



2-day Antwerp Itinerary



Antwerp



Antwerp: A Diamond in Belgium's Crown

Welcome to Antwerp, Belgium's second-largest city and the world's diamond capital. This comprehensive 2-day guide will take you through the city's rich artistic heritage, stunning architecture, and vibrant cultural scene.

Historical Overview

Antwerp has been a significant commercial and cultural hub since medieval times. The city flourished during the Golden Age of the 16th century, when it was one of Europe's most important trading ports. Today, it continues to blend its historical charm with contemporary innovation, particularly in fashion, art, and design.

Iconic Landmarks

- **Cathedral of Our Lady:** A masterpiece of Gothic architecture housing significant works by Rubens, this UNESCO World Heritage site dominates Antwerp's skyline with its impressive 123-meter spire.
- **Antwerp Central Station:** Often called the "Railway Cathedral," this architectural marvel is consistently ranked among the world's most beautiful train stations.
- **Het Steen Castle:** The city's oldest building and former medieval fortress, now standing as a proud reminder of Antwerp's historical maritime significance.

Cultural Treasures

- **Rubens House:** The former home and studio of Peter Paul Rubens, offering insight into the life of one of history's most influential painters.
- **Museum aan de Stroom (MAS):** A striking contemporary museum telling the story of Antwerp, its port, and its connections to the world.
- **St. Charles Borromeo Church:** A stunning example of Baroque architecture, featuring designs by Rubens himself.

Charming Districts

- **Grote Markt:** The historic market square surrounded by magnificent guild houses and the stunning City Hall.
- **Stadsfeestzaal:** The city's premier shopping destination, housed in elegant 18th and 19th-century buildings.

- Zurenborg: An area famous for its stunning Art Nouveau architecture.

Antwerp Lifestyle

- Diamond District: Home to thousands of diamond traders, cutters, and jewelers.
- Fashion Scene: Known as a major fashion capital, with the Royal Academy of Fine Arts producing world-renowned designers.
- Culinary Culture: From Belgian chocolates to local specialties, Antwerp offers diverse gastronomic experiences.

Green Spaces

- Botanical Garden: A peaceful oasis in the city center.
- Middelheim Park: An open-air museum combining nature with contemporary sculpture.

Practical Travel Tips

- Transportation: The city is easily walkable, with an efficient tram and bus network.
- Best Times to Visit: Spring (April-June) or Fall (September-October) for mild weather.
- Language: Dutch is the primary language, but English is widely spoken.
- Safety: Antwerp is generally very safe, though normal urban precautions apply.

2-Day Itinerary Highlights

Day 1: Cathedral of Our Lady, Rubens House, Grote Markt, Antwerp Central Station

Day 2: Museum aan de Stroom (MAS), Het Steen Castle, St. Charles Borromeo Church, Stadsfeestzaal

This guide features over 30 carefully selected locations, allowing you to tailor your Antwerp experience. From historic churches to contemporary museums, fashion boutiques to antique shops, each destination offers a unique perspective on this multifaceted city.

Antwerp is more than just a diamond capital; it's a city that sparkles with cultural

richness, artistic heritage, and modern creativity. As you wander through its medieval streets and modern districts, you'll discover why this Belgian gem continues to captivate visitors from around the world.

Let Antwerp's charm work its magic as you explore its treasures, from world-class art to cutting-edge fashion, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Enjoy your adventure in this remarkable city!



