



**FREE MAP**  
**FOR YOUNG TRAVELLERS**  
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**BEER IN A PALACE 11**

**EVERY DAY** Perhaps the smallest bar in town, but never boring. Who knows what will happen. You might be having a drink with a local singer or find that a football match is on. No night at **HET PALEIS** is the same, but it's always fun and there's no better place to hear the local dialect. Chances are somebody living in downtown Nijmegen (Benedenstad) is whining (nullen) just about everything, and you will love it.

**HEAVEN IN A BOTTLE 12**

**EVERY DAY** Do you need a beer during your city walk? We understand. Take a break at **DE HEMEL**. This city brewery, literally called The Heaven, makes craft beers and has a beautiful terrace. It is situated in one of the first stone buildings of Nijmegen, built around 1200. Over the years it has been a hospital, home to several monastic orders, and was even visited by Spanish soldiers who dropped by – the names of some of the beers refer to it.

**VINYL FOR ALL 13**

**EVERY DAY** "These guys know just about everything about vinyl of every musical genre and are always willing to get you one step further in your quest for new music. The **WARGHALLS** doesn't just sell one of the most interesting collections of vinyl in the country, they also give it's a chance to show their skills with vinyl on Thursday nights, when the shop is open until 21:00. The twin brothers that work at and partly own, the Waarghals, can also be found behind the turntables. Oh and they own a record label too, named Waarghals - Birnham records."



**PICNIC BASKET 15**

**EVERY DAY** Come here for a good coffee, some cake, a lovely sandwich, and free refills of water with herbs and fruit. However, what makes **BAIRRO ALTO** really great, are their picnic baskets, which, which you can take to the park across the street or to the Weal beach. You order your basket at the bar, or online in advance. Every sandwich option can also be made into a salad and there are many vegan options available. Next door to this place, you find **BAIRROS BURRO**, where you can book a table to catch up on some work in peace.

**HIP COCKTAILS 16**

**WED - SAT** **GLITCH** is worth a visit, even if you just see the toilets. Besides the Instagram worthy bathroom experience they also serve great cocktails and create vibes that will give you the hippest selfies.

**SING YOUR HEART OUT 17**

**WED - SUN** It may be the only real karaoke bar in the city, but it has everything you might expect from such a place. Enter underneath a flashing sign saying **ROXY'S** and choose between the upstairs or downstairs room to show off your singing skills. If you're shy you can rent a separate room for you and your friends. Be sure to take a watermelon flavoured shot when you hear the fourth rendition of Sweet Caroline that evening. Not because it is tasty, but just because you should.

**SANDWICH WITH LOVE**

**EVERY DAY** Toasts salad goes great bread? Yes of course! **TODIN'S GFRUITHOEK** knows what's good and you will walk out with a meal, filled with everything you for, spreads, salads, and love in owner. Vegan option available.

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**DANCING WITH SLEEPING BEAUTY**

**OPEN DURING EVENTS** Whether to music in a girlygig steamy room (**MERLEVIN**) or prefer go to a more venue (**DODRNBOSJIE**), in Nijmegen do both. You can see the news from Britain or watch boards who fame long ago. If you feel like one of the many club nights like **ba**, **Drift**, and **LGBTQ+**-night **Kiss**

**WELCOME TO ALEPPO 1**

**EVERY DAY** In the middle of the nicest shopping street of Nijmegen you find a piece of authentic Syrian culture. In **ZDIB ANNGEMAM ALEPPO** was founded to easily get people acquainted with Syrian culture. They sell products like soap, coffee, and olive oil from Aleppo. But the best souvenirs are their baklava. Oh and be sure to taste their specialty cardamom coffee.

**VERSAILLES 2**

**EVERY DAY** The name **VERSAILLES** might be chosen because of the grandeur of the store, but you can also interpret it as a palace of liquor. Anyway, if you like to drink the occasional whiskey, gin, or cognac you should really check this store out. The staff can give you expert advice and it's usually possible to taste the products they sell. If you don't know what you should take home from Nijmegen, you might consider buying a bottle of Nijmegen.

