

LILLE INDOOR



17 HEAVEN IS A PLACE ON EARTH

If you're looking for a cosy place to have a slice of a refined cake: stop searching! **MONSIEUR M** is located on the west wing of the Vieille Bourse. This tea room is delicately and elegantly decorated and will offer you a charming view inside the building. The place itself and their comfort food will help you to get through rainy days!
→ 4 Rue des 7 agaches - Mon-Sat 11:30am-7pm

18 A WONDERFUL CHOCOLATE

CAFÉ MÉO is the perfect hang-out if you love hot chocolate and coffee. Even though it's been a French roaster since 1928, you have to try the merveilleux hot chocolate, with sweet whipped cream and some pieces of meringue inside: it's marvelous! Don't forget to take a look upstairs, you'll see our dear Grand'place through the window.
→ 5 Place Charles de Gaulle - Mon-Sat 8am-7pm

19 DO YOU SPEAK CH'TIMI?

At least you can wear it. From «*Saque eud'dins biloute*!» to «Back to the Future», the clothes shop **LE GALLODROME** takes regional popular slang expressions and prints them on T-shirts to make you or your grand-parents laugh. Made in limited editions by local designers. A unique souvenir to bring back home.

- EAT
- DRINK
- NIGHT LIFE
- SIGHTSEEING
- MARKET & SHOP
- SWEET BREAK
- HOSTEL

22 AT ANYTIME OF THE DAY €

LA RESSOURCERIE is a collaborative bar: a little amount of what you consume there goes straight to some local initiatives. In a bohemian and luminous ambiance you can enjoy blind tests, pub-quizzes, and art exhibitions while eating delicious food with local drinks! You can also come at noon for a cheap and tasty lunch. Once a week you can attend one of their "food parties" but be quick: they are often sold out!
→ 73 Rue de l'Hôpital Militaire - Tue-Fri 11:45am-2pm 5pm-00:00pm - 1am on Fri, Sat 4pm-2am, Sun-Mon closed

23 TRENDY COFFEE FOR TRAVELERS

COFFEE MAKERS offers a sober atmosphere to drink a coffee. It's one of the last coffee roasters in Lille so hurry up! Help yourself to the cakes, sandwiches and organic snacks, and enjoy them with no limits! Last but not least, run by a Belgian and a Polish the owners speak English.
→ 151 Rue Pierre Mauroy - Mon-Fri 11:30am-2:30pm, Sat 2am-5am, Sun closed

24 PARADISE FOR BACKPACKERS

Guidebooks, phrasebooks, novels, maps and other invitations to escape... The bookshop **AUTOUR DU MONDE** is an oasis. Fun (and ethical) fact: some years ago guidebooks about the Maldives had been banned from their shelves. Why? The country legalised the death penalty from the age of 7. A bookshop with principles!
→ 65 Rue Pierre Mauroy - Everyday 10am-7pm

25 PUT THE WORLD RIGHT €

Do you want to start a revolution and are you in search of fellows? You love to discuss, and you want to put the world right? **LE CAFÉ CITOYEN** is the place to be! Exchange your ideas while eating local, organic and fair-trade products and enjoy the sunny terrace or the cozy indoor on a rainy day.
→ 7 Place du Vieux Marché aux Chevaux, Sun. closed

26 ORIGINAL FLAVOURS FOR ALL TASTES €€

At **LE ICI** they once organised a hummus world cup. It is one of the chef's specialities that you can share as a starter for 2€ per person! For that reasonable price, you'll feel like you're in a star restaurant. Good food, nice and fun bartenders - this is the place to have lunch. Reservation recommended.
→ 10 Rue Inkermann, Mon 5:30pm-11:45pm, Tue-Thu 12am-2:45pm, 5:30pm-00:00pm (1am on Fri), Sat 5:30pm-2am, Sun closed

27 RUBENS, VAN GOGH, ETC.

No time to go to Paris? Okay, if you want to enjoy the second finest collection of fine arts in the country (we even have a Van Gogh painting!), **LE PALAIS DES BEAUX-ARTS** is where you have to go. Don't miss the old relief plans on the ground floor that have just been restored!

28 OUR PROUST MADELEINE €€

SWEET FLAMINGO is a tea room, but it's more than just that. The flashy and cosy decoration will bring you back to the time you were a kid, coming back from school and craving for something sweet.

34 A RAINBOW TOUCH

Maud, 26
The **LIQUUUM** meets all the strict conditions of a must-visit: the friendliest servers, cheapest delicious vegan cuisine for miles, the atmosphere of a good neighbourhood homemade iced teas in town, and a nice se this is sprinkled with reading clubs, games, name it... And on top of it all: a rainbow too LGBT+ QUEER bar, but not only.
→ 71 Rue Jeanne d'Arc - Tue-Thu 12pm-12a 6pm-2am, Mon-Sun closed

35 36 SEE MAISONS F

37 NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING POINT €

LA MOULINETTE has the essence of a neighbourhood canteen/café. Solidarity, commitment, conviviality and open access for artist residencies! You can eat like a king at low price (and local!) while listening to a radio programme or a debate. As a bonus... There is a children's space so everyone can find their place.
→ 105 Boulevard Victor Hugo - Tue-Thu 10am-12pm, Fri 10am-1am, Sat 10am-2am, Sun-Mon closed

38 WAZEMME'S ATMOSP

If you're looking for a bar not only to drink, play board games or listen to local music g the place to be in Rue des Postes. There is a and the bartenders are very kind! They let y you cannot make a choice, and the cocktail: are often art exhibitions by locals, and duri to 7pm) the drinks are really cheap!
→ 42 Rue des postes - Mon-Thu 5pm-00:00, 6pm-2am, Sun 6pm-11:45pm

39 LIKE AT HOME

2.80 euros for a Duvel. Unbeatable. **LE POS** bar run by a father and his sons. It might n «good beers + low price + perfect location equation means the café is always packed. unofficial statistics, this bar has the greatest minded people in Lille. Go see for yourself!
→ 63 Rue des Postes - Mon-Thu 3pm-00:00 3pm-2am, Sun 4pm-1am

40 AN ELEPHANT IN THE CIRCUS €€



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neighbourhood bar, the best
and a nice selection of beers. All
bars, games, karaoke, concerts, you
get the rainbow touch. The Liquium is an

12pm-12am, Fri 12pm-1am, Sat

MAISONS FOLIE

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ATMOSPHERE

ly to drink, but to meet people,
and music groups, **LE LOKARRIA** is
the place. There is a warm atmosphere,
and they let you taste the beers if
the cocktails are delicious. There
is, and during happy hour (5pm
and up!

5pm-00:00, Fri 5pm-1am, Sat

place. **LE POSTE** is a family-owned
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location + relaxed people»
is packed. According to very
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yourself!

3pm-00:00, Fri 3pm-1am, Sat

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5 MIN OF HISTORY

- **640.** After defeating his enemy, the cruel Phinaert, the giant Lydéric becomes the new lord of the region and builds a castle on a nearby river island. And thus the legendary city of Lille was born. Or at least, that's the story, and we believe it.
- **1066.** The count of Flanders names the city "Insula" in Latin, which means island. It becomes Lille (l'île) in French and Rijsel (der ijsel) in Dutch, which means "the island". However, don't look for water around the city. The river was diverted in the 18th century and most of the canals were filled in or covered in the 19th century.
- **1127.** First time we hear about the Braderie which is now the biggest flea market in Europe. If you come to Lille for the first weekend of September, like two or three million other people every year, you'll understand why it's important.
- **1214.** For 12 years, the county of Flanders was administered by the countess Jeanne de Flandres who set up hospices and hospitals to take care of the poor and orphans. She was a lovely and wise woman, who is still remembered, as many places bear her name.
- **1667.** Lille is under the authority of the king of Spain when Louis XIV, king of France, sends his best men to take Lille. The city surrenders after 9 long days. Lille has stayed French ever since.
- **1792.** A few days after we got rid of the king and proclaimed the Republic, an Austrian army knocks at our door and asks us to surrender. No way! We protect the city and the country in spite of the siege and the

The Maisons Folie are old factories that were renovated when Lille became the European Capital of Culture in 2004. Even now, they're offering an eclectic schedule, often in conjunction with local artists and local NGO's. It's better to first check the internet to see if something is scheduled, but you can always go there to admire the buildings, which are beautiful remnants of the working-class neighbourhood.

