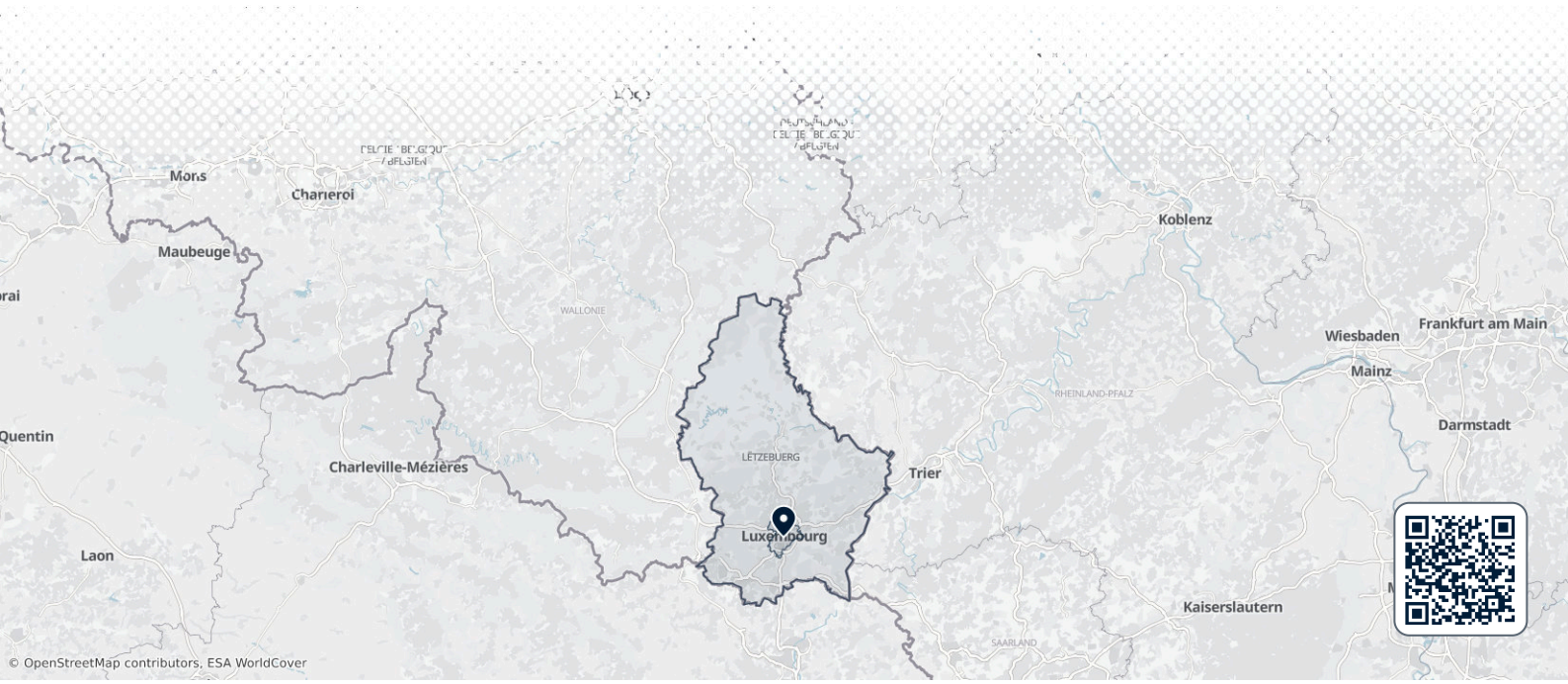


Luxembourg City

Luxembourg

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Overview

Luxembourg City is the capital of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and one of the three official seats of European Union institutions, alongside Brussels and Strasbourg. Its old town sits on a sandstone plateau cut by two river valleys and ringed by centuries of fortifications, which is why UNESCO listed it as a World Heritage Site. The result is a compact capital that mixes medieval streets, deep river gorges, and a modern financial and EU quarter, most of it within a short walk or a free bus ride of each other.

The city suits a stay of two or three nights: the old town can be explored on foot in a day, and castles and wine villages in the surrounding countryside make easy day trips. *Robert Schuman*, one of the founding architects of the European Union, was born in the Clausen district and is honoured today with a small memorial at his birthplace there.

When to visit

Spring and autumn are mild and good for walking the ramparts. Summers are warm with occasional afternoon storms, and winters are cold with regular snow.

