



# Namur

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# About Namur

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A city full of art and history, Namur is a treasure trove of culture, from archaeological and historical sites, museums and exhibitions to theatres, cinemas and festivals. You will find here some ideas for activities linked to culture or folklore.

Beyond its historic centre, Namur is also a green setting which does not lack creativity to showcase its natural heritage. Discover here its parks, theme gardens, nature reserves, areas of biological interest and other eco-tourist assets.

Namur stands at the confluence of the rivers Sambre and Meuse, offering magnificent views of the rivers, valleys, and monuments. A whole range of waterside activities are on offer, but simply walking along the quays is one of the best ways to visit the city.

## ***Namur, a city of water, with a confluence in the middle of the city...***

It's rare enough to merit emphasis! The Sambre and the Meuse rivers merge in the city, offering an unbeatable view beneath the fortress's ramparts.

## ***Stop the clock and enjoy...***

Ready for a little tour through the cozy pedestrian lanes, dotted with quaint shop windows? Here you will find shops, restaurants or even craftspeople... The art of living well is taken very seriously in the capital of Wallonia.

## ***Smart and digital city...***

Namur is proud to be a 'Smart City'. It is the first Walloon city to have joined this network of cities recognized by UNESCO, which places creativity and cultural industries at the heart of urban development plans for safe, resilient, inclusive, and sustainable cities, in line with the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Namur was selected for its expertise in digital arts. But while the concept of the smart city was initially linked to the technological city, it is now a genuine model for sustainable urban development, which advocates innovation by and for its users, where digital technology is one of the possible solutions to current problems.



# Everything you need to know about Namur

## **Climate**

In November temperatures fluctuate between 4 and 10 degrees Celsius. We invite you to check the weather forecast before packing!

## **Currency**

The official currency is Euro. ATMs are widely available and credit cards are accepted in most establishments (restaurants, shops, bars, etc.).

## **Language**

French is the official language, but English is spoken, especially in business and tourist areas.

## **Public transport**

Getting around Namur is convenient with a range of public transport options (bus, train, taxi, bike). Namur is a charming city where everything in the city center is within walking distance.

- Bus: <https://www.letec.be/>
- Train: <https://www.belgiantrain.be/en>
- Bike: <https://www.provelo.org/services/velos-en-location-a-namur/>
- Taxi:
  - Hepp Taxis: +32 475 99 99 88
  - Taxis Namur: +32 81 22 55 55
  - Taxis Express Namur: +32 476 55 52 44



# Everything you need to know about Namur



## **Health and emergencies**

For medical emergencies requiring immediate attention, call 112. Ensure you have your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) on hand for medical assistance.

### *Nearest hospitals*

- Clinique Ste-Elisabeth

Place Louise Godin, 15 - 5000 Namur (1,5 km from the University)

Tel: +32 81 72 04 11

Emergency: +32 81 72 04 09

- CHRSM (Centre Hospitalier Régional Sambre et Meuse)

Avenue Albert 1er, 185 - 5000 Namur (2,5 km from the University)

Tel: +32 81 72 61 11

Emergency: +32 81/72.67.00

### *On-call pharmacies*

If you need to buy medicines outside pharmacy opening hours, use the search tool for on-call pharmacies (pharmacie de garde): <https://www.pharmacie.be/PharmacySearch>



## **Gifts and presents to take home**

Belgians are renowned for their epicurean spirit – try some local beers and food to experience the Belgian epicurean spirit! The symbol of the city: the snail (Namur is renowned for its relaxed and slow pace of life).

There are several shops selling local products (food, crafts, souvenirs).



# Must-see places in Namur

## ***Citadel of Namur***

The Citadel of Namur is a world renowned monument. It is one of the most beautiful in the world. It is majestic and historical, as it is classified as an exceptional real estate heritage of the Walloon Region. Hop aboard the cable car and easily reach the Citadel of Namur from the city centre, in less than 5 minutes! Take advantage of the ride to take in the scenery during your journey and then set off to explore this exceptional site.

Le Pavillon, the former Belgian pavilion at the Milan World Expo 2015, is located near the Citadel and is now Wallonia's new digital reference point. Stellar Space: exhibition on astronomy and Space exploration (From 22 June 2024 to 26 January 2025).

## ***Belfry***

Listed as a world heritage site by UNESCO, and known as the Tour Saint-Jacques, the belfry was built in 1388 as part of the city wall. It became a belfry in 1746. Its purpose was to announce the time and town events and also to provide military defence.

## ***Theatre***

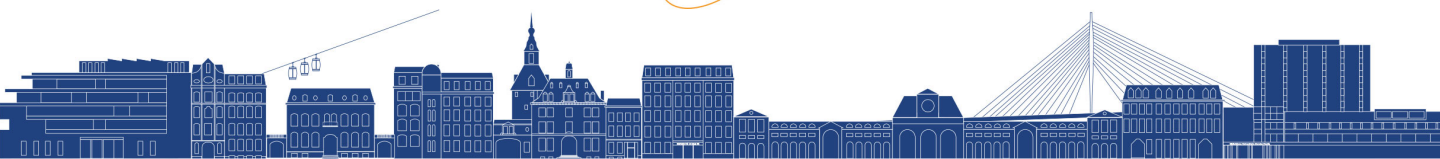
Designed in 1863 by Namur's town architect, Thierry Fumière, the theatre was burnt down in 1867 and rebuilt in 1868. It is one of Europe's last Italian-style theatres. Renovated in 1998, it now presents a fresco by French painter Garouste called "Theatre" which adorns the ceiling of the foyer.