MAISONS FOLIE

31 **LE COLYSÉE** is the only newly-built Maison Folie. The impressive stairway which separates the building in two brings you on the rooftop from where you have a nice view of the river and the citadel park. The steps also serve as benches when a show takes place outside.

35 The **MAISON FOLIE MOULINS** represents the second jewel of the North's industry: beer. This former brewery now hosts concerts, theatre, exhibitions and puppet shows, and, a great recently opened Fablab to make objects by yourself.

36 In 2014, **FLOW** came to the Maison Folie Moulines. Unique in Europe, the building is entirely dedicated to Hip Hop culture, with workshops, concerts and exhibitions centered on this culture.

42 The **MAISON FOLIE WAZEMMES** is a former textile mill from the nineteenth century, a time when dozens of chimneys like the one you see here were visible in Wazemmes! It's become the cultural Mecca of Lille with an exhibition hall, artists' residencies and two concert halls.

Most events are free, but for heaven's sake, check the internet to see if something's happening



PRACTICAL INFO

Tourist office

The Lille tourist office is located in the former Palais Rihour, Place Rihour.

Open 7 days a week throughout the year.

Monday - Saturday: 9.30 am - 6 pm // Sunday and bank holidays:

10 am - 4.30 pm

www.lilletourism.com

General Opening times

Most museums are closed on Tuesdays.

Most shops are open from 10:00 to 19:00.

Almost everything is closed on Sunday. Small stores are usually closed on Monday.

Free museum visit

Museums are free the first Sunday of every month.

Ask for a discount price if you are <25.

Find your way and all networks at www.ilevia.fr or inside the station at the Republique Beaux Arts et Gare Lille Flandres where you can find info centers (both closed on sundays).

Trains

There are two stations in Lille, 400 meters apart.

Lille Europe is mainly used for departures to London, Brussels, and main destinations in France.

Lille Flandres is mainly used for departures to Paris or regional trains.

Bikes

The best way to visit Lille is to rent a bike. Look for the self-service "V'lille", red bikes which are everywhere in the city (more than 100



Lille bars. See the INDOOR side of the map to find our best selection!

● Enjoy the sun

Don't worry, we also have sunny days. Lille in the summer is something. You can cycle by the water's edge, play Molky at Place casquette (57), have some nice BBQ at le Cours Saint-So (60). Look at the OUTDOOR side of the map to discover the best walks and take-away tips we had time to rediscover during COVID time.

Luckily, when museums were closed we had our outside art: street art and original facades like in Rue de la Paix d'Utrecht!

You like maps right? Look out for the Collectif Renart's Street Art map:

<https://collectif-renart.com/carte/>

● Follow your nose

Lille is an odorous city so don't be surprised if, while chilling or walking outside, your nose starts to itch. Yeast (we don't only drink beers, we also produce them), garbage (if you are unlucky, it's garbage pick-up day and bags are all over the streets), coffee, cheese, weed and who knows what else, will wake up your smell!

● Speak like a local

In Lille we speak French, obviously. However, like in every other regions of our country, there are typical words and expressions that you'd better learn fast if you want to merge in the cityscape:

"Il drache"? "Temps de brin"
= it rains cats and dogs

"A tantôt!" means "see you later!"
But later could be in 5 minutes, tomorrow, or in a year. An expression we've borrowed from our dear Belgian neighbours.

"Sais-tu m'aider?" literally means "Do you know how to help me?" but it actually means "Can you help me?". In Lille, like in Belgium, we use "to know" (*savoir*) instead of "to can" (*pouvoir*). It's disturbing at first but you'll get used to it... eventually.

● Forget your car and Uber

If you stay in the city centre, you can get almost everywhere by foot within 20 min. If you consider all the one-way streets, the traffic lights, the lack of parking spots and the traffic jams, cars should be your last resort. Because of these constraints and its pleasant urban environment, Lille is known as one of the French cities where people walk the most!

● Explore the metro

If you need to go further than just the city centre, use public transport: it is cheap, well interconnected, reliable and part of the local culture. All the metro stations are original since they all had a different architect and host an original artwork. From the aquariums in Montebello to the boat in Port de Lille, passing by the hand holding a column in Porte de Valenciennes.

Metros, trams, buses and trains will bring you to the alternative places outside of the city center (Friche gourmande at Marcq en Baroeul) - the Industrial heritage (plenty of alternative places occupy what used to be industrial buildings).

● Ride a bike

A good alternative to public transport, both quick, fun and almost at the same price, is the shared bicycle (V'Lille) scheme in all the surrounding areas. Not all the city bikes in France ride that easy. We use them not only to go from one place to another but also to make a pretty turn in the Metropolitan Area. Renting a bike is pretty easy, see our practical info!

● Chill like a local

If you want to blend in among Lillois, you must accept that there is no set time to drink a beer with friends. After work during happy hour, or during lunch time with your work colleagues and even Sunday morning after a tour in the WAZEMMES MARKET. So, sit down at a terrace and order a beer with your friends. And voilà! You are chilling like a lillois.

● Siege the Citadel

At the first sunbeam, we know where to go: the Citadel Park (47) and other (more or less) green spaces like Jardin Vauban, Quai du Wault (72) or Jardin du Colysée. You will find a lot of Lillois taking a walk or having a break near the canal.



in hearsay, but after some serious and repetitive tests, we must admit: La Capsule deserves it. Forget the famous beers you've already tested before, and leave room for discovery! Here you will find a large choice of rare beers from everywhere, from strong to the most flavoured ones.

A well furnished choice of whiskies too.

→ 25 rue des Trois-Molettes, Mon-Thur 5:30pm - 1am, Fri 5:30pm-3am, Sat 4pm-3am, Sun 5:30pm-00:00

8 RUM OR RUM?

LA PIROGUE is one of the best spots to drink Caribbean rum. Here, there's lots of choice, but you must try the Zazou! Don't ask us what's in it. Each time we've tried to investigate, we forgot the question.

→ 16 Rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Mon-Wed 5pm-1am, Thur-Sat 5pm-3am

9 GLIMPSE OF USSR

A bust of Lenin, a sickle, a hammer, a red light... No, you are not in the headquarters of the local communist party, but in LE KREMLIN, a vodka bar. The owner can be a bit rough at first, like the liquor he serves, but you get used to it and the choice is pretty impressive. Payment only in cash.

→ 51 Rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Mon-Sun 6:30pm-3am

4 A SINGER HISTORY €€€

Rue de Gand is famous for having a large choice of "estaminets" (typical regional restaurants). We help you to choose! LE RAOUL is the one that obtained most votes during the participative campaign we made while creating this map! You can also find Raoul's name and face on beer bottles in supermarkets.

→ 56 Rue de Gand - Tue : 6pm-11pm, Wed-Thu 12am-2pm, 6:30pm-11pm, Fri-Sun 12am-3pm, 6:30pm-11pm

5 LET'S TRAVEL TO JOMON €€

Located in a typical Vieux-Lille house, JOMON NEGISHI is recognized as the only authentic Japanese restaurant in the region (and is even recommended by the Japanese Cuisine Evaluation Committee!). Taste specialties in an exotic decor: a wooden bar on the first floor or a small Japanese garden in the basement. Beyond the main course, you have the choice between a variety of alcoholic drinks (sake, calpis, beer, etc.) and starters (with inevitable gyozas, takoyakis and miso soups for example).

→ 4 Rue de la Rapine - Tue-Sun 12am-2:30pm 7pm-10:30pm

12 BEST WAFFLES IN THE WORLD? €€€

Some say MÉERT is the best pastry shop in Lille, maybe even in the country. We would say that it's the most expensive. But their speciality, the *gaufres fourrées* (waffles filled with brown sugar or vanilla cream) is worth it! The evidence is that this shop was, for quite some time, the official provider of the Belgian king. Looking through the window makes you want to taste all the wonderful cakes. The building itself is worth the detour, and if you have some money to spend, come in and enjoy the tea room.

