

## ISIMS 2023 GUEST PROGRAM

Guest program is planned by Cristina Rodriguez Arce.

### Overview

<b>Sunday August 20</b>	5:00 – 7:00 pm Pick up your registration package
<b>Monday August 21</b>	10:30 am Maastricht
<b>Tuesday August 22</b>	8:00 am Leuven, Belgium
<b>Wednesday August 23</b>	9:15 am Netherlands American Cemetery (half-day) 5:30 pm Dinner Cruise (included in guest registration)
<b>Thursday August 24</b>	9:15 am Aachen, Germany 3:15 pm ISIMS Election results, Awards, ISIMS 2024 and closing remarks
<b>Friday August 25</b>	9:15 am Valkenburg

**Guest registration includes the Wednesday dinner cruise.  
All other activities are at your own cost.**

**Registered guests do not have access to the main conference (talks, posters, breaks, or lunches), unless this is indicated on your ISIMS 2023 badge.**

**A note about clothes and footwear:** Check the weather forecast and dress for weather. If you intend to visit caves, bring warm clothes (e.g., sweater). The temperature inside the caves is around 12°C/54°F. There is lots of walking with the guest program. Wear comfortable walking shoes. There are streets with cobble stone paving, where shoes with small heels may be challenging to walk in.

**Communication with family attending the conference:** While the conference is in session (including breaks and lunches), if you have a need to reach out to your family member who is attending the conference, please do so by phone or email. Contact your family member via event volunteers in case of emergency only.

### **Sunday August 20, 5:00 – 7:00 pm**

Please pick up your registration package at the lobby of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Because this is the first conference since masks are not widely worn, there will be no conference reception on Sunday. Please enjoy the many outdoor restaurants in Maastricht.

## ISIMS Code of Conduct

The International Society for Ion Mobility Spectrometry (ISIMS, the “Society”) consists of members from different nationalities and cultures. While recognizing our diversity, we strive to maintain an atmosphere of mutual respect, professionalism, fairness, inclusion, and acceptance at all Society events, whether virtual or in person. As such, those who participate in the Society and its events are expected to adhere to a Code of Conduct within the Society. This Code of Conduct applies to all participants and guests associated with the Society events, regardless of registration status.

The Society asks participants and guests of ISIMS events to conduct themselves in a professional manner, by:

- Treating others with dignity, respect, and kindness;
- Offering constructive feedback and support of other’s work;
- Welcoming new members, and fostering an atmosphere of inclusion, participation, and encouragement;
- Respecting each other’s intellectual ownership (e.g., photography and/or videography of oral and poster presentation is not allowed);
- Being mindful of others’ comfort levels and consent in conversational topics and physical contact.

The Society does not tolerate or condone harassment or discrimination of any kind.

Participants who wish to notify the Board of the Society of infractions are encouraged to talk to any of the Board members in person and/or reach the Board via their email address [isims.society@gmail.com](mailto:isims.society@gmail.com). The Board pledges to work to resolve conflicts, concerns, or issues brought to their attention, and reconcile parties whenever possible. However, the Board also retains the right to address unacceptable behavior by taking any action necessary to reestablish or maintain a respectful environment conducive to the purpose of the Society as defined in its Constitution and make a decision on how to best achieve this.

Consequences of unacceptable behavior include but are not limited to

- Immediate compliance;
- Revocation of attendance;
- Being stripped of membership, board position, and any honorary title within the Society, if applicable;
- Being barred from future Society events (in-person and virtual);
- Report to the one's management;
- And in severe cases, immediate report to local law enforcement.

## Monday August 21

### Maastricht

\*\*\* Depart from the lobby of the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 10:30 am. \*\*\*

We cross the River Meuse on **Hoge Brug** (the high bridge), which is a pedestrian and cycle bridge. In 2004, the bridge won the Staalprijs (Steel Prize) from the Bouwen met Staal (Building with Steel) foundation. <https://www.visitmaastricht.com/locations/3648822878/hoge-brug-bridge>

Our next stop is **Onze Lieve Vrouewal**, the first medieval city wall, built in 1229. You can go up the steps and walk across this wall.

