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Wallonia, a Region to (Re)discover

Wallonia, the French-speaking region in southern Belgium, is a treasure trove of natural beauty, rich history, and vibrant cultural traditions, waiting to be (re)discovered. With its charming towns, majestic castles, scenic landscapes, and renowned craft beers, Wallonia offers a truly unique experience for those seeking an authentic and peaceful getaway. Explore the tranquil countryside, picturesque villages, and explore the lively city centres



full of history. Whether you're hiking through the Ardennes or sipping local beer in a cozy tavern, Wallonia has something for every traveller.

The Must-See Wallonia Heritage



Don't miss the chance to (re)discover some of Wallonia's most iconic historical and cultural treasures. Immerse yourself in Liège's rich history, admire the stunning Gothic architecture of St. Paul's Cathedral, and the Church of Saint Barthélemy, home to remarkable baptismal fonts dating back to the 12th century. Climb the ramparts of the Citadel of Namur, a fortress dating back to Roman times, and enjoy breathtaking views over the valley. Stroll through the charming town of Dinant along the River Meuse, where the Citadel, towering above, reflects the region's strategic importance over the centuries. Head to the Château de Freÿr, a magnificent Renaissance residence set in a picturesque landscape. Explore the Château de Bouillon, one of Belgium's oldest castles, and step back into the Middle Ages. Visit the majestic

Collegiate Church of Saint Waudru in Mons, a stunning example of Gothic architecture, with its remarkable interior and the famous shrine of Saint Waudru, a symbol of the city's spiritual heritage. And don't miss the impressive Belfry of Mons, a proud symbol of the region's medieval heritage, and a UNESCO World Heritage site.



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An Exceptional Museum Richness

Wallonia is a paradise for art, history, and culture enthusiasts, with museums full of treasures waiting to be (re)discovered. The Grand Curtius Museum in Liège is a must-visit, featuring an outstanding collection that spans archaeology, decorative arts, and ancient weaponry. Just a short distance away, the La Boverie Museum is renowned for its fine art collections, showcasing both classical and contemporary works. In Namur, the Museum of Ancient Art houses the famous Treasure of Oignies, one of Belgium's finest examples of medieval art. This remarkable treasure includes exquisite sculptures, reliquaries, and religious artifacts that transport visitors back to the Middle Ages. In Tournai, the Fine Arts Museum offers a fascinating journey through European art, from its medieval origins to 20th-century



masterpieces. From ancient treasures to modern masterpieces, Wallonia's museums offer a fascinating and diverse exploration of the region's artistic and cultural heritage.

Majestic Castles and Architectural Treasures



Wallonia is also home to a magnificent array of castles, each with its own unique history and charm. Among the highlights is the Beloeil Castle, often referred to as the "Versailles of the North," with its elegant architecture and stunning gardens, offering a glimpse into the life of Walloon aristocracy. The Modave Castle, with its impressive gardens and luxurious interiors, is another must-see, showcasing the

grandeur of Walloon nobility. The fortified castle in Bouillon tells the story of the Middle Ages through its rich history and stunning views over the Semois River. Also worth visiting is the Vêves Castle near Dinant, a beautifully preserved fairytale-like fortress that offers a unique glimpse into medieval life in the region. Wallonia's architectural treasures extend beyond its castles, with a wealth of historic churches, abbeys, and charming old town centres waiting to be explored.



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Gastronomy and Beer Culture

Wallonia is a paradise for foodies, offering a rich culinary tradition that combines heartiness with sophistication. Beer lovers will be delighted by the region's famous brewing culture, which dates back centuries. From the world-renowned Trappist beers brewed in monasteries like Chimay and Orval, to the innovative craft brews of small local breweries, Wallonia offers a truly diverse beer scene. Both Chimay and Orval continue to brew their iconic Trappist beers on-site, following centuries-old traditions while embracing modern techniques. Pair your beer with local specialties such as boulets à la Liégeoise (Liège meatballs), chicons au



gratin (Belgian endives with ham and cheese), or the iconic gaufres de Liège (Liège waffles) for a taste of Wallonia's rich culinary heritage. The region is also home to several Michelinstarred restaurants, where chefs combine traditional Belgian flavors with modern techniques and creativity. Whether in a rustic village brasserie or a fine dining restaurant, Wallonia's gastronomy and beer culture are sure to delight.

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