→ Mon 2pm-7:30pm, Tues-Fri 9:30am-7:30pm, Sat 9am-7:30pm, Sun 9am-7pm

13 THE WORLD'S END

Let's be clear: LE DERNIER BAR AVANT LA FIN DU MONDE is a place for nerds. A place for board games, video games, with words and magic wands on the walls and where cocktails are named after comic's characters. It's the place where you go to discuss the last Marvel movie or to get some advice on the next science-fiction novel to read. It's also the only place where you can play Mario in the toilets.

→ 12 Rue du pas - Every day 2pm-10pm

14 SUIT UP

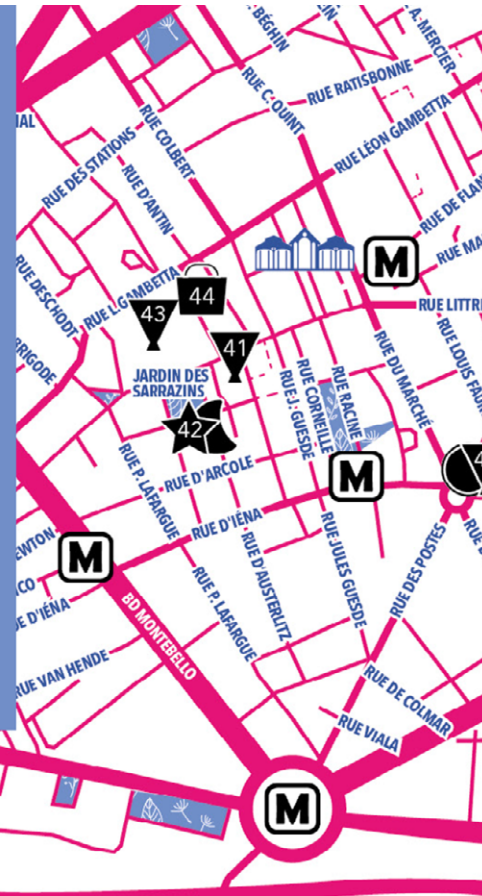
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→ 13 Rue du Cirque - Tue-

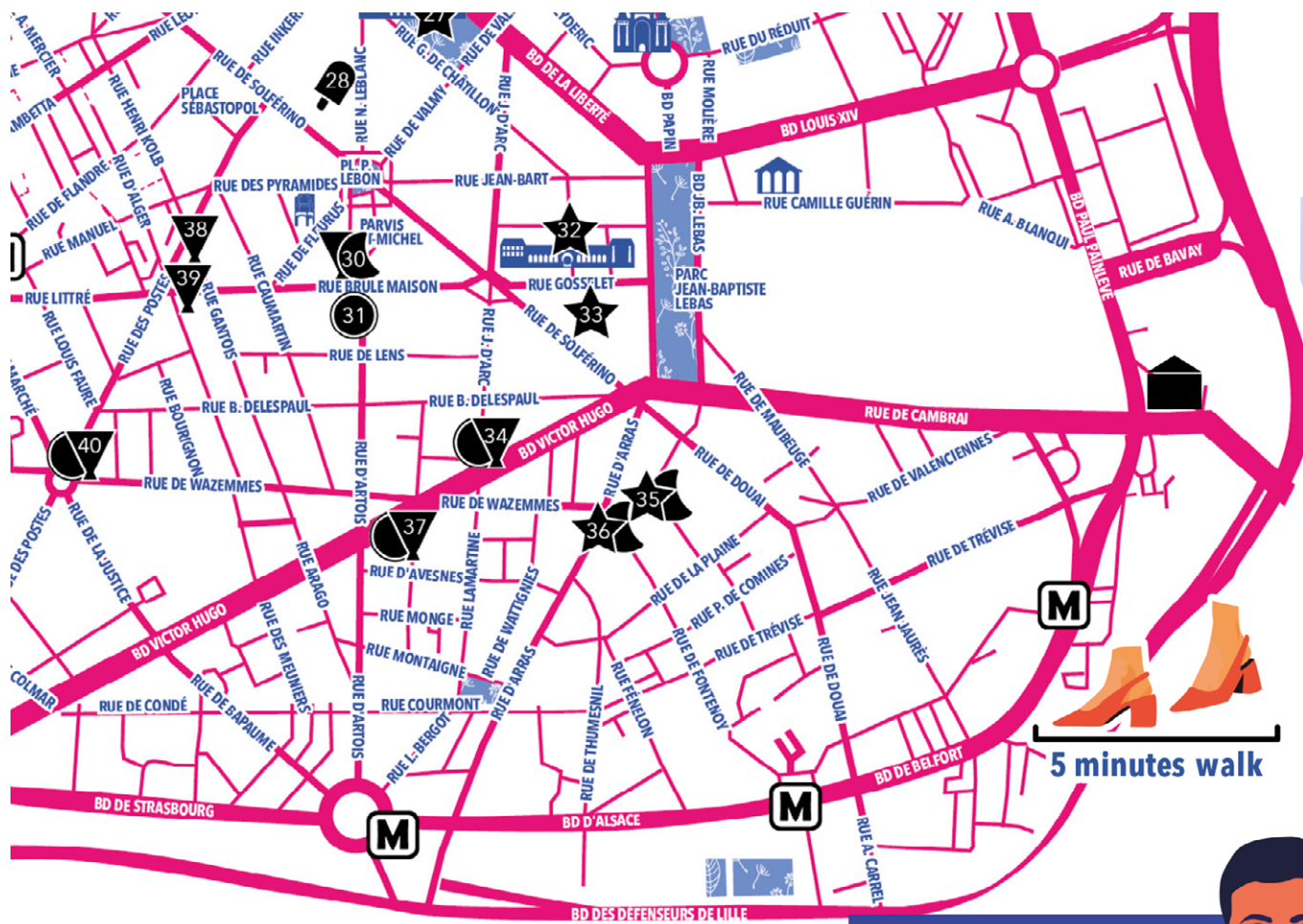
15 AN OASIS II

LE MONDE MODERNE is a high concentration of big guys. It's one of the last in the main square and it's a exhibition space where talented artists display their style pieces of art: prints, illustrations, and graffiti, for example.

→ 12 Rue des trois couronnes, Tue-Thu 6pm-00:00, Fri 6pm-1am, Sat 6pm-2am, Mon-Sun closed



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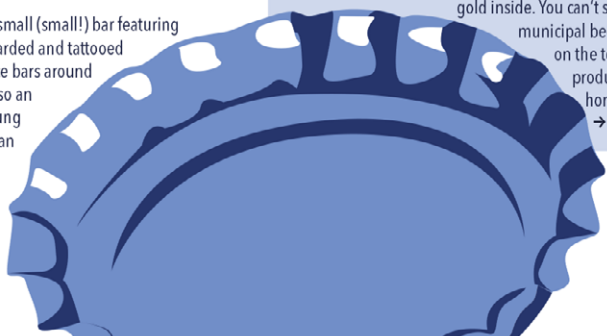


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cool, that's common sense. At **LE COLONEL** (formerly Colonel Moutarde), they make original, home-made lather accessories. Not the cheapest place in town, but it has its cost.
→ *Cirque - Tue-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun, Mon closed*

OASIS IN THE DESERT

MODERNE is a small (small!) bar featuring a mix of bearded and tattooed patrons. One of the last nice bars around town and it's also a place where young artists display urban art: prints, posters, and graffiti.