Itinerary Preview

2 days

DAY 01

Cathedral of Our Lady

Rubenshuis

Grote Markt

Antwerpen-Centraal station

DAY 02

MAS - Museum aan de Stroom

Het Steen

Saint Charles Borromeo Church

Stadsfeestzaal





Daily Events



Day 1

09:00

Cathedral of Our Lady

Groenplaats 21, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

11:00

11:45

Rubenshuis

Hopland 13, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

13:45

14:30

Grote Markt

Grote Markt, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

16:30

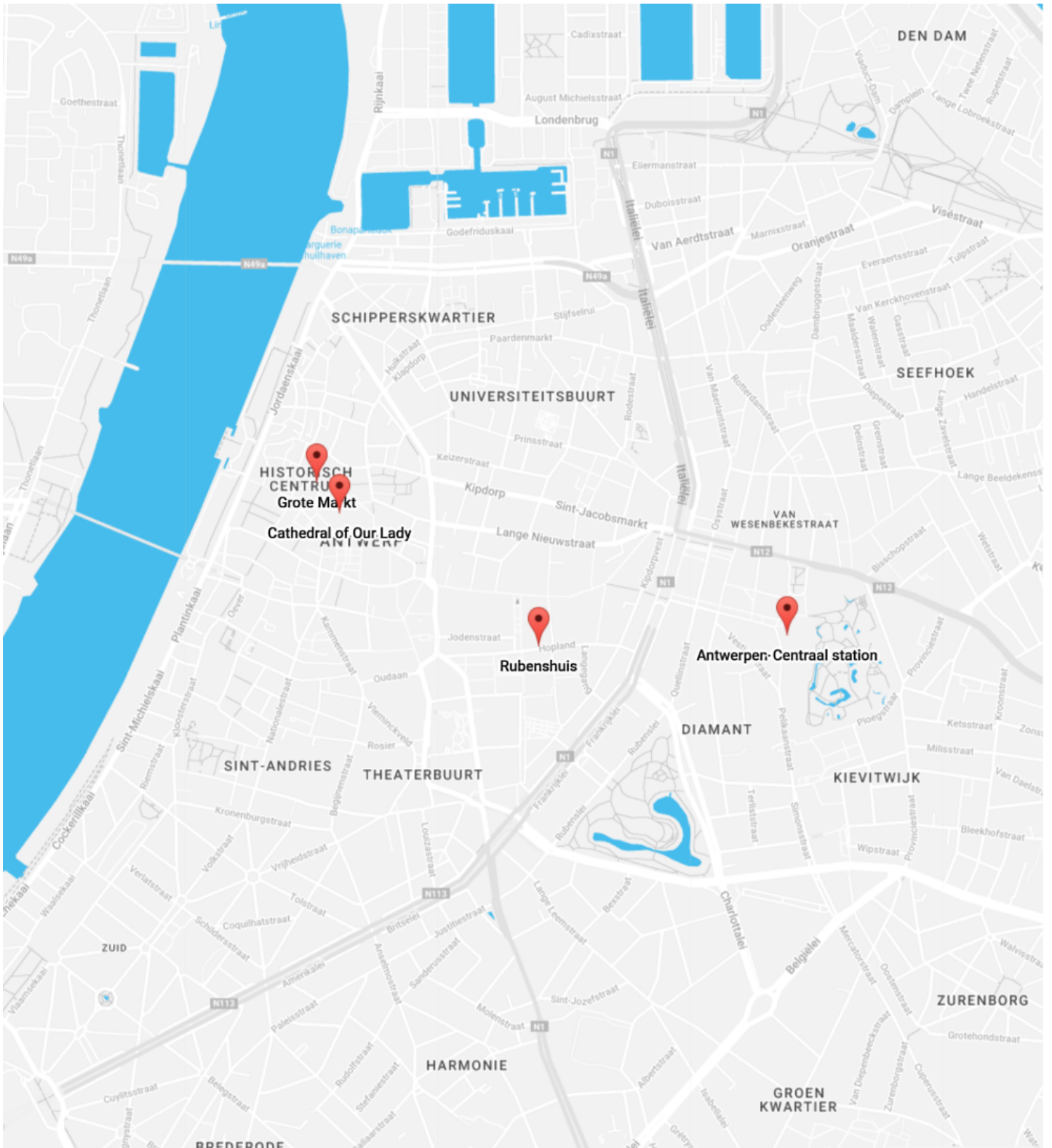
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Antwerpen-Centraal station