**GALICIAN FLAVOURS 3**

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**ROTI MADNESS 6**

**EVERY DAY** Fancy a roti? Small and cosy, **MOQUU** is a fun favourite. With a lot of rot-chocolices and veggie menus, they're the ideal place to get a meal-to-go for a picnic dinner at the **KRONENBURGERPARK 19**. Their tempeh and tahoe are one of a kind and the service always comes with a big smile.

**VINTAGE CLOTHING 7**

**MON - SAT** If you need styling advice or just that special pair of shoes or a dress to complete your party outfit, definitely go to **SUSSIES**. The shop specialises in clothes from the Seventies, Eighties, and Nineties and the staff loves to help you find just the thing you're looking for. They additionally open every first and last Sunday of the month.

**FANCY SNACKING 8**

**TUE - SUN** In one of the oldest streets of the city you will find **PICCOLINO**. It's a Dutch snackbar at its very best. They serve the typical fries with snacks like a kroket, frikandel, or a bommschiff, but they do it just a bit better than the others. The shop is, for instance, clean and the fries are homemade. Buy your fries from the friendly





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## TO EACH HIS OWN 4

**MON - SAT** If you are curious to find out what Nijmegen has to offer in the shopping department, but are limited on time, go to **IEDER ZIN VAK**. As many as 130 small and big entrepreneurs, artists, craftsmen, and collectors have a shelf here, where they display their wares. It's an ideal place to find an original gift, often with a connection to Nijmegen. We love the Nimwegse Nulletterjes (liquorish), which are sweets you can only find in Nijmegen.

## I'M LIKE A BIRD 5

Two local residents, Ton and Toon, had a strange hobby for many years: collecting bird houses. It got so out of hand, they hung on their entire alley full of them. Now there are at least 110: you'll see Elvis themed, football themed, and even Disney themed little houses on the walls. If you were a bird, in which birchouse would you like to live?

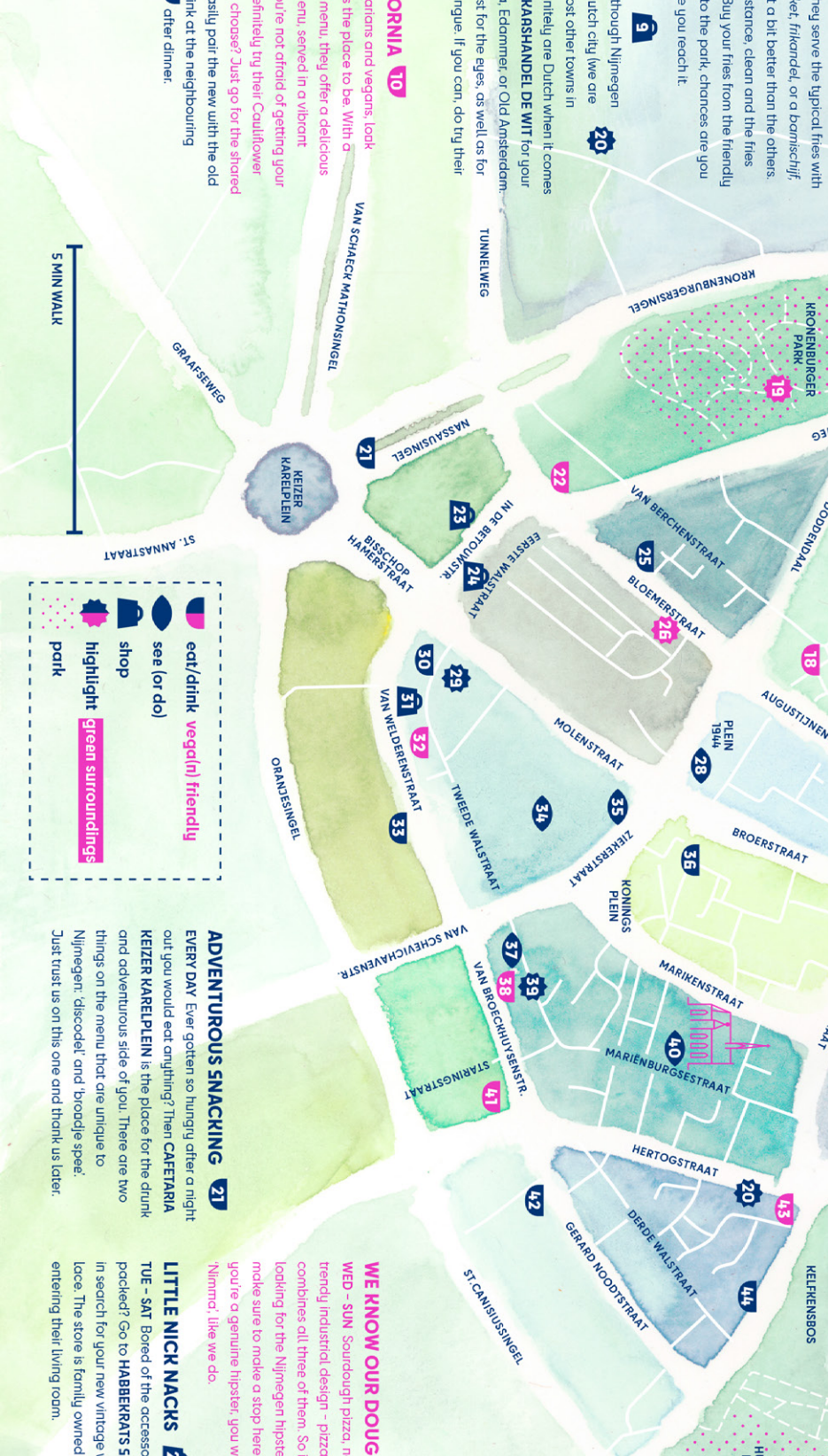
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## SAY CHEESE 9

