

🇬🇧 ETTEN-LEUR CITY GUIDE

Attractions – Events – Route Tips – Going Out & Shopping

Welcome to surprisingly versatile Etten-Leur

A discovery tour through Etten-Leur begins at the Tourist Information Point in the City Shop at Markt 4. Our volunteers are ready to help you!

Here you can obtain:

Information about Etten-Leur and the surrounding region, tips for a day out, routes, walking and cycling junction maps, a tourist map, souvenirs, gifts, regional products, the Van Gogh Museum Shop and entrance tickets for Van Gogh Etten-Leur.

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www.etten-leurbcityapp.nl

Opening hours

Thursday, Friday and Saturday and the first and last Sunday of the month
13:00 – 17:00

Current opening hours can be found on the website.

Tips

- Visit the website www.etten-leurbcityapp.nl for inspiration
- Download the free Etten-Leur City App so you won't miss anything
- Follow Etten-Leur City App on Facebook and Instagram for news, promotions and the most beautiful photos and videos



Experience Etten-Leur – 10 tips

Etten-Leur offers surprisingly many possibilities: urban facilities combined with village charm. A mix of history, nature, culture and Brabant hospitality.

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Lively events throughout the year.

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Attractive restaurants and cosy terraces.

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Three impressive windmills that can regularly be visited.

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The historic Markt with the picturesque Sint Paulushofje (and museum), plus the showpiece: the centuries-old Moeierboom.

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Water experiences in Etten-Leur Noord: the photogenic Leurse Haven with windmill De Lelie, the Slickbrug, and the Westpolderplas near marina De Turfvaart with many recreational opportunities.

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Products from local farms and the surrounding region, for example at De Menmoerhoeve and Wijn-en Aspergeboerderij De Santspuy.

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A parking garage directly underneath the covered shopping centre with the lowest rate in the region (only €6 for a full day).

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Vincent van Gogh, the world-famous painter who started his artistic career here. Highly recommended: the new Van Gogh Experience in the Van Gogh Kerk.

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A varied countryside with winding country roads through the polders in the north and forests in the south. Perfect for walking and cycling.

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Products from local farms and the surrounding region, for example at De Menmoerhoeve and Wijn-en Aspergeboerderij De Santspuy.

Tips:

-For a complete overview visit www.etten-leurcityapp.nl or download the free Etten-Leur City App.

-A free tourist map is available at the Tourist Information Point at Markt 4.

Discover the magic of our region and start in Etten-Leur

Etten-Leur lies in the heart of a region where there is always something to experience. It is located in the Baronie van Breda, an area surrounding the lively city of Breda and the municipalities of Alphen-Chaam, Baarle-Nassau, Gilze-Rijen, Oosterhout, Rucphen and Zundert.

Discover a region full of nature, culture and delicious regional products.

To bring all these attractions together in a clear overview, LandStad De Baronie, together with the regional tourist offices, created one inspiring online platform:

www.magievandebaronie.nl

Here you will find at a glance:

- the most beautiful attractions
- surprising routes
- hidden natural gems
- culinary addresses

From cycling and walking routes to the best places to buy and taste regional products – everything clearly presented in one place.

Want to start your day perfectly? Discover the ten so-called Baronie gateways: ideal starting points for exploring nature.

These locations offer:

- free parking
- restaurants and cafés
- terraces
- clear route information

In Etten-Leur, these gateways are:

- De Menmoerhoeve
- De Turfvaart

Two welcoming gateways to the surrounding countryside.

And of course the city centre of Etten-Leur is also featured on the regional website, where you can find the best local attractions.

Be inspired, plan your visit and experience the region at its best: www.magievandebaronie.nl

Follow in the footsteps of Vincent van Gogh: multimedia experience and museum

The Van Gogh family lived in Etten for seven years. Vincent's father, Theodorus van Gogh, served here as a minister.

In 1881, the village became a turning point in the life of one of the world's greatest artists: Vincent van Gogh. Here he registered himself for the first time as an artist and here he had his very first studio.

This unique story is told at two beautiful locations in the centre of Etten-Leur, within walking distance of each other (300 metres). Both can be visited with one ticket.

Van Gogh Experience

Since the summer of 2025, this special experience can be visited in the Van Gogh Kerk.

Large projections and an impressive story tell about Van Gogh's spectacular artistic development, landscapes, conflicts and love.

Experience his first rough charcoal sketches projected several metres high, as well as the colourful paintings he later created in France.

There is also much more to discover in and around the church:

- the short film **Becoming Vincent**
- a **Van Gogh timeline** showing where he lived and worked
- a small **exhibition** about the history of the church in the first floor of the tower
- outside you will see a huge wall with Van Gogh's first sketches and drawings as well as his famous self-portrait
- step inside a replica of his **first studio**
- visit his **statue in the Binnentuin**, located exactly where his first studio once stood



Museum Sint Paulushofje

The historic and peaceful Sint Paulushofje, dating from 1681, breathes the atmosphere of earlier centuries.

Around the village pump stand small houses for single women and a lively museum.

The museum offers a step back in time and shows the people, crafts and surroundings that inspired Vincent van Gogh.

You will also discover:

- a multimedia presentation about the growth of **Etten-Leur after Van Gogh**
- the **first motorised flight in the Netherlands**, which took place in Etten-Leur in **1909**
- nostalgia from the **1950s and 1960s**
- the history of **mental health care**

Van Gogh Kerk: Markt 4

Museum Sint Paulushofje: Markt 59

Info & tickets:

www.vangohetten-leur.nl

City tours and arrangements:

arrangementen@vgel.nl



Accessibility – Parking – Accommodation

Etten-Leur is easy to reach by bicycle, car and public transport.

