

Oostende

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MEET IN OOSTENDE

Your specialist in the organisation of events in Ostend for medium-sized to large groups.



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YOU WANT THE BEST. THE VERY BEST. FOR THE EVENT YOU ARE ORGANISING FOR YOUR COMPANY OR ASSOCIATION!

After all, only the best is good enough for that inspirational meeting, that unforgettable team-building or exclusive VIP event or that large-scale conference. Look no further. Ostend – the City by the Sea is the place to be.

Although its best-known assets are, of course, the beach and the sea, which draw many people here primarily in the holiday season, our city has so much more to offer. A reason to visit Ostend is always easy to find.

You may want to come here just to take a refreshing stroll along the Zeedijk promenade, or a tour of the murals of The Crystal Ship, which can be visited on foot or by bike. If you are a fan of cultural entertainment, you might want to visit Ostend to take in a show in the beautifully restored building of CC De Grote Post, a musical at Kursaal Oostende, a film in the Ostend Film Festival or a theatrical performance during Theater aan Zee. Or you could visit the city just for a taste of Ostend's one-and-only genuine shrimp croquettes in one of its many flourishing catering establishments.

The sea and the maritime heritage of Ostend have always served as an important source of inspiration to a diversity of artists. One of these is master painter James Ensor. You can learn all about him in the beautifully refurbished James Ensor House. And then we have not even mentioned the fabulous facilities yet.

In addition to our extensive offering of 3 and 4-star hotels, you will also find numerous unique venues in Ostend such as the Wellington Hippodrome, Fort Napoleon and the Mercator to give your event that little touch of something extra.

Ostend, the City by the Sea, is beautiful in every season and every moment of the year. Whether you are nature lover, seeking peace and quiet or excitement, a foodie, a culture or a sports lover, this is the city for you. And it's easily accessible, too!

Sounds good, doesn't it? Get in touch with our Meet in Oostende Team. They are at your disposal to ensure the success of your next meeting or event and will give you all the information you need on the best venues, hotels and restaurants, as well as tips for original activities, tailored proposals and booking assistance.

Discover how Meet in Oostende can help you plan your event in our City by the Sea.

LET'S MEET IN OOSTENDE!

Bart Tommelein — Mayor of Ostend
On behalf of the entire Meet in Oostende Team



THE FAVOURITES OF THE MEET IN OOSTENDE TEAM

Lieve and Thomas of Meet in Oostende are here to assist you with all aspects of your search for the most suitable venue for you and your colleagues. As your single point of contact and thanks to their outstanding collaboration with all our partners they can provide you with a clear overview of all the possibilities.

With a thorough knowledge of Ostend, they are the perfect people to help you organise your next team event. From a team-building event to a large-scale conference. Let yourself be inspired by their personal preferences.





THOMAS' FAVOURITES

1 BREAKFAST AND A BRIEF TEAM MEETING AT CHARME HOTEL KRUISHOF

2 THE CRYSTAL SHIP RALLY

3 LUNCH AT LA VIE

4 SAILING

5 DINNER AT SAVARIN

6 OVERNIGHT STAY AT CHARMEHOTEL KRUISHOF

Guests of the Kruishof can always be assured of a hospitable and relaxed reception. The spacious and free parking facilities are an additional plus-point to this lovely hotel. The hotel also offers plenty of space for a meeting with your team while enjoying a generous breakfast.

Your first activity is the Crystal Ship rally, for which bicycles or electric golf carts are delivered at the hotel. This fun quest through Ostend will take you along the most beautiful street art works of The Crystal Ship. This is followed by a surprising tapas lunch at La Vie, with an opportunity to talk about all the marvels you have seen together with your colleagues.

The afternoon is given a nautical theme with a sailing lesson for novice sailors, in which your collaboration, communication and perseverance will be put to the test. After an afternoon at sea, you can satiate your hunger with a gastronomic dinner at Savarin for a well-deserved closing of this day. The shuttle bus will take you back to the Kruishof in just a few minutes for a solid night's sleep.



