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Zuid-Limburg – Enjoy Life!

Welcome to Zuid-Limburg

the southernmost region of The Netherlands, with rolling hills, lush meadows and picturesque villages. Experience Zuid-Limburg's warm hospitality, be surprised by its culture, and delight in its extraordinary natural beauty. **Relax and enjoy life!**

Great variety in a small space

The Zuid-Limburg region borders on Germany in the east and on Belgium in the south and west. As the centre of this border triangle, Zuid-Limburg boasts a limitless variety in a small space.

Zuid-Limburg is the southernmost part of the province of Limburg; the northern part is called Noord-Limburg and the central part Midden-Limburg.

From the city of Heerlen at the easternmost point, to the city of Maastricht at the westernmost point, the distance is just about 24 kilometres! The north and south of Zuid-Limburg are only about 40 km apart. Zuid-Limburg is a tourist area, truly deserving of the 'small is beautiful' motto.



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Although only a small area, you and your companions will be delighted with all that Zuid-Limburg has to offer. There is something there to suit every traveller, whether young or old, interested in sports or recreational activities. We invite you to relax and unwind, to get active and to explore! Just as you like it best.

Be active, relax, set out to discover new realms

Zuid-Limburg is famous for its numerous bicycle tracks and hiking trails and its traditional culinary delights, such as wine and cheese. And how about a hot air balloon ride, a contemporary art event or camping out in the middle of a meadow in full bloom? The possibilities are endless. Take your time, discover something new and enjoy the simple and pleasant Dutch way of life. Plan your next getaway in Zuid-Limburg now. We look forward to welcoming you!

Zuid-Limburg – A delight for all seasons

In addition to discovering the many ways that Zuid-Limburg will delight you outdoors, there is also a variety of bad-weather offerings – you will not be bored here! Instead of a mountain bike tour through the Heuvelland, you can, for example, take a subterranean mountain bike tour through the *marlstone caves of Valkenburg**.

In the event that the weather is not as good as you hoped for, there really is no need to fear that the entire trip will end up in disappointment. Go and explore the *Museumplein Limburg** in Kerkrade or pay a visit to *Mosaqua water park in Gulpen**. Take a trip through history and hop on the steam railway line *Miljoenenlijn** that will take you from Simpelveld to Valkenburg. And why not indulge yourself for a full day and relax in 32°C thermal water in the exclusive spas of Valkenburg. Whoever prefers to be athletically active will meet their match in Europe's largest indoor ski slope, *SnowWorld** in

Landgraaf. This is only a short overview of the great many options that the region offers on any rainy day!

Take a discovery trip

On the following pages, we will introduce the various parts of Zuid-Limburg with their typical regional characteristics and individual offers. You will also find useful information and helpful tips on the highlights, accommodation and events of and in the region. In the event that you need some information on location, you are most welcome to visit one of our five Tourist Information Centres or one of our many visitor information points in the region. The Zuid-Limburg Tourist Board (VVV Zuid-Limburg) was founded in 1885 and is the oldest tourist board in the Netherlands. As you can see, tourism has a long tradition here. Have fun exploring Zuid-Limburg!



The Zuid-Limburg region



Zuid-Limburg geography

To the north, in Grensmaasvallei, the region borders on the Maasplassen, a popular recreational area – especially for water sports – in Midden-Limburg. It covers about 3000 hectares and is considered to be the largest inland water-sports area of the Netherlands.

To the south, Zuid-Limburg borders on the foothills of the Ardennes / High Fens, and Eifel. This gives the region its character, which is not typical for the Netherlands at all; the wide and gently rolling hills are in strong contrast with the otherwise thoroughly flat Dutch landscape! In the far south, we can find the highest point in the Netherlands: the Vaalserberg (322.5 m). This region is also affectionately called 'Little Switzerland'.

Something that is characteristic for the region too, is an area known as Mergelland (literally: marl country). The yellow marl, a soft, 70 to 80 million year old type of sandstone, which is also an important ingredient for cement, rises directly

to the surface here in Zuid-Limburg. The marlstone caves, resulting from the excavation, are particularly well known in and around Valkenburg.



Did you know ...

... that Zuid-Limburg is the most popular domestic destination with the Dutchmen?

It is possible to explore the caves by bicycle, mountain bike or on a guided tour. A very special tip: At Christmas time, the marlstone caves serve as the setting for a Christmas market – a truly underground delight!

Furthermore the hilly region is valued for its numerous cycling and hiking routes, such as the marlstone country track, which is very popular with cycling enthusiasts.

Zuid-Limburg to the east, was heavily influenced by the mining of black coal. However, in and





Mechelen
Hoeve de Plei



Grensmaasvallei
The River Maas

around Heerlen and Kerkrade, only a few remains still hint at the now bygone days of mining. Today, the *Dutch Mining Museum** in Heerlen, which has been set up in one of the old winding towers, brings back memories of this part of history. In the west of Zuid-Limburg, there is the dynamic city of Maastricht, the capital of the province of Limburg, and the most important centre of the region. From north to south, the river Maas (Meuse) flows through the city and offers visitors a variety of activities and cultural opportunities, such as kayak and canoe tours or numerous boat trips, where you can explore the city from a completely different perspective. Next to the rivers Rijn (Rhine) and Schelde (Scheldt), the river Maas, is one of the major rivers of the Netherlands.

A truly original European region

Zuid-Limburg has been inhabited for many centuries; in the Savelsbos woods near Eijsden, even prehistoric flint mines can still be found today; and also the Romans left their traces and built a

Bathhouse in Heerlen, which nowadays is part of the *Thermenmuseum** (spa museum). Evidence of subsequent settlements is provided by



Did you know ...

... that Holland is the name of a former province which was divided into Noord-Holland and Zuid-Holland and does not stand for the entire Netherlands, as it is often used in the English speaking world?

its historic towns – with churches, timbered houses and water mills – and a variety of palaces, castles and country houses across the countryside. The ancient monastery town of Sittard (1243) for example, is famous for its magnificent churches.

The 'marlstone town' of Valkenburg aan de Geul – the history of which dates back to the 11th century – is dominated by the remnants of what once used to be an impressive fortress, one of the many in this region. In contrast, *Kasteel Hoensbroek** is so well restored, that it gives the

impression as though the lord of the castle has just left in a hurry. At the beginning of the 19th Century, Limburg was divided among various nations. It was only in 1839 that the region was divided up into a Dutch and a Belgian province. The history of Limburg has been significantly influenced by the Dutch, Germans and the French and therefore can be regarded as a truly original European region, even way before the Maastricht Treaty. The various influences are still reflected in the regional characteristics, such as the Limburg cuisine. The provincial capital of Maastricht even impresses beyond that, with museums and important cultural treasures, but naturally also with its cosy pavement cafés and shops.

The economy of the region – then and now

By the mid-sixties, coal mining ceased in the east of Zuid-Limburg. Industries changed over to new energy resources, for example the company DSM (Dutch State Mines), which changed over

from the coal-chemical to petro-chemical field. CBS (the national statistical offices) was moved to Heerlen and the university of Maastricht was established, resulting in more jobs in the service industry and the educational sector. The university of Maastricht attracts many international students these days. Additionally Maastricht offers a suitable location to a large number of international companies and European research facilities.

Nowadays another important branch of industry in Zuid-Limburg is the tourism and service industry, which is shown by the great deal of hotels, restaurants, camp sites, theme parks and many other attractions.

An essential contribution to the structural change of Zuid-Limburg is being made by the EUREGIO MAAS-RIJN (EMR), a cross-border cooperation association in the border regions of Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.





