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Do come in, the gate is open!

From the belfry tower of the gothic town hall Hanske de Krijger (Jack the Warrior) has seen them all coming: the monarchs, the lords and ladies, the tapestry weavers, the brewers and the drinkers, and the travellers through the ages. Our town guard fell asleep only once, leaving the guests out in the cold. The emperor Charles V gave him a pair of spectacles and the gate has been wide open ever since.

As soon as you have entered, Louis XIV, the lord of Pamele, Margaretha van Parma and Adriaen Brouwer will be pleased to tell you the story of Oudenaarde's glorious past. They are waiting for you in the new museum MOU. Unless you prefer to explore the town first, looking for the tangible witnesses of what has happened here in the past centuries. Our monuments and historic buildings are at a walking distance from one another.

Its rich past has not restrained the town by the Scheldt to keep writing history. Each year we add a new chapter to the story of the Tour of Flanders, the sportive popular feast in which the magnificent landscape of the Flemish Ardennes plays a hero's part. So, do not just stand there on the doorstep, do come in. We have a cool brown ale from Oudenaarde ready and we have a lot to tell you!



AN AMAZING TOWNHALL

You really should visit Oudenaarde's Late Gothic town hall, the belfry of which belongs to UNESCO World Heritage.

You start your tour of the interior in the adjacent 14th-century cloth makers' hall, which was recently renovated and has now become the new home for original tapestries made in Oudenaarde.

Via the staircase or the new lift in the town hall you will find your way to the refurbished old chapel, the Oppervoogdenkamer (Chief

Custodians' Chamber) with an 18th-century gallery and the big Silver Room where the unique De Boever-Alligordès collection of the silversmith's trade is exhibited in all its splendour.

Furthermore, you will be truly amazed by the impressive Volkszaal (People's Hall), which is decorated with murals and stained-glass windows referring to Charles V, and the richly adorned Schepenzaal (Aldermen's Room) with its Renaissance porch and portrait gallery of sovereigns.

duration: 2 hours
price: € 60 for the guided tour
+ entrance fee: € 2 per person
max. 20 people per guide

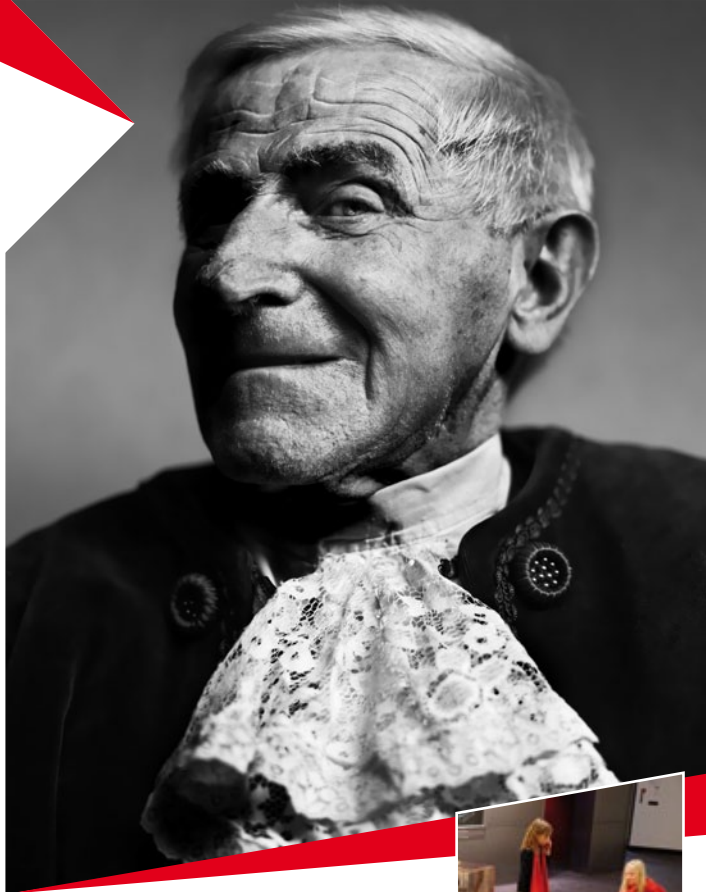
the visit includes :

- tapestry and silver collection
- Volkszaal and Schepenzaal

No visits on Monday or when the Halls are rented out.



