

NAMUR

FREE MAP
FOR YOUNG TRAVELLERS
MADE
BY LOCALS



ACT LIKE A LOCAL

WELCOME TO THE CAPITAL
Believe it or not, but you are in a capital here! The capital of Wallonia (southern Belgium). A small, authentic and a bit posh city of 110000 inhabitants. The city centre is full of students going home every weekend to do their washing at mum's and daddy's. From the heights of the citadel you can see the nice villas of the well-to do part of the town, contrasting with a more modest city centre.

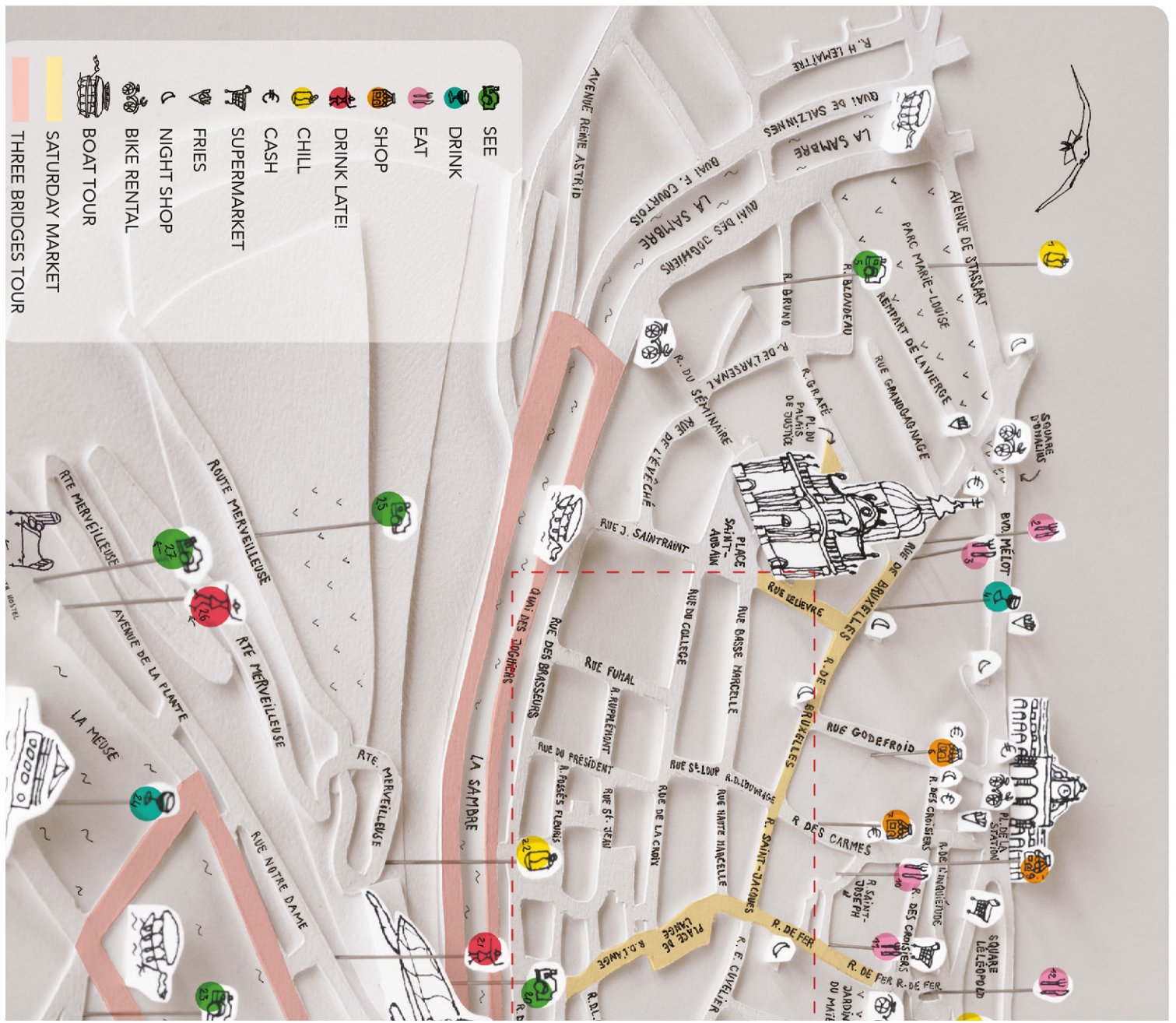
FEEDING BREAD FOR BIRDS
On Sunday, everything is closed and the city centre feels a little bit morose. It's a good opportunity to have a stroll on the second hand market in Jambes (#20), to go for a walk in the nooks of the Citadel or to observe the ducks in the Marie-Louise (#1) park.

TALK TO A LOCAL
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IT'S ALL ABOUT FOOD
People from Namur enjoy eating. For sure, you can find whatever you'll like to eat from country cooking in the pedestrian streets (Le temps des Cerises (#66)) to the traditional chips in cone (chez Gaby, #14), chips in a paper cone and not in a rectangular plastic.

YOU MUST BE THERE
The «Fêtes de Wallonies» (see EVENTS) is the event of the year. During this time, Namur doesn't sleep for 5 days. Even if it attracts lots of people, you can easily recognize local people as they are the only ones to be there on Monday (last day). Impossible to miss it. Survival tips: take your time to try all the different tastes of «peckee» and don't forget to eat something solid!

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SEE

DRINK

EAT

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DRINK LATE!

CHILL

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SUPERMARKET

FRIES

NIGHT SHOP

BIKE RENTAL

BOAT TOUR

SATURDAY MARKET

THREE BRIDGES TOUR

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IF YOU CAME FOR FOOTBALL, GO HOME

There is no legendary football club here. However, people come from very far away to buy records and vinyls in one of the numerous record dealers of the city.