The town is located in the west of the province Noord-Brabant, between Breda and Roosendaal. It is easily accessible via the A58 motorway and has its own intercity railway station.

Etten-Leur also makes an excellent base for visiting nearby attractions such as:

- the city of **Breda**
- **Nationaal Park De Biesbosch**
- **De Efteling theme park**
- **Safaripark Beekse Bergen**

Easy and affordable parking

A large modern parking garage is located underneath the shopping centre.

There are more than 1,000 parking spaces, and the garage is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Payment is made afterwards at one of the payment machines located near the pedestrian exits.

The garage also has charging points for electric vehicles.

Near most exits there are disabled parking spaces. The exits are equipped with stairs and lifts, and some entrances also have escalators.

Tip:

The hourly rate in the Parkeergarage Centrum is €2.10, but a day ticket costs only €6 – the lowest parking rate in the region.

Free guarded bicycle parking

A guarded bicycle parking facility is located at the corner of Burchtplein / Bogaard.

Bicycles, mopeds and helmets can be safely left here free of charge.

Opening hours:

Monday – Thursday: 08:30 – 18:30

Friday: 08:30 – 20:30

Saturday: 08:30 – 18:00

Shopping Sunday (last Sunday of the month): 11:00 – 17:00

Intercity railway station

Etten-Leur is also easily accessible by train.

The NS station offers various facilities, including:

- free bicycle parking on both sides of the tracks
- bicycle lockers
- OV-bikes

Tips:

-Enjoy a coffee or lunch at Tingeling, located near the station.

-From the station you can walk to the centre in about 10 minutes via the Anna van Berchemlaan and the renewed Oderkerkpark.

Accommodation

Etten-Leur offers various places to stay overnight.

The town has:

- three hotels
- several bed & breakfasts
- two villas
- two nature houses
- camper pitches
- two campsites



Shopping & Going Out

Etten-Leur is an excellent place both for daily shopping and for an enjoyable shopping trip.

The town has several shopping areas with a pleasant mix of local specialty shops and well-known retail chains.

Most shops are located in the centre, but you will also find shops around Kerkwerve and Van Bergenplein in Etten-Leur Noord.

Winkelhart Etten-Leur

The central shopping area is known as Winkelhart Etten-Leur.

The covered shopping centre forms the heart of this area.

Here you can enjoy shopping at more than 100 stores, both indoors and outdoors.

From fashion stores and boutiques to department stores and delicatessen shops – everything can be found here.

The last Sunday of each month is shopping Sunday. On these days there is often extra entertainment for visitors of all ages.

More information:

www.winkelcentrumetten-leur.nl

Around Burchtplein, Raadhuisplein and Hof van den Houte you will find many cafés and restaurants, from lunchrooms and grand cafés to ice cream parlours and snack bars.



Bisschopsmolenstraat

Want to discover even more in Winkelhart Etten-Leur? Take a stroll under the many chestnut trees along the charming Bisschopsmolenstraat.

Along this attractive street you will find a wide variety of shops offering fashion, lifestyle products, sports and leisure items, electronics, home interior, accessories, beauty products, and food and drinks.

A great selection of boutiques and specialty stores makes this street truly unique. From beds to bicycles, from travel agencies to gaming shops, and from traditional Dutch cheeses to Indonesian, Japanese, Turkish, Moroccan and Balkan specialties – you can find it all here.

Don't forget to visit the small shopping and hospitality courtyard Het Regiment as well.

Markt and Oude Bredaseweg

Winkelhart Etten-Leur also includes the beautiful historic Markt square with its cosy cafés and restaurants, as well as Oude Bredaseweg.

In this street you will find, among others:

- the famous music café De Klomp
- Het Witte Paard (established in 1828), a combination of hotel, café, restaurant and wine shop
- and across the street the specialty beer store De Hopwinkel, often described as one of the most beautiful and welcoming specialty beer shops in the Netherlands.



Typical Etten-Leur

Etten-Leur is truly unique because of several historical events. Here are the three most important moments in history that took place nowhere else.

March 1590 – The Turfschip strategy

The peat skipper Adriaan van Bergen from Leur helped the Prince of Orange recapture the city of Breda from the Spanish during the Eighty Years' War with a clever and historic trick.

His statue stands appropriately at the Leurse Haven, from where his men departed with the peat ship.

In memory of Adriaan van Bergen, the annual Havenfeesten are celebrated here during Pentecost.

April 1881 – Vincent van Gogh begins his artistic career

In Etten, Vincent van Gogh decided to become an artist. Here he had his first studio and registered himself as an artist for the very first time.

His early drawings laid the foundation for the world-famous paintings he would later create.

You can learn more about this story at the Van Gogh Kerk and Museum Sint Paulushofje.

June 1903 – First motorised flight above Dutch territory

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of his sugar factory, owner Sybrand Heerma van Voss invited the French count Charles de Lambert to come to Etten-Leur with his Wright Flyer.

People travelled from far and wide to the Klappenbergse Heide to witness this spectacular event.

Two monuments commemorate this historic moment:

- the monument De Naald on Rijsbergseweg
- a large steel replica of the Wright Flyer on the roundabout at Roosendaalseweg

Tip:

These historical stories come to life at Museum Sint Paulushofje, Markt 59.