VISIT MOU



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max. 20 people per guide

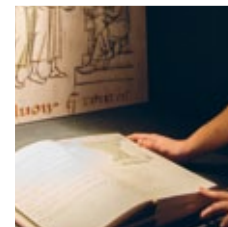
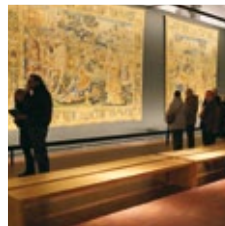
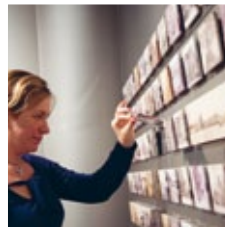
MOU includes:
• 1000 years of Oudenaarde
• tapestry & silver collections

no visits on Monday



MOU - Museum of Oudenaarde and the Flemish Ardennes - brings to life the 1000-year history of the town, situated in Flanders' most beautiful landscape.

MOU is situated in one of the most beautiful town halls in Belgium. On the ground floor the guide takes you along on a trip in time, from the Middle Ages till today, via interactive media and historical pieces. For centuries Oudenaarde was renowned worldwide for its tapestries, especially the verdure: green tapestries with magnificent landscapes. The museum shows 15 wall hangings, most of them dating from the 16th and 17th century.



In three other town hall rooms you will discover that Oudenaarde was also an important centre of the silversmith's trade. The De Boever-Alligorièdes collection is one of the largest silver collections in Flanders, with top objects from eleven European countries.



CLASSIC MONUMENT WALK

The Town Hall, the Church of Our Lady of Pamele and the Saint Walburga church remain highlights.

But the Scheldt town also cherishes a profusion of smaller, but equally beautiful monuments, such as the picturesque beguinage, the stately House of Margaretha of Parma, the Boudewijn Tower and the 18th-century Meat Hall. Each one of them tells its own rich and eventful history. The town fosters more than 100 listed buildings.

The town walk "Oudenaarde through the ages" will lead you past surprising, hidden corners and monuments. But we do not only pay attention to stone treasures, we also promenade along the Scheldt and take a breather in the town park.

duration: 2 hours
price: € 60 for the guided tour

duration: 3 hours, including a visit of one of the churches
price: € 90

max. 20 people per guide



SPECIAL: OUDENAARDE BY NIGHT

A fascinating and fairylike evening walk sheds a new light on historical monuments. Via the Market we walk to the beguinage and further on to the illuminated Scheldt quays and the Pamele quarter. Via finely lit squares the walk takes you back to the starting point. Contact the Tourist Office for all information.



THE FLEMISH ARDENNES ROUTE

The coach trip will introduce you to the unspoilt beauty of the Flemish Ardennes. The changing panoramas, green hilltops and impressive views will amaze you. The landscape was immortalized by the painter Valerius De Saedeleer. The tour will take you past and through charming villages such as Etikhove, Maarke-Kerkem, Schorisse, Nukerke, Louise-Marie and the artists' village Kwaremont.

departure and arrival: Market Oudenaarde
distance: 50 km
duration: 3 hours (with stop, refreshments not included)
price: € 90 for the guided tour
1 guide per coach

THE TOUR OF FLANDERS ROUTE

The course takes you across the most important slopes of the cycling classic "Ronde van Vlaanderen": the Paterberg, the Taaienberg, the Eikenberg, among others.

You can easily follow in the tracks of the "Flandriens" while being comfortably seated and you can admire the scenic beauty of the Flemish Ardennes with its picturesque villages.



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OPENING HOURS:

Summer Season (March until September)

Mo-Fr: 09h00 until 17h30

Sa-Su: 10h00 until 17h30

Winter Season (October until February)

Mo-Fr: 09h00 until 17h00

Sa-Su: 14h00 until 17h00

CLOSED:

January 1 & 2

November 1 & 11

December 24 till 26 & 30 - 31



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