SOMETIMES, WE ARE GETTING BORED

People from Namur are always seeking to leave the town because they find it boring, but they always come back in the end. That is what a true «Namurois» is!

BEERS OF COURSE

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COULD YOU FOLLOW US?

People from Namur have got the reputation to be slow. You can see that through local songs «On dit que les namurois sont lents» («People from Namur are slow») but also with the city's emblem, a «lumnecon» (Walloon word for a slug). A part of it must be true, but we think if we are slow it's to make sure you can follow us!

EAT LIKE A LOCAL



AVISANCE
(Puff pastry + sausage)
At Adam **12**



BIÈTRUMÉ
(A caramel) at La Maison des Desserts **43**



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Our famous strawberries at the Saturday market **5**

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BOAT TOUR

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SIESTA

Ideal for a power nap under the sun, a picnic, a beer in a can or to read your syllabi, the Marie-Louise Park (or Louise-Marie, the names are often reversed without knowing who's right) is the biggest green area in the city center. The lake and the bridge of the Dutch are the remains of this ancient anchorage area for boats. Beware though, the cave can sometimes be badly frequented.

TRADITIONAL BUTCHER

At lunch time, Laurence will serve you with a pretty smile the «Dag Burger», (€3.4) the speciality of the house. Try it! Don't be scared by all the students in the queue, they just really love that place.

AMAZING SANDWICHES

(Mon.-Frid. / 11:00-14:00) (Ursule et Pétila) You will probably find it hard to choose amongst this collection of crunch and tender baguettes filled with delicious ingredients. Some consider this delicate sandwich shop as the best in town. At «Ursule et Pétila» you will find bagels, soups and wraps. (€7/lunch).

BOWLS

(Closed Mon.) «Le Bouffon du Roi» is the place to be for special beers lovers. This bar often organizes events: concerts, DJ set, theme parties (Halloween, Red Devils). When the nice days come back, the terrace and the bowls field are very popular. During the week, it's possible to have a drink around a board game.

CANTINA

(Lunch 12:00-13:30). The Arsenal was built right after the Citadelle (42) and is situated close to the river Sambre to bring ammunition. Today, the dishes have replaced artillery as the University of Namur installed its cafeteria with the possibility to enjoy a bio-vegetarian self-service!

100% BELGIAN

You won't find anything «made in China» here. About ten Belgian creators and craftsmen present their work (jewellery, beverages, decoration...). In a nutshell, this is the ideal place

to buy a souvenir. You can also savour small preparations on the spot. Opened in 2015!

VINTAGE SHOP

(Closed Mon. & Sun.) In the classic and conformist city of Namur... Murielle has taken up the challenge to open her store called «Un Pitt coin de parapluie» where you can find belgian creations, clothes and accessories from the twenties to the seventies. And it works, to the delight of hipster vintage and nostalgic granimes.

TIME FOR A BREAK

(Free entrance – open during the day only) Looking for a place to eat your ice cream? The «Jardin du Bourgmestre» (garden of the mayor) is a quiet square in the city center. A fresco showing some Walloon characters is painted on its facade. Ask someone from Namur to show you: Ernest Solvay, industrialist, «Georges Simenon» writer and «Benoit Poelvoorde» actor.

THE TIME MACHINE

(Mon.-Sat. 10:00-18:00) Two cousins, Jérémie & Simon set themselves the challenge to open «Rand'Am» in April 2015, a boutique with an original universe and close to the «Namur en mai» spirit (See EVENTS). The Rand'Am machine gives a second life to old comic books, vinyls, DVDs, CDs, and board games.

THE TRUE BELGIAN PLATE

If you don't especially fancy the greasy Belgian specialties, pay a visit to «Belgo Belge». You will find the best of Belgian cuisine. Ask the bartender's assistance to choose a beer amongst the 100 sorts of beers available, he will make sure to find the best one to accompany your dish!

WAFLE PLEASE

With sugar on top) and the Liège waffle (smaller and heavier with pearl sugar inside), Namur has made its choice: Liège waffle! The «Villeroy» tearoom is an old and famous address in Namur: if it's too crowded inside, you can also buy it outside (€1.7).

ADAM & EVE

Most young local people say they are going to «Adam» to get their sandwich. In reality, they are going to the butcher's shop called «Maison Adam». Quick, efficient and with a good price-quality ratio. You'll also find «L'Avisance», a sausage coated with a shortcrust pastry and served hot. The recipe originally comes from pilgrims who used to wrap their meat scraps in a pancake. You will find them in all good butcher's shops of Namur.

SO CLASSY

Forget about the «all you can eat»-types of chinese restaurants with a kitschy decoration, and that are just a pale imitation of the real thing. This classy Chinese restaurant is made for folk who really know good Chinese food. «Chez Chen» combines service and quality and will make you forget about the standards of Chinese cuisine. Go to Asia for €40/ person (drink included). Get your chopsticks ready!

CHIP SHOP

Don't be afraid of appearances, «Chez Gaby» is the «best chip shop in Namur». Chips are the last one in the city to be hand made and served in a take out come. If you are lucky, you might see the son of the owner carrying tons of peeled potatoes, from one shop to the other (in the gallery in front of the station).

LOCAL TIP

15 Emilien, 30 years old, beer lover (Every night, Mon.-Sat.) In Namur, a beer is always meant to be shared. Patrick, the French owner of «Le Merlieu» knows it better than anyone else. You can choose amongst almost 100 Belgian home-made beers, so don't you dare to ask for a Jupiiler or you'll be kindly shown the door! If you are in a musical mood, instruments are put at your disposal to liven things up! Amateurs are more than welcome!