→ *trois rue-Thu 6pm-1am, Sat Mon-Sun closed*



16 BZZZZZ

We like **L'OPERA** for its glitzy side... The architect Louis-Marie Cordonnier got inspired in Paris when it was more important to enable the bourgeoisie to show off than creating a functional building. Hard to believe that our Opera is less than 100 years old, especially when seeing the overdose of embellishment and gold inside. You can't see it, but three municipal beehives are set up on the terrace where bees produce a few kilos of honey every year.
→ *Place du Théâtre*

TOURIST CLASSIC

20 LIVE METAL
Nicolas, 34

From the outside, it looks like a creepy bar in a tiny street. Fortunately, **AMUL SOLD** is like the people you find inside: a bit broken, sometimes rough around the edges, but welcoming and friendly. One of the only places in Lille where you can bang your head listening to hard live rock and metal music.
→ *9 Rue des arts - Mon, Wed 6pm-1am, Thu-Sat 6pm-3am, Sun-Mon closed*

21 RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE

Around 3.00 am, when all the bars close and you still want to party with your friends, the **GOLDENWAVE** is a bit of a back-up. There's a fifty-fifty chance you'll love it, and a fifty-fifty chance you'll find it seedy and kitschy. The Goldenwave is probably the bar that will help you choose whether or not to go home and sleep or party until dawn.
→ *7 Rue des arts, Wed-Sat 11pm-7am. Sun-Tue closed*



32 BONES, FORMALIN, BOTTLES, ETC

Lovers of freaky things, or owners of a sorcerer's apprentice... Come and visit the ever-so-typical **NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM** like in the old movies! Bones, stuff, formalin bottles... A different way to discover animals! Check the museum news, because sometimes there are free gigs with local bands on Saturday evenings, a unique occasion to share a beer with a dinosaur!
→ *23 Rue Gosselet - Mon-Wed-Thu 9:30am-5pm, Sat-Sun 10am-6pm, Tue closed*

33 HOME CINEMA

L'HYBRIDE is what you've always dreamed of having in your garage: tasty beers, toasted sandwiches, a movie projector, and around thirty old sofas where you can slump shamelessly. There is no end to the treasures you'll find here: from a short movie festival (in November), to animated films, archival films, cult movies, regional productions and exhibitions. Every night is a surprise! It's a «place of cultural rehydration» as they say. So just a tip: if you don't want to be standing for the screening, come earlier and take a drink!
→ *18 Rue Gosselet - Thu-Sat 7pm-00:00*

31 TIENES HAMBRE? €€

Mexico never felt that close! It's hard to tell what is the most enjoyable thing here. The kindness of the restaurant's owners, **LOS 3 COMPADRES**, or the taste of their delicious dishes. The savours and the decoration will take you across the Atlantic Ocean. If you come here, we highly recommend you to try the *tacos de carnitas* or veggie options!
→ *80 Rue Brûle Maison - Mon-Sat 12am-2:30pm, 7pm-11pm, Sun 7pm-11:30pm, Thu closed*

30 BOHEMIAN BISTRO

LE BELOUVRAGE is a special place. It's a little quaint, not very trendy, but cool and relaxed with its exposed bricks and its jazzy atmosphere. This bar is the perfect place for a date. Or you can finish your night here, since it looks like this bar never closes! Up to you!
→ *4 Parvis Saint-Michel - Every day from 5:30pm to 3am, Sun closed*

29 ALL ALONG THE WATCHTOWER

The **BELFRY** is one of the first things you see when you arrive in Lille. With its 104 meters of height, it was the highest concrete tower in the world when it was finished in 1932. Not bad for something which is mostly useless, right? Belfries are symbols of the cities in our region. Ours is high, modern and enlightens the city every night. Nowadays, it's mostly a watchtower from where you can have a look at the entire urban area... If you are brave enough to climb it: it's 420 steps.
→ *Place Roger Salengro - Tue-Sat 10am-1pm, 2pm-5:30pm*

SWEET FLAMINGO is a tea room, but it's more than just that. The flashy and cosy decoration will bring you back to the time you were a kid, coming back from school and craving for something sweet to eat after a long day learning important things. The owner is as sweet and colourful as her cakes, always smiley and welcoming.
→ *24 Rue Nicolas Leblanc, Mon-Sun 10:30am-6:30pm*

40 AN ELEPHANT IN THE CIRCUS €€

Marina, 25
LE CIRQUE still retains some remnant from hostel. You can drink organic wines and local food, enjoy a delicious lunch... and on weekends, the best local bands and brave, try a good meal made from bread (or without) and those in the same...
→ *139 Rue de la République - 12am-00:00, 12am-2am, Sun*



41 TRAVEL

Spending a night at the **CHEVAL BLANC** without Juliet. The decor immerses you into a 70's countryside café. The public - from 10am to 8pm to enjoy the evening with the band "Les Zazous", which is here almost exclusively French classical songs to festive tunes, you'll even be with the old lady beside you and to sing you...
→ *56 Rue des Sarrazins, Tue-Fri - 8am-6pm, Mon-Sat closed*

42 SEE MAISONS FOLIE

43 ALSO SERVES BEER

The Lego bar at **UNO'S BAR** is a masterpiece should go just to see it. But there's more. Play for the more sporty, pétanque for the more strategic... And they also serve...
→ *385 Rue Léon Gambetta - Tue-Thur + Sun (1am on Friday) Sat 5pm-2am, Mon closed*

44 LA DOLCE VITA

Your fridge is empty? You've been eating and watching *Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis*? That's why and you're now looking for mediterranean you go see what **CARLIER VOGLIAZZO** has for you. shop gathers products mainly coming from Greece and Portugal. Honestly, why would you not eat a restaurant when you can buy a damn good 4€ at Carlier's?

45 THE END

Here we are... After a dozen bars that slow down, it's finally 3 am and you are still hot. student streets will be your oasis, your light tunnel. We endorse that you go here, but nothing else open, right? Enjoy! If you're not, at least try **LA RELEVÉ**.
→ *rue Solférino and rue Massena*



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nes and local beers in the middle
delicious local and fair-trade
on weekends, discover the
bands and musicians! If you're
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(without) and eggs (yes all of
se in the same plate).

139 Rue des Postes - Mon-Thu
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2am-2am, Sun 6pm-00:00

41 TRAPPED IN A TEMPORAL RIFT

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our door and asks us to surrender.
No way! We protect the city and the
country in spite of the siege and the
heavy bombings. As a reminder of
that resilience, we erected a column
in the middle of the Grand-Place
with a statue representing Lille on
the top that we fondly call *la déesse*
(the goddess).

- **1858.** Lille annexes all the villages around and passes from 4 to 21 km² in one day. What to do with all this newly acquired land? Create a new and bigger city, inspired by the urban plan of Paris.
- **1918.** After 4 years of German occupation, the French army understands that walls are no longer useful and the last of the city's fortifications are taken down a few years later. Lille is now an open city!
- **1944.** The two best football teams of the city, Sporting Club Fives and Olympique Lillois, merge into LOSC (Lille Olympique Sporting Club). It becomes one of the best football clubs in the country. Well, it depends on the year...
- **1960s.** Globalisation strikes the industry of Lille in a hard way. Factories keep shutting down until almost none remain in the 1980s. But we are no quitters and we turn to something else. Lille becomes a big center for the service industry.
- **1983.** Thought Lille was old, grey and poor? Well, our city is home to the first fully automated driverless metro system in the world. Take that, haters!
- **1994.** The Channel Tunnel is inaugurated and all the trains from Paris and Brussels going to London pass through Lille. Our city is now at the crossroads of Western Europe.
- **2004.** Lille becomes the European Capital of Culture and attracts 9 million curious travellers who discover that this city is more than what they had expected.
- **2020.** Like almost everywhere else, Lille is struck down by COVID-19. The city is in full lock down for two months, twice. Wolves and hedgehogs settle down in a deserted city. It's also the first time in decades that there are no traffic jams.



Free museum visit

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Hostels

- 🏠 The people Hostel, 109, rue Saint André, from € 19 in a 8 bed mixed dorm
- 🏠 Youth Hostel, Stéphane Hessel, 235 Boulevard Painlevé from € 25,5 in a 6 bed non mixed dorm

Public Transportation

The buses, trams and metro run every day from about 5 AM to 00.30 PM. You can travel with the same ticket for metro, bus and tram, during an hour: € 1,70 one way ticket, € 1,10 a 3-stops ticket by metro. Count €5 the 24h ticket and € 2,35 the unlimited ticket from 7pm to the end.

