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# Terhills Hotel

From a mining site to a tourist hotspot



Looking for a unique place to stay, dine and meet? Terhills Hotel in Maasmechelen is truly one of a kind. This four-star hotel, with 59 luxurious rooms, is housed in the main mining building of the former Eisden mining site, where a rich history blends seamlessly with modern luxury. Set within Terhills, between the Hoge Kempen National Park, Maasmechelen Village, Terhills Cablepark and Elaisa Wellness, Terhills Hotel offers access to a variety of exceptional experiences.

Unspoilt nature, outstanding wellness, adventurous water activities and high-end shopping, you can find it all here.

## A touch of history

Upon arrival at Terhills Hotel, you cannot miss the link with its industrial past. The impressive baroque architecture and symmetrical garden reflect the wealth of its coal mining heritage.

The garden delights with neatly sculpted hedges and the gentle splash of a fountain. Towering headframes beside Terhills Hotel recall the work once carried out underground. These historic features blend beautifully with the modern, luxurious design of the hotel rooms. The restaurant and bar also combine contemporary style with a subtle nod to the past.

### Meetings in style

The modern Terhills Conference centre, located alongside the hotel, offers inspiring views of the headframes and the hotel's French garden. This distinctive setting is ideal for meetings, incentives, conferences, receptions, brainstorming sessions and corporate events. Everything is possible. All rooms feature large windows with plenty of natural light and can accommodate groups of 10 to 400 people.

Feel like you are in the south of France with a fun team building activity in our French garden. This beautiful outdoor space is perfect for enjoying time together with your team. How about fencing, a yoga session, a boot camp or adventurous Highland games?

Looking for something a bit more daring? Start your morning or end your day with a walk across hot coals. In the past, coal was mined beneath Terhills, now you can walk above ground across glowing embers. Not for the faint-hearted.





## Hosting large scale outdoor events

Looking for an open-air venue where you can organise a high-quality, large-scale event? The brand new Terhills Events zone, located right next to Terhills Hotel, is the perfect place. Here, the headframe stands proudly in all its glory, an icon of Maasmechelen's industrial past. Where coal was once extracted from the ground, you will now find a beautifully landscaped green area, perfectly suited to hosting major outdoor events. The meeting rooms at Terhills Conference are ideal for use as VIP, press, production or artist spaces, and they also offer direct access to the event zone.

## A wide range of teambuilding opportunities

Colleagues can explore the National Park together with a ranger during a themed walking tour, a Kompeltour, or enjoy an exclusive behind the scenes look at the Ecotron. More active teams can opt for mountain biking or cycling, including the unique experience of cycling between the mining slag heaps. On the water, there are plenty of adventurous options at Terhills Cablepark, from wakeboarding to paddle boarding and the aquapark. The French garden at Terhills Hotel provides the perfect setting for original activities such as fencing, firewalking and Highland games.



## Practical

- 59 tastefully decorated hotel rooms
- Restaurant: 80 persons
- 4 meeting rooms with plenty of natural daylight and views of the French garden or the headframes (can be combined into 2 larger rooms). Capacity from 10 to 400 people (Schachtzaal: 42 m<sup>2</sup>, Tuinzaal: 108 m<sup>2</sup>, Spoorzaal: 130 m<sup>2</sup> and Terhillszaal: 105 m<sup>2</sup>)
- Capacity of the largest room: 180 people in theatre style and 162 for a dinner
- Located by the main entrance to the National Park and the outdoor Terhills Events zone (an outdoor venue for open air events)

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# The Lounge at Kursaal Ostend

Where heritage comes back to life



Anyone stepping into the Lounge at Kursaal Ostend today feels it instantly: this is no ordinary event space. Here, history, art and contemporary comfort come together in an exceptional setting overlooking the sea. What began in 1953 as a serene reading room, designed by architect Léon Stynen, has taken on several lives over the years. Between 2004 and 2024, the space served as a vibrant nightclub, much loved within Ostend's nightlife scene.

Today, following a thorough and respectful renovation, the Lounge reopens as a stylish, multifunctional event venue that once again embraces its original grandeur.