CULTURE

(Summer 10:00-18:00 winter Mon.-Fri. 11:00-15:00) Stop by «Jardin de la maison de la culture» on your way to the citadel. This place backing into



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TOURIST INFO

TOURIST OFFICE

Maison du Tourisme
Place de la Station. Everyday from 9:30-18:00, +32(0)81/24.64.49

Centre du Visiteur à la Citadelle
1st ap- 30th Sept.: every day 10:00-17:00 (closed on oct. - 31th Mar.: every day 10:00-17:00 (closed on Mon.), €4, visite guidée 16:30.

Centre Info de la Halle Al Chair
Rue du pont. 10:00-17:00, Jan-Mar. & Oct-Dec: closed Mon.; Ap-Sept every day 9:30-18:00; closed during Christmas +32(0)81/24.64.48, 21. Beware, the center will close its doors for renovation works during the course of 2016.

OPEN Most of the shops are open from Mon. to Sat. 10:00 to 18:00 and are closed on Sun. Lots of restaurants and museums are closed on Mon. There is no gay area. You won't find any real disco. There are some pubs open during the day but closing quite early or some «going out» pubs which rarely close after 3:00 (see «dink later»). Most of the restaurants close at 22:00.

Travel by train thanks to the GoPass (€50 for 10 trips. You can share it with your friends if you are < 26, or RailPass €75 if you are > 26 years old). No trains after midnight.

There is only one railway station in Namur. You can easily go everywhere on foot. However, buses (TEC) and taxis are available in front of the station. (€2.1 for a bus ticket). The buses 3 and 4 direction «La planche» will take you to the bottom of the Citadelle (#22) or to the youth hotel.

Li Bia Velo

(It means «the nice bike») – Blue bicycle rental areas are available everywhere in the city, 7days/7 24h/24. Practical and cheap, a one day ticket costs €1. The first 1/2h is free. You paid for extra 1/2 between €0.5 & €2

Pro Velo Namur

has got a repair facility a bit cheaper than traditional stores (useful for a trip around the world by bike). Possible rental for 2h (€6) - 4 h (€10) or by day (€14). Open from 11:00 to 19:00 Mon., Wed., Fri. and from 7:00 to 19:00 Tues. and Thur. Open during weekends: 16 May-13 Sept. 9:00-18:00. Bike tour organised www.provelo.org/fr/tour/tours-sur-demande/namur.

Small retro motorized boats that are between the Sambre and the Meuse. Five hats are foreseen, so do not hesitate to get off and to have a walk in the streets around. (May .to Sept., €0.5/halt).

Youth hostel – take bus 3 or 4 from the station. Free-wifi. A bed in a dorm with breakfast and sheets will cost you between €18 and €26 if you're under 26 depending on the season. A charge of €2 will be asked for people older than 26 (10% discount with the member card).

It is forbidden to smoke in restaurants and in most cafés. Check it out before lighting up one!

Big works are planned autumn, 2016 to move the bus station (TEC) (located along «Leopold Square») above the train station.

5 MINUTES OF HISTORY

Julius Caesar, who came to Namur for a while, built in the city a strategic camp overlooking Gaul (territory of France and Belgium). The History will remember his famous phrase «De toute la Gaule, les belges sont les plus forts» (Throughout Gaul, Belgian people are the strongest).

The medieval trade was growing so fast that Namur decided to strike its own golden currency: the Namurum. 890 The city is one of the ten most covered fortified places in Europe. Be careful, danger. At that time, the Citadelle was built at an altitude of more than 190 metres. Best view ever.

After only 3 days of fighting, the Germans seized Namur for the first time during the first World War.

For the communication between the military headquarters situated at the Citadelle and the nine forts around, the Germans still used pigeons.

Before the second World War broke out, people from Namur decided to fit out some underground tunnels against the Citadelle as a protection against German asphyxiating gasses. Unfortunately, this wasn't enough!

Who's this flying horse sculpted in bronze that seems to bring visitors

Became the Capital of Wallonia (French speaking part of the country).

5 MINUTES WALKING
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TOURIST CLASSIC

the water is very popular for its concerts, workshops, story-telling session.

17) SUNNY PATH
Before the canalization of the Sambre, there used to be horses walking on the towpath along the river, to pull boats. Now, it has become a lovely path where you can fully enjoy the sun in the summer, especially during the Cap Festival (see **EVENTS**).

18) READY TO JUMP

The «Bayard horse» crosses the river in one hoof kick. Legend has it that it carries on its back the four sons of Aymon and that one can walk from one part of the building to the other one without getting wet. The Parliament of Wallonia is one of the last in Europe that has an old style and adversarial layout, with MPs facing each other. The reason was to preserve the original structure of the building.

19) POLITICS TO THE HOSPRICE

(Visit only in group, ask at the desk). The Hospice Saint-Gilles used to be a refuge for poor, travelers, orphans and sick people. Today, it hosts the members of the Walloon Parliament (French speaking part of Belgium). A glass gallery was built (an expensive one!) so that they can walk from one part of the building to the other one without getting wet. The Parliament of Wallonia is one of the last in Europe that has an old style and adversarial layout, with MPs facing each other. The reason was to preserve the original structure of the building.

20) UTOPIA 2015

In the locality known as «Bonnet d'âne», situated at half-height of the Citadelle and in front of the confluence, you will find a giant turtle created by the Belgian artist Jan Fabre. The piece of artwork made of bronze has been estimated at €500,000, but don't try to run away with it, it weighs €500kg...

LOCAL TIP

21) AU COUP DE ROUGE
Tonio & Gius, 24 years old (Open every day from 16:00 until 02:00, officially) in a small street at the foot of the Citadelle, le Coup de Rouge is one of those few rare places in Namur where you can party until late at night. No tourists here, only local people to share a glass of wine with you.