Kerkrade
Columbus Earth Theater

Kerkrade
LeisureDome



Zuid-Limburg in detail

The region can be roughly divided up into five different areas:

- ▶ **Parkstad Limburg (1)**
- ▶ **Valkenburg aan de Geul (2)**
- ▶ **Heuvelland (3)**
- ▶ **Grensmaasvallei (4)**
- ▶ **Maastricht (5)**



Parkstad Limburg

The tourist destination with the strongest growth rates in the Netherlands and an area rich in contrasts and extremes is what you will find in the dynamic region of Parkstad Limburg, also called Orlando on the Maas. Parkstad Limburg has many unique museums and special monuments, and is host to numerous cultural and sporting events every year. Almost all attractions and places of interest are located within a short, 10 minute car journey of each other.

There is so much on offer that a 1 day visit simply is way too short. You must stay longer than that!

Did you know ...

... Parkstad Limburg received the Tourism for Tomorrow Award in the category Best Travel Destination in the World?



This region – once characterized by mining – has successfully been turned into a blossoming landscape, with a vibrant and sustainable economy. With its transformation from Brownfield site to Greenfield land, Parkstad Limburg became a model project for the European structural change. In 2009, Park Gravenrode, situated in the cities of Landgraaf and Kerkrade, received the European EDEN Award (European Destination of Excellence) and in 2016 the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) designated Parkstad Limburg with the Tourism for Tomorrow Award, in the category 'Best Travel Destination in the World'!



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There are many attractions to be found in Parkstad Limburg, among them:

- ▶ **GaiaZOO* in Kerkrade (11)**
- ▶ **Wereldtuinen Mondo Verde* in Landgraaf, a family theme park and the largest landscaped garden in the Netherlands (15)**
- ▶ **SnowWorld* in Landgraaf, the largest indoor ski slope of Europe (14)**
- ▶ **Museumplein Limburg* including Columbus Earth Theater, Cube Design Museum and Discovery Center Continium in Kerkrade (12)**
- ▶ **Miljoenenlijn* in Simpelveld, a heritage steam railway (16)**
- ▶ **Thermenmuseum* in Heerlen, a spa museum with completely restored remnants of a Roman spa (4)**
- ▶ **Kasteel Hoensbroek*, an event-castle in Hoensbroek (9)**
- ▶ **Kinderstad Heerlen*, a large indoor playground (8)**
- ▶ **Festival grounds Megaland* in Landgraaf (13)**
- ▶ **Schutterspark* in Brunssum, with pedal boats rental (46)**
- ▶ **Climbing Park SnowWorld* in Landgraaf (14)**
- ▶ **LeisureDome in Kerkrade* (47)**

- ▶ **Visitor Centre Brunssummerheide* (45)**
- ▶ **BloteVoetenPark (Barefoot Park), in Brunssum* (1)**
- ▶ **Cultural Centre SCHUNCK* in Heerlen (3)**
- ▶ **Nederlands Mijnmuseum (mining museum) (7)**

as well as many great shopping opportunities – for example downtown Heerlen or at the *Woonboulevard**, the biggest residential shopping mall of the Netherlands – and numerous lively bars for a great night out!

Valkenburg aan de Geul

Valkenburg aan de Geul has always been a popular tourist destination, due to its fascinating underground cave world, the *Mergelgrotten**.

The railway station of this small town is the oldest active railway station of the Netherlands. It was opened in 1873 and created a fast connection with Maastricht and Aix-la-Chapelle (Aken in Dutch, Aachen in German). The high society then discovered the lovely Valkenburg countryside, using the so-called *Miljoenenlijn**, a heritage steam railway line. In 1885, the first

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Kayak tour
on the River Maas



Valkenburg
Castle ruins

Tourist Information Centre (VVV in Dutch) of the Netherlands opened in Valkenburg. This makes the Zuid-Limburg Tourist Board the oldest tourism association of the Netherlands, and probably also the oldest of Europe.

You get an impressive view over this picturesque small town when looking at it from above, standing before the romantic castle ruins. It invites you to go on a discovery tour! Valkenburg has an old city centre, with many street cafés and bars lined up side by side. There are considerably more cafés than shops, making it the perfect place to chill out with family and friends. The small town offers lots of overnight accommodation, starting with a simple Bed & Breakfast, on to private rooms, up to luxury hotels! You will find them on almost every corner, within the Valkenburg city limits! Furthermore Valkenburg is a true event region. One can enjoy all kind of events here almost every weekend of the year. There is so much to do in and around Valkenburg that you can enjoy your stay without the need to travel around too much.

A few examples of what to do:

- ▶ Theme park De Valkenier* 23
- ▶ Fairy tale park Sprookjesbos* 24
- ▶ A GoGo Valkenburg (cable car and toboggan run)* 18
- ▶ Underground tunnels and museums, as well as the 100 year old reconstruction of the Roman Catacombs in the caves* 60
- ▶ Valkenburg castle ruins* 21



Did you know ...

... that the *Miljoenenlijn** (steam railway) got its name on account of the costs – exorbitant at that time – of up to one million guilders per track kilometre?

- ▶ 32°C thermal baths in the Spa Resort Thermae 2000* 26
- ▶ The modern Holland Casino* 20
- ▶ Two below- and aboveground cycling adventure tours in the caves* 21
- ▶ Coal mine* 25
- ▶ Open-Air-Theatre* 48
- ▶ Castle grounds Oud-Valkenburg* 49
- ▶ MergelRijk*, in the caves 62

- ▶ Escape Room 22
- ▶ Cave experience 19

as well as a great selection of gourmet restaurants, a variety of cultural activities, old castles, green parks and impressive natural landscapes!

Heuvelland

The Heuvelland (literally: hill country) comprises a northern and a southern part. In the northern part – Heuvelland Noord – you will find the foothills of the Ardennes, which gives the region its slightly hilly character. The landscape of the southern part – Heuvelland Zuid – is marked by nostalgic small villages and towns amongst lush green grazing pastures and gloriously colourful orchards. The creeks of Geul and Gulp which have formed the landscape centuries ago, quietly make their way through the region. You also have the border triangle here – the Drielandenpunt – where The Netherlands, Germany and Belgium meet, and the highest point of the Netherlands, the Vaalserberg (322.5 m). In 2005 the Heuvelland was designated as one of the most beautiful areas of The Netherlands and received the title '5 star landscape'. There are also some 'Natura 2000' nature reserves in this area – for example the Geuldal – with ideal surroundings for hiking and riding a bike.





Maastricht
Market square



Echt
Market square

Here you will also find:

- ▶ Vineyards, like in the village of Epen or in the wine village Wahlwiller
- ▶ Breweries for Gulpener and Brand beer* 50 33
- ▶ Climbing and adventure centre Fun Valley* in Oost-Maarland 28
- ▶ Water park Mosaqua* in Gulpen 30
- ▶ Glass blower G. Cardinale* in Vaals 51
- ▶ Labyrint Drielandenpunt Vaals*, a maze, situated high on the Vaalseberg 32
- ▶ The heritage steam railway Miljoenenlijn* 16
- ▶ Golf course Het Rijk van Margraten* 52
- ▶ Open-air museum Nonke Buusjke 31

as well as several golf courses and outdoor carting tracks, various museums and galleries, a variety of shops selling regional products and numerous cosy restaurants.

Grensmaasvallei

Grensmaasvallei is the most northern part of the region of Zuid-Limburg. It is located where the Netherlands is narrowest and where one finds a unique landscape formed by the river forelands of the river Maas. The area is very suitable for vast bicycle tours and for all possible water

sports. Scattered across the region, small historical villages adorn the landscape and invite you to discover their history. Stroll through the regional-typical shops, visit one of the many galleries and take time out for a cup of coffee on one of the many market squares, like the one located in the historical cloister town of Sittard.

