

# LILLE



**Lille, the tournament's most northern host city, has a vibrant atmosphere, cultural vivacity and a perfect blend of historic Flanders architecture and urban development.**

**It's a French hidden gem and the Stade Pierre-Mauroy – with a 50,000 capacity and retractable roof – is a stadium fitting for a city crowned the 2020 'World Design Capital'.**

**Whether you're interested in history, art, shopping, or simply enjoying the local ambiance, Lille offers a diverse range of experiences for all types of visitors:**

- **Grand Place:** This bustling square is known for its beautiful architecture and The Vieille Bourse (Old Stock Exchange) - which has an ornate courtyard where book markets and chess games often take place.
- **Palais des Beaux-Arts:** This impressive museum houses an extensive collection of European paintings, sculptures, decorative arts, and more.
- **Citadel of Lille:** This massive fortress is a symbol of Lille's military history and the surrounding park is a great spot for relaxation and views of the city.
- **Wazemmes Market:** This bustling market is an excellent place to taste the local culture and sample fresh produce, cheeses, meats, and more.
- **Eateries and Cafes:** Lille is known for its delicious cuisine so don't miss the chance to try local specialties such as "carbonade flamande" (a beef and beer stew), waffles, and regional cheeses.



## **How to get from the airport to the city centre:**

- **Shuttle Bus (Navette):** This will take you from outside the terminal building and makes several stops in the city. The journey takes 20-30 minutes and the ticket - purchasable from the driver or at the airport - is usually around €8-10.
- **Public Bus:** Bus line 68 connects the airport to Lille's city centre. The journey takes about 30-40 minutes and costs around €2-3.

## **How to get to the Stade Pierre-Mauroy:**

- **Metro:** Take Metro Line 1 (yellow line) towards "4 Cantons Stade Pierre-Mauroy" and get off at the "4 Cantons Stade Pierre-Mauroy" station, located next to the stadium.
- **Bus:** Several bus lines head to this area, including lines 18, 59, and 227.

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