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LIEVE'S FAVOURITES



1 BREAKFAST AT FORT NAPOLEON

2 A FORT ADVENTURE

3 LUNCH ON THE TERRACE OF FORT NAPOLEON

4 BEACH BUILDING

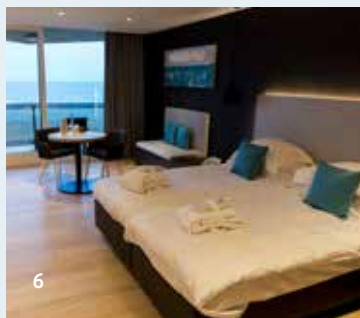
5 A BBQ AT PHARE EAST

6 OVERNIGHT STAY AT HOTEL ANDROMEDA

Fort Napoleon is a unique venue where you can easily spend an entire, action-packed day. Not only is it perfect for team-building events or dinners; family days in and around Fort Napoleon are also among the many possibilities offered by this unique venue.

As a child of the sea, I prefer to choose venues located on the waterfront, on the beach or in the dunes. With its stunning views of the sea, Phare East is one of those places that always makes you feel as if you are on holiday.

Hotel Andromeda is, in my opinion, one of the most beautiful hotels on the Belgian coast. Not only can you be assured of a good night's sleep and a deluxe breakfast here, you will also have access to the hotel's swimming pool and spa.



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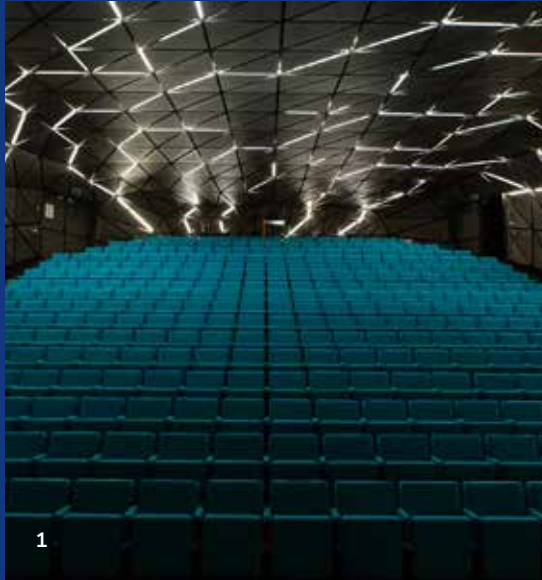
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DE STANDAARD EDITORIAL EVENT IN OSTEND

1 DE GROTE POST

2 HOTELS: UPSTAIRS,
ANDROMEDA & COCOON

3 KURSAAL OOSTENDE

Mediahuis organised the 'De Standaard Editorial Event' in Ostend. It was a grand success!

Carine Billion, Editorial Assistant at De Standaard, talks about how pleasant it was to collaborate with Meet in Oostende on this event and about how smoothly everything went:

**"Everything was extremely well organised,
for which I have nothing but praise and our sincere gratitude.
Everyone also demonstrated the greatest flexibility."**

"De Grote Post is a fantastic venue. The staff was extremely friendly. The catering was top-class. The hotels (Upstairs, Andromeda and Cocoon) were also excellent: a perfect reception, a customer-oriented mindset, an outstanding breakfast: everything was fantastic! I will be happy to return sometime.

The Kursaal lent itself beautifully for the organisation of a seminar like ours. The rooms were spacious and the audiovisual support was excellent. The sandwich lunch hit the spot perfectly."



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BDO

1 HOTEL ANDROMEDA

2 DE CIERK

3 TAO

Every year, BDO invites new employees who are recent graduates for a three-day seminar in Ostend.

“We chose Hotel Andromeda for its outstanding location, its easy accessibility by public transport, its many practical meeting rooms, the fantastic breakfast and delicious lunch and, last but not least, the friendliness and organisational talent of the staff, who do everything to make your stay as pleasant as possible.

Two restaurants were chosen for dinner: Tao and Cierk, where you can count on a high-quality and budget-friendly menu. The restaurants are both well-situated and each has a unique and convivial atmosphere.

Thanks to our cooperation with the Ostend tourist office, we were able to provide our new employees and the organisers of the seminar with an unforgettable stay in Ostend. The team is always at your beck and call for an adequate response to your concerns and/or questions. You can also count on them to help you find a feasible alternative in the event of unexpected situations.”

