

Leuven

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route map

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

WALKING ROUTE 1

We start at the **Grote Markt 1** at the stairs of the lavishly decorated **town hall 2**. The town hall has an **adapted toilet 1**. Opposite the town hall is the **Sint-Pieterskerk (St. Peter's Church) 3**. Facing the church, turn right. Stay on this side of the Grote Markt. We'll skip the pedestrian shopping street (Tienssestraat) for now. First we'll follow the completely straight Bondgenotenlaan towards the station.

At the start of Bondgenotenlaan, between the bus stop and the newspaper stand, there is a lift to an **adapted public toilet 2**. It also has a changing place: a room with a changing table that is also suitable for adults. You can also access it without the lift: the alternative entrance is on the opposite side of Bondgenotenlaan. There is a **long and quite steep ramp** downwards. Continuing down Bondgenotenlaan, on the left you'll see the **30CC/ Stadsschouwburg (City Theatre) 4**, but we'll turn right, where some small **cobblestones** lead us towards Laduzeplein, where the **University Library 5** is situated.

Inside the library, there are **two adapted toilets 3**. We'll walk to the end of the square and turn left onto Vanderkelenstraat. Just past the **M-Museum Leuven 6**, which also has an **adapted toilet 4**, we'll turn left into Savoyestraat and walk to Tienssestraat. A little further on the Rector de Somerplein we find the **statue of Fonske 7** popular with the Leuven students.

Uphill, downhill

You can also discover another facet of Leuven by crossing the Naamsestraat and going down the rather steep Ramberg. Wheelchair users should use the road, because the footpath is too narrow in places. It's best to take the asphalt strips. Ramberg is quite a **steep slope**, so if you are using a manual wheelchair you'll Pensstraat, and turn left onto Dirk Boutslaan. Slightly further ahead, behind the bus stop, there is an **adapted public toilet 6**. Opposite the art academy and conservatory (SLAC), you will find the **Dijleterrassen 15** with wooden benches overlooking the River Dyle. You can also see the **statue of Fiere Margriet 16**, who, as legend has it, floated upstream on the river. Wheelchair users can reach the bank of the river via a ramp that starts at the end of the footpath (on the corner of Dirk Boutslaan and Lei). Be careful, the wooden floor can be slippery in wet weather.

If you're feeling adventurous, you can climb on the left, at the bottom of the hill is the **Sint-Antoniuskapel (St. Anthony's Chapel) 12**. On the left, at the bottom of the hill is the **Drie Engelenberg (cobblestones, uphill) 13** and **Parijsstraat** to reach the **Oude Markt 13** and visit the **Kotmadam statue 14**. Our starting point, the Grote Markt, is to your left. You can reach it via Kortestraat, or if you're ready for more cobblestones, you can go via Zeelestraat, uphill to Naamsestraat, and then turn left.

