

## TOURIST INFO

### INFOFABRIK

(City Tourist Office)  
Open Mo-Sa 09:00-18:00  
85, rue de l'Alzette 1

### EMERGENCIES

Police: 113  
Ambulance: 112  
Emergency Room:  
70, rue Émile Mayrisch

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Driving to Esch? Not the best move - parking here is both hard to find and pricey. Good news though: Luxembourg made history by becoming the first country in the world to offer **free public transportation!** So, hop on a train or bus and enjoy the ride. Remember: on the bus, press the red "STOP" button shortly before it's your turn to get off.  
Taxis? Let's just say they're not the most budget-friendly option. But here's a tip: Uber is now available in Luxembourg.

### ABOUT THE CITY

Esch-sur-Alzette is Luxembourg's second-largest city and one of the most multicultural, with over 120 nationalities calling it home.  
**Tap water** is safe to drink, though restaurants usually charge for it. Drinking alcohol in public is permitted. Need cash? ATMs here are called "**Bancomat**".

### ACCOMODATION

- affordable options:  
**Youth Hostel**  
17, Boulevard J. F. Kennedy  
B.P.20 Gaalgebierg
- pricy but unique option:  
**Escher Bamhaiser** (Tree houses)  
64, Gaalgebierg

### LOCAL TIP

**SARA**  
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## SOME USEFUL vocabulary

**Don't be shy—give Luxembourgish a try!** We promise we're not laughing at you: **we're just thrilled that you're making the effort.**

<b>Moien</b> - Hello	<b>Wéivill Auer ass et?</b> What time is it?	<b>Wéi geet et?</b> How are you?
<b>Jo</b> - Yes	<b>Wann ech gelift</b> Please	<b>Gutt, a bei dir?</b> I'm good, how are you?
<b>Nee</b> - No	<b>E gudden (Appetit)</b> Enjoy (your food)!	<b>Jo et muss, an bei dir?</b> Not so well, how are you?
<b>Merci</b> - Thank you	<b>Schéine Feierowend</b> Happy After work	<b>Wou ass d'Gare?</b> Where is the train station?
<b>Prost!</b> - Cheers!	<b>Gesondheet!</b> Bless you!	
<b>Een</b> - One		
<b>Zwee</b> - Two		
<b>Drei</b> - Three		
<b>Vier</b> - Four		
<b>Fënnf</b> - Five		

### 6. PHO REAL?

7, Avenue du Rock'n'Roll  
Ever tried Vietnamese food? **Moien Vietnam** is the new kid in the city and already a locals favorite! With friendly staff that makes sure everything is to your liking and an open kitchen, where you can watch the magic unfold while your meal is prepared. The service is quick during peak hours and the flavors are authentic. If you're unsure what to order, trust us: their beef pho is a must-try!

### 1 UNLOCK YOUR MAIN CHARACTER MOMENT

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### 2 NACHOS, TUNES & GOOD TIMES

12, Avenue du Swing  
Great vibes, live music, and delicious Mexican food. **Coyote** is the place to be! Their huge summer terrace is the ultimate hangout for a fun evening with friends—just make sure to book your table in advance! And here's a tip: Don't miss their weekend promotions! For example, Mondays mean all-you-can-eat chicken wings—the perfect way to start the week.

### 3 YOUR GO-TO FOR ASIAN GOODIES-MARKET

7, Avenue du Swing  
Whether you're on a snack run or finally testing out that homemade ramen recipe, the **A-Market** has all the Asian ingredients you need. They always have fresh enoki mushrooms and Asian fruit you might not have tried before. And if cooking feels like too much effort, their bubble tea and take-away food section have you covered.

### 4 NAAN-STOP DELICIOUSNESS

8, Rue le Bataclan  
If you're in the mood for rich Indian flavors, **Bombay-Inn** delivers - literally and figuratively. The lentil soup, garlic naan, and paneer korma are top picks, but honestly, you can't go wrong as there's no shortage of vegetarian dishes and other delights. It is especially nice to sit and eat on their terrace on a hot summer night.

### 5 METAL AND KRAFT

1, Avenue du Swing  
Clocking out? Time to rock out! **MK Bar** is an afterwork spot where great drinks meet even better vibes. Unwind with a craft beer, chat with the lively and passionate staff, and soak in the energy. As the night kicks in, so does the music - live rock and metal gigs turn this place into a headbanger's paradise.

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### 9 LOUD, LIVE & LEGENDARY

5, Avenue du Rock'n'Roll  
Ready to turn up the volume? **Rockhal** is Luxembourg's biggest concert hotspot, bringing in top international artists and electrifying shows across all music genres. Whether you're into rock, pop, EDM, or metal, this venue delivers unforgettable nights. Check out their lineup, grab your ticket, and while you're there. Don't forget to look up, there's a car on the ceiling!

### 10 STEEL GIANTS

6, Avenue des Hauts-Fourneaux  
Belval's **Héichwien** (blast furnaces) are more than just massive steel structures, they're iconic reminders of the region's industrial past. Once used to smelt iron, they've been carefully preserved and now stand proudly in Belval's modern skyline. Climb 180 steps to the top of Blast Furnace A and enjoy panoramic views over Esch, Belval, and beyond.

