

Your event at our unique heritage site

Welcome to the Provincial Palace Welcome to West Flanders

You strive to make an impact. An unforgettable event not only inspires, but also fosters valuable connections that resonate long after it's over. To achieve that, you require an event venue that elevates and amplifies the overall experience. Choose the Provincial Palace as your venue to leave a lasting impression.

As a recognised Flanders Heritage Venue, we guarantee an unforgettable, high-quality experience in an extraordinary setting. Located in the historic city centre of Bruges, our venue serves as the perfect gateway to explore both Bruges and the remarkable West Flanders region. Maximise the potential of your event by hosting it at the Provincial Palace.

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Connect and inspire

The Provincial Palace is far more than just a venue for events and meetings. At our core, we are a welcoming space where the public can freely explore our vibrant heritage site, appreciating its architecture and significance at their own pace. For those seeking an even more in-depth experience, we offer audio guides and captivating guided tours that explore the stories behind this remarkable building.

Beyond that, we aim to inspire meaningful connections and interactions between visitors and the local community through both storytelling and periodic workshops. In doing so, we hope to also encourage visitors to discover more of the remarkable province of West Flanders.

Step inside and immerse yourself in the local music scene with the lively rhythms of West Flemish beats in our immersive room or browse our shop filled to the brim with local delicacies and unique keepsakes.

No visit to the Provincial Palace is truly complete without a relaxing break at our cosy café— a warm and inviting space where locals and international guests come to relax, take in their surroundings and interconnect.





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A passion for sustainability

Preserving and restoring a heritage site while simultaneously embracing sustainability is certainly no easy feat. The architects of the restored Provincial Palace have demonstrated that this challenge is indeed achievable. During our extensive restoration process, we prioritised sustainable choices such as installing energy-efficient lighting and underfloor heating. We actively encourage the use of public transportation and are exploring new measures to reduce our carbon footprint.

Another key component of our sustainability approach is our focus on supporting local vendors. We made the conscious decision to only offer regional products at both our shop and café. These products all bear the quality label '100% West Flanders', which ensures local sourcing. This choice stems from a deep-rooted sense of community and genuine care for the environment.



Inclusivity and accessibility

Our mission is to create a hub where everyone feels represented and welcome. We actively contribute to an inclusive society with initiatives such as our café, which is run by ODAS. This supported employment company located in Bruges provides purposeful work opportunities for people with disabilities.

Through innovative measures, our building is fully wheelchair accessible. In addition to this, we installed a Changing Place – an accessible restroom designed to meet the needs of visitors with mobility impairments. This facility includes a height-adjustable changing bench, a hoist system, and an extra space to ensure maximum comfort for visitors and their carers. We are also committed to addressing the needs of visitors with hearing and visual impairments and are actively exploring further enhancements to improve their experience at our venue.

From closed heritage site to a welcoming space

The rich history of this site goes back to the 13th century, when the imposing Gothic warehouse 'De Waterhalle' stood on this site. After this building fell into disuse in the 18th century and was demolished, a monumental housing complex arose here. From 1850 to 1877, it served as a meeting place for the Province of West Flanders.

A devastating fire reduced the building to ashes in 1878, after which architects Delacenserie and Buyck were appointed to design the present Provincial Palace. Their project in the distinctive neo-Gothic style is a tribute to Bruges' glorious past.

The last provincial council session took place here in 1999, after which the provincial council moved to a more modern complex on the city outskirts. For years, the building opened its doors only for special occasions until the provincial government decided to breathe new life into the heritage building. Muchneeded restoration work for this purpose began in 2020.

since April 2024, visitors can once again enjoy this neo-Gothic gem. Everyone is welcome to marvel at the architectural splendour of our stunning venue – whether by savouring a coffee at our café, hosting an event or exploring the building with an audio guide.





Event venue for those seeking something extra

At the Provincial Palace, we take your event to new heights. Whether you're joining a guided tour of our historic building, looking for a unique gift at our shop, or indulging in a local delicacy at our café – we're here to ensure your visit is memorable!

Café

Experience the renowned hospitality of West Flanders in our charming café. Here, you can savour the best of what the region has to offer – from delicious craft beers to tasty pancakes. Managed by ODAS, a supported employment company, our café provides a delightful selection of local delicacies, all served with a disarming smile.



Shop

Why not choose a typical West Flemish souvenir or corporate gift? In our shop, you'll find a wonderful selection of options, from regional specialties and stylish accessories to books and even a historical map. We look forward to helping you select the perfect tailor-made corporate gift.

Catering

The culinary setting can truly elevate your event experience. For catering at meetings and festivities, we often partner with ODAS, a locally based supported employment company. For smaller events held in the Committee Rooms and the Delacenserie Chamber, we collaborate with them exclusively.

For larger gatherings hosted in our more spacious event rooms, you're welcome to choose any caterer you prefer, whether it's ODAS or another company. We have established partnerships with several local caterers and are happy to assist you in making your choice.

Meeting and event spaces

Planning a meeting for 10 co-workers, a conference for 100 participants or a large-scale reception for 350 guests? We're here to help you find the perfect location for your event, whether you're hosting an intimate meeting, a large-scale reception, or a plenary session. The neo-Gothic historic setting of our venue will immediately add a unique dimension to your event. Additionally, all our event spaces are wheelchair accessible, ensuring a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Forum

The magnificent terrazzo floor, inspired by the stainedglass windows throughout our building, immediately catches the eye. Bathed in natural light, this is the ideal location for receptions and project cafés.