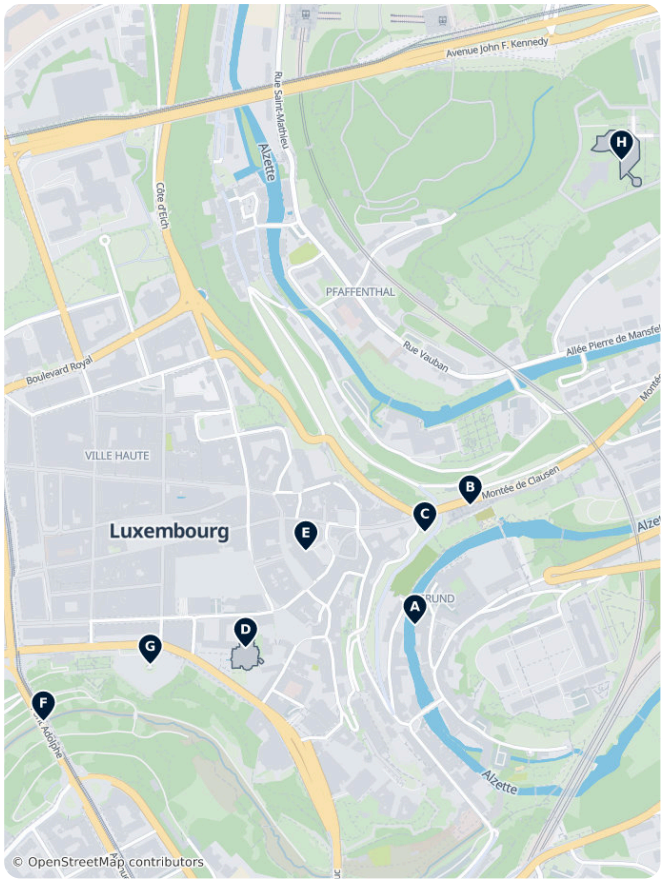
Time a visit around the **Schueberfouer**, a large funfair that takes over the Glacis grounds for around three weeks from late August into September. Held almost every year since 1340, it is one of the oldest funfairs in Europe and the largest in the country.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 9° Feels like -2°	-2° / -10°	13 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 11° Feels like 0°	-2° / -9°	Dry air
March	Poor Poor for hiking	9° / 16° Feels like 5°	1° / -5°	Dry air
April	Good Good for hiking	14° / 21° Feels like 10°	3° / -3°	Dry air
May	Good Good for hiking	18° / 24°	7° / 2°	13 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 29°	11° / 6°	12 rainy days · Dry air
July	Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 32°	13° / 8°	13 rainy days · Dry air
August	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 33°	13° / 8°	12 rainy days · Dry air
September	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 28°	9° / 4°	Dry air
October	Good Good for hiking	15° / 21° Feels like 11°	6° / 0°	13 rainy days · Dry air
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	8° / 14° Feels like 4°	2° / -4°	14 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	4° / 10° Feels like -1°	-1° / -8°	15 rainy days · Dry air

Best months: June, July, August, September

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights



A Fortress of Luxembourg is why UNESCO listed Luxembourg City's old town as a World Heritage Site. Walk the surviving ramparts, towers and casemates of what was once one of Europe's strongest fortresses.

B Bock Casemates tunnels through the Bock cliff, where *Siegfried*, Count of Ardennes, built the city's founding castle in 963. The galleries once sheltered thousands of soldiers and their horses.

C Chemin de la Corniche is a rampart-top walkway nicknamed "the most beautiful balcony in Europe." It looks out over the Alzette valley and the Grund district below.

D Notre-Dame Cathedral blends Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque styles and holds the crypt of the Grand Ducal family.

E Grand Ducal Palace was built in the 1570s as the city hall and later became the official residence of Luxembourg's head of state.

F Adolphe Bridge is a double-decked arch bridge over the Pétrusse valley, linking the old town to the modern Gare district.

G Monument of Remembrance (Gëlle Fra), known locally as the Gëlle Fra, honours the Luxembourgers who volunteered with Allied forces in both World Wars.

H Mudam Luxembourg, designed by *I. M. Pei*, shows contemporary art on the Kirchberg plateau near the EU institutions.