**Authentic heritage, carefully restored**

The renovation was guided by a clear ambition, to preserve and enhance the heritage. Original elements from

Stynen's design have been meticulously restored. The iconic wooden panelling and ceiling have been returned to their original colours, while the seventy sun screening louvres were restored one by one, an impressive display of craftsmanship.

Another remarkable feature is the rediscovery of the stained glass windows by Jo Maes, the only Ostend based artist who collaborated with Stynen on the Kursaal. Thanks to indirect lighting, their rich colours can once again be appreciated in full.

A true centrepiece remains the ceramic fireplace by Pierre Caille, with its black tiles and playful figures in the size of playing cards. This artwork, almost entirely intact after seventy years, has been restored with the utmost care and once again forms a warm meeting place with views of the sea.

### **A tribute to the vision of Léon Stynen**

The Lounge also tells the broader story of Léon Stynen, who, alongside being the architect of the Kursaal, was also director of the La Cambre art school. In that role, he brought together artists, designers and craftsmen in a forward thinking overall concept in which architecture and art are inseparably linked. That vision lives on today in the Lounge, where heritage is not a museum piece, but a living experience.





## Ready for the future

Alongside its historical value, the Lounge has been equipped with a future-proof infrastructure, including a LED wall, professional lighting and sound system, sustainable designer furniture and an elegant fixed bar. With a capacity of up to 250 people and a flexible layout, the Lounge is perfectly suited for receptions, seminars, conferences, presentations and VIP events. The reopening of the Lounge marks the first tangible milestone in the large-scale renovation of the Kursaal and offers a promising glimpse into the future of this iconic seaside building.

The Lounge has reopened, not as an echo of the past, but as a place where history, art and contemporary experience enhance one another. A hidden gem that once again places Ostend in the spotlight.