We then visit **Helpoort** and **Vesting Museum Maastricht** (opens 11:00 – 16:00, admission €5, children under 12 free), the oldest city gate in the Netherlands. To visit the museum, you need to climb steep spiral staircases. <https://maastrichtvestingstad.nl/en/>

We will next visit **Bisschopsmolen** (the mill) – the bakery is open from 8:30 to 17:00 <https://www.bisschopsmolen.nl/>

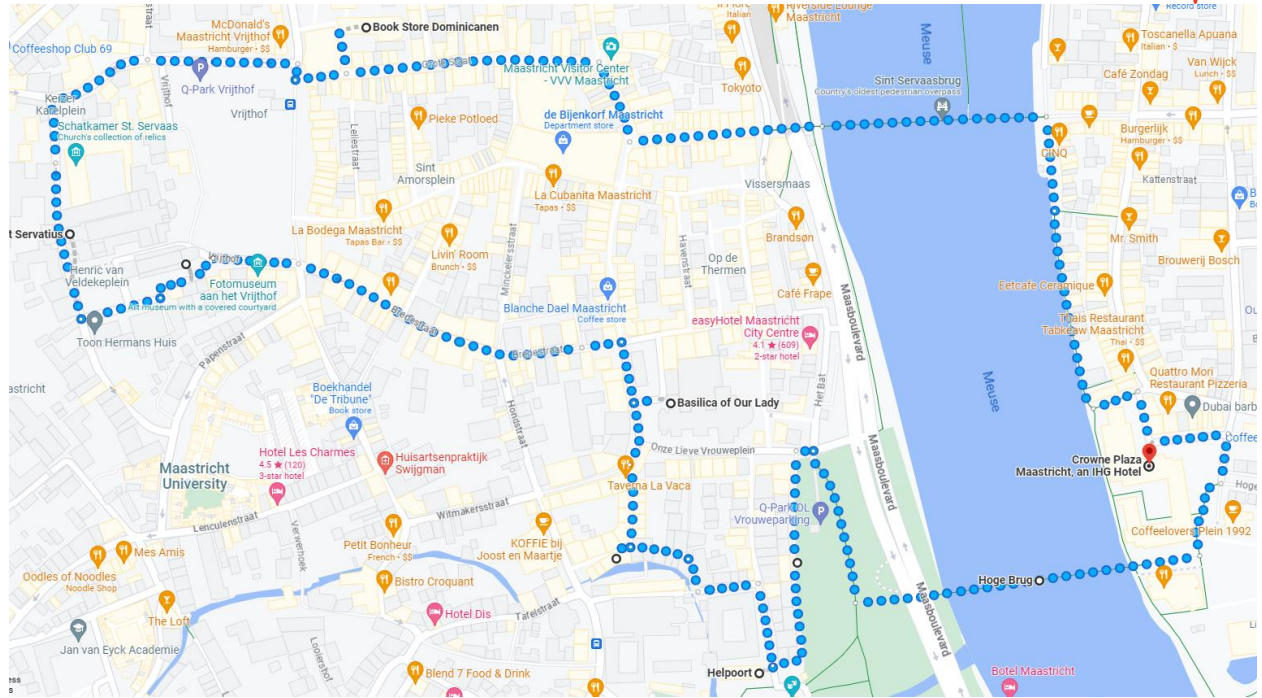
**Onze Lieve Vrouwebasiliek** (Basilica of Our Lady) is one of the oldest churches in the Netherlands. You can purchase candles to light in the church (€0.50 to €1 for candles). We will stop by one of the outdoor cafés in **Onze Lieve Vrouweplein** square (Café Charlemagne, Van Buuren, De Lanteern).

We then walk towards Vrijthof to visit **Sint Janskerk** (Saint Jan's church), a gothic-style church with red towers. <https://www.stjanskerkmaastricht.nl/> Tourist visit 11:00 – 16:00 Entrance to church: free. Access tower: Adult €3, Child €2

Next to Sint Janskerk is **Basilica of Saint Servatius**, the oldest basilica in the Netherlands. The church is a pilgrimage site. It has museum, treasury, crypt, chapels, archaeological excavation and an inner patio. <https://www.sintservaas.nl/> Open 10:00 – 17:00. Adults €5, 65+ €3, accompanied children free.

