

Antwerp Guide

Traveling to Antwerp

Travel from the United States

For those coming from the East Coast, Antwerp is easiest to get to by train from the following major hubs. We recommend flying into one of the cities below and taking the train.

- Brussels (BRU) (35min train ride from BRU → Antwerp)
- Amsterdam AMS (1 hour by TGV from AMS → Antwerp)
- Paris CDG (3 hours by TGV from CDG → Antwerp)

For those coming from the West Coast,

- There are no direct flights from SFO or LAX to BRU but you can connect in NY or DC
- Amsterdam AMS (1 hour by TGV from AMS → Antwerp)
- Paris CDG (3 hours by TGV from CDG → Antwerp)

Train

The Antwerp train station, [Antwerpen-Centraal](#) (Antwerp Central) is the main railway station in the city.

The train station was designed by architect Louis Delacenserie and is colloquially known as the *spoorweg kathedraal* ("railroad cathedral") for its vast dome in the main hall.

- You can book train tickets from anywhere within Europe [here](#).

Getting Around Antwerp

- **Walking:** In classic European fashion, Antwerp is a "pocket-sized" city, making it extremely walkable (and our favorite way of exploring and getting around).
 - **Public Transport:** The second best option is the [Tram](#), which operates both above and underground.
 - **Ubers + Taxis:** There are taxis & Ubers available in Antwerp as well.
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Where To Stay

HOTELS

- Our wedding will take place at [Botanic Sanctuary Hotel](#), and we have a 10% discount for guests using code: HEATHO24. There are many wonderful hotels at all price ranges that are close to Botanic Sanctuary - here are a few of our favorites (*in order of proximity*)
- [Hotel Flora](#) \$\$
 - 12 minute metro ride, 12 minute walk or 4 minute Uber to Botanic Sanctuary
- [Hotel Frang](#) \$\$
 - 10 minute metro ride, 13 minute walk or 5 minute Uber to Botanic Sanctuary
- [Hotel Julien](#) \$\$
 - 13 minute metro ride, 13 minute walk or 5 minute Uber to Botanic Sanctuary
- [Hotel Pilar](#) \$
 - 16 minute metro ride, 20 minute walk, or 8 minute Uber to Botanic Sanctuary
- [August Hotel](#) \$\$
 - 22 minute metro ride, 25 minute walk, or 10 minute Uber to Botanic Sanctuary

AIRBNBS + HOUSE RENTALS

- For those looking to stay with a larger group, [Mellow Antwerp](#) is a wonderful option
 - [Airbnb](#)
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Things To Do

• **Museums**

- [The MoMu](#): Fashion Museum of Antwerp (for my fashionphiles, get lost in the Antwerp Six here).
- [The Royal Museum of Fine Arts](#)
- [Museum Aan de Stroom](#)
- The Rubens House

• **Restaurants (*Lunch*)**

- [Spritz](#) | Italian/Vegetarian
- [Nordica 31](#) | Salad/Sandwiches/Coffee
- [Camion/Camionette](#) | Plant-based/Seasonal
- [Camino](#) | Asian-fusion/Small plates
- [Cornichon](#) | Salad/Sandwiches/Coffee
- [Album](#) | Tasting menu (*lunch or dinner*)
- [RACINE PAKT](#)

- **Restaurants (*Dinner*)**

- [Bistrot De Pottenbrug](#) | Old school/Belgian
- [‘T Fornuis](#) | Old school/Belgian
- [and/or](#) | Small plates/Experimental
- [Bar Peche](#) | Seasonal
- [Bistrot L’Ilot](#)
- [Loes & Krikke](#)
- [Restaurant Viktor](#)
- [The Jane](#) (Probably the most famous fine dining restaurant in Belgium! Make sure to make reservations ahead of time for this one)

- **Bars**

- [Osaka](#)
 - Thomas and I sat at the bar here and talked to the owner - a charming blonde who lives and breathes natural wine. The snacks and drinks are fab, and the vibe is even better. This is a perfect spot to have a drink before dinner, or a nightcap post!
- [Bar Brut](#)
- [Tazu](#)
- [Glou Glou](#)
- [Titulus](#)

- **Coffee Shops**

- [Tinsel](#)
- [Nives](#)
- [Black & Yellow](#)
- [Normo](#)
- [Butchers Coffee](#)
- [Caffenation Coffee](#)
- [Charlies](#)
- [Rush Rush](#)

- **Bakeries + Chocolatiers**

- [Bakker Aldo](#)
- [Domestic Bakery](#)
- [Leo Antwerpen](#)
- [Boulot Bakery](#)
- [Pierre Marcolini](#)

- **Shopping**

- [St. Vincents](#)
- [Dasnice](#) (Vintage furniture shop)
- [Rosemary Antwerp](#)
- [Graanmarkt 13](#)
- [Labels Inc.](#) (Great vintage store ft. Belgian designers like Dries Van Noten)
- [Enes](#)

- [Atelier Anvers](#)