### 11 WHERE TRADITION MEETS TASTE

4, Ennert den Héichwien  
Right below the blast furnace, you'll find **Schmelz**, serving up Luxembourgish comfort food and more. It's busy at lunch with business crowds, but evenings are relaxed, perfect for enjoying Gromperkichelcher (potato pancakes) or Kniddelen (lux. dumplings). Inside you'll find a sophisticated indoor lounge that offers a unique view of the furnace's interior and outside gives more of an urban terrace vibe. Don't forget to book online.

### 12 A STUDENT FAVORITE

6, Ennert den Héichwien  
**Dalmat Coffee House** is known for its unique atmosphere and striking architectural design. The café seamlessly incorporates parts of the old blast furnace, making it a one-of-a-kind spot to enjoy a coffee. The menu offers a selection of lunch options, specialty coffees, and daily changing vegan sweets like cakes and brownies. Located near the university and learning center, it's a favorite among students.

### 13 STUDY WITH A VIEW

10, Place de l'Académie  
Do you love Belval's architecture as much as I do? Then you should definitely visit the **Luxembourg Learning Center** that was built into an old Arbed factory building. I typically come here to study. The architecture is mesmerizing and creates a calm but motivating ambiance. Even if you're not a student, you should still enter and discover the place - quietly, while practicing your miming skills.

### 14 THE PATH BETWEEN PAST & FUTURE

9, An der Schmelz  
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### 15 MONKEYS AND TACOS

41, Route de Belval  
Feeling active on a rainy day? **BlocX** is Luxembourg's biggest bouldering hall, perfect for testing your grip or channeling your inner Ninja Warrior. Not into climbing? No problem, grab some tacos at **Los Monos**, the in-house Mexican spot, and watch the action while you eat. Who knows, maybe you'll burn a few calories just by watching them scale the walls while you enjoy your food!

### 16 THE RED EARTH TRAIL

Ellergronn/Minnet Trail, Esch  
Imagine a place where nature and industry collide in the coolest way possible: that's the **Minnet Trail**, a 90km trek through Luxembourg's Terres Rouges region. One of its wildest stops? Ellergronn with its post-apocalyptic vibes where old mining tunnels, rusty railway lines and deep red rock formations are swallowed up by the forest. It's history with an adventurous twist, perfect for exploring! After your hike, delve deeper into the region's past at the Centre Nature et Forêt Ellergronn. Want to stay overnight? Stay at Maison Rosati or sleep in the Pump It Up inflatable cabin (simpleviu.com) for a truly out-of-this-world experience.

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### 18 TIME FOR THEATRE!

9, Rue Pierre Claude & 122, Rue de l'Alzette  
You wanna get entertained? Both **Ariston** and **Escher Theater** have got you covered. **Ariston** used to be a cinema. Since the renovation their theatre program focuses on the younger, kids and teens, spectator. Escher Theater offers a wide programming, both national and international. Check out online what shows you can expect to see there. You will also find information of what language the performance will be in.

### 19 A HIDDEN GREEN OASIS

22, Rue du Brill  
Esch might be many things, but tropical isn't one of them. If you're craving a summer escape, head to **YOLO**, a hidden oasis where cocktails and premium shisha set the mood. With its lush, jungle-like decor, this spot makes it easy to forget even the rainiest day in Esch.

### 20 REMEMBER, REFLECT, RESIST

Place de la Résistance  
For history buffs, a must-visit place is the **Musée de la Résistance et des Droits Humains**, which is dedicated to the history of occupied Luxembourg during WWII. The museum hosts a permanent exhibition about life under the Nazi regime and the horrors of the Holocaust, as well as a moving presentation on human rights and civil resistance. A place you're guaranteed to leave with more knowledge than you came in with.

### 21 RAMEN IN A BOX

Place du Brill  
After a long stroll down Rue de l'Alzette, window shopping your way to Place du Brill, the cold starts to bite. Time to warm up! Nestled in a cozy box-style venue in a small park, **Ramen Shifu** serves steaming bowls of Japanese ramen and other delicious specialties. Perfect for thawing out and recharging before heading back into the city!

### 22 SURPRISE, SURPRISE

121, Rue de l'Alzette  
A feature of Esch's main shopping street since 2022, the **Pop-Up Store** is a space that keeps changing. This dynamic venue can host up to seven different suppliers, from small start-ups to established businesses, selling things from food to niche products or services. Swing by and let yourself be surprised by what you find there.

### 23 BRUNCH, BUT MAKE IT ART

28, Rue Dicks  
Very instagramable, **Celine in the Kitchen** is a dreamy little café where brunch is as pretty as it is tasty. On occasion, owner Celine even lets you in on the fun with her cake decorating workshops and other creative activities. It's pretty pricey but if you are in a "might as well indulge once in a while" kind of mood, why not. Just don't forget to book in advance - seats fill up quickly!