Souvenir tip – Moeierboompke liqueur

Looking for something truly typical of Etten-Leur?

Moeierboompke is a liqueur with a unique flavour experience. This special drink is based on refined cognac and enriched with a surprising mix of bourbon, soft vanilla, fresh orange, roasted almonds and a special secret blend of herbs.

The name Moeierboompke is a tribute to the iconic and centuries-old Moeierboom, which has been the centrepiece of the Markt in Etten-Leur for generations.

Just like this tree, Moeierboompke stands for tradition, authenticity and a touch of mystery.

Every euro of profit is donated directly to local charities.

The liqueur is available at several liquor stores and in the Etten-Leur City Shop at Markt 4.



The Story of Etten-Leur

The best of village and city

Etten-Leur cannot easily be captured in a single word. It is not officially a city, yet it is certainly not an ordinary village either. Here you will find the convenience of an intercity railway station, a lively shopping centre and a strong entrepreneurial climate. At the same time, everything is close by, easy to navigate and surrounded by surprising amounts of greenery.

In Etten-Leur you live with plenty of space, cycle everywhere and greet each other in the street. That is what makes our municipality special: we combine urban facilities with a village atmosphere. Large enough to play an important role in the region, yet small enough for people to know one another.

Deeply rooted and always moving forward

In the centre of Etten-Leur stands the Moeierboom, a tree that has been there for centuries. Over time it has become a symbol of our municipality: firmly rooted, yet always developing. Not focused on height or outward display, but on strength and connection. This is reflected in our community.

You see it in the rich club and association life, in the dedication of volunteers, in the entrepreneurial spirit and in the way residents work together on new initiatives. Here we are building the future while never losing our human scale.

The perfect scale

With around 45,000 residents, Etten-Leur has exactly the right size. The town offers extensive facilities, businesses and education for the region, while the atmosphere remains accessible and personal.

Our ambition is clear: to grow in a way that suits us. With attention to sustainability, diversity and connection. New housing, strong business areas and a vibrant town centre go hand in hand with quality of life and open space.

**Etten-Leur is not a compromise between village and city.
It is the best of both.**



Attractions on the Markt

The historic **Markt** square contains several remarkable buildings and monuments.

Highlights include:

Oude Raadhuis – Markt 1

Built in 1776. Vincent van Gogh registered here as an artist for the first time.

Moeierboom

A centuries-old lime tree planted around 1675. In 2020 it was elected National Tree of the Year.

't Kapelleke – Markt 2

Originally built in 1876 as a fire brigade building. Since 1955 it has been used as a chapel where visitors can light a candle.

Tourist Information Point – Markt 4

The former caretaker's house, now home to the City Shop and the entrance to the Van Gogh Kerk.

Pand De Zwaan – Markt 7

Built around **1628**. It has served as an inn, wine merchant, shoemaker and butcher shop. Today it houses the popular restaurant Heinde.

Pand De Winthont – Markt 9

Built in 1571, originally an inn and later a brewery.

House of doctor Van Genk – Markt 17

Doctor Ludovicus Cornelis van Genk, the physician of Vincent van Gogh, once lived here.

Sint Paulushofje – Markt 53-61

Founded in 1681 by Justus de Nobelaer for thirteen poor women. It is the only still inhabited private courtyard in Noord-Brabant.

Lambertuskerk – Markt 62

A beautiful neo-gothic basilica from 1878 with an impressive tower.

In front of the church stands the Sacred Heart statue from 1926.

Tip:

Pick up the City Walk Etten-Leur at the Tourist Information Point or book a guided tour with a local guide.

Reservations:

arrangementen@vgel.nl



The Regiment – a historic gem

This unique location owes its name to the presence of the militia of King Willem I, who were stationed here in 1830 during the Ten Days' Campaign against the Belgian uprising.

The beautiful historic buildings and the small picturesque courtyard make Het Regiment the pearl of Bisschopsmolenstraat.

Tip:

Experience history yourself by booking the Escape Room Etten-Leur.

Reservations:

info@escaperoomettenleur.nl

076 – 56 20 696

Het Regiment is a charming place to wander around and browse through the unique shops.

History, vintage and modern trends come together here.

Recommended places include:

- **Petits Saveurs** – a popular lunch and drinks restaurant with a lovely terrace
- **Restaurant VIN** – one of the few fish restaurants in the region
- **Maison d'Antique** – a large vintage and antique store of more than **1,200 m²**
- On the first floor: **PlankenEnzo, Jewels by Sil and Woed**

Address:

Bisschopsmolenstraat 54-62 / Grauwe Poldervoetpad 2-6

www.hetregiment.nl



Cultuurhuis De Nobelaer

De Nobelaer is the cultural heart of Etten-Leur.

In this vibrant cultural centre you will find:

- the **public library**
- **courses and lessons**
- **theatre and concerts**
- **exhibitions**

It is a welcoming place full of inspiration and encounters for both young and old.

Here people discover their talents, enjoy books, music and theatre, and meet others in the community.

The building also houses the Vraagpunt, where visitors can receive help with digital government services.

Address:

Parklaan 2

www.denobelaer.nl



Weekly Markets and Annual Markets

Weekly Market – Centre

Every Wednesday between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., a lively market takes place on the Markt / Raadhuisplein in the centre of Etten-Leur.