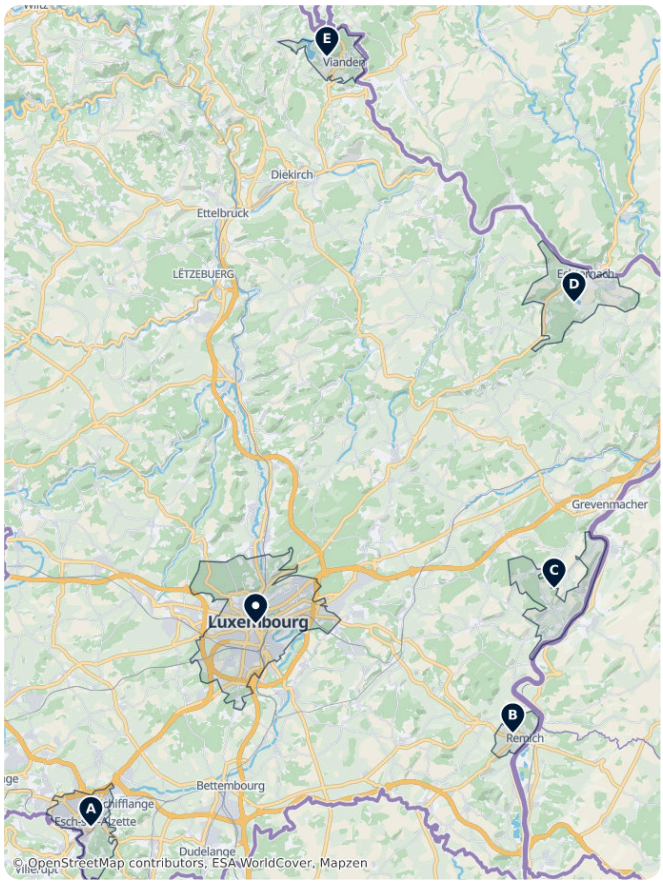
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What to experience

- Ride the free Pfaffenthal Lift down into the Alzette valley for a quick change of perspective on the old town above.
- Browse the wooden chalets of the Christmas market on Place Guillaume II and Place d'Armes in the weeks before Christmas, with mulled wine and local crafts.
- Join the crowds on the evening of 22 June, the eve of Luxembourg's National Day, when fireworks light up the Pétrusse valley below the old town.

Day trips

Luxembourg City sits close to castles, wine country and hiking trails, most reachable in under an hour.



- A Esch-sur-Alzette — about 25 minutes by train. Luxembourg's second-largest city, a former steel town rebuilt around the reclaimed Belval blast furnaces and a lively university campus.
- Moselle wine villages (B Remich, C Wormeldange) — about 25–35 minutes by car or bus. Riverside towns producing crisp Rieslings and Crémant sparkling wine, with towpaths along the river.
- D Echternach and the Mullerthal — about 45 minutes by bus. Luxembourg's oldest town and the gateway to "Little Switzerland," a region of sandstone gorges and waymarked hiking trails.
- E Vianden — about an hour by car, or bus and train combined. A hilltop castle rebuilt from a 10th-century fortress, reached from the town below by chairlift.

Getting there

- **By air**: Findel Airport (LUX) is Luxembourg's only commercial airport, about 6 km from the centre. Bus route 16 runs into town in about 20 minutes and, like all public transport in the country, is free; a taxi takes about 15 minutes.
- **By train**: Luxembourg railway station has direct trains to Brussels, Metz, Nancy, Trier and Koblenz, plus a TGV service to Paris in around 2 hours.
- **By bus**: Long-distance coaches, including Flixbus, use the bus station beside the railway station, with routes to Brussels, Frankfurt and other regional cities.

Getting around

- **Public transit**: All buses, trams and second-class trains within Luxembourg have been free nationwide since 2020, so there is no ticket to buy. The **Luxtram** line runs from the Kirchberg EU quarter through the centre to the railway station. Mobiliteit.lu journey planner
- **Taxi**: Metered taxis are available at ranks and by phone; ride-hailing coverage is limited compared to larger cities.
- **On foot**: The old town is compact, but it sits on a plateau above two deep valleys, so reaching the Grund and Clausen districts means stairs or a lift ride.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

Compact but hilly — the old town's plateau drops into two river valleys, so some routes involve stairs or a lift.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Bike-share is available, though the valley slopes make some routes strenuous; the riverside paths are easier.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not for the city itself — the centre is compact and public transport is free — but a car makes trips into the Moselle valley and the Ardennes easier.
- **Parking**: Underground car parks ring the old town (Knuedler, Rond-Point Schuman, Monterey); pay by app or at the machine, at rates of a few euros per hour.
- **Restrictions**: None of note for visitors — there is no low-emission or congestion zone in the city.

Food & drink

Luxembourg's kitchen blends French technique with German and Belgian portions, and Luxembourg has more Michelin-starred restaurants per person than almost any other country.

The Grund district along the Alzette, home to Neumünster Abbey, is the most atmospheric place for dinner and drinks, with restaurants and bars built into the old fortifications. For something quicker, the weekly market on Place Guillaume II, held Wednesday and Saturday mornings, sells local cheese, bread and produce.