Our last stop is **Boekhandel Dominicaen**, a book store inside a 13-th century Dominion church. Open 10:00 – 18:00 (Monday). Check website for opening hours if you wish to visit on other days <https://libris.nl/dominicanen/over-boekhandel-dominicanen>

We return to Crowne Plaza via **Sint Servaasbrug** (St Servatius bridge), the oldest bridge in the Netherlands that was built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century.



## Tuesday August 22

### Leuven, Belgium

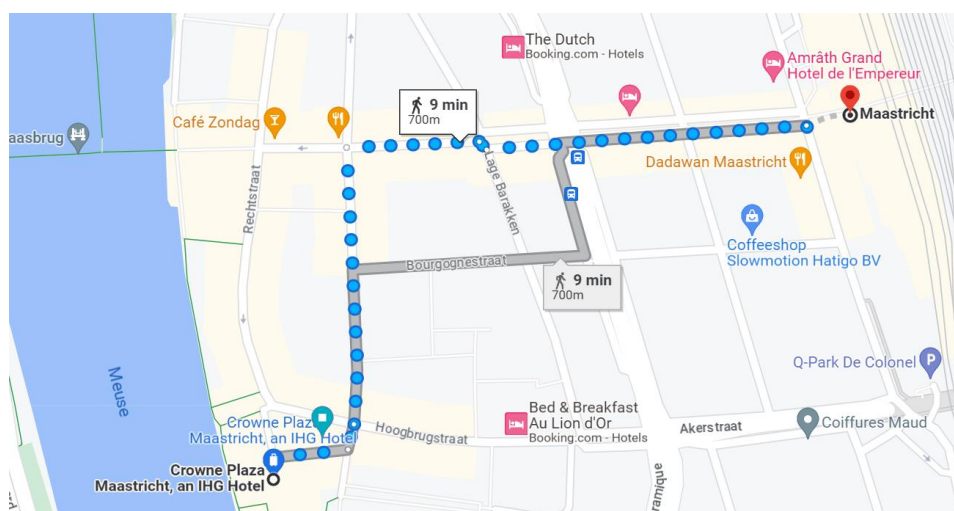
\*\*\* Depart from the lobby of the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 8:00 am. \*\*\*

Leuven is 100 km away from Maastricht, 1 hour and 12 minutes by public transport. This city dates back to the 9th century. Its history is rich in terms of religious art as well as world-class architecture and infrastructure. Today, the city continues to renew itself with contemporary projects integrated into the age-old settings.

The walk from Crowne Plaza Hotel to Maastricht train station is 10-15 minutes.

To pre-purchase your train ticket: [https://www.nsinternational.com/en/traintickets-v3/#/preferences/NLMTT/BELEU?utm\\_medium=ns.nl&utm\\_source=planner](https://www.nsinternational.com/en/traintickets-v3/#/preferences/NLMTT/BELEU?utm_medium=ns.nl&utm_source=planner)

Train: Maastricht to Leuven – depart 8:48, arrive 10:00 (change at Liège-Guillemins)  
Cost approximately 20€ (2<sup>nd</sup> class), 30€ (1st class) one-way



**KU Leuven** is the catholic university, which has influenced the cityscape for over six centuries with a variation in architectural styles in the otherwise mainly Gothic inner city. It is 15 minutes away from the station. From its tower, you can see all the city. This is one of the few universities with a bell tower, housing 63 bells. On its four clock faces, there are 48 gilded stars, representing the total number of American states prior to the inclusion of Alaska and Hawaii. Nonetheless, climbing this bell tower is not suited for the faint-hearted.

The tower is open 9:00 – 18:00. The University Library and audio tour is open 09:00 - 19:00. On weekdays you can't walk around in the Main Reading Room, you should stay in the middle.

**Museum Leuven** is a few minutes away from the bell tower of KU Leuven. It is home to a collection of more than 52000 artworks. <https://www.mleuven.be/> Admission 12€. It opens from 11:00 – 18:00

The city hall, **Stadhuis Leuven**, is one of the most famous Gothic city halls in the world. It is a landmark building on that city's Grote Markt (main square).

