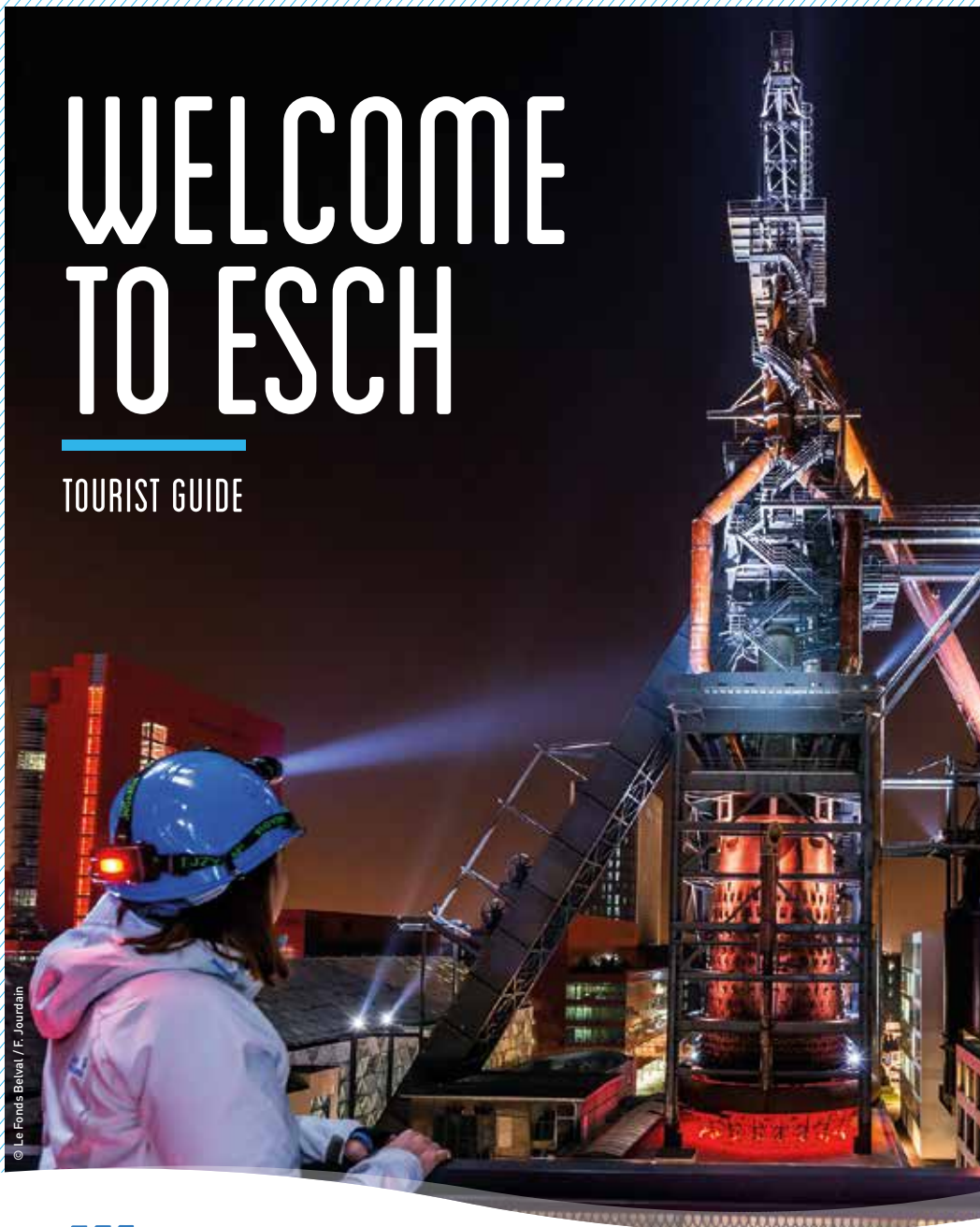


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TOURIST GUIDE

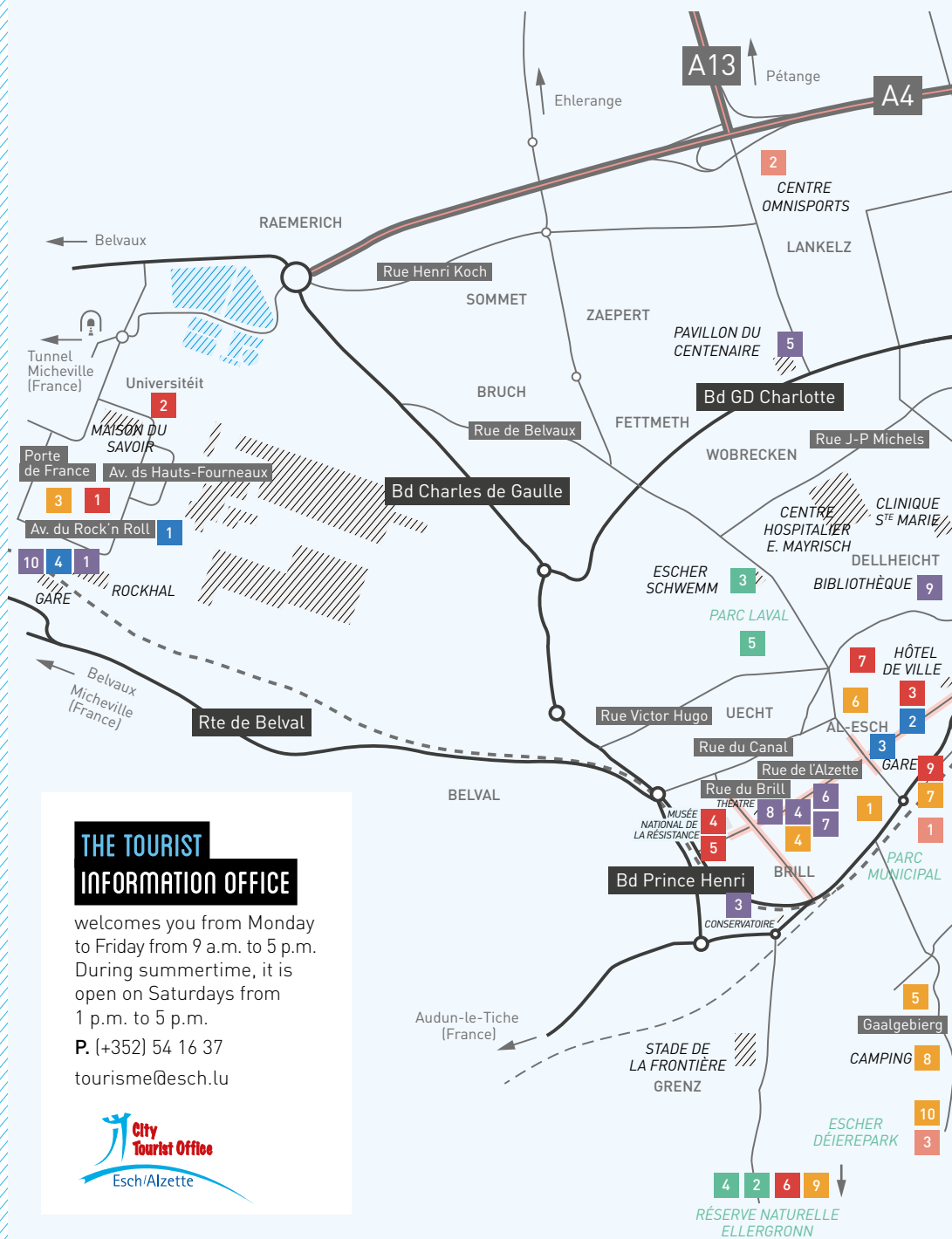


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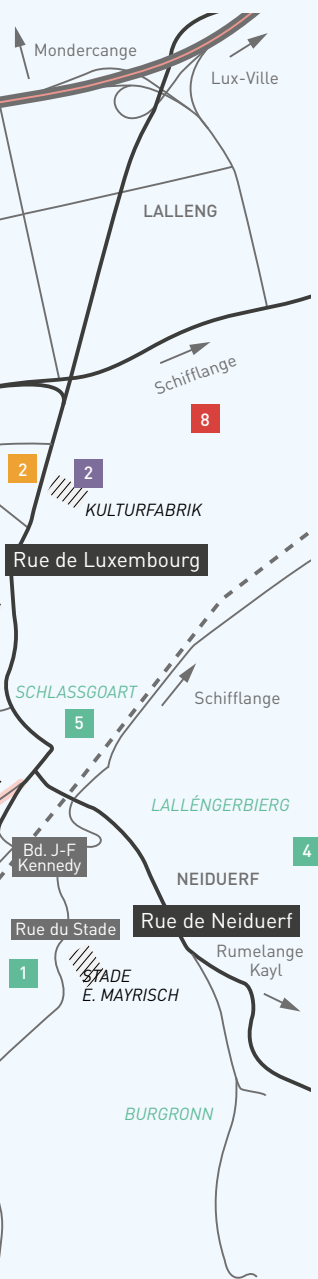
THE TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

welcomes you from Monday
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01. URBAN ENVIRONMENT



BELVAL, A MONUMENT BUT ABOVE ALL A PLACE OF THE FUTURE

1 The blast furnaces of Belval (A & B) are preserved as a **national monument**, the last of their kind in Luxembourg. They are the landmarks of an important part of the country's history. But Belval is not only a national monument; it is one of the biggest and most ambitious **urban development** areas in Europe at the moment. On approximately 120 hectares, research, studies, work, leisure, shopping, living and culture are contributing to a multifunctional environment.

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b.

A STRIKING ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE

2 At the beginning of the 20th century, Esch desired to develop its economic role to match that of the political capital, Luxembourg-City. Plans for **urbanization** were initiated in 1906. In 1924, the renowned German town planner Joseph Stübgen extended the plan and created new quarters. In addition, the **arts prospered** to complement the **flourishing city**. The project managers, having their origins in Germany, Belgium, Italy and Luxembourg, incorporated many traditional elements from these countries into their designs. A detailed brochure in 4 languages is available at the City Tourist Office at the Place de l'Hôtel de Ville.

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- a. Place de l'Académie
- b. Emblem of Esch-sur-Alzette, Highschool "Lycée de Garçons"
- c. Townhall



c.

A MULTITUDE OF SHOPPING POSSIBILITIES



RUE DE L'ALZETTE – THE LONGEST PEDESTRIAN STREET OF LUXEMBOURG

3 In the centre of Esch, the Rue de l'Alzette and the surrounding streets offer many opportunities for all shopping lovers and every budget. This artery links the main squares of the former "Steel Metropolis", the Place de l'Hôtel de Ville (Town Hall Square) and the Place de la Résistance (Resistance Square). The two squares accommodate numerous terraces, benches and an underground car park each. They regularly host events like the weekly market, annual fairs, the Christmas Market, the celebrations of the National Day and flea markets.

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- a. Rue de l'Alzette
- b. Town hall square / Rue de l'Alzette
- c. Resistance square

BELVAL PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER

4 Belval Plaza is more than a traditional shopping centre. The visitor may find a mixture of international known brands and local businesses - more than 40 shops, 1 modern cinema with 7 screens and several restaurants & bars.

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GASTRONOMY, NIGHTLIFE & BARS

Being a **multicultural** city, Esch counts more than **120 bars** and **restaurants** - styles and cuisines from all over the world can be found at walking distance.

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- a. Rue de l'Alzette
- b. Belval Plaza Shopping Center
- c. Town hall square - Place de l'Hôtel de Ville
- d. Resistance square - Place de la Résistance



02.CULTURE

A large crowd of people is seen from an elevated perspective, filling a large outdoor venue. A bright stage light beam cuts across the scene from the upper right towards the center. The background shows the structural elements of a large building or stage infrastructure.

ROCKHAL

1 The **biggest concert** venue in Luxembourg stages more than 200 concerts each year, presenting a mixture of new rising bands and international stars.

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CONSERVATOIRE DE MUSIQUE

3 The Music Conservatory has a **large offer of music, dance and dramatic art** courses, ranging from beginner to advanced levels, and stages concerts by renowned ensembles.

