Ghent Travel Guide

Ghent: Medieval Magic Meets Modern Vibrancy

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Things to do in Ghent

Landmarks & Monuments

Explore Ghent's most iconic architectural masterpieces that define the city's historic skyline and cultural heritage.



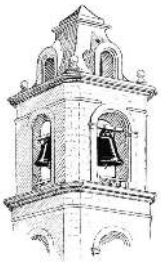
Must See

Saint Bavo's Cathedral

1.5 hours No Booking Needed

Map

A stunning Gothic cathedral housing the famous **Ghent Altarpiece** (1432), one of Northern Europe's most important artworks. The multi-panel painting depicts the Adoration of the Mystic Lamb with intricate detail and religious symbolism that revolutionized Renaissance art.



Must See

Belfry of Ghent (Belfort)

1 hour No Booking Needed

Map

An iconic Gothic belfry rising 91 meters beside Sint-Baafskathedraal, offering panoramic views of Ghent's medieval cityscape. Take the lift or the stairs for breathtaking vistas of the surrounding canals, rooftops, and countryside.



Top Pick

Saint Michael's Bridge

30 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

An elegant stone bridge offering the most photographed view of Ghent's three church towers (Sint-Baafs, Sint-Niklaas, Sint-Jacobs). Especially magical at dusk when the historic buildings are illuminated, creating a fairytale atmosphere.

Tips for Landmarks & Monuments

- The upper register is undergoing restoration at MSK through 2026; the cathedral’s seven panels are replaced with color photographs during the work.
- The belfry offers the best panoramic views; go at sunset for dramatic photography
- Saint Michael's Bridge is particularly beautiful in the evening when buildings are lit

Museums & Galleries

Immerse yourself in Ghent's rich artistic and cultural heritage through world-class museums showcasing everything from medieval masterpieces to contemporary art.



Must See

Museum of Fine Arts (MSK)

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

A major Ghent art museum.” The superlative is unsupported by the museum’s official description. Features pieces by Flemish masters, impressionists, and modern artists in a beautifully renovated space overlooking Citadelpark.

Top Pick

Design Museum Gent is closed on 1 October 2026 and reopens on 3 October. Ghent

1.5 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Dedicated to design excellence, The museum reopens on 3 October 2026 after renovation; it is closed on 1 October. Interactive exhibits explore how design shapes daily life and culture.



Top Pick

Contemporary Art Museum (SMAK)

1.5 hours No Booking Needed

Map

State-of-the-art contemporary art venue featuring cutting-edge installations, video art, and multimedia works. Regular exhibitions showcase emerging and established artists, making it a hub for modern artistic discourse and experimentation.

Tips for Museums & Galleries

- Many museums offer combined tickets for savings; check tourist info centers
- Check each museum's site for free or reduced-price days
- Most museums have excellent cafés—worth visiting even if you're not viewing exhibits

Religious Sites

Experience Ghent's spiritual heritage through magnificent churches and chapels that showcase centuries of religious devotion and architectural mastery.



Must See

Sint-Niklaaskerk (Church of Saint Nicholas)

45 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

A gorgeous Scaldian Gothic church The church stands on Korenmarkt; Graslei is across the water. Built from the 13th century, it features beautiful pointed arches, soaring vaults, and intricate stonework reflecting the city's prosperity during the Middle Ages.



Top Pick

Sint-Jacobskerk (Church of Saint James)

45 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

A 14th-century Gothic church renowned for its ornate interior and stunning stained glass windows. The church served as a pilgrimage destination during medieval times and retains its spiritual significance as an active parish church.

Tips for Religious Sites

- Many churches have restricted visiting hours; check ahead before planning your visit
- Religious ceremonies and concerts are often held—ask about special events
- The three major church towers are best viewed together from Saint Michael's Bridge

Squares & Streets

Wander through Ghent's picturesque public spaces where medieval architecture, vibrant street life, and waterfront beauty create an unforgettable atmosphere.



Must See

Graslei Waterfront

1 hour No Booking Needed

Map

The iconic harborfront featuring historic guild houses with stepped gables lining the Graslei quay. This stunning medieval district reflects Ghent's prosperous merchant heritage with perfectly preserved architecture now housing restaurants, cafés, and shops.



Top Pick

Sint-Veerleplein Square

45 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

A charming medieval square surrounded by historic guild houses and overlooking Saint Michael's Bridge. The atmosphere transforms throughout the day—A historic square beside the Old Fish Market and Gravensteen; don’t count on a daily market there, intimate and romantic in the evening with waterfront reflections creating magical photo opportunities.



