



ÉISLEK HIGHLIGHTS

FOR THE NORTH OF LUXEMBOURG



An overview of the Éislek region



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Bourscheid Castle

870 km²
Surface

1887 km
Hiking trails

2
Nature Parks
(Nature Park of the Upper Sûre & Nature Park Our)

560 m
Highest point - Kneiff
(Wilwerdange)

9
Tourist Offices

2
Lakes

7
Rivers

7
Castles

12
Railway Stations

ÉISLEK - THE NORTH OF LUXEMBOURG



Lush forests, deep valleys and windy plateaus

“Everything you see is magnificent. The Ardennes enchant you.”- This is what Victor Hugo wrote to his wife Adèle in 1862. Even today, the Ardennes area, which unites the Luxembourgish, the Belgian and the French Ardennes, is a region of breathtaking natural beauty. In the north of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Éislek region impresses with lush forests, green hills, deep valleys and windy plateaus. The untouched natural landscapes are ideal for hiking and numerous outdoor activities. Art and history enthusiasts will also get their money’s worth in the Éislek.

Numerous castles and fortresses, museums of all kinds and traditional festivals let you discover more than 1000 years of history. The region also has two nature parks, the Nature Park of the Upper Sûre and the Nature Park Our, which actively contribute to the sustainable development of the region through regional projects.

In the nine Tourist Offices of the region you will get countless ideas for excursions!

Top spots

Gringlee, Lipperscheid
Um Kalléksuewen, Ettelbruck
Ourdall Promenade, Vianden

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NATURE PARKS

Nature conservation

The treasures of the Éislek are its pure nature, its outstanding culture and its tasty regional products. In order to ensure the conservation and sustainable development of the region two nature parks were created: the Nature Park of the Upper Sûre and the Nature Park Our. The two nature parks actively contribute to the preservation of the natural and cultural heritage and support a multiplicity of regional initiatives.

Characteristic for the Nature Park of the Upper Sûre is the Upper Sûre Lake, which not only supplies about 80% of Luxembourg households with drinking water, but is also a popular bathing spot in summer. The Nature Park Our is famous for its extensive plateaus and narrow, romantic rock valleys. The impressive valley of the Our is best discovered on one of the signposted paths of the "NaturWander-Park deluxe". Fantastic views are guaranteed!

Get to know more about geology, nature conservation and biodiversity on a tour through the two nature park centres, a tour with the solar boat or during a walk on the Ourdall Promenade.



Panorama platform Belvédère, Burfelt

Top spots

Plattform Belvédère, Burfelt
Houfels, Boulaide
Sonorous Trail, Hoscheid

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REGIONAL PRODUCTS

The Éislek is full of flavours..

Just like its history, inhabitants and traditions, the gastronomy of the Éislek region is characterised by solidity and hearty flavours. The Éislek tastes smoky, spicy and rustic. Typical for the region are delicacies such as ham, honey, mustard and schnapps, as well as numerous grain products. Beers like Diekirch, Simon, Ourdaller and “Heischer Béier” will convince you with their quality and originality - the very essence of the region. Under the product line “Vum Séi” you will not only find tea, bakery and meat products, but also natural cosmetics and textile products, which also find their origin and production in the Éislek.

Our products can be found on the menus of many regional restaurants, in various local shops, in the nature park centre in Esch-sur-Sûre, in the boutique of the Tourist Center Robbesscheier in Munshausen or at traditional festivals, markets and events. Why don't you visit one of our regional farm shops? The motto is here: From field to plate!

Under expert guidance, you can learn the art of brewing beer during a one-day seminar at the microbrewery in Wiltz.

Top spots

Candle factory, Heiderscheid
Haff Ditzesbaach, Ettelbruck
Meyrishaff, Bastendorf

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NORDSTAD



Welcome to the Nordstad – the door to the Éislek!

Where Alzette and Sûre rivers meet, a unique landscape structure has been created: the valley of the Nordstad. Unpopulated slopes and plateaus line the urban belt of the town. Thanks to the good rail connections between the Nordstad and Luxembourg City, you can get to the Éislek quickly and easily.