For night trips, there are night buses on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 00:30 to 5 AM Main stops are Gare Lille Flandres and Rue Solférino. One bus every 30 minutes.

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Bikes

The best way to visit Lille is to rent a bike. Look for the self-service "V'lille", red bikes which are everywhere in the city (more than 100 stations!). A 24h pass is €1,70, a week pass is €7,40. Be aware: not all stations have an ATM to subscribe. Remember to put your bike back in one of the stations after each 30 minutes or you'll pay an €1 extra per 30 minutes.

Be aware that a 200€ deposit will be asked. Don't worry! If you return the bike, the deposit will be returned as well!

Do you prefer to travel with your own bike? Les Mains dans le Guidon is a useful address to take care of your bike! For 10€ per day or a greater deal 30€ per year you will find all the tools you need to repair your bike. Add the precious advice of the sellers and you have a good reason to stay for a coffee until the work is done!

Nobody around?

Like all student cities, there is a massive student exodus from July to the end of August, it can be thus more quiet than you expect!
Or you just arrived in the middle of another lockdown...

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GREEN WALK

You've been strolling around town all day long and you're looking for a peaceful place to end your journey in Lille? Then you should head to **BOIS BLANCS**. Located nearby La Citadelle, this island surrounded by the Deûle river is the greenest part of Lille. The first stop on your walk will be the Gare d'eau where several barges are moored - some of them are restaurants. Not far from there you'll reach Euratechnologies. Today it's an economic hub where a lot of start-ups are developing, but it used to be a textile mill. You can then continue your walk across this neighborhood and to La Citadelle.

46 THOSE AMSTERDAM VIBES

Cynthia, 25

Getting tired of Vieux-Lille? You can reach Bois Blancs Island and its "Gare d'eau" (Water station). If you're looking for the perfect afterwork place, stop searching and try **LES SALES MÔMES**. There is no such place anywhere else in Lille, where you can watch the sunset at the water's edge while playing board games → 91 Quai de l'Ouest - Wed-Sat 3pm-9pm, Sun 11:30am-5pm, Mon closed

47 THE STAR OF LILLE

Alice, 21

After the French conquest of Lille, the king of France, Louis XIV, ordered the construction of the **CITADELLE** in order to protect the city against its enemies. Designed by the famous military engineer Vauban, it's a masterpiece of architecture from the 17th century. Operational after only 3 years of work, it's probably the last time something was finished on time in our city. The building is still a military base but you can now enjoy the park around it as the biggest green space in Lille. It also hosts the zoo, where you can meet our cute ginger pandas or the wandering turtles.

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48 EATING TO THE DEÛLE'S RHYTHM

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You've just come back from a walk at the Citadelle and you need to get your strength back? Come aboard **LA PÉNICHE ARCHIMÈDE**, a floating bar-restaurant on the Deûle. The heated terrace of the stationary boat is an unusual address for those wishing to eat traditional meals or drink quietly around plants. Perfect to spend a romantic time!

Tip: reserve a place during special events taking place near the Citadelle, such as the Bastille Day (every July 14) to admire the fireworks!

→ Avenue Cuvier au Champs de Mars, Facade de l'Esplanade -

FIVE SENSES AWAKEN

The **WAZEMMES MARKET** is probably one of the best ways to discover the city. A huge market and a lively market atmosphere surrounding the whole neighborhood. With food from China to Lebanon, from Morocco to West Africa, three days a week (Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday), you can savour great tastes! If you miss the outdoor market, the indoor market **HALLES DE WAZEMMES**, located in the middle of the square, is open from Tuesday to Sunday. The prices are slightly higher, but this is mostly food from local farmers.

51 52 FALAFEL FEAST €

There is a battle over who cooks the best falafel in town. Some would say that the warm and cosy welcome at **OUM FALAFEL** (51) and the oriental fries make it the winner. Others would say that nothing equals **MEZZE AND CO**'s ones (52). You try both and you tell us which one wins?

→ 1 Rue Charles Quint Sunday - Fri 12pm to 10pm and 208 Rue Léon Gambetta - open every day till 9pm

53 THE PLACE TO PLAY

Are you looking for a place where you can play all day and night? The **LUDIBREAK** is the place to be, you will find more than 800 board games freely available.

Whether you are 2 or 80 years old, enjoy yourself! Entrance is free, you only need to buy food and drinks to play and when you discover the menu with their famous home-made salad, it will be difficult to resist. The staff is English-friendly! → 240 Rue Léon Gambetta - Tue-Fri 5pm-11:30pm, Sat 5pm-00:00, Sun 3pm-8pm, Mon closed

54 SEE FRIES CORNER

55 PEOPLE'S CAFE

In the previous map edition, **LES SARRAZINS** was at the first step of a bigger cooperative project. Here we are! Enjoy the terrace, or watch the exhibition before a concert or conference starts. And don't ask for a coke, they'll kindly send you packing. Enjoy local and organic drinks.

→ 52-54 Rue des Sarrazins - Mon-Thu 5pm-00:00, Fri 5pm-1m, Sat 5pm-2am, Sun 12pm-00:00

56 WORKING & WINE

Coworking space during the day, **LE W** changes itself into a party once the sun goes down, as Cinderella does. Of course, you must have a typical French aperitif. Lastly, to enjoy it a lot, we recommend you to go to the back, where you discover a sweet and quiet terrace.

→ 62 Rue des Sarrazins, Mon-Thu 7pm-00:00, Fri 3pm-1am, Sat

MODERN TIME WALK

From 1860, the city was expanded to the West and the South in an area which was mostly empty fields. One of the goals was to give more space to poor factory workers who lived in tiny and unsanitary places in the old town. Spoiler alert: it didn't work. The modern city, greener, with big squares and comfortable housings, mostly hosted rich families who built impressive homes. Walking in **LILLE-CENTRE** will bring you from a neoclassical palace to Art Nouveau or Art Déco houses and nice public gardens like Jardin Vauban. Open your eyes and look for the small beautiful details on every façade.

STREET ART WALK

It's been several hundred years since the old mills disappeared from the landscape to be replaced by flax mills and breweries in this district annexed by Lille.

Today, **MOULINS** and its surroundings are still being transformed to give new life to industrial buildings. It is becoming the place to be for the local street art and urban community. It's a puzzle mixing industrial heritage, formerly peaceful and working class courtyards, and contemporary architecture that we invite you to discover. To end this urban exploration in style, nothing beats French fries at the foot of the **BELFRY** (29)!

59 COURT OF MIRACLES

A small entrance on the street, a corridor leading to a common courtyard surrounded by tiny houses made of bricks, all strictly identical: welcome in a **COURÉE**. When Lille was an industrial city, people needed to live close to their job and couldn't afford a lot of space. This specific kind of housing used to be both a place of disease and insalubrity, because they were overcrowded, and a place of solidarity and friendship. Even though over 90% of them disappeared, you can still find some in every part of the city. The most famous one, "la courée Cacan", organises a yearly festival at the end of spring.

→ Courée Cacan - 9 Place Fernig

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OUTDOOR

62 A PONY-CLL IN THE SMALLE

L'IMPERTINENTE literally also refers to the name of in a historical and peaceful funniest Facebook and In you don't speak French!), A mass of sugar, a stack of conviviality: enjoy their c take them away to enjoy t Lebas park.

→ 9 Boulevard Papin, Wei

63 FRIENDLY C

There are places where yo really know why. **LE LOVIE** place to show off. Just go It's also one of the only pl that you buy for homeless: → 169 Avenue de la Liber

64 FREAKY PL

RUE DES BRIGITTINES is c Saint-Sauveur district. All beauty in the heart of larg to several sisters from the exorcised. During the 17th lost their minds and had that mysterious noises ca walking down this street l magical thing you will see in the background!

