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Ghent, a Flemish city located at the confluence of the Lys and Scheldt rivers, Ghent is the capital of the province of East Flanders (Oost-Vlaanderen). It is the third largest city in Belgium after Brussels and Antwerp. As capital of the former county of Flanders and the birthplace of Charles V, Ghent developed mainly in the 14th and 15th centuries. Once a wealthy, proud trading town, this Flemish city is now an industrial centre as well as a university town. Ghent has nevertheless preserved a fabulous wealth of architecture. Its canals and

architecture make it a top tourist destination. Ghent is a pleasant and accessible city, with a lot to see and do within walking distance. A thousand years of history have left their mark and are waiting to be discovered. The Flemish tradition of fine dining and the city's shopping centre are also sure to appeal. Enjoy your stay in this city of light and sweet treats!

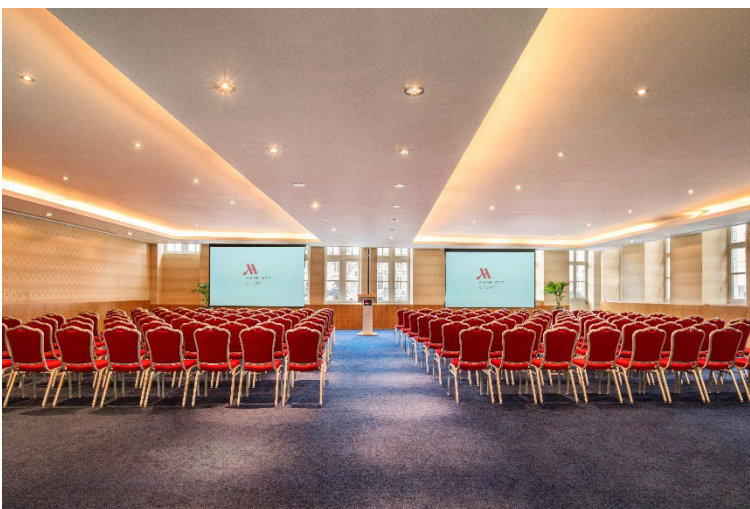
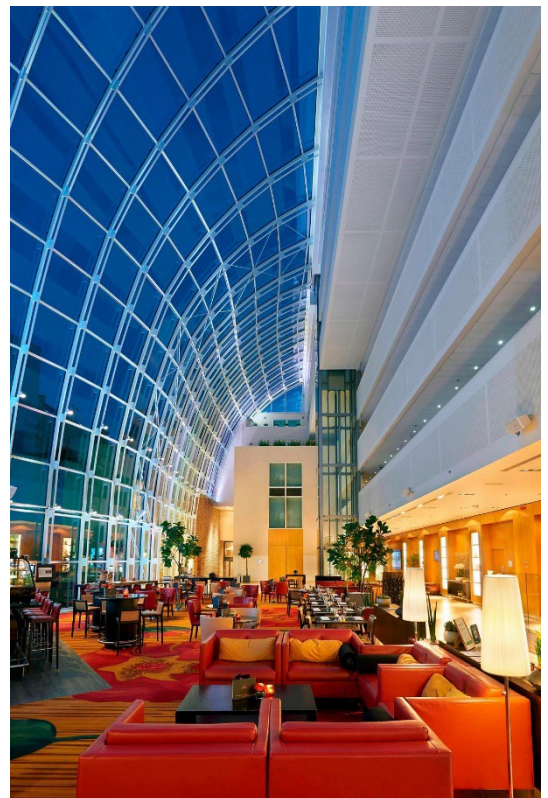


Your Hotel : Ghent Marriott Hotel ★★★★★

📍 Korenlei 10 - 9000 Ghent

The elegant **Ghent Marriott** combines historic charm with modern design. This hotel overlooks the famous Korenlei on the bank of the Lys River and boasts an unusual lobby.

Saint Bavo Square, which features the Belfry, is less than a 10-minute walk from the hotel. The Design Museum is 100 metres away. Marriott Hotel is only 5 minutes' walk from Gravensteen Castle. Guests can also rent bicycles at the hotel to explore the area.