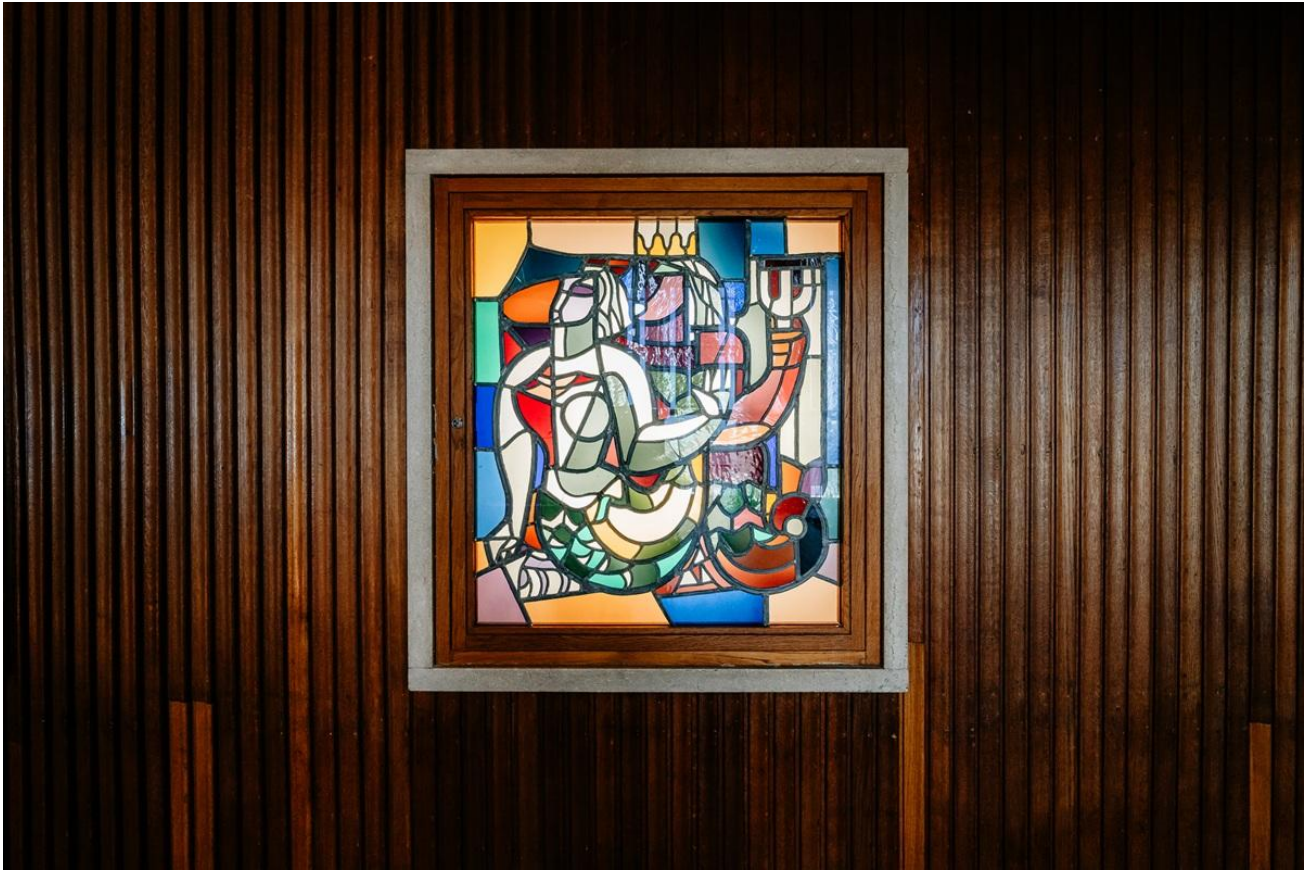


## Kursaal Ostend in full transformation

The reopening of the Lounge is only the beginning of a much broader story. Kursaal Ostend is currently undergoing a full transformation. While the Lounge is coming back to life, the iconic concert hall is also being extensively renovated.

By January 2027, the entire Kursaal will reopen as a multifunctional, state-of-the-art event venue, where culture, business and connection come together. As a listed monument and recognised Flanders Heritage Venue, the Kursaal remains true to its rich past while looking firmly to the future.

Under the banner 'The Power of Life', the focus is on experience, energy and connection, with exceptional opportunities for conferences, trade fairs and corporate events. Today, visitors and organisers are already coming together in the renewed Lounge, while at the same time looking ahead to a fully reimagined Kursaal, ready to play a leading role once again in the Flemish and international events landscape from 2027 onwards.



**More info**

Discover all rooms and possibilities  
at [www.kursaaloostende.be/en/business](http://www.kursaaloostende.be/en/business) and  
book a no-obligation introductory meeting or a site visit.





## De Grote Post

From post office building to a vibrant cultural hub

In 1945, the renowned architect Gaston Eysselinck was commissioned to design Ostend's new post office building. Even during the design process, tensions arose between Eysselinck, the Ostend city council and the relevant committees. According to the committee, the design resembled an industrial building and had a rather bleak appearance. Even Mayor Serruys is said to have declared himself 'entirely opposed' to the design.

After nearly a year of inconclusive discussions and increasingly heated debates, the committee eventually approved the preliminary design. Construction began in 1947, with the works expected to be completed within a year.

However, the project took longer than anticipated. Periods of inactivity occurred due to factors such as harsh winters, unforeseen technical