PARC DES CHARMETTES

AVENUE PASTEUR

CÉCILE

AVENUE DE L'ÉPIROTE

**ONY-CLUB... IN A PASTRY SHOP...
THE SMALLEST BOULEVARD IN THE WORLD!**

NIÉ literally means a person who is arrogant but the name of a hearty and creative pastry shop and peaceful place in Lille. Besides having the book and Instagram pages on earth (what a pity ehk French!), it is for sure the sweetest place in town. gar, a stack of shortbreads, a dash of tea, a touch of enjoy their creations inside a colourful toy house or visit to enjoy them sitting in the near Jean-Baptiste

rd Papin, Wednesday - Sun 1pm to 6:30pm

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ices where you feel good, at ease and you don't why. **LE LOVIBOND** is that kind of place. It's not a w off. Just good beer, nice people, simple decoration. of the only places to offer "pending coffee", a coffee for homeless people when they pass by. ue de la Liberté, closed Sun to Tue

AKY PLACE?

IGITTINES is one of the last remains of the razed ir district. Although the street is now a jewel of e heart of large housing estates, its history refers ters from the Briggittines convent who were rring the 17th century, they supposedly nds and had demonic visions! It is said us noises can still be heard when n this street but don't worry, the only g you will see is a nice view of the belfry round!

65 4PM AND FED UP WITH WORK?

Hidden in the midst of « Lille centre », the **URBAN BAR** is one of the safest places to begin your afterwork evening. Come early to catch a bench with all of your friends. And if it's raining, don't worry: the Lillois use sun shades even for the rain!
→ 22 Rue du Court Debout - Mon-Thu 4pm-00:00, Fri 4pm-1am, Sat 4pm-2am, Sun 4pm-11pm

**66 GIANT'S GARDEN
Dylan, 23**

Close to Lille Europe, the **JARDIN DES GÉANTS** is an urban park which replaces an open-air car park, now underground. Its name and the vegetated giant's heads refer to the folklore stories about giants in Northern France and Belgium. You will discover all kinds of wonders thanks to water paths, wall-mounted animal statues as well as the high tower greenhouse. The walk is full of biodiversity and metal sculptures that will make you forget the proximity of the highway. You can relax, picnic or drink in a restaurant inside the park while waiting for a train and being charmed by this natural oasis.

Tip: If you are not afraid of heights, you can observe the depth of the underground parking area at the entrance of the Jardin!



HISTORICAL WALK

The **VIEUX-LILLE** or the district where we love to get lost. Keep your head up and admire colorful facades during your walk, but don't forget to be careful of cobblestones (mainly if you're wearing heels). You don't want to miss the cuteness of the **Place aux oignons**, little shops of Rue de la Clef and the peace around the church Saint-Catherine. Take a lot at the hidden "courées" which are still open. They're not very wide, but it's always better than the "Passage des trois anguilles" (71).

67 A PIECE OF PEACE

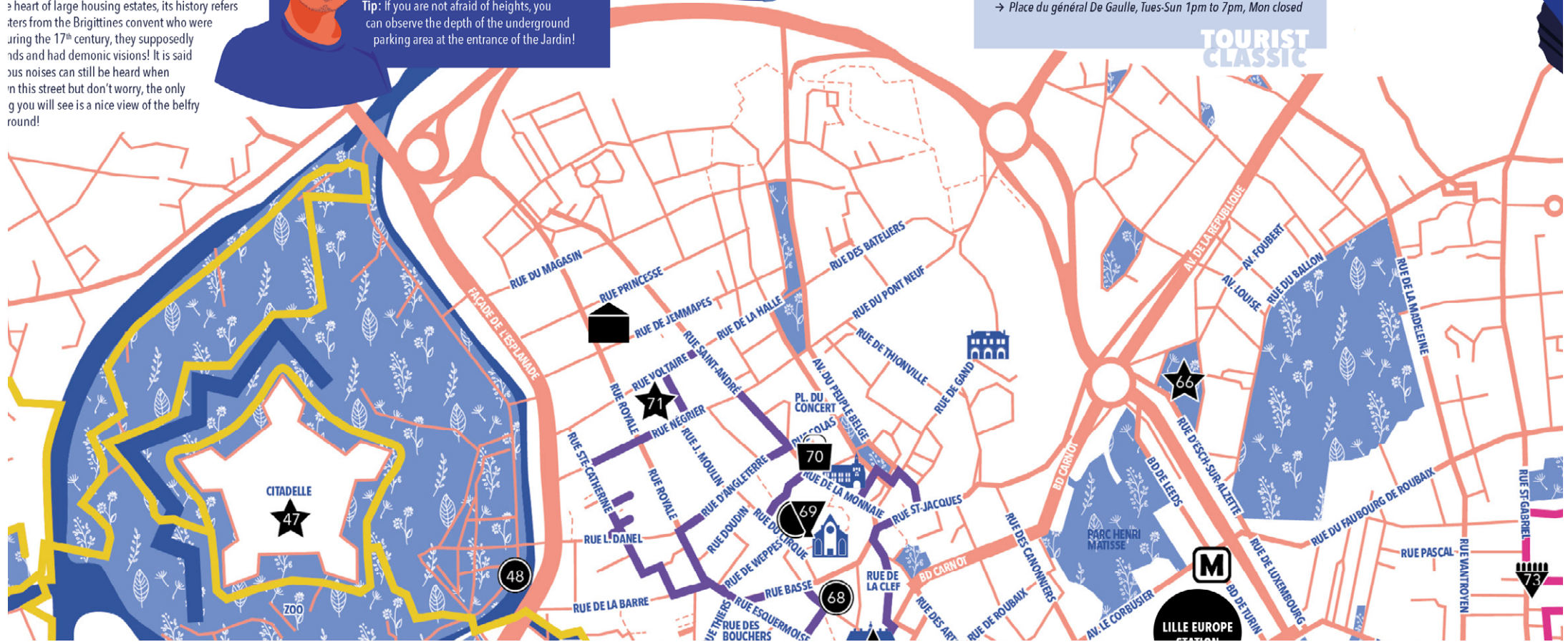
LA VIEILLE BOURSE is a typical example of the flourishing Flemish architecture. In a baroque style, this old stock exchange consists of 24 identical houses surrounding a courtyard, with nice Atlases pilasters and caryatids around. Almost every day you can visit the market with old books and on Sunday evenings in the summer, you can watch people taking tango lessons (or dance yourself if you're up to it!). If you like playing chess, you can maybe find a challenger there.
→ Place du général De Gaulle, Tues-Sun 1pm to 7pm, Mon closed

68 BEST WELSH EVER €€

You want to discover the best specialties from on a lovely terrace inside a courtyard? **LES C LA GRAPPE** is the place for you! They offer d like the welsh, the *carbonnade flamande* ar Be careful: it's a very popular place in Lille e reservations, so be on time for the opening
→ 26 Rue Lepelletier, Mon-Sun 12am-2:30p

69 ONE METER OF WAFI PLEASE! €€

After having strolled in Vieux-Lille, you need to enjoy the sun and our gorgeous Cathedral: sit on the terrace of the **BEER SQUARE**. We'll not discuss the infinite choice of beer here, but what about their original salty and sweet waffles? Welsh, chili or waffles with goat cheese for veggies: they are all amazing! And if you're really hungry, ask for a meter of waffles!
→ 3 Place Gilleson - Tue-Thu 11am-00:00, Fri-Sat 11am-1am, Sun 11am-11pm



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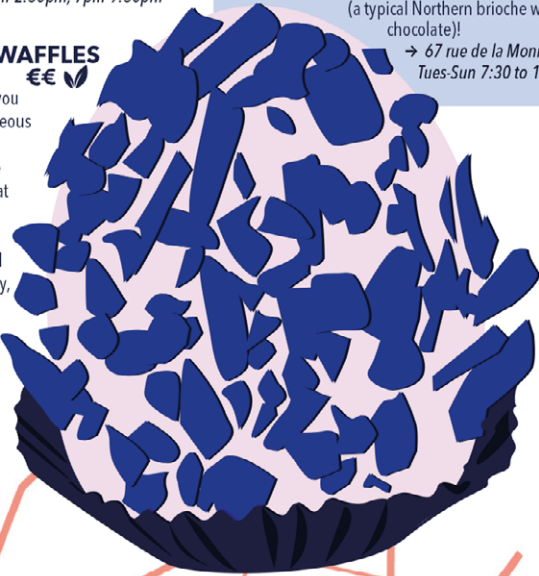
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70 DIE OF SWEET PLEASURES

Step behind the window of one the bakeries AUX MERVEILLEUX and you will see the speciality that will make you succumb: the merveilleux cake (=wonderful in English), a mix of buttercream and chocolate around a heart of meringue... Try also their cramique (a typical Northern brioche with sugar or chocolate)!