Notable

Graffiti Street (Werregarstraatje)

30 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

An alley dedicated to street art and graffiti, showcasing vibrant murals and creative expressions by local and international artists. This ever-changing gallery reflects Ghent's contemporary creative culture and offers a stark contrast to the medieval architecture.

Tips for Squares & Streets

- Graslei is best photographed from the water—consider a canal boat tour for unique angles
- Sint-Veerleplein is perfect for sunset; grab a drink at one of the waterfront cafés
- Graffiti Street changes constantly, reflecting current artistic trends and themes

Neighborhoods & Districts

Explore distinct neighborhoods each with unique character, from bohemian student quarters to quiet residential areas, each telling part of Ghent's diverse story.



Must See

Medieval City Center

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

The historic heart of Ghent featuring intact medieval streets, merchant houses, and the city's most iconic landmarks. Wandering the narrow cobblestone lanes reveals hidden courtyards, independent shops, and authentic Flemish architecture at every corner.



Top Pick

Patershol Neighborhood

1.5 hours No Booking Needed

Map

A charming bohemian district known for its artistic vibe, atmospheric restaurants, and winding medieval streets. Formerly working-class, it's now home to galleries, vintage shops, and cozy cafés where locals gather for authentic dining experiences.

Tips for Neighborhoods & Districts

- The Medieval City Center is best explored slowly—get lost in the side streets
- Patershol's restaurants require reservations on weekends; book ahead for dinner
- Both areas are pedestrian-friendly; wear comfortable shoes for cobblestone walking

Parks & Gardens

Discover green spaces offering respite from the city's medieval hustle, perfect for relaxation, recreation, and connecting with nature.



Top Pick

Citadelpark

1.5 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Ghent's premier urban park featuring expansive lawns, tree-lined pathways, and cultural institutions including the Museum of Fine Arts and Contemporary Art Museum. A vibrant public space hosting events, picnics, and outdoor activities year-round.



Notable

Sint-Pietersabdijpark

1.5 hours No Booking Needed

Map

A serene park surrounding a historic Benedictine abbey with stunning botanical gardens and peaceful walking paths. The landscape design blends natural beauty with historic architecture, creating a contemplative atmosphere perfect for meditation and leisurely strolls.

Tips for Parks & Gardens

- Citadelpark is perfect for picnics—grab snacks from local markets nearby
- Sint-Pietersabdij hosts concerts and cultural events; check schedule online
- Both parks offer excellent cycling routes; consider renting a bike

Tours & Activities

Engage with Ghent through guided experiences and hands-on activities that reveal the city's stories, culture, and hidden gems from unique perspectives.



Must See Book Ahead

Canal Boat Tours

45 minutes to 2 hours Book Ahead

Scenic boat tours through Ghent's picturesque canal system, offering unique waterfront perspectives of medieval architecture, historic bridges, and hidden courtyards. Tours range from brief introductions to comprehensive city explorations with multilingual commentary.



Top Pick Book Ahead

Bicycle Tours

2-3 hours Book Ahead

Explore Ghent by bicycle like locals do, covering more ground than walking while enjoying the flat terrain. Tours showcase neighborhoods, parks, and cycling infrastructure that makes Ghent one of Europe's most bike-friendly cities.



Top Pick Book Ahead

Street Art Walking Tours

2 hours Book Ahead

Guided tours focusing on Ghent's vibrant contemporary street art scene, visiting galleries, murals, and artisan spaces. Learn about local artists and the cultural movements shaping modern Ghent beyond its medieval reputation.

Tips for Tours & Activities

- Book canal tours online in advance to guarantee availability during peak season
- Bicycle tours are best in dry weather; bring layers for changing conditions
- Street art tours are most interesting with knowledgeable local guides

Food & Dining

Savor Ghent's diverse culinary scene ranging from traditional Flemish specialties to innovative contemporary cuisine showcasing local and international flavors.



Must See

Traditional Waterzooi Experience

1.5 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Enjoy Ghent's signature stew, a creamy vegetable or fish-based dish that embodies Flemish comfort food tradition. Best experienced at family-run restaurants in Patershol where recipes have been perfected over generations.