How about a bike tour through the Nordstad area? Rent a bike in Schieren and cycle along the cycle path to Colmar-Berg. Make a short stop at the “Berg-Castle”, the main residence of our Grand Duke of Luxembourg. The tour continues in the direction of Ettelbruck. At the cultural centre “CAPE” you will have a wide range of events which you can attend. From Ettelbruck you continue to the castle in Erpeldange-sur-Sûre. Afterwards the bike tour takes you to Diekirch, where there are great shopping and gastronomic opportunities. The route continues along the Sûre river to Bettendorf, where your tour ends and from where you can take the bus back to Schieren.

If you want to explore the Nordstad on foot, the 54 km long “Sentier Adrien Ries” hiking trail is perfect for discovering the beautiful views of the Nordstad.

Top spots

Birtrange Castle, Schieren
Um Kalléksuewen, Ettelbruck
Deiwelselter, Diekirch

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HIKING



The hiking region

The Éislek region in the North of Luxembourg is characterised by vast landscapes combined with a rich cultural heritage. Dense forests, deep valleys and windy plateaus guarantee intense experiences in nature. As the hiking region of Luxembourg, the Éislek attaches particular importance to quality and down-to-earthness. Stage walks, circular walks, day tours of varying lengths and theme trails inspire with their varied ups and downs, captivating views and characteristic rock formations.

Highlights include the Escapardenne Lee and Eislek Trail, which have been awarded with the label “Leading Quality Trail - Best of Europe” and the Nat’Our routes, certified as “Premium-Wanderwege”. A special experience is offered while hiking along the Upper Sûre Lake on the 43 kilometer long “Circuit du Lac”.

The region counts a total of 18 “Éislek Pied” (Éislek Paths), which belong to the selection of the most beautiful circular walks in the region. Based on the strict criteria of the European Ramblers’ Association, they promise the best hiking quality.



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Doigt de Dieu, Dirbach

Top spots

Gringlee, Lipperscheid
Molberlee, Hoscheid
Lätgesberg, Vianden

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VENNBahn



Fascinating landscapes, border country atmosphere and Vennbahn stories

Through the northern part of the Éislek meanders the multiple international award-winning Vennbahn. From Troisvierges, across East Belgium to Aachen in Germany, you will be amazed of fascinating landscapes, border country atmosphere and Vennbahn stories on the 125 km long cycle path. For over a century, the Vennbahn was the iron link between the coalfields around Aachen and the north of Luxembourg. Isolated stations, parked wagons or frozen signal systems are today only silent witnesses of a glorious past.

With 125 km, the Vennbahn is one of the longest cycle trails on disused railway tracks in Europe. The cycle path, with a total of 6 stages, crosses the unique high moor “Hohes Venn”. Leading through three countries, the Vennbahn is mainly asphalted and has a low gradient. So let's go!

Shortly after Troisvierges, you will pass the bat tunnel near Huldange. Signposted with information boards, the tunnel can be reached either from the Luxembourg or the Belgian side along the Vennbahn cycle path.

Top spots

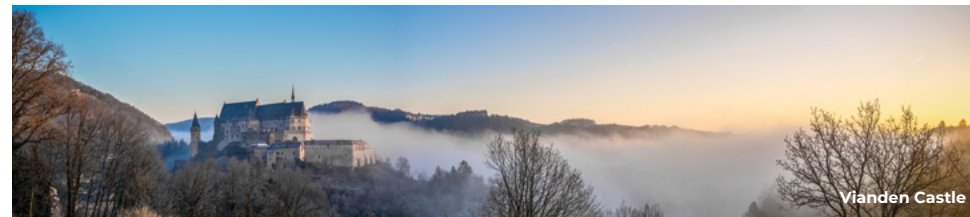
Kneif, Highest point in Lux.
European Garden, Troisvierges
Musée Rural, Binsfeld

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CASTLES & FORTRESSES

Brandenburg Castle



Vianden Castle

Ready to travel back in time?

If you let your eyes wander over the “Éisleker Koppen”, you will surely discover the battlements of a castle or the majestic tower of a fortress. The Éislek is home to many proud witnesses of the past, one of whom is more majestic than the other. Almost all of them can be visited today, including Vianden Castle or Bourscheid Castle.

Several exhibitions and museums can also be visited in the Castle of Clervaux. One of them is the famous photo exhibition of international renown, “The Family of Man”, which was added to the UNESCO Memory of the World List in 2003.

Immerse yourself in the adventurous world of knights and jugglers at annual festivals. The medieval festival in Vianden, the Night of Legends in Esch-sur-Sûre or the Festival in Wiltz in front of the fantastic coulisse of the castle enchant their visitors once a year.

