

# Mons



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**Mons** was designated **European capital of culture in 2015**, it is a city of many fantastic and very varied museums that give pride of place to current or ancient artistic creation, but also to science and history.

The city's character is marked by its past foundations and its foot in the present. Its architectural heritage and old streets give it the usual charm of a historic town in an atmospheric and vibrant way.

Weave through its historic old town by the **Belfry**, listed by UNESCO, the **Sainte-Waudru Collegiate Church**, the **Grand'Place**, the **Jardin du Mayeur**, the **Château d'Havré**...

The omnipresent local **folklore** which charges the atmosphere with internationally renowned festivals and traditions, testifies to the attachment that the Mons people have for it. There's a dynamic atmosphere in this city with no shortage of chances to party.



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## Practical information

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## Public transport

Mons station

# Where to Stay

## Le Petit Dragon (Guest Rooms)

These guest rooms are rated for the professional quality of the welcome and the eco-responsible approach and they are the ideal place for a family stay of 4 people. Located a little outside the city centre, you'll feel completely at home here with your own front door and living space.

Rue de la Genièverrie 49 • 7022 Hyon (Mons)  
[aupetitdragon.be](http://aupetitdragon.be)

## Mons Dragon House (Gite)

This (3'Epis') gite located in the heart of Mons, just a stone's throw from the 'Grand Place' (town square) and the charming pedestrian area makes a comfortable stopover for visitors to Mons. Its intimate layout will preserve your autonomy and sense of freedom.

Rue de la Grande Triperie 7 • 7000 Mons  
[monsdragonhouse.be](http://monsdragonhouse.be)

## Les Auberges de Jeunesse (Youth hostel)

The hostel is ultra-modern, located at the corner of a cobbled lane and below the Belfry. But also three minutes from the Grand'Place (town square) and only 1 km from the train station. Being such a friendly place it's easy to flourish in Mons, making the very best of all it has to offer.

Rampe du Château • 7000 Mons  
[lesaubergesdejeunesse.be/mons](http://lesaubergesdejeunesse.be/mons)

## Van der Valk Hotel Mons Congres

This 4\* hotel has a cosy style with spacious and elegant rooms offering magnificent views of the city, and is located only a few minutes from the centre. There are lots of seasonal packages, services and facilities to cater for all visitor's desires.

Avenue Melina Mercouri 7 • 7000 Mons  
[hotelmons.eu](http://hotelmons.eu)

## La Barrière Alezane

In a renovated farm, this (4'Epis') guest room located 7 km from Mons has a harmonious blend of contemporary style and original features. It's easily accessible by car and public transport and ideal for visiting Mons, Binche and the surrounding small villages.

Rue de Vellerelle-le-Sec 1 • 7031 Villers-Saint-Ghislain (Mons)  
[barriere-alezane.be](http://barriere-alezane.be)

## Maison d'Hôtes Compagnons 11 (Guest Rooms)

This beautiful (4 'Epis') guest room in the historic centre of Mons oozes charm and comfort. It's located in a quiet spot between the station and the Grand'Place and 5- or 10-minutes' walk from the main tourist spots.

Rue des Compagnons 11 • 7000 Mons  
[compagnons11.be](http://compagnons11.be)



# What to See and Do

## 1 BAM

Installed in a contemporary and refined building, the BAM is a trendy space for discovering artistic creations in all its forms. Each year, it presents two exhibitions of international renown allowing visitors to discover an artist, an artistic movement or a theme related to its collections, which mainly focus on the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The BAM also hosts many artistic events echoing each of the current exhibitions.

Rue Neuve 8 • 7000 Mons  
[bam.mons.be](http://bam.mons.be)

## 3 Doudou Museum

Located in the Jardin du Mayeur, enter the Doudou Museum and discover the legend of the Ducasse, a jewel of the intangible heritage of UNESCO and of Mons folklore. Enter this universe and witness the mythical battle between Saint George and the Dragon – a legend in which the town holds dear.

Jardin du Mayeur  
Grand'Place • 7000 Mons  
[museedoudou.mons.be](http://museedoudou.mons.be)

## 2 Maison Losseau

Maison Losseau is an astonishing Art Nouveau jewel in the centre of Mons. This old family house was refurbished by its owner at the very beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century using the most accomplished artists and craftsmen of the day. Today, you can still admire its interior design and furniture: marble mosaics, multicoloured stained-glass windows, wood paneling and other furniture in precious materials. In addition to the listed house, you'll find a heritage centre left by the renowned lawyer from Mons. An adapted scenography delves into the universe of the library and its cabinet of curiosities. It explores Losseau's passions and preoccupations such as the Art Nouveau he loved, it also houses his magnificent collection of medals and the episode of the discovery of the original edition of 'Une Saison en Enfer' by Rimbaud.

Rue de Nimy 37-39 • 7000 Mons  
[maisonlosseau.be](http://maisonlosseau.be)



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#### 4 Le Beffroi (Mons Belfry)

This 87-metre-high building is the only baroque-style Belfry in Belgium. Recognized by UNESCO, 'El Catiau', as the locals call it, was erected between 1661 and 1669. Its roof in the shape of a central bulb with a skylight accompanied by four small corner bulbs is characteristic of the time. It had many lives including as a watchtower and a town clock. It now houses a heritage centre dedicated to the history of the Belfry and its close links to the history of the town. It also offers an incredible view of Mons.

Parc du Château • 7000 Mons  
[beffroi.mons.be](http://beffroi.mons.be)

#### 6 Mons Memorial Museum

This museum space tells the dramatic story of the city through the wars. Housed in the old water reserve, this museum offers a historical route, from the Middle Ages to the Ancient Régime and the First and Second World Wars. The objects on display offer a poignant look, at the daily lives of soldiers and civilians through moving real-life accounts. The museum challenges visitors of all ages to ponder about the multiple and complex realities of war.

Boulevard Dolez 51 • 7000 Mons  
[monsmemorialmuseum.mons.be](http://monsmemorialmuseum.mons.be)

#### 5 La Collégiale Sainte-Waudru (Sainte-Waudru Collegiate Church)

This impressive Gothic-style collegiate church was built from 1450 to 1621. Its splendid alabaster statues by Jacques Du Brœucq won't fail to impress, nor will its magnificent stained-glass windows in bright colours from the 16<sup>th</sup> century and even its treasure, one of the most beautiful collections of religious goldwork from Belgium. This collegiate church also contains other gems well anchored in Mons folklore.

Place du Chapitre • 7000 Mons  
[waudru.be](http://waudru.be)

#### 7 Street Art Trail 'L'Art habite en ville'

Discover the Street Art trail - a fascinating 7 km route of wall art, sculpture and installations to be viewed on foot or by bike in Mons and its surroundings.

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