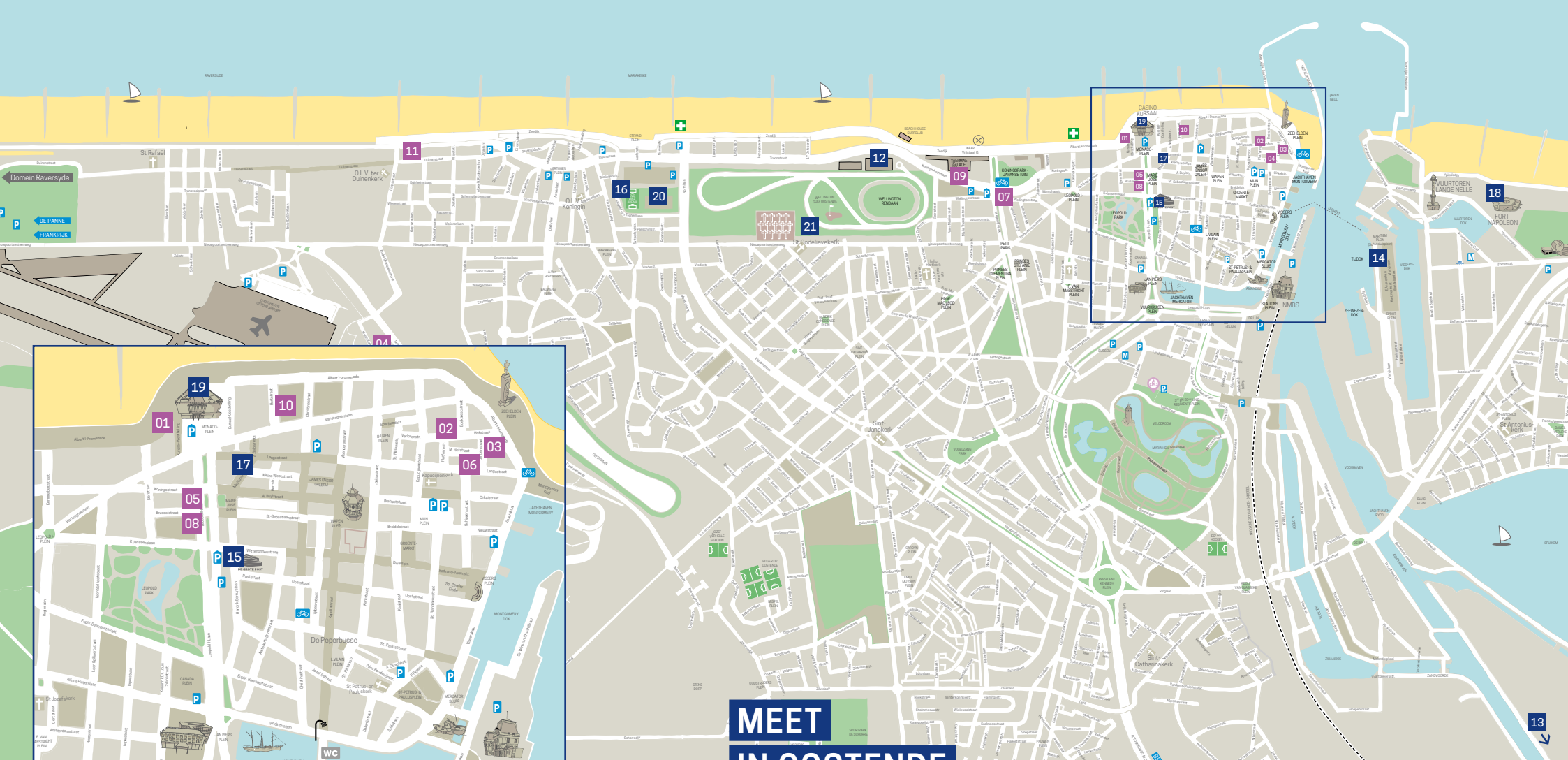




Festival van de architectuur:

“Our collaboration with Meet in Oostende provided the organisation of the Festival van de architectuur with substantial added value. Meet in Oostende showed us around in the convivial city of Ostend. Throughout the process, its staff was easy to reach and always happy to provide us with assistance whenever this was needed. We look back at our stay in Ostend and our pleasant collaboration with a great deal of pleasure.”