Talloor d'Or★★★★★ 4.9 (244)

1-2 hours

Map

Talloor d'Or is a highly-rated restaurant in Ghent, rated 4.9★ from 244 reviews. Located at Ledebergplein 20, 9050 Gent, Belgium.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 2:30 PM, 6:30 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 2:30 PM, 6:30 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 2:30 PM, 6:30 – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 6:30 – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed



Karel de Stoute★★★★★ 4.8 (496)

1-2 hours

Map

Karel de Stoute is a highly-rated restaurant in Ghent, rated 4.8★ from 496 reviews. Located at Vrouwebroersstraat 2, 9000 Gent, Belgium.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Saturday: Closed
- Sunday: Closed



Oak★★★★★ 4.8 (668)

1-2 hours

Map

Oak is a highly-rated restaurant in Ghent, rated 4.8★ from 668 reviews. Located at 9000, Burgstraat 16, 9000 Gent, Belgium.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 1:00 PM, 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 1:00 PM, 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 1:00 PM, 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 1:00 PM, 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- Saturday: Closed
- Sunday: Closed



Takes Thyme★★★★★ 4.8 (389)

1-2 hours

Map

Takes Thyme is a highly-rated restaurant in Ghent, rated 4.8★ from 389 reviews. Located at Ottogracht 18, 9000 Gent, Belgium.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:30 AM – 5:30 PM
- Tuesday: 11:30 AM – 5:30 PM
- Wednesday: Closed
- Thursday: Closed
- Friday: 11:30 AM – 10:30 PM
- Saturday: 11:30 AM – 10:30 PM
- Sunday: Closed



Restaurant Vrijmoed★★★★★ 4.8 (740)

1-2 hours

Map

Restaurant Vrijmoed is a highly-rated restaurant in Ghent, rated 4.8★ from 740 reviews. Located at Vlaanderenstraat 22, 9000 Gent, Belgium.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 7:00 – 9:30 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 7:00 – 9:30 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 7:00 – 9:30 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 7:00 – 9:30 PM
- Saturday: Closed
- Sunday: Closed



DOOR73★★★★★ 4.8 (405)

1-2 hours

Map

DOOR73 is a highly-rated restaurant in Ghent, rated 4.8★ from 405 reviews. Located at Hoogstraat 73, 9000 Gent, Belgium.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Wednesday: 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Thursday: 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Sunday: Closed



Meat Factory Gent★★★★★ 4.7 (4,522)

1-2 hours

Map

Meat Factory Gent is a highly-rated restaurant in Ghent, rated 4.7★ from 4522 reviews. Located at Hoogpoort 3, 9000 Gent, Belgium.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM



Tribune Wintercircus★★★★★ 4.7 (325)

1-2 hours

Map

Tribune Wintercircus is a highly-rated restaurant in Ghent, rated 4.7★ from 325 reviews. Located at Lammerstraat 13, 9000 Gent, Belgium.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- Friday: 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- Saturday: Closed
- Sunday: Closed



Maison Elza★★★★★ 4.7 (781)

1-2 hours

Map

Maison Elza is a highly-rated restaurant in Ghent, rated 4.7★ from 781 reviews. Located at Jan Breydelstraat 36, 9000 Gent, Belgium.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: Closed
- Thursday: 6:00 – 9:30 PM
- Friday: 6:00 – 9:30 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM, 6:00 – 9:30 PM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM



Publiek★★★★★ 4.7 (710)

1-2 hours

Map

Publiek is a highly-rated restaurant in Ghent, rated 4.7★ from 710 reviews. Located at Ham 39, 9000 Gent, Belgium.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Saturday: 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Sunday: Closed



Fou d'O★★★★★ 4.6 (1,715)

1-2 hours

Map

Fou d'O is a highly-rated restaurant in Ghent, rated 4.6★ from 1715 reviews. Located at Snepkaai 40, 9000 Gent, Belgium.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 6:00 – 9:30 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 6:00 – 9:30 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 6:00 – 9:30 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 6:00 – 9:30 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 6:00 – 9:30 PM
- Saturday: Closed
- Sunday: Closed



Jaggers★★★★★ 4.6 (497)

1-2 hours

Map

Jaggers is a highly-rated restaurant in Ghent, rated 4.6★ from 497 reviews. Located at Vrijdagmarkt 4, 9000 Gent, Belgium.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Wednesday: Closed
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM



Restaurant Gillis★★★★★ 4.6 (687)

