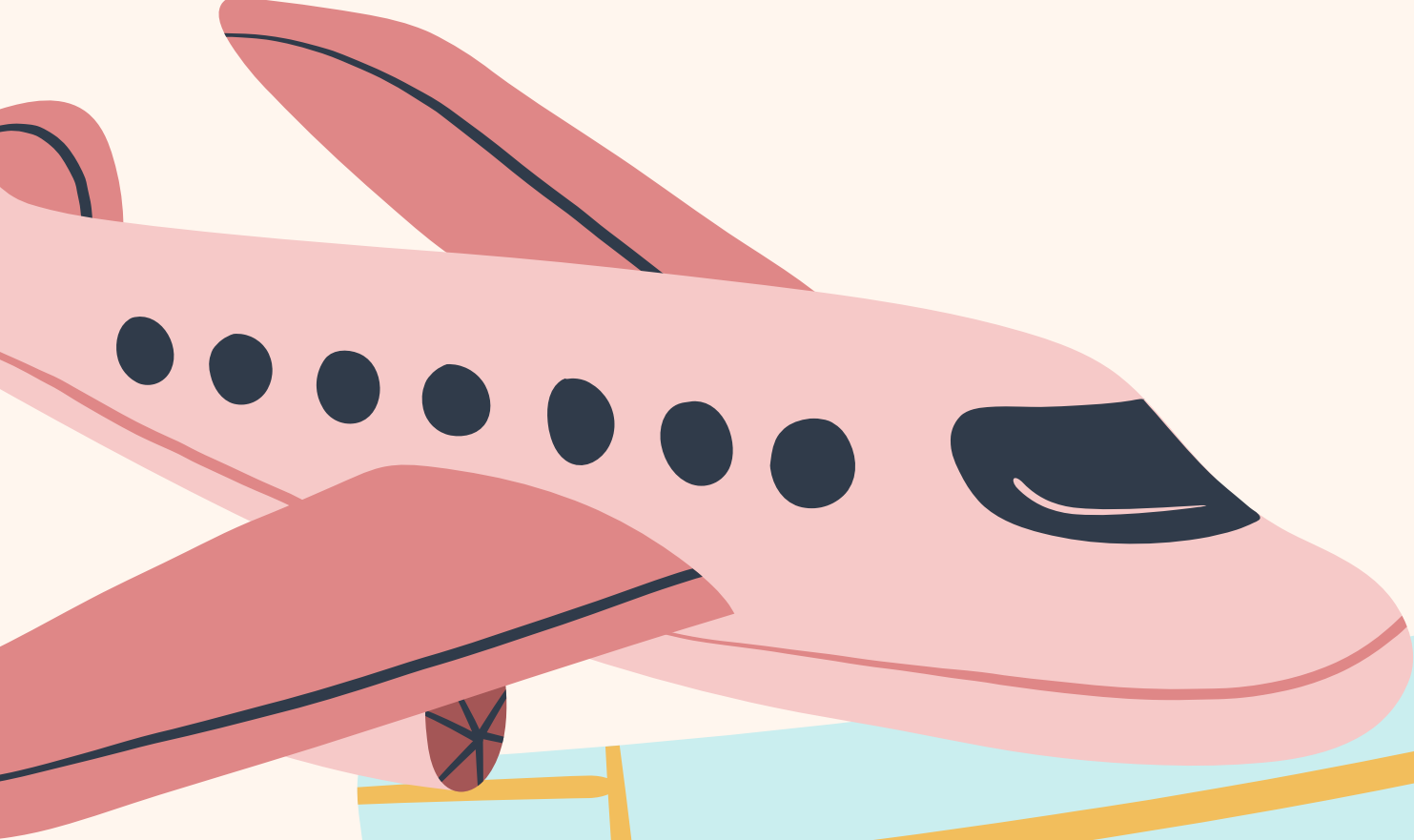




GHENT UNIVERSITY

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- Cities to visit near:

- 🇧🇪 Bruges
~25 min
- 🇧🇪 Brussels
~35–40 min
- 🇧🇪 Antwerp
~55–60 min
- 🇧🇪 Leuven
~1 h
- 🇫🇷 Lille
~1 h 15–1 h 30
- 🇳🇱 Rotterdam
~2 h
- 🇳🇱 Amsterdam
~2 h 30–3 h
- 🇫🇷 Paris
~2 h 15–2 h 45
- 🇱🇺 Luxembourg City
~3 h 30–4 h



- Ghent is a **lively university city** in the **Flemish region of Belgium** (Dutch-Flemish speaking part), BUT everyone can speak English.

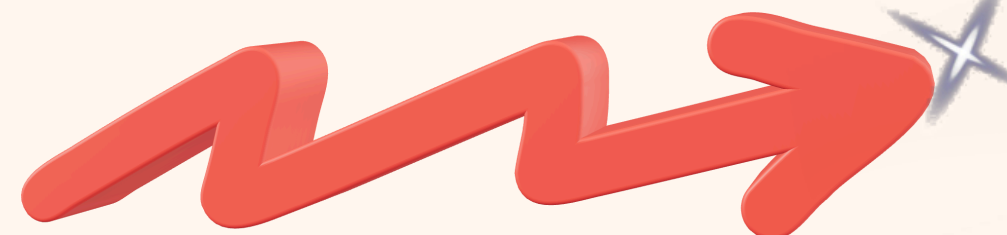
Around 80,000 students → one of Belgium's biggest student cities. With around 270,000 inhabitants, it combines a beautiful **mediaeval city centre with a young and international atmosphere**.

