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GHENT

It can be no coincidence that Ghent, the capital of East Flanders, was given several pretty names: historic heart of Flanders, a city of all times, one of the most beautiful historic cities in Europe.

The city combines an impressive past with a vivid present. Numerous tourists visit Ghent of which the citizens carry the nickname "stroppendragers" or noose-bearers and use the extensive accommodation possibilities. The historic heart of the city offers a lot of places of interest. From St Michael's bridge there is a wonderful view on the skyline of Ghent with the three impressive towers of St Nicholas' Church, the Belfry with its bell tower and St Bavo's cathedral with the world famous painting "The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb" by Jan van Eyck.

Traces of the Middle Ages were preserved at a lot of places. The old port with its guild halls on the Graslei and Korenlei is merely one example of the beautiful views this town has to offer.

Not far from the Graslei arises the Castle of the Counts, once the medieval fortress of the Count of Flanders. Nowadays it is a major tourist attraction. Ghent also has several museums, abbeys, beguinages, dozens of churches and historical buildings.

Not only art lovers but everyone can find something here to suit his taste. Ghent offers a lot of shops, restaurants and an exciting nightlife.

More information can be found at www.visitgent.be

HOW TO REACH GHENT

Belgium's international airport is situated in Zaventem, near Brussels. From Brussels airport it is possible to travel by train (www.b-rail.be) to Ghent.

In the airport, follow the signs to the train station, which is below ground level. Buy a ticket (also possible online) for Ghent-St-Pieters station at the counter in the train station of the airport.

You can board the direct train to Ghent (7 minutes before every hour) or you can take the shuttle train to Brussels Central Station, which runs every 15 minutes. There, you can change to a train to Ghent-St-Pieters.

Another airport is situated in Charleroi . From Charleroi Airport, you can take the bus to Brussels Zuid/Midi station, always 30 minutes after landing.

From Zuid/Midi station it is possible to travel by train (www.b-rail.be) to Ghent. Buy a ticket for Ghent-St-Pieters station in the train station. You can board a direct train to Ghent every 20 minutes.

If you're planning to travel by bus or coach, you can contact Eurolines (www.eurolines.be). The bus stops at Koningin Elisabethlaan 73, which is near the Ghent-St-Pieters train station.

You can also travel by high-speed train (www.eurostar.com and www.thalys.com).

If you decide to come by car, you will find Ghent at the crossroads of 2 big motorways:

- E17 connecting Lisbon, Paris, Ghent, Antwerp, Köln, Copenhagen, Stockholm
- E40 connecting London, Calais, Ghent, Brussels, Frankfurt, Vienna, Budapest, Sophia, Istanbul.