



# Tour of Flanders in Oudenaarde

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# Tour of Flanders weekend

On **Sunday 6 April**, the best riders will compete for the title of Flanders' Most Beautiful race. They will conquer the legendary cobblestones and steep slopes such as Koppenberg and Wolvenberg. The finish in Minderbroedersstraat will be the backdrop for great performances and unforgettable emotions.

The cycling city is also the epicentre of the Tour of Flanders for women with both start and finish, as well as the team presentation on the Market Square.

Did you know that Oudenaarde will be buzzing with cycling fun on **Saturday 5 April**? During We Ride Flanders, thousands of cycling enthusiasts from here and abroad will be cycling their own Tour of Flanders. Participants can choose from four distances: 80, 128, 158 or 229 kilometres. The start and finish are on the Market Square. Get into the cycling spirit and come along and cheer them on!





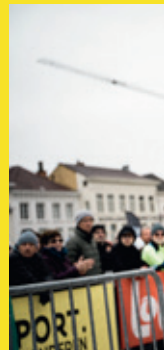
Those who take a chance at winning, can wait with bated breath. However, you don't have to miss anything and can experience the high mass of Flanders' spring classics from the front row. Welcome to the proud arrival city of the Tour!

### **TIMETABLE**

- 10:00 am: start Fan Ride – 100 participants ride 100 km their own Tour of Flanders
- 11:40 am: team presentation women elite on the Market Square (until 12.40 pm)
- 12:50 pm: passage men elite on the Market Square
- 1:10 pm: start RVV women elite on the Market Square
- 1:30 pm: passage men elite Wolvenberg
- 1:35 pm: passage men elite Holleweg – Mater – Jagerij
- 2:50 pm: passage women elite on the Market Square
- 2:55 pm: passage women elite Wolvenberg
- 3:00 pm: passage women elite Holleweg – Mater – Jagerij
- 3:15 pm: passage men elite Koppenberg
- 4:15 pm: finish men elite Minderbroedersstraat
- 4:20 pm: passage women elite Koppenberg
- 5:30 pm: finish women elite Minderbroedersstraat
- 6:00 pm: podium ceremony winners men and women elite

The full timetable can be consulted at [rondevanvlaanderen.be](http://rondevanvlaanderen.be).

# Experience the Tour of Flanders





## WHERE SHOULD YOU BE? FROM MARKET SQUARE TO PUBLIC VILLAGE

It is not only the riders that bring the race to life, but also the crowds. The Tour of Flanders is set to once again captivate as a vibrant celebration, and this year's event promises to be no exception. But where should you be for all the spectacle?

As you move between the **Market Square** and the **arrival zone**, you'll have multiple opportunities to see the riders in action. The women's team presentation takes place on the Market Square at 11:40 am, followed by the start of their race at 1:10 pm.

The lively **public village**, conveniently situated next to the finish line, will open its doors at 1 pm. As usual, the area welcomes you with the big screen, food and drink stands, entertainment and, above all, a vibrant atmosphere. Be sure to stick around until 6 pm to cheer on the winners during the podium ceremony.

In the **youth zone** located in Minderbroedersstraat and accessible via the public village, you can follow the race live on big screen.

Want to continue celebrating after the race? The local pubs in Oudenaarde warmly welcome you and keep you entertained until the early hours.



# How to get to Oudenaarde during the weekend of the Tour of Flanders?

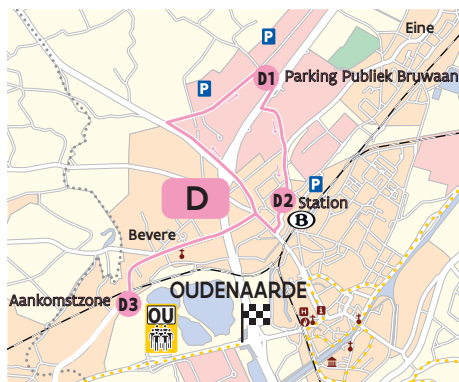
## BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

On Sunday, you can travel to and from Oudenaarde with the **free shuttle service D** from De Lijn\*. From the public parking zone Bruwaan, you can take this shuttle bus to and from Oudenaarde station and the arrival zone.