Wednesday 4th September 2024

- 16h Meeting in the hotel foyer, Marriott Ghent, Korenlei 10 - 9000 Ghent
Bus transfer
Visit of Woodprotect NV, Wiedauwkaai 91 A, 9000 Gent
- 18h45 Bus transfer from hotel to restaurant for those not attending visit
Woodprotect
- 19h Welcome dinner at Rooftop GASTON, Hurstweg 8, 9000 Gent
- 23h Bus transfer to the hotel



Rail Europe Solutions group represents 5 activities and 8 manufacturing sites.

Woodprotect in Ghent, part of Rail Europe Solutions, manufactures wooden sleepers for over 2 centuries. As social and environmental responsibility has always been in our Group's DNA, 15 years ago we developed an activity that has now become the site's speciality: converting old wooden creosoted sleepers into fuel.

This fuel is used to power a biomass plant that provides a large part of the energy needed to run Europe's largest recycled paper plant. We process 60.000 tonnes of old sleepers a year.



ROOFTOP BAR

Gaston

& RESTAURANT

A unique industrial setting, a charming rooftop terrace and an unmatched skyline: these are just some of Gaston's assets.

Gaston will open the doors of its renovated terrace as a restaurant, where you can enjoy culinary specialities, play pétanque and relax on the magnificent roof terrace all summer long.

Gaston always offers an unforgettable experience in this industrial but characterful building in Galveston.

What's more, Gaston combines its extraordinary venue with a sublime in-house catering service. Coeur Catering, the Ghent-based caterer known for its sustainable catering, cooks with love for the product and attention to detail, in a refined yet relaxed manner.

At Gaston, you can enjoy Belgian-French classics with a touch of originality. Gaston also caters convincingly for vegetarians and vegans.



Escape the hustle and bustle of the city and relax in peace on this unique rooftop restaurant overlooking the town of Artevelde. Gaston is the place to be all year round, whether for a fairytale winter wedding or a summer networking event.



Thursday 5th September 2024

Delegate Program

9h30 - 12h	Executive Committee Meeting at Ghent Marriott
12h00 - 13h30	Lunch for delegates and partners
14h00 - 17h00	Official Congress opening for delegates
17h50	Meeting at the hotel foyer
18h00	Boat tour with a guide to Sint Pieters Abbey
19h00	Barbecue at Sint Pieters Abbey
22h00	First bus transfer to hotel
23h00	Second bus transfer to hotel

Partner Program

As the hotel is located right in the historic centre and close to the shopping streets, we didn't plan a specific programme for the first day. Everyone is free to enjoy their time as they wish.

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Boat tour



Sint Pieters Abbey



Barbecue



Friday 5th September 2024

Delegate Program

9h30 - 12h	Congress for delegates
12h00 - 13h30	Lunch for delegates
14h00 - 16h00	Congress for delegates
18h45	Meeting at the hotel foyer
19h00	Gala dinner at Oude Vismijn

Partner Program

8h50	Meeting at the hotel foyer
9h00	Bus transfer to Bruges
10h - 12h	Guided visit of Bruges
12h30 - 14h	Lunch
14h - 16h	Free time
16h - 17h	Bus transfer to Ghent Marriott
18h45	Meeting at the hotel foyer
19h00	Gala dinner at Oude Vismijn

Bruges



Gala dinner at Oude Vismijn



Saturday 6th September 2024

- 10h Meeting at the hotel foyer
- Short walk to Sint-Baafs Cathedral (600 m)
- 10h15 Augmented reality tour of the Ghent Altarpiece
- 12h30 Lunch at SGOL restaurant

The Ghent Altarpiece



"The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb" is more than just a painting. It's a window into the Flemish Renaissance, a masterpiece filled with religious symbolism and revolutionary artistic techniques. Created by the Van Eyck brothers in the early 15th century, this fascinating work transports you to a world of beauty and devotion. Every meticulous detail and every stroke of oil paint speaks to the genius of the artists. Come and discover this icon of European art, carefully restored for an unforgettable visual experience.

In the crypt of the cathedral, you will travel deep into the past with the help of an Augmented Reality device - you can choose between glasses or a tablet - and experience the eventful history of the Ghent Altarpiece as if you were there yourself. As a highlight of the tour you will have a face to face encounter with the one and only Ghent Altarpiece.

The tour is available in the following 9 languages: DU,FR,EN,DE,IT,ES,RU,JP,PT.