

VENLO CITY GUIDE - THINGS TO SEE AND DO



See inside for details about getting around, sightseeing, shopping, nightlife and more

Welcome to Venlo

9 miles from Resort Arcen and a few miles from the German border, between Nijmegen and Maastricht, you will find the city of Venlo. After Maastricht, Venlo is the largest city in the province of Limburg. With 100,000 inhabitants, spread over a large area and many districts, the city is a tourist and logistics hotspot.

In the centre, the **Museum van Bommel van Dam** showcases modern art. Close by, the **Limburgs Museum** has Stone Age relics and visual art from around the region. **Sint Martinuskerk** is a Gothic church with a sculpted baroque pulpit. Overlooking bustling **Markt square**, the 16th-century, Renaissance-style **Stadhuis** (Town Hall) survived WWII air raids.

Things to do in the Venlo area

Toverland: (16 miles from accommodation) Family-friendly amusement park with magic-themed roller coasters, rides, live shows and restaurants. It is divided into six different areas, each 'World' promises something different! **Land van Toos Roaring rollercoasters, rapid slides, climbing and scrambling, swinging and playing.** You're in the Land van Toos and there's so much fun in here! Smaller visitors will indulge themselves in this atmospheric, indoor world full of attractions and play equipment. Rain or shine, it doesn't matter. It's always one big party in the Land van Too

Attractions include....



Drakenslangen. What an excitement! All the way up in the Land van Toos, is where your **Aqua Snake** adventure begins. Step into your own little boat and take a seat. Brace yourself for two big waves and prepare for a splash down! **Klimhoed:** A bouncy castle, a climbing wall and a slide...all in one. There's no end to this party! Are you the first one to reach the top? **Vliegend Tapijt:** If you thought you could have a rest on his sofa, you're wrong! This grumpy pig will take care of that. You go up...and then down again. **Plus more!**

Wunderwald.... Challenge the whims of the forest! Wunderwald is a place full of exciting adventures with a hint of Austrian joviality. Find your way via high rope bridges and sail the angry waters. Experience the adventure, your discovery starts here



The peak of Magic Forest Take a seat in a basket hanging off the branches of the bewitched Wirbelbaum. While spinning, you go higher and higher and even higher. Until you are thirteen metres high and looking out over Magic Forest. Wow! A little bit scary, but a lot of fun sitting in this vertical carousel.

Alpenrutsche: In the magical sledges of Alpenrutsche you go from left to right and into the deep again. Arms in the air and smile!

Expedition Zork: A babbling brook changes into a wild river. Suddenly, when you're fifteen metres high, a gigantic waterfall appears. Are you ready for an amazing dive?

Plus more!



For the more adventurous among you there are many exciting rides to enjoy, like **Troy**, the fastest, highest and tallest wooden roller coaster of the Benelux. This wooden vehicle challenges all laws of nature. The chariots of Troy thunder with supernatural forces along the wooden track, on their way to victory.

The adrenalin flows through your body which is good, because you're in the middle of the battle for Troy! First you go up to a height of 35 metres, and then with brute force and 90 km per hour towards the target! Everything is allowed and only the bravest can battle with us. Get ready for the most impressive ride of your life!



This mythical firebird that is **Fēnix** arises from its own ashes every 777 years. Now, Fēnix has risen and is ready for its first flight. And it's going to be thrilling:

Fēnix drops down from a height of 40 metres and gains speed up to 95km/h after which he inverts three times! An unforgettable feeling of freedom, sensation and of course.....flying.



The Greek heroes continue their battle. Earlier they traveled on wild horses and fast chariots. But now their journey takes a turn, across the rough sea.

The warriors brave the water with the enchanted swing boat **Scorpios** and when they're threatened to be swallowed by the highest wave, the ship rises again. Higher and higher, up to an angle of 75 degrees!

Come on board and sail with this spectacular ship.



Limburgs Museum (9 miles from accommodation)

Themed rooms & multimedia exhibits about the natural & cultural history of the province of Limburg.

A visit to the Limburgs Museum is a journey of discovery through time, getting to know people who are and feel like we do: what you see is yourself. The museum tells stories that do just that. Inspiring tales that evoke your own memories. Exhibits include:

From neanderthal man to city-dweller - Fly back into time with Professor B.C. Oud! These archaeological finds from across the province are proof of the presence of mankind from the early prehistoric times, the Roman Era until in the Middle Ages. Splendid objects in - among other things - stone, earthwork, metal, glass and bone talk about their everyday life and key events.