What to eat & drink

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Gromperekichelcher
Fried potato pancakes with onion and parsley, sold at markets and fairs.

Kachkéis
Soft cooked cheese spread, often served with bread and mustard.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Quetschentaart
Open plum tart, especially popular in late summer during plum season.

DRINKS

Moselle wine
Crisp white wines and Crémant sparkling wine from vineyards along the Moselle valley.

SIGNATURE DISHES

Judd mat Gaardebounen
Smoked collar of pork served with broad beans and potatoes, the national dish.

Bouneschlupp
Green bean soup with potatoes, onions, and smoked bacon.

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Safety & health

Luxembourg City is one of the safer capitals in Europe for visitors. The main risks are pickpocketing around the railway station and on crowded buses, and theft from parked cars near hiking trailheads outside the city. Tap water is safe to drink throughout the city.

History

Siegfried, Count of Ardennes, built the first castle on the Bock promontory in 963, the founding act of Luxembourg City. Its position above two river valleys made it easy to defend, and over the following centuries Habsburg, Spanish, French and Prussian rulers all added to its defences, until it was known as the "Gibraltar of the North." Much of what survives today, including Bock Casemates, dates from this period.

The 1867 Treaty of London declared Luxembourg neutral and forced the demolition of most of the fortress, though the casemates cut into the rock were left largely intact. Grand Ducal Palace, originally the city hall, later became the residence of the Grand Ducal family. The story of the city and its fortress is told at the Luxembourg City History Museum and the National Museum of History and Art, both in the old town.

Country facts

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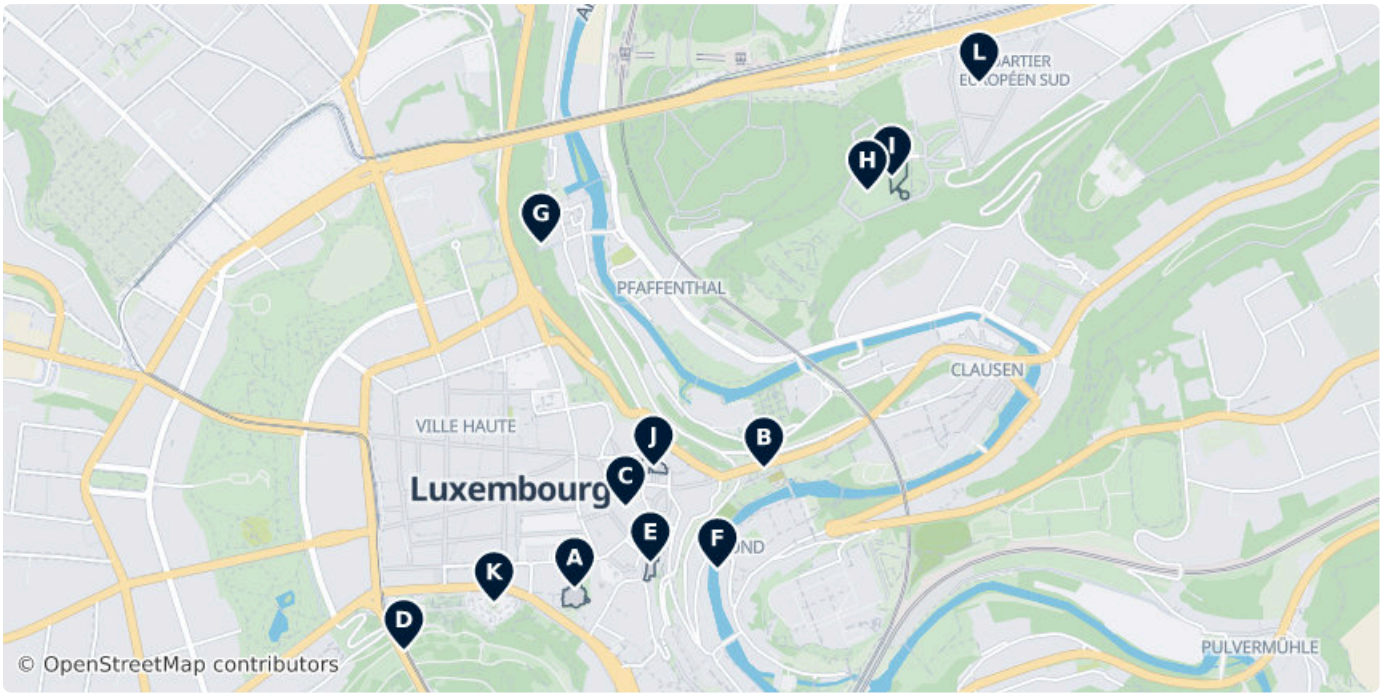
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LANGUAGES
German, French, Luxembourgish