### 24 START YOUR DAY THE PORTUGUESE WAY

39, Rue Zénon Bernard  
If you are a morning person looking for a place to enjoy a good breakfast or brunch, **Estrela Bakery** is the perfect spot. With its Portuguese specialties and warm atmosphere, it is complemented by a super friendly staff. Personally, we love their combination board that includes pancakes, yogurt, and toast. performance will be in.

### 25 DOUGH IT YOUR WAY

89, Rue de l'Alzette  
**Clood Factory** doesn't just serve pizza, they experiment with it. Think bold flavors, unique shapes (yes, heart-shaped pizzas are a thing), and out-of-the-box toppings. They even hold the record for Luxembourg's longest pizza at a massive 100 meters! Ranked among Europe's top 50 pizzerias, this is a must-visit for pizza lovers. And if you've ever dreamed of tossing dough like a pro, their pizza-making classes are the perfect place to start.

### 26 PIZZA WHEN? PIZZA NOW!

60, Rue de l'Alzette  
Craving Italian food but not in the mood for a restaurant session? **Pizza Enzo** is your place to be! Right in the heart of the city center you'll be able to have delicious and fresh made pizza and pasta to take away. Fun fact? This restaurant is the oldest establishment in Rue de l'Alzette.

### 27 THE HOME OF FRANCESINHA

38, Rue Victor Hugo  
If you want to enjoy typical and authentic Portuguese food in a familiar atmosphere, we can definitely recommend **O Emigrante**. The prices are especially fair for the daily lunch options. Here you get big portions so go there with an empty stomach. In 2016 they were even nominated for serving the best *Francesinha* (an overloaded french toast with a special homemade sauce on top) in Esch.

### 28 THREE FOR ONE

1, Place des Sacrifiés  
In case you're more of a park-person who enjoys a cozy picnic, **Lavals Park** is the spot. It has a mini outdoor gym, a cool new playground for children and adults too, in our opinion. **Escher Schwemm** is our local pool, perfect for every season, because it has an outdoor pool where you can lay in the sun but also a heated pool inside and one where you can swim lines. There's also a new gym area and the possibility to relax in the sauna & solarium. As if that wasn't enough, you'll also find **Club5**, attached to the swimming pool, where you can enjoy delicious dishes like carpaccio before you get hangry!

### 29 HOME OF THE FLUFFIEST TREATS

8, Rue de Belvaux  
Tired of the usual croissant? Time to try Portuguese-style pastries, fluffy, soft, and full of flavor! You'll find them (plus fun little toys) at **Bof-Pires**, a charming family-run bakery. On Sundays, it's so popular you'll often see a line down the street for their pastries and fresh baguettes. Just a heads-up: it's cash only, so come prepared and treat yourself while supporting a local gem.

### 30 WARM HEARTS, COLD BEERS

55, Rue du Clair-Chaine  
At **Escher Kafé**, warmth and hospitality meet great food and drinks. Claude and his team make you feel at home with a top-notch local beer selection, delicious snacks and a weekly changing hearty menu. Enjoy a drink on the terrace during golden hour or stay cozy inside by the crackling wood stove. For spirit lovers, their whiskey and rum tastings are a real experience.

### 31 CANDY FOR YOUR EYES

14, Rue Marcel Reuland  
Looking for a unique place to discover local artists? **Kamellebuttek** is the place for you! Literally translating "candy shop", an indeed very sweet crew will welcome you in a house fully dedicated to their art! We would recommend you to go to one of their vernissages. You'll find more information online, make sure not to miss it!

## SAVE THE DATES

### JANUARY

- Happy New Year @Pitcher:** 23h new year celebration from 01:00 am until everybody has gone home
- Winter sales**
- MARCH**
- Cavalcade:** carnival parade
- APRIL**
- Out of the crowd-OOTC:** 49 one day festival at Kulturfabrik promoting indie music
- Ouschter Kiermes:** Easter city fair
- MAY**
- LOA (Luxembourg open Air):** a two day EDM festival at Belval
- Culture Forest Festival:** one day music festival promoting local artists
- Päischt Kiermes:** Pentecost city fair
- JUNE**
- Les francofolies at Gaalgebierg:** 43 a music festival with a lineup exclusively made of French speaking artists
- Nationalfeierdag - National Day 23th of June:** party on the 22nd & official celebrations on the 23rd (bank holiday)

### JULY

- Braderie Urbaine:** a festive Event hosted by Kulturfabrik 49 featuring a creator's market, concerts, exhibitions, performances...
- Fêtes des Hauts Fourneaux:** a magical night around the blast furnaces 10
- Screaming Fields:** a music festival at Rockhal 9 giving young local and international bands from all genres a chance to perform
- Luxembourg Pride Week:** a week celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community
- Luxembourg Beach Open:** a Beach Volleyball Tournament at Gaalgebierg 43 & After party
- Vélodukt Ride:** free bike-taxi service that connects Esch city center with Belval, from July until September 14

### SEPTEMBER

- Nuit de la culture:** cultural night
- Sudstrom - Escher Kulturlaaf:** a run through Esch with concerts