The almost 100-metre long landscape wall shows how Limburg has changed through the centuries under the influence of the climate and the presence of mankind. Four scale models each give a picture of a watershed moment in the history of Limburg: the first people, the first farmers, the arrival of the Romans and the first monks. Pry on the Neanderthal Men in their camp, watch the farmers of the Stone Age, discover how the Romans built a bridge and find the monks on skates. See and above all hear the difference between day and night

Knights, ladies and peasants - Medieval castles in Limburg 1050-1600 Discover a medieval castle from the inside and outside.



Countless castles stood and still stand in Limburg. Once they were home to lords, knights and ladies. Peasants came to the castle in search of safety and to pay fief taxes.

What was life like in a castle? Did their resident live in great luxury? What did they eat? Is it true that medieval knights were powerful and belligerent? And did all castles have battlements, towers and thick walls? Discover for yourself!

Plus more!

Spielpark Klein Zwitserland (15 miles from accommodation) Children's park with themed playgrounds, an outdoor swimming pool, mini golf & a snack bar.

The 15-hectare park is located in a beautiful wooded area. A more challenging area for outdoor play is hard to imagine. Play park Klein Zwitserland is a complete day out for the whole family. **Enjoy playing outside!**

Playground Klein Zwitserland combines the charm of the playground of the past with modern and exciting play equipment. There is the longest tube slide and Europe's highest swing. Both are in the Guinness book of Records. In 2018 they added new play equipment in the park such as the play ship and the space ball, a gigantic climbing device.

Eating out in Venlo

Enjoy culinary delights or enjoy a casual dinner at a restaurant in Venlo or the surrounding area. Be sure you don't miss typical Limburg dishes such as asparagus. Eating out is a real experience if you order dishes like Venlo fries-egg or a bruedje zoorvleis (sour meat sandwich).

The Venlo area is home to many restaurants where you can eat well. Some are in a particularly delightful location, some have a very special menu and many offer a combination of both! Here is a selection:



Burgers and Beers. Steenstraat 6 5911 HE Venlo. They only use the best quality meat for their burgers: The Blonde D'Aquitaine is a cattle breed that grazes in the open air of South Limburg.

The sandwiches come fresh from the local bakery and the fries are freshly cut every day. The sauces and salads are prepared with the best ingredients.

They also have a wide choice of soft drinks, coffee, tea, but of course also a variety of special beers and wines.



Restaurant Café Central Markt 225911 HD Venlo. Do yourself a favour and stop here. There is a homely atmosphere offered with upscale elements. The first floor offers quick and smaller tables to bar patrons, while the second floor invited diners to experience a taste of Venlo. From the full glass of wine that is poured, to the non-intrusive but inquisitive waitress who takes care of you, to the cuisine lavishly presented at the tables, everything is great.

Try their surprise menu, three courses for 30 euros. You explain to the waitress the type of food you would like (meat, fish, veggie) or any other preferences, and depending on what ingredients are available, they will tailor the menu to your requests - really! What chef has time to tailor a course for one table, let alone a single individual. This is a great experience, and we highly recommend stopping by here.

Also worth a visit is **Old Dutch Markt 215911 HD Venlo** Café Restaurant Old Dutch has a rich history in Venlo nightlife. Many Venlo people have had unforgettable evenings here. Where they use a German / Dutch menu during the day, Old Dutch is transformed into an authentic Italian Trattoria at the end of the afternoon, where they present you the most delicious dishes from Italian cuisine. Many dishes are based on of recipes from the head chef's home town in the southern tip of Italy.

Delicious Italian wines are available to accompany all dishes. The wines have been specially selected for you by VINO dElmar, adjacent to the tasting room on the right-hand side of La Trattoria. Bon appetito.

Nightlife in Venlo

Venlo has only a limited amount of nightlife and entertainment to choose from. Below we've listed the best of it.

Shannons Irish Pub Parade 69 5911 CB Venlo

Shannons is a cozy, authentic Irish Pub located in the centre of Venlo. In the pub everyone can get a delicious snack and a drink and there is also plenty to do: many live sports to follow on a big screen, various live music performances and a Quiz Night.



Among the food served is Mushroom Pasta, Spare ribs with fries, Schnitzel served with fries and salad, Saté with fries or bread and salad, Shannon's Steak with fries and salad, Shannons Burger with salad Irish Guinness Stew with bread. They also serve a Children's menu such as French fries, apple sauce and choice of croquette, frikandel or chicken nuggets.

All meals are very reasonable priced

Café de Locomotief Parade 2 5911 CC Venlo

Welcome to Café de Locomotief, the nicest café in Venlo since 1983!



Enjoy a special beer on one of the old train benches or on their terrace, or party in the later hours.

No catering establishment in Venlo is as closely intertwined with beer as De Locomotief. Their choice of specialist beers is enormous!

Holland Casino Magalhaesweg 4, 5928 LN Venlo

This casino was opened in 2006. The Eastern styled building - with two elephants at the entrance - invites you on a journey of discovery to a place where suspense and relaxation come together in a unique way.