You will find a wide variety of products here, ranging from clothing, shoes, accessories and postcards to fresh fruit and vegetables and the tastiest sandwiches and sweet treats.

Don't forget to stop by for nuts and olives, a freshly fried lekkerbekje or a portion of kibbeling.

From the market you can easily walk into the shopping centre, or visit one of the many cosy cafés, restaurants or lunchrooms nearby. As a result, Wednesday is one of the most pleasant days of the week in Etten-Leur – lively but still relaxed.

Between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m., city carillonneur Jan-Sjoerd van der Vaart plays the carillon in the tower of the Van Gogh Kerk, making a visit to the weekly market even more enjoyable.

Weekly Market – North

Every Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, a smaller weekly market takes place in Etten-Leur Noord at Van Bergenplein.

In the immediate area you will also find many shops, including a florist, bakery, liquor store, bookshop, fashion shop and two supermarkets.

Tips:

- **It is also worth taking a walk around the Van Bergenplein area. Two landmarks that immediately catch the eye are the Trouwkerkje and the Petruskerk with its two slender towers.**
- **A terrace is always close by. Via the Havenkom you can walk along the Geerkade, passing restaurant Het Havenhuis, towards windmill De Lelie and the marina and pavilion De Turfvaart.**

Annual Markets

Each year Etten-Leur hosts about **four large markets**. These are lively street fairs with a variety of entertainment.

- On **King's Day**, the **Oranjemarkt (blanket market)** takes place in the town centre.
- On **Pentecost Sunday**, the **Jaarmarkt in Etten-Leur Noord** is organised as part of the **Havenfeesten**.
- On the **last Sunday of June**, the **Meulemart** is held in the centre.
- On the **last Sunday of September**, the **Jaarmarkt Centrum** takes place.

Museums in Etten-Leur

Nederlands Drukkerij Museum

The complete history of printing and bookmaking since 1445 can be discovered in this remarkable museum, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Visitors can see old printing presses, printing type and various traditional bookbinding techniques. The museum also offers a fun hands-on programme for children.

At the moment there is also a special anniversary exhibition on display.

Open Tuesday to Friday and on the first Sunday of the month from 13:00 to 16:30.

Leeuwerik 8

www.nederlandsdrukkerijmuseum.eu

Museum Sint Paulushofje

Here you will learn everything about the history of Etten-Leur.

At a beautifully animated scale model showing the merging of the two historic village centres Etten and Leur, you can explore the town's development through the centuries.

Your ticket for this museum also gives access to the Van Gogh Kerk.

Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday and on the first and last Sunday of the month from 13:00 to 17:00.

Markt 53–61

www.vangohetten-leur.nl

Van Gogh Kerk

This former Dutch Reformed church offers a multimedia experience (Van Gogh Experience) about a crucial period in the life of Vincent van Gogh, a timeline of his life and a small exhibition about the history of the church (located on the first floor of the tower).

The ticket for the church also gives access to Museum Sint Paulushofje.

Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday and on the first and last Sunday of the month from 13:00 to 17:00.

Markt 4

www.vangohetten-leur.nl

Van Osch Stoom Museum

This private museum displays a large and remarkable collection of restored steam engines, steam tractors and ship engines.

They can only be seen in operation during special “steam days”, which is a unique experience for both young and old.

This year the steam days take place on:

18 April, 9 May, 6 June, 4 July, 29 August and 26 September
from 11:00 to 16:00.

Achter de Molen 108

www.hetvanoschmuseum.nl

Het Natuurmuseum

IVN Dintel- en Marklanden organises interesting and educational activities throughout the year for both children and adults, ranging from workshops to themed evenings and guided walks.

The museum itself can only be visited by appointment.

Lange Brugstraat 61

www.ivndintelenmarklanden.nl

Zagerij en Klompenmakerij Museum

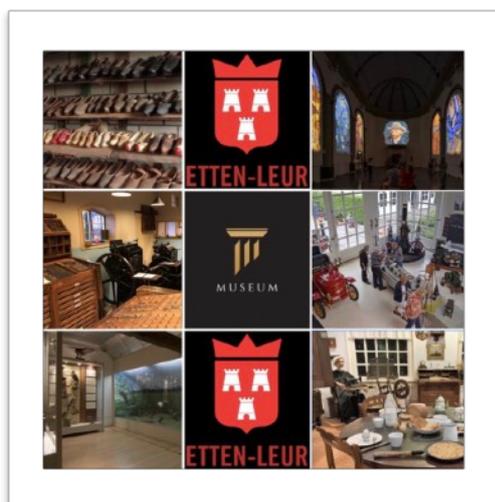
This museum is somewhat hidden in the rural area around Etten-Leur.

Over the years Wim Jacobs has collected many objects related to traditional crafts and rural life from the early 1900s, including a large collection of wooden clogs.

Visits are by appointment only. It is ideal to combine with a walk through Landgoed 's Heeren Vrunten and the Schuitvaart forest area.

Schuitvaartjaagpad 179

www.zagerij-klompenmaker.nl



Activities & Attractions: Top Locations

De Turfvaart and Westpolderplas

If you enjoy swimming in natural water, the Westpolderplas is the perfect place. You can relax on the sunbathing lawn, play games or have a picnic.

At pavilion De Turfvaart (celebrating its 25th anniversary this year), you can enjoy a wide variety of snacks, drinks, lunch or dinner. The terrace offers a beautiful view of the marina.

