

### 10 things to do this summer

in Flemish Brabant



Still looking for fun activities this summer? Don't know how to entertain your kids for two months? Or need tips for an excursion? Here are ten tips to make it a great summer holiday. More tips and inspiration can be found on our website. Have fun!

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1. Visit our Provincial Domains

Diest, Huizingen, Kessel-Io, Zoutleeuw 2. Discover the Gete River Valley Adventure Path

Linter



Come and swim in the Halve Maan, climb the lookout tower in het Vinne, visit the animal park in Huizingen and for water fun you have to be in Kessel-Lo!



Scamper cheerfully like a dormouse through the play forest on the Stationsplein in Drieslinter. To cross the Gete River and get to the Gete Dragon, you'll need to travel a sensational metres-high suspension bridge first.

Let's go!

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# **3. Cycle the Green Belt route** Surrounding Brussels



# **4. Plan your own walking route** All over Flemish Brabant



The 'green' in Green Belt? You can take that literally cycling the lush loop encircling Brussels. This 126-km bike route is a grab bag of enticing vistas, sweeping landscapes, verdant valleys, elegant castle estates, rich agricultural land, rolling hills, and majestic forests.

Let's go!

These red & white signboards by the roadside may be a familiar sight, but who put them there – and why?

Say hello to our cutting-edge node-to-node network! It's an ingenious – and simple – navigation system for walking enthusiasts!

Let's go!

### 5. Climb the Vlooybergtoren

Tielt-Winge

## 6. Visit the Museum of Old Technics

Grimbergen



The floating staircase is made of stainless COR-TEN steel, its colour reminiscent of its ironstone heritage. It stands at over 11 m high and is more than 20 m long. It's at the top of one of the Hageland's highest locations, an inlier around 80 m high, that you'll find this look-out staircase.



The MOT is a DIY museum of hand tools and techniques powered by man, wind or water. Located in three historical sites spread across Grimbergen, this museum is a quiet green spot at the brink of Brussels.

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## 7. Try the family trail in the AfricaMuseum

Tervuren

### 8. Enjoy the summer festival

Leuven



While visiting the AfricaMuseum, you can look for the colourful sensory boxes hidden in the museum rooms. In them, you'll find all kinds of fun assignments. How about making a spider's web without looking? And if that wasn't enough, you'll discover Vlieg's treasure and get a present! So get your hands ready and feel!

Let's go!



There is so much to do in Leuven this summer: concerts, picnics in the park, open-air cinema, and much more. Check out the full program of Het Groot Verlof, the summer festival in Leuven from 7 July to 12 August.

Let's go!

## 9. Admire the renovated Gaasbeek Castle

10. Taste a Belgian wine



After being closed for a long period of time to enable restoration work to be carried out, the castle is now shaking off the last grains of building dust, ready for its glorious awakening from its beauty sleep. On 1 July 2023, its doors will open and you can admire the result of the restoration campaign. It's going to be a flourishing summer in Gaasbeek!

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As the golden summer sun bakes into the southern hillside, a magical process sparks within the clusters of grapes scattered across its flanks. In a heartbeat, the entire landscape takes on a Tuscan flair. If you hike up the Houwaartse Berg, you'll find yourself greeted by one vineyard after another. Discover Hageland wine on foot, by bike, or face to face with a local winegrower!

Let's go!

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