Up the street is **Saint Peter's Church**. A 10<sup>th</sup> century Romanesque church, twice destroyed by fire. It was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999. The church opens every day and there is free entry.

**De oude Markt** or Old Market is also called the "Longest Bar in Europe". The square, next to the university, is surrounded by pubs and restaurants and truly forms the beating heart of the city's nightlife area.

If you like to visit further, then Kruidtuin and Het Groot Begijnhof are two excellent choices. Otherwise, we can slowly walk back to the train station and return to Maastricht.

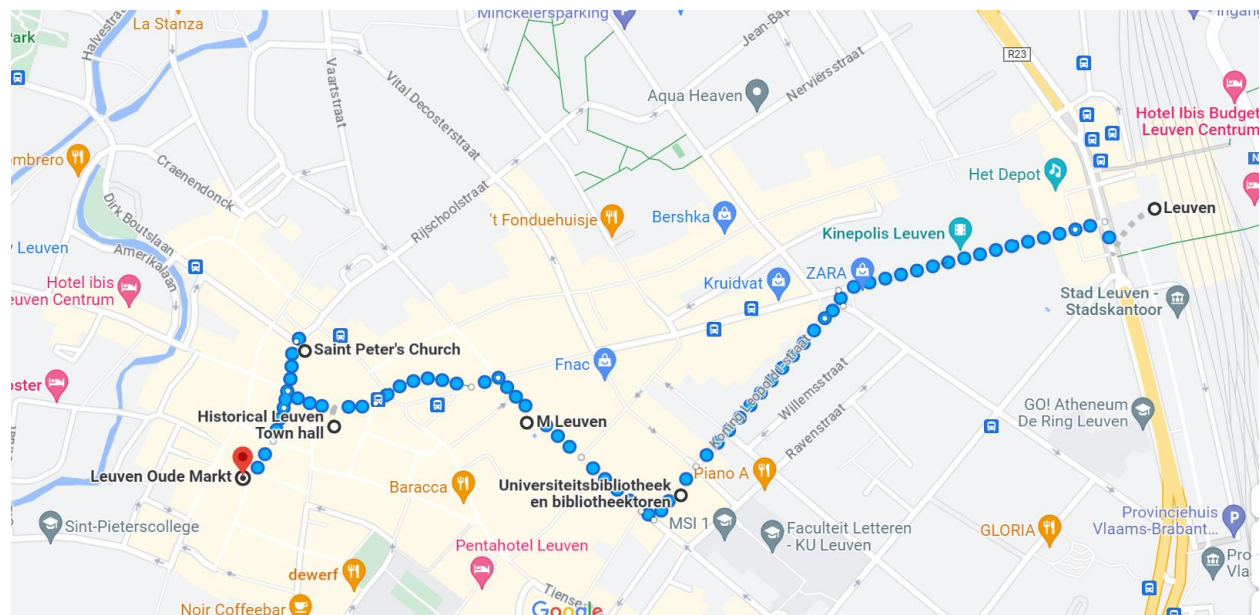
**Kruidtuin**, the University of Leuven Botanical Garden, the oldest in Belgium.

<https://www.visitleuven.be/kruidtuin> It is open from 8:00 – 20:00. Free entrance

**Het Groot Begijnhof** is one kilometre away from the busy city centre there is the area of. A *begijnhof* is a collection of individual and/or communal dwellings owned by beguines, usually in the vicinity of a chapel or church and often surrounded by a wall with one or more entrance gates. Beguines were single women who emerged throughout Western Europe around the end of the 11th, early 12th century. They pioneered by establishing a new lifestyle and being the inventors of a new literary genre; vernacular theology.

There are two city passes which would save us money.

