Visit Kinrooi

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Kinrooi, the Art of Craftsmanship 2022

a very warm welcome



As mayor, I would like to welcome you, together with our residents, to beautiful Kinrooi. In the far northeast of the province of Limburg lies this 'Pearl on the Meuse'.

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This unique location makes Kinrooi the place to be to relax. We would like to introduce you to the RivierPark Maasvallei, also known as the Loire Valley of Limburg. Put on your walking shoes and set off along the banks of the Meuse. Or take a look in GrensPark Kempen~Broek. This beautiful cross-border nature reserve - where silence and harmony with nature are the norm - is located in the north of our municipality.

Do you like it more active? Then take a bike and set off on the Limburg cycle network. Did you know that the cycle paths in Kinrooi are among the most used and most beautiful ones in the province? Thanks to a perfect connection to the cycle network of our Dutch friends we are able offer you a unique cross-border cycling experience!

We also continue to play the card of water tourism. After all, with De Spaanjerd, we have the most beautiful inland marina in Europe. And we are rightly proud of that. But the Maasplassen offer us even more. From fishing over kite surfing to sailing initiations, everything is possible in Kinrooi.

The year 2022 will be all about 'craftsmanship' in Limburg. We will continue this in our municipality. As the largest vegetable garden of Flanders, Kinrooi is the example of pure craftsmanship. More than 30 kinds of vegetables and fruit are grown in Kinrooi. At the head of that vegetable garden is our queen of vegetables: the asparagus. This white gold is renowned far beyond the country's borders and is our absolute pride. In Kinrooi, craftsmanship stands for authenticity, passion and quality. Every day our people give the best of themselves to conjure up the tastiest products on your plate.

So we have everything to make your stay unforgettable. Together with all players in the field, from maintenance services to accommodation owners, we guarantee the hospitable experience you may expect from the people of Limburg. Welcome to Kinrooi, the heart of the Euregion.

Kind regards

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We from Visit Kinrooi would like to welcome you to our wonderful municipality. Endless nature reserves, huge lakes, the largest vegetable garden in Flanders and the absolute asparagus municipality. You can feel it. Here in Kinrooi, you will never

Dear reader.

get bored!

municipality.

We make it a point of honour to advise and assist you during your beautiful journey. To us, this practical brochure is more than a list of tourist attractions. It is a magazine in which we take you through the most beautiful stories of our municipality. The offer is endless: active, passive, nature or culture, water or land, walking or cycling... A weekend away, a week of pleasure with the kids or relaxing with friends? It's all possible in our pleasant Together with more than 12,000 ambassadors of Kinrooi, we welcome you in Kinrooi, the green heart of the Euregion. Of course with the Limburgian hospitality that you may expect from us. Promise!

See you soon, in Kinrooi.

Team Visit Kinrooi





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top in Kinrooi



01 St Martin's Church

Due to its beautiful neo-Gothic interior, this church is also known as the 'Gem along the Meuse'. The church can be found in Kessenich, right next to the Mottetoren. Definitely worth a visit.

Tip: take a look behind the church to glance a beautiful view of the nature reserve.

03 E-Cars of Kinrooi

Do you feel like exploring the municipality in a sustainable way? With an E-Car you can enjoy the most beautiful views in all comfort and quiet. Do you prefer to be guided by a provided GPS or do you prefer to explore on your own? It is all possible. The E-Cars have seating for up to 4 persons per car. Perfect for an activity with family, friends or relatives.









02 De Spaanjerd Marina

De Spaanjerd Marina brings the Mediterranean to Kinrooi. Enjoy the wide vista of boats bobbing on the water or have a go yourself via one of the charter facilities. The Kinrooi Maasplassen (lakes) offer something for everyone and you will never tire of them. Promised!

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Mills of Kinrooi

Although the Netherlands is full of these landmarks, you can also visit three beautiful mills in Kinrooi. The Lemmensmolen, the Zorgvlietmolen and the Keijersmolen rise stately above the skyline of Kinrooi. One of them was even declared a wedding location in 2021 and you can go there for a delicious ice cream! Ask for more information at Visit Kinrooi and visit these beautiful examples of pure craftsmanship today

05 Borgitter Castle

"In among the golden green oak wood ..." lies Borgitter Castle. Unfortunately very little of the former castle is left standing, just like the oak trees that are referred to. The present classical building in the Maasland style dates from the end of the 18th century. A few years later, the Dutchman Gerard Krekelberg wrote the text for the Limburg folk song here in Kessenich. The best of both Limburg provinces comes together in Kinrooi.

most beautiful spots for CVCIStS







The Bastion, so much more than events grounds

Near junction 21 lies the Bastion, one of the newest additions to the municipality of Kinrooi. These events grounds were artificially created by bringing in sand from the Maasplassen. The Bastion is not only the home base for the famous Bastion Festival, but also accommodates all kinds of parties, from weddings and private parties right through to magnificent pop-up bar in the summer. But above all, it offers a beautiful view over the Kinrooi Maasplassen.

Enchanting Kessenich

Known as 'Gem of the Maasland', or 'Thorn's little sibling', ... Kessenich continues to surprise. Nice and compact with a hint of history around every corner of its little alleys. Just a stone's throw away from big sister Thorn and at the

Practical

If you would like more information about the many cycling options in Kinrooi, then definitely pop into Visit Kinrooi, located at Maasstraat 82. If you have no bike, that's no problem at all as Visit Kinrooi will be happy to help you out. Just contact us before you come to Kinrooi and we'll make sure the tyres are inflated and the bike is ready and waiting for you.