You can also rent SUP boards here, for example for a scenic trip along the waterway between two windmills.

From De Turfvaart, you can start wonderful walking and cycling routes through the surrounding polders.

De Turfvaart also offers motorhome parking places and a charging point for electric bicycles.

Westpolderpad 6
www.turfvaart.nl

Recreatiebedrijf De Menmoerhoeve

The most complete recreation centre in Etten-Leur.

Facilities include a rural campsite, fun activities, guided tours, a QR audio tour, horse-drawn wagon rides, cycling and walking routes, and delicious food and drinks (indoors or on the spacious outdoor terrace). There is also a children's farm and playground.

This location has the official designation "Fietscafé" (Cyclists' Café), making it a popular stop for cyclists. Naturally, there is also a charging point for electric bicycles.

From De Menmoerhoeve you can easily walk into the nearby nature reserve De Pannenhoeft.

NEW: Van Gogh Beleeftuin – featuring a butterfly garden, fruit avenue, frog pond and a maze made of willow branches. Fun and interesting for both children and adults.

Zundertseweg 66
www.menmoerhoeve.nl



Wijn- en Aspergeboerderij De Santspuy

Experience something truly special and see how asparagus is harvested, or watch the grapes ripening in the vineyards.

Step into the sandy soil of Etten-Leur and discover De Santspuy in all its aspects.

There are many possibilities for guided tours, excursions and arrangements. The farm also offers:

- a shop with regional products
- high wine tastings
- a flower picking garden
- a picnic forest
- motorhome parking places
- nature cottages
- rental of classic Citroën 2CV (“ugly duckling”) cars for scenic drives

There are also charging points for electric cars and bicycles.

Zandspui 45

www.desantspuy.nl



More Activities & Excursions

Imkerij Den Hill

Guided tours, excursions and a shop selling bee and honey products.

Hilsebaan 91

www.bijendehill.nl

Ijsboerderij Heidehoeve

Guided tours and excursions at a dairy farm, including demonstrations of ice cream production.

Shop with ice cream and dairy products.

Hoge Bremberg 33

www.ijsboerderijheidehoeve.nl

Korenmolen De Lelie

Guided tours and a shop selling flour and regional products produced at the mill. Open on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

Geerkade 45

www.korenmolendelelie.nl

Het Aardbeienterras

On the border of Etten-Leur and Rijsbergen you will find Het Aardbeienterras. Treat your taste buds to a wide selection of delicious strawberry specialities.

Next to the terrace there is also a fun playground and various options for excursions, picnics, workshops and games.

Perfect to combine with a walk through the nearby Pannenhoef nature reserve.

Pannenhoefsebaan 31

www.hetaardbeienterras.nl

Exotisch tuincentrum De Evenaar

Step into a faraway exotic destination surrounded by colourful plants, fragrances and sounds.

You will encounter various special birds (including the Australian kookaburra) and a wide range of Asian products, from small gifts to large Buddha statues.

Bredaseweg 287

www.evenaar.com



Even More Activities & Things to Do

Speeltuín Hoge Neer

The largest and most enjoyable free playground in Etten-Leur. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. until sunset.

Next door you will find a brasserie with a spacious terrace.

Hoge Neerstraat 1

www.speeltuinhogeneer.nl

Cinema C-cinema

The perfect outing in the dark: C-Cinema in Etten-Leur.

The cinema has five screening rooms (all accessible for wheelchairs and walkers), comfortable seats with extra legroom, and small tables so you can order snacks and drinks during the movie.

Enjoy excellent screens and high-quality sound.

Binnentuín 2

www.c-cinema.nl

Escaperoom Etten-Leur ‘Het Regiment’

This unique escape room takes you back to the time of King Willem I. It is located in Het Regiment on Bisschopsmolenstraat.

A challenging escape adventure is guaranteed!

Reservations via pancake restaurant Frittella:

info@escaperoomettenleur.nl

+31 76 56 20 696

Grauwe Poldervoetpad 6

www.escaperoomettenleur.com

Game Hall Let's Play It

An arcade hall with more than 65 different games.

A fun place for children, teenagers, parents and even grandparents to play together, compete and create memories.

Bisschopsmolenstraat 46

www.letsplayit.nl

Lasergame Etten-Leur

Looking for an exciting and active experience for children from 6 years and older?

Then laser gaming is a great option.

www.laserbattle-etten-leur.nl

Zwembad De Banakker

This swimming complex includes:

- two swimming pools
- a diving board
- a 45-metre water slide
- whirlpools
- a spray park (water playground with play equipment)
- sunbathing lawns
- a children's pool with play elements
- an infrared sauna
- catering facilities

Parklaan 12

+31 76 501 3772

www.debanakker.nl

ZUIT Sports Community

A versatile sports location offering activities such as:

- tennis
- squash
- padel
- padel ping pong
- pickleball
- bowling

Trivium 120

www.zuit.nl

Golfpark De Turfvaert

A beautifully landscaped 18-hole golf course, designed according to classic British tradition. Friendly for beginner golfers while still challenging for experienced players.

The brasserie offers excellent culinary options. It is also a great starting point for a walk around Landgoed De Turfvaert.

Zwart Moerken 12

Rijsbergen (on the border with Etten-Leur)

www.deturfvaert.nl

Natural(ly) Etten-Leur

Etten-Leur also has a lot to offer nature lovers. Whether you enjoy walking or cycling through polder landscapes and forest areas, or simply want to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life in one of the parks or along the many waterways, nature is always close by in Etten-Leur.