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- a. Rockhal
- b. Music Conservatory / Conservatoire de Musique
- c. Kulturfabrik

KULTURFABRIK

2 The "Kulturfabrik" is an exceptional **cultural centre** located in a former slaughterhouse. On 4,500 sqm it has 2 stages, a brasserie, a cinema, an exhibition gallery and several rehearsal rooms.

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ART GALLERIES

- 4 **Galerie d'Art du Théâtre Municipal**
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- 5 **Galerie Schlassgoart**
 Pavillon du Centenaire (Nonnewisen)
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- 6 **Galerie Schortgen**
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- 7 **Espace AppArt - Galerie de Jaeger**
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CITY THEATRE

- 8 The recently renovated theatre offers a varied and high-quality cultural programme: theatre performances in various languages, dance, opera, concerts, variety shows and more.

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MULTIPLEX CINEMA

10 Kinepolis Belval has **7 screens**, including the largest one of the country, oversized seats and a varied programming for everyone.

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a. City Library

b. City Theatre / Théâtre Municipal

MAIN EVENTS

MARCH	◦ Carnival	
APRIL	◦ Street sale "Fréijoersshopping"	
	◦ Easter Fair	
MAY	◦ Arrival of the cycle race "Flèche du Sud"	◦ Night of Culture
	◦ Youthday	◦ Night of Sports
	◦ Pentecost Fair	◦ 6h VTT
JUNE	◦ Street sale	◦ St. John's Celebration
	◦ National Day (21-23 June)	◦ Sport, Spill a Spaas
JULY	◦ Street sale "Journée française" (14 th July)	◦ Gay Pride "Gaymat"
	◦ Festa Bairrada	◦ Kulturfestival
	◦ Blast Furnace Festival	◦ Luxembourg Beach Open
		◦ Urban Art Festival
AUGUST	◦ Open air cinemas	
	◦ Several flea markets	
SEPTEMBER	◦ Street sale "Hierschtmoart"	
	◦ Kulturlaf	
OCTOBER	◦ Street sale "Mantelsonndeg"	
NOVEMBER / DECEMBER	◦ Saint Nicholas Parade	
	◦ Christmas market	

CITY LIBRARY

9 The collection of the public library of Esch-sur-Alzette consists of more than **60,000 publications** in seven languages. These include various media (books, CDs, DVDs, ebooks...) and cover a vast range of themes and categories: fiction, classics, scientific books, journals, manga and comics.

The public library provides working and study areas, such as a reading room and four computers with internet access.

Throughout the year, the public library organizes a variety of events such as public readings, workshops and concerts.

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03. RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

RECREATIONAL AREA "GAALGEBIERG"

- 1 Accessible via the footbridge near the main station, the Municipal Park "Gaalgebierg" is a **place for relaxation** for young and old alike, where one can find the serenity of preserved nature at only a few footsteps from the bustling city. It is a unique combination of **flower gardens**, **forest** trails and small, isolated paths.

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NATURE RESERVE ELLERGRONN

2 The nature reserve Ellergronn is located in an area of **110 hectares in the southern part of Esch**. As the extraction works stopped in the former opencast mine, the area was left and many habitats with an enormous biodiversity developed there. Today, the area consists of mainly calcareous beech forests, several ponds, an alder-ash grove and dry grasslands that are typical for the region. A visitor centre, hosted in the buildings of the former Cockerill-mine, is **the starting point for several trails** through nature and offers many activities all over the year. It is designed to give insight into the **rich nature of the region**.

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a. Recreational area "Gaalgebierg"

b. Municipal swimming pool "Escher Schwemm"