22) A WALK UP THERE

The Citadelle of Namur has always occupied a strategic position in Europe. Often covered, it was besieged by no less than 23 different countries during the Middle Ages. Following this period, nearly all great European powers came there. The Sun King (Louis XIV) himself and his town planner, Vauban, thought that Namur would be an ideal location for territorial expansion and defense of the French territory. The ruins, as we can see them today, were mostly date from the Dutch occupation in the early fourteenth century. Finally, the Citadelle came to Belgian ownership in 1830 at the creation of Belgium. Take the time you need to walk up there in order to enjoy the panoramic view – ideal place for a romantic kiss. During the summer, lots of young people regularly climb up here for a barbecue, even if it's forbidden. Do not only stay at the surface! The underground, dark and wet, has remained almost intact. Scary place! (Citadelle: free entrance / Underground: 5€, 7days/7 from April to October, off-season timetable and more information on www.ville.namur.be)

23) FLEA MARKET

Every Sunday morning on the docks along the Meuse, antique dealers display their latest findings. Be ready to bargain as much as you can, because there is no tourist! People then go to the Schoutif, this pub gathers local people in a decoration directly from the flea market. They even managed to reconstruct a small model train... Back to your childhood! If you want a little fresh air after those couple of beers, you can take a walk on the dock, and take a look at the beautiful wooden boats.

24) JUMP IN THE RIVER

(Open every summer day 9:00-17:00) «Charlie's capitainerie» is the new place to be in Namur (Port de Jambes) and it is also the ideal place to appreciate a water point. Enjoy a cocktail on the extended patio overlooking the river. This place makes it seem like you are on a real boat. It's worth a try on a hot summer night! (Hire a small boat for €35/h or a paddle for €15/1h30). For more info & news go to www.lacaptainerie.be

25) SIMPLICIS MEDICINAE

(Free entry from Tue. to Sun., from June to September). On the heights of the Citadelle you can prolong your walk by visiting the «Jardin des dex Tours», a well hidden place that will allow you to understand Medieval gardens of bygone days. Entrance via «the Marvellous road», close to the happy tour» an old watchtower that had been inhabited until the 80s.

26) BLACK JACK

(Open every day at all hours - note that you must be 21 of age to enter the Casinos - don't forget your ID card). The Casino of Namur has a series of slot machines such as the English slot machine. It's also a good place to drink late in Namur, surrounded by local folks! Note that poker sessions start at 19:00.

27) HOME MADE

«Lechasse» is the project of 5 passionate people who created the «Houppes» in 2013, a typical blond pale Ale style beer from Namur. (visits only by appointment and for min.10 people, call Xavier 0475/38.16.64 - €6 with beer tasting)

28) THREE BRIDGES TOUR

The Sambre flows into the Meuse at the place called «Grognon». The edge of the rivers between the footbridge and the two bridges is often used by young runners. You can even go a little further along the Meuse to the lock. Go take a look at the beautiful houses with their old wooden balcony, and try to find this one!

29) A MORNING AT THE MARKET

Every Saturday morning, local people go to the market. From bread to Greengrocer's area is pretty crowded, so be ready to get stuck in a shopping trolleys queue in front of the fish stall. Stop by «Monsieur abellies» for his delicious gingerbread (Place du palais de justice) or to buy «caraboulas», small antiseptic rocky candles (street «Lange» / «Monnaien»).

of more than 190 metres. Best view ever.



Who's this flying horse sculpted in bronze that seems to bring visitors to the doors of the city (#19)? It's called Bayard, iconic horse that crossed the Meuse with a single kick and saved 4 brothers from Charlemagne's clutches.



1692
Namur was besieged by Vauban during more than one month. Louis XIV himself came to Namur to witness the show.



1830

Thanks to its strategic location, the city was famous worldwide: until the independence of Belgium in 1830, Belgium was under Spanish, Austrian, French and Dutch occupation.



1846
Namur is not Hollywood. However, the city has got some stars like Felicien ROPS (1833-1898) - engraver and painter from the XIXth century and Adolphe SAX (1814-1894, born in Dinant, 30min from Namur), inventor of the saxophone family. It was patented in 1846 in Paris.

Unfortunately, this wasn't enough!



Became the Capital of Wallonia (French speaking part of the country). We couldn't make a choice between Charleroi and Liège, the two biggest Walloon cities, so we took the city that stood halfway! The Coq wallon, emblem of Wallonia was chosen on the basis of an open survey at the beginning of the 20thC. The winner was a red cock with a raised leg on a yellow background.

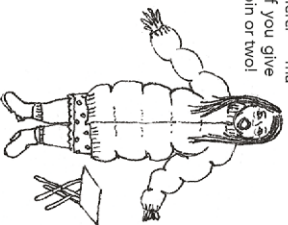
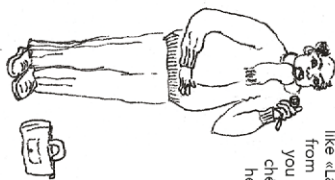
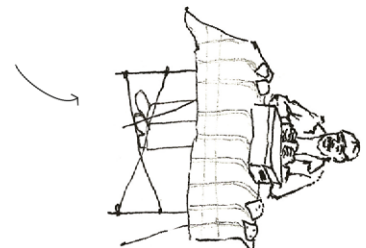


1986
Benoit Poelvoort (Belgian actor) shot his first feature film («C'est arrivé près de chez vous») for a part in the streets of Namur as he was still a student. Real buzz in the French speaking movie world, his film is a kind of documentary explaining how he kills people in order to earn his life. Real Belgian mix of roughness and dark humor.



2014
Namur gets its first USE-IT map, young people are fighting over it, terraces of pubs are continually crowded and we have to build hotels in order to welcome all those people falling in love with the city.

While you are walking in the pedestrian streets, you might run into one of those singers. The man loves George Brassens, an old French singer, and often sings «Les copains d'abord» into his fake microphone. The woman loves old french songs, like «La vie en Rose», or «Je ne regrette rien» from Edith Piaf. She might even tell you «Merci ma chérie» if you give her a coin or two!