**MON - SAT** Even though Nijmegen is not a typical Dutch city (we are not fact, unlike most other towns in Holland), we definitely are Dutch when it comes to cheese. Go to **KARSHANDEL DE WIT** for your portion of Gouda, Edammer, or Old Amsterdam. The shop is a feast for the eyes, as well as for your nose and tongue. If you can, do try their cheese fondue.

## VEGA CALIFORNIA 10

**TUE - SUN** Vegetarians and vegans, look no further! **CALL** is the place to be. With a Californian style menu, they offer a delicious all-vegetation menu, served in a vibrant atmosphere. If you're not afraid of getting your fingers greasy, definitely try their Cauliflower 'Nbbeling'. Can't choose? Just go for the shared plate. You can easily pair the new with the old by going for a drink at the neighbouring **HET PALEIS 11** after dinner.



eat/drink veg(n) friendly  
see (or do)  
shop  
highlight  
green surroundings  
park

## ADVENTUROUS SNACKING 21

**EVERY DAY** Ever gotten so hungry after a night out you would eat anything? Then **CAFETARIA KEIZER KARELPLEIN** is the place for the drunk and adventurous side of you. There are two things on the menu that are unique to Nijmegen: 'discodel' and 'breadle speel'. Just trust us on this one and thank us later.

## LITTLE NICK NACKS 22

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## THIS IS WHERE YOU CHILL 19

**THE KRONENBURGPARK** is the green heart of our city. It has some cool features, such as remnants of the old city walls, the first electric lamp post, of The Netherlands, and a height difference of 14 metres (yes, that's a thing for us). But most of us come here to relax in the grass and have a picnic.

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## COMIC RELIEF 24

**TUE - SAT** Even if you aren't into comics per se, we still advise you to go to **SEÑOR HERMANDEZ**. It's just one of those shops you want to wander in because it's pretty and the people clearly know their business. It gets even better if you're actually looking for obscure comics or manga. The shop also has a big second hand department, if you are or a tight budget.