Koningin Astridplein 27, 2018 Antwerpen, Belgium

19:15

Map for Day 1



Day 2

09:00

MAS - Museum aan de Stroom

Hanzestedenplaats 1, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

11:00

11:45

Het Steen

Steenplein 1, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

13:45

14:30

Saint Charles Borromeo Church

Hendrik Conscienceplein, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

16:30

17:15

Stadsfeestzaal

Meir 78, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

19:15

Map for Day 2





Spots



Stadsfeestzaal

Meir 78, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Summary:

This shopping mall in a grand building features domestic & international retailers, plus dining.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Sunday: Closed

Phone:

03 202 31 00



Elfde Gebod

Torfbrug 10, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: 12:00 - 10:00 PM
Tuesday: 12:00 - 10:00 PM
Wednesday: 12:00 - 10:00 PM
Thursday: 12:00 - 10:00 PM
Friday: 12:00 - 11:00 PM
Saturday: 12:00 - 11:00 PM
Sunday: 12:00 - 10:00 PM

Phone:

03 288 57 33



Plantentuin

Leopoldstraat 24, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Summary:

Serene botanical garden offering winding paths amid labeled flowerbeds, trees & herb plantings.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Phone:

03 232 40 87



De Muze

Melkmarkt 15, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: 11:30 AM - 2:00 AM

Tuesday: 11:30 AM - 2:00 AM

Wednesday: 11:30 AM - 2:00 AM

Thursday: 11:30 AM - 2:00 AM

Friday: 11:30 AM - 3:00 AM

Saturday: 11:30 AM - 3:00 AM

Sunday: 11:30 AM - 2:00 AM



Kasteel van Laarne

Eekhoekstraat 5, 9270 Laarne, Belgium

Summary:

Restored medieval castle with a moat & a museum of collections of antique silver & decorative arts.

Phone:

09 230 91 55



St Paul's Church

Sint-Paulusstraat 22, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Summary:

This restored Gothic church with a Baroque tower houses works by Antwerp painters Rubens & van Dyck.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Wednesday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Friday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Saturday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Sunday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Phone:

03 231 33 21



Play Zuid

Vlaamsekaai 81/83, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Phone:

03 349 42 62



Theaterplein

Theaterplein, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Le Royal café

Pelikaanstraat 3, 2018 Antwerpen, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

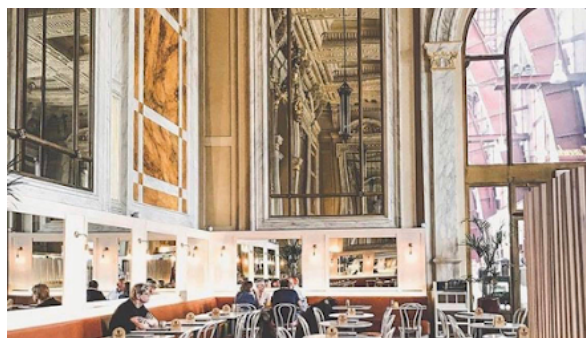
Friday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Phone:

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Brabo's Monument

Grote Markt, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Summary:

Iconic monument & fountain, constructed in the 18th century, in quaint cobblestone surrounds.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours

Tuesday: Open 24 hours

Wednesday: Open 24 hours

Thursday: Open 24 hours

Friday: Open 24 hours

Saturday: Open 24 hours

Sunday: Open 24 hours



Rubenshuis

Hopland 13, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Summary:

Museum in Rubens' 17th-century home, showcasing his paintings, plus sculptures & tapestries.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

03 201 15 55



Zoo Antwerpen

Koningin Astridplein 20-26, 2018 Antwerpen, Belgium

Summary:

City zoo with daily penguin feedings & sea lion shows, plus an established conservation program.