329 BUNKER PARADISE

(Tues. and Thur. 20:30-1:30, Sept. to Dec., Jan. to May): The «Bunker» is a place in the basement of the university reserved for parties. Do not rise up if you receive some beer on your head or if you see someone unnetting on the walls. It's how students have parties here. Dress code: t-shirt, old sweaters, jeans and shoes you don't particularly like (student card obligatory, €4, pre-sales in the student circles/Drink €1). Check the program of the month on FB «Bunker de Namur».

328 BEER CORNER

«Le Chapitre» is the bar to taste special beers. It is hidden at the corner of «Chapitre street» and «Graphie street», dominated by the cathedral. You can choose among more than 50 special Belgian beers (Gollath, Forsthine, Applebock...). In an old pub atmosphere (solid wood furniture, yellowed walls, metal beer signs). In the summer, the terrace is full of people.

LOCAL TIP

327 TUNNELS FULL OF WINE

One of Namur's best kept secrets are the two 500m long tunnels hidden underneath the citadel, hoarding 700,000 wine barrels from La Maison Gréffé Leccocq (since 1879). After being bottled, the wine is brought to wine cellars underneath the Saint-Aubain Square and the Palace of Justice. Don't hesitate to ask for a visit of the tunnels. You can buy a nice bottle of wine at the wine shop (on the square, n°15), Mon. to Fri., 9:00-13:00, Sat. 10:00-13:00, Mon. to Sat. 14:00-18:00.»

TOURIST CLASSIC

326 GO TO PRAY OR HAVE A BEER

(Free entrance) This baroque-rococo-neoclassical style cathedral called «Saint-Aubain» is as dark from outside as white inside. The dioceses spent the last 200 years collecting the treasure of the Church (Visit the treasure at the museum each Thu. from 10:30 to 17:00). Yet the place Saint-Aubain is certainly more popular than the church. The place hosts each year great events («Fête de wallonie» see EVENTS). Close by, you'll find another estimated treasure of Namur: «Le Chapitre» (#29).

325 STUDENT BAR

A student bar by excellence, «Le Monde à l'Envers» is the ideal place to spend the afternoon playing baby-foot if you don't feel like going to school. You will prefer spending your rights at the «Petit Bitu» (on the next street, Lelievre street) to learn wallouon students' songs. The name of the bar refers to the book compiling all these songs.

324 PORNOCRACY

(10:00-18:00/ Free 1stSun. of the month / Closed on Mon. except summer). Felicien Rops (1833-1898), artist of the nineteenth century, grew up in this city, he found two bourgeois. His specialties are painting, caricatures, illustration and etching. Freedom and women are two typical themes of his work. «La dame au cochon», also called «Pornocrates» (pioneer through sexuality), is an example of it. A naked woman, blindfolded, keeps a pig with golden tail on a leash. Visit the Felicien Rops museum to find out more (€3). It's even possible to stay in his ancient workshop, further along the river which is now a youth hostel of the same name.

323 VAMP

Observe a colony of about fifteen big brown bats occupying the attic of a house behind the wall of the Funal street n°1. You can see them flying at the close of the day during the summer. In winter, they hibernate of course.

322 MASTA FONDUE

(Mon.-Sat.:dinner, Sun.: lunch & dinner) With cheese (from Switzerland) or with meat, you've got here a wide range of fondues. Unlimited for €25, you will have enough in your plate if not too much (asking for extra french fries is permitted). The atmosphere is friendly, noisy and ... nearly suffocating. Your friends will quickly detect from your smell if you are coming from the «St Loup»!

401 KISS KISS!

(Closed Sun., Mon.-Sat. all day long) Close your eyes and let your senses guide you in «La petite boulangerie». Try "les biseaux de Namur" (Kisses from Namur). Possibility for breakfast (€7.5), tea room or takeaway.

411 FLAVOURED SONGS

Walking in the pedestrian streets you'll find «Glacemanila», you can choose between 36 different tastes other than vanilla (violet, mentingue, white chocolate, caramel...). Everything is homemade. (€1.6/scoop). You can sit on the bench in front which is always under the sun at the end of the day. Most of the time, an old lady sings songs of Edith Piaf.

428 VINYL STORE

(Closed Sun.) Down with the large retail chains! Namur can be proud of its independent record stores. If you go to «Jukebox», you will find CD's and DVDs but also an almost weekly delivery of new and older vinyl records. Electro - rock - indie.

