

# NOT TO MISS

**THE "FABRIQUE"**  
(HOUSE OF YOUTH AND CULTURE)  
The Tiberghien Brothers factory, formerly a carding and spinning-mill dating from 1875, is now one of the largest Center for Youth and Culture to the north of Paris.

➤ 98 rue de Paris

**THE FRESNOY-NATIONAL STUDIO OF CONTEMPORARY ARTS**  
This former leisure complex has been redesigned by Bernard Tschumi (who was awarded the National Architecture Prize for this work) and is now a top-notch training school for the audio-visual arts, providing large-scale exhibitions, films, concerts and plays.

➤ 22 rue du Fresnoy  
☎ +33 (0)3 20 28 38 00  
Metro stop Alsace

During exhibition period :  
Open Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday from 2pm to 7pm - Friday, Saturday from 2pm to 9pm

Admission: €4 / reduced rate: €3. Free for everyone on Sundays. Free guided tour every Sunday at 4pm, no reservations required.  
[www.lefresnoy.net](http://www.lefresnoy.net)

**THE MUSEUM OF THE 5TH OF JUNE 1944, THE VERLAINE MESSAGE**

On BBC radio, 5th of June 1944, at 9.15pm, came these words: "The long sobs of autumn's violins wound my heart with a monotonous languor..." It was from this bunker in the Avenue de la Marne that the Germans intercepted the message announcing the Allies' D-Day landings in Normandy. This museum is dedicated to the war on the airwaves and in radio communications.

➤ 4 bis avenue de la Marne  
☎ +33 (0)3 20 24 25 00  
Tramway stop Pont Hydraulique

Open on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month from 9am to 6pm.  
Admission: €5 for adults, €3 for children.  
[www.museedu5juin1944.asso.fr](http://www.museedu5juin1944.asso.fr)

**THE HYDRAULIC BRIDGE**  
Marks the city's southern entrance. Four hydraulic cylinders can be filled to raise the bridge deck and allow barges to pass.  
➤ Junction between avenue de la Marne and rue Charles Wattinne.

**IUT B SAINTE-BARBE**  
(UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY)  
This former spinning-mill for carded wool dates from 1869 and was once a veritable castle of industry. Today it is a very fine example of the restoration of the area's industrial heritage.  
➤ 35 rue Sainte-Barbe

## GUIDED TOURS

Take part in our guided tours to (re)discover all the aspects of Tourcoing and the Lille Metropole: unusual visits, discoveries of our heritage and architecture, behind the scenes of the emblematic places, savoir-faire...

Don't hesitate to ask about the frequency of these visits at the tourist information centre.



## THE PROUVÉ HOUSES

Conceived at the time to meet the housing needs of the "thirty glorious years" in the post-war period, these steel and aluminium villas of the "Metropole" type were built in 1953 by Jean Prouvé, dubbed "the master of metal". In total, 10 have been built on this model: 8 in Meudon and 2 in Tourcoing.

➤ 97-99 rue du Général Marchand  
Regular free guided tours (visit the tourist office website)



## THE FORMER ART SCHOOL

Italian renaissance-style façade designed in 1904 by the architect Marquette. Features an allegory of the arts, sculpted by Gauquié, on the pediment.

➤ 12 rue de Gand



## CHARLES VAN DE VEEGAETE'S HOUSE

An industrialist and international football referee, Charles Van De Veegaete commissioned the Ghent-born architect, Géo Bontinck, to design his house in 1927. The façade features a footballer, a spinner and a remarkable stained glass window. The house was awarded the Belgian Van De Ven architectural prize in 1930.

➤ 33 rue Pasteur



## THE BROTHERS SERVAIS' HOUSE

Designed by Charles Vallery, a Swiss architect who specialised in industrial buildings, the aesthetics of this house, built in 1947-1950, are inspired by the villa Cavois by Robert Mallet-Stevens in Croix.

➤ 30-32 rue Faidherbe

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# DISCOVERING TOURCOING

Un Office de Tourisme de la Métropole Européenne de Lille



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# DISCOVERING TOURCOING

## CITY CENTER



### 1 THE TOWN HALL

This building dates from the period of Napoleon III and was built between 1866 and 1885 in an eclectic style. An imposing building not only because of its decorative exterior architecture but also by its interior decoration, the Town Hall is redolent of industrial power and the classicism of ancient Greece and Rome.

➤ Place Victor Hassebroucq



### 2 THE MUSIC SCHOOL

This eclectic building (1892) is decorated with scrolls featuring the names of famous composers.

➤ 6 rue Paul Doumer  
☎ +33 (0)3 20 26 60 74



### 3 THE MUBA (FINE ARTS MUSEUM) EUGÈNE LEROY

Located in a former 19th century aristocratic townhouse, the MUBA deploys stylistic and thematic juxtapositions in order to set up a dialogue between contemporary art and the art of earlier centuries, and also between performing arts and plastic arts, while devoting particular attention to painting, and especially to the work of the painter Eugène Leroy (1910-2000).

➤ 2 rue Paul Doumer  
☎ +33 (0)3 20 28 91 60

Open every day from 1pm to 6pm except on Tuesdays and public holidays.

Admission: €5,50 ; reduced rate: €3. Free admission for those under 18 and for citizens of Tourcoing ; free admission for everyone on the first Sunday of every month. [www.muba-tourcoing.fr](http://www.muba-tourcoing.fr)



### 4 THE COLLECTOR'S HOUSE

Built in 1911 by the architect Jean-Baptiste Maillard for the Tourcoing painter Ernest Desurmont, this eclectic house can be distinguished by its bow window.