MEET IN OOSTENDE

MEETING HOTELS

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| 01 ANDROMEDA | 07 ROYAL ASTRID |
| 02 HOTEL BERO | 08 TER STREEP |
| 03 GLENMORE | 09 THERMAE PALACE |
| 04 KRUISSHOF | 10 UPSTAIRS |
| 05 MERCURE | 11 VAYAMUNDO |
| 06 OSTEND HOTEL | |

SPECIAL VENUES

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| 12 ACEG WELLINGTON RACECOURSE OSTEND | 17 FELIX |
| 13 BLUEBRIDGE INCUBATOR AND INNOVATION CENTRE | 18 FORT NAPOLEON |
| 14 DE CIERK | 19 KURSAAL OOSTENDE |
| 15 DE GROTE POST | 20 CORETEC DÔME |
| 16 DIAZ ARENA | 21 WELLINGTON BRASSERIE THE PIGEON |



VENUES

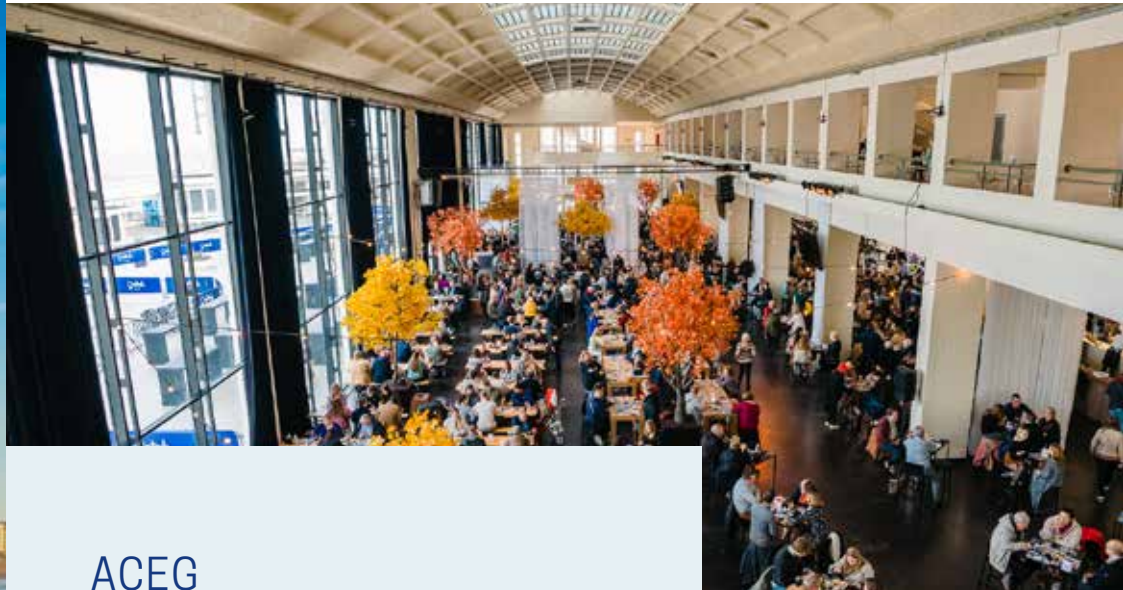
Large, small, with a sea view, brimming with history or with a contemporary touch: the venues for meetings and events in Ostend are as versatile as the city itself.



Kursaal Oostende

Kursaal Oostende offers facilities for all types of events. The spacious and multi-functional rooms are provided with all the necessary equipment. Kursaal is constantly investing in innovation, in which it endeavours to strike the perfect balance between sustainability and authenticity.

- › **17 meeting rooms**
for 30 to 2000 people



ACEG Wellington Racecourse Ostend

At the ACEG Wellington Racecourse Ostend you will find several beautifully renovated rooms of varying sizes. All of them are authentically decorated in the beautiful style of the Belle Epoque and offer stunning views. The venue is located in the direct vicinity of numerous activities.

- › **4 meeting rooms
for 100 to 2300 people**



Bluebridge

Bluebridge Incubation and Innovation Centre is a meeting place for innovative businesses that are interested in exploring future-proof sustainable solutions.

- › **2 meeting rooms for 18 to 200 people**
- › **1 multi-purpose auditorium for 150 persons**



De Cierk

'De Cierk is synonymous with delicious food, unique events and, above all, a genuine experience at an authentic venue.' Small groups as well as large groups of up to 100 people are welcome here.