Provincial Council Chamber

Opting for the Provincial Council Chamber means embracing authenticity and charming ambience. This characterful space once served as the setting for provincial council sessions and remains the beating heart of our building to this day. Its stunning features include magnificent chandeliers, striking stained-glass windows and a stage adorned with authentic, neo-Gothic furniture. The splendour will impress your guests as soon as they enter the room.

Symbols









Theatre style Meeting style U-shape Seated dinner Reception/walking dinner

Balcony Chamber

The subtle grandeur of this space will instantly capture the imagination of your guests. The combination of classic governors' portraits and modern images of locals to represent current society, creates a décor that is both colourful and stately. The charming setting and wonderful view of the Bruges Market Square make this room a coveted location for lectures, book launches and receptions.

Delacenserie Chamber

The perfect space for a book presentation or lecture, intimate reception or brainstorming session with colleagues. The fantastic view over Bruges' Market Square is a wonderful bonus.

Buyck Chamber

We have transformed the former wooden public gallery into a multifunctional meeting room overlooking the impressive Provincial Council Chamber. This offers an unparalleled view of the breathtaking chandeliers and gorgeous stained-glass windows adorned with a beautiful rosette.

Committee Rooms

Planning a meeting or a brainstorming session? Our two bright conference rooms, filled with natural light, offer the perfect setting. These interconnected spaces can also function as breakout areas for collaborative sessions.

Provincial Council Chamber

Experience the magnificence of our Provincial Council Chamber, a unique heritage location in a neo-Gothic setting. With its vibrant stained-glass windows, impressive chandeliers and authentic wooden floor, this space exudes charm and character. Featuring an integrated stage, it provides the perfect backdrop for networking events, plenary sessions and large-scale receptions.

DIMENSIONS

239,25 m² excluding stage [14,50 m x 3 m] first floor

Length: **16,50 m** Width: **14,50 m** Height: **21,20 m**

CAPACITY

PRICE on request

Forum

Bathed in natural light and boasting an extraordinary terrazzo floor, the Forum encapsulates a modern and inviting atmosphere, making it the ideal location for anything from a formal seated dinner to a project café or networking event. During opening hours this location transforms into our cosy Provincial Café, a central meeting point where visitors and employees can relax, connect, and sample some regional delicacies.

DIMENSIONS

282,75 m² ground floor



Length: **19,50 m** Width: **14,50 m**

CAPACITY

PRICE on request





Balcony Chamber

Classic elegance with a modern twist, the Balcony Chamber provides an enchanting and captivating setting for any type of event. With its rich red colour and abundance of natural light accentuating its features, this room exudes warmth and subtle elegance. The stunning view of the Bruges Market Square is the icing on the cake, adding even more to the overall appeal of this event space.

DIMENSIONS

144,90 m² first floor

Length: 13,80 m	000
Width: 10,50 m	٥
Height: 7,40 m	٥

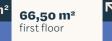
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PRICE on request

Delacenserie Chamber

The Delacenserie Chamber demonstrates that intimate spaces can be equally impressive. Enjoy the breathtaking view of Bruges' Market Square, stylish wooden panelling and an elegant fireplace. This cozy setting is perfect for a lecture, book launch, meeting or intimate reception.

DIMENSIONS



Width: **7,00 m**

CAPACITY

PRICE € 500 / half day





Committee Rooms

The beautiful and authentic setting of these committee rooms sparks creativity and provides an ideal atmosphere for productive meetings. With a warm ambience and wonderful views, they provide the perfect setting for engaging presentations and inspiring discussions.

Committee Room 4

DIMENSIONS CAPACITY



53 m² first floor

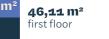
Length: **10,00 m** Width: **5,30 m** Height: **6,90 m**

PRICE € 250 / half day

All our event spaces are equipped with a Clevertouch screen featuring an integrated whiteboard, allowing you to effortlessly share your notes and presentation with attendees. If your meeting or event requires hand-held microphones, a speaker with a built-in amplifier or a traditional lectern, reach out to us for details on our equipment. To help ensure that everything runs smoothly, we will go over the event details with you in advance either by phone or via a detailed email.

Committee Room 2

DIMENSIONS



Length: **8,70 m** Width: **5,30 m** Height: **6,90 m**



CAPACITY

PRICE € 250 / half day



Buyck Chamber

We transformed the former wooden public gallery into an elegant meeting room. A unique and inspiring setting, from which there is an unparalleled view of the beautiful stained-glass windows and impressive chandeliers of the Provincial Council Chamber. Ideal for an intimate reception, workshop, or presentation.

DIMENSIONS

81,00 m²

Length: **13,50 m** Height: **11,00 m**

CAPACITY

PRICE € 500 / half day

Accessibility

The Provincial Palace serves as the perfect base for exploring the historic city centre and the broader West Flanders region. Our venue is situated in Bruges' so-called 'Golden Triangle', the city's cultural epicentre. Hotels, tourist attractions and museums are all located within walking distance of the Provincial Palace.

Thanks to our strategic location, our venue is easily accessible via sustainable means of transportation - whether on foot, by bicycle or through public transportation. From Brussels Airport there is a direct connection to the railway station of Bruges, from which you can either take a bus or free shuttle to the city centre. The shuttle stop is conveniently located nearby the Market Square, a two-minute walk from our venue.

Planning to arrive by car? You can easily park in one of the nearby covered car parks.





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