Parks and gardens

It immediately stands out to every visitor: Etten-Leur is a green town.

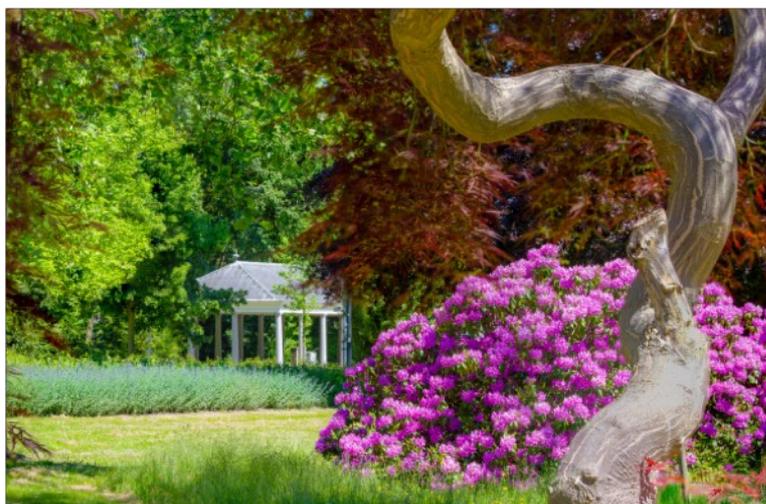
- It already begins at the entrances to the town: Bredaseweg/Parklaan and Roosendaalseweg. What a welcoming view!
- When walking from the NS railway station to the town centre, you will pass Oderkerkpark. Here you can relax, have a picnic or enjoy a drink on the terrace at De Kapel. There is also a beautiful play and sports area.

Just outside the centre there are several other special places worth visiting:

- Park De Oude Leemput (accessible from Roosendaalseweg) with its adventurous winding path. This small nature park is a paradise for various bird species.
- De Oude Kwekerij, a hidden gem in Beatrixpark, where something special is always in bloom. Around 80 different species of trees and shrubs grow here, including impressive sequoias and rhododendrons.
- At Hilsebaan 108 you will find De Achtertuin (also accessible for people who are blind or visually impaired). Open to visitors on Tuesday afternoons from May through October, with additional activities organised regularly.

Tips:

- **Activities in the parks and gardens can be found in the Agenda on [etten-leurcityapp.nl](https://www.etten-leurcityapp.nl).**
- **At the Tourist Information Point in the Etten-Leur City Shop (Markt 4) you can obtain pleasant walking routes and local trails.**



Nature areas

To the north of Etten-Leur you will find a beautiful polder landscape. From De Turfvaart you can easily walk into the nature reserve Kelsdonk. The two so-called boot trails take you through a completely different landscape.

From the Zwartenbergse molen and restaurant Strøming, you can explore areas such as De Berk and the picturesque “koeienpad” (cow path), the Haagse Dijk (part of the cycling route Brabants Mooiste).

To the south of Etten-Leur, we recommend the forest areas De Kogelvanger, De Vloeiweide and the estates 's-Heeren Vrunten and De Pannenhoef.

Tip:

Walk to De Pannenhoef via recreational farm De Menmoerhoeve. Along the way you will pass the Van Gogh Beleeftuin (Experience Garden), featuring a maze and, during the summer months, dozens of different flower species.

Walking & Cycling

Put on your walking shoes or hop on your bicycle and discover the beautiful nature around Etten-Leur. Quiet paths wind through forests, heathlands and wide open polders, while historic farmhouses and picturesque waterways create a charming landscape.

Cycling

With an extensive cycling network in the region, there is plenty to explore in and around Etten-Leur. Thanks to the practical cycling junction network, it is easy to plan your own route.

For example, you can start at the Tourist Information Point on Markt and cycle towards junction 50 or 61, which will lead you straight into the beautiful surrounding countryside.

Not sure which direction to go? At the Tourist Information Point at Markt 4 you can choose from several cycling routes. Our staff will gladly help you find the perfect route.

Tips:

-The Van Gogh Cycling Route North (32 km), also known as the pollard willow route, takes you past hundreds of pollard willows along the Laaksche Vaart. It almost feels like cycling through a painting by Vincent van Gogh.

-The Van Gogh Cycling Route South (29 km) leads you past several nearby villages and the nature reserve De Pannenhoef.



Bicycle rental

- **Van der Veeken**
Bisschopsmolenstraat 104 and Leursvoetpad 4
www.vanderveekenfietsen.nl
- **Roberto Bikes & Scooters** (e-bikes only)
Valpoort 60
www.robortobikes.nl
- **Boere Fietsplezier**
Vincent van Goghplein 20
www.boerfietsplezier.nl

Walking

Walking maps and routes for Etten-Leur and the surrounding area are available at the Tourist Information Point at Markt 4.

Whether you prefer to simply head out into nature and see where the path takes you, or follow a carefully planned walking route, our volunteers are happy to help you get started.

Tip:

If you are visiting with a group, it can be fun to take a guided city walk with a local guide.

Reservations can be made in advance via:

arrangementen@vgel.nl

Horse riding and carriage driving

From spring 2026, Etten-Leur will also be connected to the Brabant equestrian and carriage driving route network.

The route consists of two sections and partly runs through Etten-Leur Noord (polder landscape and forest) and partly through Etten-Leur Zuid (forest and heathland).