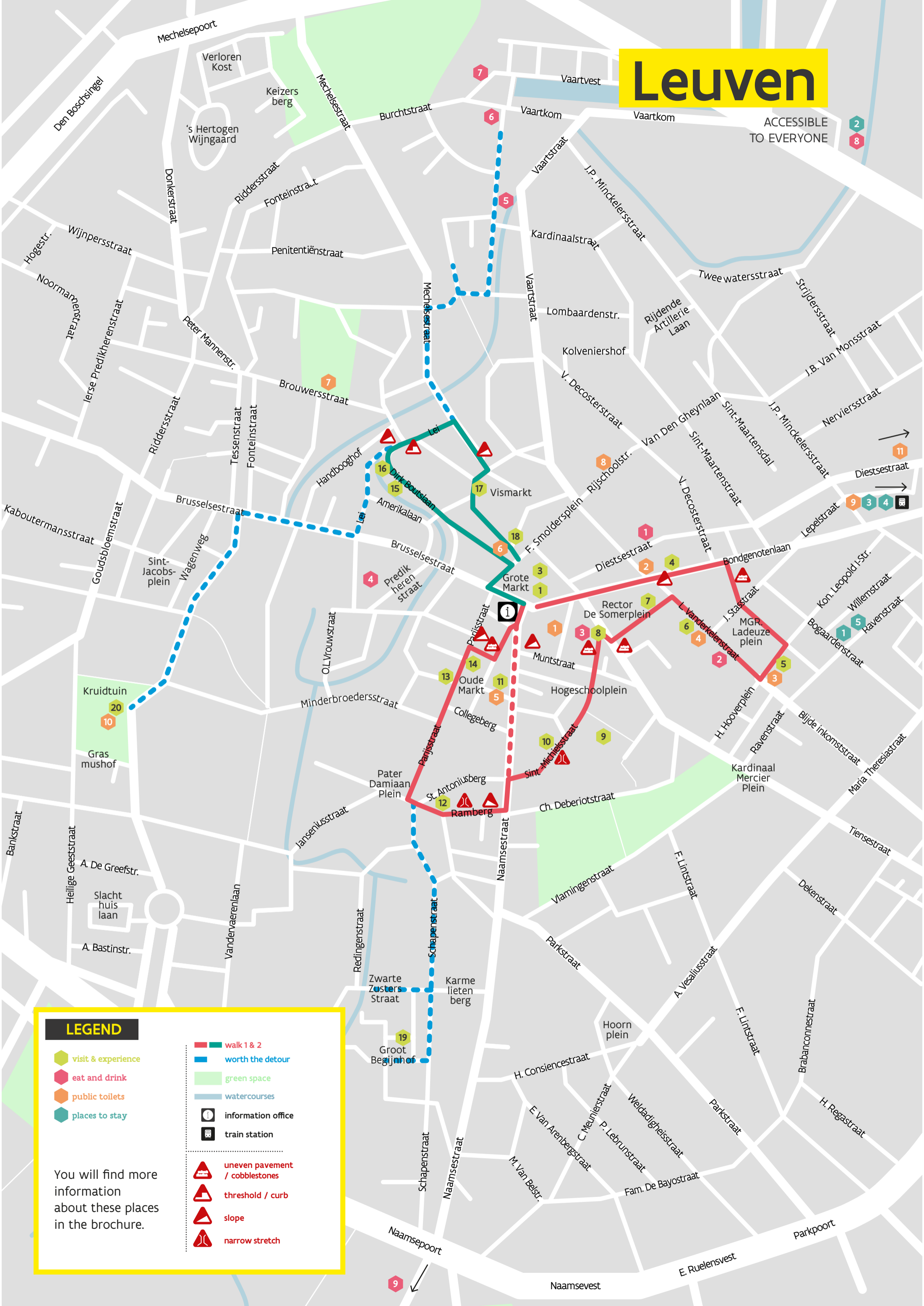
This walk also begins at the **Town Hall 2** on the **Grote Markt 1**. Facing **Sint-Pieterskerk 3** ride at the start of Brusselsestraat, as the pedestrian shopping street is paved with bricks. Here, we'll take the first street on the right, Pensstraat, and turn left onto Dirk Boutslaan. Slightly further ahead, behind the bus stop, there is an **adapted public toilet 6**. Opposite the art academy and conservatory (SLAC), you will find the **Dijleterrassen 15** with wooden benches overlooking the River Dyle. You can also see the **statue of Fiere Margriet 16**, who, as legend has it, floated upstream on the river. Wheelchair users can reach the bank of the river via a ramp that starts at the end of the footpath (on the corner of Dirk Boutslaan and Lei). Be careful, the wooden floor can be slippery in wet weather.

We'll cross Dirk Boutslaan (watch out for the **concrete berms** that are slightly too close to the zebra crossing/crosswalk) and turn left onto Lei. When walking along this road, which later turns into a road called Craenenndonck, it's best to keep to the left. At certain points the path **slopes sharply**, but otherwise the footpath is accessible to wheelchairs. On our left is the **Vismarkt 17**, but we'll turn right onto Mechelsestraat. We'll follow this pedestrian shopping street until we reach the **statue of humanist Erasmus 18**. There, we'll cross Mathieu De Layensplein, passing the Sint-Pieterskerk, to arrive back on the Grote Markt.

WALKING ROUTE 2

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LEGEND

- visit & experience
- eat and drink
- public toilets
- places to stay
- walk 1 & 2
- worth the detour
- green space
- watercourses
- information office
- train station
- uneven pavement / cobblestones
- threshold / curb
- slope
- narrow stretch

You will find more information about these places in the brochure.