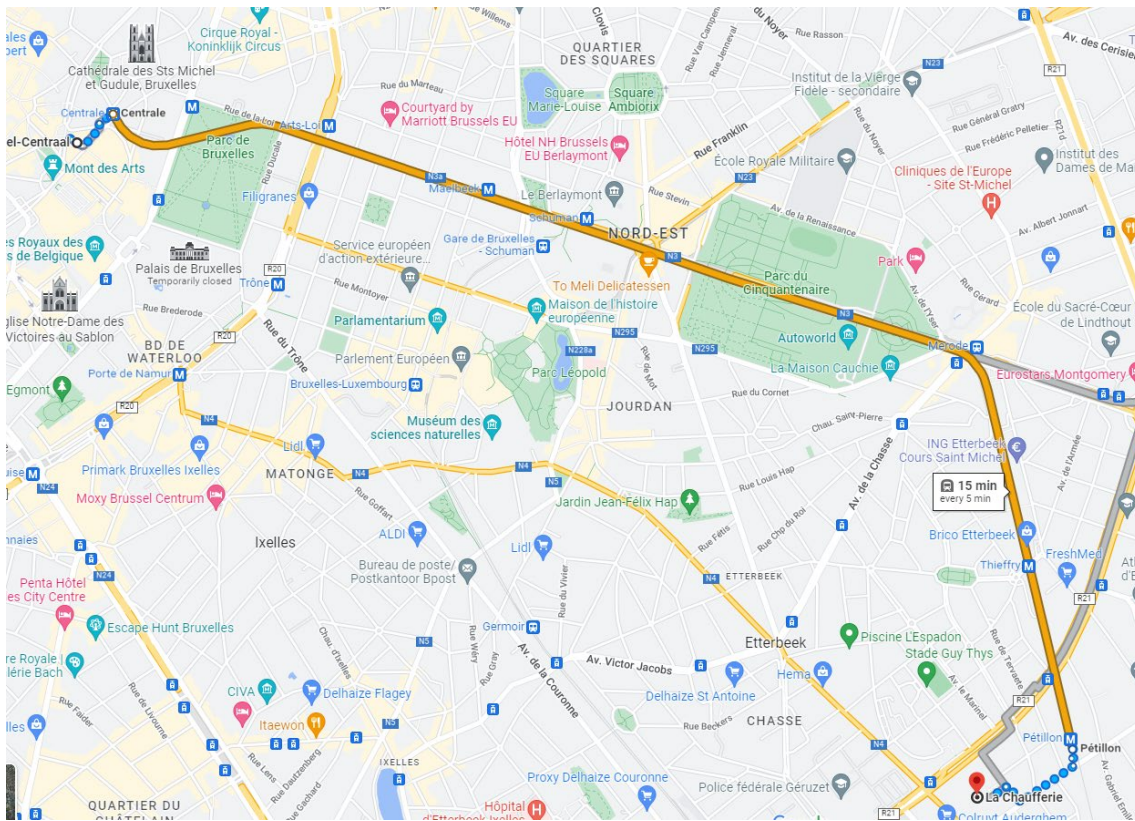
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Event and meeting location

