

About Ghent

Ghent is a city and a municipality in the Flemish Region of **Belgium**. It is the capital and largest city of the East Flanders province and after Antwerp the largest municipality of Belgium. The city started as a settlement at the confluence of the rivers Scheldt and Lys and in the Late Middle Ages became one of the largest and richest cities of northern Europe. It is a port and university city. Ghent is truly a historic city, yet at the same time a contemporary one. The modern daily life of the city's active inhabitants plays itself out against a gorgeous historical backdrop. In Ghent, they live, work and enjoy life over and over again each day. A couple enjoys the peace of an authentic beguinage. Parents and children stroll through the traffic-free streets of the city centre. A tourist snaps a photo of the three towers, as so many have before, but just a little differently. A businessman with an iPhone walks along the distinctive Graslei, crosses the Lys and enters his stylish four-star hotel hiding behind a medieval facade. Dozens of pavement cafes invite you to discover Ghent's specialties. The sun is reflected in the many waterways. The city is alive and bids you welcome. And ... nice to know, when you visit Ghent in July 2018, you will be enamoured by **the 'Gentse Feesten'** (roughly translated as the 'Ghent parties') that will take place from Friday, July 13 to July 22. During this time, Ghent becomes an even more vibrant and beautiful city with lots of acts, art, music, festivals, shows, ... which are organised throughout the city! This seems to be a very good reason to stay a little longer in Ghent!

Keen to visit Ghent? Please find a first introduction to our beautiful city [here](#).