Boating and paddling

Would you like to take a trip by boat, canoe, kayak or SUP board through the Leurse Haven, and possibly continue via the Mark river towards Zevenbergen or Breda?

It is possible – and the scenery is beautiful.

More information is available at jachthaven De Turfvaart.

Dutch Heritage in Etten-Leur (Mills)

Bisschopsmolen

The Bisschopsmolen was built in 1744 for the Bishop of Antwerp. At that time (between 1561 and 1795) Etten-Leur belonged to the Diocese of Antwerp. The mill provided the bishop with a steady source of income.

In 1959, the municipality of Etten and Leur became the owner of the mill. After several restorations, the mill is still operational today. The most recent major restoration took place in 2025 / early 2026, and the mill can now once again be admired in all its glory.

Whenever the blue pennant is flying from the mill, visitors are welcome. This is usually on Saturday afternoon, and sometimes on Friday afternoon.

During the National Mill Days, the mill is open on both Saturday and Sunday (9–10 May).

Bisschopsmolenstraat 235

www.bisschopsmolennettenleur.nl

Molen De Lelie

Molen De Lelie is a grain mill with a base dating from 1804. The mill traditionally served as both a grain mill and bark mill. It also ground bones used in the production of glue.

In 1937, the mill burned down due to an overheated petroleum engine. The remaining tower was then converted into a mechanical milling facility.

On 25 September 1998, the rebuilt and fully operational mill was officially reopened. Today, volunteers grind grain in the mill.

The mill can be visited on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 12:00 and 16:00. At that time the mill shop is also open, offering various regional products. Sometimes pancakes are prepared as well.

During the National Mill Days, the mill is open on Saturday only (9 May).

Geerkade 45

www.korenmolendelelie.nl



De Zwartenbergse molen

This beautiful black polder mill, built in 1889, is located in a scenic spot by the water in Etten-Leur Noord. The mill is owned by the Waterschap Brabantse Delta.

The predecessor of this mill (built in 1721) was struck by lightning in 1888 and burned down completely.

Even today the mill occasionally drains the surrounding polder.

De Zwartenbergse molen can regularly be visited on Sundays, roughly between 11:00 and 15:00. To be sure, it is recommended to contact the miller Chris Baeten in advance: +31 76 501 7525.

During the National Mill Days, the mill is open on both Saturday and Sunday (9–10 May).

Next to the mill you will find a beautiful restaurant, Strøming, with a terrace overlooking the water.

Zevenbergseweg 23

www.westbrabantsemolens.nl



EVENTS 2026

Throughout the year Etten-Leur hosts a wide variety of lively events, festivals and markets. From music festivals and sporting events to traditional fairs, cultural activities and cosy seasonal celebrations – there is always something happening in town.

Below you will find an overview of the main events in Etten-Leur. For the most up-to-date information and possible programme changes, please visit www.etten-leurcityapp.nl.

EVENTS – APRIL

5: Tribute Around Town

A festival where various tribute bands perform at six different locations in the town.

6 and 12: Eventing Etten-Leur, Schuitvaartjaagpad

Spread over two Sundays with around 400 starts. Competitions in dressage, show jumping and cross-country.

18 and 19: Dressuurwedstrijden Concordia Florebit, Galgepad 13

Selection competitions for horses and ponies.

25: GIGA Hollandse Avond, Markt

A festive event especially for young people up to 24 years old.

26: Koopzondag, Winkelcentrum

Sunday shopping with extra entertainment.

26: Hollandse Middag

Various Dutch artists perform and get the audience warmed up for Koningsnacht in the local cafés.

26: Koningsnacht

Festivities at various locations throughout Etten-Leur.

27: Leur kleurt Oranje, Schoenmakerspark

A cheerful King's Day celebration with many games and activities for children.

27: Koningsmarkt, Centrum

Large blanket market with traditional elements such as the aubade, decorated bicycles and a live music programme.

EVENTS – MAY

3: Auto- en Motorsport Experience, Hoevenseweg 39d

A family event featuring race cars, rally cars, motorcycles, Dakar trucks, tractor pulling machines, karts and classic cars.

2–3: Kunst & Meer op De Santspuy, De Santspuy

An art and culture event with 60 artists and creative craftsmen from the Netherlands and abroad, a food square, live music, demonstrations and workshops.

9–10: Nationale Molendagen

De Lelie (Saturday only), Bisschopsmolen (both days) and Zwartenbergse molen (both days) are open for visits and guided tours by the millers.

22–27: Leurse Havenfeesten, Leurse Haven

With an evening market, traditional crafts, classic cars, old tractors, vintage mopeds, shanty choirs, children's activities, live performances, exhibitions, a bathduckdrace and the Lelieloop. Extra: Navy Roadshow.

29: Kennedymars, Hof van Holland

A long-distance walking event of 80 km.

30: Baroniemars, Hof van Holland

Walking tours of 10, 20, 30 and 40 km.

31: Koopzondag, Winkelcentrum

Sunday shopping with extra entertainment.

31: Platenmarkt, Raadhuisplein

Retro record market with a large selection of singles, LPs and CDs.

31: Urban Vibes, Urban Sports Park, Brabantpark

Spectacular demonstrations and activities including skating, boxing, scooter tricks, basketball, panna football and calisthenics.

EVENTS – JUNE

1–4: Avond 4Daagse Etten-Leur, Centrum

Large walking event with routes of 3, 5, 10 and 15 km.