Cycling through the nature reserve

Since last year, Koningssteen-Kollegreend is accessible to cyclists. From junction 21, you can cycle straight through the nature reserve to end up in the white town of Thorn. Enjoy the wonderful views. Could you be careful with the grazing animals? They certainly need their rest.

gateway to the Koningssteen-Kollegreend nature reserve, Kessenich has everything you need for a day out. Practical: simply walk up from the Bastion via De Gaard and enjoy Kessenich.



most beautiful spots for hikers

Kinrooi is the place to be for the most fervent hikers. From endless trips along the river Meuse to the most wonderful adventures in the woods, Kinrooi has it all. We would like to take you to a few hotspots, namely ...

... of the Woutershof

A forest paradise for young and old alike

Woutershof is not only a Hopper group residence where many young people enjoy a relaxing holiday every year. Situated on the border of Kempen~Broek, Woutershof is also Kinrooi's gateway to this versatile nature reserve. Strap on your walking boots and get to know Kempen~Broek. A boundless hiking experience, we can assure you!

While the children are having fun in the woods, dabbling in the play stream or playing tag in the meadow, parents and grandparents can enjoy a delicious picnic.

Practical

Woutershof is located at the Grootbroekstraat in Kinrooi. There is plenty of parking on site. Do bring your walking shoes, though, as you will need them.





... to the Vijverbroek

Boundless enjoyment in nature

The Vijverbroek is a marshland area straddling Belgium and the Netherlands. Where the Meuse used to flow luxuriantly, there are beautiful marshy woods. It is best to put on your wellies because the wet grasslands are likely to give you wet feet before you know it! The Vijverbroek guarantees an ultimate nature experience, ranging from alder thickets to willow thickets and the most beautiful plants. But look around you every now and then, you might even spot one of the free-roaming cattle wanting to accompany you on your journey.

Practical

The Vijverbroek is the gateway for several walks. Would you like more information on these? Then don't hesitate to drop by or visit De Smakerij. You will find more information on p. 32 of this brochure. If you are coming by car, you can park your car here.





On a discovery tour with Tijn

De Goort is not only located in the centre of Kinrooi, it is also the home of Tijn, the Purple Emperor butterfly. Years of nature management have ensured that many animals have found their way to De Goort. Today, you are going to set off with Tijn, the Purple Emperor. This butterfly is Kinrooi's adopted species and is known to make the odd appearance in the area. During this walk, children from 3 to 6 can find out about the habitat of this butterfly in a playful way. So put on your walking shoes. Drag mum, dad, grandma and grandpa out of their chairs and get going!

Practical

This walk is approximately 2.5 km long and is free of charge. You can leave your car on the car park in Doorslagstraat without any problems. The walk with Tijn is signposted along the green walking route.

Hang on! Before you go

At Visit Kinrooi, we want to offer you a wonderful experience. But that also goes for the visitors after you. Should you come across any irregularities (e.g. fly-tipping, vandalism, noise nuisance, etc.) during a walk in our municipality, we would appreciate it if you would report them to us. You can do so at welkom@ visitkinrooi.com. Thank you in advance.

cultural

Kinrooi plays in the premier league when it comes to culture, too. As a fusion of five parishes, every corner of the municipality offers something for everyone. Apart from the three mills, the municipality also boasts other remarkable monuments, such as Borgitter Castle, the ruins of the Mottetoren and St Martin's Church, Slichtenhof, etc.

But above all, Kinrooi is the vegetable garden of Flanders. More than 30 different varieties of vegetables and fruit are grown in Kinrooi. At the head of that garden is our gueen of vegetables: the asparagus. We celebrate this every year with the asparagus festival. But that's not all: with the asparagus route and many other activities we put our pride in the spotlight every year.

We list our cultural highflyers for you below:



Geistingen

Het Geistinger Vinkenbier

Taste this pure craftsmanship in one of our many catering establishments, perhaps during the Vinkenbier walk. We will be happy to tell you more about it.



Geistingen

Asparagus **municipality of Flanders**

Is there no disputing about taste? Maybe not. But once you have tasted an asparagus from the soil of Kinrooi, you will know that our asparagus are the most delicious ones in the world. And that's not all: come and visit us again during the asparagus season. You are always welcome at the annual asparagus festivals to join the asparagus cycle tour or to visit one of our local farmers. Maybe you can even harvest your asparagus yourself?



Mottetoren (Motte Tower)

The Mottetoren was built in the 12th century in the centre of Kessenich. It was built on an artificial hill and served as a defence tower for the seigniory. After three excavations, the foundations of the tower and the later added constructions were uncovered and preserved. At the end of the 19th century, Baron Michiels van Kessenich had a burial chapel built for his family on the same hill. The 'hill' is freely accessible to the public. In 2021 and 2022 the site will be completely restored. In the autumn of 2022 the redevelopment of the village of Kessenich will be completely finished. So keep an eye on our social media. The 'mountain' is open to the public.

Kessenich

St Martin's Church

At the foot of the same hill is St Martin's Church. The back of the church tower contains remnants of a 12th-century Romanesque church. The tower in marlstone dates from the 16th century. The present church was built at the end of the 19th century against to the existing tower. The beautiful neo-Gothic interior rightfully earned this church the title of 'Gem of the Maasland'. In the churchyard next to the church is the gravestone of Guido van Malsen (†1618), Lord of Kessenich, and Joanna van Kessenich (†1636). Next to it is the burial cross of Hobricht van Lind (†1678) and his family members.