431 GRANDMAS OPTION

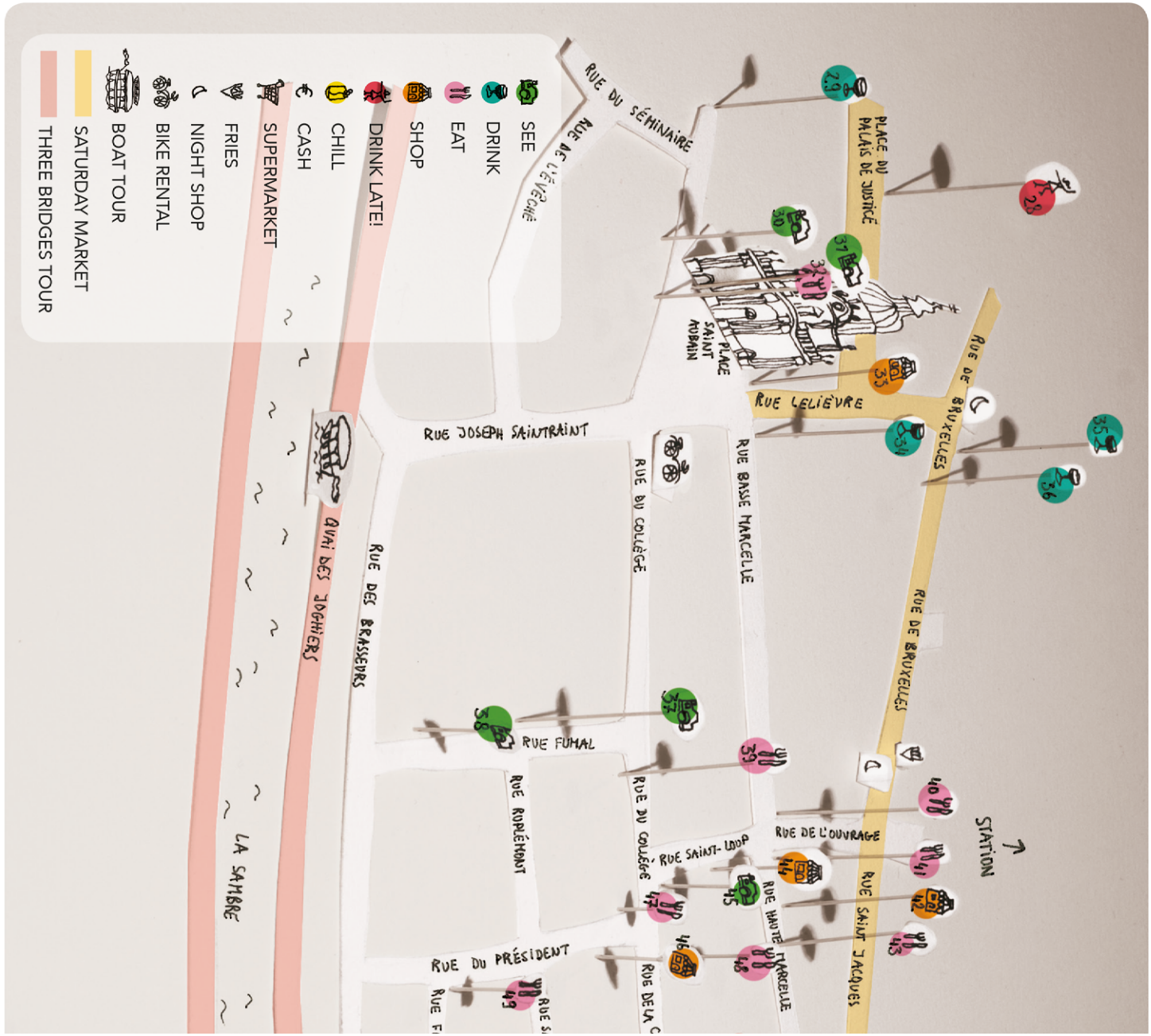
(Thu.-Sun. 08:00-19:00) At «La maison des desserts», you will only meet grandmothers coming there for the tea time. They are the experts, aren't they? You can also find the so called «diététisme», a candy of Namur created in 1954. It's a delicious caramel that melts in the mouth and that doesn't stick to your teeth.

324 COSY PUB

«La Fontaine», is the name of a famous writer and also the name of the cosiest pub in the city with its bare bricks and dim lights. Don't hesitate to read one of the volumes of poetry (with poems from «La Fontaine», of course) in the summer, the terrace overlooks the Cathedral, Saint-Aubain (#31). The bookshop nearby (#33) is a very pleasant place to have a break as you can buy your book and read it

338 BOOKS

(Mon.-Sat. 9:30-18:30. This bookshop is a must for book lovers. With more than 20,000 books, there's plenty to read!



Fontaine», of course) In the summer, the terrace overlooks the Cathedral Saint-Aubain. (431) The bookshop nearby (433) is a very pleasant place to have a break as you can buy your book and read it at the bar.

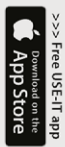
432 BEER TEMPLE
«Le Temple» is perfect to taste Belgian beers while listening to a concert (french music and rock). It's also the place where soccer fans meet, since it's a good spot to watch soccer games (w/ff).

443 ENCHANTING
(Tue. 12:00 - 18:00 and Wed. - Sat. 10:30 - 18:00). Behind this ArtDeco shop window, craftsmen display their enchanting craziness since 1975: «Il fera beau demain» («Tomorrow will be beautiful») is a veritable treasure trove for all who dare to dream dreams.



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FINE DIVERSION

434 CALICE
The fresco covering the entire frontage of the house was offered by the twinned city of Quebec to «adorn» the city of Namur. There is for sure no accounting for taste... but in case you want to see it, go to the Square of... Quebec.

446 TRENDY
Cécile, 24 years old, production manager (Open Tue. - Thur. 10:30 - 18:00, Fri. & Sat. till 18:30) Céline and Laure, 2 young ladies from Namur aged 25 opened this women's concept store a year ago. The name of the shop «Mama is cool» is a kind reference to Céline's mom who supported their project all along. Girls, if you like trendy clothes, this store is for you! There's a chill atmosphere, great sound and crazy outfits.



471 MOTHER VS FATHER
«La mere Céleste» cooks traditional saty pancakes (€12 - Mon.-Sat. 12:00-14:00, Fri.-Sat.

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18:30-21:30) as well as salads with fresh products! We love to eat a chicken/honey with thym salad on the terrace in our back which is really peaceful. Just in front of it, le «Père Gourmandin» serves «binjler», original filled potatoes. So, do you fancy a light dish or something a little more consistant? (Mon.-Sat. 12:00-17:00, Sun.: 12:00-16:00).

481 TAPAS BAR
(Lunch Mon.-Sat/ 12:00-14:30. Dinner Thu.-Sat. at 6:30. Closed on Sun.) Planchas, bruschettas, tapas... Welcome in the Mediterranean. At the «Emoción», the waiters will be happy to advise you. Better to book in advance - 0032 (0) 81 84 93 66. Lunch €7 from Mon-Fri.