- » 10 am to 1:15 pm  
*Last outward journey from Parking zone Bruwaan (D1)*
- » 6:00 pm to 8 pm  
*Last return journey from Arrival zone (D3)*

The Kwaremont, Paterberg and Kruisberg hills can also be reached by free shuttle buses. For more information about routes and stops, go to [delijn.be/rondevanvlaanderen](http://delijn.be/rondevanvlaanderen).

The train service (NMBS\*\*) offers **extra trains** from Ghent and Ronse. The most up-to-date info can be found at [nmbs.be](http://nmbs.be).



## BY BIKE OR ON FOOT

If possible, we encourage you to come by bike or on foot. Then the race is within cycling and walking distance. **Free bicycle parking** is available in the centre of Oudenaarde and on the Koppenberg. You can also rent a Blue-bike for 2.50 euros at the station, or borrow an electric Hoppy shared bike. The app shows you where the free bicycles are located, and you can leave them at various points.

## BY CAR

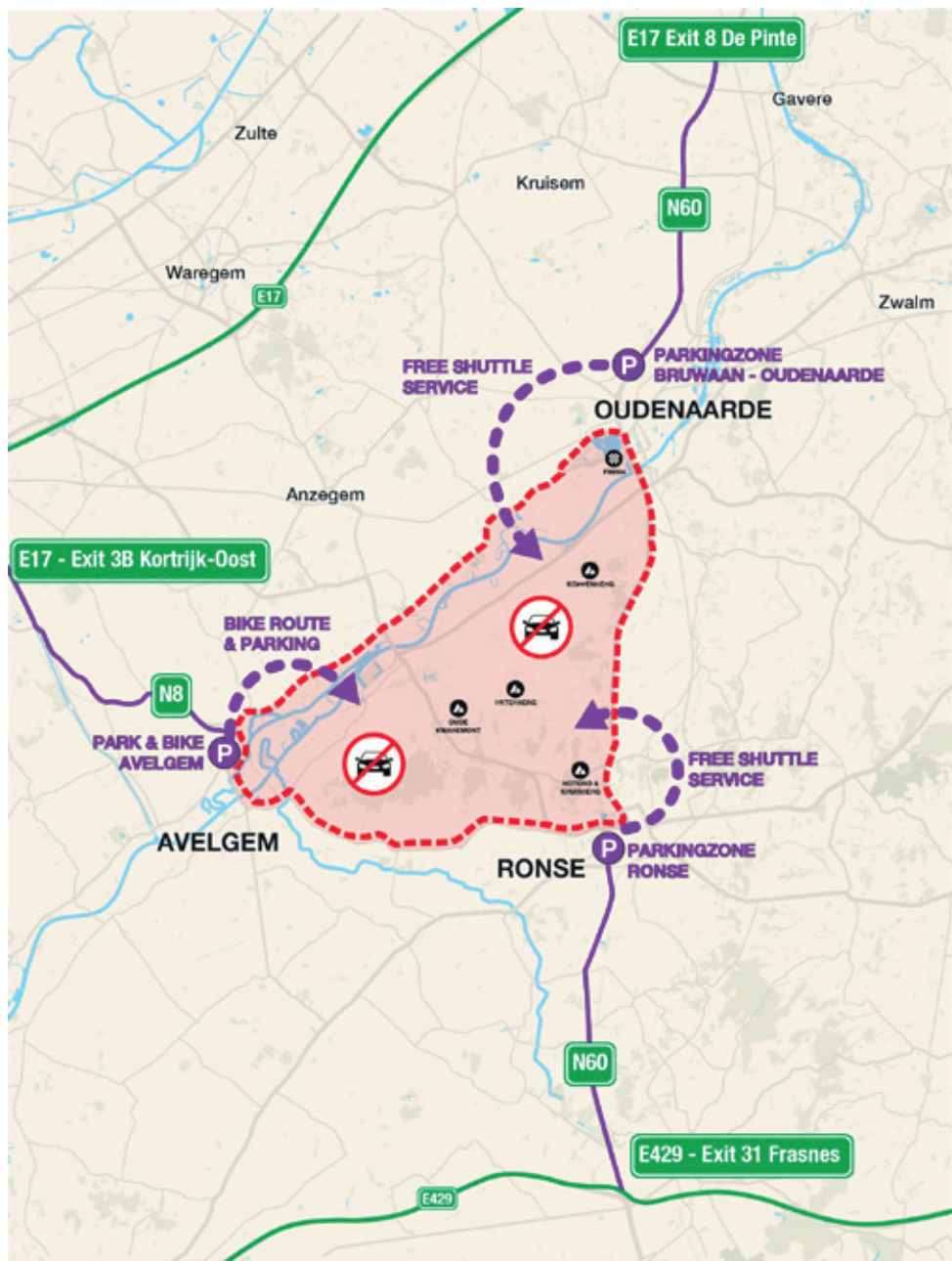
We do not recommend coming by car. On Saturday and Sunday, the Market Square is only accessible to pedestrians and cyclists. If you do come by car, you can **park it** in the public parking zone Bruwaan. Other car parks are not accessible.

