

## MAASTRICHT INFORMATION

In 2005, Maastricht was voted as 'the best city in the Netherlands'. A combination of the location and facilities including shopping, dining and cultural facilities, together with the city's safety and atmosphere make it a unique place to live and stay.

Maastricht, with its 125,000 inhabitants is the oldest city in the Netherlands. Since the Roman period the city has developed from a military town to a religious and handcrafts centre to the city it is nowadays. There are a lot of remains showing its ancient history. The original city centre with the old city walls and gates is situated on

the left or western side of the river Meuse. On the other side of the river is the part of the city named Wyck (8), an extension of the city in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century. Upstream, on this side of the river there are the University, the Hospital and the Congress



Centre. Both parts of Maastricht are connected by five bridges of different age, such as the 13<sup>th</sup> century St.-Servaasbrug.



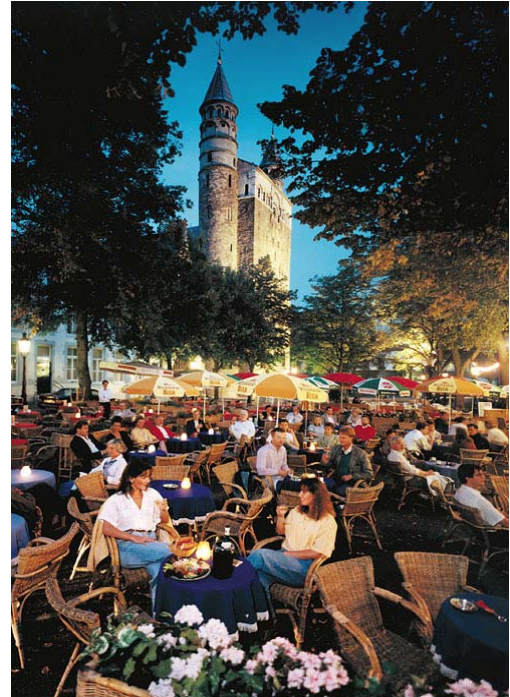
Large squares such as the Vrijthof (6) with the famous St.- Servaas and St.- Jan churches, the Onze Lieve Vrouwenplein (7) with the 12<sup>th</sup> century Onze Lieve Vrouwenchurch and the Market give Maastricht its special character.

Galleries, shops, pubs and a large

variety of restaurants are connected by cobbled streets and surrounded by 1450 officially protected monuments.

Maastricht's shopping facilities are extremely comprehensive. Besides all the major retail chains that are represented here, the city boasts shops that gives shopping just that little bit extra: Maastricht is the preferred Eu-regional shopping centre.