### OCTOBER

- Clowns in Progress:** a festival dedicated to today's clowns at Kulturfabrik

### NOVEMBER

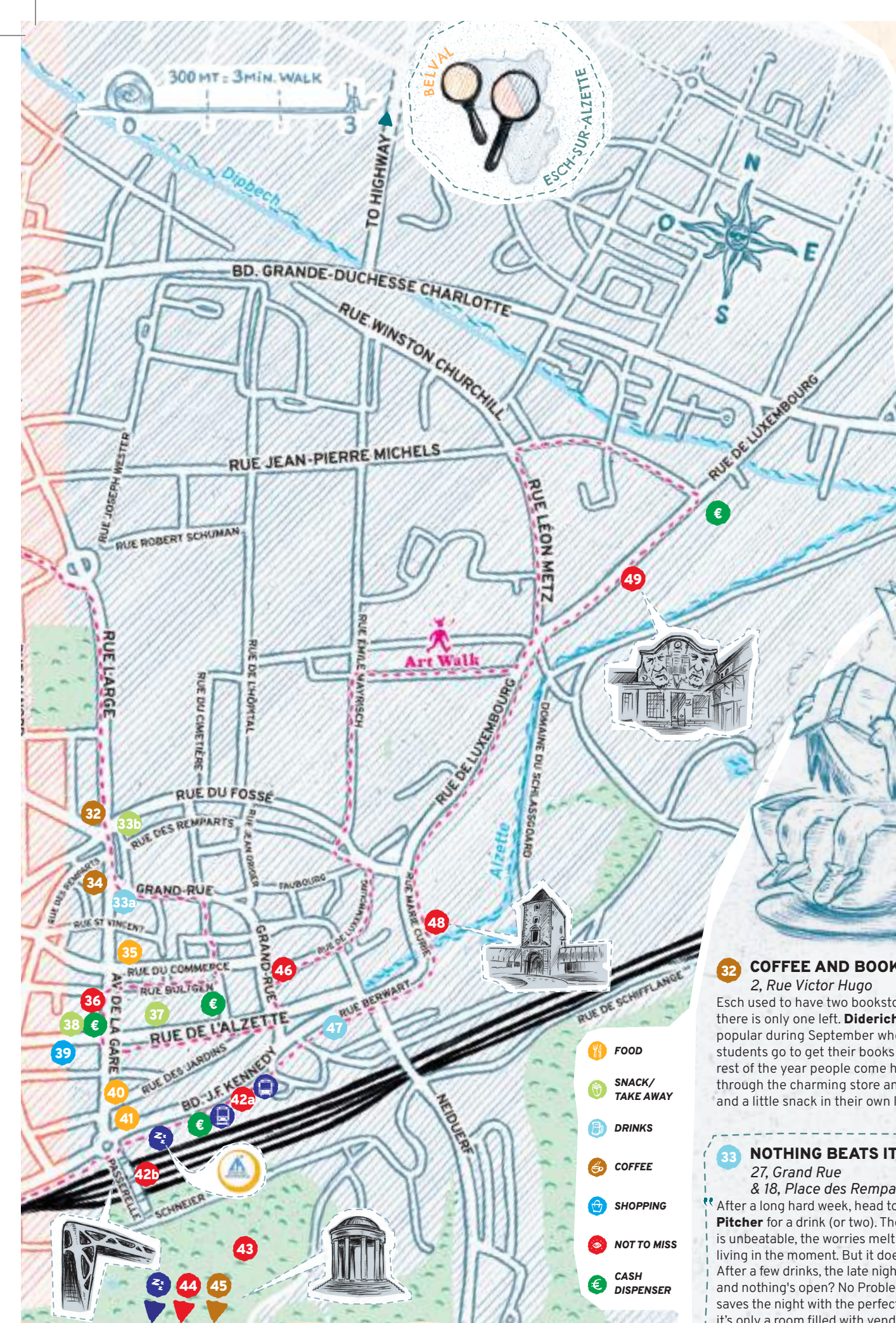
- Chreschtmaart:** beginning of the Christmas & Winter market

### DECEMBER

- Steelpunch:** Christmas drinks and live music on the afternoon of the 24th

**Market:** on Tuesday & Friday morning in front of the City Hall  
**Garage sale & flea market:** first Saturday of the month, from March to October, from 7am to 6pm





## JOIN USE-IT!

### ARE YOU FROM ESCH?

If you love this city as much as we do and think we **missed some must-see spots**, or you simply find the **USE-IT project cool**, we've got great news: **we're always looking for new team members!**

Drop by at **Escher Jugendhaus** (65, rue Zénon Bernard) or **DM us** on Instagram.

