

# Local leisure and cultural attractions



Luxembourg punches far above its weight class in terms of art, food, and leisure.

## Luxembourg city

500+   
Bars

712   
Restaurants

### Average prices

#### Lunch

Average meal cost:

€15

Mid range restaurant cost:

€49

#### Dinner

in neighborhood pub:

Average meal out for two

€46

Sources: <http://www.visitluxembourg.com/en>



### Restaurants and nightlife

- Luxembourg's range of authentic cuisines mirrors the diversity of its residents: alongside traditional Luxembourgish restaurants, you can find Japanese, Italian, Greek, Portuguese and more.
- High-end diners will appreciate Luxembourg's nine Michelin-starred restaurants, the highest concentration per capita in the world.
- Famous local dishes include Judd mat Gaardebounen (smoked and salted pork with broad beans and potatoes in a creamy sauce) and Gromperekichelcher (potato pancakes).
- There are plenty of bars, pubs and nightclubs to choose from in Luxembourg. Enjoy DJs, bands, open mic nights, pub quizzes and loads more. And, you'll find no shortage "afterworks."



### Green spaces

Around 25% of Luxembourg City is green space, making it Europe's eighth greenest city according to a Compare the Market study. Whether you're a commuter, dog walker, keen jogger or a family with children, the city's numerous parks and gardens have something for everyone.



### Sports and films

Luxembourg has a lot to offer for sports lovers: football, tennis, cycling and ice-skating are popular activities and there are 38 swimming pools, six golf courses, four rugby clubs and several major gyms.

Luxembourg City alone offers 160 different sport and fitness courses for people of all ages.

Going to the cinema is also popular in Luxembourg. Most films are shown in their original language with subtitles in French, German, Dutch or English.



### Attractions

Families with children will enjoy the country's many playgrounds and adventure parks, as well as "Le parc merveilleux," a theme park and zoo in Bettembourg.



### Shopping

Luxembourg City boasts many historical walks and tours, including the Bock Casemates, a network of defensive tunnels dug into the rock of the city's fortifications — the longest of such in the world. You can also tour the Grand-Ducal palace in the summer months.

Luxembourg City's main shopping can be found in the upper city, known as Ville Haute, or near the train station, known as the Gare. There are also several large shopping centers in the outer parts of the city, including the Belle Etoile and the City Concord in Bertrange and Auchan in Kirchberg. The new Cloche d'Or shopping center in the booming Gasperich district boasts 130 stores, a hypermarket and a food hall offering 15 restaurants. And the nearest IKEA is just across the Belgian border.

Most shops in Luxembourg City are closed on Sundays, except for special occasions such as the Christmas period or sales. For the rest of the week, shops generally close at 6pm on weekdays and 7pm on Saturdays, with occasional holiday exceptions. For the rest of the week, they generally close at 6pm on weekdays and 7pm on Saturdays.

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Museums in  
Luxembourg

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## Museums

For its modest size, the capital has an impressive concentration of museums spanning both history and art. The seven main ones, whose locations form a smile on the map, are Villa Vauban, Casino Luxembourg, Lëtzebuerg City Museum, Musée National d'Histoire et d'Art, Natur Musée, Draï Eechelen and MUDAM.

The Luxembourg Card provides access to more than 60 museums and attractions throughout the country. An individual card costs €13 per day and a family card for two to five people costs €28 per day.

Special events are organized annually, such as *The Night of the Museums* — an evening when all museums open free of charge, and *L'invitation aux musées* — an open-door weekend.



## Music venues

**The Philharmonie** is home to the Orchestre Philharmonique Luxembourg and regularly hosts many other orchestras, ensembles, solo musicians, plays, movie screenings with live soundtracks and more.

**The Rockhal** is Luxembourg's biggest concert venue, with its main hall welcoming up to 6,500 music lovers. It features bands and artists of many different genres, as well as hosting other acts such as stand-up comedians.

**Den Atelier** has been a live music institution since 1995, offering intimate gigs from a diversity of genres.

**The Rotondes** is a one-of-a-kind venue made of two converted railway roundhouses. The cultural center hosts musicians and visual art exhibitions, as well as conferences and workshops.



## Big events

Luxembourg's National Day on 23 June celebrates the birthday of His Royal Highness the Grand Duke — however, the main celebrations take place the evening before with parties, live music, fireworks and dancing in the streets.

The Schueberfouer, Luxembourg's biggest funfair, arrives every year for three weeks in August and September in the Glacis (near the city center). The fair is a cultural institution, having been held every year since 1340.

The Grande Braderie takes place in Luxembourg City on the first Monday of September. The streets are closed to traffic and are lined with stalls offering food, games and goods at reduced prices.

In December, the city's Christmas markets feature over a hundred wooden chalets selling handicrafts, clothes, toys and delicious culinary treats — from traditional Gromperekichelcher and Glühwein to more exotic flavors from far-flung destinations.

The annual Luxembourg Marathon offers so much more than its name suggests: you can take part in half, mini and team runs, or just enjoy the food stands and parties that attract a huge influx of visitors and supporters.



## Religion and culture

Luxembourg City is a highly diverse and international center of free thought.

The country's predominant religion is and has traditionally been Catholicism. The main religious building in the city is the Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Luxembourg. As of 2017, religion is no longer taught in public schools.

Many other religions are prevalent as well, including Protestantism, Judaism, Islamism and Anglicanism. However, as the law prohibits questions about religion in population censuses, there are no recent statistics available.