The city is known for its **canals, historic architecture and cycling culture**. Thanks to the large student population, Ghent is very dynamic, with **many cafés, cultural events and activities for international students**.

Its central location also makes it **easy to travel around Belgium and to other European cities**.

- **TRICKY PARTS: WEATHER, COURSES and MONEY (expensive city)!**

<https://visit.gent.be/en>

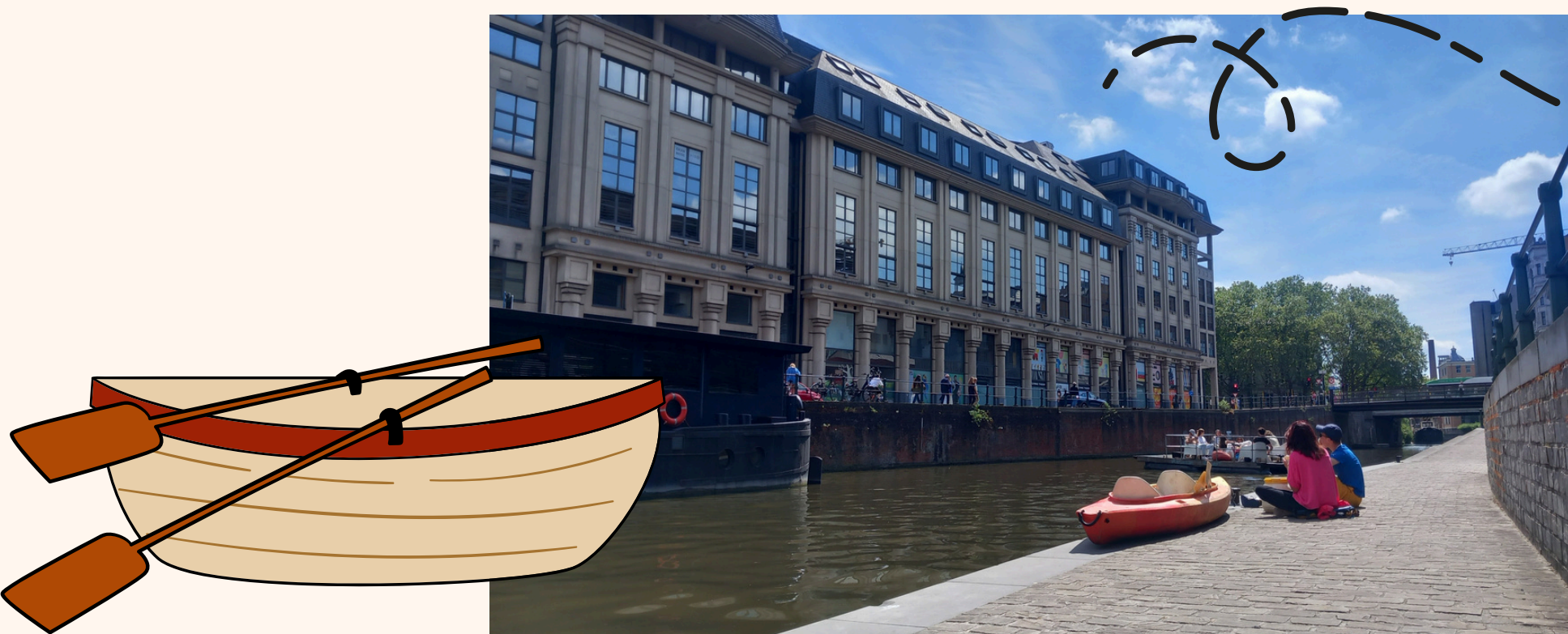


HOW TO ARRIVE TO GHENT

Both Ryanair OR EasyJet

- From **Rome Fiumicino** to **Brussels Zaventem** (around 2 hours)
→ Train to Ghent Sint-Pieters (around 1 hour), train station inside the airport - underground floor <https://www.belgiantrain.be/en> (download the mobile application SNCB)

- From **Rome Ciampino** to **Brussels Charleroi** (around 2 hours)
→ Flibco to Ghent Sint-Pieters <https://www.flibco.com/en>



ACCOMMODATION

- **DORMITORY** (<https://www.ugent.be/en/facilities/housing/rentalfee>)

The application for a room is done together with the registration procedure for the university. It is recommended to apply as soon as possible, in order to be the “first” in the list; you have to send together the application and the learning agreement inside (which has to be done correctly, otherwise you have to redo it) and you will not be anymore “first”. So, really recommended to move fast and do as soon as possible the LEARNING AGREEMENT AND MAKE IT APPROVE BY TOR VERGATA AND THEN UPLOAD THE APPLICATION.

BE careful, the LA can be rejected by Ghent University !

- **PRIVATE MARKET**, facebook groups like “Op kot in Ghent”

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/155837107792226>, the price ranges from 500-600

REALLY RECOMMEND → Safety Steward (if you apply for a room in the dorm), you have to participate in an evacuation and follow one lesson and they will pay you around 100 euros + a free course on first aid and firesecurity (not mandatory, but I super recommend it)

<https://www.ugent.be/en/facilities/housing/safetysteward.htm>



THE UNIVERSITY

=150

QS World University Rankings

- The University is VERY ORGANISED; they have the **NOTION** with all the information
→ <https://magnetic-smell-97c.notion.site/Incoming-Exchange-Student-08cdb49a7cbf4f5798cabd5243972913>

Also an **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE** → <https://international-support-team-gent-university.notion.site/>

!!! The ACADEMIC SIDE:

The lessons are usually ONCE a week for each course, and they last around 3-4 hours. They are REALLY INTENSIVE! Every subject has its own assignments, projects and group presentations and an exam at the end. If you are lucky and search, there are also courses with only assignments and without the exam. **THE COURSES AND THE EXAMS ARE NOT EASY**. They are challenging and stimulating, but at the same time the conversion of the grade is good for us at Tor Vergata University.