### WANT TO CREATE YOUR OWN USE-IT MAP OF YOUR CITY?

Not from Esch but still **love the idea**? Why not gather some friends and create a **USE-IT map for your own city**? Join our network, put your town on the map, and **become part of the USE-IT network!**

Not sure where to start?  
**No worries—everyone starts somewhere!**

**GET MORE INFO AT [WWW.USE-IT.TRAVEL](http://WWW.USE-IT.TRAVEL)**

### 37 MAY WE INTRODUCE YOU?

24, Rue de l'Alzette

**May Boulangerie & Pâtisserie** somehow introduces itself! How so? It is uniquely the pretty looking cakes will not get your attention when you walk past it. Make sure to go in and not only get surprised by the variety of sweets, but also by their lunch options. You will discover tasty, budget-friendly, Brazilian cuisine.

### 38 THE BROTHERS

34, Rue de l'Alzette

A snack spot with a family feel. **Les Frères** is a family-owned business that serves up fast food and delicious Iraqi specialties. To our veggie friends: trust us and please taste their falafel wrap!

### 39 BE COOL, BUY LOCAL

59, Rue de l'Alzette

**Kaf Lokal** offers Luxembourgish products from all over the country. From jewellery to beverages and food, it is the perfect place to buy souvenirs for yourself or gifts for a beloved one! If you feel hungry you can choose from a variety of snacks, or even check out their daily suggestions. You will discover Luxembourgish dishes lovingly prepared with local ingredients.

### 40 A TASTE OF BRAZIL IN EVERY BITE

12, Avenue de la Gare

Craving some authentic Brazilian flavors? **Good Tasty** brings homemade Brazilian specialties straight to your plate! Start your day with a fresh *Açaí na Tigela*, a vibrant superfood bowl that's as delicious as it is energizing. Another must try are their mouthwatering *Pão de Queijo*—Brazil's irresistible cheese bread that melts in your mouth.

### 41 S IS FOR SUSHI

64, Boulevard John F. Kennedy

**Sushi Panda** is for the hungry travelers among us! Eat there, take it away, or have it delivered. You will not be disappointed since their menu is pretty diverse! It goes from sushi, to fried rice and noodles, and all kinds of other main dishes. If you stay in the youth hostel you are in good luck! This restaurant is right across the street.

### 33 NOTHING BEATS IT

27, Grand Rue

& 18, Place des Remparts  
**Pitcher** for a drink (or two). The vibe is unbeatable, the worries melt away and I'm living in the moment. But it doesn't stop there! After a few drinks, the late night cravings hit and nothing's open? No Problem! **Grab & Go** saves the night with the perfect snack. Even if it's only a room filled with vending machines, it saved the night more than once already. That's my ultimate weekend combo. Pitcher, and Grab & Go!

### 34 COFFEE O'CLOCK

26, Rue des Remparts

There is a difference between needing coffee and enjoying it. At **Babbocaffè**, coffee is to be enjoyed! The owner roasts his coffee in-house and lures people in with the amazing smell of freshly roasted coffee beans. The interior is cozy but very small. The best time to visit is on a sunny afternoon, enjoying their terrace. Here, you'll find a mixture of Esch's population, all agreeing on one thing: this is our number one coffee spot.

### 35 LET ME TELL YOU A STORI-A

6, Rue du Commerce

Craving a nice Italian meal? **La Storia** is your place to go! Lunch or dinner, you will be welcomed by friendly staff for pizza, pasta and more! This place has been around for what feels like forever. Chances are that you will love their pasta dishes as much as we do!

### 36 EAT, LEARN, AND GO GREEN

1, Rue du Moulin

This budget-friendly spot is a mix of grocery shop, bar, and restaurant. Their vibrant, colorful dishes are so good you won't even miss the meat! But **Mesa** is more than just great food. As part of their project, they host events and workshops on zero waste, upcycling and more.

### 42 CHOOSE YOUR PATH

Boulevard John F. Kennedy

To get to the green lung of Esch, there are four different ways. The most relaxed way would be to take the **Gaalgebüs** in front of the train station. The two more challenging ways are to basically struggle your way up to the top by taking the Diswee or Rue du Stade. Last but not least, you can shorten the struggle by half by crossing the **Passerelle** right next to the Youth Hostel.

### 43 ESCH'S GREEN LUNG

Gaalgebürg

Fancy a quick escape from the concrete and the urban vibe of the city then the **Gaalgebürg** is the perfect place for you. Here you can take a break under the trees, get some fresh air and listen to nature. When the weather is good, locals get some food, drinks and a blanket and come here for a picnic.

### 44 MEET THE FURRY LOCALS

64, Gaalgebürg

On the very top of the **Gaalgebürg** you'll find our local zoo. It may not have any crocodiles or monkeys but I am sure that you haven't seen any place like it and it is free. The **Escher Déierenpark** has something magical about it, it's like you're stepping into a fairytale. If you are lucky you'll find some free food for the animals in the entry to make some new friends.

### 45 WAKE UP IN THE WOODS

64, Gaalgebürg

Nestled in the heart of nature, the **Bamhauscafé** and **Escher Bamheiser** offer a peaceful escape within the local zoo. The treehouse café, built entirely from wood, is the perfect place to grab a snack or coffee while enjoying the forest surroundings. Right next door, the tree houses provide a unique overnight stay with all the comforts you need, including wheelchair accessibility. Waking up to bird chirping and starting your day with breakfast at the café makes the experience even more special. While a stay here is on the pricier side, it's truly one of a kind.