## HIPPEST CLUB IN TOWN 25

**WED - SUN** This place was made for the connoisseurs of music, drinks, and interior design. **PARK VINYL BAR** looks fantastic and has a large variety of specialty drinks (you won't find any Heineken here!). If you get hungry you can order a daily special, which is always vegan/vegetarian. To top it all off there's often a live DJ, so feel free to show your dance moves!

## NO CONFORMATION 26

**EVERY DAY** **CAFE DE PLAK** has been a sanctuary for everybody who can't or doesn't want to conform to all the rules and traditions society imposes on us since 1976. It was - and still is - a place where squatters and queer activists meet each other. Even if you're not that big an activist it's still a nice spot to eat some of the famous 'kassaghehki' (a deep fried lump of cheese). **DE FLAK** is also a great place to party on the weekends. Many parties have a queer theme, and DJs play a variety of music till the early morning, ranging from hip-hop to italo and indie to house.

## THE WUNDERKAMMER 27

**TUE - SUN** The **WUNDERKAMMER** is one of our favourite places, for a variety of reasons. They have an impressive menu of drinks, their decor is unique, and the vibe - both inside and outside - is great. But secretly it's our favourite spot to quietly discuss all the awkward dates you're bound to encounter here.

## HISTORICAL SCAVENGER HUNT 28

Although Nijmegen is more than 2000 years old, original Roman and Medieval remains are not easy to find. There is a piece of Roman city wall right under the casino and there are some remains of an old fortress. Since 2013 there are also **REMNANTS OF A TOWER** from the 15th century on display in the bike parking below Plein 1944. So take your bike - or just yourself - underground and watch those stone-old bricks.

## DANCE STUDENTS, DANCE! 29

## NOT YOUR AVERAGE GIFT SHOP 31

**MON - SAT** Don't worry. The animals you can buy in this very special gift shop didn't die to decorate your home. The animals in the **MUSEUMWINKEL** all died of natural causes and are prepared in a way to preserve their natural beauty. If you don't need a lion at home or if you already have enough corromants it's still a nice place to visit. It's like a small museum of natural history without having to read all the boring information. Be sure to see the beautiful blue butterflies, they might make a nice souvenir.

## THE CUTEST REBELLION 32

**WED - SUN** **CAFE DE OPSTAND** is a favourite of the old and new punks of Nijmegen. With a name that translates into 'revolt' it's way cuter than you would think. Have a good beer at the bar, eat a vegan snack, or go to one of their events. Every first Wednesday of the month they serve the wildest wodka flavours of Wodka Wednesday. Every last Sunday of the month you can visit **Clubhuis Nijmegen** in the afternoon. A queer space with an interesting activity and a way to meet fellow queers.

## COLOURFUL DANCING 33

**WED - SUN** In gay bar **DE REGENBODG** you can enjoy all the best that music gave us. **Beyonce** and **ABBA**. Have a drink in the afternoon or dance till deep into the night to all the wrong, but right tunes.

## HIDDEN PARKING-GEM 34

**EVERY DAY** Don't judge shopping mall **DE MOLENPOORT** by its cover. On the outside you'll see a semi-abandoned mall with an interior design from the 1970s, but inside you can take the elevator to the roof for a superb view over the city. Standing on the parking deck you'll discover notable buildings, like a church not visible from the street - the facade was bombed during World War II. And maybe you can even peek inside a local resident's house to see how the people of Nijmegen live.

## SEEING IN THE DARK 35

**EVERY DAY** Learn everything about sight in the dark as **THE MUZIEUM** takes you on blindfolded city tours. Not the way to get to know the city, but an interesting experience about how one lives when you're blind. **THE MUZIEUM** forces you to use all the senses you have left. You will learn to trust your guide who will tell you about life as a blind or visually impaired person, often making these tours very personal.

## SOUP & PUNK 38

**WED 8-5AT** "To get the feel of why Nijmegen has the nickname **Hovon** on the **Waal** - visit **DE KLINKER**. Ever since this place was squatted in the 80s, it has functioned as a spot for political and cultural activities. On Wednesdays (18:30 - 20:00) you can get vegan soup, bread, dips, and good conversations for a voluntary contribution. On Saturdays they open as a café (12:00 - 17:00)\*



"Their basement **DE ONDERBOEK 39** is a place for punk shows and parties. Leave your racism, sexism, and discrimination at home and join in smashing down the patriarchy!"