- › **4 multi-purpose rooms for 10 to 200 people**

Diaz Arena

KV Ostend's main football stadium is a unique location for all sorts of events. This venue offers four large auditoriums and three breakout rooms. As a result, it's perfect for meetings at which plenary as well as multiple smaller sessions are held.

- > **4 conference rooms & 3 breakout rooms**
- > **for 20 to 600 people**



De Grote Post

De Grote Post is housed in a heritage-listed, characterful, and modernist building that served as Ostend's main post office for decades and was transformed into a cultural centre in 2012. This inspirational meeting place offers a stimulating environment that invites its visitors to think, experience and take action.

- > **10 multi-purpose room**
- > **3 auditoriums for 20 to 427 people**





Felix

This beautifully renovated industrial building is a surprising venue, flooded with daylight and featuring a stunning parquet floor and authentic elements for a convivial atmosphere.

- › **2 meeting rooms for 30 to 90 people**



Fort Napoleon

This impressive Fort, set amidst the dunes of Ostend, is the perfect venue for your next team event. The refurbished experiential brasserie caters to events of all types.

- › **4 multi-purpose rooms rooms for 5 to 120 people**



COREtec Dôme

The Coretec Dôme is primarily known as the home of Basket Club Oostende. In addition to basketball matches, this arena with its multi-functional event hall is also an outstanding venue for conferences and other events.

- › **Events hall, lounge and space for 25 to 4779 people**



Wellington Brasserie The Pigeon

This outstanding gastronomic restaurant is situated in a heritage-listed building with views of the Wellington racecourse, located in proximity of the sea and only a 10-minute walk from the centre of Ostend.

- › **Restaurant with a separate venue for festivities for 30 to 100 people**

HOTELS

Thanks to its rich history as a tourist destination, Ostend is undeniably known as the City by the Sea. It has more superlative hotels than any other coastal city in Belgium, all of which are located a mere stone's throw away from one another. These are not only suited to business guests or conference attendees, but to visitors of the City by the Sea. The city's hotels with a star less also offer all the necessary comforts.



4-Star hotels

Andromeda

- > 111 rooms
- > 7 meeting rooms for 10 to 150 people

Bero

- > 70 rooms
- > 3 meeting rooms for 10 to 84 people

Cocoon

- > 67 rooms

Europe

- > 82 rooms
- > 1 meeting room for 12 people

Mercure

- > 95 rooms
- > 1 meeting room for 15 to 30 people

Monarc

- > 21 rooms

Thermae Palace

- > 130 rooms
- > 8 meeting rooms for 10 to 350 people



3-Star hotels

Du Parc

- › 53 rooms

Glenmore

- › 27 rooms
- › 2 meeting rooms for 8 to 16 people

Imperial

- › 61 rooms

Kruishof

- › 17 rooms
- › 1 meeting room for 8 to 70 people

Leopold

- › 64 rooms

Louisa

- › 26 rooms
- › 1 meeting room for 10 people

Ostend Hotel

- › 100 rooms
- › 6 meeting rooms for 20 to 100 people

Pacific

- › 53 rooms

Prado

- › 28 rooms

Princess

- › 43 rooms

Royal Astrid

- › 173 rooms
- › 4 meeting rooms for 10 to 250 people

Ter Streep

- › 36 rooms
- › 2 meeting rooms for 12 to 80 people

Upstairs

- › 96 rooms
- › 3 meeting rooms for 10 to 15 people and 1 multi-purpose auditorium for up to 90 persons

Vayamundo

- › 394 rooms and apartments
- › 14 meeting rooms
- › 1 conference hall for 10 to 400 people





THE WIDE OFFERING
OF 3 AND 4-STAR HOTELS
IN OSTEND CATERES TO
ALL TASTES AND BUDGETS:
FROM A HERITAGE-LISTED BUILDING
TO A FAMILY HOTEL OR A
STATE-OF-THE-ART MEETING HOTEL.



GASTRONOMY

Ostend, the capital of the shrimp croquette, is a gastronomic city of established names and culinary hotspots, ranging from restaurants that score highly in the Gault&Millau Guide to cosy food-sharing concepts and original tapas bars. Ostend's chefs give the best of themselves with fresh local products and freshly caught North Sea fish.

FUN FACT:

THE OSTEND SHRIMP CROQUETTE IS A UNIQUE REGIONAL DISH WHICH WAS RECENTLY OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED BY VLAM AS A FLEMISH REGIONAL PRODUCT.