### 46 TAKE ONE, LEAVE ONE

Place de l'Hôtel de Ville

Hey traveler! Need a new read for your journey? Grab a free book out of our **Bischerschaaf** which you'll find in a blue box next to city hall. You can take one with you-no strings attached. If you'd like to give back, leave a book you've enjoyed and add a funny or inspiring note for the next reader. Who knows? Your words might make someone's day! Don't miss out on the musical steps, happy reading and safe travels!

### 47 GAME ON

8, Rue Berwart

Tucked in the heart of Esch, **Bei de Minettsdäpp** is where drinks meet great games. This café offers a massive selection of board games for every age. The staff is super friendly and speaks English, making it easy to settle in and have a great time. They also host quiz nights so if that is your kind of thing, just go and look up the next date on their website.

### 48 TAKE A PEEK AT THE INVISIBLE RIVER

66, Rue du Luxembourg

Esch's full name is *Esch-sur-Alzette*, because of the river **Uelzecht (Alzette)** which runs through it. Or rather, it runs underneath it—you won't be able to see this underground river anywhere but at the **Schlassgoart** (the castle garden), where it pops up. Another invisible feature of Esch: despite the name, the castle garden no longer has a castle. All that remains is one pink tower. Apparently, Esch loves contradictions!

### GREET LIKE A LOCAL

Handshakes, Hugs & Kisses

In Esch, a handshake or fist bump is the go-to greeting. But the closer the bond, the warmer the welcome—friends might share a hug or three kisses. Things can get awkward when Luxembourgers greet Belgian or French friends, though—since each country has its own magic number of kisses (anywhere from 1 to 5!). Cringe alert!

We kindly demonstrated the **Secret Escher Handshake** just scan the QR Code!

### MOVE LIKE A LOCAL

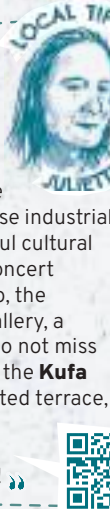
Walk, Ride, Repeat

Esch's city center is small and walkable—you can get anywhere in under 20 minutes. But when it rains (or laziness kicks in), locals happily take free public transport. Need a break? Hop on a bus, especially if you're heading to Belval. Just remember: buses stop running early on weekdays (11 PM), and taxis? Let's just say they're not budget-friendly.

### 49 CULTURAL HOTSPOT

116, Rue de Luxembourg

**Kulturfabrik** a.k.a Kufa a.k.a my favorite place for live music in town! Did someone say, local and international artists and affordable ticket prices? The old abattoir whose industrial soul is now transformed to a colorful cultural centre. For me it is mostly about concert nights but you will also find a bistro, the **Ratelach** (rat hole in English), a gallery, a cinema and the **Brasserie K116**. Do not miss the opportunity to sip a cocktail at the **Kufa Summer Bar**, a beautifully decorated terrace, open from May to September. Check out Kulturfabrik online and get ready for a night of good vibes!



## Art Walk

A few years ago the **Kulturfabrik** launched a project called Kufa's Urban Art which was a huge success and transformed some of Esch's facades into amazing Art. Because we don't want to gatekeep these colorful pieces, we created an **Art Walk** for you that passes most of them.



### TALK LIKE A LOCAL

A City of Many Tongues

Even though Luxembourgish is an official language, strolling through the streets of Esch, you're likely to hear at least three different languages at once! English? It's often the fourth or even fifth language here. The most spoken is French, thanks to the many commuters from Belgium and France—making Esch a truly multilingual melting pot!

### WHERE ARE ALL THE LOCALS?!

An introvert's dream

August is THE month for summer break, and suddenly, Esch feels like a ghost town. Weekends are quiet, the streets are empty—perfect if you enjoy some peace and solitude. But don't worry, everything is still open, so you can soak up the summer vibes without the crowds!