Here you will also find:

- ▶ Breweries like the Alfa Brewery* in Schinnen 53
- ▶ Recreational park Steinerbos* in Stein 40
- ▶ Kasteel Limbricht* 52
- ▶ Kasteelpark Born*, a zoo in Born 54
- ▶ Recreation- and Event-Center „Valdeludo“ (e.g.: karting, paintball, bowling, escape rooms) 56
- ▶ Pinkpop Expo* in Geleen 59
- ▶ Fitland Sittard, day spa and wellness 61
- ▶ Escape centrum Limburg, Sittard 62
- ▶ Museum De Domijnen, Sittard 39
- ▶ WWII museum Eye Witness in Beek 63

as well as a variety of very old churches and basilicas, museums and galleries, hot air balloon trips, terrific shopping opportunities and various comfortable restaurants in the many little villages of the region.

Maastricht

Maastricht is the capital of the province of Limburg and one of the three oldest towns of the Netherlands. This beautiful town owes its name to the river Maas, which flows through the town and provides it with a special atmosphere. Maastricht offers its visitors a versatile program: the historical old town with its many shops, museums, monuments, cosy pubs, restaurants, little ports, water sport facilities and much, much more! Most of it even in walking distance. Churches, treasure vaults and patrician houses are a testimony of the prosperity which the town has enjoyed over the centuries. The remains of the city walls and the underground fortress tell of a busy, war scarred past at the intersection point of political influences.

But Maastricht does not just offer culture of times bygone, on the contrary, contemporary art and culture is commonplace here too. Parades and festivities adorn the city throughout the year. Numerous small street cafés, bars and restaurants characterize the town, as do the many famous sights such as *Bonnefanten Museum** 41, *Museum aan het Vrijthof** 43, *Helpoort*, *Château Neercanne*, *Bonbonnière*, *Maastricht Underground*, *Rederij Stiphout** 57, *Bisschopsmolen** 58, *Congress Center MECC Maastricht** 42 and many more. Get out and explore!



Activities



Get active, experience nature, discover new things – Enjoy life

Would you fancy a bicycle ride through the Heuvelland or rather pamper yourself in a thermal spa?

Would you enjoy getting acquainted with new people on one of the numerous events, or rather meditate in peace, far away from the crowd?

In Zuid-Limburg, you will find a wealth of offers in a small space – something to suit everyone! Whoever wishes to actively explore Zuid-Limburg, whether by bicycle or on foot, has a multitude of possibilities here.

But why not try out something slightly different like mini-golf, regular golf, playing ninepins, mountain biking, horse-riding, skiing, climbing, abseiling...

Or take to the air and view Zuid-Limburg from above in a glider or hot air balloon. The choice is yours!

However, if you prefer to chill out, so that body and mind can recover from stressful everyday life, the region offers many terrific possibilities too.

And for whoever wishes to go on a cultural expedition, Zuid-Limburg has a variety of churches, castles, museums, art galleries and so on.

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Hiking,
exploring & enjoying

Voerstreek



Hiking and cycling – Enjoy movement and nature

Zuid Limburg's unique topography is known beyond its borders with travellers and cyclists. We have created a comprehensive network of well signed and described hikes and cycle tours for our guests.

Hiking in Zuid-Limburg

The individual walks are between 2 and 20 kilometres long and lead through the most beautiful parts of the region. The labelling consists of small coloured posts. There are special trail maps, available from the Zuid-Limburg Tourist Board, containing useful information and interesting knowledge about Zuid-Limburg, and all that you will get to see on your way. Trail maps are available at the *Tourist Information Centres* (VVV)*.

Themed hikes

Much can be said about the unique flora and fauna of the region, its historic monuments, its rich past and intriguing population. To this end, we have developed a large number of detailed walking trails throughout the region. We are pleased to be of service! The guides know the area very well and will include many beautiful places in the tours.

Hiking events known beyond the borders, which are organized by different hiking clubs, are: 'de Nacht van Gulpen' (Night of Gulpen) in June and the 'Heuvelland 4-Daagse', which is a 4 day hiking event in August. The guides and organizers speak excellent English. Almost every Sunday, various hiking tours are organised by the regional hiking clubs, as for example by the 'Limburgse Wandelsport Bond' (LWB in short).



* See address list / map on the last pages

Walking in neighbouring Belgium and Germany

Being surrounded on most sides by Belgium and Germany, Zuid-Limburg has – in terms of walking routes –, only few connections with the rest of the Netherlands. Why not discover the delights of this fascinating border region on foot? We have some interesting 'Border Booklets' available.

Long-distance footpaths

Zuid-Limburg also has some well-known long-distance footpaths.



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The beating heart of Europe

Zuid-Limburg in the Netherlands, the region of Aix-la-Chapelle (Aken) in Germany, the provinces of Limburg and Liège in Belgium – set side by side yet spread across three countries and three languages. So close and yet so different. What's the best way to explore this region and discover its sights and attractions? Click on www.vacationintheheartofeurope.eu (German, English and French) and prepare to be inspired. Here you will find arrangements, events and culinary recommendations, as well as information about art and culture, heritage and lifestyle. This virtual presentation is your perfect introduction to an unforgettable stay.

Cycling tours in Zuid-Limburg

Zuid-Limburg was the first region of the Netherlands where the so-called cycle route junction network was developed for hobby cyclists. Every cyclist can plan her or his individual route with the help of the corresponding numbers that are





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assigned to the route, and then set off, simply following the numbers selected. You can get the respective maps at the local Tourist Information Centres and online at www.visitzuidlimburg.com or simply order these by e-mail: info@vzzuidlimburg.nl.

Cycling classics

Zuid-Limburg is nationally and internationally famous as a venue of numerous, unique cycling events, as the cycling world championships and the 'Tour de France'. Moreover, the 'Amstel Gold Race' and 'Limburgs Mooiste' take place here annually. These cycling classics have been summarised in a map, so that you can cycle down these tracks yourself; at your own pace, of course. Maps are available at the *Tourist Information Centres*.*.

Mountain bike routes through Zuid-Limburg

There is also a comprehensive and well-marked

route network for mountain biking available in Zuid-Limburg. The local mountain bike organizations have marked out the best outdoor routes for you. Highlight for mountain bike fans is a tour through the *Mergelgrotten** (marlstone caves) in Valkenburg. Comprehensive information as well as maps are available at the *Tourist Information Centres**.

Alternatively active – Enjoy the change!

In search of adventure? Zuid-Limburg offers you a variety of possibilities for getting active, whether with or without thrills. What would it be like, to see fascinating Heuvelland from inside a balloon, high up in the air? Or would you rather scale the greatest heights yourself? Then the climbing park is the right place to be for you! For golf fans – or those who still want to become one –, Zuid-Limburg has great offers too, for example Golf & Country Club Hoenshuis in Voerendaal and golf course Het Rijk van Margraten. It is good to know that you do not ne-

cessarily need to be a club member in The Netherlands. This pleases, above all, the amateur golfers! For non-golfers, the so called 'boerengolf' (literally: farmers golf) is an alternative, which also guarantees some good fun. Do you love the challenge of great sporting events? Then you are in exactly the right place at the triathlon in Stein, which is an annually 3 days event.

You are bound to enjoy this, even if only watching from the roadside! The athletes can take their pick between licenses from one to three days. Catering is provided by the organizer! But that's not all! Other great activities that the region can offer you are: skiing on the indoor ski slope in *SnowWorld** in Landgraaf, Mountain biking in the *Mergelgrotten** of Valkenburg, climbing in the Outdoor Park in Landgraaf, swimming in the water park *Mosaqua** in Gulpen, venturing into the Middle Ages in *Kasteel Hoensbroek** – a true adventure castle – or take the whole family out to the *LeisureDome** in Kerkrade, where you can find a mega cinema, a bowling alley, a game centre, an indoor playground, a soccer arena and more. These are only a few out of many options. Come to Zuid-Limburg and have the time of your life! You can find further information on www.visitzuidlimburg.com or directly on-site with us.

