



Ghent by coach

Since 1997, Ghent has chosen to make the city centre a low-traffic zone, rendering the historical centre even more attractive for residents, visitors and shoppers. An arrangement has been worked out for motor coaches, whereby both quality of life and accessibility of the city centre have been taken into account. Depending on the nature of the visit, we recommend the following parking routes.

Attention

On Monday, 8 January 2007, the city **started constructing a new bridge** 'Nieuwbrug' (for the reopening of the Nederschelde river).

These construction works will last until the end of the year, and during that period, the connection between Keizer Karelstraat and Sint Jacobsnieuwstraat will be interrupted for through traffic. Traffic will be diverted via the ring road.

From and to the hotels

Door to door

Coaches can provide their passengers an optimal door-to-door service. You can take your overnight-stay tourists to their hotel or pick them up there without problem 24 hours a day.

Day tourists

Day tourists can easily reach the city centre on foot following various routes.

Parking Dampoort B 1 (red line)

Paid parking. 24/24.

Price: 1 euro per hour. Full day price: 10 euros.

- 1) Coming **from the direction of the Netherlands and Antwerpen (E17)**: drive past Exit 10 (Gentbrugge) and take the following **exit to Gent centrum**. Keep right.
- 2) Coming **from the direction of Brussel, Oostende (E40) or Lille and Kortrijk (E17)** at the **interchange E40/E17**, follow the **direction Antwerpen** and take the following **exit to Gent centrum**. Keep left.

Then, to your right, follow the signs '**Alle richtingen**' (all directions) down to the ground level. **Keep right**. At the traffic lights turn right in the **direction of R4 Zelzate**. You are now on **the ring road R40**. Follow this road till you arrive at the large roundabout. To your right stands **the station Gent-Dampoort**. The parking is alongside the station.

One immediately discovers the historical Sint-Baafs Abbey, the port Portus Ganda, and the confluence of the Leie and Schelde rivers - the cradle of Ghent. Along Bisdomkaai you quickly arrive at Sint-Baafs Cathedral, right in the centre of the city and close to the heart of Ghent's shopping district.

Less mobile visitors

For less mobile visitors, **K&R 2** (light blue line) at **Sint-Jacobs Church** is the recommended stopping place.

In advance! Request a permission beforehand.

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Day tourists

Parking Bijlokekaai B 2 / K&R 3 (purple line)

Paid parking: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Price: 2 euros per hour. Full day price: 18 euros.

1) Coming **from the direction of Oostende, Brussel** (E40) or **Lille** and **Kortrijk** (E17): **at the interchange E40/E17**, follow **the direction Antwerpen** and take the following **exit Gent centrum**. Keep left.

2) Coming from **the direction of the Netherlands** and **Antwerpen** (E17): drive past Exit 10 (Gentbrugge) and take the following **exit Gent centrum**. Keep right.

Then, to your right, follow **'Alle richtingen'** (all directions). At ground level keep left.

At the traffic lights, **turn left** towards **N60** and **'Station Gent-Sint-Pieters'**. You are now **on the ring road R40**. Keep right and **follow the signs N9 Eeklo**. At the 3th following traffic lights, turn right.

Your visitors will alight at the partly 13th century abbey at Bijlokekaai. Spring 2009 will see the opening of the Museum of the City of Ghent (STAM). Walk along the banks of the Leie to the loveliest spot in Ghent: Graslei. From Sint-Michiels Bridge they can look on the sublime vista of the three towers and the medieval Gravensteen Castle.

Tip! Your visitors can also take the boat (see 'Ghent on the water' below).

Or: let your visitors step out on **K&R 3 - Bijlokekaai**, and then park the coach **for free** on **Parking Yachtdreef B 3 (purple line)**.

Leaving **K&R 3 - Bijlokekaai**:

Drive straight ahead and cross the ring road R40, follow **Henleykaai**, go left under the bridge to **Neermeerskaai**. Keep on going till you reach traffic lights. **Turn and keep right** for about 75 meters, **then turn** left towards **the parking Yachtdreef**.

Graaf van Vlaanderenplein K&R 1 (blue line)

1) Coming **from the direction of the Netherlands** and **Antwerpen** (E17): drive past Exit 10 (Gentbrugge) and take the following **exit to Gent centrum**. Follow **centrum**.

2) Coming **from the direction of Brussel, Oostende** (E40) or **Lille** and **Kortrijk** (E17) **at the interchange E40/E17**, follow **the direction Antwerpen** and take the following **exit to Gent centrum**. Follow **centrum**.

Your visitors can step out at Graaf Van Vlaanderenplein and then you can park the coach on **Parking Dampoort B 1**.

The administrative heart of the city - and the largest indoor shopping centre in Ghent - are located at Graaf Van Vlaanderenplein. The tower of Sint-Baafs Cathedral rises up before you. Via only one street, Vlaanderenstraat, one can walk all the way to the three towers, one of the major tourist attractions in Ghent.