### DEBATE BEER LIKE A LOCAL

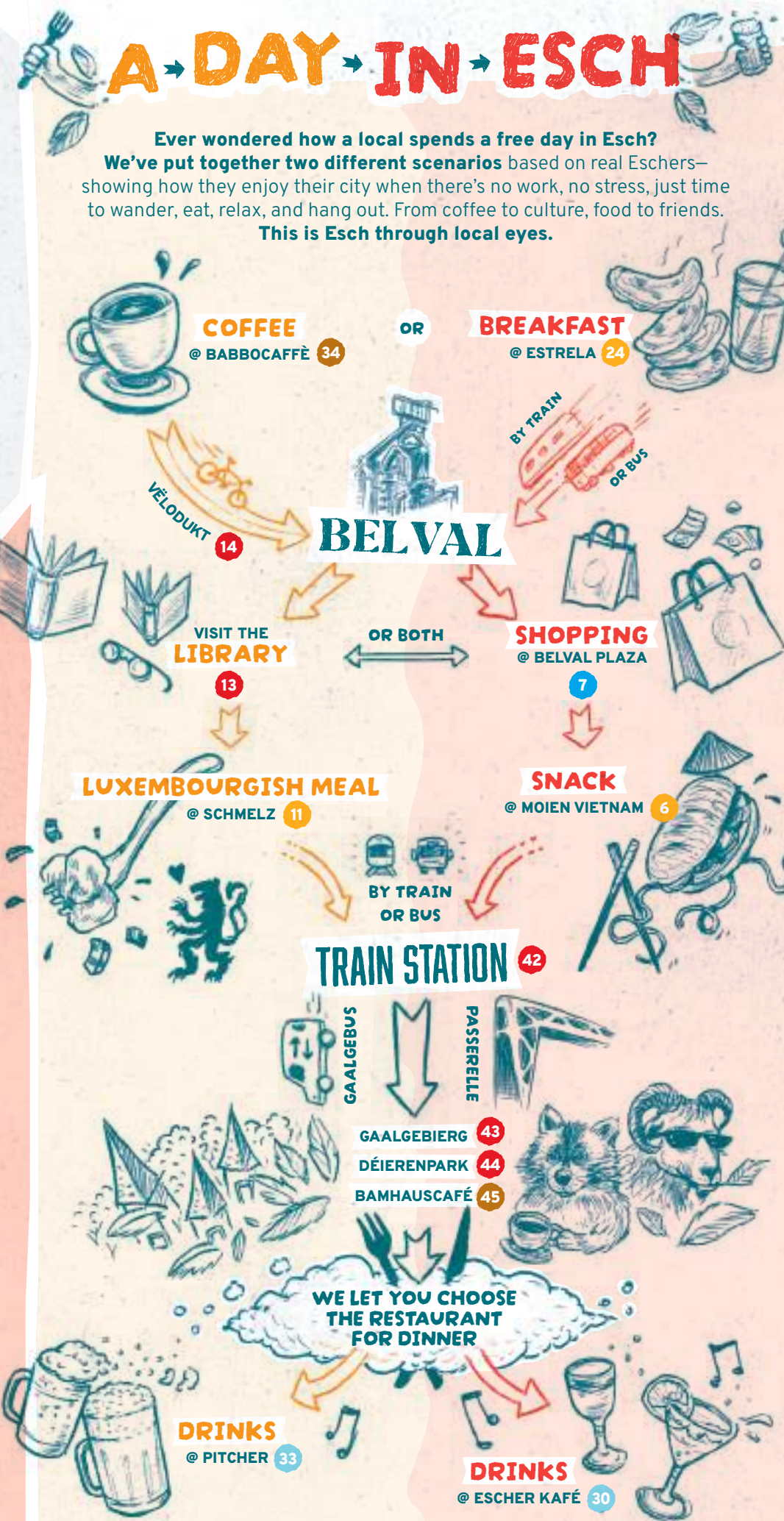
The Never-Ending Argument

Battin, Bofferding, or Superbock—which one reigns supreme? Ask a local, and you'll get a passionate answer (sometimes stronger than the beer itself!). These debates can go on forever, fueled by rounds of drinks and repeated arguments. But one thing unites us all: Diekirch? No, thanks. That's from the far, far north.