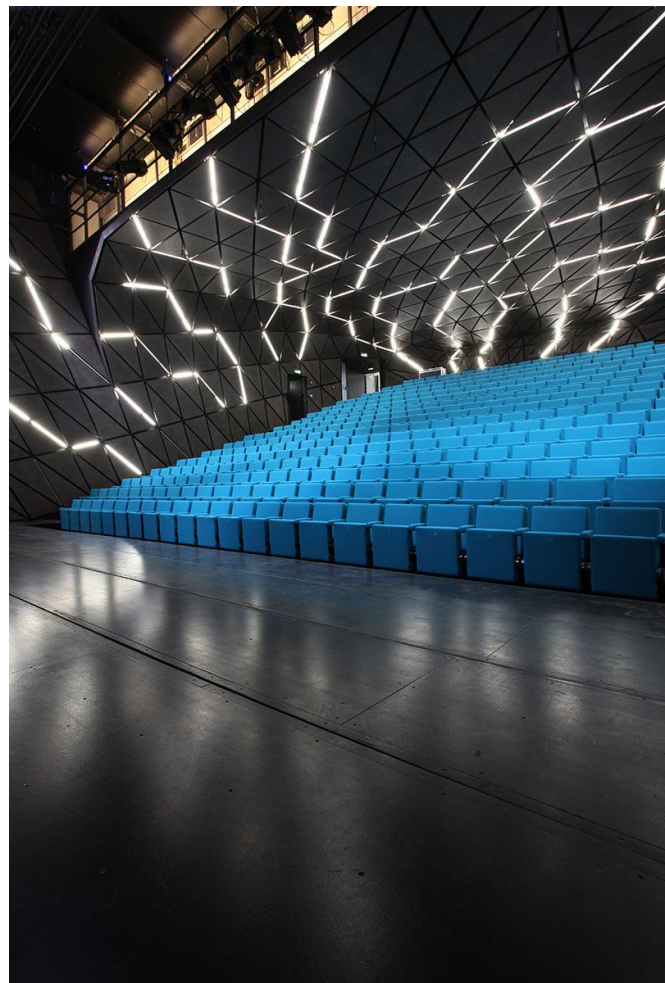
challenges and the 1953 floods, during which the post office building also suffered significant damage.

Technical difficulties increased, internal tensions rose and external pressure continued to mount. As a result, Eyszelinck was denied access to the building on 16 June 1953 and lost his leading role in the project.

Gaston Eyszelinck poured his heart and soul into this building. He did not live to see its opening in 1954. Disagreements with his clients and the city of Ostend, combined with the death of his ill partner, led him in 1953 to withdraw and miss the official opening of the post office.

Today, Eyszelinck's creation is regarded as one of the most distinctive post-war buildings in Belgium. In the 1990s, the last letters were posted, and since 2012 the former post office has been transformed into a vibrant cultural venue, De Grote Post. Great care was taken to respect the building's history during its redevelopment. Eye-catching features include the transparent 'tubes' that guide visitors through the various spaces.

Throughout the building, you will find rooms with their own unique story. These include the impressive Counter Hall, the Classroom with a painted frieze by artist Emy De Cock, and the beautiful Panorama Hall, offering the finest views across the city.





All these distinctive spaces mean that De Grote Post offers a wide range of possibilities. For every type of event, large or intimate. Conferences, meetings, workshops, theatre performances, family celebrations and more. Two unique theatre halls, each with fully equipped tiered seating and state-of-the-art technology, are the real asset of De Grote Post.

In addition to its characterful halls, De Grote Post offers no fewer than ten unique spaces, each with its own atmosphere and capacity. Housed within the beautifully renovated former post office building, these venues combine historical charm with modern flexibility for events of 10 to 420 participants.

Whether you are planning a meeting, workshop, presentation or creative event, we tailor each space to your needs. Thanks to our mobile technical equipment and flexible furniture, we create the ideal setting every time.





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## BluePoint Antwerp

From a historic healthcare site  
to a high-tech, sustainable event venue

Anyone stepping into BluePoint Antwerp today immediately notices that this is no ordinary event venue. Located on Filip Williotstraat in Berchem, past and future come together in a building with character and soul.

Originally designed as a hospital, a place where efficiency, logical circulation and managing large flows of

people were essential, the site has now grown into the beating heart of a new generation of events. What once revolved around care and organisation has evolved into a versatile B2B event venue with an international outlook, where impact, innovation, experience and sustainability take centre stage.

## Your story, enhanced by technology and experience

At BluePoint Antwerp, everything revolves around what technology makes possible: connection, emotion and impact. With 25 fully equipped rooms and a capacity of up to 600 people, the venue offers a flexible setting for conferences, product launches, hybrid events and ambitious corporate gatherings.

The absolute centrepiece is the Marco Polo room. Thanks to a content driven wide projection platform and a 12 metre wide screen, your message quite literally comes to life. From inspiring keynotes to immersive hybrid formats, every story is enhanced here through image, light and sound. With in house expertise at every level, each event runs seamlessly, allowing organisers to focus entirely on content and their guests.

## A sustainable vision for the future

Alongside innovation, sustainability is the second key pillar for BluePoint Antwerp. World-class events today go hand in hand with ecological responsibility. The Green Key label highlights the venue's commitment to sustainable policies, energy efficiency and responsible catering.