Kessenich

Borgitter Castle

"In among the golden green oak wood ...", lies Borgitter Castle; In the 16th and 17th centuries, the Lords of Kessenich moved their centre of power to Borgitter. Jan van Waes built the Borgitter moated castle in the early 16th century. However, little remains of this castle today. The present classical building in Maasland style dates from the late 18th century. Behind the castle are the Breukskenshof and Halfeshof (farms), the estate manager's house and a 17th-century water mill.

The Limburg folk song was also written there, "t nachtegaalje zingt..." (the nightingale is singing ...). In the early 20th century, the Dutch writer Gerard Krekelberg wrote the text here, which was later set to music. Nowhere else will you feel the Limburg feeling vibe than at Borgitter Castle.

Please note: the entire grounds are privately owned.



Molenbeersel

Reconstruction of electric wire

In the middle of the border between Belgium and the Netherlands, a part of the triple electric wire from WWI was reconstructed. A location where many lost their lives during the war is now a place of peace and introspection. A covered picnic area was built for visitors. Unfortunately this was destroyed last year and will be rebuilt in the course of 2022. A number of information boards will provide the necessary explanation about this monument.

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Mill municipality Kinrooi

Three mills rise above the skyline of Kinrooi today. One by one, they are fine pieces of architecture. Did you know that they are all still in working order? We would be pleased to tell you how you can discover this pure craftsmanship with your own eyes. And there is more: in some mills you can even get married! Or how old and new go hand in hand..

Molenbeersel

GC De Stegel

GC De Stegel is the municipality's community centre. With a wide variety of exhibitions, theatre, music, etc., De Stegel has something for everyone. Fancy a relaxing evening out? Be sure to ask us about what's on during your stay or visit www.visitkinrooi.com





'Asparagus municipality of Flanders

2021 was the 10th anniversary of Kinrooi as 'Asparagus municipality of Flanders'. Not only are the most asparagus grown in Kinrooi, they are also the tastiest ones in Flanders. But hey, convince yourself in one of our catering establishments or buy them from our local farmers. More about that

Kinrooi naturally



Kinrooi is a tiny municipality in the north of the province of Limburg. That in itself is not so unique, but with both the RivierPark Maasvallei and the GrensParkKempen~Broek, the municipality does have access to Limburg's most beautiful cross-border nature reserves. Ideal for bike rides, brisk walks or simply some fresh air in nature. You want to come?

GrensPark Kempen~Broek

Straddling Belgian and Dutch Limburg and a small strip of North Brabant is the GrensPark Kempen~Broek, a 25,000 ha area that mixes up wet and dry, open and closed, as well as nature and culture. The Kinrooi part of this cross-border landscape is mainly found in Molenbeersel. There you

find the nature reserves of Stramprooierbroek, Grootbroek, Urlobroek, Zig and Goort.

Discover nature on foot, by bike or on horseback. The bicycle is the perfect way to explore this vast area even better. You can rent bikes from Visit Kinrooi. Contact us for

more information. Below we would like to give you some tips for the Kempen~Broek.

FOR THE KIDS

Nature reserve De Goort is home to Tijn, the Purple Emperor. This butterfly is the adopted species of the municipality and pops up in the area from time to time. During the walk of about 2.5 km, children from 3 to 6 years of age can learn about De Goort and the rest of Tijn's habitat in a playful manner.

This walk is free of charge. Parking is available in the Doorslagstraat.

On the move with the Guides

Discovering silence, turning into a real tracker, getting a taste of the wilderness or catching your breath in the vast nature of the GrensPark. You can now experience it even more intensely in the company of a guide. Every fourth Sunday of the month, you can set off on a guided hike. This is someone who knows the area like the back of his hand and will be happy to tell you all about the ins and outs of this magnificent nature. For the municipality of Kinrooi, the Woutershof in Molenbeersel is the gateway. On www.kempenbroek.eu you'll find a calendar with all the Guided activities. Are you staying in Kinrooi? Be sure to ask your accommodation manager about any extra activities. Go as a group, with family or friends, or go it alone. It is all possible. Admission is 2 euros per person and 5 euros per family.

The Kempen~Broek hiking maps





around nature

Kisserweide, which can be described as a special place, is located next to the nature reserve De Zig in Molenbeersel and is the home of lovely Sofie. People, nature and animals come together at Kisserweide. There is a play area for young and old, you can chill out in the 'chill' corner, go for a donkey ride or even learn to ride a horse during one of the pony-riding lessons. That's right: people and animals go hand in hand while you enjoy the peace and quiet and the many regional produce that Sofie can tell you all about

Visit www.kisserweide.com and experience nature in a different way.

The RivierPark Maasvallei hiking maps

RivierPark Maasvallei

The RivierPark Maasvallei is an exceptional nature park with the quirky Meuse river as the blue vein running through the area. The Meuse is an impressive rain river and forms the natural border between Belgium and the Netherlands for 40 km. Over the centuries, this stream has sculpted a varied and fascinating landscape.

This has resulted in a tangle of old river arms, river banks, gullies, cut-off meanders, dykes and floodplains. Adjacent to these, a few picturesque Meuse villages punctuate the landscape. High and low tides have brought great diversity. A diversity that is still being improved on today with the sole purpose of introducing as many new species into the RivierPark Maasvallei as possible.