→ 67 rue de la Monnaie,
Tues-Sun 7:30 to 19:45

- EAT
- DRINK
- SIGHTSEEING
- MARKET & SHOP
- FRENCH FRIES
- SWEET BREAK
- HOSTEL
- GREEN WALK
- STREET ART WALK
- MODERN TIME WALK
- HISTORICAL WALK
- INDUSTRIAL WALK

71 SQUEEZING THROUGH

Afraid of small spaces? Don't go here. PASSAGE DES TROIS ANGUIILLES is the smallest street in Lille. So small that the legend says there is space only for eels to cross. That legend is the origin of its name. There used to be some other tiny streets like this one, but they all disappeared, so it's the best place for instagrammers to get their "atypical" picture of Lille.

72 SUNSET HARBOUR

This former harbour has been used until the 1960s, mostly to bring coal in Lille from the mining region in the south of the city. The harbour is now closed and became the meeting point for having a drink when it's sunny on summer evening in front of the sunset. During heat waves, you could even see some kids diving in the water, though we wouldn't recommend that considering that you could find more empty bottles than fishes in this pond...

73 SEE FRIES CORNER

74 LIKE IN YOUR BACKYARD

If you're searching for a peaceful place away from crowded terraces: go hang out in the courtyard of THE MUSICAL. Mismatched sofas, pallets galore, darts games, everything is here to spend a great day with your crew! And you can trust the bartender and test some special beers, very comfortable after a hard day's work.
→ 59 Rue de Flers - Tue, Wed, Thu 5pm-11pm, Fri 5pm-00:00, Sat 5pm-1am, Sun, Mon closed

75 INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

At the former factory FIVES CAIL BABCOCK (FCB), 8,000 workers used to make steam engines and metal structures. This is where the lifts of the Eiffel tower were made. It's also where Pierre Degeyter (a factory worker) composed the song L'Internationale, the anthem of socialist movements all around the world. The factory shut down in the 1990s and it is now the biggest construction site in Lille. The building is a must-see in itself! Part of it is a high school and the former offices are used by the workers unions (quite ironic, isn't it?). Those giant industrial cathedrals will also host a big food court where the new inhabitants and visitors will share specialities from all over the world.

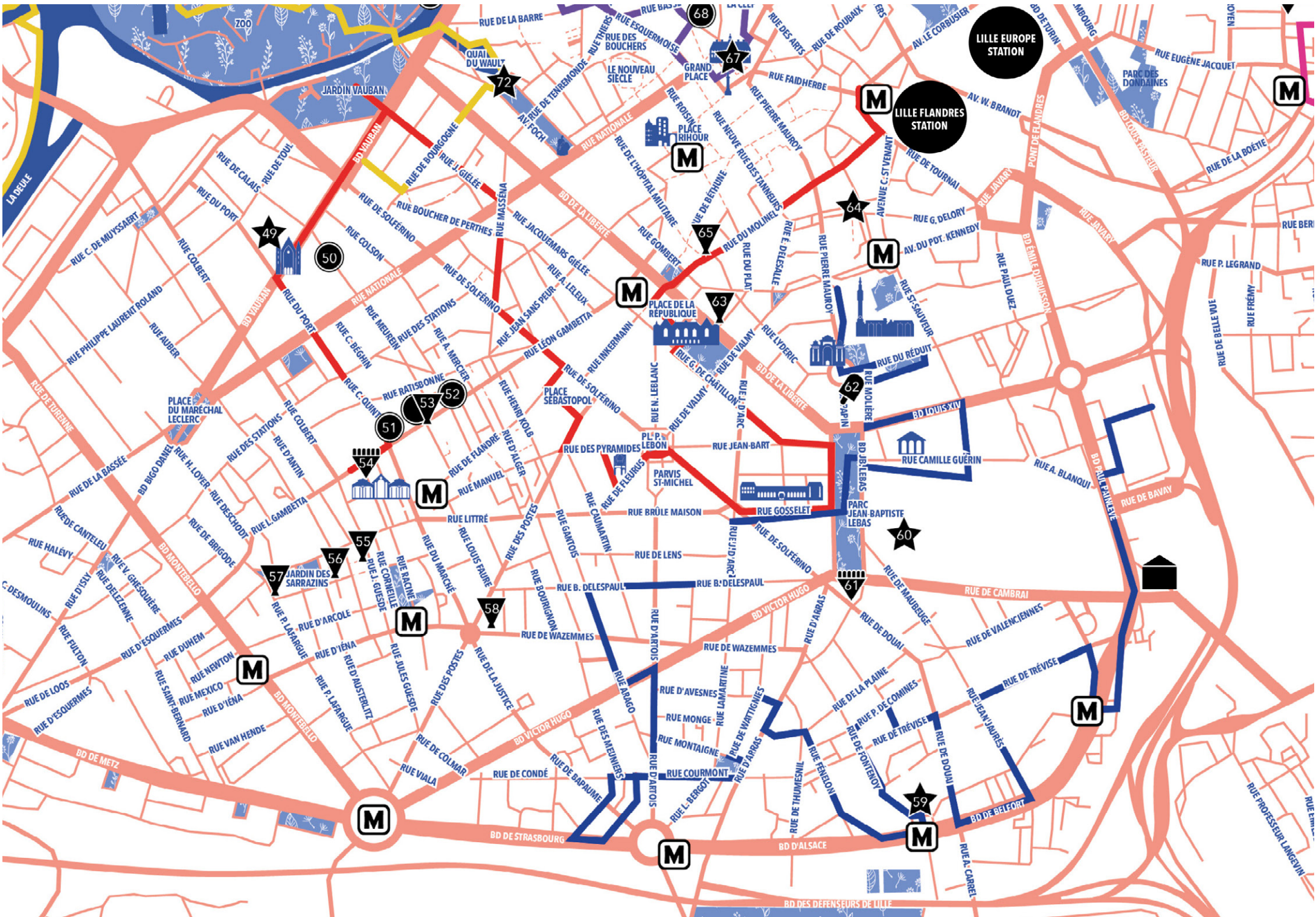
INDUSTRIAL WALK

Two stops away from the Lille Flandres Station, come and discover the lively area of **FIVES** and **SAINT MAURICE** that is a testimony of a real urban movement. Open your eyes and follow the itinerary... Imagine that barely thirty years ago, thousands of workers lived and worked in dozens of factories. **FIVES** is an area that has experienced the closure of all its factories after the large industrial development in the twentieth century. Today, the area is in a process of regeneration but walls, streets and people keep the memory of its flourishing industrial past.