491 BIO & LOCAL
(Closed Mon. & Tues, Wed.-Sun. : lunch, Fri.-Sat.:dinner). If you arrive early you'll see the lady of the house cooking behind the window and her husband ironing the napping of the table. This is the real place if you are looking for Belgian specialities like «le pain de viande» or «la tarte à la cassonade»

EVENTS



NAMUR EN MAI
(End May. In the pedestrian streets. Free on the street, must pay for some shows). Fairground Arts festival. www.namurennai.be

APEROS NAMUROIS -
(Every last Fri May - August/ free entrance/ different place each time). Urban aperitifs. www.lesaperosnamurois.be

VERDUR ROCK
(Last Sat. of June). Festival. www.verdur-rock.be

NAMUR BEER TOUR
(Sat. around July 21, > 18 years old / €35). Game to discover 10 special beers in atypical locations, FB Namur Beer Tour or namur.events@gmail.com

NAMUR CAPITALE DE LA BIÈRE
(2nd We of July). The Biggest beer event in Wallonia. www.namurcapitalede labiere.be

(Belgian brown sugar) or the speciality of Namur called «dispoive di Namur», with a typical accent from Namur (€30). You'd better book in advance because it is often a full house 0032 (0) 81 22 28 08..

504 FLYING EGGS
There was a time when people coming to Namur could get on a cable-car somewhere else than in the mountains. In 1956 the « eggs » (because of the shape) brought people to the top of the Citadelle until it was closed because a rock threatened to fall down and in 2002 it was burned by arson. Since then, it has never been replaced, even though many attempted to. A relic of one of these eggs can be seen at the terrace of a pub called «L'extérieur nuts».

511 CAT'S CORNER
Yann, 27 years old, geographer Grilled meat, a delicious sauce and a couple of vegetables served in a delightful turkish bread (or a wrap if



LOCAL TIP

LES PUCES DU GROGNON
(21th July - Free entrance - Place du grognon). Flea market. Bargaining is permitted!

NAMUR LES BAINS
(Free, end July - mid-Aug. Place du Grognon). Concerts, cocktails, catering, animations, movie on a beach. www.namurlesbains.com



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591 OREO CHEESECAKE

Aurèle, 28 years old, geographer. (Mon. to Sat.: from 8:00 to 18:00) «Coffee and more» is the ideal place to read a book and enjoy a muffin before going to the theater, located on the other side of the street. Everything is homemade and original: Oreo hot chocolate, yogurt and kiwi cocktail, and cinnamon broche (because I'm a cinnamon addict!). That's the last thing Namur was missing! (€2.5 for a coffee).

608 CULTURE TIME

(Closed Mon.) To stimulate your taste buds is great but to stimulate your neurons is great too (at least from time to time)! Nothing like a little exhibition to digest. So, have a look at the Belfry gallery, there is always something interesting to see! And it's free.

612 LIGHTS OUT!

(No visit inside). Today engulfed inside the city, the Belfry was, during the fourteenth century, the peak of the city surrounding walls. Not to be confused with a church, the Belfry was just a tower showing the power of rich people at that period. From the 16th century, its bell set the rhythm of urban dwellers' life, announcing the opening and closing of the city gates, it was called «door-bell». On the other side of the street, the gallery of the Belfry shows a photography exhibition. (Thu.-Sun. 11:00-18:00; free entrance).

628 LIKE A PHOENIX!

(Week-end 10:00 - 18:00) Since its construction in 1825, the Royal Theatre has destroyed three times by fire. It survived! With its neoclassical architecture, it's one of the most beautiful buildings in Namur. And it gets better inside, since it is a remarkable example of the Italian style theater. But don't get confused, this old building has been given a decent acoustic technology worthy of the third millennium! To check the programming of the concerts, theater (in French), dance and circus go to www.theatredenamur.be

632 DE LA CHAIR

(Tues-Fri: 10:00-17:00; week-end 10:40-17:00) At the confluence between two rivers (The Sambre and the Meuse) the «Halle al chair» was easily accessible by boat. It was the only place in the city where carcasses were brought to be cut. If you have a walk under the arch, you can imagine it was the perfect place to remove carcasses in water. You can find there the beauty of the city concentrated in a model at the archaeological museum (free entrance). Beware, the museum will close its doors for renovation works during the course of 2016.

LOCAL TIP

641 THE REAL HAMBURGER

Are you looking for an alternative to the sempiternal fast food chains? The Ot's has been an institution in Namur for more than 30 years. Immersed in a typical atmosphere of the 50s resident of the USA, you can order your hamburgers+milkshake for less than 10€. For those with big appetites, make a try at «l'Ardennais».



2 NAMES / 1 PLACE

The bar «Prince Baudouin» carries the name of one of our well-cherished Princes (Yes Belgium is still a Monarchy). If you realize when leaving that the bar's second name is «Behind the prince», it doesn't necessarily mean that you are drunk! This place does not only carry two different names, but also has two ways to get in/out.

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671 SQUARE PIZZA

Kiki, 24 years old, sociologist (Closed Mon. & Sun. Lunch). Enjoy the best (and genuinely Italian) pizza in the city! The menu is full of original mix of tastes but the less adventurous can also order something more traditional. All products are cut under your eyes and then put on large square pizzas. Don't be fooled off by the average price (€15), because what you are going to eat is way more than a regular pizza as far as the quality and the quantity are concerned!

681 DINNER IS READY!

(Tues. - Sat.: lunch, Thur. - Sat.: dinner). There are so many things to see and to do in Namur that you do not have time enough to eat or drink something. «A table» is the solution! You will find at the same place a restaurant, a tasting salon and a bio grocery. The menu is 100% bio and home-made. Ask to eat in the cellar to enjoy the great atmosphere.

692A BEST VIEW OF THE CITADELLE

People like walking up the Citadelle but the view from the city is really worth seeing. Climb up the car park of the supermarket to enjoy a 360° view: on one side, the pedestrian streets and on the other side, the Citadelle on its rocky stone. That's what we do.

