

PHOTOGRAPHY MUSEUM

Housed in a former Neo-Gothic convent, the largest photography museum in Europe narrates the complete history of this art form from its invention to the latest contemporary approach. Behind the museum, protected by high walls decorated with reproductions of famous works, an 85- acres park invites you for a stroll. Two beeches and a plane tree, listed in the registry of the remarkable trees of Wallonia, also stand here.

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BOIS DU CAZIER

The location of a mining tragedy, the site presents a route in three areas: Espace 8 August 1956, the Museum of Industry and the Glass Museum. The Museum of Industry traces the epic history of the Industrial Revolution through the main activity sectors and evokes the workers' condition. Included in the UNESCO World Heritage List, this remarkable architectural unit is topped by two headframes and surrounded by three installed slag heaps.

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In July and August, we invite you to discover the renovations of the Lower Town.

Though marked by the renovation, this sector has lost nothing of its history, ...

During that period, **when you buy two entrance tickets**, the RCA and the Tourist Information centre give you **a day of free parking at the Place de la Digue car park.**

A "discovery" route will guide you on a route dotted with friendly restaurants, trendy bars, original boutiques and shops.



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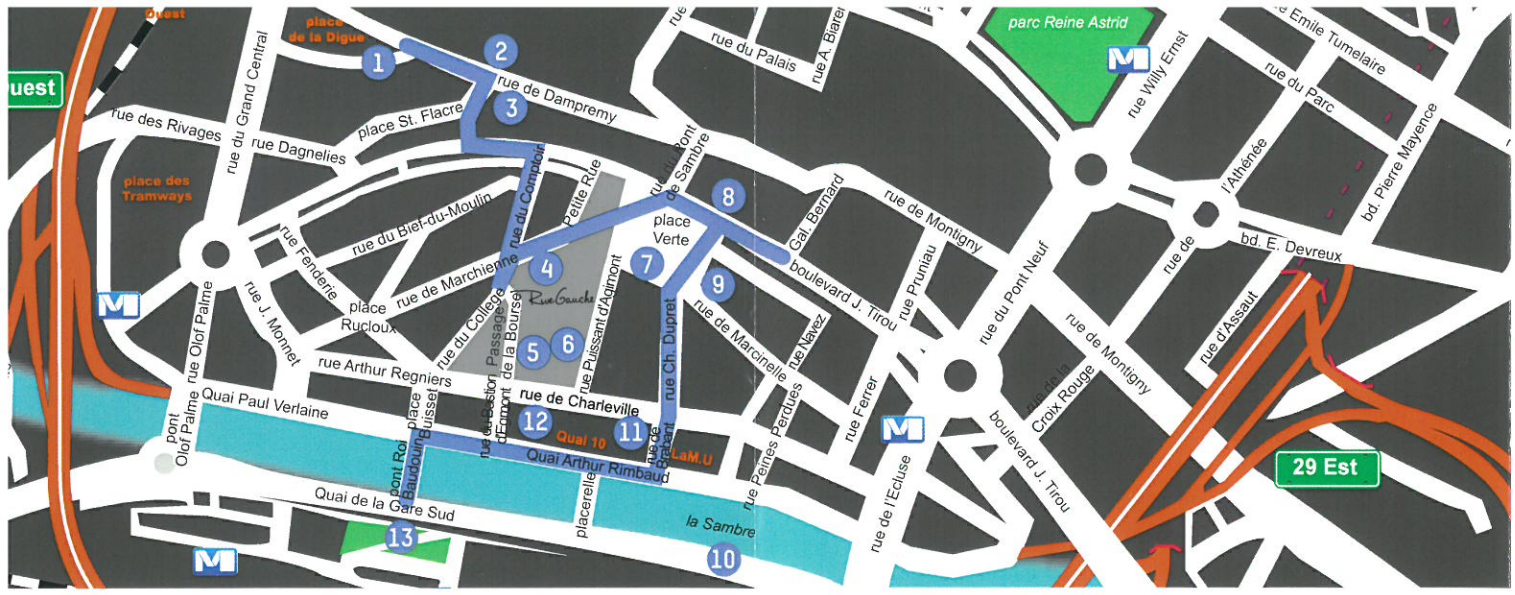
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CHARLEROI

ROUTE VILLE-BASSE

2018





1. THE PLACE DE LA DIGUE

Before 1666 this is where the village of Charnoy was located. Later, the site became the "Sale debout" (upright dirt) neighbourhood. The residents used to produce fuel made from dust and clay. Today, it welcomes many events.

