



# Liège Attractions



Liège, a university town often named “Athens of the North,” capital of a neutral principality in the heart of Europe for a millennium, managed to keep many traces of its rich past.

In the past, many successful industries ensured the richness of Liège, namely, coal, zinc oxide, alum, metallurgy, crystal, armory, and iron nail production. Today Liège is the third largest river harbour in Europe with extensive river boat transport. The artifacts of many of these activities are preserved in Liège’s museums.

The principality of Liège or the Prince-Bishopric of Liège was governed by a prince-bishop. Many religious buildings were found in the principality, supporting extraordinary artistic vocations – many treasures were saved except for our cathedral.

We must not forget that Liège was the first foreign town to receive the French “Légion d’Honneur” in August 1914 for its resistance against the enemy.

The imagination of the Liégeois rivals with the greatest:

- **Painters** (Bertholet Flemalle, les Coclors, Gérard de Laïresse, Jean-Jacques Douffet, Léonard Defrance, Richard Heintz, Paul Daxhelet, Evariste Carpentier, Ernest Marneffe, Armand Rassenfosse, Raoul Ubac, les Donnay...),
- **Sculptors** (Jean Delcour, Guillaume Evrard, Arnold de Hontoire, Jean Varin, Léon Mignon, Mady Andrien...),
- **Goldsmiths** (Dirick, Lamotte, Franckson, Renier...),
- **Musicians** (André Grétry, César Franck, Henri Vieuxtemps, les Hamal, Eugène Ysaye, Henri Koch, Bobby Jaspar, Jacques Pelzer, Steve Houben, Pierre Rapsat, Luc Baiwir...),
- **Cartoonists** (Théodore Debry, Remacle Leloup, Jean-Michel Charlier, François Walthéry, Pierre Kroll...),
- **Architects** (Hézelon, Serrurier-Bovy, Paul Jaspar...),
- **Writers** (Jean d’Outremeuse, Georges Simenon, Alexis Curvers, Marie Delcour, Stanislas-André Steeman, Nicolas Defrecheux, Caroline Lamarche...),
- **Cinema Producers** (Jean-Jacques Andrien, les frères Dardenne, Bouli Lanners...),
- **Inventors** (Jean-Jacques Dony, Hubert Sarton, Etienne Lenoir, Zénobe Gramme, Pierre-Hubert Nysten...)

Today, gastronomy, Liège meatballs, Liège syrup, kidneys in juniper, waffles, Liège ice-coffee, beers, wines, the warm welcome make our ardent city an attractive tourist destination.

## The newest Liège footbridge over the Meuse

The “Belle Liégeoise,” as called by the Parisians, in the memory of Anne-Josèphe Théroigne de Méricourt, was a political liégeoise woman, a remarkable character during the French revolution, a feminist, and an opera singer (13.08.1762 – 9.06.1817)