Amstel Gold Race



Family and children



A delight for the whole family

A lot of exciting attractions in a small space and hosts fond of children will turn your family vacation in Zuid-Limburg into an unforgettable experience – and even so in the case of bad weather!

How about, for example, an exploratory tour through the Valkenburg caves with a subsequent visit to an amusement park? Or you could investigate nature under a completely different aspect, by visiting a barefooted park! You could explore the lovely hills on a walk in the south of the region or hop on a bicycle and cycle along the river Maas, to the south in the direction of Maastricht, or in northern direction towards Roermond and Venlo. And if the weather is not on your side, numerous indoor attractions await you. Here, you will never get bored!

Feel right at home – or even more than that!

Whether it's a bed & breakfast, a luxurious hotel, apartment, holiday park or campsite, Zuid-Limburg offers you a gigantic selection in overnight options: whether modern or traditional, there is something for every taste and budget.

In our Dutch accommodation list, you are bound to find something. The pamphlet is available in all *Tourist information offices**, on our website for download or you can order it at: info@vzzuidlimburg.nl.





Kasteel Hoensbroek



GaiaZOO Kerkrade

A day of fun and variety

The large variety of attractions in Zuid-Limburg guarantees a unique excursion for the whole family. How about a visit to the largest ski hall of Europe, *SnowWorld** in Landgraaf? Or discover the gardens of the world in theme park *Mondo Verde**. Experience modern and animal friendly husbandry in *GaiaZOO** in Kerkrade, which was already chosen 'Best zoo of the Benelux' four times in a row! The River Maas caters to the water enthusiasts; enjoy a boat or canoe tour or a visit to a beach swimming area, like *Fun Valley** – the options are varied.

The region also offers numerous events, which are very suitable for a day trip, like the knight show in *Kasteel Hoensbroek** or the triathlon in Stein. If the weather isn't on your side, there are numerous alternatives: *Museumplein Limburg** in Kerkrade, the indoor playground *Kinderstad*

*Heerlen**, the climbing hall *ROCCA** in Gulpen or the water park *Mosaqua** in Gulpen – to name but a few.

Carefree school trips made to measure – We help with pleasure

Thanks to the large variety of offers and the short journey to get there, Zuid-Limburg is ideally suited for a school trip. Discover the bone of contention of Europe with your students and experience history up very close and personal! Go on a trip into the past and explore the stories of dukes, counts and knights in one of the numerous castle and fortress grounds. In the open-air museum of Nonke Buusjke, time seems to have stopped at the beginning of the last century. Marvel at the ancient machines and tools and turn history into an experience!

Accommodation abound! Whether it's group accommodation, a holiday park or camping site, Zuid-Limburg offers you a gigantic selection of overnight options.



Spa and wellness



Spa and wellness – Enjoy the relaxation

Zuid-Limburg is the right place to escape from every day's stress. Let your mind wander and be pampered! Zuid-Limburg is becoming ever more popular as a spa getaway. See for yourself and marvel at the diversity of offers in the numerous wellness centres, day spas and hotels.

Take a dip in 40,000 year-old thermal water, enjoy a massage, relax at the sauna, or get a medicinal herbal treatment. The small town of Valkenburg aan de Geul is a special place when it comes to spa offers. It has been the first official health resort of the Netherlands. Ever since 1987, when high above on the Cauberg, the 40,000-year-old thermal water source was discovered, Valkenburg has been allowed to use the prefix 'healing spa' in front of its name.

In 1998, on the summit of the mountain Cauberg – immediately beside the *Holland Casino**

– as a supplement to the spa complex *Thermae 2000**, a health resort park was established that boasts vast gardens. There, you can let yourself float about calmly in the large heated pool. Also enjoy the Tuli sauna with its open wood fire and the Rassul baths and keep enjoying the splendid panorama while doing so!

Generous relaxation zones and meditation rooms, as well as a comprehensive offer of massages will complete your wellness experience. Absolute highlights during your retreat here, are the very relaxed atmosphere, the inviting seat arrangements by open fireplaces and the four star hotel with a direct access to the spa – you can simply walk from and to your room in your bathrobe. And if you're looking for a thrill at the end of a relaxing day, there is no need to go any further than next door, where the *Holland Casino** is waiting for you!

For complete relaxation you can also head to *Fitland Sittard**, consisting of Wellness Sittard –





Valkenburg
Thermae 2000*



Fitland Sittard

featuring wellness, beauty, vitality and hospitality – and Sanavisie Beauty, offering a range of beauty treatments and massages. At Fitland Sittard you will find everything you need for a fantastic day of relaxation!

A very exclusive spa offering is provided by the Spa & Wellness St. Gerlach, at Château St. Gerlach – the only specialized Kneipp SPA in the Netherlands. SPA stands for 'Sanus per aquam, health through water. Hence, treatments consists of various baths, Kneipp showers and massages with or without the addition of herbal oils. The Kneipp offer is complemented by a beauty salon, a beautiful Roman-style pool, sauna and Turkish bath.

For perfect relaxation you can also set out for a walk in the wonderful Ingendael nature reserve, which is situated around Château St. Gerlach. Naturally, Château St. Gerlach offers you an atmospheric setting for a romantic dinner and a restful night on its estate.

But not only Valkenburg has a lot to offer in terms of wellness. Located in the heart of the border triangle, in Vaals – with 322.5 meter the highest point in the Netherlands – you will find another castle hotel: Bilderberg Kasteel Vaalsbroek. This 15th Century castle offers travellers a stylish setting for a perfect weekend. The adjoining spa & wellness centre features an indoor pool, two saunas, a Jacuzzi and a variety of massages and beauty treatments in two in-house beauty salons. The extensive offer is perfectly complemented by restaurant 'In de Oude Watermolen'.

Apart from these exceptional spa resorts, there are still a number of day spas and hotels in Zuid-Limburg, which will help you to relax and recover, with their beautifully designed saunas and a variety of massages.



Peace and spirituality



Kerkrade
Abbey Rolduc

Peace and spirituality – Slow down and enjoy the silence

Life in the information age with its endless possibilities, with everyone being able to communicate at any time and any place, gives rise to the desire to simply slow down and get a grasp of the essentials again. Zuid-Limburg, with its rich religious heritage, its stunning nature and the contagious casual lifestyle of the locals, is the right place to be when looking for peace and spirituality. Zuid-Limburg offers a variety of churches, chapels, monasteries and basilicas. Almost all of them are of Roman Catholic origin, as well as the hundreds of crosses by the roadside, which are still found across the whole region. The Musica Sacra festival, which takes place in Maastricht each year, is also especially recommended.

Churches and basilicas

Well-known churches in Zuid-Limburg include the Sint-Servaeskerk and the Onze Lieve Vrouwebasiliek (in English: Basilica of Our Lady) in Maastricht, which dates back to the 11th century and has a unique architecture. This also applies to the H. Gerlachuskerk in Houthem-St. Gerlach from 1725, with frescoes by the Baroque



Did you know ...

... that the Netherlands has a southwest to northeast so-called 'bible belt' (Bijbelbelt), geographically separating the Protestant North from the Catholic South?

que artist Johann Adam Schöpf and the Basiliek van het Heilig Sacrament (in English: Holy Sacrament Basilica), in Meerssen. Here you will find magnificent stained glass windows of the famous artist Charles Eyck from the 20th century. Contemporary art is available in other religious buildings, too. For example, in the Church of

Wahlwiller, with the murals and Stations of the Cross by the artist Aad de Haas. More traditional churches are located, among others, in Heerlen (Sint Pancratiuskerk), Susteren (*Amelbergabasiliek*)* and Limbricht. In the Salviuskerk in Limbricht, you will find the oldest Roman wall paintings of the Netherlands. Sittard is a true Church City: Next to the Onze Lieve Vrouw Basiliek (English: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Basilica) there are still some other remarkable churches, both Roman Catholic and Protestant.