1-2 hours

Map

Restaurant Gillis is a highly-rated restaurant in Ghent, rated 4.6★ from 687 reviews. Located at Hoogstraat 23, 9000 Gent, Belgium.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 6:30 PM – 12:00 AM
- Thursday: 6:30 PM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 12:00 – 3:00 PM, 6:30 PM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 6:30 PM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: Closed



LOF Restaurant★★★★★ 4.6 (532)

1-2 hours

Map

LOF Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Ghent, rated 4.6★ from 532 reviews. Located at Hoogstraat 36, 9000 Gent, Belgium.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 6:00 – 9:30 PM
- Thursday: 6:00 – 9:30 PM
- Friday: 6:00 – 9:30 PM
- Saturday: 6:00 – 9:30 PM
- Sunday: Closed



Top Pick

Belgian Chocolate & Waffles

1 hour No Booking Needed

Map

Indulge in authentic Belgian pralines from master chocolatiers and fresh waffles from street vendors. Sample variations of Flemish waffles and Brussels waffles, each with distinct textures and toppings at local specialty shops.



Top Pick Book Ahead

Vegetarian Capital Dining

2 hours Book Ahead

Map

Ghent has emerged as Europe's vegetarian capital with innovative plant-based restaurants and a weekly Thursday vegan day. Restaurants range from casual eateries to Michelin-starred establishments showcasing creative vegetable-focused cuisine.



Mémé Gusta★★★★★ 4.5 (2,201)

1-2 hours

Map

Mémé Gusta is a highly-rated restaurant in Ghent, rated 4.5★ from 2201 reviews. Located at Burgstraat 19, 9000 Gent, Belgium.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed

Tips for Food & Dining

- Thursday is Ghent's traditional vegetarian day—many restaurants offer special menus
- Visit street markets early morning for fresh produce and local products
- Make reservations for popular restaurants, especially on weekends

Practical Information

Spring (April-May) and **Fall (September-October)** offer ideal weather with temperatures between 15-20°C, blooming flowers, and comfortable walking conditions. Summer (June-August) brings warmth and longer daylight but increased crowds and higher accommodation prices.

Winter (December-February) transforms Ghent into a magical setting with holiday decorations, ice skating, and atmospheric rainy evenings—though cold temperatures require proper clothing. Rainfall is common throughout the year.

Getting There

By Air: Brussels Airport is about 45 minutes from Ghent by train; SNCB currently lists Ghent at 55 minutes.

By Train: Ghent-Sint-Pieters station connects to major European cities; frequent direct trains from Brussels, Amsterdam, and Cologne.

Getting Around

Bicycles: Ghent is extremely bike-friendly with extensive lanes. Rent bikes at numerous shops; most tourists bike daily.

Public Transport: Trams and buses cover the city with affordable day tickets. Most attractions are within the walkable medieval center.

On Foot: The compact city center is best explored walking; cobblestones and narrow streets accommodate pedestrians naturally.

✈ Airport Transfer

Brussels Airport (BRU) to city center:

- **Train:** There is a direct airport connection; check the timetable for your travel date. The listed journey is about 45–55 minutes, check the current fare
- **Train + transfer:** A direct airport-to-Ghent train is available; fares vary by ticket and the airport supplement may apply.

- **Private transfer:** Pre-booked door-to-door shuttle to central Ghent in about 55 minutes, at a price to confirm when booking
- **Taxi:** Metered taxi directly to Ghent city center in roughly 50 minutes, at a fare to confirm with the driver first

Shopping Areas

Graslei & Sint-Veerleplein: Upscale boutiques, fashion shops, and artisan stores in historic locations.

Veldstraat: Ghent's main shopping street featuring international brands and local shops.

Vintage & Independent Shops: Patershol neighborhood hosts unique vintage clothing, antiques, and designer boutiques.

What to Buy

- **Belgian Chocolate:** Authentic pralines from master chocolatiers—perfect souvenirs
- **Flemish Art:** Reproductions of Ghent Altarpiece and local artwork
- **Lace:** Traditional Belgian lace items from specialty shops
- **Beer:** Local Trappist and specialty Belgian beers unavailable elsewhere
- **Postcard & Books:** Medieval-themed souvenirs and travel literature

Note: Most shops accept cards; ATMs are abundant throughout the city.

Annual Events

In 2026, Gentse Feesten runs 17–26 July. with music, theater, street performances, and open-air cinema throughout the city.