Rose Trail

From mid-June to mid-September, Geistingen is ablaze with the most beautiful colours of roses, with no fewer than 2,000 roses adorning Mariapark that time of year. A total of 6,000 roses can be admired in this beautiful Meuse village. Come and experience this period with us. The rose route is 6 km long and takes you, among others, along the ornamental garden and rose garden of the Pepels family and Luc Van Esser's ADR Rosarium Geistinger Landhoff. During this period, both gardens can be visited on Wednesdays by individual visitors free of charge.

The price of the hiking map is €4.00. You will be offered a 'dröpke' (a 'drop' of alcohol) and an ice cream along the way.

FOR THE KIDS 'Rijntje and his friends'

In the Vijverbroek nature reserve, a 2.3 km activity trail has been set up for the youngest nature lovers. The 'Rijntje and his friends' walk is a mix between beautiful drawings, based on the natural inhabitants of the area. and fun hands-on tasks to get to know nature in the RivierPark Maasvallei.

The hiking route is suitable for toddlers from 2.5 and upwards. Especially to stimulate the feeling of being close to nature, the route has not been made extra accessible for buggies.

mapped out for you

In order to help you find your way around our beautiful region, together with many volunteers and sympathisers, we have put together trails for a fun day out in Kinrooi. Below are a few examples. Did you have something else in mind? Then don't hesitate to pop in. Together with you, we will be happy to map out a trail fully tailored to your requirements.

MAPPED OUT FOR THE HIKER

Vinkenbier walk

Length: approx. 10 km Visit Kinrooi, Maasstraat 82 3640 Kinrooi (Ophoven) Start: Price: €3.00

During this 10 km walk you will meet Jan Vinken. He will take you on a walk and teach you all about the history of his family, his in-laws, the village of Geistingen and of course about Vinkenbier. Yes, you will also get the chance to taste it yourself. Just be sure to indicate a driver... Aareed?

PS This tour is also perfectly accessible with the E-Cars of Kinrooi.

MAPPED OUT FOR THE CYCLIST

Mill route

Length:approx. 41 kmStart:Visit Kinrooi, Maasstraat 82 3640 KinroPrice:€2.00	
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Kooppunten: 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 198, B, D, B, O, C, O

This 41 km cycling loop will introduce you to the five parishes of the municipality of Kinrooi. You will cycle past the most idyllic spots and the most important highlights. Be sure to stop for a bite and a drink at one of our cosy catering establishments.







oi (Ophoven)



Is that all?

No. it is not! Go to our website www.visitkinrooi.com and get inspired by our other tours. Do you prefer something customized? Drop by and we will be happy to help you.

A delicious local story

A little test: take a look around you when you drive into Kinrooi? That's right! Whether by car, bicycle, or any other means of transport. You cannot get around it. Kinrooi is an agricultural municipality. That is nothing new in Flanders, is it? No, that is true. But did you know that Kinrooi is the largest vegetable garden in Flanders?

different varieties of vegetables and fruit are grown in Kinrooi. Quite a lot, isn't it? From leeks over raspberries and strawberries to the still unknown descendant 'the yacón'. At the head of this family is our queen: the asparagus. Unique, pure and delicious. We would like to tell you more about it.

Indeed it is. More than 30

The white gold

The asparagus' nickname is the white gold. Where does the name come from? Well, we all know that buying gold is not that cheap. And to be honest: compared to fellow vegetables, the asparagus isn't either.

The start of the asparagus season varies from year to year. But on average, the start is around the second half of April and the beginning of May. The end of the season is fixed: 24 June, or the celebration of Sint-Jan.

During this period, many kilos of asparagus are harvested in Kinrooi. Harvesting the asparagus is quite labour-intensive. The temporary nature and the necessary labour give the asparagus this nickname.

Asparagus farmer talking

Hello, my name is Johan Driessens. Together with my wife and children I have been an asparagus farmer in Kinrooi for many years. The asparagus season is traditionally the best time of the year for us. All year round, we work with our whole family and employees to deliver the best quality of asparagus. During the season, there is a wonderful atmosphere throughout the community. Everyone knows they are here again, people come from far and wide to buy them on the farm, and we all see each other again at the asparagus festival. That gives me such satisfaction!



Pure craftsmanship

Growing asparagus is pure craftsmanship. That is the least you can say about this special process. The growth of an asparagus actually starts in spring. Then the beds are raised and the asparagus plants can start growing. A farmer can harvest asparagus from this plant for about 10 years.

The asparagus of Kinrooi are mostly white. This is because they are not exposed to light. But you can also find them in a green or purple colour.

When we say that it is always a bit warmer in Limburg, the people of Kinrooi take that very literally. During spring the asparagus plant gets the chance to grow. The traditional period to harvest the asparagus is from April to 24 June. On that day we celebrate Sint-Jan.

Just like we make it rain when we want to, we can also largely control the temperature of the beds. When growing white asparagus, the beds are usually covered with black and white foil. This is used to prevent discolouration, but also to speed up or slow down any harvesting. The black colour attracts the sun, which speeds up the process. The white colour repels the heat. We won't elaborate on that now. We invite you to discover them yourself at one of our farmers.

Then, the joyful moment! At some point the head of the asparagus will be visible. High time to harvest it. This is almost always done by hand. After harvesting, the asparagus are taken away to be cleaned, cut to size and judged for quality. Don't want to peel them yourself? Then you can simply ask for peeled asparagus.