Monasteries and abbeys

Wittem, with its famous monastery and monastery library, is the starting point for many a pilgrimage to find inner reflection (guided tours possible). This is also where we have another highlight, the annual art days: Kunstdagen van Wittem. There also is room for reflection in the Rolduc Abbey in Kerkrade, the largest and oldest abbey complex in the Netherlands. And let's not forget the chapel of Father Karel – de Pater Karel Kapel– in Munstergeleen. Father Karel was canonized on 3 June 2007 because of his healing hands. The chapel and his birthplace are open daily. You can light up a candle here for yourself or your loved ones. Who knows, maybe it will bring you luck.



Culture and events



Fantastic events all year long

Zuid-Limburg's versatility is also reflected by the large number of cultural offerings. Zuid-Limburg is bursting with culture and events! There are events that recur every year, transforming Zuid-Limburg into a world full of music, theatre, song and dance.

Well-known events are for instance Pinkpop festival and Kerstad Valkenburg. There is something for every taste, from opera to pop and from fine arts to dance festivals. One thing they all have in common is a very special event programme, which is why a visit to them is such a rewarding experience. Have we piqued your interest? We have listed a few of the events for you:

Tefaf Maastricht (March)

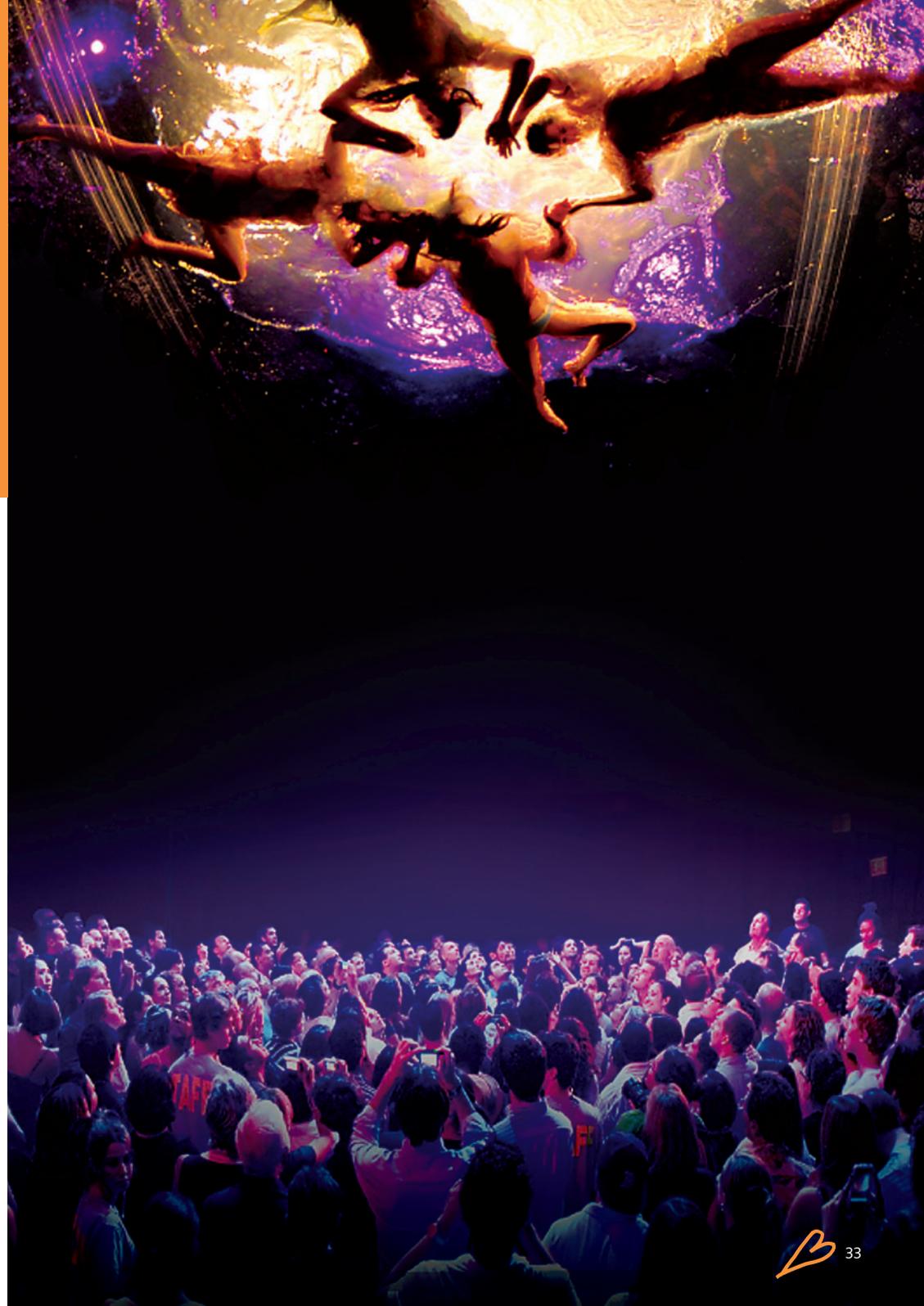
TEFAF Maastricht is universally regarded as the world's leading art fair, setting the standard for

excellence in the art market. Over 215 of the most important international art traders, from around 15 countries, take part in this fair. The Fair truly is an event not to be missed by collectors and museum representatives.

Amstel Gold Race (April) and Limburgs Mooiste (June)

The Amstel Gold Race is a road cycling race that first took place in 1966, a classic one day race, which was named after the Dutch beer brand Amstel. It is part of the newly established UCI ProTour, a series of major cycling races throughout the year. On the day before the race, amateur racing cyclists are being given the opportunity to cycle the route.

For amateur race cyclists, we can also recommend Limburgs Mooiste, which is an amateur road race. This sporting event attracts thousands of cycling enthusiasts from all over Europe every year, after Pentecost, and is one of the largest events of its kind.





Landgraaf
Pinkpop



Kerkrade
Orlando Festival

Pinkpop (May/June)

Pinkpop is the oldest and most popular open-air festival in Europe and takes place every year on the Pentecost weekend in *Megaland**, the festival grounds of Parkstad Limburg in Landgraaf. The Pinkpop festival was first held in 1970. Many internationally-famous bands have already played there, such as the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Dire Straits, Metallica, Foo Fighters, Rage Against The Machine and the Rolling Stones.

Orlando Festival (July)

For almost 35 years, the Orlando Festival has been bringing together musicians of different levels. It is the oldest chamber music festival in the Netherlands. Young and adult amateurs get lessons from famous musicians and in the evening they listen in to the concerts given by their teachers. They make music together in the former abbey of Rolduc in Kerkrade.

André Rieu Summer Concerts (July)

Every year, André Rieu enraptures the entire Vrijthof square in Maastricht, filling a fabulous outdoor theatre with beautiful melodies from operas, operettas and musicals, as well as classi-



Did you know ...
... that the Pinkpop festival in Landgraaf attracts more than 80.000 visitors each year?

cal music, thrilling waltzes and tunes to make you laugh and cry, but most of all: plenty of romance. An evening to remember.

Cultura Nova Heerlen (August and September)

This annual festival in Parkstad Limburg is a fascinating summer event, which is surprising and captivates those who attend it. Over the course

of ten days, Cultura Nova boasts an extremely diverse program for adults and children alike, with theatre, music, dance, art and film. Regional, national and international artists and ensembles come to perform here. During all the special artistic performances, you will frequently find yourself surprised by their often unexpected and highly unusual settings that have been picked from among the various Parkstad Limburg municipalities. The heart of the Cultura Nova festival is in downtown Heerlen, in and around Schunck, Heerlen's cultural centre, located in the Glaspaleis (Glass Palace in English).