c. Nature reserve Ellergronn

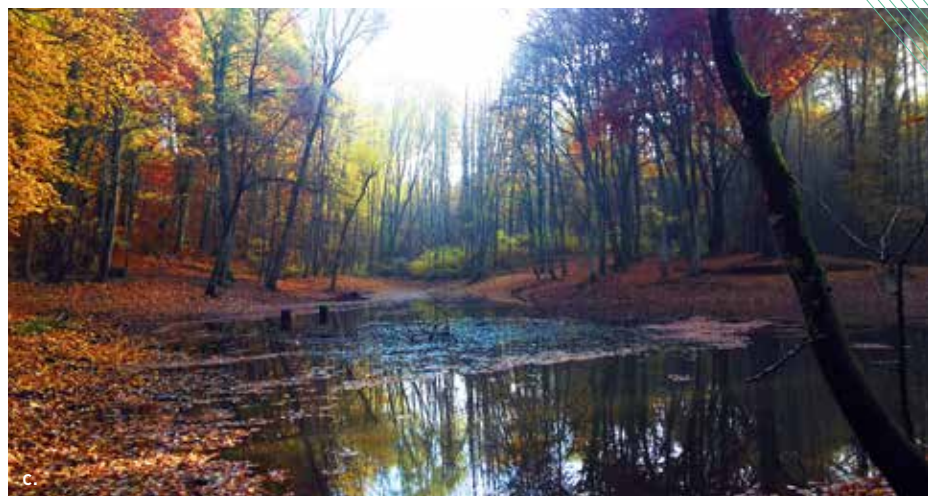


ESCHER SCHWEMM LES BAINS DU PARC

3 A variety of **leisure, wellness and relaxation** installations are at your disposal; 3 indoor pools and 1 outdoor pool, a large slide, a sauna, a solarium and a restaurant.

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A HUGE PLAYGROUND FOR HIKERS & MOUNTAIN BIKERS

4 In the woods and former open cast mines around Esch, visitors can discover the **unique topography**, which has been shaped by men for more than a century through the extraction of iron ore.

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SEVERAL PARKS

5 Beside the municipal park "**Gaalgebierg**", Esch has many other green areas to offer to its visitors. The main one is the **park Laval**. Located behind the public swimming pool, this recreational area includes a playground and is in the centre of the city. Do not miss the terrace of the Club 5 and the open air pool of the baths. At walking distance from the Town hall Square you will find the "**Schlassgoart**" with its large ponds.

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- a. Entrance "Haedefeldchen"-Mine
- b. Lalléngerbiert
- c. Lalléngerbiert
- d. Park "Schlassgoart"
- e. Public Park "Gaalgebierg"
- f. Park Laval



04.KIDS

A photograph of a rustic wooden play structure in a wooded area. The structure features a tall tower with a gabled roof made of wooden planks, a window with a grid pattern, and a rope ladder. Two large, curved slides are attached to the structure. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange-red filter. The right side of the page has a vertical orange-red band with diagonal white lines.

PLAYGROUNDS

1 Esch-sur-Alzette counts **51 playgrounds** with a large range of attractions, going from simple slides to a tyrolean in the municipal park, "**Gaalgebierg**".

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c.

MINIATURE TRAIN -- CHEMINS DE FER LANKELZ

2 The **miniature train** disposes of a real station and has two trails, the longest being 1,000 m (1 tunnel, 1 crossing and 3 bridges), the shortest 350 m (4 bridges and one station). It runs on Sundays from Mai 1st - October 15th, from 2 pm to 5.30 pm (last departure).

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ESCHER DÉIEREPARK ANIMAL PARK

3 On the "Gaalgebierg", next to the camping site, an **exceptional animal park** allows inhabitants and visitors since 1962 to discover or rediscover indigenous animals in a natural and comfortable environment. You can visit anytime **for free** and it will be worth your while, especially with children.

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- a. Playground of the Animal Park
- b. Animal Park "Escher Déierepark"
- c. Animal Park "Escher Déierepark"

05. POINTS OF INTEREST, SIGHTS AND TOURS

CITY OF SCIENCE EXHIBITION & BLAST FURNACES MUSEUM

1 Located in the former “Massenoire” building, the exhibition “Belval & More” presents the City of Science project, providing a historical and urban overview of the development in the southern region of Luxembourg. You can discover the equipment required to produce cast iron and climb the 180 steps to the **40 m** viewing platform at the furnace top. From there, you can enjoy a breath taking view of the new urban districts of the Belval site, Esch and its surroundings.