What a process. Do you now understand why growing asparagus is one of the purest forms of craftsmanship? So we are rightly proud that in Kinrooi we have more than 50 hectares of asparagus fields. It is a tough job to grow them all. We do this with enthusiasm, passion and a clear goal in mind: to offer you the tastiest product. Curious for more? You are more than welcome at Visit Kinrooi. We will gladly tell you more about it.



Would you like to visit an asparagus farmer? Do you want to see everything with your own eyes? Just send your request to welkom@visitkinrooi. com and we will do the necessary. Would you like to buy asparagus from Kinrooi? Through this QR code you will find all addresses.



Limburg cycling map

The Limburg Cycling Map is a summary of 2000 kilometres of cycling experience. The map is available at Visit Kinrooi for only €9,50.

Agropolis

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Agropolis is an incubator for modern agriculture and horticulture. While the municipality of Kinrooi is clearly defined by a rich agricultural past, Agropolis is now trying to give it a sustainable future.

At the Agropolis Park, 'res-

idents' with an innovative idea and/or business in aqriculture and horticulture are welcome. The incubator is specifically designed for start-ups and service companies to stimulate the growth of their business in an accessible way. In addition, they can find accommodation, networking and quidance at the business park. This ensures that the innovators can focus fully on their core business and find support for their secondary activities from colleagues and from the services of Agropolis.

Would you like to know more? Then visit www.agropolis-kinrooi.be. Or have you been bitten by the bug and would you like to pay a group a visit? Just contact us and we will arrange it for you.

Rent a bike

Visit Kinrooi rents out bikes to individuals and groups. Groups should preferably book in advance.

Prices per day (only after reservation):		
- regular bicycle	€ 12,50	
- electric bicycle	€ 26,50	
- children's bicycle	€7,00	
- tandem	€ 25,00	
- child-adult tandem	€ 20,50	
- bicycle trailer	€7,00	
- cargo bike	€ 15,50	
- electric cargo bike		



The E-Cars of Kinrooi

Explore the area in a sustainable and fun way? That is possible with the E-Cars of Kinrooi! After the successful year of 2021, the 'golf carts' will now be permanently present in the streets of Kinrooi. Get behind the wheel yourself now!

Prices: 1 hour: €45.00

4 hours: €85,00

Please note: you must be in possession of a valid driver's licence type B and be at least 23 years old. Furthermore, the E-Cars are not allowed on the cycle paths. But don't worry: we have already put together the best routes for you. You'll get them together with an on-board GPS!

2 hours: €65,00

Ferry



The foot passenger and bike ferry 'President Willy Claes' takes you across the Meuse. Ideal for a cross-border hike or cycle ride. The ferry is located on the cycle route network at junction 22. It sails from Ophoven (B) to Ohé and Laak (NL) and back.

Sailing schedule:

- April: weekends between 10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.
- $\cdot\,$ May: daily between 10.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m
- June, July and August: daily between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m
- September: daily between 10 a.m. and / p.m.
- October: weekends between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Prices:

€1.20 p.p. single transfer €6.00 for a ten-journey ticket (valid until 2022) Payment only in cash on the bicycle ferry

Please always check the current corona virus measures and



water-rich Kinrooi

Since the mid-1950s, Kinrooi has had the beautiful Maasplassen on its doorstep. Where gravel was once extracted, today you see small sailing boats right through to the largest of sloops bobbing up and down. But that is not all. Because these 'gravel ponds' have been designated as a recreational area, you can experience a lot more here. Please allow us to list them for you.

01 **De Spaanjerd** Marina

This marina is unique in Western Europe. With nearly 1,000 moorings, it is one of the largest inland marinas, managed by Marec DV. They take care of the rental of moorings and the maintenance of this site. De Spaanjerd Marina guarantees a top Mediterranean experience. Below you can read what else the marina has to offer.



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02 **De Steenberg** day beach

Dalerweg in Geistingen is the place to be for sunbathers and lovers of water. Sunbathing, building sandcastles, eating ice cream, you name it, De Steenberg day beach delivers. We make sure a lifeguard is on hand when the sun comes out, so you can enjoy a wonderful day at the beach with complete peace of mind. An instant holiday feeling, that's for sure!

This beautiful sandy beach along

03 **Sailing and** sailing courses

Always wanted to learn how to sail? This can be done on the Kinrooi Maasplassen. Whether you're on holiday or if you live in the immediate vicinity, there is always a programme that will suit your needs. An Adventure Hike, the Full Moon Hike or the Wind-in-the-Sails package may well be what you're after? If this has whetted your appetite and you're left longing for more,. Then be sure to come to the Open Days on 3 and 9 April. Plan your sailing lessons or Start-to-sail lessons and learn to sail independently. Sailing during the holidays? Let us know in time via www.sailcenterlimburg.com.



04 From boat hire to building your own raft

At Sailcenter Limburg, you can hire almost anything that floats or sails. From motorised boats over camping boats and ca-

noes right through to your own home-made raft. It's all possible. By the way, Sailcenter Limburg also offers tailor-made group packages. A sailing licence is not required, but experience is needed for sailing boats. For more options, please see the group brochure or visit www.sailcenterlimburg.com.

05 **Yachtcharter**

Aqua Libra rents out luxury motor yachts, specially equipped for a stay of several days. This is your chance to be at the helm of a beautiful boat yourself. A sailing licence is not necessary. Aqua Libra gives you a free sailing instruction.

Aqua Libra is a partner of the Linssen Boating Holidays network. So you can explore the area in style and luxury with a boat that was built locally. For more information, please visit www.aqua-libra.be.