Gulpener Beer Festival (August)

Zuid-Limburg is proud of its beer culture! Each year in August, it's all about beer in the small town of Gulpen. Whether young or old, the comprehensive program offers something for every taste, such as a children's fun fair or the senior citizen luncheon.

Sint Rosa Festival Sittard (August)

A religious town festival, consisting of special Sunday church services and processions. As was customary in ancient times,

Amstel Gold Race





Heerlen
Cultura Nova



Valkenburg
Christmas Parade

the Sint Rosa Festival also boasts a nostalgic carnival, matching the former rich Roman life. This program is supplemented by cultural events for young and old alike.

Art Days Wittem (September)

Both for the inhabitants of the region and, increasingly, also for the tourists, the Wittem Art Days – or Kunst dagen Wittem in Dutch – have become a major fixture in their calendar of events. Here, each year in September, a diverse program of chamber music, literature, visual art and lectures is on offer. The Art Festival will be held in the monumental library of the monastery of Wittem, an incredibly beautiful setting with excellent acoustics. The administration of the province of Limburg even declared this library as a cultural stage.

Musica Sacra Maastricht (September)

The Sacred Music Festival is dedicated to religious music. For three days, there are concerts,

film screenings and theatre performances that deal with religious themes. The stages will be erected at different, unusual venues in the city centre of Maastricht.

Kerststad (Christmas Town) Valkenburg (Nov./December)

Each year, from late November, the town of Valkenburg dives head-on into the Christmas spirit. The festive lighting of downtown and the beautifully decorated shops create a peaceful atmosphere. A special highlight are the caves in Valkenburg. The Gemeentegrot (Municipal Cave) and Fluweelengrot (Velvet Cave) serve as an extraordinary underground scenery for the Christmas markets. And you mustn't miss Magic Sand, the largest underground nativity scene in Europe. Another highlight is the Christmas parade with beautiful floats, dancers and entertainers.

Detailed information about all events can be found on our website www.visit Zuid-Limburg.com.

The Festivals at a glance:

- ▶ Tefaf Maastricht (March)
- ▶ Amstel Gold Race (April)
- ▶ Pinkpop (May/June)
- ▶ Limburgs Mooiste (June)
- ▶ Orlando Festival (July)
- ▶ Andre Rieu Summer Concerts (July)
- ▶ Gulpen Beer Festival (August)
- ▶ Sint Rosa Festival Sittard (August)
- ▶ Cultura Nova Heerlen (August/September)
- ▶ Wittem Art Days (September)
- ▶ Musica Sacra Maastricht (September)
- ▶ Kerststad – Christmas Town Valkenburg (November-December)

Wittem Art Days



Accommodation and catering



Staying in Zuid-Limburg – Enjoy the rest

Zuid-Limburg offers a wide variety of options in a small space and not just in terms of leisure activities. Even with the overnight accommodation, the region has plenty to offer: one to five star hotels, spa resorts, castle hotels, design hotels, bed and breakfasts, cosy family-run guest houses, apartments, or apartment hotels. There is something suitable for everyone here!

If you prefer self-catering and closeness to nature there is a range of holiday parks and campsites to choose from. A very special experience too, is what we call farm camping.

Spa hotels

Zuid-Limburg offers you a wide selection of spa hotels that have relaxation as their middle name! For example, the Parkhotel in Valkenburg or the Bilderberg Kasteel Vaalsbroek in Vaals.

Spa resorts, in the truest sense of the word, are what you'll find in the *Thermae 2000** in Valkenburg and Fitland Sittard.

Palace and castle hotels

A special highlight of the region is the large number of palace and castle hotels. The Château St. Gerlach in Valkenburg, for example, is a wonderful place to spend a few relaxing days when in Zuid-Limburg. In addition to the authentic and individually furnished hotel rooms, this four star hotel boasts a cosy bar, seminar rooms, a spa and wellness area with swimming pool and two restaurants. Further palace and castle hotels: Kasteel Geulzicht in Berg en Terblijt, Bilderberg Kasteel Vaalsbroek, Kasteel Wittem, Kasteel TerWorm in Heerlen or Château Bethlehem in Maastricht.

The Kruisherhotel in Maastricht is unique in Europe. The current hotel was built in the 15th Century as a monastery and church of the Crus-





Camping

(left) Vaals
Bilderberg Kasteel Vaalsbroek

(right) Maastricht
room at Kruisheerenhotel



aders Order. The building stood empty for almost 20 years, until in 2000 the former monastery became a modern hotel. The result is an exquisite blend of a historic exterior and a modern interior.

Something to be recommended is the restaurant of the Kruisheerenhotel, with its wine bar and an above ground, well-tempered wine cellar.

Holiday parks

For those preferring self-catering accommodation in the countryside, Zuid-Limburg has got a wide range of possibilities too. For example, the charming and spacious apartments and villas of Landal Kasteeldomein De Cauberg, Landal De Waufsberg and the bungalows at Landal Hoog Vaals. In Zuid-Limburg there is something to suit everyone's taste!

A relaxing hike, a mountain bike tour through the eventful Heuvelland, or a visit to a nearby health spa ... all the options are yours to savour. And how about a delicious dinner and a subsequent visit to *Holland Casino** – come on in, relax and completely forget about everyday life.

Camping

Beyond their borders the Dutch are known for their passion for camping. Hence, Zuid-Limburg too, offers an amazing variety of campsites to discover. There is something there for everyone, whether you prefer a camp-site beautifully situated in the quiet countryside or in the vicinity of one of the eventful cities, and from basic up to luxury camping. Nature lovers can even share a field with cows or horses on one of the farm campsites. From each campsite you can set straight off on extensive bicycle and hiking tours.

Good to know: In the Netherlands it is not allowed to camp outside campsites and people doing so will be fined. More information on motorhome parking can be obtained directly from the local municipalities.

All accommodation options, with contact details and useful information, can be found on our website www.visitzuidlimburg.com.

Have fun exploring!

Valkenburg
Kasteeldomein de Cauberg
Landal-Greenpark





Landgraaf
Luigi's Trattoria



Vijlen
Vineyard St. Martinus

Savour Zuid-Limburg's culinary side

Zuid-Limburg's inhabitants are known for the fact that they have a 'Burgundian lifestyle', as they like to enjoy all the good things of life: good food, great wine and extravagant spectacle. Like in the French Burgundy region it has become a way of life in Zuid-Limburg too. When visiting Zuid-Limburg, this will become readily apparent!

Fine dining

Indulge yourself with an exquisite meal in a winery, in one of the chateaus or – most unique – in an underground grotto! La Caverne de Geulhem is just one great example of a uniquely located gourmet restaurant in Zuid-Limburg.

Some of the restaurants were even awarded the 'Gault-Millau', such as restaurant Tummers in Valkenburg or Kasteel TerWorm in Heerlen. In

addition, there are also restaurants with distinctions from the Michelin Guide, like the Beluga and Château Neercanne in Maastricht. Culinary pampering possibilities in Zuid-Limburg are infinite. For more information, please stop by online, by phone or e-mail. Try us!



Did you know ...

... that the best known Limburg dishes are the Limburg asparagus and 'Limburgse vlaai', a fruit flan, filled with a custard filling.

Zuid-Limburg's craft food products

A visit to one of Zuid-Limburg's craft food producers is a wonderful experience. Whether it's wine, beer, liquor, chocolate, apple juice or syrup, many companies in the region offer their guests the possibility of a guided tour where they will be initiated into the mysteries of the products and the company. Discover the culi-

nary traditions in this way and taste both the good and healthy life - for example, during a visit to a vineyard or a brewery!