The university requires doing an L.A. of 24 credits. You have to follow their rules, but then you can do fewer credits AFTER. Remember the 12 credits from Tor Vergata for the scholarship.

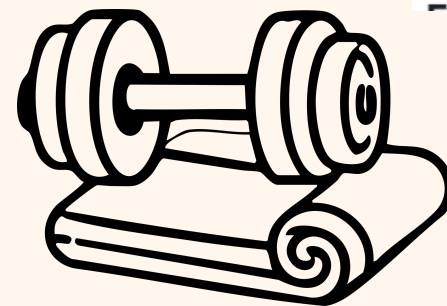
Usually (not precise) you can change the L.A. in the 2 weeks when you arrive there. They recommend (and I recommend) to follow all courses (and also others) to see how they are and make changes withing the STRICTLY DEADLINES they give. Also check for overlap, and also check the EXAM SCHEDULE. If you have an exam in the same day they allow to take it at the end of the session. The exams can be even all in one week, so be careful.

DO NOT UNDERSTIMATE THE ACADEMIC SIDE!



UNIVERSITY AND ACTIVITIES

- Participate at the **OPEN DAY** when they tell you, they give much information and also **GIFTS**
- Subscribe to the **ESN** card for around 15 euro. You will have weekly events and also discounts for RYANAIR, FLIBCO, FLIXBUS... <https://www.esngent.org/>
- The public dorm and university also organise weekly events
- You will never be bored; there are many activities every week, but **not so much time for them** :(((since courses and assignments
- Also the faculty of economics has an association called VEK, which organizes many events
- Many sports to try:
 - weekly run with the dorm association,
 - gym near dorm (<https://www.jims.be/nl/clubs/jims-gent-overpoort>),
 - weekly sport session with ESN for free (with ESN CARD),
 - go for a walk or run at the botanic garden (near dorms)



ESN
Erasmus Student Network
Gent

Today < > March 2026 Month

MON 23	TUE 24	WED 25	THU 26	FRI 27	SAT 28	SUN 1 Mar
	• 7pm Office Ho • 7pm 5K run	• 5pm Futsal				• 2pm Sold out
2 • 7pm 5K run	3 • 7pm Office Ho • 9pm Karaoke	4 • 5pm Volleyball	5 • 7pm SOLD OU	6 • 11pm Traffic Li	7	8
9 • 7pm Boulderin	10 • 7pm Office Ho	11 • 5:45pm LAGO	12 • 6pm Football	13 • 7pm 5K run • 11pm Y2K Part	14	15
16	17 • 7pm Office Ho • 9pm Karaoke	18 • 5pm Hockey	19 • 4pm Blaarmee	20 SOLD OUT Nieuwpoort Trip 🇺🇲 (by ESN Gent)	21	22
23	24 • 6pm Football • 7pm Office Ho	25 • 5pm SOLD OU • 7:45pm Bowlin	26 • 7pm 5K run • 8pm SOLD OU	27 • 7pm Buddy Tri	28 • 9pm Mambote	29 Daylight Saving • 1pm Bachata c
30 • 7pm Office Ho • 9pm Karaoke	31	1 Apr	2 • 7:45pm Interni	3 Good Friday • 11pm Fiesta La	4 6am Normandy Trip 🇫🇷 🇵🇸 (by ESN)	5 Easter Sunday

ESN Gent: Events, trips sport & party
[Add to Google Calendar](#) Google Calendar



ESN AND SOCIAL LIFE

Sint-Pietersplein is Ghent's main event square, where many of the city's major events, festivals and fairs take place throughout the year. 5 minutes from the university dorm



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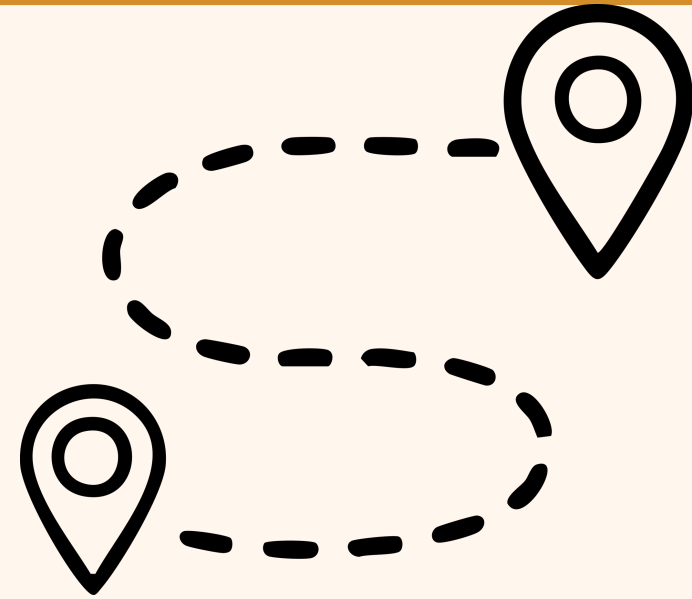