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Ghent on the water

Ghent and water - they're so profoundly interwoven that they're almost synonymous. The old Celtic name for Ghent, **Ganda**, doesn't mean estuary or confluence for nothing. And so entering the centre via the water is an unforgettable experience. The pick-up points are next to the stopping places at Bijlokekaai and at Graaf van Vlaanderenplein. Small motor boats take your visitors to the medieval Graslei in no time. After their visit, they can take the boat back again to the coach.

Pick-up points

K&R 1 at Graaf Van Vlaanderenplein. Park on **paid Parking Dampoort B 1**.

K&R 3 at Bijlokekaai. Then on to the **free Parking Yachtdreef B 3** or **paid Parking Bijlokekaai B 2**.

Price for a boat trip

One-way: 2 euros per person

Round-trip: 3 euros per person

In advance! Reservation is necessary.

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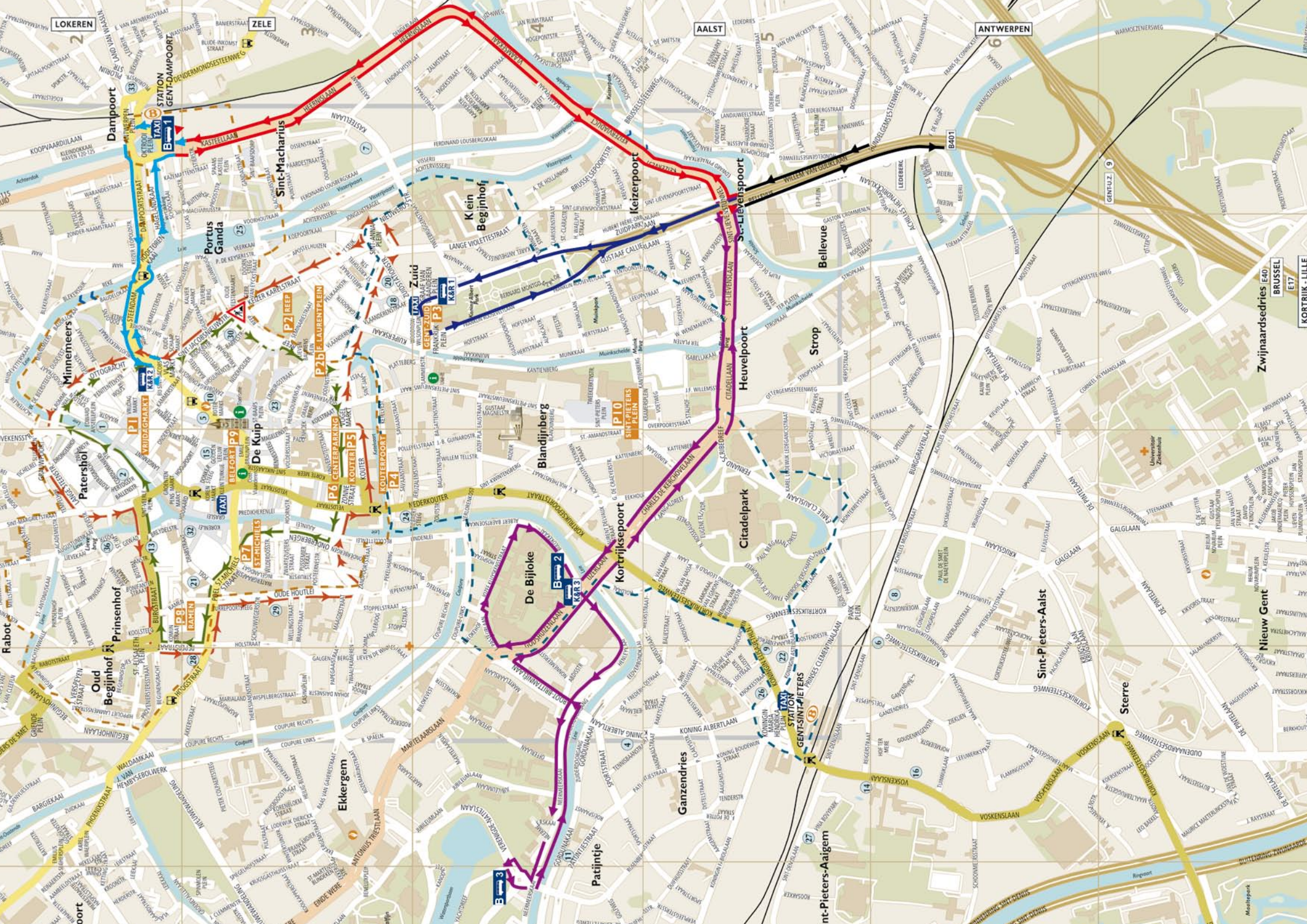
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TAXI

B-1

Sint-Macharius

Kasteellaan

Portus Ganda

Minimeers

P2 BEEP

P2b LAURENTIEN

Zuid

Kortrijksepoort

Keizerpoort

Heuvelpoort

Sint-Lievenspoort

Bellevue

Strop

Citadelpark

De Bijloke

Patintje

Ganzendries

Sint-Pieters-Aalst

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Zwinaardsedries E40

BRUSSEL

KORTRIJK - LILLE

E17

STATION GENT-SINT-PIETERS

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