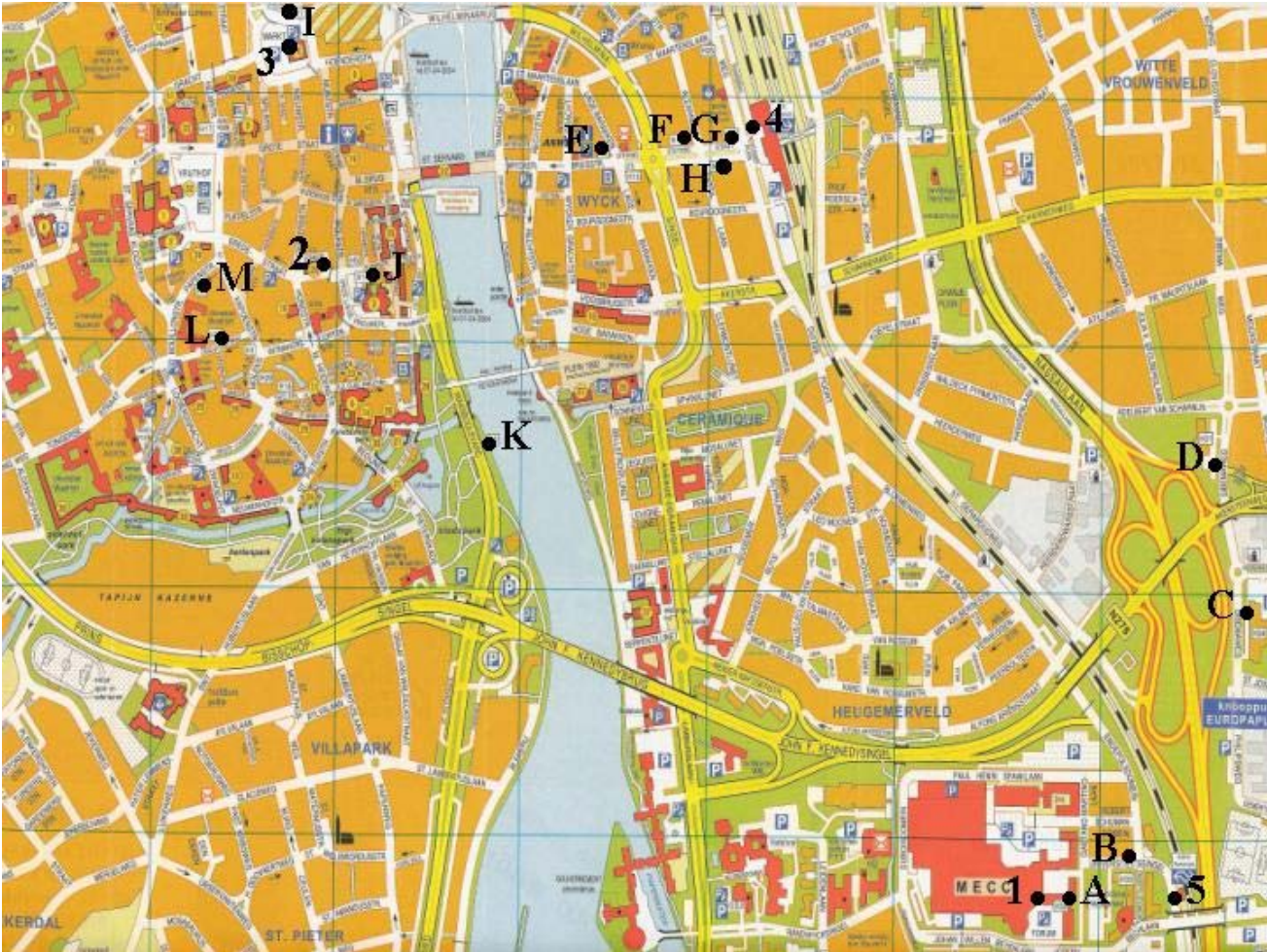
There are all sorts of cafés and pubs, which play an important role in the social life. There is an extensive choice of restaurants with food from all parts of the world, from cosy small places to eat to the best in the field of European gastronomy.



# HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

## Hotels in Maastricht

In Maastricht there are hotels in all categories at different prices. A selection is listed below. There are hotels in the vicinity of the Congress Centre (A-D), all within a walking distance (less than 15 minutes) from the Congress Venue. There are hotels near the Central Station of Maastricht (E-H), with a direct rail connection to the Maastricht – Randwyck Station (5 trains per hour, ride 3 minutes, return fare: 3 Euro) or by public bus (lines 1, 9, 11, 56, 58, 59). Hotels in the ancient city centre (I-M) are average 3 kilometres away from the Congress centre (30 minutes walk). There are good and frequent public bus connections from the city centre with the Congress Centre. Bus passes are provided for delegates.



**Legend** 1: Conference Centre, 2: Bonbonnière (presidents reception), 3: Town Hall (welcome reception), 4: Central Station, 5: Maastricht Randwyck Station, A-M: Hotels in Maastricht.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Telephone/ website</b>	<b>Stars</b>	<b>No. of rooms</b>	<b>Single room (Euro)</b>	<b>Double room (Euro)</b>	<b>Map</b>
NH Maastricht Hotel Forum 110	31-43-3838281	****	275	99-195	99-195	A
Hotel Randwyck Endepolsdomein 30	31-43-3616835	***	49	60	70	B
Van der Valk Maastricht Nijverheidsweg 35	31-43-3873500/ www.valk.nl	****	190	79-167	79-167	C
Accor Hotels – Novotel Sibemaweg 10	31-43-3611811 www.novotel.com	****	92	60-150	60-160	D
Hotel Beaumont Wyckerbrugstaat 2	31-43-3254433 www.beaumont	****	166	60-155	80-200	E
Hotel Sansa Stationsstraat 26	31-43-3233321	**	12	50-60	60-70	F
Best Western L'Empereur Stationsstraat 2	31-43-3213838 www.hotel-empereur.nl	****	150	129-229	142-229	G
De Poshoorn Stationsstraat 47	31-43-3217334 www.poshoorn.nl	**	11	58	70	H
Mabi Hotel Kleine Gracht 24	31-43-3514444 www.hotel-mabi.nl	****	55	105-135	115-150	I
D'Orangerie Kleine Gracht 4	31-3261111 www.hotel-orangerie.nl	***	22	69-113	90-113	I
Derlon O.L Vrouweplein 6	31-43-3216770 www.derlon.com	****	42	245-270	295-325	J
Botel low budget Maasboulevard 95	31-43-3219023		28	27-30	43-45	K
Les Charmes Lenculenstaat 18	31-43-3217400 www.charmes.nl	***	15	95-140	95-140	L
Botticelli Papenstaat 11	31-43-3526300 www.hotelbotticelli.com	***	18	95-179	95-179	M