702B CHEESE PARTY

(Mon. to Sat.: 7:00-19:00). The Saint-Aubain cheese shop is an institution in Namur! For more than 50 years, this shop has been enabling visitors to travel around Wallonia farms (in the French speaking part of the country) thanks to the variety of cheese that is offered: flowery crust, soft cheese, hard cheese, sheep's cheese, blue cheese and above all fresh home made goat cheese (pear, vanilla, shaving of chocolate, rubarb, ginger flavoured...). Don't forget to grab a ticket at the entrance, otherwise you will never get served!

701 MMMMMHH... BURGERS!

Home-made and with local products from the region of Namur, at the «fasty bar & burgers», quality and originality are the priority. Moreover, it's trendy and it gives a face-lift to the city. Delicious! (<€15 for a burger).

718 4 GENERATIONS OF CAFES

(Closed on Sun). Do not be surprised by the small of roasted coffee emerging from the l'Ange street. The coffee merchant «Delahaut» has been mixing just beside the street his coffee beans coming from all corners of the world for 150 years. This coffee shop has been in the same family 4 generations: the great-grandson of the founder is now the manager of the café.

721 TURKISH SPECIALITIES

(Every day, Mon.-Thu. 12:00-22:30, Fri.-Sat. 12:00-23:30) The landlord from the «Fnez Grill»

TOURIST CLASSIC

OINK - OINK

2 MINUTES WALKING
150 M

you like it flat). And as more is better, you also get Belgian fries with a magical ingredient: Just guess it... I went there every week when I was a student in Namur!

52K SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

(Closed Mon.&Sun.) Even if Namur has got the reputation to fall asleep too early, it's not the case of «la Cuve à Bière». Access through a small square courtyard in stone. Haunt of people between 25 and 30 years old during the «Fêtes de Wallonie» (see EVENTS). Happy hours every Tues. and Wed.

53K QUARTER AREA

«La place du vieux». The elder's Square (nickname given to the square «Place du marché aux légumes», the vegetable market square) is the heart of Namur's nightlife. In the center of the square, the pump that used to supply the market with water in the 17thC. is now surrounded by café's terraces. A festive atmosphere for endless summer parties on the crowded terrace is guaranteed! You can drink a Mojito at "L'Havanna", play Karaoke (every Mon.

and Tues. evening) or listen to a concert (Fri.) at «Le Piano Bar». You can also order a «Girafe» (3L of beer to drink with friends) aux «Poules à lien». Locals usually meet there on Friday evenings, and go from one bar to the other, all night long.

54 ON THE LEFT SIDE

(Closed Sun.-Tues.) Originally on the left side of the Meuse, (in French «Rive Gauche»), this contemporary art gallery is now installed in an ancient store of drapery and hosiery. Its rounded window is made of such a thin glass that people could think it has been mouth blown. The interior is even more surprising...

55 TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

(Closed from Sun. to Tues.) When you walk along the «Au vieux quartiers» shop window, you will feel like travelling back in time. No take here, everything is antique. You will find some old books, illustrations, or a collection of old postcards... At that time, travellers didn't have the chance to use the USE-IT map.

56 LI PUS VJ CABARET D'NAMEURI

(The oldest inn in Namur) (Closed at 20:00 during the week/14:00 on Sun.) «Le RatIn-Tot» is the oldest pub in the town, it opened in 1616! A typical pub with its perfectly served beers (try the local «RATIN 161»). At that time, the barrels were kept fresh in the river flowing under the house.

57 SWEET VAN

(Every day except Sun. & Mon.) This famous van offers home-made ice-creams on Place de l'Ange (April - Sept). In winter (Nov-March), they turn into a waffle shop while waiting for summer...

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58 JEANS SHOPPING

(Closed on Sun.) «Chipito» is a clothes shop, that is really part of the furniture in Namur. They have a really nice selection of outfits. But here, you only come to buy a pair of jeans or the smile of the amazing owners.



CAP ESTIVAL

(mid-May to the end of Sept. Place du Grognon). Drinks, music and BBQ. www.capestival.be

INTIME FESTIVAL

(last weekend of Aug. Place du Théâtre) Literature festival: with actors reading books out loud, really impressive! www.theatredenamur.be/intime-festival

FIFF

(End Sept - begin. Oct. €8/day). International festival of French speaking cinema. Discover some auteur films and some previews. www.fiff.be

WALLIOS

(third we-e of Sept.). Five days of concerts and party. Have a drink of «peckets» at each stall to try all of their tastes. www.fetesdewallonie.be

CHRISTMAS MARKET

(all Dec. Free. Place d'arme) Hot wine!

BEAUTES SONIQUES AND KIKK FESTIVAL

(First 10 days of Nov.). Concerts, showcases, DJ sets, market of creators/vintage, exhibitions,... www.beautesoniques.be and www.kikk.be

SAINT NICOLAS

(first Wech of Dec.). A festive student procession. (6€/float, all-inclusive price)

with big appetites, make a try at «l'Ardennais».

TOURIST CLASSIC

65I OINK - OINK

(Wed.-Fri. : lunch & dinner, Sat. dinner) Pork snouts, offal, snails... local food served by Dominique, the landlord. In a cherry red-white decor, he collects on the walls autographs from stars who once came (3-course lunch for €21).

72I TURKISH SPECIALTIES

(Every day, Mon.-Thu. 12:00-22:30, Fri.-Sat. 12:00-23:30) The landlord from the «Enez Grill» often welcomes you at his door and invites you to his cosy universe he created thanks to numerous turkish lamps covering the ceiling. Our advice: take a seat upstairs and ask for some lamb brochettes. Good quality/price ration and terrace.

WHERE NEXT ?