## BIGGEST ARTHOUSE IN EUROPE 40

**EVERY DAY** When you hear arthouse-movie-theatre you probably imagine a sparsely lit dungeon with hundred layers of old film posters keeping the walls together. **LUX** is nothing like that. Two decades ago Nijmegen got a large and modern cinema (the biggest arthouse in Europe!) showing niche arthouse films, documentaries, and mainstream films. Plus, you can take your freshly tapped beer inside the venue.

## SCANDINAVIAN BREAKFAST AND LUNCH 41

**EVERY DAY** Smørbrød is **FIKA's** speciality: a slice of bread with divine toppings. The pulled jackfruit is a favourite among local vegans and non-vegans. Next door you'll find the **KIOSK**, where you can work on weekdays. This is also where you order the smørbrød to go, for which you will be rewarded with a 10% discount.

## SHARE A NUDE MANGO 42

**EVERY DAY** At the border of the city centre you'll find **ATELIER**, a hip restaurant/lunchroom/coffee-shop/bar. It has a sunny terrace, which pairs really well with their smoothies. It might be wise to share it with somebody, because they are rather large. Combine a visit to **LUX 40** with lunch or a drink at **ATELIER**, as it's just around the corner.

## BASECAMP 43

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# TROUW RIJST INFO

## GET INTO NIJMEGEN!

If you're looking for information on current events in Nijmegen, [www.inn nijmegen.com](http://www.inn nijmegen.com) is the most complete website. You can also follow their social media for additional inspiration.

## HOW TO GET ANYWHERE

If you travel through Europe, take a train or a **FlixBus**. It's easy, comfy, cheap, and has the added bonus of not killing our dear planet. If flying is a must, Weeze Airport is the closest. It's just across the border and there are shuttle buses to get you there.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The cheapest and easiest option to use trains, buses, and other public transport (OV) in The Netherlands, is to get a plastic OV chip card to check in and out for every trip. Cards are available at train stations, where you can also add credit. Your card should hold at least €4 to enter a bus and €20 to get on a train.

## WHERE TO NEXT

Visit the **CITY STORE 48** for more USE-IT maps from Nijmegen or other cities in the network. Other places you can find our maps are **HOTEL CREDIBLE**, **CAFE IN DE BLAUWWE HAND**, and **SUSSES**.

## ACCOMMODATION

Places we recommend are **HOTEL CREDIBLE**, **BBB DE PRINCE**, **BBB BOTTENDAL 59**, **OPOE SIENSTE 45** and **GUESTHOUSE VERTHOEF**. If you're more of an outdoorsy type, **BUDONS IN GROESBEEK** is a fantastic camping site that is within cycling distance from the city. Added bonus are their unique accommodations and their weekly pizza party. Airbnb is also a good







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**DANCE STUDENTS, DANCE!** **29**

**THU - SAT** Wanna dance with the students of Nijmegen? Go to the Molenstraat! You'll find a row of bars overflowing with students who are keen to shuffle their feet. The least visible - but still the best - bar in the street for some rounchy dancing combined with some vogue and hustle, is the **NDGRAND**. Music ranges from ABBA and Britney Spears to Red Hot Chili Peppers and Rage Against the Machine. Although the floor can be quite sticky, we'll guarantee that you won't stand still!

**SMASH IT, POP IT, DRINK IT** **30**

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**KEEP ON ROCKING** **39**

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**IN PRINT CONDITION** **37**

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**EATING AT KELFENSBOS** **44**

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**FESTIVALS**

Nijmegen is host to many different festivals throughout the year. Our favourites are InScience (an international scientific film festival), Go Short (an international short film festival), and Music Meeting (a music festival of many different genres).