Top spots

Brandenburg Castle
Schuttbourg, Kautenbach
St. Mary's Column,
Esch-sur-Sûre

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CULTURE



Cloth Factory, Esch-sur-Sûre

Museums, castles, exhibitions, traditions and customs will delight you in the Éislek!

Throughout the year, traditional events such as the art festival in Lellingen, the broom flower festival in Wiltz, the day of the Ardennes draught horse in Munshausen or the “Foire Agricole” in Ettelbruck define life in the Éislek. During a shopping tour through one of the pedestrian zones of the region you can be enchanted by the architectural beauty and the special charm of the towns and villages of the Éislek.

The Museum of the Battle of the Bulge, the Victor Hugo House or the Museum of the Former post office are just some of the museums to be explored in this region steeped in history. A special highlight is the photo exhibition “The Family of Man” in the Castle of Clervaux, which is part of the UNESCO Memory of the World.

Industrial heritage can be found in Haut-Martelange, where you can learn more about the history of the Éislek-slate in the Slate Museum. In Stolzembourg, the former copper mine is once again open to visitors and in Esch-sur-Sûre the art of weaving is still practiced in the cloth factory.

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Family of Man, Clervaux

Top spots

Benedictine Abbey, Clervaux
Firefighters Museum, Wiltz
Chapel Ste Cunégonde,
Oberschlinder

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The Abbey of "Cinqfontaines"

The Éislek... An eventful history!

The north of Luxembourg was also sad scene of wars and battles. The most famous of these is probably the Battle of the Bulge, which took place in the winter of 1944-1945. In these dark chapters of history inhabitants of the Ardennes defended themselves against the occupation and rebelled.

The General Patton Memorial Museum in Ettelbruck, the Museum of the Battle of the Bulge in Wiltz, the National Museum of Military history in Diekirch or the aviation monument in Maulusmühle remind us of those who have fought for peace and freedom. Throughout the region there are many memorials, monuments and museums, which can be visited.

The Abbey of "Cinqfontaines" was the only place of internment for Jews in Nazi-occupied Luxembourg and was therefore a collection point for deportations to the concentration and extermination camps. A monument and historical explanations commemorate those dark years. After the war, the monastery regained its original purpose before becoming a retreat and meditation centre in 1973.

Top spots

- Schumann's Eck
- Strike Memorial, Wiltz
- Patton Monument, Ettelbruck

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GUIDED TOURS

Post History-T'Our, Asselborn



Smugglers Trail, Troisvierges

Insider tips

Whether with the solar boat over the Upper Sûre Lake, a cool detour into the underground copper mine in Stolzembourg or the historical discovery of the Post History-T'Our in Asselborn, the guided tours can be booked by every visitor in the Éislek. Our experienced tour guides will be happy to accompany you to our highlights and have lots of insider tips and expertise for you and your group.

Join the "Summer Discovery Tours"! During the summer months a varied programme of exciting tours for individuals and small groups is offered.

**Discover our experiences also online in our Ticket Shop.
With just one click you can book your tour.**

Top spots

City Tour, Clervaux
City Tour, Vianden
City Tour, Wiltz

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HITS FOR KIDS

Time for a family vacation?!

No problem, in the Éislek the choice of activities is almost endless. Carriage rides at the Tourist Center Robbesscheier in Munshausen, the Burfelt forest discovery centre, a ride with the solar boat on Luxembourg's biggest drinking water reservoir, a visit to the slate museum in Haut-Martelange... The children have nearly unlimited choices.

The area around the Upper Sûre Lake is considered as an absolute relaxation oasis for young and old. Start the day with a hike along the sculpture trail in Lultzhausen following a refreshing swim in the lake. In case of bad weather the swimming pools of the region, such as the Aqua Nat'Our in Hosingen, the Nordpool in Colmar-Berg or the swimming pool in Diekirch are great alternatives for spending a wonderful day with the family.

Seeing, hearing, touching, smelling and tasting - everything turns around the five senses in the "Park Sënnesräich" in Lullange. In a playful way the children are shown how our senses work.