Vistrap & maritime walk

Ostend offers a wide range of unique events for people of all ages. Although the city itself is developing at a rapid pace, its maritime aspect remains proudly intact. Take a stroll past Ostend's unique maritime heritage, explore its vibrant port and discover interesting sites that are important to its fishing industry. It is this maritime aspect that has made Ostend what it is and defines the city on every level.

Shrimping

Wade into the sea for an amazing experience in nature, clad in a bright yellow suit, armed with a shrimping net on your shoulder – just like a real shrimp fisherman!



Oesterput

The Oesterput is the place to be for shellfish and crustaceans. The Puystjens family cultivates the only genuine Belgian oyster according to traditional methods and with tremendous craftsmanship and passion. 100% West Flemish regional products: Ostend Oyster





WHETHER YOU ARE LOOKING FOR
A TRADITIONAL RESTAURANT,
A TRENDY TAPAS BAR, OR
A COSY LUNCHROOM:
YOU WILL FIND CULINARY DELIGHTS
EVERYWHERE IN OSTEND.

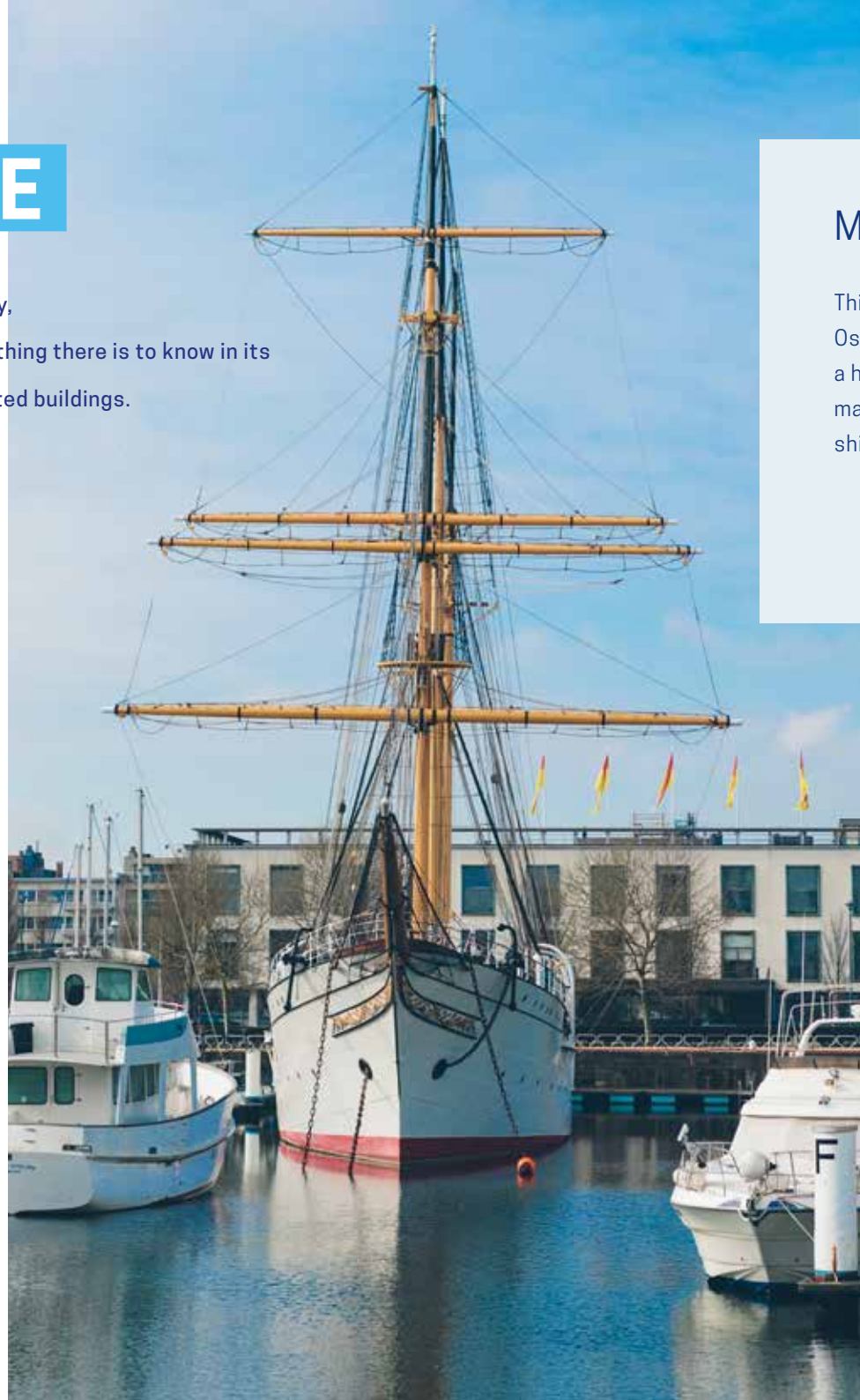


CULTURE

Ostend has a rich cultural history, about which you can learn everything there is to know in its many museums and heritage-listed buildings.