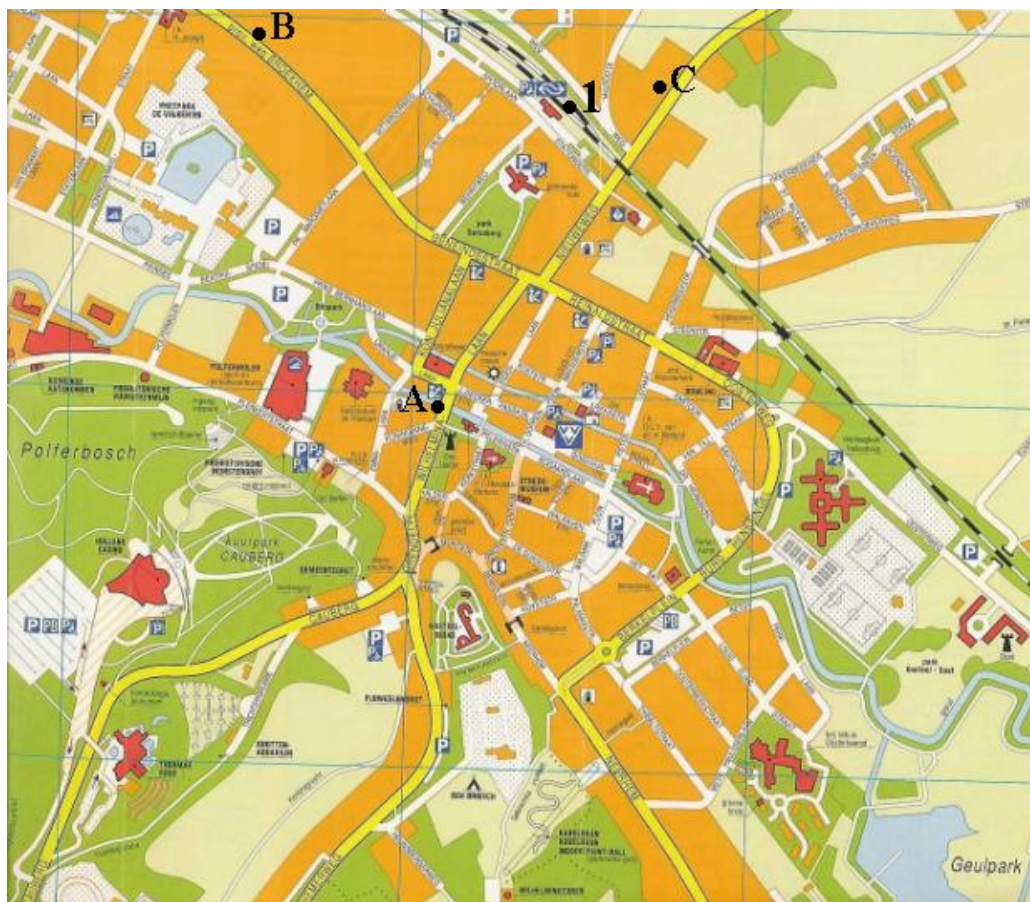
In Maastricht, breakfast is generally not included in the price (cost between 5 and 18 Euro)

Delegates can book their accommodation directly at the hotel, through the Maastricht tourist information at [www.vvvmaastricht.nl](http://www.vvvmaastricht.nl), or through the Conference Centre at [www.maastrichtbookingservice.nl](http://www.maastrichtbookingservice.nl). In spring early booking is advised to guarantee accommodation.