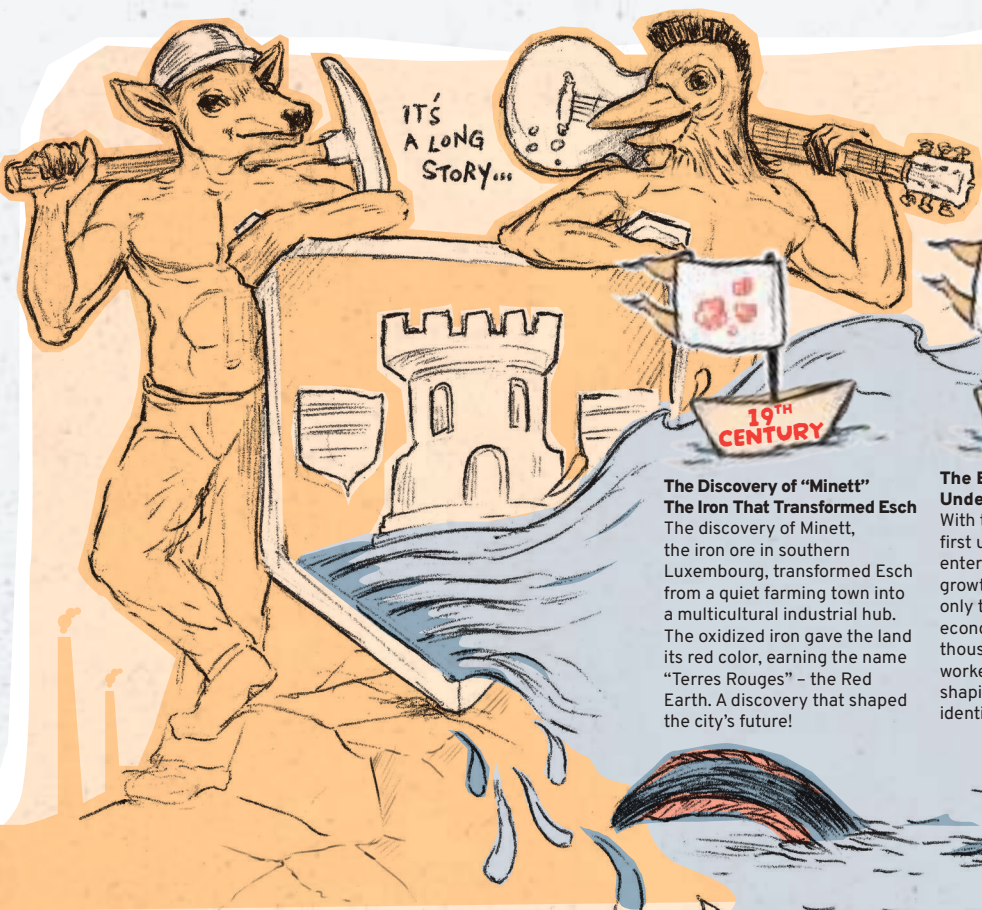
### PARTY LIKE A LOCAL

The Search for Nightlife

Esch isn't exactly a party city—most bars shut down around 1 AM, and clubs? Nonexistent. That's why locals head to Luxembourg City for a proper night out (just 30 minutes by train). But heads up: trains don't run all night, so check the schedule on cfl.lu unless you want an unexpected all-nighter!



## 5 minutes of history



**The Discovery of "Minett"**  
The iron that transformed Esch  
The discovery of Minett, the iron ore in southern Luxembourg, transformed Esch from a quiet farming town into a multicultural industrial hub. The oxidized iron gave the land its red color, earning the name "Terres Rouges" – the Red Earth. A discovery that shaped the city's future!

**The Birth of the First Underground Mine**  
With the construction of the first underground mine, Esch entered a new era of industrial growth. This milestone not only transformed the region's economy but also created thousands of jobs, attracting workers from all over and shaping the city's multicultural identity.

**The Rise of ARBED & Esch's Population Boom**  
The rise of the Belval steel industry (ARBED) sparked a population boom in Esch. Locals moved south for work, but labor demand drew immigrants from France, Belgium, Germany, Poland, and Italy, helping shape the multicultural city we know today.

**The Mines: A Place of Work, Sacrifice, and Survival**  
During World War II, locals hid 25 young deserters in the Prince Henri mine for four months, saving them from being forced into the German army. The mines shaped Esch, they gave work, cost lives, and in this case, saved them too.

**ARBED: Pioneers in Steel Recycling**  
ARBED began recycling old steel to create new beams and sheet piling—a practice that continues to this day. By reusing materials, they not only sustain production but also contribute to a more sustainable steel industry.

**The Creation of Belval: A New Urban Vision**  
District Belval was designed to be a modern hub, aiming to provide affordable housing (still waiting on that one!) for over 7,000 residents and create 20,000 jobs. A bold transformation of an industrial past into a dynamic urban future!

**Kufa's Urban Art Esch: Esch becomes a City of Murals**  
The Kufa's Urban Art Esch project kicked off at Kulturfabrik, bringing street art to life. Over the next seven years, artists created 70 stunning frescoes, transforming Esch into an open-air gallery full of color and creativity.

**Belval: Home of Luxembourg University**  
Belval became the headquarters of Luxembourg University, offering space for 7,000 students. While its modern architecture initially raised eyebrows—some even compared it to a prison—today, it stands as a key hub for education and innovation.

**Putting Esch on the Map – Literally!**  
The very first USE-IT Esch-sur-Alzette map was released—making it the first of its kind in Luxembourg! A game-changer for young travelers looking to explore the city like a local.

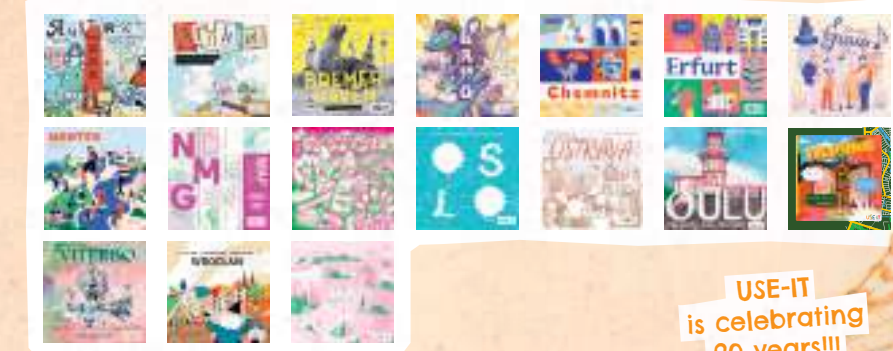
**Esch 2022: A Cultural Capital with Mixed Reviews**  
Esch proudly held the title of European Capital of Culture, but if you ask the locals about it, opinions vary—a lot. Love it or hate it, one thing's for sure: it makes for an interesting conversation starter!

YOU HAVE 5min!

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