Numerous traffic measures will be in place to ensure the Tour of Flanders weekend runs safely. Some streets will have no parking, one-way streets and/or traffic restrictions.

Consult the complete overview of traffic measures at [derondeinoudenaarde.be](http://derondeinoudenaarde.be).

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# More Tour of Flanders

## RIDE YOUR OWN RACE

Do you have what it takes to master the Oude Kwaremont and Koppenberg? Discover the wonderful Flemish Ardennes by following the signposted routes of Cycling in Flanders. Based on your skill level or time constraints you can decide which one to follow. It is safe to say that after riding these routes you will feel compelled to explore more of the Flemish Ardennes.

You have a choice of three loops with different gradients. The blue loop (80km) contains the Oude Kwaremont, Koppenberg and Taaienberg, while the yellow loop (102km) adds the Paddestraat and Volkegemberg. For the real cyclists there's the red loop (115km) which combines the above with Geraardsbergen and its mythical 'wall'.

- **Visit Oudenaarde, Markt 1, Oudenaarde**
- **Open every day from 10 am to 5 pm.**  
**On the Tour day you will find us at the information point next to the Saint Walburga church.**



## TOUR OF FLANDERS

### YOUTH DAY

On Sunday May 25, young talent will be looking to win Flanders' Most Beautiful race. This is the third edition of the Tour of Flanders Youth Day, with start and finish in the centre of Oudenaarde.

What can you expect? A competition for the U19, better known as the juniors, the novice category (U17) and a Tour of Flanders for the girls' youth (U17 and U19), the latter riding their race together. Our future top riders show what they're made of on the steep slopes and iconic cobblestone sections of the Flemish Ardennes. Race info via [derondevanvlaanderen.be](http://derondevanvlaanderen.be).





## **RETORONDE**

Woolly jumpers, sausage-shaped helmets and unshaven legs. It will all happen during the two-day programme of the Retroronde on 14 and 15 June, organised by the Tour of Flanders Centre in cooperation with the city of Oudenaarde.

On Saturday afternoon you can test your legs with a retro ride to the Paterberg and Koppenberg. On Sunday there is the retro ride itself: you cycle a 40, 80, 120 or 150 (new!) kilometre route through the idyllic landscape of the Flemish Ardennes with retro-style entertainment. Also planned for that weekend: a flea market, vintage folk games, dance initiations and live music. Will you come and soak up the unique retro atmosphere? See you at Maagdendale Abbey.

**More info and registration at [retroronde.be](http://retroronde.be).**

## **THE TOUR OF FLANDERS CENTRE**

Relive the Tour of Flanders all year round! The Tour of Flanders Centre is in more than one way the ideal base camp for your Tour of Flanders experience. You will not only find a wealth of history about the race at the visitors' centre but also a wealth of comfortable and convenient facilities to start and finish your own tour of the Flemish Ardennes.

**More info at [www.crvv.be](http://www.crvv.be)**



# Real cycling supporters do...

1. ... respect the **traffic regulation** and speed limit.
2. ... not stand at **dangerous points** and pay close attention when crossing the race.
3. ... drive **sober** and decide in advance how to get home safely.
4. ... make Flanders' Most Beautiful Race also the **cleanest** and leave no rubbish around.
5. ... follow the directives of the safety services and **signalmen**, because guiding the races deserves tons of respect.





## **Oudenaarde much more than the Tour**

As the proud arrival city, Oudenaarde welcomes you during the high mass of the Flemish cycling year! However, the city in the heart of the Flemish Ardennes has so much to offer all year round. Whether you love nature, culture, heritage, delicious regional products or sporting challenges, surprising discoveries are waiting for you. Oudenaarde is the ideal place to relax and unwind. Go to visit. [oudenaarde.be](http://oudenaarde.be) for more inspiration for a trip to our city.

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