### Hotels in Valkenburg

In the nearby Valkenburg, 10 kilometers from Maastricht, cheaper hotels are available, all within 10 minutes walking from the Valkenburg railway station.

Valkenburg has a direct rail connection with the Maastricht-Randwyck Station, near the Congress centre (2 trains per hour, 4 and 36 minutes past the hour, respectively, ride 15 minutes, return fare 3.80 Euro)



**Legend:** 1: Valkenburg Station, A: Tourotel, B: Hotel Heijnen, C: Hotel Amsterdam

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Telephone/ website</b>	<b>Stars</b>	<b>No. of rooms</b>	<b>Single room (Euro)</b>	<b>Double room (Euro)</b>	<b>Map</b>
Tourotel Wilhelminalaan 28-34	31-43-6013998 www.tourotel.nl	***	28	20	40	A
Hotel Heijnen Broekhem 40	31-43-6012279 fax:31-43-6012279	***	15	34	53	B
Hotel Amsterdam Nieuweweg 27	31-43-6012238 www.hotel-amsterdam.nu	***	31	24	48	C

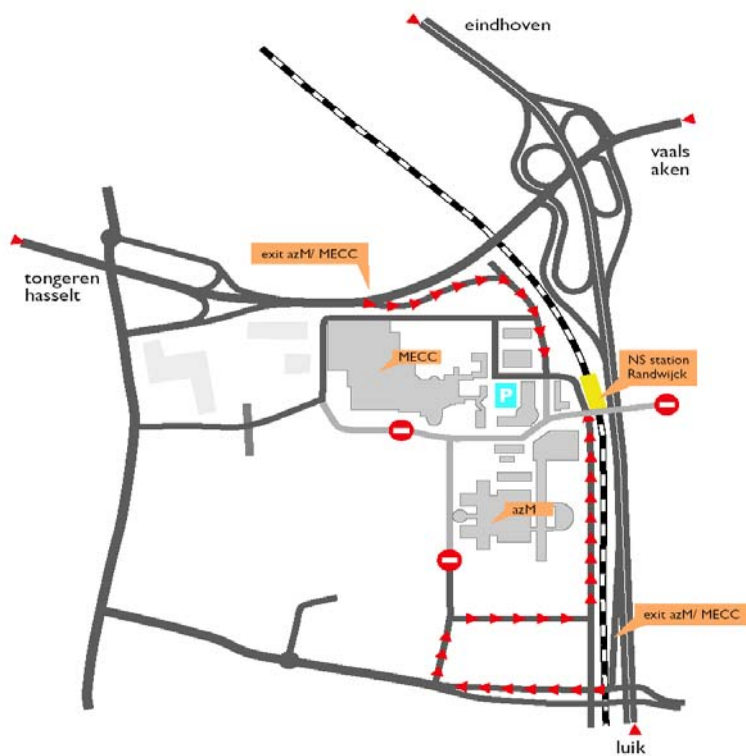
Prices of the hotels in Valkenburg generally include breakfast. In Valkenburg there is an additional tourist tax (1.27 Euro per person per day)

# TRAVEL INFORMATION AND MAPS

## ACCESS TO MAASTRICHT

### BY CAR

Maastricht is on the A2/E9 motorway and in the middle of the European motorway network. There are easy connections with Amsterdam (200 km), Brussels (100 km), Köln (100 km), Berlin (650 km), and Paris (400 km). The Conference Centre is easily reached by car with excellent parking facilities (6 Euro each time you enter one of the parking places).



## BY PLANE

Maastricht is served by 7 airports between 15 minutes to 3 hours travelling time: Maastricht-Aachen, Amsterdam, Brussels, Brussels-Charleroi, Düsseldorf, Eindhoven, and Köln-Bonn international airports.



### **Maastricht-Aachen Airport ([www.maa.nl](http://www.maa.nl))**

Maastricht Aachen airport is 12 km north of the city. There are direct flights to Amsterdam (5 flights per day), Berlin-Schönefeld, Nice, Antalya, and Düsseldorf. Maastricht centre can be reached

- by bus: (Hermes line 61, Sunday: Hermes line 51), bus ride approximately 20 minutes to Maastricht Central Station, cost approximately 3 Euro.
- by taxi: Taxis are licensed and metered, the fare to Maastricht centre is approximately 25 Euro.