By offering in-house technical services and catering, transport movements are reduced, helping to minimise the ecological footprint of your event. At BluePoint Antwerp, you choose a venue where the smart combination of high-tech and sustainability truly makes the difference.







## Practical

- Capacity: up to 600 people for large scale B2B events
- Rooms: 25 multifunctional spaces with state-of-the-art audiovisual technology
- Technology: on site wide projection, hybrid and livestream capabilities
- Sustainability: Green Key certified
- Full service: on site catering, technical support and event planning
- Location: strategically located near Antwerp Berchem, with ample parking and charging points

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## The Foederhuis

From a historic brewery site  
to a unique event venue

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The Foederhuis finds its origins on the iconic site of the Rodenbach Brewery in Roeselare, a place where history, craftsmanship and entrepreneurship have come together for generations. What was once the beating heart of a family with deep roots in West Flanders has grown into a symbol of Belgian beer culture.

The Rodenbach family, who settled in Roeselare from Andernach am Rhein, played not only a key role in the brewing world, but also in Belgian history. Names such as Pedro Rodenbach and Constantijn Rodenbach are linked to key moments in Belgian independence and even to the creation of the Brabantonne.

The family story in the brewery and distillery came to an end around 1900, but their legacy lives on today in the unique red-brown beers for which Rodenbach is known worldwide.

### An inspiring setting for events

Today, The Foederhuis has evolved into a distinctive meeting place where that rich history remains tangible. Located on the grounds of the historic brewery, surrounded by the impressive oak foeders in which the beer matures, this venue combines heritage with contemporary hospitality.

Visitors can enjoy handcrafted Rodenbach beers, a flavourful lunch or refined tapas, while soaking up the unique atmosphere of the brewery site. The Foederhuis is open from Wednesday to Sunday, from 11 am to 7 pm. During these opening hours, the rooms, spaces and facilities are available free of charge when booking lunch and drinks.

The Foederhuis also offers a wide range of possibilities for corporate events. Outside opening hours, groups of 50 to 150 people can exclusively hire the venue for evening activities, dinners or events. Each proposal is fully tailored, with a choice of lunch menus or walking dinners for 50 to 150 guests, optionally complemented by a drinks or wine package.





The Foederhuis is also an inspiring venue for meetings. When booking a meal and drinks, a space is available for half a day, including a screen, sound system and microphone. Various set ups are possible, from a U-shape for 40 people, to a classroom layout for 50, or a theatre style arrangement for up to 90 participants.

A visit to The Foederhuis can also be perfectly combined with a guided tour of the brewery. During this unique experience, visitors walk among the impressive foeders, discover the malt kiln and explore the rich history of Rodenbach through light, sound and interactive storytelling. The tour concludes with a refreshing glass of Rodenbach. Tickets are available from €17 per person, and private guided visits and tailored packages are available for groups of 10 or more.

The Foederhuis is therefore much more than a historic venue today. It is a place where past and present come together, where beer culture, gastronomy and events reinforce one another, and where every visit becomes an authentic experience at the very place where it all began.