6–7: KPJ Trekkertrek, Haansberg 88

Large outdoor event for enthusiasts of tractor pulling and heavy machinery.

13: Just Dance Outdoor Festival, Brabantpark

Large dance festival with a main stage (including Gerard Joling) and a classics area with several DJs.

20: SportEvent, Centrum

Event organised by local sports clubs featuring demonstrations and activities for visitors to try.

21: Kapelpop, Oderkerkpark

Festival featuring artists and music from earlier decades.

26 June – 1 July: Zomerkermis, Centrum

Six days of fun with many large, small, spectacular and nostalgic fair attractions, live performances and plenty of tasty treats.

28: Koopzondag en Meulemart, Centrum

Because of the summer fair, the market area includes Bisschopsmolenstraat, Hof van den Houte, Markthof, Burchtplein and Torenpad.

EVENTS – JULY

1: Zomerkermis, Centrum

Summer fair with numerous attractions, live entertainment and food stalls.

3–4: Zomerevenementen Leur, Schoenmakerspark

Beach festival with beach soccer, a festival tent and live performances.

4: Bixie & Hobby Horse wedstrijd, Galgepad 13

A festive day for the whole family organised by Concordia Florebit equestrian club.

10–11: GTC Rally, Vosdonk

High-speed rally stages with rally cars. On Friday evening the first car starts around 18:30 at KP Vosdonk. The stage is driven twice. On Saturday the Rucphen-Klappenberg stage is also driven twice.

20 July – 6 August: Jeugdland, Wipakker

Summer holiday activities for children.

26: Koopzondag, Winkelcentrum

Sunday shopping with extra entertainment.

31: Pasar Malam, Oderkerkpark

A weekend of Indonesian culture, with music, singing, dance and various stalls.

EVENTS – AUGUST

1–2: Pasar Malam, Oderkerkpark

A weekend celebrating Indonesian culture, with music, dance and food stalls.

2–6: Jeugdland, Wipakker

Summer holiday activities for children.

6–13 and 20: Zomeravond Spektakel, Raadhuisplein

Live music evenings with cover bands, party music and Dutch sing-along hits.

16: Profwielerronde, Centrum

Cycling event with celebrity race, children's races, professional races (men and women) and entertainment.

16: Luikse Markt, Brabantpark

Large outdoor flea market.

23: Jumpcross, Galgepad 13

Horse competition featuring both jumping obstacles and natural obstacles.

29–30: Popelucht, Oderkerkpark

Open-air pop and rock festival with two stages featuring tribute bands and bands with original music.

30: Obstacle Run Etten-Leur, sportpark De Hoge Neer

Run a challenging course full of obstacles in and around the sports fields at Olympiade.

30: Koopzondag met entertainment, Winkelcentrum

Sunday shopping with entertainment.

EVENTS – SEPTEMBER

12–13: Open Monumentendag, diverse locaties

Historic monuments open their doors with a special programme of activities.

18–20: Open Atelier Route Etten-Leur, diverse locaties

Art discovery route across about 15 locations, with a central exhibition at De Nobelaer.

18–22: Najaarskermis, Etten-Leur Noord

Autumn fair at Van Bergenplein and Lange Brugstraat.

27: Koopzondag en Jaarmarkt, Centrum

Large market with local entrepreneurs, traders and entertainment in Bisschopsmolenstraat, Raadhuisplein, Markt and Oude Bredaseweg.

Parkfeest, Schoenmakerspark

Festival in the park. Date to be announced.

EVENTS – OCTOBER

9–11: Smartlappenfestival, Oderkerkpark

Music festival celebrating the Dutch “smartlap” and Dutch-language songs.

17: Najaarswandeling De Losse Feeter, Wipakker

Walking event through the countryside with distances from 5 to 30 km.

24: Marathon Brabant wandeltochten, Centrum

Walking tours of 6, 10, 20 or 30 km, mostly through rural surroundings.

25: Van Oers Marathon Brabant, Centrum

Running distances of 2.5 km, 5 km, 10 km, half marathon and full marathon.

25: Koopzondag, Winkelcentrum

Sunday shopping with entertainment.

EVENTS – NOVEMBER

15: Intocht Sinterklaas, Leurse Haven

Arrival of Sinterklaas by boat, with festivities along the quay. Around 13:00 he begins a parade through the town ending with the Pepernotenparty in De Nobelaer.

29: Koopzondag, Winkelcentrum

Sunday shopping with entertainment.

EVENTS – DECEMBER

13, 20 and 27 December: Koopzondag, Winkelcentrum

Sunday shopping with extra Christmas entertainment.

4 December – 3 January: IJsfestijn Etten-Leur, Markt

For the second year a large **ice skating rink** on the Markt, with activities, performances, a curling tournament and Christmas market.

13: Kerstmarkt, Van Bergenplein

Christmas market with stalls, performances, food, drinks and festive atmosphere.

19 December – 3 January: Kerstcircus, Brabantpark

The 11th edition of the Christmas circus with spectacular international acts.

19: Lichtjestocht, diverse locaties

Parade with about 25 illuminated tractors organised by Trekker Oldtimer Club Liesbosch.

28: Indoor Trekker-Trek bij Stal 't Sander

Tractors pull a heavy sled across the longest possible distance in several categories.

31: NIEUW – Spectacular Count Down to 2027

More information will follow on www.Etten-LeurCityApp.nl.



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