Phone:

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Maritime Open-air Museum Boeienweide

Frederik van Eedenplein, 2050 Antwerpen, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours

Tuesday: Open 24 hours

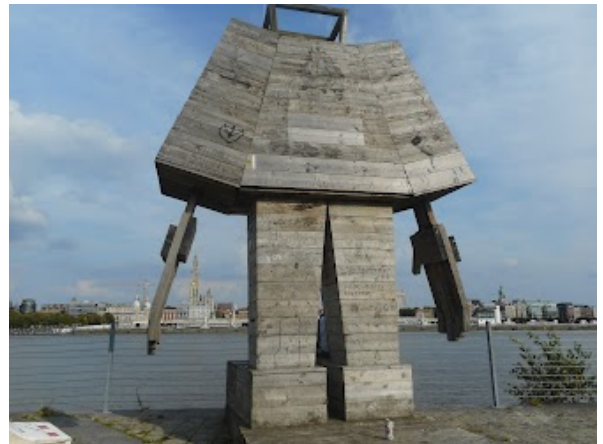
Wednesday: Open 24 hours

Thursday: Open 24 hours

Friday: Open 24 hours

Saturday: Open 24 hours

Sunday: Open 24 hours



Antwerpen-Centraal station

Koningin Astridplein 27, 2018 Antwerpen, Belgium



Het Steen

Steenplein 1, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Summary:

Landmark city center medieval fortress & Antwerp's oldest building set along the riverfront.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

03 233 68 56



Grote Markt

Grote Markt, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Summary:

Town square surrounded by Antwerp City Hall & ornate 16th century guildhalls, plus eateries.



Zurenborg

Zurenborg, Antwerp, Belgium



MAS - Museum aan de Stroom

Hanzestedenplaats 1, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Summary:

Striking red sandstone museum with high-tech exhibitions exploring Antwerp's place in the world.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

03 338 44 00



Boekenbergpark

Unitaslaan, 2100 Antwerpen, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours

Phone:

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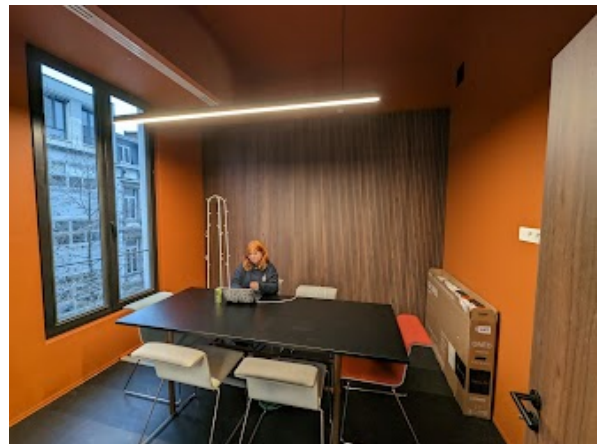
Nationalestraat 28, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: Closed

Phone:

03 746 09 46



Plantin-Moretus Museum

Vrijdagmarkt 22, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Summary:

Mansion museum housing the world's oldest printing presses, plus books, antiques, tapestries & art.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

03 221 14 50



Hendrik Conscienceplein

Hendrik Conscienceplein, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium



Den Draak

Draakplaats 1, 2018 Antwerpen, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 4:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Wednesday: 4:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Thursday: 4:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Friday: 4:00 PM - 3:00 AM

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 3:00 AM

Sunday: 12:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Phone:

03 290 53 04



Middelheimpark

Middelheimlaan 1, 2020 Antwerpen, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

03 288 33 60



Saint Charles Borromeo Church

Hendrik Conscienceplein, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Summary:

1600s church with ornate baroque art & architecture & 4 altar paintings that are rotated seasonally.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, 4:30 - 6:00 PM



Phone:

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KMSKA - Royal Museum of Fine Arts Antwerp

Leopold de Waelplaats 1, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Summary:

Landmark neoclassical museum showcasing mostly Flemish & Belgian art from the 14th–20th centuries.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

03 224 73 00



Vlaaikensgang

Vlaaikensgang 10, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours



Cathedral of Our Lady

Groenplaats 21, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

Summary:

A landmark spire tops this Gothic-style cathedral, known for its Baroque masterpieces by Rubens.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Phone:

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