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UNIVERSITY OF LUXEMBOURG

2 The University of Luxembourg is centred on research and has an international, multilingual and interdisciplinary outlook. It was founded in 2003 and employs researchers and staff from all over the world while it counts some 6,200 students. Since September 2015, the main campus is located in Esch-Belval.

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ARCHITECTURAL WALK

3 The Architectural Walk (5 km) allows the visitor to discover the city's architectural heritage, which has been largely maintained. The contractors were from Germany, Belgium, France and Luxembourg and the mix of Germanic and Latin influences in the architecture is obvious and enhances the cultural diversity in Esch-sur-Alzette. A **guided tour** can be booked at the tourist office, which can also provide you with a brochure to do the tour by yourself.

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- a. City of Science & blast furnaces
- b. University of Luxembourg
- c. Sichel House

NATIONAL RESISTANCE MUSEUM

4 Through a series of photographs, objects and art works, the museum retraces Luxembourg's history between 1940 and 1945, from the Nazi oppression through the population's reactions and up to its liberation. A 2nd section covers the Nazi repression and the concentration camp system, as well as the fate of Luxembourg's Jews.

A temporary exhibition space allows for the presentation of topics regarding the 1933/1940-1945 era, as well as current issues related to the resistance to human rights violations or to citizenship education.

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REMEMBRANCE PATH

5 The Remembrance Path provides information on precise locations (museums, monuments...) or street and square names in relation **with World War II** and the suffering of the people in Esch. **A guided tour** can be booked at the Resistance Museum while a leaflet allowing you to walk the path by yourself is available either at the Museum or at the tourist office.

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VISITOR CENTRE ELLERGRONN & MUSEUM OF THE COCKERILL MINE

6 The visitor centre Ellergrohn is situated about 2 km south of the city centre, near the same-named **nature reserve**. Hosted in the buildings of the former Cockerill-mine, it is the starting point for several trails through nature and offers **many activities** all over the year. One of the houses hosts a museum where traditional mining utensils like mine lamps, drills and other tools are displayed. In addition to this impressive collection, a photographic archive showcases the arduousness of mine work. A replica of a worker accommodation and a blacksmith's shop may also be seen.

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MONUMENTS & MEMORIAL STONES

Numerous monuments and memorial stones have been erected during the last century on the territory of Esch. Find their location on our interactive map:

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ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

7 Being the oldest and the most important catholic church of Esch, St. Joseph is also the only one **open for visits outside of mass**. It was built by the architect Charles Arendt between 1873 and 1877: this French neo-gothic church is reminiscent of the cathedral Meulin and Sainte Trinité. Other churches are Saint Henri, Sacré Coeur and Marie-Reine.

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- a. National Resistance Museum
- b. Visitor Centre Ellergronn & Museum of the Cockerill Mine
- c. St. Joseph's Church
- d. Footbridge "Passerelle"

MUSEUM OF THE STEEL INDUSTRY "DE SCHMELZAARBECHTER"

8 The visitor may discover items and authentic tools, which were in use for decades, in this **110 sqm museum**. The museum opens its doors every first Saturday of the month from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The entrance is free of charge and guided tours are available on request.

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schmelzaarbechter.lu



THE FOOTBRIDGE "PASSERELLE"

9 The bridge has a lift to facilitate access for people with reduced mobility, but also for families with strollers. It is located in direct proximity to the railway station and bus station. The bridge became the new symbol of the centre of Esch-sur-Alzette, because of its height and its nightly illumination, making it visible from afar.

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06. ACCOMMODATION





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c.

1

HOTEL ACACIA

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a. The Seven Hotel

b. Rosati House

c. Tree houses

07. GETTING AROUND

A green-tinted photograph of a bus stop. A white bus is visible behind a glass shelter. The scene is on a sidewalk with a manhole cover in the foreground. The entire image has a green overlay, and the right side features a diagonal line pattern.

BUS & TRAIN

Esch-sur-Alzette has a **very efficient bus network** that allows you to travel very easily. The most affordable way is to buy a booklet of ten tickets for the "City Bus" (40 cents/ticket, valid for an entire day) or to buy a monthly pass (8 €). These tickets are not sold on the bus but can be purchased at the ticket office at the station, the city hall or the tourist office. You may also use them on the trains that connect the city centre and Esch-Belval.