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Luxembourg's Unmissable Highlights

Luxembourg City's landscape is defined by its dramatic topography and layers of military history. This selection spans from the 17th-century Casemates Bock and UNESCO-listed fortifications to the contemporary glass-and-steel designs of the Philharmonie and Mudam. Key sites include the Grand Ducal Palace, the official residence of the monarchy, and the Adolphe Bridge spanning the Pétrusse Valley. Museums like the MNHA and the City History Museum provide context for the capital's evolution from a medieval fortress to a modern European administrative center.





A Notre-Dame Cathedral

A 17th-century Jesuit church featuring a blend of late Gothic and Renaissance architecture. It contains the crypt of the Grand Ducal family and the statue of Our Lady Consoler of the Afflicted, the patron saint of the city.

Boulevard Roosevelt, rue Notre-Dame, L-2450 Luxembourg (49.60955, 6.13155)

Mo–Sa	08:00–18:00
Su	08:00–19:00

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8 Rue Sosthène Weis, Luxembourg 2722, Luxembourg (49.61166, 6.13669)

Mo–Su	09:45–17:00

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C Grand Ducal Palace

The Grand Ducal Palace is a palace in Luxembourg City, in southern Luxembourg.

32 Rue de l'Eau, 1449 Luxembourg (49.61099, 6.13293)

lcto.lu/en/place/architecture/palace-of-the... , +352 22 28 09



D Adolphe Bridge

The Adolphe Bridge is a double-decked arch bridge in Luxembourg City, in southern Luxembourg.

Uewerstad, Lëtzebuerg, Luxembourg (49.60846, 6.12693)



E Luxembourg City History Museum

The Lëtzebuerg City Museum, illustrates the thousand-year history of the City of Luxembourg with both permanent and temporary exhibits.

Rue du Saint-Esprit 14, 1475 Luxembourg (49.61000, 6.13361)

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Th	10:00–20:00
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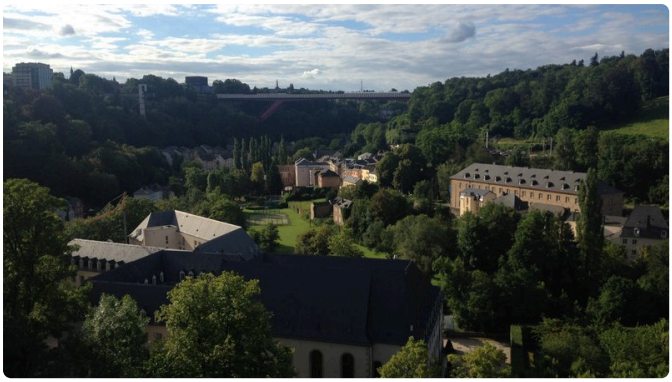


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G Pfaffenthal Panoramic Elevator

A glass-walled lift connecting the Pescatore park in the city center to the Pfaffenthal valley floor 71 meters below. The cabin provides panoramic views of the Alzette River and the Grand Duchess Charlotte Bridge.

21 Rue Laurent Ménager, Luxembourg 2143, Luxembourg
(49.61559, 6.13065)

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H Fort Thüngen

Fort Thüngen is a historic fortification in Luxembourg City, in southern Luxembourg.

3, Park Dräi Eechelen, L-1499 Luxembourg
(49.61652, 6.13949)

+352 26 43 35



I Modern Art Museum

The Grand Duke Jean Museum of Modern Art, abbreviated to Mudam, is a museum of modern art in Luxembourg City, in southern Luxembourg.

Park Dräi Eechelen 3, 1499 Luxembourg, LU
(49.61678, 6.14015)

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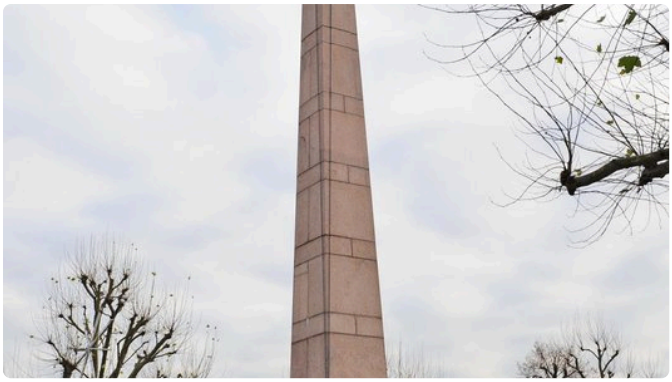
J National Museum of History and Art

The National Museum of History and Art, abbreviated to MNHA, is a museum located in Luxembourg City, in southern Luxembourg.