Do you like table games such as American Roulette and Black Jack? Or would you rather play the slots? Whatever games you like, you will certainly find one that suits you at Holland Casino.

In addition to a challenging game offering and a variety of entertainment. Holland Casino Venlo has excellent service and is focussed on an optimal customer experience. Their trained and enthusiastic staff is ready to make your stay an absolute success



Getting to Venlo

You have a choice of ways to get there, you can either fly into a choice of three airports, **Dusseldorf** (38 miles), **Eindhoven** (44 miles) or **Schipol** (104 miles) and then have a local coach take you to/from Resort Arcen and to/from your matches during your stay..... **OR** a coach will pick up your group at your home base and stay with you for the duration of your tour. Ferry travel from Dover-Calais is included if you choose to travel by coach. We can take you by another ferry route if you wish, ask us for a costing.

Here are a list of airlines that fly into the various airports.

Dusseldorf International

[Aer Lingus](#) from Dublin.

[BA](#) from London City and London-Heathrow.

[EasyJet](#) from London-Gatwick.

[EuroWings](#) from Birmingham, Dublin, Edinburgh, Jersey, London-Heathrow, Manchester, Newcastle upon Tyne and Newquay.

Eindhoven

[Ryan Air](#) from Dublin, Edinburgh, London–Stansted and Manchester.

Schipol

[Aer Lingus](#) from Cork and Dublin.

[BA](#) from London-City, London-Gatwick and London-Heathrow.

[EasyJet](#) from Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Liverpool, London-Gatwick, London-Luton, London-Stansted and Manchester.

[Jet2](#) from Birmingham and Leeds/Bradford.

[KLM](#) from Aberdeen, Belfast-City, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Cork, Dublin, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Humberside, Inverness, Leeds/Bradford, London-City, London-Heathrow, Manchester, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Norwich and Teeside.

[Ryanair](#) from Dublin.

Know before you go

The voltage on outlets in Holland is 230 volts. Hotels may also have a 110-volt or 120-volt outlet for shavers. Travellers are advised to bring along a power converter and an adapter for round two-prong plugs with side grounding contacts.

The currency in Holland is the euro.

In case of an emergency, you can call 112 (Fire, Rescue, Medical) or 110 (Police). In case you're unsure of how to proceed and it is not a life-threatening emergency, you can call the 116 117 to get advice on what to do next or where to go.

British Consulate General - If you need urgent help (for example, you've been attacked, arrested or someone has died), call the British Consulate General Amsterdam on +31 (0)70 4270 427. **Irish Embassy in Den Haag** - In the event of a genuine emergency, you can contact the Embassy at weekends by telephoning +31(0)70 363 0993 and leave a message on the Duty Officer voice mailbox*. This mailbox is monitored regularly, and the Duty Officer at the Embassy will contact you as soon as possible.

Remember to clearly state: your name, date of birth, details of how the Duty Officer can contact you (e.g. a phone number for you, a friend, or the hotel where you are staying), and the nature of the problem.

How can I make a phone call from Holland?

There are not many public phones left, you'll find some at key locations in the centre of the city but not many! They accept credit cards and/or phone cards. The latter can be bought at call stores, supermarkets and tobacconists.

You can use the Dutch network with your own mobile telephone. The costs for mobile telephone calls depend on your own service provider. You can also buy a prepaid phone card. These cards are available at various prices at supermarkets, post offices, gas stations, tobacconists and phone shops.

Other than cash how can I pay and is tipping mandatory?

ATMs widely available. Credit cards accepted in most hotels but not all restaurants. Non-European credit cards are sometimes rejected.

The Dutch do tip, but modestly - Hotel porters €1 to €2 Restaurants round up or 5% to 10% Taxis 5% to 10%

Public holidays in 2022

1st Jan Sat	New Year's Day	26th May Thur	Ascension Day
15th Apr Fri	Good Friday	5th June Sun	Whit Sunday
17th Apr Sun	Easter Sunday	6th May Mon	Whit Monday
18th Apr Mon	Easter Monday	25th Dec Sun	Christmas Day
		26th Dec Mon	2nd Day of Christmas

How can I go online to check e-mail?

Please note there are many public places with Internet access so there will be sure to be somewhere close to wherever you are!

How can I send a letter or postcard?



Put your own name and address in the back of the letter ... Then it can always be returned if there is a problem. Put the address of the receiver in the front, always with the Post Code.

Light letters within The Netherlands need one Dutch postal stamp, heavy ones and international ones need more.

Normal post you put in orange postal boxes in the street. But on which side? If the postal code is regional and fits within the numbers on the left side: put it right. If the postal code is further away (not in the region), you put it in the left side 'other postcodes'