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b.

PARKING

More than 13,500 spots are available in the public car parks (of which 1,910 are P&R spots and 1,600 spots are within the 4 indoor car parks in the city centre). Intelligent guiding systems as well as an online service allow you to check availabilities in real time.

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VËL'OK

The free **VËL'OK** service is available 24/7. 128 classic bikes as well as 129 electronic bikes are at your disposal at 56 stations in the cities of Bettembourg, Differdange, Dudelange, Esch-sur-Alzette, Sanem and Schifflange. Registration is required at the City Hall, the tourist office or the CIGL.

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PEDESTRIAN SIGNAGE

In order to promote low impact mobility, Esch, as a city of short distances, provides you with a pedestrian signage system. 72 signs indicate directions and walking durations to the main points of interest.



c.

- a. Bus Terminal
- b. Bus stop "Place de l'Hôtel de Ville"
- c. "Vël'ok"-Terminal

08. WHAT TO DO IN THE SURROUNDINGS?

THE NATIONAL MINING MUSEUM IN RUMELANGE

The idea to found a mining museum goes back to 1970. At this time, former miners convinced the City Hall of Rumelange to transform the mine called Walert, which had been closed in 1963, **into a museum**. Since its modernisation in 2002, the museum presents the work of the miners, as well as the tools, machines and equipment that they used for the extraction of **iron** ore in a lively way. The major part of the collection is showcased in the **underground galleries** of the mine. Tools and machines give evidence of more than a century of technological evolution. Thanks to this spectacular way of presentation, the visitor gets a deep insight into the nature of the mining work.

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b.

A FAIRYTALE PARK IN BETTEMBOURG

In the unique **theme park** of Luxembourg, you will find a fairy tale forest, a giant spider web, a labyrinth or a bird village. **Animals from 5 continents** may be interesting to all family members who can see pelicans, pink flamingoes, monkeys or crocodiles in the tropical Amazonian pavilions or in the Madagascar house.

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c.

MINETT PARK, AN INDUSTRIAL, RAIL AND NATURAL PARK

The Minett Park is a rail and industrial park that is unique in Luxembourg and gives evidence of the **industrial past** of the country. It is located in an area that stands out because of its remarkable nature, between Differdange and Pétange. You will find, among others, two **historic trains** operated between May and September, on Sundays and public holidays (except from June 23rd). The exhibitions and museums in Fond-de-Gras and Lasauvage are open from 2 to 6 p.m. on the same dates.

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A COUNTRY OF SHORT DISTANCES

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg can pride on an enormous **diversity at all levels**. This applies for the various landscapes as well as for the different witnesses of an exceptional history: historical castles, fortifications, museums, exhibition halls and galleries showcase the rich cultural heritage of the country. Given the short distances, all sites can be reached in a short amount of time.

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- a. The national mining museum in Rumelange (outside)
- b. The national mining museum in Rumelange (inside)
- c. Fairytale Park in Bettembourg

HOW TO ARRIVE?

The easiest and most affordable way to travel to Esch is the **train** which goes **every 15 minutes** from Luxembourg-City on weekdays and a little less frequently in the evenings, on the weekends and on public holidays. Esch has **two railway stations, Belval-Université and Esch-centre**, from which you can take all bus lines connecting Esch to other cities of the region. During the weekends, the train and busses **also go in the night**.

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If you prefer using your **personal car**, Esch is directly connected to the motorway, namely via the A4 (direction Luxembourg-City), the A13 (direction Pétange and Saarland/Germany) and the A30 (direction France).

The **airport** of Luxembourg, "Findel", is at 27 km from Esch-sur-Alzette. By car, it takes you less than 30 minutes to get there, but you'll have to calculate one hour by public transportation.



THE CENTRE OF THE GREATER REGION

The Greater Region is located in the historical heart of Europe, at less than 300 km from Paris, Brussels, Rotterdam and Frankfurt, and less than 600 km from London, Berlin, Prague and Milan. Don't miss exceptional cities like Metz, Nancy, Trier and Saarbrücken, which are less than one hour away from Esch. On weekends, the train and busses also go during the night.

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