2. THE STAIRWAY OF THE RAMES

It connects the rue de Dampremy, the oldest street in the city, to a path that led to the foot of the fortress, where the weavers dried wool on wooden racks. The ramparts are still visible from the terrace of an adjacent establishment (No. 61).

3. SAINT-FIACRE CHAPEL

On the roadside of the boulevard Tirou, created on the former branch of the Sambre that was filled in 1948, this chapel was part of the 16th-century military hospital.

4. THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

Like the Madeleine church in Paris, Charleroi is also home to a Neo-Classical church built in

1828. Charleroi was a Dutch fortified city at the time. One wall is adorned with a work by François-Joseph Navez, a Charleroi disciple of Jacques-Louis David, official painter to Emperor Napoleon.

5. PASSAGE DE LA BOURSE

Built on the former Capuchin monks' monastery, the Passage de la Bourse owes its name to the chamber of Trade and Industry. It was built in 1890 in a Neo-Classical style following the Parisian fashion of large covered passageways.

6. RIVE GAUCHE

Rive gauche is a brand new commercial centre of 39 000 m² (or 6 football grounds), 3 levels of galleries, 85 commercial units, a 4-star hotel with 112 rooms, 1 000 parking spaces, 8 000 000 visitors and an investment of 200 000 000 euros.

7. LA PLACE VERTE

After the extensive works of 2016, the square recovered its historic name of Place Verte, after the fortress of Louis XIV. At the time, it was nothing more than a field surrounded by lime trees.

8. HÔTEL DES POSTES

In the postal sector Charleroi was an avant-garde administrative city. In 1905, a central post office was built in the Ville-Haute. Two years later the Hôtel des Postes was installed in the Ville-Basse. Today it is the Librairie Molière, one of the largest in Belgium.

9. THE RUE DE MARCINELLE

Walking through this charming little street, you should look up to admire the very pretty Art nouveau facades (in particular numbers 34, 36, 38 and 40). There also is a testimonial of the Louis XVI period with the impressive building of the Notre-Dame school.

10. HOTEL DES CHEMINS DE FER
Paul Nouille designed a building for Charleroi in 1933 which is a worthy representative of modernism. Its window sills and the strong horizontality of the design evoke a train running at high speed.

11. URBAN MANUFACTURE (LaM.U.)

In this former media library, an iconic site in Charleroi, ancestral expertise is applied in urban, modern and convivial surroundings. A variety of beers is brewed here, coffee roasted and bread kneaded in full respect of tradition.

12. QUAÏ 10

This sanctuary dedicated to animated and interactive images is a space set aside for video games, cinema and a brasserie. Under its arcade, a bas-relief representing the fortress of Charleroi, made by Alphonse Darville in 1966, commemorates the 300th anniversary of the city. A commemorative plaque also recalls Napoleon's visit and the establishment, two days before Waterloo, of his headquarters in the Puissant castle, since disappeared.

Opposite, the "placerville" across the river Sambre evokes the Pont des Arts in Paris.

13. THE STATION

In front, the Roi Baudouin bridge is decorated with sculptures by Constantin Meunier that honour the workers in the mines and the factories. This beautiful bridge spans the river Sambre, the first Belgian river to be canalized, and leads to the place Buisset where the famous "Cabaret Vert" of Arthur Rimbaud was once located.



Chapelle Saint-Fiacre



Passage de la Bourse



Hôtel des Postes



Hôtel des Chemins de fer



Quai 10—Placerville



Gare de Charleroi-Sud