

# De Zandpoort

## Youthhouse "De Zandpoort"

Looking for an innovative and creative trip? Come to Malines (Mechelen)!

Anyone who's young at heart can stay at a youth hostel. Age, nationality, race, religion or political conviction are of no importance. Everyone is welcome in a youth hostel, whether you're an individual traveller, a family, a group or a school.

Youth hostel "De Zandpoort" is located close to Malines city centre and is easily attainable.

It's the perfect place to take a break from daily life and shake off stress. "De Zandpoort" is a modern and comfortable place to stay where families will feel perfectly at home. There are 110 beds in rooms for 2, 3 or 4 people. All rooms have a private bathroom.

De Zandpoort offers other facilities as well, such as 2 meeting rooms and a restaurant serving a choice of healthy and solid meals. Our chef even takes special requests: diets, vegetarian meals, salt free or any other feasible request.

The lounge is situated next to the bar. There you can watch TV or share your experiences with the other guests. In the bar we serve Malines beers and a variety of other drinks.

Do you prefer to watch a video? Or do the children prefer to play? The meeting room is the place to be.

Videos, toys and party games are available at reception.

After a good night's sleep, you can enjoy our varied breakfast buffet.

Malines is a beautiful historical and cultural town with much to see and visit, for young and old.

Make your choice:

- Relive your childhood at the Toy museum which focuses on a new topic every year
- Discover and practise science yourself at Technopolis
- Recreation centre 'De Nekker' offers facilities for playing, climbing, crawling, swimming, mini-golf, go-carts and much more.
- Visit Planckendael, the animal park with its' special themes.

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- In for a day at leisure? Enjoy a boat trip on the Binnendijle or the Leuvense Vaart. You can even make a stop at Planckendael.
- Do you prefer a guided city tour, a visit to a museum or the St-Rombouts cathedral? The tourist information board can list all possibilities.
- Do you want to hike or bike? There are several routes available. Ask the staff for advice.
- Enjoy nature at Mechelsbroek, admire the flowers at Vrijbroek Park and visit the children's zoo and herb garden at the Tivoli Domain, where special activities in relation with nature and the environment are organised every three months.
- Enjoy a night at Utopolis, go bowling, practise indoor climbing, visit our local brewery Het Anker, enjoy Malines by night....

You can easily travel by public transport tot Brussels, Louvain, Antwerp and Lier where you can do some historical sightseeing.

As you can tell, we have many assets tot make your stay at the youth hostel an unforgettable one! De Zandpoort is more than the average Bed & Breakfast!

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We are open daily from 7.30 – 11 am and from 5 – 11.30 pm

On foot: 10 minutes walk from both Central Station and Nekkerspoel Station.

Coming from Brussels by the E-19 motorway: take exit Mechelen Zuid and follow direction to the city centre (passing the Central Station on your way). Go right at the traffic lights. When you've passed two more traffic lights you'll see youth hostel "De Zandpoort" just before car park Zandpoort 2.

Coming from Antwerp by the E-19 motorway, take exit Mechelen Noord and follow direction Nekker. Go right past a hospital (Dodoens) and just before a railway bridge. You'll see the youth hostel with its blue front and big car park.

Utopolis (cinema), De Nekker (recreation centre) and De Nekkerhal are close by (only 15 minutes away on foot).

