

ANTWERPEN

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Antwerp is a city and municipality in Belgium and the capital of the Antwerp province of Belgium. With a population of 510,610, it is the second most populous city in Belgium, after the capital Brussels. Antwerp received town privileges in 1291. And it has always been one of the most important cities in Europe.



Mayor of Antwerp, Bart de Wever



Nowadays in Antwerp more than 180 nations live, it is the second city after New York which is so multinational, multicultural.



Caribbean climates



In Antwerp anybody feels free, freedom of religion is very much respected.



China Town



Here we can try any kitchen of the world. Everybody is here. C'mon, more 180 nations...



Bolleke Feest – in other words Beer Party sponsored by local Brewery De Koninck.



Bolleke feest is always organized in center of Antwerp. It lasts a few days. It is not only beer, but also concerts, walks, tasting of other beverages and foods.



Preparing “Handjes” – Antwerp cookies that look like small hands



Het bolleke = a glass of De Koninck beer



In Antwerp we can taste more hundreds beer...



Belgische Friet – these are not French fries! They should be call Belgian fries, because Belgians invented them.



Hand made Belgian pralines



Central Station - outside



Central Station – inside; It is one of the most beautiful railway stations in the whole world.



Foto Museum



Foto Museum. Here it is possible to see to get know history of photography and to see exhibitions of contemporary photography.



MUHKA (M HKA): gallery of modern art



Museum Mayer van den Bergh – a beautiful collection of art;



Magden Huis – collection of 16th and 17th century art. This museum is placed in a former orphanage. Here it is possible to see paintings by Rubens, Jordaen and Van Dyck.



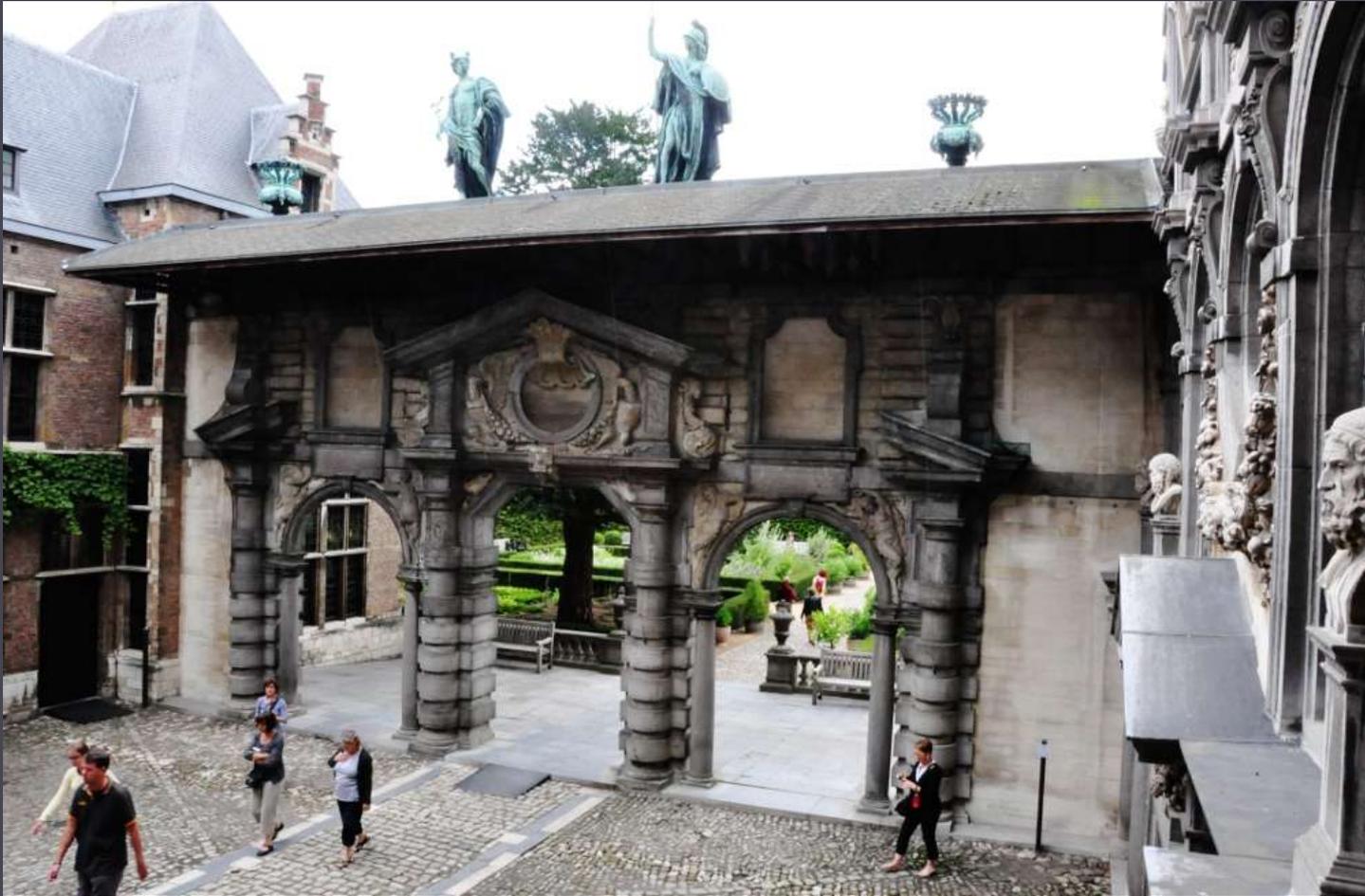
Mode Museum – Antwerp is known as a fashion city. Fashion Department of Antwerp Art. Academy is one of the best in the world .