## ***Confluence district***

The historical heart of the city, the confluence is the oldest district of Namur. There you can find the (1) "NID" museum (Intelligent and Sustainable Namur), a space that puts citizens at the heart of the debate around the future of Namur and questions the role of cities in the face of current and future challenges. In this district, you can also admire (2) the Walloon Parliament and (3) "l'Enjambée", the brand new cyclo-pedestrian bridge linking the 2 neighboring cities, Jambes and Namur.

On the other side of the river, you will see The Hall al'Chair which is located in the former district of the butchers, this building – one of the oldest in Namur – once served as a slaughterhouse in a covered market; hence its position on the banks of the Sambre river. By going on the roof of "Le Delta", Namur's cultural center, you can admire a splendid panorama of the Citadel.

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# How to get to Namur?

## *By train*

Namur can easily be reached by train from many other Belgian cities; the main lines come from Brussels, Liège, and Charleroi. There are also direct trains from Luxembourg City. If you travel by train from another European city, you will probably have to make a connection in Brussels or Liège to reach Namur. Trains commute between Brussels and Namur twice an hour. Same from Liège and Charleroi.

The university campus is no more than 10 minutes on foot from the main train station (Gare de Namur).

For complete journey planning (timetable and fares) visit the Belgian National railway web site: <https://www.belgiantrain.be/en>

## *By plane*

From **Brussels Airport** you can easily reach the train station located under the airport. There, you can take a train to Namur. There are direct trains to Namur every hour from Brussels Airport and two trains an hour with a connection via Brussels North station. More info: <https://www.brusselsairport.be/en/passengers/access-parking/train>

From **Brussels South Charleroi Airport** (mostly Ryanair flights), take the bus to Charleroi-South Train Station (20 mins), then the train to Namur (30 mins). But also, It's 30 minutes from Namur with a taxi. More info: <https://www.brussels-charleroi-airport.com/en/parking-access#publictransport>

## *By car*

Namur is a few minutes from the E411 (Luxemburg-Brussels) and E42 (Mons-Liège) highways. The university guests parking is located at "[Rue Henri Lemaître, 5000 Namur](#)" (15 minutes' walk from the venue).

This parking lot is only accessible if you have a guest card. Please ask for your guest card during registration.



# Where to stay in Namur?

A block of rooms has been booked in different hotels in Namur. Please find the list below, with information on walking distance from the University campus.

Hotel reservations are now available. We would like to kindly pay your attention and highly recommend you to book your accommodation as soon as possible.



**B&B Hotel**

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5 minutes from the university



**Ibis Namur Centre**

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15 minutes from the university



**Les Tanneurs**

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15 minutes from the university



**Mercure Hotel**

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20 minutes from the university



**The Royal Snail**

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25 minutes from the university

Deadline for hotel reservations is **15 September 2024**.

Please use the promotional code **UNIVERSEH24** to book your room.





# Where to eat and drink?

Find below a list of restaurants and bars where you can organize work-package or hub's dinner or gathering. Organizing team best choices.



**Brasserie François**

Brasserie



**CAVO**

Italian



**La rue de Demain**

Gourmet fast food



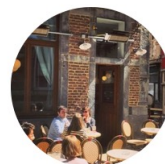
**La Confluence**

Brasserie



**Le Clou Doré**

Brasserie



**Bistro Bisou**

Brasserie



**Barnabeer**

Welcome to the biggest and most complete beer bar in Namur!



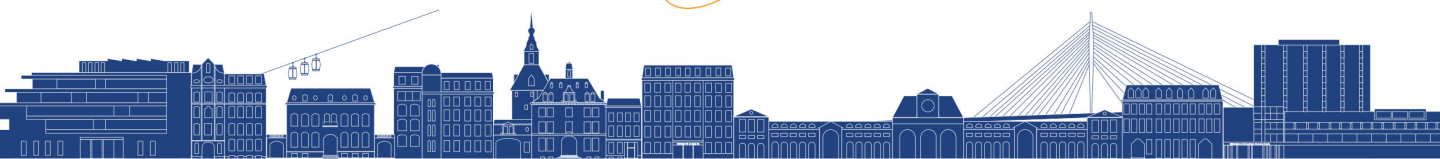
**Botanical by Alfonse**

A cocktail bar that takes you to the heart of liquid gastronomy.



**Vino Vino**

The foremost for the pleasure of drinking good wine in Namur.





# About UNamur and the venue

The university campus is located in the city center of Namur, the capital of Wallonia (the French speaking region of Belgium), which is close to other major cities like Brussels.

The campus is a vibrant place only a ten minute walk from the train station, ideally located next to the city's pedestrian zone and high street with easy access to shops, restaurants, and cultural venues.

## Venue

### University of Namur



All meetings will take place on the University of Namur campus.

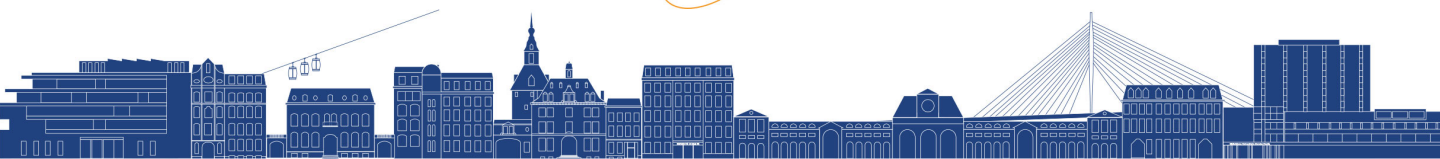
**Meeting point:** Faculty of Sciences – Rue de Bruxelles 65, 5000 Namur.

### Namur theatre



Reception and dinner on Monday (18.11.24) will take place at the Namur Theatre.

**Meeting point :** Place du Théâtre 2, 5000 Namur.





## MORE INFO

<https://universeh.eu/general-meeting-namur/>



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