Due to the hilly topography in Zuid-Limburg, even wine is grown here and we have a long winemaking tradition. The climate and soil conditions allow resistant varieties such as Riesling, Müller-Thurgau and Pinot Gris to thrive. For wine enthusiasts, the region of Zuid-Limburg holds numerous opportunities in store where to explore the wine-growing tradition in more detail. Take a stroll through the vineyards or enjoy Limburg delights at a wine tasting at local wineries!



Highlights



South-Limburg: More than just a short break

There is so much to do and explore that time will be short when visiting Zuid-Limburg. Exciting caves in Valkenburg, the maze in Vaals, magical theme parks, award winning *GaiaZOO** in Kerkrade, flower gardens, spacious parks, cultural events, monuments, water sports on the river Maas, skiing in Europe's largest indoor ski arena, and so on!

No matter what the weather or season, there are countless ways to spend an unforgettable day full of variety. In Zuid-Limburg you will never get bored!

Land of castles and fortresses

Of the hundreds of castles and palaces that have shaped its landscape in earlier times, Zuid-Limburg still boasts a lot of them that have been very carefully restored. Thus, it is possible for the

'common people' to visit those 'noble fortresses'. It is worth a trip by car, by bicycle or on foot... just come and explore the beautiful castles and palaces that adorn the landscape. Of course, the highlight of the day when visiting such a wonderful castle is a tasty lunch or dinner in one of the castle restaurants, and as a conclusion of this experience, a night spent in a comfortable room in one of the numerous castle hotels.

Museums, galleries and studios

In Zuid-Limburg you can find an abundance of history and culture. For centuries, the area had been fought over by emperors, kings and bishops, evidence of which can be found today in the numerous museums and galleries. Visit Zuid-Limburg and discover art, history and culture, to experience in an up close and personal interaction. For details, please also see our website www.visitzuidlimburg.com.





Christmas markets
in the Marlstone caves



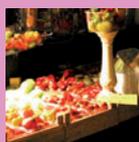
Maastricht
Bonnefantenmuseum*

Marl caves

Zuid-Limburg is largely dominated by marl mining. Especially around the Valkenburg area, you can find the 250-kilometre-long underground passages that have made it famous. A guided tour through the caves is something not to be missed when you visit Zuid-Limburg. The caves are also used to reconstruct a bygone age; you can find a copy of a coal mine and a reconstruction of the Roman catacombs. But there are also many other activities to be enjoyed here, such as underground Christmas markets, survival and cycling tours and mountain bike rides, offering visitors the unique Zuid-Limburg experience. Don't miss the two latest events: the Cave Experience, a spectacular light and sound show in the Valkenburg caves, and the Mystery House Escape Rooms, which is also in Valkenburg.

Enjoy the special Christmas cheer in Valkenburg! In addition to the atmospheric lighting and decoration of the city, the caves offer an absolute

highlight: an underground Christmas market! Many hundreds of thousands of visitors have enjoyed the very special atmosphere at this underground Christmas market in recent years.



Did you know ...

... that the Christmas markets in the Valkenburg marl caves attract several thousands of visitors each year? We advise you to book early!

You will be impressed by the unusual surroundings and the beautiful decorations. The large range of Christmas gifts will especially impress lovers of the crafts trade.

Shopping

Pleasant leisurely stroll through the malls, window shopping... you name it, you can do it, and why don't you pamper yourself with a cup of coffee and a wonderful piece of 'Limburgse vlaai' or a hearty lunch? You'll be surprised at how different a shopping experience can be, far

away from everyday stress. And all of that without long travel times! You might even discover some kind of unknown fashion label. Zuid-Limburg makes it all possible. Shopping paradises such as Maastricht, Sittard, Geleen, Heerlen, Kerkrade and Landgraaf provide excellent opportunities for shopping. But the cosy hearts of small towns like Beek, Brunssum, Valkenburg, Vaals, Meerssen and Valkenburg also offer everything that can inspire the shopping enthusiast. At Maastricht, you will also find many small galleries and designer shops, cute interior shops and nice cafés where to recover from 'Fun-shoppen'.

Or why not visit the malls, 'Corio Center' in Heerlen, or the 'Op de Kamp' in Landgraaf or 'Makado' in Beek. Here, you can stroll about in any weather, and then indulge yourself and your feet in one of the many pavement cafés.

Did you know that Zuid-Limburg boasts the largest residential shopping mall in Europe, the *Woonboulevard*? You'll find everything for home and garden and in between, and then, to recover from your shopping experience, you can chill out taking a tasty lunch break. The surroundings of Zuid-Limburg, too, offer excellent shopping opportunities that will make the





Vaals
tripoint

Maasmechelen
Outlet-Center



Landgraaf, SnowWorld*

hearts of shopping fans beat faster, such as the 'Maasmechelen Village Outlet Shopping' right behind the Belgian border, or the 'Designer Outlet' in Roermond. Detailed information is available at www.visitzuidlimburg.com.

Enjoy time out with your family

There is something on offer for everyone in Zuid-Limburg! Young and old alike can enjoy a stroll through one of the zoos, a visit to a splendid amusement park or a fairy tale forest. The selection is huge and turns a family trip into an extraordinary experience. And no need to worry about bad weather. The kids can roam around for hours in the indoor playground. Zoos or global gardens? Hands-on museum or amusement park? Enchanted forest or maze? Your children will love the many options and definitely will be in for a return visit!

Euregion – Enjoy European diversity

When visiting Zuid-Limburg, you will discover a beautiful landscape, cultural history and a relaxed atmosphere. This southernmost part of Limburg borders both Belgium and Germany, and Luxembourg and France are only a 100 kilometres away.

Besides the numerous attractions, sights and beautiful cultural and historical aspects of Zuid-Limburg, you can experience first-hand the direct vicinity of the border. The cities of Aachen, Liège and Hasselt are just a stone's throw away from each other and we would like to invite you to take a trip there.

Further information on this is available on our website www.visitzuidlimburg.com.



Service



Welcome to our Tourist Information Centres

In addition to our website and our brochures, the Zuid-Limburg tourist board* also has five Tourist Information Centres* (VVV in Dutch). In addition to information about the region, such as brochures and maps, the Tourist Information Centres offer many products from different subject areas, such as relaxation and wellness, enjoyment, adventure and nature.

We put hospitality first!

Since time immemorial, the Zuid-Limburg Tourist Board* has been a resource for tourism and recreation in general. This is where supply and demand meet. Everything you have ever wanted to know about Zuid-Limburg and surroundings, you will learn about at our Tourist Information Centres*. Information about romantic hotel packages, exciting attractions and well-signed hiking and cycling routes... all of this is part of our daily routine. For active holidaymakers and ex-

plorers, we have outdoor kits, compasses and pedometers on offer.

Products from the region

Are you looking for an original gift from Limburg? Then choose one of our numerous products from the region! You can find out about our high-quality, regional products at our Tourist Information Centres*. They offer Limburg delicacies, such as delicious jam, fruit juices, Limburg mustard, mushrooms, tea and coffee, wines, beers and liqueurs – a particularly extensive supply of delightful, genuine products.

Books, film and music

To get you properly in the mood, we have compiled a selection for you of the music, books and films of Limburg: our Limburg top 10.

