

Seven good reasons to meet in Luxembourg...

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is well-known to international visitors as the home of various European institutions and has the facilities to accommodate and cater for them successfully. Be convinced by the following seven reasons and hold your next meeting here!

... a cosmopolitan and welcoming meeting destination

Bienvenue! Willkommen! Welcome! Don't be surprised if you are greeted in your mother tongue in Luxembourg, for multilingualism is one of the assets of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Situated in the heart of Europe, bordered by Belgium, France and Germany and connected to the far corners of Europe by an excellent network of highways, a multitude of rail links and an international airport only 7km from the city centre, Luxembourg is an exceptional destination for business travel and a capital for the 21st century, where the constant buzz of economic, political, social and cultural life never falls into the anonymity of larger cities.

... the safest city in the world

Luxembourg ranks as the world's top city for personal safety and security, according to a quality of life survey by Mercer Human Resource Consulting, published in March 2005. A glance at the city's history shows that this more than thousand-year-old capital, founded in 963, has always known how to protect itself. Luxembourg was occupied by Burgundians, Spanish, French, Austrians and Prussians, all of whom contributed to making the city one of the best fortified in the world, the "Gibraltar of the North". Today, the fortress, along with the old city, have gained international fame. In 1994, UNESCO recognized the city's historical importance by naming it a World Cultural Heritage Site.

... a European city and a financial centre of international stature

The smallest member of the European Union, Luxembourg was nevertheless the cradle where the concept of a unified Europe was born. Together with Brussels and Strasbourg, Luxembourg city is the official seat of many of the European Union's major institutions. A multicultural city by tradition, Luxembourg continues to enhance its cosmopolitan nature. Modern architecture marks the silhouette of the banking district that has made Luxembourg famous throughout the world of high finance. The historic fortified city has in modern times become a world-class bastion of finance. Attracted by its numerous advantages, financial institutions from around the world manage their business from Luxembourg.



Château de Septfontaines ©Villeroy & Boch

... impressive meeting and hotel facilities

Luxembourg provides meeting facilities for any size of group, from 10 to 2,000 persons and event venues accommodating up to 8,000 persons, with a savvy mix of technical know-how, flexibility, comfort and aesthetics. Able to respond to the most demanding needs, the choice of venues is vast and is certain to please anyone coming to Luxembourg for their conference.

Featuring both prestigious hotel chains and quality independent hotels, there are some 3,500 rooms on offer, ranging from three to five stars and bringing together comfort

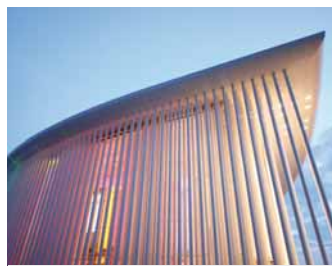
and a warm, friendly service. Accor opened one new hotel during 2007 - the Novotel Luxembourg Centre - and the Sofitel Le Grand Ducal with a panoramic restaurant at the beginning of 2008. The Centre



Centre Culturel de Rencontre Neumünster Abbey, Agora

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National Sportif et Culturel D'Coque provides a selection of multifunctional meeting and event spaces and the new Conference Centre in the EU-Kirchberg district is due to open in 2008. See the following websites for details of the venues and accommodation available: www.lcb.lu, www.accor.com, www.coque.lu, www.luxcongress.lu, www.luxexpo.lu, www.cc.lu (Chamber of Commerce).



Philharmonie Luxembourg

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... historical and unusual locations

Luxembourg also offers a number of unusual meeting venues such as the Philharmonie building (Luxembourg's first concert house, opened in July 2005, www.philharmonie.lu) and the Château de Septfontaines owned by Villeroy & Boch together with the ancient manufacturing site, which offers 3,000m² of additional space for the organization of special events (coljon.christian@villeroy-boch.com). The Neumünster Abbey, an abbey which later became a prison, offers a theatre with 283 seats, the Agora inner court for receptions of up to 400 people and meeting and conference rooms with 10 to 200

places. It also offers a catering facility for up to 300 people (www.ccrn.lu). The Bock casemates (for cocktail receptions of up to 100 persons), is a labyrinth of underground galleries and passages inside the fortress

on the Bock promontory. Meeting facilities are also available at the City's Local History Museum, the Orangerie (www.mondorf.lu, up to 280 persons) and the Casino 2000, offering a wide range of excellent conference and banqueting facilities and a gaming room 18km away from the city in Mondorf-les-Bains (www.casino2000.lu, up to 700 persons). From Spring 2008, an auditorium seating 145 will be available in the renovated Cité building in the "Cité-Cercle" complex in the centre of the town. The "Cercle's" prestigious events hall will be available from 2009.