Mid-Lent Fun Fair in March
in Sint-Pietersplein



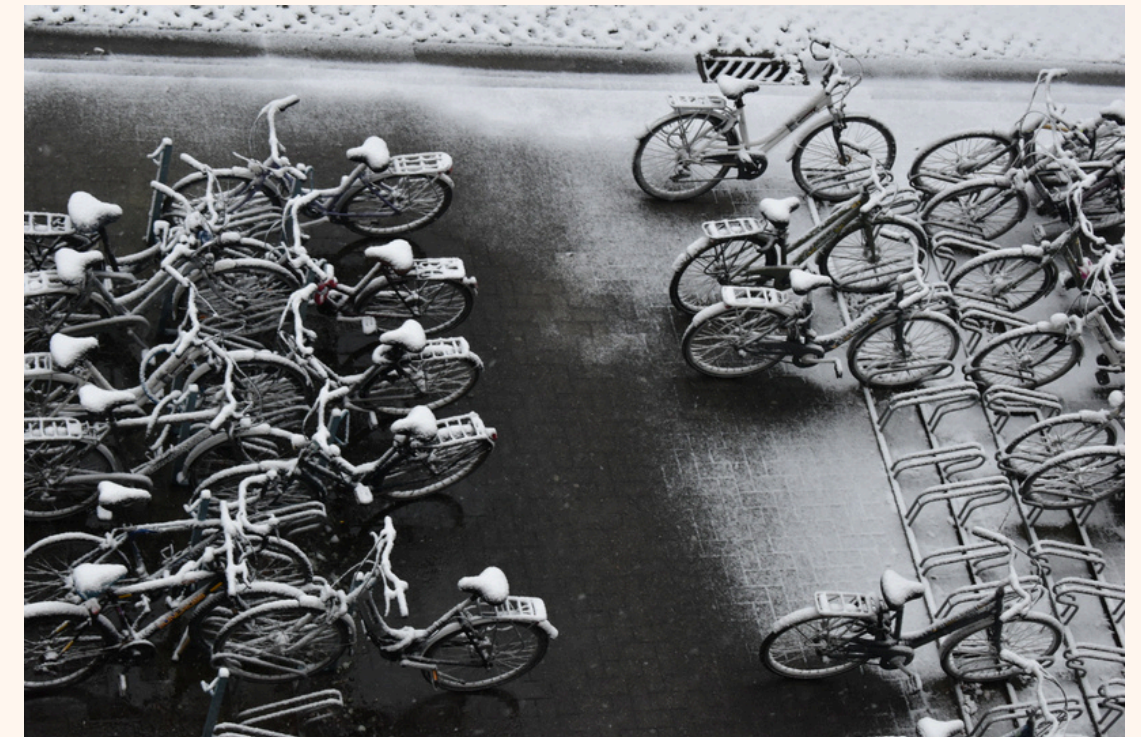
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- TRAIN → SNCB,
- FLIXBUS



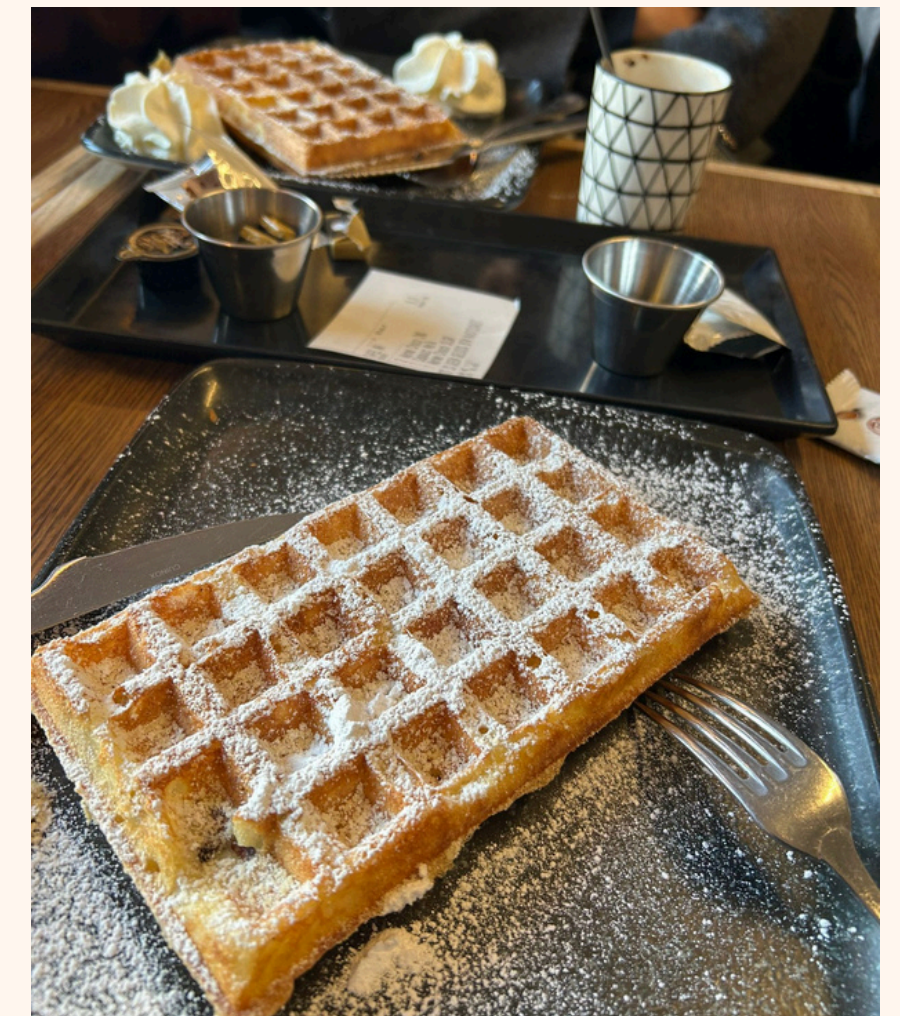
If you live in the dorm, the faculty of economics is near, around 5-10 minutes walk. **Check the schedule, because there are different buildings for lessons, some near and some not.**

