Welcome to Luxembourg

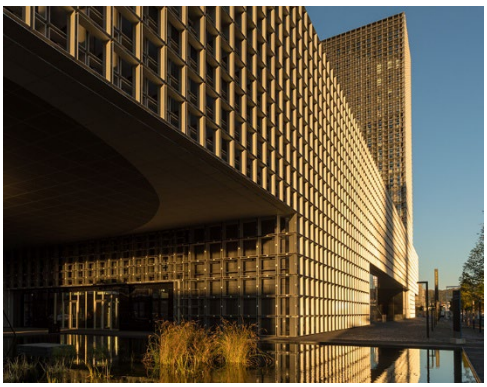
Luxembourg comes in a fun-sized package in the heart of Europe, known for its unique combination of medieval heritage, modern culture, beautiful green spaces, and warm hospitality. Visitors enjoy a range of experiences—from historic fortresses to friendly local cafés and world-class museums, all in close proximity and easily accessible.

Fast Facts

- Country: Constitutional monarchy. We also just had a new accession to the throne.
- Languages: Luxembourgish, French, German (English widely spoken)
- Currency: Euro (EUR)
- Power sockets: Type C/E, 230V
- Emergency number: 112

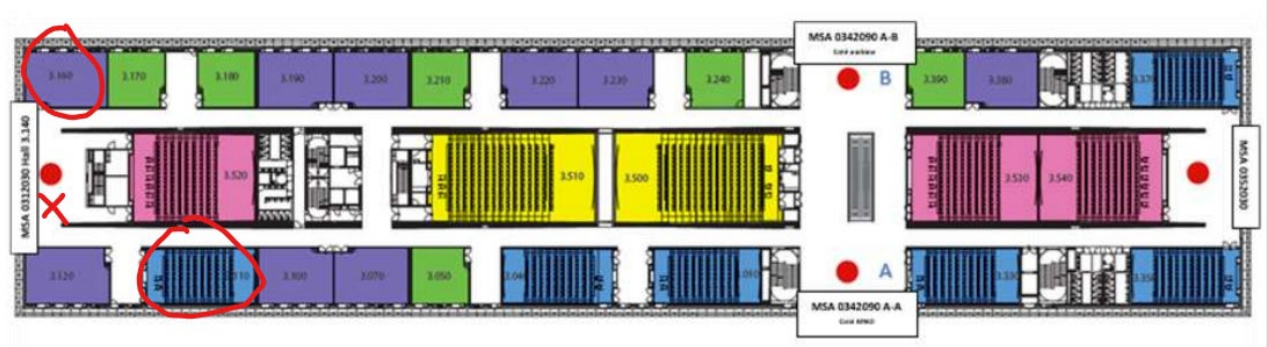
Masterclass and Symposium Venue Information

Both events are located at the University of Luxembourg in Esch-Belval in the Maison du Savoir building on the third floor. Please note that Esch Belval is not Esch-sur-Alzette, although very close and some addresses do not differentiate; they are very much different places!



Address:
2, place de l'Univserité
L-4365 Esch-Belval

- Master Class (invitation only): classroom (marked in purple on the floor plan)
- Symposium (open to all): auditorium (marked in blue on the floor plan), with a capacity of 90 people.



To plan your journey, please visit mobiliteit.lu

Direct trains run from Luxembourg Central Station (Gare de Luxembourg) to the Belval-Université station every 15 minutes. The trains run via Esch-sur-Alzette.

Information on train schedules.

Getting Around

- **Free Public Transport:** All buses, trams, and trains are free nationwide for residents and tourists, making travel effortless.
- **City Navigation:** Luxembourg City is highly walkable, especially in the Old Town and Grund areas. Wear comfortable shoes for cobbled streets and hilltop paths.
- **Lifts and Elevators:** Public lifts and a panoramic elevator connect upper and lower parts of the city.
- **Cycling:** Bike-sharing (Vel'oh) is available, with stations across the city. But Luxembourg, like Rome, is build on hills so cycling can quickly become a cardio exercise.
- **Plan Your Route:** Use the "Mobiliteit.lu" app or website for real-time public transport info. Google Maps is not the best for getting around in Luxembourg.
- **Taxis:** taxis are rather expensive in Luxembourg. There isn't an Uber service per se, but you can use the app to book taxis. Alternatively, you can download the WebTaxi App.

Airport

Luxembourg Airport (Findel) offers convenient and fast public transport connections to the city centre, with both buses and trams operating frequently and free of charge for all passengers. Bus lines 16 and 29 connect the airport directly to the central station and city centre every 10 to 15 minutes, with a journey time of around 20 to 35 minutes depending on traffic and time of day. Since March 2025, the tram line has been extended to the airport, providing a direct link that serves 24 stops and integrates smoothly with major bus routes for onward travel in the city. The airport is just 6 kilometres from central Luxembourg, so whether you prefer the bus or tram, reaching the historic centre is hassle-free, quick, and entirely free for all travelers.

