

LUXEMBOURG EXPLORER GUIDE – JA25:

Hikes near Belval: sections of the Minett Trail

We suggest two different hikes **starting at Esch-sur-Alzette train station**, which is a 4 min train ride away from Belval-University train station. You can of course also start the hikes at the University, which will add 4km to each hike. Both hikes end at different train stations respectively, so that you can easily take the train back to Belval or to Luxembourg City, in case you are staying there. Use the mobilitet.lu app/website to check the exact schedule of the trains ([Homepage - Mobilitet.lu - a service by the Ministry of Mobility and Public Works, Public Transport Administration : route calculation in Luxembourg, public transport schedules and lines, buses, trains, trams](https://mobilitet.lu))



- 12km hike:
Hike the regional Minett Trail between **Esch-sur-Alzette** and **Tétange train stations** and experience the freshness of nature in two nature reserves. A precise description and interactive map of the hike, can be found under the following link: [Minett Trail: Esch-sur-Alzette Gare - Tétange Gare - Visit Luxembourg](#)
- 9km hike:
Hike the regional Minett Trail between the train stations of **Esch-sur-Alzette** and **Schifflange** through the nature reserve "Lalléngerbiérg - Brucherbiérg" and experience the region's characteristic red rock faces. A precise description and interactive map of the hike, can be found under the following link: [Minett Trail: Esch-sur-Alzette Gare - Schifflange Gare - Visit Luxembourg](#)



Vianden Castle:

One of the most famous castles in Luxembourg is the one in Vianden. Information about opening hours and admission fees can be found under the following link: [Visit the castle – Schloss Vianden](#). It will take you around 2h to get there. We would suggest taking the train at 13h10 or 14h10 at Belval train station. Arriving in Ettelbrück at the train station, you can take the bus number 180, leaving at 14h23 respectively 15h23, to Vianden “Breck” and

walk up to the castle. To come back, you can take the bus 180 at 19:11, 20:11,... or the bus 181 at 19:36, 20:36,... to go from Vianden Gare to Ettelbrück Gare, change there to the train to Luxembourg City and change again to take the train to Belval. For more details on the public transport, check [Homepage - Mobilitet.lu - a service by the Ministry of Mobility and Public Works, Public Transport Administration : route calculation in Luxembourg, public transport schedules and lines, buses, trains, trams](https://mobilitet.lu)

Esch-sur-Sûre:

Set in a valley of the Sûre river in the Éislek, the village of Esch-sur-Sûre is situated in a meander of the river at the foot of the ruins of the oldest castle in Luxembourg. The ruins of the feudal castle, which is freely accessible, offer a wonderful view of the village and its narrow streets: [Esch-sur-Sûre - Tourism in the Ardennes](#). It will take you around 2h to get there. We would suggest taking the train at 13h10 or 14h10 at Belval train station.



Arriving in Ettelbrück at the train station, you can take the bus number 133, leaving at 14h42 respectively 15h42, to Esch-sur-Sûre “An de Gäert”. To come back, you can take the bus 131 at 18:45, 19:45,... to go back to Ettelbrück Gare, change there to the train to Luxembourg City and change again to take the train to Belval. For more details on the public transport, check [Homepage - Mobilité.lu - a service by the Ministry of Mobility and Public Works, Public Transport Administration : route calculation in Luxembourg, public transport schedules and lines, buses, trains, trams](#)

To Do's in Luxembourg City:

Luxembourg City is at a 30-minute train ride from the University. The trains leave approx. every 15 minutes. There are plenty of places to visit in the city. Here are some suggestions:



- Stroll around the city: one suggested route is to take the tram at the train station in Luxembourg City towards “Hamilius”. From there, go to the “Gëlle Fra” (golden woman: [Gëlle Fra - Visit Luxembourg](#)), and enjoy the view on “Vallée de la Pétrusse”. Then continue towards the “Chemin de la Corniche”, also known as the most beautiful balcony of Europe ([Chemin de la Corniche - Visit Luxembourg](#)), and finally pass by the royal palace. Here you will find plenty of cafes and restaurants.

- Luga Luxembourg: A temporary open-air exhibition with urban gardens, landscape and art installations (for further information: [Homepage - LUGA](#))
- Museums:
 - The National Museum (free entree): [Opening times and admission | Nationalmusée](#)
 - Mudam (Contemporary Art Museum): [All the info you need! | Mudam](#)

General information :

- Public transport is free in Luxembourg, and most places are easily accessible
- From Friday, July 4th to Sunday, July 6th, the “Fête des Hauts Fourneaux” will take place in Belval, offering presentations of the blast furnaces, concerts and a zip line between the two big blast furnaces: fonds-belval.lu/index.php?lang=en&page=1&sub=1&news=487