- You can take a **BIKE** for rent → <https://fietsambassade.gent.be/en/rent-bike/renting-or-extending-student-bike>



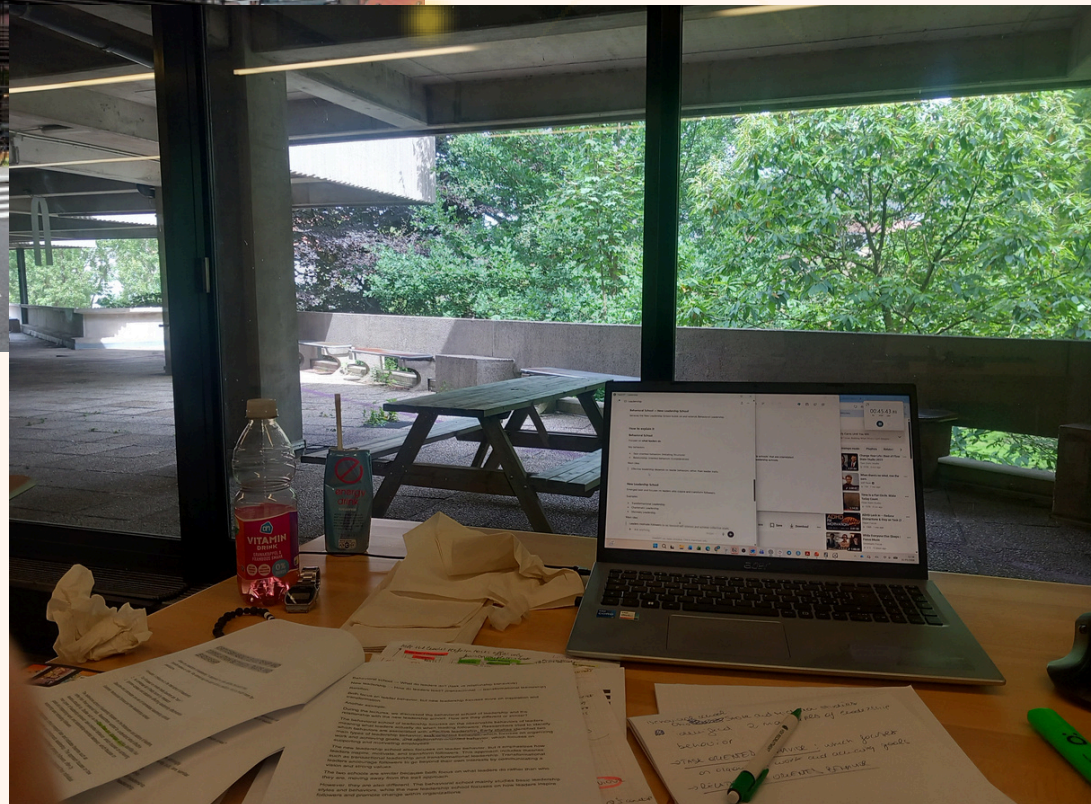
FOOD

- **University cafeteria:** it is expensive, around 5-6 euro for just one meal. The cheapest is the tomato soup for 1.20 euro.
 - Many **coffee shop**, the best with a discount with ESN card, is “**MAYANA**” (chocolate specialties)
- **FRIES**
- **WAFFLES**
- **BEER**
- **CHOCOLATE**
- **FOOD WASTE**, there is a place at “Buurtcentrum Gentbrugge” for food waste, every day from 18-19 with 1 euro you can take the food that pastry shop, university cafeteria gives to them (REALLY RECOMMENDED :))



STUDY PLACES

- During the EXAM SESSION the university libraries are open **until 22:00**, and also on **weekends**, “the terminal” becomes a study place open 24 hours. Also you can study in many cafés.
- **De Krook** is the main library of Ghent; you can make a card and take books, even Italian books.



BRUGES AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN BRUSSELS



- Book your visit to the **museum of the European Parliament** → <https://brussels-parlamentarium.booking.europarl.europa.eu/>
- And the guided visit to the **European Parliament Hemicycle** → https://brussels-hemicycle.booking.europarl.europa.eu/?utm_source=chatgpt.com
- Eat chocolate in **Bruges** and take-away waffles at “Laurence Take away”



ROYAL GREENHOUSES OF LAEKEN IN BRUSSELS (FOR SPRING SEMESTER ONLY)

- A unique opportunity for students to visit the beautiful Royal Greenhouses and Gardens of Laeken, part of the Belgian Royal Domain. They feature impressive 19th-century glass architecture, exotic plants, and royal gardens.