08 **De Paep van** Meinecom III

Not so keen on sailing yourself? Then board the Paep van Meinecom III and let yourself be guided through the beautiful nature on and around the waters of Kinrooi. It is only possible to book the boat for group excursions. For prices and conditions please contact Marec DV. You can contact them via paep@marec.be or take a look on www.paepvanmeinecom.be.





06 **StilSloep**

enjoy the peace and quiet of nature? With an electric boat, you can sail silently in amongst the waterfowl and take in the unforgettable fauna and flora of the RivierPark Maasvallei, Choose one of the options and discover the Maasplassen at your own pace. For prices and availability, please visit www.stilsloep.be.



09 An absolute fishing paradise

Did you know that Kinrooi is Flanders' most fish-friendly municipality? The river Meuse, part of the banks of the Vissenakkerplas and the Kinrooi brooks, are public fishing waters. Along some stretches of the lakes, you can go fishing and also on De Steenberg we have some very nice fishing spots in store for you. You can also cast your line in the municipal pond De Goort and at Villa Pax. Here, though, you have to put the fish back when caught. You





Want to escape the crowds and

07 **Otter Easy** Houseboats

Rent a houseboat for a relaxing and unique holiday in the Meuse region. Enjoy a wonderful stay on our Maasplassen with Otter Easy Houseboats. More information about prices and availability can be found on www.otter-easyhouseboats.com.

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Sailcenter Limburg

www.sailcenterlimburg.com info@sailcenterlimburg.com +32(0)89565284

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Botel Harbour

www.stilsloep.be info@stilsloep.be +32(0)489030849

must have a fishing licence from the Flemish Region, available from every post office or digitally via the website of the Agentschap voor Natuur en Bos (Nature and Forests Agency). More information can be found on www.kinrooi.be/vissen.

Would you like to fish on the water, but you don't have a boat? At Botel Harbour, vou can hire an electric boat complete with fish finder and rod holders.

enjoy a weekend

in Kinrooi

IDEAS FOR A WEEKEND BREAK

zaterdag

zondag

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10.00 a.m.

Arrival in Kinrooi, free parking at Maasstraat, where you can pick up your rental bikes. Visit Kinrooi has got them all ready for you.



10.30 a.m.

The nice ladies at Visit Kinrooi have told you that the mill route is an absolute must. A 41K loop through the five boroughs, that should be doable!

8.00 p.m.

End the day with a delicious regional beer or your favourite cocktails in a pop-up bar by the water. How beautiful can life be?

12.30 p.m. Stop for a quick lunch in one of the restaurants along the waterfront.

2.15 p.m.

the Limburg folk song.



Sleep time! Return to your accommodation for the night. What a lovey day that was!

We return the E-Car to Visit Kinrooi. But we're not leaving Kinrooi without braving the water ourselves. We step aboard a StilSloep of Botel Ophoven. Fortunately Leo joins us for a thorough explanation. It is easy to sail in a StilSloep, but it is helpful to have an experienced sailer to show

9.30 p.m.

After breakfast we get on our bikes back to the office of Visit Kinrooi. We exchange our rental bikes for an E-Car. Together with the whole family we make a tour through the municipality.



12.00 p.m. We stop near Kessenich. The Visit ladies have made us a nice packed lunch. Perfect for a quick bite to eat before we continue our tour in the di-

rection of Thorn.

14.00 p.m

6.00 p.m.

Put your feet up in a cosy restau-

rant recommended by Visit Kinrooi.

us the ropes.



2.00 p.m. Ready to get back in the saddle.

You can stay near the harbour and cycle through Geistingen Rose Village to Kessenich to visit the Gem of the Meuse. Via Borgitter Castle, you can make your way back to the harbour while trying to remember

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18.00 p.m.

Tired but satisfied we get into the car. What a great weekend!





Market days

Maaseik wednesdays from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m., general market Bree fridays from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m., general market Kinrooi thursdays from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m., fish and vegetable market

Swimming pools

Aquadroom Sportlaan 12, 3680 Maaseik, www.aquadroom.be **De Sprink** Sportlaan 4, 3960 Bree, www.bree.be/desprink Subtropical swimming pool 'De IJzeren Man' Geurtsvenweg 1, 6006 SN Weert (NL), www.zwembadweert.nl

Indoor playground

Alles Kids Venlosesteenweg 330, 3640 Kinrooi (Kessenich), www.alleskids.be

Riding schools

Manege 'De Gersalhoeve' Breeërsteenweg 195, 3640 Kinrooi

Garden

ADR Rosarium Geistinger Landhoff Beekstraat 13, 3640 Kinrooi (Geistingen), more information: welkom@visitkinrooi.com Tuin Pepels Maasstraat 68, 3640 Kinrooi (Ophoven), more information: welkom@visitkinrooi.com

Historical and Heritage Society Kinrooi

Secretariat - Documentation Centre Slichtestraat 5, 3640 Kinrooi (Molenbeersel), www.heemkringkinrooi.net

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Welkom in

Kinrooi

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de asperge-gemeent



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It goes without saying that food is part of our lifestyle. It so happens that Kinrooi did you know that Kinrooi Flanders? Nowhere else are as here.

Get to know our local entrepreneurs, each and every one of them a master of their trade. What are

Fancy an ice cream?

