

# Waterloo



On **June 18, 1815**, a key event that changed European history forever took place: Napoleon was defeated against the armies of Blücher and Wellington.

It is the latter who placed Waterloo to posterity, by signing the victory slip in his headquarters located in Waterloo.

Today, the site of the battlefield looks almost as it did 200 years ago.

Follow in the footsteps of these formidable men who changed history by visiting **the Lion Mound** with its imposing bronze statue perched 40 m high, the **Wellington Museum**, the **The Memorial of the Battle of Waterloo 1815** and **Napoleon's Last Headquarter**. War History Buffs will be in their element.

Waterloo is also a charming place to live with several excellent golf courses in the area as well numerous hiking and cycling trails. Shopaholics will also be in seventh heaven since Waterloo has no less than 700 retail stores.

In terms of gastronomy, make sure you sample a slice of the local sugar tart and Waterloo beer brewed at the Mont-Saint Jean farm - the former field hospital during the battle - a taste of Waterloo you won't forget.



## Practical information

Waterloo Tourist Office  
Chaussée de Bruxelles 218 • 1410 Waterloo  
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## Public transport

Waterloo station

# Where to Stay

## **Martin's Grand Hotel**

This refined 4\* hotel is located on the former site of the National Sugar Refinery dating from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The restaurant has kept the vaults of the 1836 building for maximum charm.

Chaussée de Tervueren 198 • 1410 Waterloo  
[martinshotels.com](http://martinshotels.com)

## **Le Côté Vert**

From the main street in Waterloo, a path will lead you to an unexpected island of greenery in this comfortable and 'warm' hotel.

Chaussée de Bruxelles 200 G • 1410 Waterloo  
[cotevert.be](http://cotevert.be)

## **Dolce La Hulpe Hotel Brussels**

Located in La Hulpe, 11 km from Waterloo, this modern upscale 4\* superior hotel overlooks the moody 'Sonian Forest' and offers a surprisingly wide range of facilities. A particular highlight is the floor-to-ceiling windows in the bedrooms so you can admire the amazing lights and colors of the forest at dawn and at dusk.

Chaussée de Bruxelles 135 • 1310 La Hulpe  
[dolcelahulpe.com](http://dolcelahulpe.com)

## **Ibis Brussels Waterloo Hotel**

Benefiting from a location in the city centre, 200 m from Waterloo's main square and 2 km from the train station, the 3\* hotel offers all the services of a modern hotel at a good rate.

Boulevard H. Rolin 5 A • 1410 Waterloo  
[all.accor.com](http://all.accor.com)

## **La Bachée (Gîte)**

This typical (3'Epis') rural gîte is housed in the former stables of a 'Brabant' farm from 1721. It is located 10 km from the Waterloo centre, close to the Battlefield of Plancenoit, and the Lion of Waterloo.

Rue de la Bachée 72 • 1380 Lasne  
[bachee.be](http://bachee.be)

## **Villa Tiffany**

5 km from Waterloo and in an exceptional villa, this 3'Epis' guest house is 'the' address for those looking for 'peace and nature'. It is located in 'Braine L'Alleud', the historic location of the Battle of Waterloo but also close to the Château de la Hulpe and several golf courses in the area.

Chemin Mamour 26 • 1420 Braine-l'Alleud  
[villatiffany.be](http://villatiffany.be)





# What to See and Do

## 1 Musée Wellington (museum)

This museum is established in a former coaching inn which was the Duke of Wellington's headquarters, the head of the British and allied forces during the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. It was there also that he wrote his victory bulletin, giving it the name of Waterloo. The museum retraces his role and the implication of each of the nations concerned by this conflict.

Chaussée de Bruxelles 147 • 1410 Waterloo  
[museewellington.be](http://museewellington.be)

## 2 Ferme de Mont-Saint-Jean (farm, museum, brewery)

Mont-Saint-Jean farm houses a microbrewery as well as a micro-distillery. Come and learn more about the process of brewing Waterloo beer before tasting it, step by step. The farm also houses a museum which pays homage to the surgical function of the place during the battle of Waterloo. This fascinating place is where the British troops set up their makeshift hospital during the battle.

Chaussée de Charleroi 591 • 1410 Waterloo  
[fermedemontsaintjean.be](http://fermedemontsaintjean.be)

## 3 Shopping Spree

Waterloo is a dream shopping destination. There are so many beautiful boutiques and shops of all kinds in town. They congregate in the urban centre, but also in the shopping centre, one of the largest in the region. The town also has many free parking spaces, which is a major bonus.

[visitwallonia.be/waterloo](http://visitwallonia.be/waterloo)

## 4 The Memorial of the Battle of Waterloo 1815

In Braine L'Alleud, the Lion's Mound is a memorial to the Battle of Waterloo. Erected between 1823 and 1826, it marks the spot where the Prince of Orange was wounded. At the end of its 226 steps, it offers an exceptional panorama on the battlefield. At the foot of the Memorial, you relive the last battle of Napoleon through innovative scenography. It includes the Panorama, a gigantic 360 ° fresco of combat painted in 1912, as well as the Hougoumont Farm.

Route du Lion 1815 • 1420 Braine-l'Alleud  
[waterloo1815.be](http://waterloo1815.be)





### 5 Beer Cycling Route

The first section of this beer and history-themed cycle route links Braine L'Alleud to Waterloo and to Wavre. Along this route, enjoy a landscape of rich heritage and greenery. In particular, you will pass along the Lion's Mound, typical villas with a "Brabant" atmosphere, and cross the 'Forêt de Soignes' and the 'Domaine Solvay' park where the Château de La Hulpe is located.

[ravel.wallonie.be](http://ravel.wallonie.be)

### 7 Dernier QG de Napoléon (Napoleon's last HQ)

It was in this farm that Napoleon set up his Headquarters on the eve of the Battle. Today, it is a museum accessible to all and offers the opportunity to relive the dramatic last hours before the battle alongside the Emperor and his officers. Fun and sensory activities provide insight into the lives of soldiers, the feelings and the strategy of the Emperor.

Chaussée de Bruxelles 66 • 1472 Vieux-Genappe  
[dernier-qg-napoleon.be](http://dernier-qg-napoleon.be)

### 6 Folon Foundation

In the heart of the superb Solvay Park in La Hulpe, located in the Château Farm, the Folon Foundation presents the graphic work of this local talented artist. The original and interactive museography, imagined by Jean-Michel Folon himself, plunges you into the multiple facets of his art and his universe. Music, light effects and optical effects mingle with the most beautiful creations of one of our greatest Belgian artists.

Drève de la Ramée 6A • 1310 La Hulpe  
[fondationfolon.be](http://fondationfolon.be)

Find out more at:  
[visitwallonia.be/en/waterloo](http://visitwallonia.be/en/waterloo)