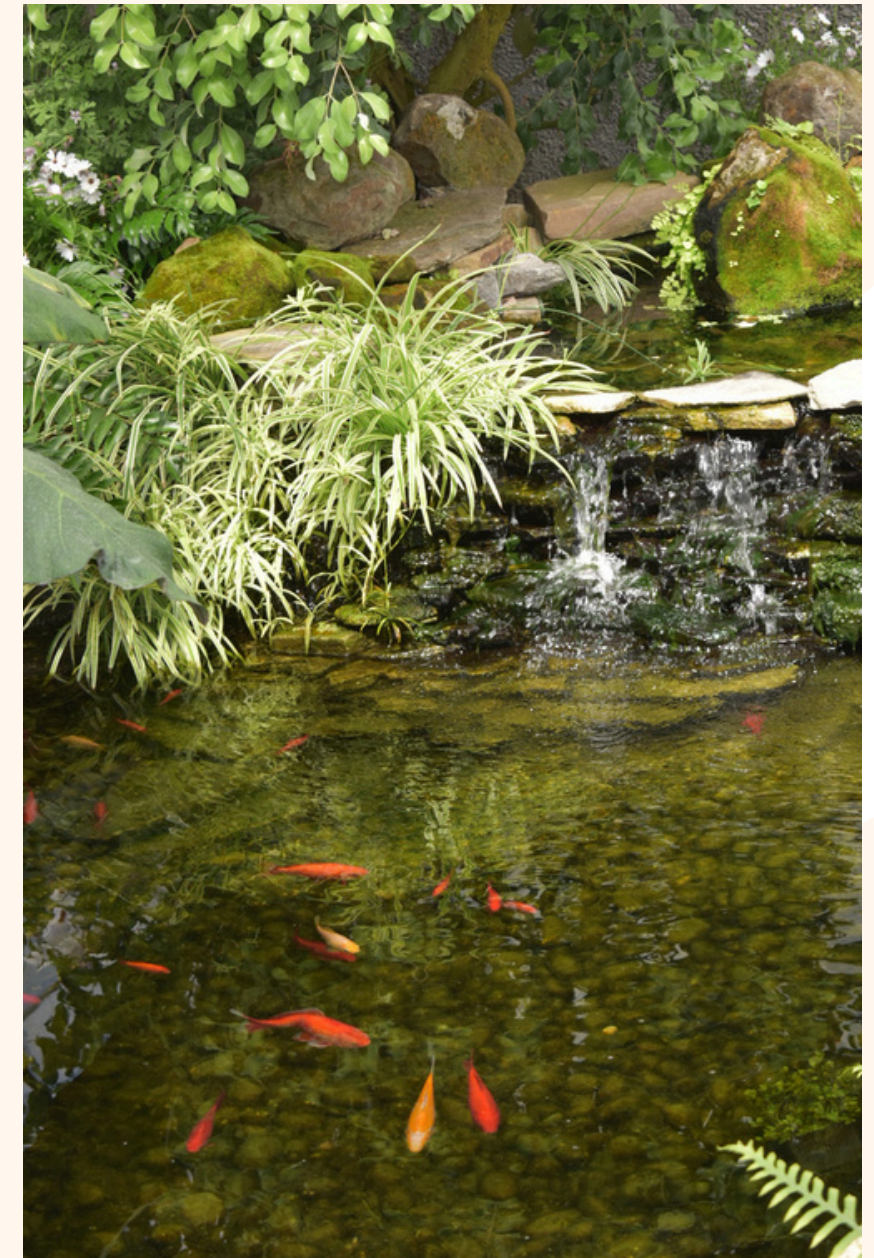
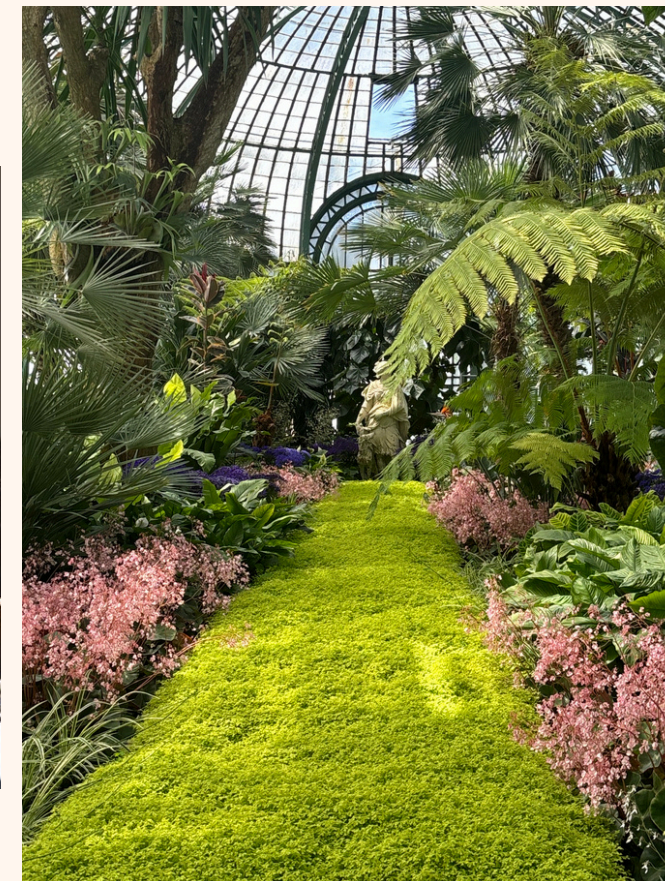
 Usually open only for about 3 weeks in spring (April–May)

 Advance reservation required

 Laeken, Brussels

 Visit includes the greenhouses and a walk through parts of the Royal Gardens.