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## Pairi Daiza

From abbey grounds to a world of wonder

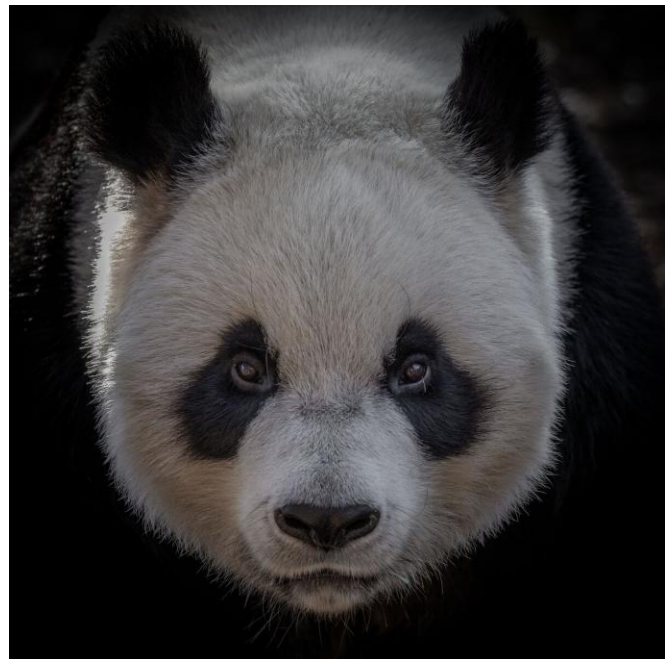
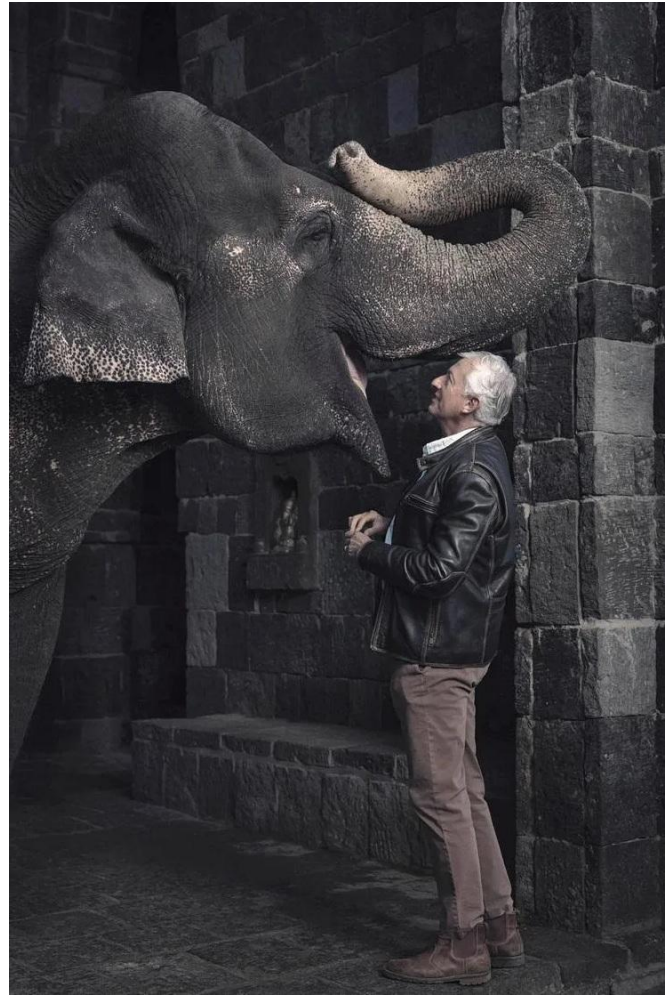
In 1994, Eric Domb discovered the Domain of Cambron, an exceptional site in Brugelette with roots dating back to 1148. Captivated by its beauty, rich history and unique spirit, he decided to bring a dream to life there: to create a place where a sense of wonder reconnects people with nature. At the time of its opening, Pairi Daiza, then

known as Paradisio, was primarily an ornithological park. Today, awarded the title of "Best Zoo in Europe", it has grown into far more than a zoo. Spread across 80 hectares, it takes visitors on a journey through worlds where nature, culture, architecture and spirituality come together in harmony.

But the essence of Pairi Daiza goes beyond wonder alone. As the park's vision puts it so well, when people feel a sense of wonder, they are inspired to protect. Every landscape, every encounter with animals and every experience contributes to a greater awareness of both the beauty and the fragility of our planet.

Wonder thus becomes a powerful driver for engagement in support of biodiversity. Today, Pairi Daiza has grown into Belgium's leading tourist attraction, awarded three stars in the Michelin Green Guide and praised for its innovative hotel concepts.

Above all, Pairi Daiza is a place with impact: a living dream where visitors, families and businesses are invited to actively contribute to a more sustainable future.





### **A unique setting for corporate events**

Pairi Daiza offers around 200 rooms and several immersive meeting spaces. It is also the ideal location for family days, teambuilding activities, seminars and bespoke events. An inspiring setting where teams do not just come together, but are also moved by a story that truly stays with them.

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