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In addition to gift vouchers, Visit Kinrooi also invites you to buy an assortment of local produce from us. This can range from Meuledröpkes (drop of alcohol), Maasland wine right through to our own Vinkenbier. Anything goes! Would you prefer one or more local products gift-wrapped? Contact us or pop into our office. Together, we will find the most attractive arrangement for your gift!

The local sweet treat

The CHOCOLATE Workshop

Chocolatier Bart uses traditional methods to transform chocolate into the most beautiful chocolates and chocolate works of art. For more information, please visit: www.hetchocoladeatelier.be.

Leonidas

Fresh chocolates every day, specially designed by the Maître Chocolatier. Experience, sample and be tempted by the delicious flavours of Leonidas chocolates. For more information, please visit: www.de-smakerij.be/leonidas.

The Visit Kinrooi **Gift Voucher**

A birthday, wedding or other party in the offing? You don't know what to buy? With a 'Visit Kinrooi Gift Voucher' you will never arrive empty-handed. With our EUR 10, 15 and 25 vouchers, you can support our local traders and sample the local quality, duce. So why not gift a 'portion of Kinrooi' as a present?

Local products & Visit Kinrooi merchandise

Next to the gift voucher, Visit Kinrooi also offers you the possibility to buy a range of local products and merchandise. This can go from Meuledröpkes over Vinkenbier to a Visit Kinrooi drinking bottle. Everything is possible!

not to be missed!

All events and dates are subject to change. Please check our website for more information.*

lanuary

2 January: New Year's dive at De Steenberg

2 January: New Year's hike

February

12 February: Winter hike

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13 February: Walk with an explorer of the Meuse: Kemiezen and **Punjelaars**: Vijverbroek Kessenich

March

18 March: Full moon sailing tour at Sailcenter Limburg

April

3 and 9 April: Opening event at Sailcenter Limburg

10 April: **Spring hike**

16 April: Full moon sailing tour at Sailcenter Limburg

23 April: Falcon experience sailing tour at Sailcenter Limburg

23 April: Wind Band Festival: Czech music evening with wor-Id's best Wind band Gloria. Kessenich Sports Centre

23 and 24 April: Hike comprising sailing trip and sleep-over on a fal**con** at Sailcenter Limburg

24 April Wind Band Festival: Grand Wind Band Festival involving wind bands from Belgium, the Netherlands and the Czech Republic. Kessenich Sports Centre

Blessing of boats: at De Spaanjerd Marina 6 June: International jumble sale &

May

13 May:

15 Mav:

21 Mav:

29 Mav:

lune

4 lune:

5 June:

5 lune:

Funfair in Kinrooi: Whitsun Cycling Race

Kinrooi Funfair

Spring hike

Asparagus dinner in the

field: Culinary enjoyment of

the white gold at an asparagus

farmer of Kinrooi. On several

Fridays! See www.asperge-

suitkinrooi.be for more info.

Full moon sailing tour

Bokkerieje: This signposted

cycling rally takes you along the

most beautiful spots in Maasland

you will stop at various "bokken-

and Kempenland. On the way,

stallen" (stops with stands)

at Sailcenter Limburg

Hobby fair: at Woutershof in Molenbeersel. 180 exhibitors, entertainment all day long for young and old, free entrance.

12 June: **Ophoven Fair**

12 June: Full moon sailing tour at Sailcenter Limburg

18 and 19 June: Open Garden Weekend at the Pepels family, Maasstraat 68, 3640 Ophoven and Luc Van Esser's ADR Rosarium Geistinger Landhoff, Beekstraat 13, 3640 Geistingen.

24 June: 50 years fusion municipality **Kinrooi**: Afterwork Dinner + Party!

25 lune: 50 years fusion municipality Kinrooi: Vlaanderen zingt!

25 June: Falcon experience sailing tour at Sailcenter Limburg

25 and 26 Juny: Sailing trip and sleep-over on a falcon at Sailcenter Limburg

25 and 26 June: **Open Garden Weekend** at the Pepels family, Maasstraat 68, 3640 Ophoven and Luc Van Esser's ADR Rosarium Geistinger Landhoff, Beekstraat 13, 3640 Geistingen.

26 June: 50 years fusion municipality Kinrooi: Afternoon party with Kinrooi Splash, kids party, dance party and live performance

July

2 July: Funfair in Kessenich: Kesinger Funfair Cycling Race

3 lulv: **Kessenich Funfair**

4 July: Putvegen (well sweeping): an old custom in Kessenich

7 July: Burning Malbroek: An old custom in Kessenich

13 July: Full moon sailing tour at Sailcenter Limburg

29, 30 and 31 July: Mill festival: at the Keijers Mill in Molenbeersel. A folk festival for young and old with a dialects café and youth party on Friday, D| café and 30+ Party on Saturday and a cosy family day with acts, performances and various sailing tours on Sunday.

August

12 August: Full moon sailing tour at Sailcenter Limburg

13 and 14 August: **Bastion Festival at the** Kessenich Bastion, Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon performances for young and old and fun fringe events.

20 August: Falcon experience sailing tour at Sailcenter Limburg

27 August: Candlelight Tour: In the evening twilight, beautifully lit yachts sail along the Meuse from Heerenlaak Marina in Aldeneik to De Spaanjerd

27 and 28 August: Funfair weekend in Molenbeersel: Various festivities and live music throughout the Funfair weekend.

28 August: Funfair in Molenbeersel

September

4 September: Kinrooi Funfair

10 September: Full moon sailing tour at Sailcenter Limburg

18 September: Funfair in Geistingen: with funfair activities.

18 September: **Funfair Geistingen**

* Please always check the current corona virus measures and restrictions

Marina in Ophoven. An idyllic trip.