➤ 3 Parvis des Arts



### 5 ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH WITH ITS SET OF BELLS

Built between the 13th and the 19th centuries, with a spire 87 metres high, St Christopher's Church is one of the finest neo-gothic buildings in the region. It houses the fourth largest carillon or set of bells in France: 62 bells, the largest of which, the bourdon, weight 6 tonnes..

➤ Parvis Saint-Christophe  
☎ +33 (0)3 59 63 43 43

Museum of Carillon: open from June to September every Sunday from 3pm to 6pm.

Free guided tours every 45 minutes.

Free admission



### 6 THE FORMER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Built between 1903 and 1906 in a time of gloriously flourishing business and industry, the former Chamber of Commerce is a building in the neo-Flemish style with a distinctive corner belfry. It is a remarkable building in which stone and brick are combined in a way that is reminiscent of the Renaissance and the early 17th century.

➤ Place Charles et Albert Roussel



### 7 THE "MAISON DU BROUTTEUX"

This house was given by the people of Tourcoing to Jules Watteeuw, the local poet who wrote in the local version of the Picard dialect, and who was nick-named "le Broutteux", which in that dialect means "the wheelbarrow-pusher".

➤ 19 rue Jules Watteeuw



### 8 THE MONUMENT TO THE DEAD

Created between 1924 and 1931 by the sculptor L. Brasseur and the architect E. Monestès, it is viewed as one of the finest in Northern France. The sculptor included his own features in a French soldier and his wife's face is depicted in "winged Victory leading the soldiers to glory and immortality". Labelled as a "remarkable monument of the 20th century".

➤ Place de la Victoire

### 17 INSTITUT DU MONDE ARABE TOURCOING

A place of history and memories, the former swimming school now is the home of "l'Institut du monde arabe-Tourcoing", (The Institute of the Arab world - Tourcoing), a place of meeting and discovery of the culture and civilisation of the Arab world.

Come and discover the permanent exhibitions, take part in conferences or learn new languages.

➤ 9, rue Gabriel Péri  
☎ +33 (0)3 28 35 04 00

Open Tuesday 1pm to 6pm and Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 6pm.

For closing days (bank holidays and holidays), visit the IMA website [www.ima-tourcoing.fr](http://www.ima-tourcoing.fr)

Admission: €3 / Reduced rate: €2



### 16 TOURCOING-LES-BAINS

This leisure center plunges you into a world of aquatic pleasures and watery well-being. Wave-pools, warm-water play-pools, waterslides, jacuzzi baths, saunas and hammams – it's all there, everything you need for your rest and recreation.

➤ Rue Aristide Briand  
☎ +33 (0)3 28 35 09 09

Open 7 days a week.

[www.tourcoinglesbains.fr](http://www.tourcoinglesbains.fr)



### 15 THE BOTANICAL GARDEN AND THE EDUCATIONAL GREENHOUSES

Come and discover the botanical garden: an island of greenery in the heart of town and prepare to travel from one climate to another by visiting the greenhouses. Your journey will take you into the tropical forest with its orchids, then cacti and carnivorous plants, and then your journey will end with the pelargoniums with citrus fruits and their pleasant smell.

➤ 32 rue du Moulin Fagot  
☎ +33 (0)3 20 26 89 03

The greenhouses are only accessible with the free guided tours. The visits are during the week and on Sundays. The full program is available at the tourist information centre.



### 14 THE "MAISON FOLIE" HOSPICE D'HAVRÉ

The former Notre Dame des Anges monastery is a unique group of 17th and 18th centuries buildings held together by its cloister. It is now a centre for art and cultural exchange, hosting exhibitions, reading workshops, live performances, and artists' workshops, etc., and it is made even more attractive by its landscaped gardens devoted to the themes of water, medicinal plants, and plants used for dyes and tinctures.



Free admission

➤ 100 rue de Tournai  
☎ +33 (0)3 59 63 43 53

Open every day from 1.30pm to 6pm except on Tuesdays, public holidays and August.

### 13 THE FORMER POST OFFICE (ART DECO)

Built in 1935 by Delannoy, the Art Deco style is clearly visible through the apparent rigidity of the façade tempered by the harmony of the colours and shapes of the brickwork.

➤ 11 rue Léon Salembien



### 12 THE STATION

Built by Steve Dunnett in 1905, the station is a subtle blend of tradition (Renaissance-style gazebos at the sides) and modernity (central glass and iron structure).

➤ Place Pierre Semard



### 11 ART NOUVEAU HOUSE

Directly inspired by the work of the Belgian architect Paul Hankar, this liberty style house was designed in 1906 by Charles Bourgeois for Mr Samyn-Permandt.

➤ 102 avenue Gustave Dron



### 10 THE "ARCADES"

Built in 1930-32 looking along a new avenue which opened out on to the railway station, this immense ship-like building contains a whole gallery of shops and luxury apartments. Its exterior of brick, concrete and enamelled ceramic makes for a beautifully polychromatic look.

➤ Avenue Gustave Dron



### 9 THE CHAPEL OF THE VOW

On June 30th 1916, the clergy and people of Tourcoing vowed to build a chapel if the city was spared by the Great War. Their plea was granted and the chapel was built in 1921 by Jean-Baptiste and Henri Maillard.

➤ 18 rue Faidherbe  
Open Monday to Saturday from 9am to 12pm and from 2pm to 4pm, on Sundays from 9am to 12pm.