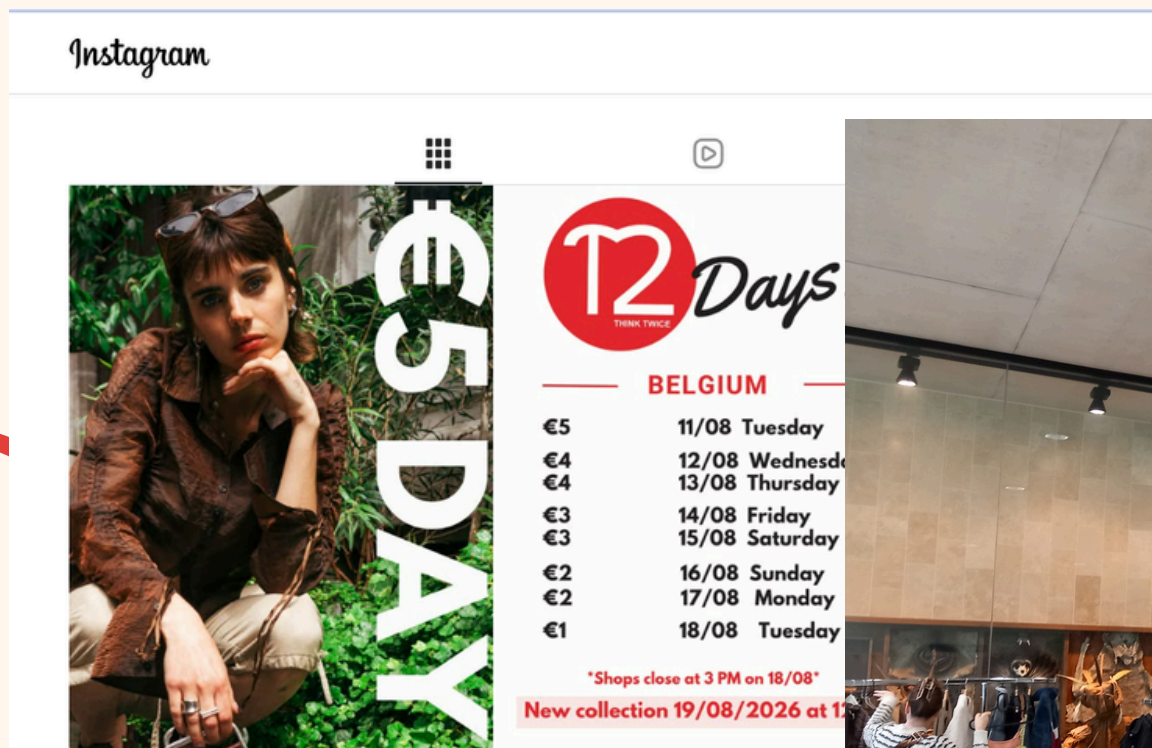
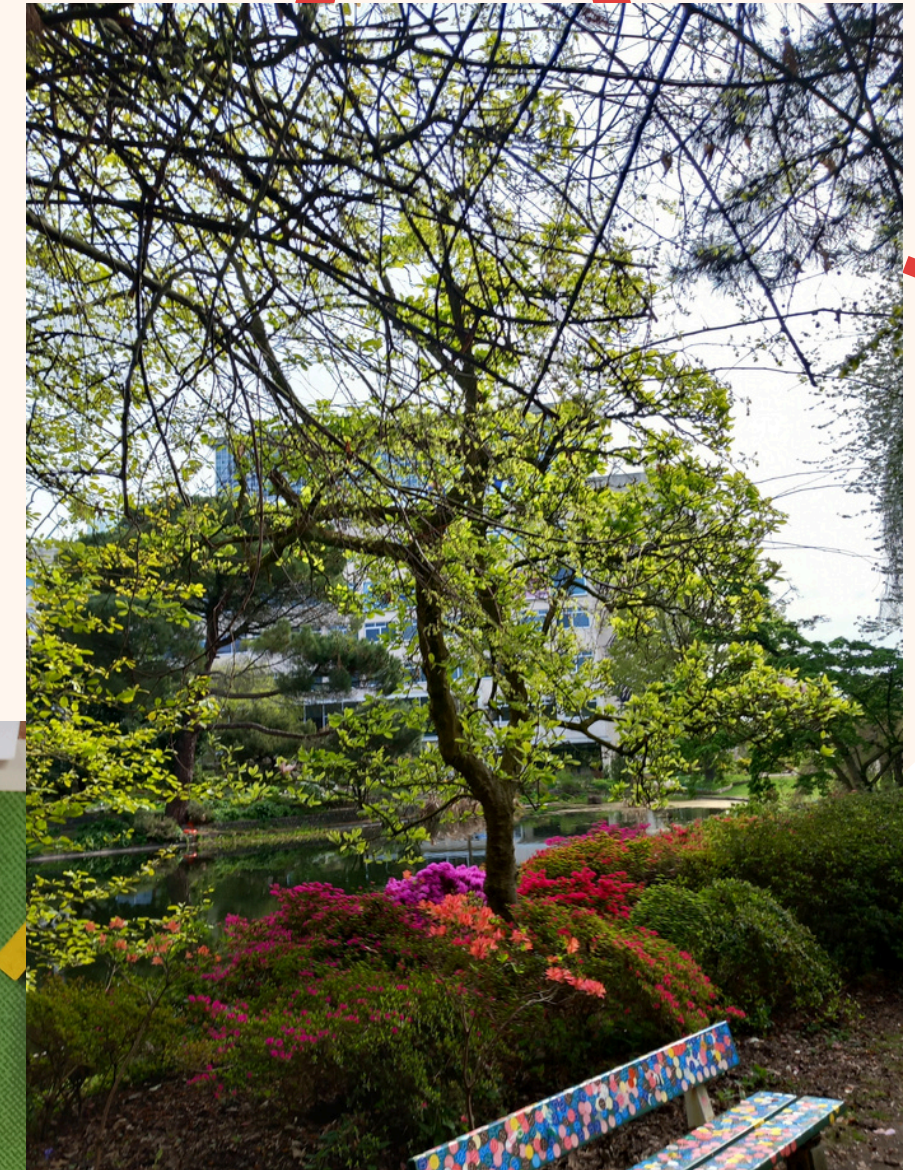
The exact dates for 2027 will be announced in early 2027