Mercator

This world-famous three-master is one of Ostend's foremost landmarks. The Mercator is a heritage-listed monument that serves as a maritime museum. The deck of this beautiful ship affords stunning views of the harbour.



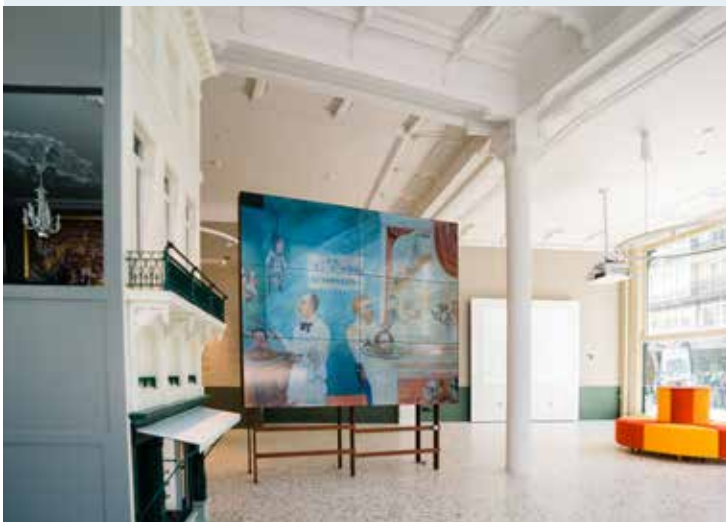


James Ensor House

James Ensor's home, left untouched after his death, was promoted to a museum after the passing of this famous artist. Ensor's paintings are brought to life in the brand-new experience centre with interactive experience rooms, where you can rummage through his interior decoration items and carnival masks, browse through his letters and photos and peep into his authentic home and workplace.

Tour of the city centre

Walking on and within the path that marks Ostend's vanished city walls, you will be introduced to the heart of a modern seaside town that is happy to unfold its maritime history and royal past to you.





Mu.ZEE

Mu.ZEE is the only place in the world that focuses on modern and contemporary Belgian art, from 1880 to the present day. Mu.ZEE wishes to share its iconic building, its wonderful collection and its ever-expanding knowledge about this with you and as many people as possible, in a warm, hospitable and generous manner.