Red Star Line Museum – multimedia museum



Rubens Huis



Rubens Huis – it is a house of Peter Paolo Rubens, the 17th century Flemish painter, where he had his home and workshop. So, here it is possible to see many original paintings by him and made by his students.



MAS Museum



City Hall of Antwerp; This building is listed by UNESCO.



City Hall during Bolleke Feest is opened to the public. In this building Mayor of Antwerp serves his duties, so it is not a museum.



Carolus Borromeuskerk – Church of Carolus Borromeus. Interieurs are designed by Rubens.



Sint Pauluskerk – church of Sint Paul. IMHO it is one of the most beautiful churches I have ever seen. Inside people may see Calvary. And there 15 paintings representing 15 secrets of the rosary painted by the most famous Flemish painters as Rubens, Van Dyck, Jordaens, etc.



The **Cathedral of Our Lady** ([Dutch: Onze-Lieve-Vrouwekathedraal](#)) is a Roman Catholic cathedral in Antwerp. Today's see of the [Diocese of Antwerp](#) was started in 1352 and, although the first stage of construction was ended in 1521, has never been 'completed'. In [Gothic](#) style, its architects were [Jan](#) and [Pieter Appelmans](#). It contains a number of significant works by the [Baroque](#) painter [Peter Paul Rubens](#), as well as paintings by artists such as [Otto van Veen](#), [Jacob de Backer](#) and [Marten de Vos](#).



Direction boards in Antwerp



City Tour Bus in Antwerp



City bikes can be borrowed by anybody in order to get to another destination point in Antwerp.



Vlees Huis – The House of Meat
– nowadays it is the museum
where music instruments are
exhibited.



KBC Building – it is the first skyscraper in Europe.



Tunnel under Scheldt for pedestrians



Stad Feestzaal. Nowadays it is a shopping center.



Het Steen is a [medieval fortress](#) in the old city centre of [Antwerp](#), [Belgium](#), one of Europe's biggest ports. Built after the Viking incursions in the early Middle Ages as the first stone fortress of Antwerp, Het Steen is Antwerp's oldest building and used to be its oldest urban centre.



Botanic Garden



Graffiti in Antwerp



Grote Markt



Groenplaats, in the center a statue of Peter Paolo Rubens is placed.



Panorama of Antwerp, a picture taken from MAS Museum,



Diamond shop. Antwerp is known from diamonds.



Flea market



Flea market



Amerigo Vespucci in Port of Antwerp



Marina



150 years of free Scheldt



reconstruction group



Polish Zawisza Czarny in Napoleon's Dock



Flea market



Street Orchestra In front of City Hall



In Antwerp many concerts are free of charge, they are sponsored by City Hall. Here Falcon Playa.



Another concert



some street fair



Biodrom, here people grow eco-plants



Thrash in Antwerp



Industria: refineries, petrochemical plants, etc. it a place where Antwerp money comes from.



Old harbor cranes



Cafes have been in one place for more than 100 years



Juke box in CAFÉ



In Antwerp anybody can feel free



Belgians love football



and other sports



It is an Antwerp's way to organize the moving...



Fireworks in Antwerp. Drop by and see more. There many other museums to explore.



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