Marché-aux-Poissons 1, 2345 Luxembourg, LU
(49.61169, 6.13369)

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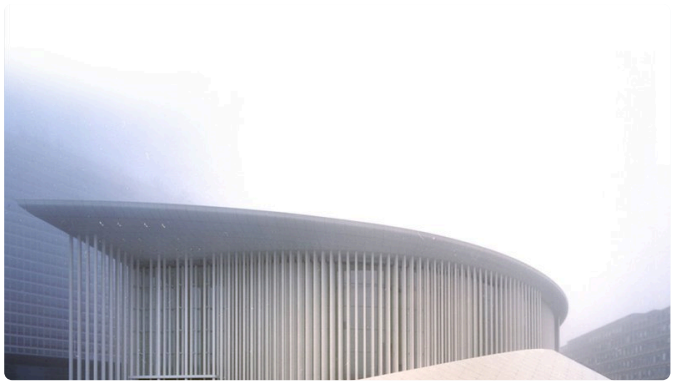
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K Monument of Remembrance (Gëlle Fra)

The Monument of Remembrance, usually known by the nickname of the Gëlle Fra, is a war memorial in Luxembourg City.

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L Philharmonie Luxembourg

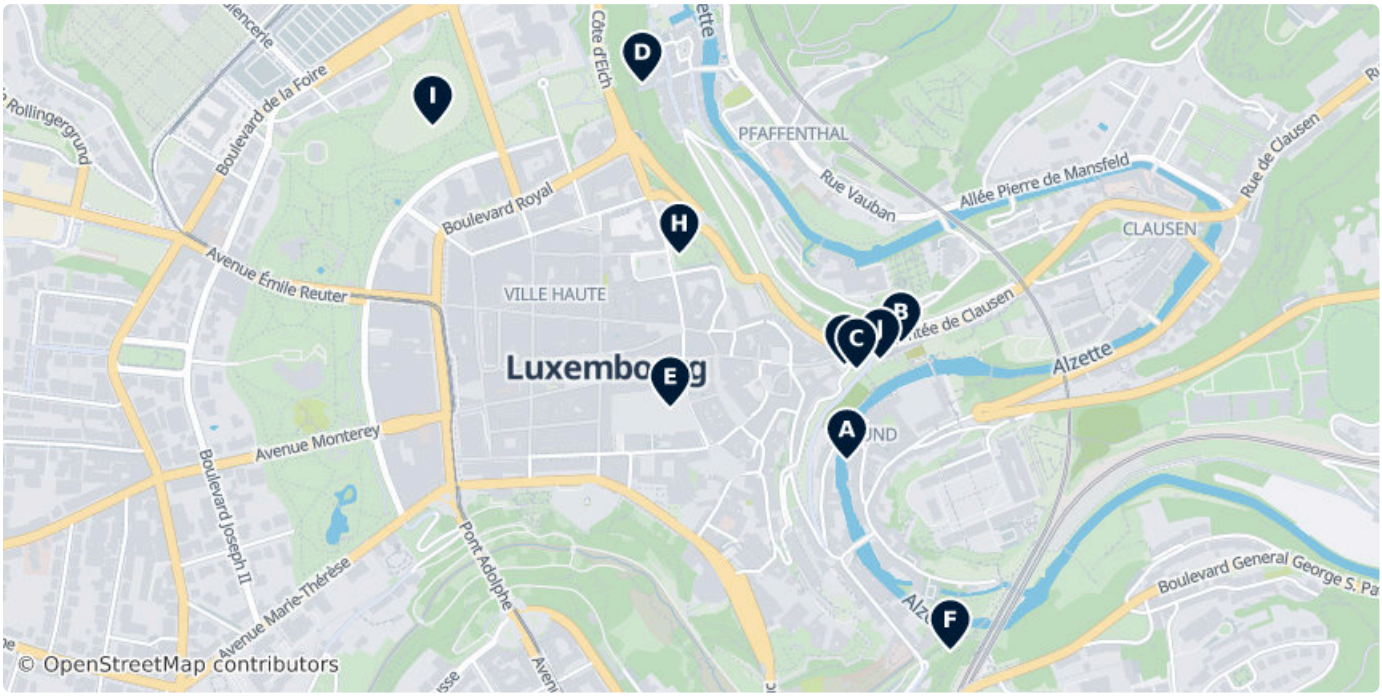
The Philharmonie Luxembourg, also known officially as the Grande-Duchesse Joséphine-Charlotte Concert Hall, is a concert hall located in...