MARKET

- **Tuesday :**
Fives (PM) Wazemmes (AM)
Mairie de Lille (AM)
- **Wednesday :**
Saint Maurice Pellevoisin (AM)
Vieux Lille (AM)
Sébastopol (AM) Moulins (AM)
- **Thursday :**
Wazemmes (AM)





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LILLE FLANDRES STATION

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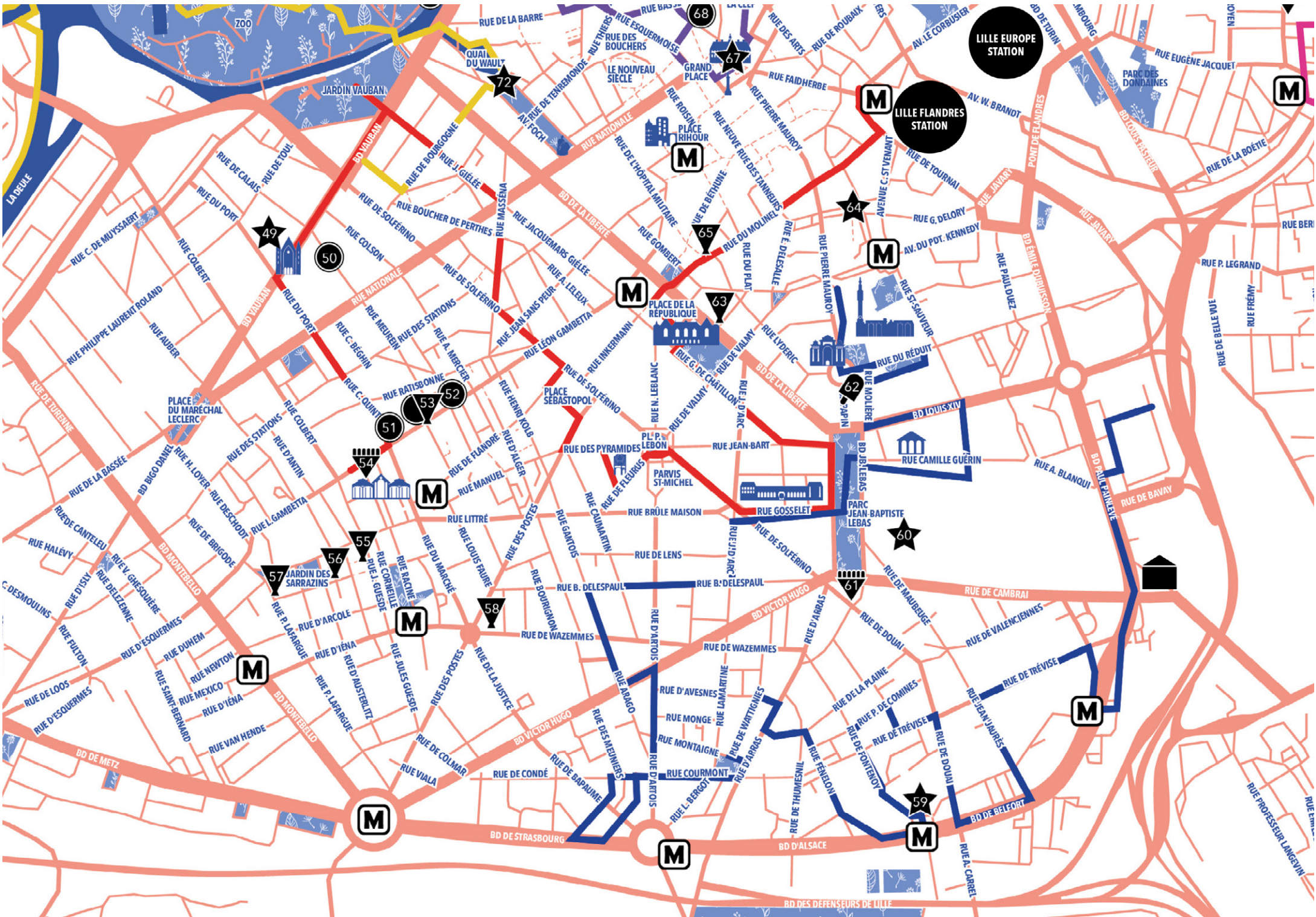
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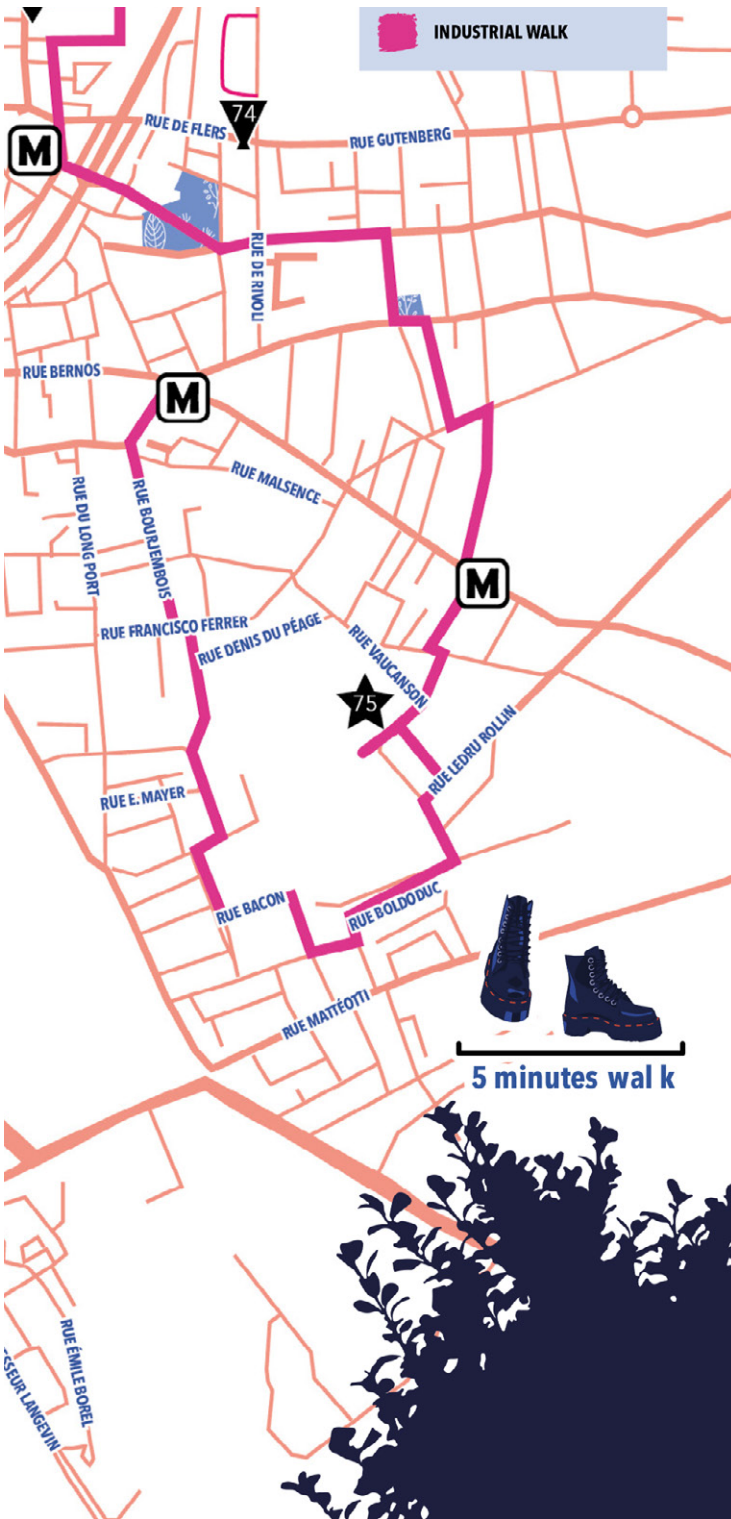
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INDUSTRIAL WALK



Sébastopol (AM) Moulines (AM)

- **Thursday :**
Wazemmes (AM)
- **Friday :**
Vauban Esquerme (PM)
Faubourg de Béthune (AM)
Vieux Lille (AM) Lille Sud (AM)
- **Saturday :**
Bois Blancs (AM)
Sébastopol (AM)
Moulines (AM)
- **Sunday :**
Wazemmes (Day)
Vieux Lille (AM)
Caulier (AM)



WHERE NEXT ?

- **Roubaix**
30min by metro - line 2
- **Arras**
30min to 1h by train
- **Dunkirk**
(famous for its carnival in February), +/- 1h by train
- **Calais**
1:20 by train (USE-IT friend)
- **Ghent**
1h by bus (USE-IT friend)
- **Paris**
1h by fast train or 2:10 by TER (10€!) (USE-IT friend)
- **Brussels**
1:30 by bus (USE-IT friend)
- **Antwerp**
1:30 by train
- **Charleroi**
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- **Bruges**
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