15th of November in Brussels

Event Location

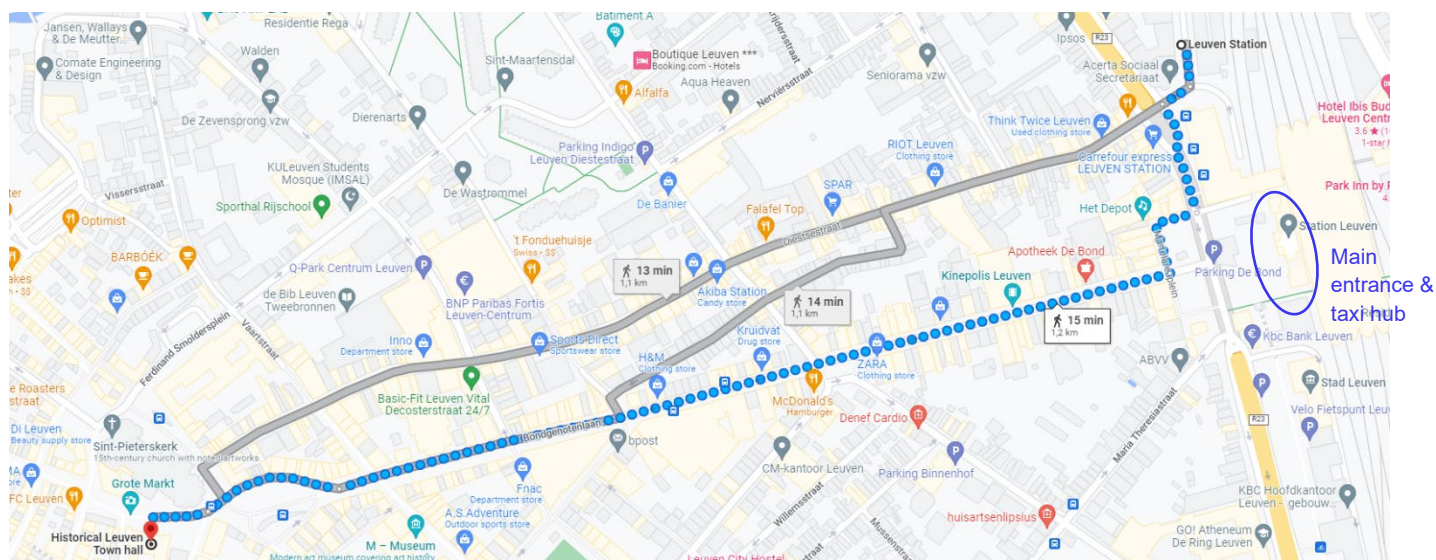
The Voyage to a University of the Future - 1Europe Closing Event will take place in Brussels at **La Chaufferie (Rue des Pères Blancs 6, 1040 Etterbeek (Brussels))**. In order to get to the event venue from Leuven, simply take the train from Leuven station to Brussels Central Station. From Brussels Central Station you take the Metro (Line 5) to Petillon. Tickets can be purchased at ticket machines at the train station and metro station directly.



Bus transfer after the event

In the evening after the event busses will run between the event location La Chaufferie in Brussels and Leuven Station to bring participants that have reserved a spot on the **bus back to Leuven Station**.

- The departure times of these busses will be announced in the evening of the 15th during the event in Brussels
- Leuven Station is located in the city center of Leuven and thus in walking distance to hotels around the station and in the city center
- Additionally a taxi hub is located right in front of the main entrance of Leuven Station (please see image below). In case no taxis are available there, please find contact details of taxi companies on page 2 of this document.



16th and 17th of November in Leuven

You can find the detailed programme of the Una Europa Days [via the Una Europa Days website](#). This overview includes the programme of all meetings, details and addresses for each meeting room as well as links for virtual participation.

Meeting rooms

All meeting locations are located within the city center of Leuven and are thus just a short walking distance from one another. Please note that your meeting schedule might require a change of locations during the day and thus please account for walking time.

Meeting rooms will not be locked during coffee or lunch breaks. Therefore we ask you to not leave any valuables unattended during those times.

Technical setup of meeting rooms

All meeting rooms foresee the possibility of connecting your laptop to a big screen and present to your group. The connection to the screen happens via HDMI and USB. Therefore, in case your laptop does not have these connections it is advised to bring an HDMI adapter.

Lunch vouchers

If you have registered for a lunch voucher you can pick up the vouchers on Wednesday 16th of November before 12h30 at the registration desk at the Universiteitshal (Naamsestraat 22, 3000 Leuven).

If you are only attending meetings on Thursday 17th of November, your badge and voucher will be in the meeting room. The lunch vouchers can be redeemed at the student restaurant Alma II (Parkstraat 45, 3000 Leuven), where you need to hand over the voucher to the cashier.