Boundless region

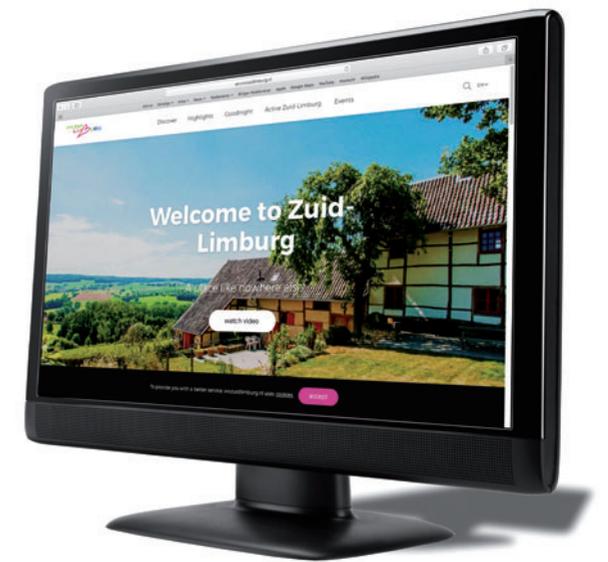
Zuid-Limburg is the heart of the Euregion. Belgium and Germany are only a stone's throw

* See address list / map on the last pages





Valkenburg a/d Geul,
Roman catacombs



away. If you wish to discover the Euregion, please ask for our cross-border tourist maps, books or gifts and the specific products from the border region. A cross-border visit is possible also with one of our guides. Zuid-Limburg is a 'boundless' region.

Here you will find the Tourist Information Centres (VVV):

- ▶ Valkenburg, Th. Dorrenplein 5
- ▶ Gulpen, Dorpsstraat 27
- ▶ Heerlen, Bongerd 19
- ▶ Sittard, Rosmolenstraat 2
- ▶ Vaals, Maastrichterlaan 73a

Zuid-Limburg online

Of course, you can also find Zuid-Limburg on the World Wide Web. At www.visitzuidlimburg.com we will supply you with numerous information, event notes, tips and videos and even with an interactive map of Zuid-Limburg with all its attractions. Have a lot of fun discovering Zuid-Limburg!

Practical information

Please be aware of the traffic regulations when travelling by car in Zuid-Limburg. The Netherlands have the highest traffic fines of Europe. The maximum speed on Dutch motor ways is 130 km/h, unless indicated otherwise. Please be careful not to park on a parking place for 'Vergunninghouders,' as those are meant only for residential parking permit holders. Paying for parking is required on Sundays too.

Address list

VVV Zuid-Limburg

Hoofdkantoor Walramplein 6, 6300 AV Valkenburg a/d Geul
0031-436098500, E-Mail: info@vvvzuidlimburg.nl
www.vvvzuidlimburg.nl

Limburg-Stores

Valkenburg, Th. Dorrenplein 5
Gulpen, Dorpsstraat 27
Heerlen, Bongerd 19
Sittard, Rosmolenstraat 2
Vaals, Maastrichterlaan 73a

Parkstad Limburg

- Blote VoetenPark** (page 11)
Ganzepool 9a, 6443 WZ Brunssum
0031-638206303, www.blotevoetenpark.nl
- Parkstad Limburg Theater Heerlen** (page 11)
Burgemeester van Grunsvenplein 145
6411 AS Heerlen, 0031-455716607
www.parkstadlimburgtheaters.nl
- SCHUNCK* Glaspaleis** (page 11)
Bongerd 18, 6411 JM Heerlen
0031-455772210, www.schunck.nl
- Thermenmuseum** (pages 8, 11)
Coriovallumstraat 9, 6411 CA Heerlen
0031-455605100, www.thermenmuseum.nl
- Woonboulevard Heerlen** (pages 11, 49)
In de Cramer 64-168, 6412 PM Heerlen
www.woonboulevardheerlen.nl
- Nederlands Mijnmuseum (mining museum)** (page 11)
Museumpad 2, 6412 EX Heerlen
0031-455713707
www.nederlandsmijnmuseum.com
- Adventurepark Kinderstad Heerlen** (page 11)
Parallelweg 4, 6411 ND Heerlen
0031-455717252, www.kinderstad.nl
- Kasteel Hoensbroek** (pages 8, 11, 21, 24)
Klinkertstraat 118, 6433 PB Hoensbroek
0031-455227272
www.kasteelhoensbroek.nl
- Parkstad Limburg Theater Kerkrade** (page 11)
Theaterpassage 2, 6461 DV Kerkrade
0031-459716607
www.parkstadlimburgtheaters.nl
- GaiaZOO Kerkrade** (pages 11, 24, 44)
Dentgenbachweg 105, 6468 PG Kerkrade
0031-455676070, www.gaiazoo.nl
- Museumplein Limburg: Columbus Earth Theater, Cube Designmuseum and Discovery Center Continium** (pages 4, 11, 24)
Museumplein 2, 6461 MA Kerkrade
0031-455676025, www.museumpleinlimburg.nl
- Megaland Exploitatie** (pages 11, 34)
Hofstraat 13-15, 6372 XC Landgraaf
0031-464752500, www.megaland-landgraaf.nl
- SnowWorld Landgraaf** (pages 5, 11, 21, 24)
Witte Wereld 1, 6372 VG Landgraaf
0031-455470700, www.snowworld.com
- SnowWorld Outdoor Park** (pages 11, 21)
Witte Wereld 1, 6372 VG Landgraaf
0031-455470700, www.snowworld.com

15 Familypark Mondo Verde (page 11)
Groene Wereld 10, 6372 PW Landgraaf
0031-455350161, www.365mondoverde.nl

16 Steam Railway Miljoenenlijn (pages 4, 11, 14)
Stationstraat 20-22, 6369 VJ Simpelveld
0031-455440018, www.miljoenenlijn.nl

45 Bezoekerscentrum Brunssummerheide (page 11)
Schaapskooiweg 95, 6414 EL Heerlen
0031-455630355, www.natuurmonumenten.nl

46 Schutterspark (page 11)
Heidestraat 2-20, 6443 VZ Brunssum
www.schutterspark.com

47 LeisureDome (page 11)
Roda JC Ring 2b-9, 6466 NH Kerkrade
www.leisure-dome.nl

Valkenburg

- ASP Adventure Sport Promotion** (pages 4, 12, 20)
Oud Valkenburg 2a, 6305 AB Valkenburg aan de Geul
0031-436040675, www.aspaventure.nl
- Adventurepark Agogo Valkenburg** (page 12)
Neerhem 44, 6301 CJ Valkenburg aan de Geul
0031-436090609, www.kabelbaan.nl
- Gemeentegrot Valkenburg/Cave Experience** (pages 12, 37, 46)
Cauberg 4, 6301 BT Valkenburg aan de Geul
0031-436012271, www.gemeentegrot.nl
- Holland Casino** (pages 12, 26, 28)
Kuurpark Cauberg 28, 6301 BT Valkenburg aan de Geul
0031-436099600, www.hollandcasino.nl
- Kasteelruïne & Fluweelengrot** (pages 12, 37, 46)
Daalhemerweg 27, 6301 BJ Valkenburg aan de Geul
0031-438200040, www.kasteelruinevalkenburg.nl
- Escape Rooms** (page 12)
de Guascostraat 6
6301 CT Valkenburg aan de Geul
0031-437370189
www.mysteryhouse.eu
- Theme Park De Valkenier** (page 12)
Koningswinkelstraat 53
6301 WH Valkenburg aan de Geul
0031-436012289
www.pretpark-de-valkenier.nl
- Fairy-Tale Sprookjesbos** (page 12)
Sibbergrubbe 2a
6101 AA Valkenburg aan de Geul
0031-436012985
www.sprookjesbos.nl
- Coal Mine Valkenburg** (page 12)
Daalhemerweg 31, 6301 BJ Valkenburg aan de Geul
0031-436012491, www.steenkolenmijn.nl
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28 FunValley Maastricht (page 13, 24)
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29 ROCCA Sport & Adventure (page 14, 24)
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- Kasteel Limbricht** (page 14)
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- Pinkpop Expo** (page 14)
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- WWII Museum Eyewitness Beek**
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0031-464570950, www.fitlandsittard.nl/sittard
- Museum De Domijnen Sittard**
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- Escape Centrum Limburg** (page 14)
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57 Rederij Stiphout (boat trips) (page 15)
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