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Luxembourg City Essentials

Luxembourg City's UNESCO World Heritage status centers on its formidable fortifications and historic quarters. This selection features the Bock Casemates' subterranean defense tunnels and the Chemin de la Corniche promenade, often called Europe's most beautiful balcony. The list includes 17th-century Spanish watchtowers, the glass Pfaffenthal elevator for valley views, and several centuries-old trees designated as natural monuments, alongside the central Place Guillaume II square.





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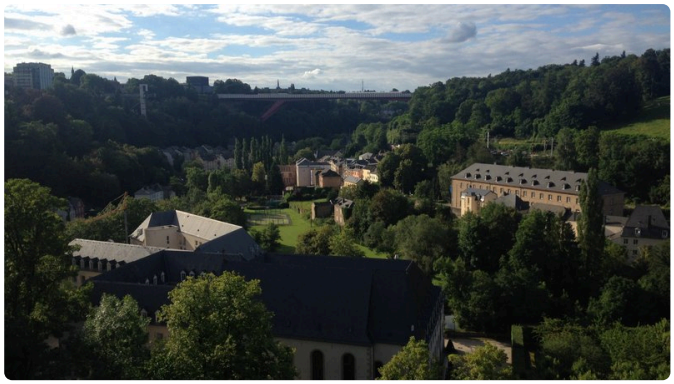


C Chemin de la Corniche

Pedestrian promenade winding along 17th-century ramparts. It offers panoramic views over the Alzette valley and the Grund district, earning the nickname 'Europe's most beautiful balcony.'

14 Rue Sigefroi, Luxembourg 2536, Luxembourg (49.61126, 6.13565)

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D Pfaffenthal Panoramic Elevator

A glass-walled lift connecting the Pescatore park in the city center to the Pfaffenthal valley 60 meters below. It provides sweeping views of the Alzette River and the Grand Duchess Charlotte Bridge.

21 Rue Laurent Ménager, Luxembourg 2143, Luxembourg (49.61559, 6.13065)

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E Guillaume II

A central town square featuring an equestrian statue of King-Grand Duke William II. It houses the neoclassical City Hall, built in the 1830s using stones from a former Franciscan monastery.

8 Place Guillaume II, Luxembourg 1648, Luxembourg (49.61069, 6.13130)



F Spueneschen Tiermchen

Distinctive 17th-century watchtowers built during the Spanish rule of the fortress. These stone structures with conical roofs were strategically placed along the ramparts to provide sentries with views of the valley.

56 Montée de la Pétrusse, Luxembourg 2327, Luxembourg (49.60701, 6.13784)



G Bluttbuch bei der Méchelskierch

A historic purple beech tree, known as a 'Blood Beech,' situated near St. Michael's Church. It is protected as a national natural monument due to its age and botanical significance.

14 Rue Sigefroi, Luxembourg 2536, Luxembourg
(49.61132, 6.13537)



H Käschtebam um Square Robert Brasseur

A notable horse-chestnut tree located in Square Robert Brasseur. This specimen is officially classified as a natural monument of the Grand Duchy.

19 Rue du Nord, Luxembourg 2229, Luxembourg
(49.61300, 6.13151)



I Hobuch op der Kinnekswiss

A significant hornbeam tree located on the Kinnekswiss, a large meadow within the city's municipal park. It is recognized as a protected natural monument.