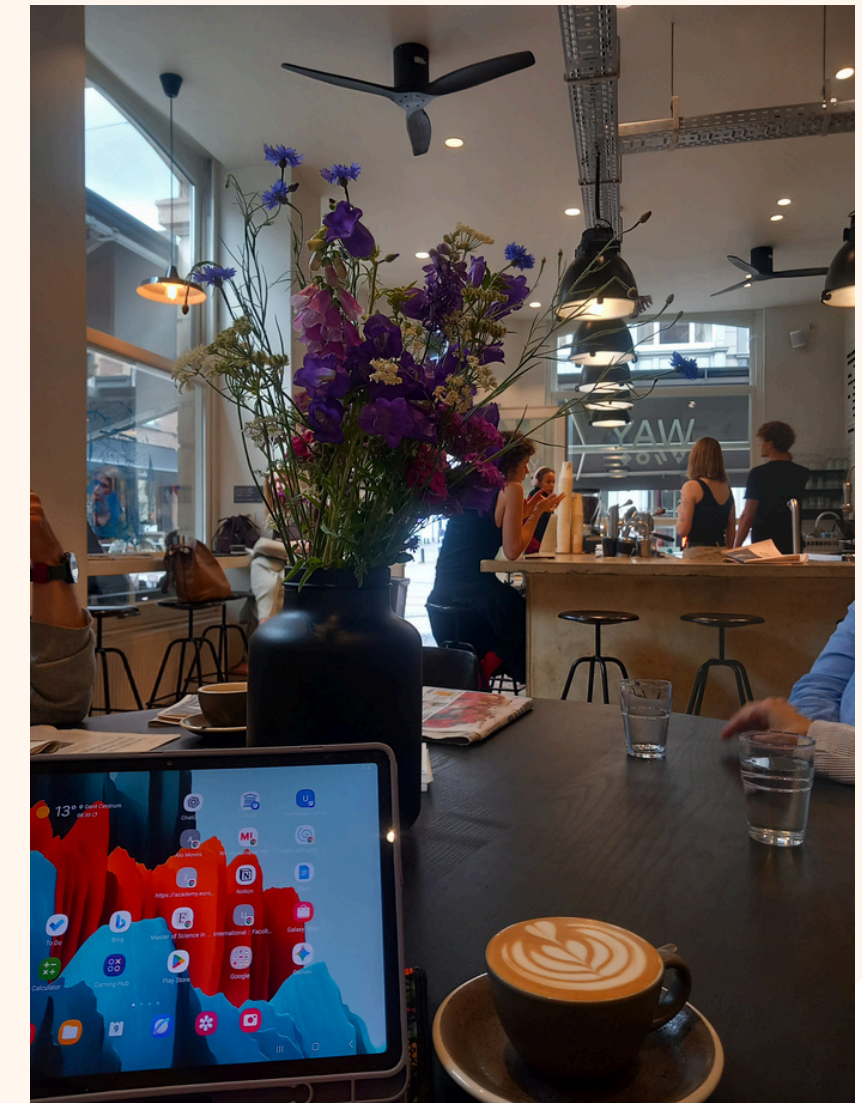
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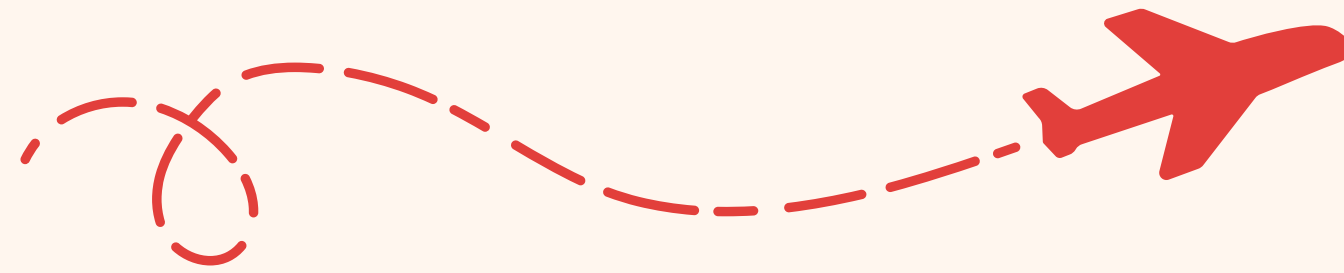


- Secondhand shops like the brand **THINK TWICE**, once a month there is a week with super discounts, one day everything is for 1 euro → <https://www.instagram.com/thinktwicebelgium/>
- Ghent University has even a “Green office” → <https://www.ugent.be/en/ghentuniv/mission/sustainability/green-office-gent>
- Ghent tries to be very **SUSTAINABLE**



GHENT: THE YOUNG AND SUSTAINABLE CITY





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