### **Amsterdam-Schiphol Airport ([www.schiphol.nl](http://www.schiphol.nl))**

Amsterdam-Schiphol airport has over 225 direct flights to other cities over the world. It can be reached by plane, train and Taxi Airport Service

- There are 5 daily flights to Maastricht during weekdays, 3 flights during the weekend. The flight time is 30 minutes.
- There is an excellent train connection to Maastricht ([www.ns.nl](http://www.ns.nl)).

### **Brussels-Zavetem airport** ([www.brusselsairport.be](http://www.brusselsairport.be) )

Brussels-Zavetem airport is Belgium's national airport with direct flights to many parts of the world. It can be reached by train and Taxi Airport Service

- There is a good train connection to Maastricht Central Station and Maastricht Randwyck Station ([www.b-rail.be](http://www.b-rail.be))
- A special Airport Shuttle Service can be booked at Airport Shuttle Service Maastricht, P.O. Box 3738, 6202 NS Maastricht (Tel +31-43-3626666), ultimately 2 days before departure for 34 Euro single journey. Information at website [www.brull.nl](http://www.brull.nl) and a reservation form (fax to +31-43-3430460) are enclosed (Attachment).

### **Brussels-Charleroi Airport** ([www.charleroi-airport.com](http://www.charleroi-airport.com))

Many low budget carriers fly to Brussels-Charleroi airport, 46 kilometers south of Brussels.

### **Düsseldorf Airport** ([www.duesseldorf-international.de](http://www.duesseldorf-international.de))

Düsseldorf Airport is a medium size airport which hosts many low budget carriers such as Berlin Air, Blue Air, LTU) Düsseldorf Airport can best be reached by train with hourly services to Maastricht (ride: 2½ hours). Cost single ticket approximately 20 Euro.

### **Eindhoven Airport** ([www.eindhovenairport.nl](http://www.eindhovenairport.nl))

Some budget carriers fly to Eindhoven Airport. There are direct Ryan Air ([www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com)) connections with Barcelona (Girona), Milano (Orio del Serio), Rome (Ciampino), London Stansted and Dublin and also to Istanbul (Corendon Airlines), Dalaman and Antalya (Onur Air, Transavia)

- From Eindhoven Airport there is a public bus service to Eindhoven Railway Station (line 401, 4 busses per hour). It also can be reached by taxi (15 minutes). From there there is an excellent railway connection to Maastricht (2 trains per hour, ride 1¼ hour, single fare approximately 14 Euro).

**Köln-Bonn airport** ([www.koeln-bonn-airport.de](http://www.koeln-bonn-airport.de))

Many low fare airlines, particularly from south eastern Europe, fly to Köln-Bonn airport. There are rail connections with Maastricht. Detailed time tables can be obtained from the website of the “Deutsche Bahn”: [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de) (international guests for English time tables). The ride is approximately 3 hours.

**Budget airlines:** Several (budget) airlines fly to airports in the Netherlands, Belgium and the western part of Germany. The websites of some of them are listed below:

[www.corendon.com](http://www.corendon.com)

[www.airbaltic.com](http://www.airbaltic.com)

[www.klm.com](http://www.klm.com)

[www.wizzair.com](http://www.wizzair.com)

[www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com)

[www.germanwings.com](http://www.germanwings.com)

[www.estonian-air.ee](http://www.estonian-air.ee)

[www.blueairweb.com](http://www.blueairweb.com)

[www.virgin-express.com](http://www.virgin-express.com)

[www.airberlin.com](http://www.airberlin.com)

**BY TRAIN**

The railway station Maastricht Randwyck is at a two minutes walking distance from the Congress Centre. Trains leave Maastricht Central station for Maastricht Randwyck every 15 minutes. Also, from Liège-Guillemins there is a direct rail connection with Maastricht Randwyck. Thalys and Eurostar, fast trains from mainly France and London, respectively, stop at Liège-Guillemins. ([www.thalys.com](http://www.thalys.com) and [www.eurostar.com](http://www.eurostar.com))