Current COVID situation

For detailed information on COVID guidelines in Belgium and at KU Leuven specifically, please consult the following resources:

- [KU Leuven COVID guidelines](#)
- [Belgian COVID guidelines](#)

Wifi at KU Leuven

At KU Leuven campuses internet coverage is provided via the WIFI network “[eduroam](#)”. If eduroam is installed on your device, you can log into eduroam by using your university ID. **If you don’t have an ID on eduroam, please let us know via email before the event** (contact information below).

Contact information


If you have any questions or need any help during your stay in Leuven, please don’t hesitate to reach out to the KU Leuven organizational team via una-europa@kuleuven.be

Restaurant, Café, Bar Suggestions




If you would like more suggestions on food and drinks in Leuven, visitleuven.be has a comprehensive guide [here](#). And of course your colleagues at KU Leuven can give you even more of their personal suggestions.


FOR LUNCH

Bar Leuv

 Parijsstraat 6, 3000 Leuven

Breakfast, Brunch and Lunch all day

Social Media & Website:   





Ah Quy

📍 Alfons Smetsplein 04, 3000 Leuven



Vietnamese Street Food

Social Media & Website:  

Tabi Loo

📍 Naamsestraat 29, 3000 Leuven

100% Plant Based Street Food

Social Media:  

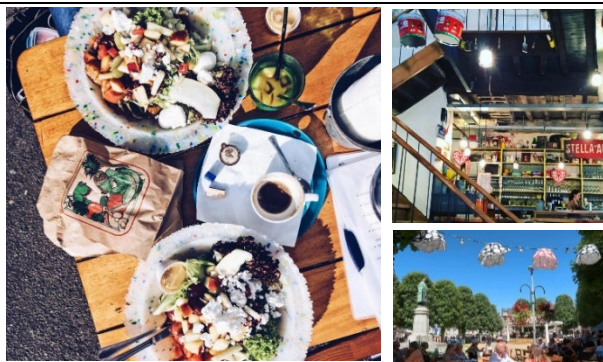


De Werf

📍 Hogeschoolplein 5, 3000 Leuven

Laid back, fair prices, quirky

Social Media & Website  





For Coffee

Noir Coffeebar

📍 Naamsestraat 49, 3000 Leuven

Specialty Coffee Bar

Social Media:  





Coffee Onan

📍 Parijsstraat 28, 3000 Leuven

Roasting and serving coffee

Social Media & Website:  

Koffie en Staal

📍 Dirk Boutsiaan 12, 3000 Leuven

Coffee Bar with steel interior design


Social Media  



Swartehond

📍 Joris Helleputteplein 1, 3000 Leuven

Cozy coffee bar & tasty pastry

Social Media:  



For Dinner

OPTIMIST

📍 Vismarkt 7, 3000 Leuven

Food Sharing Concept with changing menu

Social Media & Website:   







Het Strand

📍 Tiensestraat 138, 3000 Leuven

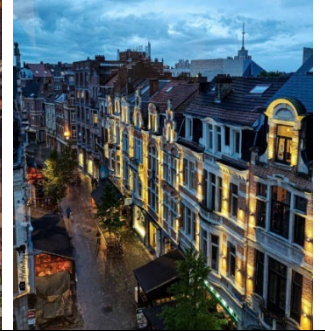
Vegetarian Eatery with changing menu

Social Media:  

Tiensestraat & Muntstraat

📍 Tiensestraat, 3000 Leuven
Muntstraat, 3000 Leuven

These two streets are right next to one another and house **more restaurants and different cuisines than you could ever try**. Something for every taste.



For a Beer

De Blauwe Kater

📍 Mechelsestraat 51, 3000 Leuven

Cozy bar with over 100 different beer brands

Social Media & Website:  



The Fiere Margriet

📍 Margarethaplein 11, 3000 Leuven

Cozy bar with over 300 different beers

Social Media & Website:  

Oude Markt



Oude Markt, 3000 Leuven

“The longest bar in Europe”

Because nowhere else can you find as many catering establishments in one place as on this unique square.