Solar Boat, Insenborn

Top spots

Chairlift, Vianden
Indoor Mini-golf & Play-park,
Eschweiler
Forest Adventure Trail,
Hoscheid

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TOURING

Discover the Éislek in a classic car

Exploring the landscapes of the Éislek region in a classic car is a very special experience. The oldtimer route of 254 km in total takes you through the whole north of Luxembourg, passing a beautiful countryside, alternating between picturesque highlands and winding valleys.

The region is characterized by the well-preserved and carefully restored castles and fortresses, which invite you to immerse yourself in the medieval past. Numerous museums and exhibitions, such as the famous “Family of Man” (UNESCO Memory of the World) in the Castle of Clervaux, the Museum of Brewing Art in Wiltz and the Cloth Factory in Esch-sur-Sûre will also amaze you on this route.

Do not miss the National Museum for Historical Vehicles located in the heart of Diekirch. The museum invites the visitor all year round to changing exhibitions.

Top spots

Village of Lellingen
Teifëlslee, Heiderscheidergrund
European monument,
Border Triangle Ouren

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WHAT'S ON



Culture in all its diversity

In the north of Luxembourg, boredom is rare, as many traditional festivals entertain both the locals and the numerous visitors who enjoy participating in local events. Throughout the year, the Éislek hosts a variety of festivals, shows and traditional markets. You will have trouble making a choice because all of them will delight you.

The three cultural centres in the Éislek region offer a varied programme all year round. From classical to comedy, all kinds of cultural events take place here, for all audiences. Whether at the “Cube 521” in Marnach, the “CAPE” in Ettelbruck or the “Prabbeli” in Wiltz, no wishes remain unfulfilled here between exhibitions, dance and theatre performances.

Film lovers can watch the latest films in one of the three cinemas of the region. The “Ciné Scala”, the “Ciné Orion” or the “Ciné Prabbeli” provide great entertainment. In case of bad weather, the cinemas are also a pleasant alternative.

Top spots

Ettelbrooklyn Street Fest
Nut Market, Vianden
Festival de Wiltz
Koll an Aktioun,
Haut-Martelange

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Good to know

At the nine Tourist Offices of the region (Clervaux, Diekirch, Esch-sur-Sûre, Ettelbruck, Munshausen, Troisvierges, Vianden, Weiswampach, Wiltz) you will get all the important information that will make your stay in the Éislek unforgettable.

Have you already heard about the Luxembourg Card? The Luxembourg Card is the ideal formula for culture lovers. After purchasing the 1, 2 or 3-day version, you have free access to more than 60 museums and tourist attractions throughout Luxembourg.

Plan your trip with public transport in Luxembourg easily with the travel planner “mobiliteit.lu”. The bus and train network connects the largest cities and towns. Since March 2020, public transport is also completely free of charge throughout Luxembourg.

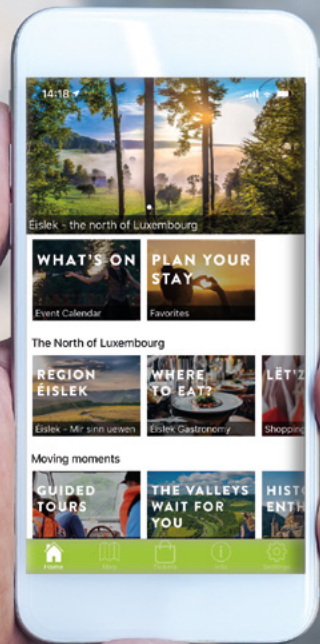
From Luxembourg City, you can easily reach Ettelbruck, the entrance city of the Éislek, in less than 30 minutes by direct train. From here you can take the train for example to Diekirch, Wiltz, Clervaux or Troisvierges.



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ÉISLEK APP



The Éislek in your hand

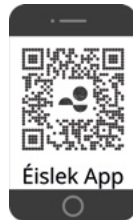
Mir sinn uewen!?

Sure, the Éislek region is located high in the north of the small Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, but what can you experience up there? Where do you have the best views and how can you be very close to daily life?

This is where the new Éislek app - a planning tool for moving moments - comes in to help. Save favourites and events in the app and plan your stay. Let our smartphone app guide you through the region and receive real-time information on events and useful insider tips from our experts. Book now, simply and quickly, your ticket for guided tours, museums or castles in the Ticket Shop.

The application is available for free on Android and iOS.

How about an interactive hike? The “Natur Pur?” circular hiking trail can now also be experienced with the Éislek App. The starting point is at the “Pont Misère” in Arsdorf.



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