... catering to the gourmet

Be tempted by the refined cuisine, exemplary service and warm welcome offered by more than 120 high-quality restaurants and caterers offering everything from welcome receptions to afternoon cocktails, evening parties, or prestigious gala dinners.

... a thriving cultural life and great attractions in the surroundings

An attractive pedestrian zone, parks and gardens invite relaxation, providing the ideal setting for refreshment and revitalisation, and ensuring the success of your event. From the vineyards on the Moselle to sites marking the Grand Duchy's iron- and steel-making past to the thermal spa, the range of touring programmes and individual sites for enjoyment is infinitely varied.



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Corniche, Old Town



Memorial statue to the Grande Duchesse Charlotte



Grund District Luxembourg



Casemates and River Alzette

Incentive Ideas in Luxembourg

Walking Dinner

Enjoy the sights and culinary specialities of Luxembourg at the same time! Throughout this culinary city sightseeing tour in the heart of Luxembourg City, we invite you to discover the picturesque quarters and prodigious panoramas of a millennial fortress city whilst savouring here and there delicious specialities and native products.



Women campaigning for the right to vote

The Life & Legends of Women in Luxembourg

This lively and graphic tour recounts the fascinating history of the outstanding women of Luxembourg, from the Middle Ages to the present. Their life stories, together with a variety of topics covering daily life and the fields where they exercised particular influence, e.g. the struggle for civil rights and political freedom, their commitment in the areas of employment and education, cultural life and sport will all be vividly portrayed.

Luxembourg – a tour in time and space

The tour begins with a walk along the Wenzel circular walk through the Upper and Lower towns, strolling along the trail of the fortress-builders, passing defence walls and watch towers which testify to



Castle Vianden

a turbulent, millennial history. A visit to the casemates is made, an impressive labyrinth of defence galleries. In the afternoon, a tour of the modern European quarter Luxembourg-Kirchberg is on the programme with the theme “Architecture and Art in public space”.

Medieval evening at Castle Vianden

Built between the 11th and 14th centuries and perched on a rock in the Our Valley, the Castle of Vianden is one of the largest and most beautiful feudal residences of the Romanesque and Gothic period in Europe. After an informative tour through the castle, followed by a welcome drink in the Knights Hall, enjoy a medieval-style dinner in the Knights Dining Room. During the evening, minstrels and knights will entertain you with their songs and historical games. (45 min. drive from Luxembourg City, capacity up to 280 persons, see www.castle-vianden.lu)

Company event at Castle Ansembourg

Action pure! The exclusive domain of Ansembourg (exclusive use through the event agency New Spirit) is located in the middle of stunning forest, overlooking the valley of the Seven Castles. In this beautiful location, the agency New Spirit organizes tailor-made events, from

leisurely walks to highly supervised games (puzzle, tangram, arching, “pictionary”) or “survival training courses” (jeep, quad or buggy driving, vertigo, roping down, grass-skiing, building a raft, death-ride, spider, climbing, mountain-biking). The Count of Ansembourg usually welcomes his guests personally. See also www.newspirit.lu (duration: full day, 30-min. drive from Luxembourg City).

Driving Safety Centre in Colmar-Berg

After an incentive you should come home richer for the experience, which in this case is one that might even save your life one day. The Driving Safety Centre offers you the chance to really refine your driving technique. This purpose-built driver training facility provides a safe, controlled environment



Driving Safety Centre

where participants can understand and improve their driving capabilities. These courses aim to reduce the risk inherent in everyday driving and also ensure your driving experiences are more pleasurable. (www.cfc.lu)

River cruise on board “Princesse Marie-Astrid”

This elegant passenger ship can be hired for special events or dinners with wine tasting and chartered

for leisure cruising on the River Moselle passing Luxembourg’s vineyards, famous for their first-class white wines and crémants (traditional Champagne-method sparkling wines). See www.moselle-tourist.lu



“Princesse Marie-Astrid”

Cooking course with Léa Linster

Léa Linster has won a number of renowned gastronomic awards including the 1989 Bocuse d’Or Competition in Lyon and the Clé d’Or de la gastronomie Gault et Millau in 1996. Only a few women have the privilege of advancing so far in the male domain of top gastronomy. The famous restaurant of one Michelin-star chef, Léa Linster, in Frisange offers gala dinners for up to 50 persons and cooking courses for small groups. See www.lealinstler.lu

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Palais Grand Ducal



View of Neumünster Abbey



Léa Linster – star cook