(Unnamed Road), Luxembourg, Luxembourg
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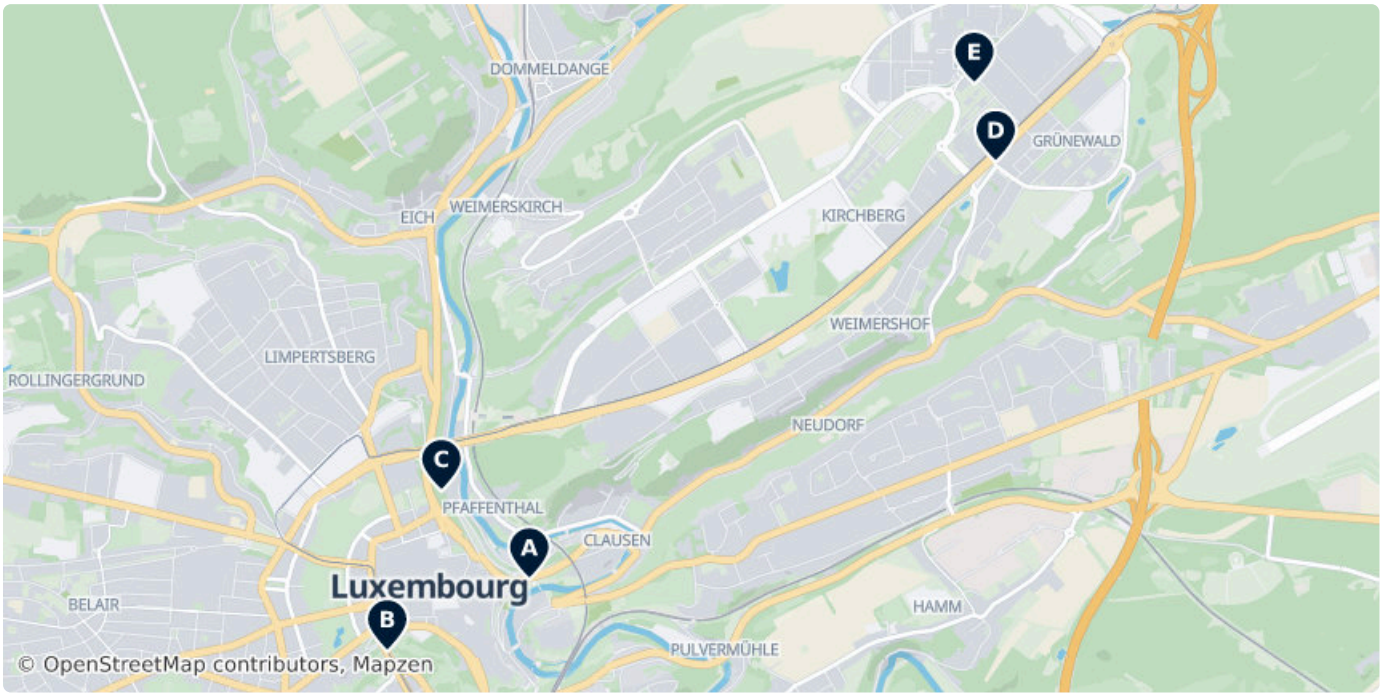
J The Bock

The Bock is a promontory in the north-eastern corner of Luxembourg City's old historical district.

8 Rue Sosthène Weis, Luxembourg 2722, Luxembourg
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Hidden Gems in Luxembourg City

Luxembourg City's landscape is defined by its dramatic topography and layers of history. This collection spans from the 17th-century Bock Casemates, a vast subterranean defense system, to the 153-meter-long Adolphe Bridge. Modern additions include the 71-meter Pfaffenthal glass elevator, providing views of the Alzette valley, and contemporary sculptures like the Tall Banker and Sopransolo in the Kirchberg district. These landmarks highlight the city's evolution from a formidable fortress to a hub of modern architecture and public art.





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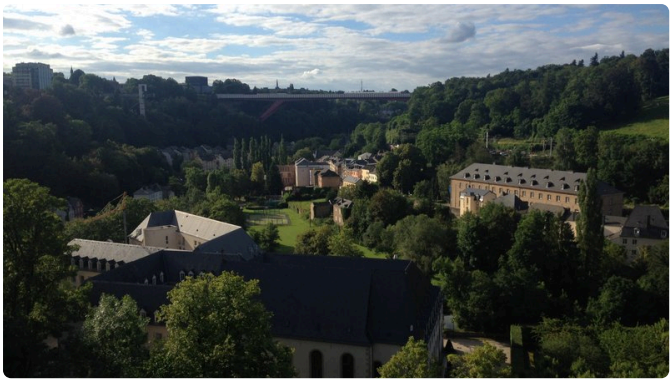
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C Pfaffenthal Panoramic Elevator

Glass elevator providing a public transport link between the upper city center and the river valley. It features a 71-meter ascent and a viewing platform with a glass floor section.

21 Rue Laurent Ménager, Luxembourg 2143, Luxembourg (49.61559, 6.13065)

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D Tall Banker

An eight-meter-tall sculpture by the artist collective Inges Idee. Located in the Kirchberg financial district, this slender figure stands in front of the DekaBank building, symbolizing the area's economic significance.

38 Avenue John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Luxembourg 1855, Luxembourg (49.63024, 6.16876)

E Sopransolo

A bronze sculpture by German artist Helge Leiberg. Situated near the Philharmonie Luxembourg in the Kirchberg district, the dynamic figure reflects the musical and cultural atmosphere of its surroundings.

2 Circuit de la Foire Internationale, Luxembourg 1347, Luxembourg (49.63373, 6.16728)

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