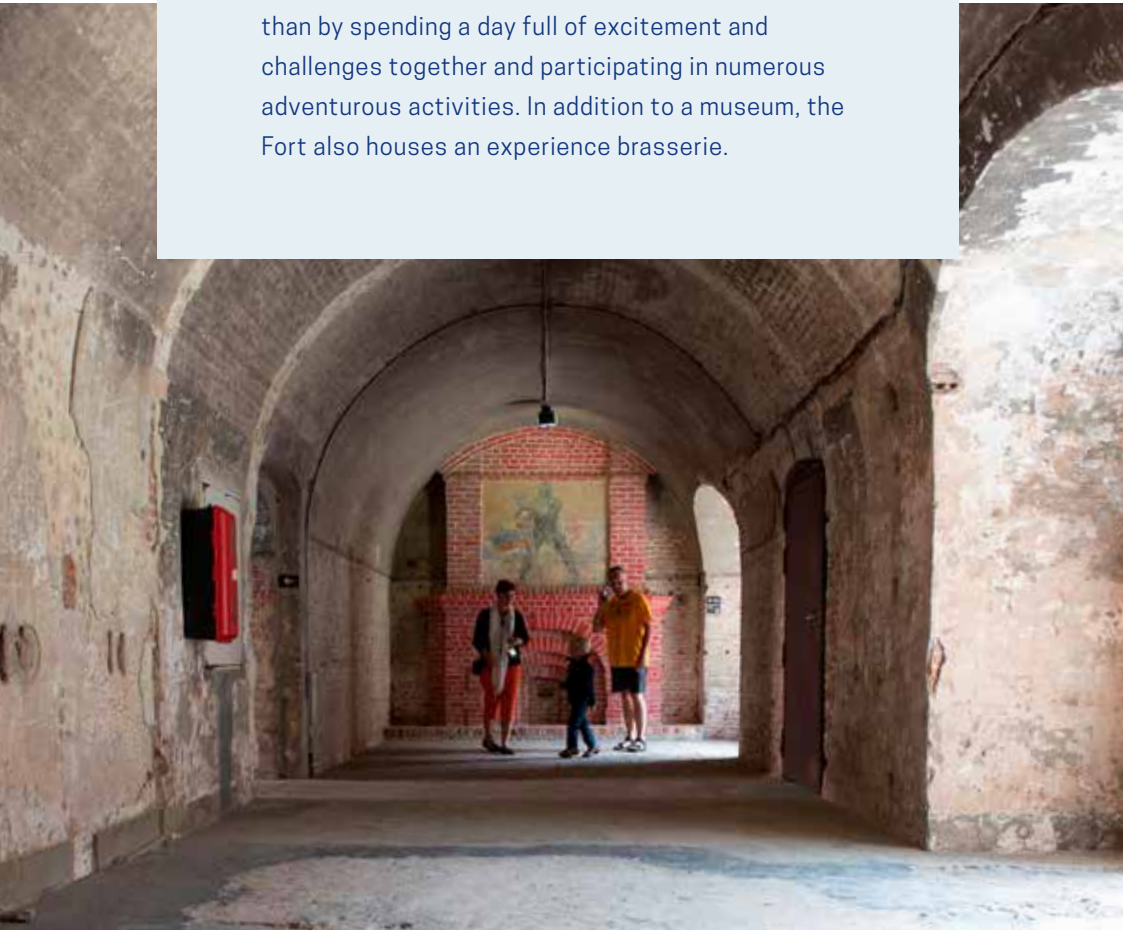
Atlantikwall Raversyde

The provincial domain of Raversyde is built up out of three parts: a nature reserve, the 'Atlantikwall' open-air museum and 'Anno 1465'. Learn all about coastal defence and the life of a soldier in WWI and WWII during a tour of the underground passages and bunkers. Enjoy a visit to the reconstructed houses of ANNO 1465. Discover what everyday life in the fishing village Walraversijde was like.



Fort Napoleon

Fort Napoleon was the scene of hundreds of years of history. This where the French fearfully waited for the English, and the impenetrable pentagon was used by German soldiers as a buffer against the Allies. Fort Napoleon is a place whose authenticity appeals to the imagination. This makes it the ideal venue for a unique team-building or other corporate event. There is no better way to get to know your team more intimately than by spending a day full of excitement and challenges together and participating in numerous adventurous activities. In addition to a museum, the Fort also houses an experience brasserie.



THE ASSETS OF MEET IN OOSTENDE:

Why get in touch
with Meet In Oostende?

› **FREE PROFESSIONAL AND OBJECTIVE ADVICE:**

We are your specialists with regard to meetings, incentives and conferences in Ostend.

› **A DETAILED AND TAILORED PROPOSAL:**

We request quotes from our partner organisations and get back to you with a single all-in-one quote.

› **A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT FOR ALL YOUR QUESTIONS:**

Once everything has been negotiated with the various contacts involved we will take care of the rest for you.

› **SITE INSPECTIONS:**

We will organise a personalised tour of the various places in Ostend that you wish to visit.



WHY CHOOSE OSTEND FOR YOUR NEXT MEETINGS, TEAM-BUILDING EVENTS AND CONFERENCES?

- › EXTENSIVE OFFERING OF VENUES AND ACTIVITIES
- › EASY TO REACH
- › ENJOY THE HOLIDAY ATMOSPHERE OF THE CITY BY THE SEA
- › THE CITY WHERE THERE IS SO MUCH TO DISCOVER AND EXPERIENCE ALL YEAR ROUND
- › OSTEND'S RICH HISTORY WILL NEVER CEASE TO AMAZE YOU



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