Weather

February in Luxembourg is usually cold, with daytime highs averaging around 4–5°C and lows dipping to −1 or −2°C. Frost, light snow, and rain are possible. Windy conditions can add a chill, so warm layers, waterproof outerwear, and sturdy shoes are recommended.

In summary:

- **Average high:** 4–5°C
- **Average low:** −1°C
- **Rain/snow: 10–11 days/month**
- **Daylight**: ~10 hours
- **Dress:** Warm coats, layers, waterproofs, comfortable shoes

Top Sights & Attractions

In Luxembourg City

- **Bock Casemates:** Explore the city's famous underground tunnels and fortifications (UNESCO World Heritage).
- **Chemin de la Corniche:** Called “Europe’s most beautiful balcony,” this scenic walkway offers panoramic views.
- **Grand Ducal Palace:** The residence of Luxembourg’s Grand Duke (outdoor viewing, guided tours available seasonally).
- **Grund District:** A picturesque, historic quarter by the river, full of charming streets and cafés.
- **Adolphe Bridge:** Iconic national symbol and legendary photo spot.
- **Notre-Dame Cathedral:** Gothic architecture and impressive stained-glass windows.
- **Mudam:** Luxembourg’s museum of modern art, located near the remarkable Dräi Eechelen Park.
- **Lëtzebuerg City Museum:** Dedicated to over 1,000 years of city history, with interactive displays, striking architecture, and a panoramic glass elevator.
- **Villa Vauban:** Art museum in a historic villa with landscaped gardens, featuring Dutch paintings and European art.
- **National Museum of History and Art:** Extensive collections of fine and decorative arts, archaeology, and coins in a beautiful historic building.
- **National Museum of Natural History:** Family-friendly museum with specimen halls covering zoology, paleontology, and mineralogy.
- **Philharmonie Concert Hall:** Renowned for its architecture and vibrant musical programming.
- **Pétrusse Casemates:** Another impressive network of historical tunnels.
- **Parks & Hidden Gems:** Relax in Parc de Merl-Belair, the Alzette Valley, or smaller city gardens for a taste of local life.

Outside the City

Luxembourg’s compact size makes it easy to explore regions like:

- **Müllerthal (“Little Switzerland”):** Famous for scenic hiking routes.
- **Moselle Valley:** Renowned for vineyards and picturesque villages.
- **Ardennes:** Home to castles, forests, and outdoor adventure.

Food & Drinks

- **Cuisine:** Sample local specialties such as "Gromperekichelcher" (potato fritters), "Judd mat Gaardebounen" (smoked pork with beans), and excellent pastries.
- **Restaurants:** Options range from traditional family-run eateries to Michelin-starred dining.
- **Cafés & Bars:** The Grund and city centre offer lively choices, plus vibrant terraces in summer.

Accommodation

Here are several convenient hotel options for Luxembourg-City:

- Hotel Perrin
- Hotel Kazakiwi
- Mama Shelter
- Goeres Hotels (several locations)
- Hotel Vauban

Here are hotel options for Belval:

- Ibis Esch Belval
- Myresidhome

February 5th Events

An exhibition titled "Here Comes the Sun: Art, Energy, and Natural Intelligence" opens at Cercle Cité's Ratskeller space in Luxembourg City center on February 5th. Curated by Elektron as part of the Luxembourg City Film Festival, it explores entanglements between artificial intelligence, human intelligence, and the invisible intelligences sustaining planetary life through three cinematic works.

The exhibition runs from February 6 to April 5, 2026, and entry is free. Located at Cercle Cité (rue du Curé, Luxembourg-Ville), it features site-specific installations viewable during opening hours.

Featured Works

- **Staring at the Sun** by Alice Bucknell: Examines geoengineering's ecological consequences in a near-future scenario.
- **Solar Protocol** by Tega Brain, Alex Nathanson, and Benedetta Piantella: Demonstrates a solar-powered internet reliant on global volunteer networks and human care.
- **Radiolaria** by James Bridle: Overlays silica skeletons of ancient microorganisms onto solar panels, highlighting evolution's geometric sophistication.

The **Immersive Pavilion,** which will take place from March 5 to 22 at neimënster (in Luxembourg-City), as part of the Luxembourg City Film Festival, will also have its opening reception on February 5th. Information to follow soon.

Events & Practical Info

- Exhibition openings and cultural events are frequent - check with the Luxembourg City Tourist Office for what's on during your visit.
- Tourist Information: The Luxembourg City Tourist Office (Place Guillaume II) offers maps, walking tours, and up-to-date info.
- Seasonal highlights include Christmas markets (winter), open-air festivals (summer), and European Heritage Days (September).