CITY WALK

This trip through the historical centre of Ghent will show you many of this area’s highlights. Follow the orange line shown on the map on the rear and you will literally find yourself wandering among Ghent’s many treasures.

Set off from the St. Veerleplein at the Castle of the Counts. This massive fortress in the heart of the city centre dates back to the Roman occupation. The Counts of Flanders later added the keep, enclosed with stone walls and complete with 24 towers. With your back to the castle, walk down this alley and turn left onto the Kelderstraat. Then carry on until you reach the Town Hall, look for the different architectural styles: 16th-century Gothic on the right and the much later Renaissance on the left. Turn right into the Kouterstraat and carry on to St. James’ Church, the episcopal of the annual Ghent festivities. On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, you will find the perfect souvenirs at the flea market outside St. James’ Church.

Towers & St. Michael’s Bridge

Make a quarter turn to your right, cross over the Ley and immediately turn left into the Jan Groentenmarkt where you will find the ‘Wise man of Ghent’ was murdered, Ghent is still referred to as the city of Artevelde.

Castle of the Counts

Turn left at the Vlinderstraat and again at St. James’ Church, which takes you to the “Vrijdagmarkt”. Over the centuries, many sovereigns have been received, celebrations held and vendettas settled in this square. In the centre of the square, you can see Jacob van Awvene painting towards England. As a result of his coalition with the English king, Ghent remained largely neutral in the 16th century and continued to thrive during the Hundred Years’ War. Almost 700 years after the ‘Wise man of Ghent’ was murdered, Ghent is still referred to as the city of Artevelde.

Grazielle and Korelei

Cross over the square and head down the Merciersenstraat next to De Hure to address the big canyon known as the ‘Dulle Griet’ or ‘Mad Meg’ from the Zuivelbrug bridge. Cross over the bridge and walk into the Potterstraat, a westering neighbourhood with a medieval street pattern which is full of intimate restaurants. Then wander down the Rodenkringstraat, the Piddergracht (on the left) and the Herentgracht (on the right) to the Korelei. Here, you will find the Beer House, with its unique construction, a brewery and dungeon museum which shows how normal people lived everyday life. Go left across the water towards the Grootmuseum where you will find the ‘Great Builders’ Hall’. Today, the impressive, modern complex houses a centre which sells regional products. On the market square, you can buy calendars from the stalls or mustard from Tierenteyn.

TIP

This route is particularly recommended at dusk, the city has a unique Lighting Plan which makes it look truly magical. As a result, the city undergoes a luminous transformation at sunset. The Ghent lighting plan won the prestigous City People Light Award and the Aurora Award. Ghent adopts a responsible approach to energy consumption and light pollution, so after dark the lighting plans changes back to functional lighting.

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MEETING VENUES IN THE CITY OF GHENT

A

Antwerp Congress Centre

B

Belfry

C

Historical Museum

D

The Augustinian Monastery Museum

E

The Alida – Oldenstraat

F

Bijker – Jozef Hoekstrastraat

G

Capital – Groen Van Princkelaerstraat

H

Exhibition Centre (Kemisk Facades) – Wandelweer 2

I

Flanders Expo – Maalderenstraat

J

GCE – International Convention Centre – Van Parysbaanstraat

K

Conference and Congress Centre Goudstijn – Jozef Goudstijn 43

L

Korelei – Karel 29

M

Ghent and Convention Centre Hot Pond – Deurdenbergstraat

N

Moterdistric Ekologisch Kenter – Oominvanderverweg Zuid 2208

O

Old Fish Market – St. Vrijburgstraat

P

Town Hall – Belfortmarkt 1

Q

Gent-Beveren House – Brekgaststraat 2

R

St. Peter’s Abbey – Sint-Pietersplein 9

S

UGent University Forum – Sint-Pateliersstraat 23

T

The Ghent Opera House – Schouwburghstraat 73

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New Zeiko – Zekelstraat 32