Ghent’s annual December event is the Gentse Winterfeesten. The Ghent Light Festival is a separate event held every three years; the next edition is in 2027.

The 2026 Gent Festival (classical music) runs 10–27 September; check the film festival’s own programme for its dates: International film festival showcasing contemporary and classic cinema.

Art Biennale (Odd Years): Contemporary art showcase featuring installations, performances, and exhibitions.

Canal Festival (Summer): Waterfront celebrations with boat races, swimming events, and riverside entertainment.

Day 1: Medieval Ghent

Start at Sint-Baafskathedraal viewing the Ghent Altarpiece, climb Belfry of Ghent for city views. Walk through Sint-Veerleplein and photograph from Saint Michael's Bridge. Lunch at Graslei, explore guild houses and historic architecture, dinner in atmospheric Patershol neighborhood.

Day 2: Museums & Culture

Morning at Museum of Fine Arts exploring Flemish masters and medieval art. Afternoon in Design Museum Gent is closed on 1 October 2026 and reopens on 3 October. Stroll through Citadelpark, visit Sint-Pietersabdijpark's gardens, evening café culture in the city center.

Day 3: Canals & Neighborhoods

Morning canal boat tour experiencing waterfront perspectives. Bicycle tour or walking exploration of residential neighborhoods away from tourist centers. Visit Sint-Niklaaskerk and Sint-Jacobskerk. Afternoon shopping and browsing vintage shops in Patershol, street art observation.

Day 4: Local Life

Visit local markets and squares where residents shop. Vegetarian dining experience showcasing Ghent's unique food culture. Afternoon street art walking tour. Evening drinks and snacks at local beer bars sampling regional brews.

Day 5: Day Trip Alternatives

Consider day trips to Bruges (30 minutes by train) for additional medieval charm, or explore Flemish countryside villages. Alternative: Focused deep-dive into one museum or neighborhood based on personal interests.

Best Photography Locations

The bridge is a landmark viewpoint for Ghent’s three towers; reflections depend on conditions and the view is not reliably a perfect reflection. Arrive 30 minutes early for prime positioning.

Graslei Waterfront (Blue Hour): Twilight hour after sunset creates deep blue skies behind illuminated guild houses. Position from the water if possible via boat tour.

Sint-Veerleplein Square (Evening): Architectural lighting and reflections create romantic atmosphere; street lamps add warm tones to medieval facades.

Graffiti Street (Daylight): Vibrant colors pop in natural daylight; overcast skies provide even lighting without harsh shadows.

Tower Perspectives (Afternoon): Climb Belfry of Ghent for aerial cityscape shots showing canal patterns and medieval layout.

Electrical Standards

Voltage: 230V AC, 50Hz (European standard)

Plug Types: Type C (two round pins) and Type E/F (round pins with grounding) are standard.

Adapters: North American (Type A/B) and UK (Type G) visitors require adapters. USB chargers are increasingly available in hotels and cafés.

Recommendations: Purchase a universal travel adapter before departure. Major electronics stores and airport shops sell adapters, though prices are higher. Consider power banks for extended sightseeing.

Must-Try Dishes

Gentse Stoverij: Traditional Ghent stew combining beef, onions, and mild spices in rich sauce—comfort food embodying Flemish cooking.

Paling in 't Groen: Eel in green herb sauce, a classic preparation showcasing local waterway ingredients.

Belgische Frites: Crispy double-fried Belgian fries with mayonnaise, curry, or specialty sauces from dedicated frituren shops.

Asparagus & Seasonal Vegetables: Spring brings white asparagus; autumn features mushrooms and root vegetables showcasing agricultural abundance.

Belgian Beer: Sample Trappist ales, lambics, and local craft beers at traditional beer cafés like Gulden Draak and Smisje.

Dining Tips

- Lunch typically 12-14h; dinner 18-22h. Many restaurants close between meal periods.
- Thursday is vegetarian day—many restaurants feature meat-free menus and special offers.
- Reserve ahead for dinner, especially on weekends in popular neighborhoods.
- Tipping 5-10% is customary but not obligatory; service charge is usually included.

Tourist Passes

Ghent City Card

Comprehensive pass including **unlimited public transportation** on trams and buses, **free or discounted entry to museums**. **The card offers free access to listed attractions and free local public transport; restaurant and shop discounts are not listed among its benefits.**. Available for set durations (check the official site), offering possible savings for multiple museum visits.

www.visit.gent.be