**COVID INFORMATION**

The updated COVID-19 information can be found on [www.government.nl](http://www.government.nl). During the printing of this map, all locations were open. If anything should change, we will announce this on our social media ([instagram.com/usetriplemgen/](https://www.instagram.com/usetriplemgen/)).

**TAKE A WALK**

If you're a fan of street art, we've got you covered. Scan the QR-code for a nice walk that will lead you past iconic art in our beautiful city.





## SKATE, EAT, DRINK, REPEAT **46**

**EVERY DAY** Every good city has a skate park and **WAALHALLA** - a contraction of the river Waal and Walhalla - has it all: skating lessons, graffiti workshops, live concerts, and a cafe for a drink and a bite. So roll over there, and maybe you'll even spot the Rotterdam Mins, our local feminist skateboard and DJ collective.

## COMMEMORATION **47**

**EVERY DAY** In 2014 a new bridge was added as a means to cross the river Waal. 70 years prior, the allied forces crossed the river in an attempt to free The Netherlands. Since the Waalsporen was opened, every night at dawn people can accompany the **SUNSET MARCH**. The attendees slowly walk the bridge while lamp posts are turned on one by one. There's a lamp post for each of the 48 soldiers that died crossing the river. It's an impressive tribute to one of the most important battles in Nijmegen during WWII, during which our city suffered greatly.

## CITY STORE **48**

**EVERY DAY** Want to know even more about our city's history? Or do you feel the urge to gather all the new and unique Use-it maps from cities all over Europe? Visit our new city store in the heart of our city centre!

## FOOD GARDENS **49**

**WED - SUN IN SUMMER / FRI - SUN IN WINTER** Not that long ago a trip here would mean a trip to a neighbouring village, nowadays it's regarded as the northern part of Nijmegen and an area where many young families live. One of the places worth visiting is the vegetable garden called **WARMOES**. Here they show the visitors how our food was planted and picked by our forefathers. Picking your own food is a big part of the fun and visitors even get to take the produce home. Everything you find here is grown without the use of pesticides.

## FOOD TOUR **50**

**EVERY DAY** Bistro **ETEN & DRINKEN** started off with only one location, but now has four in and around Nijmegen. They serve lunch, dinner, and drinks. Recently, they had a fun idea: Tour de E&D. If you have a (rented) bike, you can go to one of the locations, buy a stamp card, and get something to eat at every restaurant find the route on their website. The tour is 38 kilometres long, so a bit challenging, but the views (and the stops) will be worth it, we promise.

## BEACHCLUB **51**

**WED - SUN** You might pay a visit to **BANANA** for the food and the many vegan options, but the view is what really hooks your socks off. From the terrace you will see Nijmegen in all its glory. And if you've had enough food or drinks you can always walk down to the nearby beach and dip your feet.

## OUR CITY'S FACE **52**

Take a walk around our very own **CITY ISLAND** and discover a gigantic Roman mask staring at you. This **GEZICHT OF NIJMEGEN** is a replica of an original - smaller - Roman mask found in the river Waal. The smaller version is displayed in Museum Het Valkhof. Climb on the stairs of its big brother, look through the mask's eyes and enjoy the view: the city panorama is magnificent. You'll definitely feel like a Roman!

## VILLAGE VIBES **53**

**Wed - Sun / Everyday** Does the city feel overwhelming to you? Then escape to the countryside, or - in our case - to the **CITY ISLAND** located in the river Waal. On this island you'll find a little village with pubs **DE ZON** and **WAALZICHT** where you can still find that typical Dutch 'brown pub' vibe. Taste some black coffee, play a game of cards, or quietly drink at the bar with the local old men.

## THE TWO TOWERS **54**

**SUN** Upon entering Nijmegen from the north by train or bike, you will pass the railway bridge through two little towers, shaped like miniature castles. This **ZUIDELIJK LANDHOFFD** is easily overlooked, but has an interesting history. It was built around 1879, designed by Pierre Cuypers, architect of the famous Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, and served as a tollbooth and a gun tower during World War II. On the weekends the owner gives tours - a definite must for history buffs.