October

7 October: **Indian Summer Evenings** Kinrooi: Peasant Wedding in Molenbeersel: 't Is neet van te moge, mer van te môtte...

9 October: Full moon sailing tour at Sailcenter Limburg

14 October: Indian Summer Evenings Kinrooi: Peasant wedding in Molenbeersel: 't Is neet van te moge, mer van te môtte...

21 October: Indian Summer Evenings Kinrooi: Peasant wedding in Molenbeersel: 't Is neet van te moge, mer van te môtte..

28 October: Indian Summer Evenings Kinrooi: Peasant wedding in Molenbeersel: 't Is neet van te moge, mer van te môtte...

30 October: Autumn hike

November

6 November: Funfair in Geistingen

10 November: St Martin's fire: Enchanting St Martin's fires and various fascinating fringe activities in practically all of Kinrooi's church villages.



the ultimate Limburg feel

The municipality of Kinrooi is without a doubt the ideal gateway for a stay in the Euregion. Located in the heart of this green and ambitious region, culture, shopping fun and adventure are never far away. Kinrooi represents boundless enjoyment.

We would like to introduce you to a few tourist highlights that are within easy striking distance from our municipality.

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BELGIAN LIMBURG^{*}

Maaseik

By bike: approx. 12 min. By car: approx. 7 min.

Maaseik is on the south side of our municipality. As the town of the Van Eyck brothers, Maaseik exudes history. This is already evident from the historical Market Square. This town also boasts Belgium's oldest pharmacy. Definitely worth a visit. Do you fancy a day of hiking or cycling? Endless shopping or the gastronomic delights? It's all possible with our neighbours from Maaseik.

For more information, please visit:www.visitmaaseik.be



* The travel times have been calculated with Visit Kinrooi, Maasstraat 82, 3640 Kinrooi (Ophoven) as a starting point.

Maasmechelen

By bike: approx. 1 hour By car: approx. 30 min.

The municipality of Maasmechelen can proudly call itself one of the most diverse municipalities in Limburg. We are not only talking about the residents, but certainly also about the scope for tourists. Besides the dozens of different cultures, you will find activities ranging from shopping in Maasmechelen Village to karting or water skiing in the Terhills Cable Park. If you prefer something quieter, then why not enjoy a pleasant walk in Terhills? We promise you wonderful vistas.

For more information, please visit: www.visitmaasmechelen.com



Bree

By bike: approx. 50 min. By car: approx. 20 min.

Bree is a beautiful town in the north of Limburg. Take a stroll through its historic town centre, the welcoming shopping streets and relax on the beautiful Vrijthof. With the sounds of St Michael's Church in the background, you can enjoy the most delicious regional produce. Would you prefer to take things up a gear? Then why not go for a hike in the Pollismolen-Itterdal area, specifically designed with hiking in mind. In the evening, you can enjoy the most beautiful shows and performances in Cultuurhuis De Zeeziederij (Arts Centre).

For more information, please visit: www.bree.be/toerisme

Genk

By bike: approx. 1u30 By car: approx. 35 min.

Mining town. These two words sum up Genk nicely. The mining past is still very much evident. Since the mine's closure, the buildings have all been repurposed. C-mine or Thor Park are certainly worth a visit. If you prefer nature, cycling through the water or Bokrijk's open-air museum come highly recommended. Who knows, maybe you will hear the blue crowd cheering on KRC Genk in the distance?

For more information, please visit: www.visitgenk.be





DUTCH LIMBURG*

Maasgouw

By bike: approx. 30 min. By car: approx. 15 min.

Just like Kinrooi, Maasgouw is largely characterised by the Meuse. With the Maasbracht lock complex and the Maas Binnenvaartmuseum (Meuse Inland Waterway Museum), you will notice the direct link with this stream. But the main destination within this municipality is still Thorn, the white town. Maasgouw is a municipality where culture and nature go hand in hand. Within easy cycling distance from Kinrooi.

For more information, please visit: www.gemeentemaasgouw.nl

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Leudal

By bike: approx. 55 min. By car: approx. 20 min.

Leudal is a municipality with 16 little districts in the northern part of Kinrooi. It's a living municipality with a natural character. In brief : a paradise for walking an cycling, with a lot of folklore and tradition added just to make it a even more complete destination. Are you a realer lover of small towns or a do you prefer hours of shopping ? Leudal just has it all.

More info: www.bezoekerscentrumleudal.nl







Roermond

By bike: approx. 1h05 By car: approx. 25 min.

For more information, please visit: www.roermond.com

Maastricht

By bike: approx. 1u55 By car: approx. 35 min.

The city of André Rieu, the beautiful Vrijthof, but also the many welcoming shopping streets. Ever bought a book in a former church? It's possible in Maastricht. Board a boat and get to know the city on the water. Are you looking for a walk that is different from any other walk? Well, then the ENCI Groeve is the place to be. The Grand Canyon of South Limburg welcomes you with open arms. Before we forget: sample the Limburg vlaai (flan) before you go. Highly recommended!

For more information, please visit: www.bezoekmaastricht.nl

Of course everyone knows Roermond's Designer Outlet. But Roermond is more than that. The town centre oozes antiquity, with historic buildings and picturesque trading houses. Enjoy a nice pre-dinner drink by the water or indulge yourself at one of the many local restaurants.

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