## STAIRWAY TO NATURE **51**

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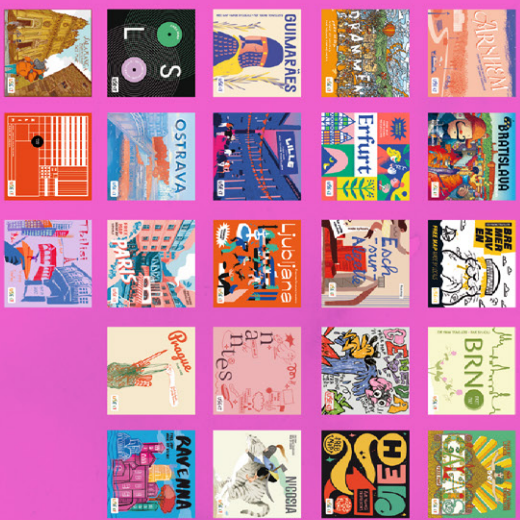
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## SECRETLY LOVE/HATE LIKE A LOCAL

Grumble at anything coloured black and yellow. Make sure to let people know of your disdain for football club Vitesse. Oh, how we love to hate each other! However, don't let the dramatised and theatrical hatred fool you: secretly we care deeply for our neighbours. Am-herm is worth a visit. Check out their Use-it map and combine a trip to our beautiful city with a visit to - slightly less beautiful - Arnhem.

## CARE LIKE A LOCAL

In 2018 Nijmegen was pronounced European Green Capital. We love to be part of nature and try to treat the environment with all the respect it deserves. That means separating your waste (and obviously throwing it in the bin rather than on the ground) and shopping locally. We're tree huggers and we're proud of it. Join us? Humans and other animals alike will love you for it!

## DRINK LIKE A LOCAL

Nijmegen has a lot of local beers to discover. How about the Botterik, only available in the beautiful neighbourhood of Botendaal. It is brewed by famous local brewery De Hemel located in the city centre. Next, taste the beers of local breweries Ceiscep, Navel, De Brouweren, Dordewolk, Jeroimo, Mornepop, Waa-licht, Kronenburger Brouwers, Boer Koekoek, Het Voghevuur, or Het Hert. There is a beer for everyone.

## NUIL LIKE A LOCAL

People of Nijmegen can be a bit grumpy. Complaining is somewhat of a local sport. We even have our own word for it: nullen. We null about this, we null about that. We practically null away the day. If you've had enough of all this complaining, you can shout "nie nullen!", with which you basically null about all the complaining going on. It's a nullception.

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## PARTY (OR WALK) LIKE A LOCAL

The most important event of the year in Nijmegen is probably the Four Days Marches and the associated festivities (which take up a whole week). Every third week of July, people from all over the world come here to walk and/or party. While hiking enthusiasts walk 30, 40, or even 50 kilometres a day for four days in a row, the party people find their way to the multiple

# 5 MINUTES OF HISTORY

We do matter! **The Romans** liked us, why wouldn't you? After arriving here, **they put a village on the hill**. In the upcoming centuries we gained importance, becoming and staying the **biggest city** of what we now call The Netherlands for a long time, **proud of being a capital** of the Roman realm.

King Charlemagne builds one of his **palaces on the Valkhof hill**. He stays here at least four times.

The story of **Mariken van Nieumeghen** is first printed. Seduced by the devil, she has to spend seven sinful years with him in the city of Antwerp. Upon returning, she repents and is forgiven. You can see her likeness on the **Grote Markt**.

The Four Days Marches grew from 95 participants in 1912, the year of the very first Marches, to well over 40,000 participants in 2022 - **one of the biggest events in The Netherlands**.

Although not the oldest bridge - that is the railway bridge - **De Waalbrug** is the first one where cars, pedestrians, and cyclists can all cross the river. Built in 1936, it is one of the **eye-catchers of the city** and some people even have its image tattooed on their body.

During the Second World War, the Americans **accidentally bomb Nijmegen**, killing almost 800 people and destroying a big part of the city. In the centre, the edges of the fire caused by the bombardment are now marked with little metal plaques in the street.

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It's official: Nijmegen is a city! Emperor Trajanus grants us city rights and gives the Roman village the name **Ulpia Noviomagus**.

777

Another emperor in our city, Frederick Barbaross builds a **new palace** on the ruins of his predecessor. In the **Valkhof Park** you can still see some ruins of it.

1515

**French troops attack our city**. Although it's never fun to be conquered, they bring some good things: they take power away from the elite and separate church and state.

1794

To show how much Nijmegen matters, we get **our very own university** in 1923. The money comes from the Catholic community, making it a Catholic university. It loses that status in 2020 and is now named the **Radboud University**.

1923

In the 1930s, during the **Great Depression**, we run out of money - just like the rest of the world. To offer our jobless citizens some work,

1939

the city council decides to build a **big city park**. Thousands of people dig the **Goffertpark** with their own hands. That's why the stadium there is called the **Bloedkuur** (blood pill), now home of our football club NEC.

1944

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**WED - SUN** At **GOED VOLK** they change the menu every Wednesday of the month. They serve a lot of vegan and organic meat options for lunch and dinner, in an informal and cosy place. But the big reason to come here is behind the bar. You can play the classic Dutch game *toeven/teken* (string pulling)! When you pull a string a random beer pops up. Enjoy!

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### STAYING IN THE FUN **59**

**BED AND BREAKFAST BOTTENDAL** has a tactical location: right next to some of the best pubs, such as **DE KLUZENAR 58**. For over ten years Jos and Rita have run this bed and breakfast. Ask Jos anything about the neighbourhood for a free history lesson!

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LOCAL TIP



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## EXERCISE LIKE A LOCAL

We love our bridges, we love the river, we love our island, and we love to show everyone how sporty we are. If you ever feel in need of a little bit of exercise, just ask a local about the *bruggeroefje* and most of us will know the way. On the island, halfway through the *bruggeroefje*, you can either join the dozens of people exercising on the stairs or take a well-deserved rest with a view on the river and our beautiful cityscape.

## SWIM SAFELY LIKE A LOCAL

As we already mentioned, locals here love the Waal river. We like to chill on its beaches and, when the weather allows it, take a dive in its water. However, be warned! The current in the river is really really strong. So don't go in too far. Deadly accidents have happened in the past on multiple occasions. Therefore, we advise you to take the safe swimming option at the Spiegelwaal: the extra river arm on the North side, where there is no current.

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## LISTEN LIKE A LOCAL

Nijmegen has a vibrant music scene, of which the most famous offspring is rock band De Staat. Arguably the biggest band of the Netherlands right now, they supported Muse, The Rolling Stones, and Papa Roach. But wait, there's more. What to think of indie heroes Walzburger, golden oldie Frank Boeljen, weirdly fantostical Jo Goes Hunting, worldwide renowned jazz singer Fay Claassen, singer songwriters LAKSHMI and Linda Schone, and many, many others. Listen to them in our Spotify playlist 'USE-IT Nijmegen 2023' via the QR code.



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In the late 1990s our city grew. On the other side of the river Waal the old village Lent becomes the district **Nijmegen-North**. In the decades after, we build house after house - and we're still counting. Now Nijmegen is a proper city on both sides of the river.

The Dutch are famous for their water management. Exhibit A: our island, which the city creates by digging an extra river arm, to give the water more space and protect the city banks against high water.

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1981

During the **Pierson Street Riots**, squatters try to stop the city from demolishing houses in the Piersonstraat. The police fights

1998

back with force. 200 police buses, 5 tanks, a helicopter, an armoured car, 2 water cannons, tear gas, and 2000 men, among them the military. **Café DE PLAK 28** becomes the demonstrators' press centre and place to rest. Nijmegen is still called *Havana aan de Waal*, because it is a **breeding ground for left-winged political activism**.

2015

For 8 months, Nijmegen holds the biggest refugee camp in The Netherlands: **Camp Heumenoord** closes in April 2016.

2016

Nijmegen is voted **Best European Youth Destination!**

2022