- ILUVLeuven Ticket: Town Hall + University Library & Tower (8€)
- ILUVLeuven Ticket XL: Town Hall + University Library & Tower + M Leuven (16€)
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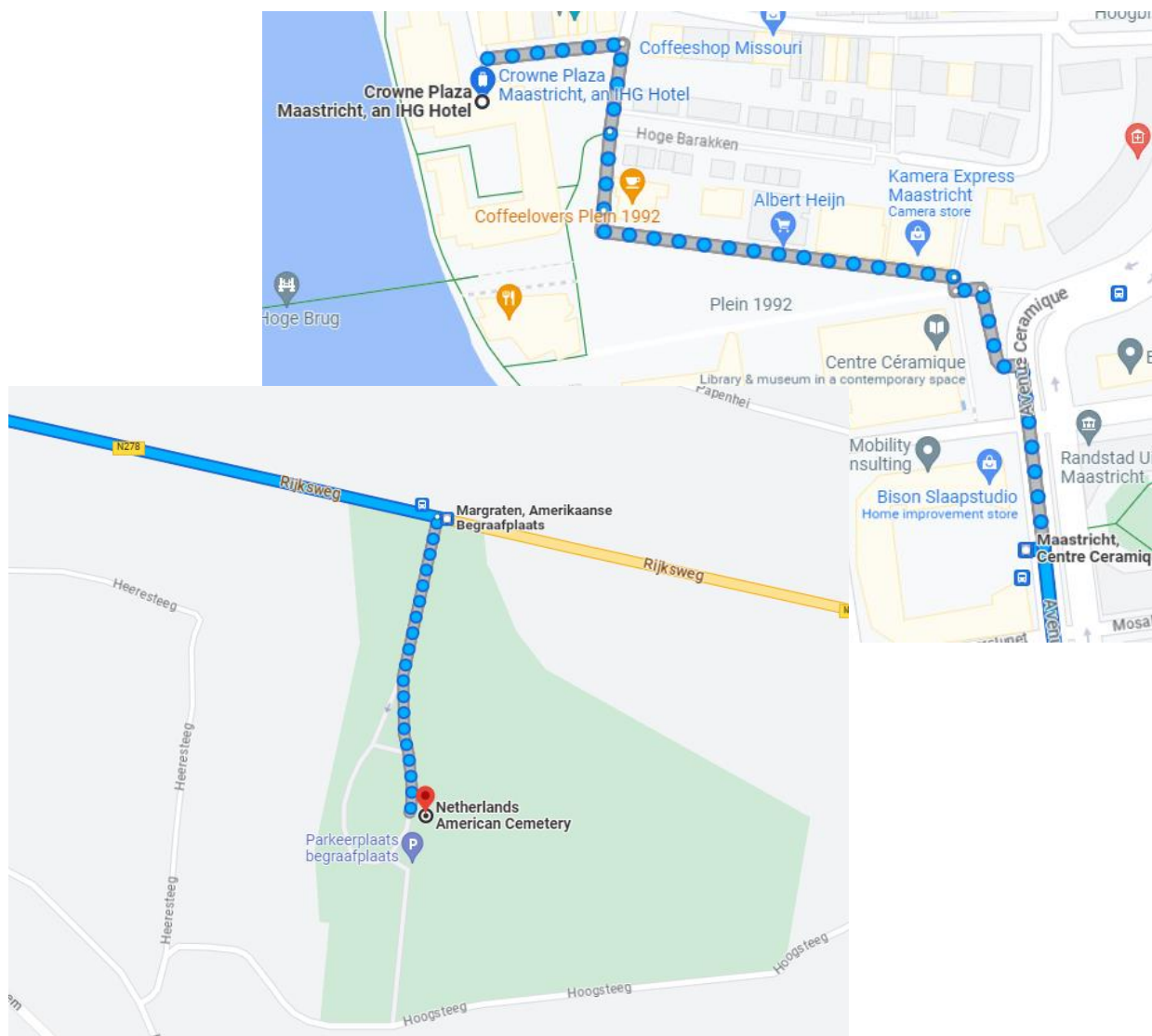
## Wednesday August 23

### Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial Museum, Margraten (half-day)

**\*\*\* Depart from the lobby of the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 9:15 am. \*\*\***

The **Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial Museum** is the only American military cemetery in the Netherlands. The site is 65.5 acres. Visit the Court of Honor with its reflecting pool, the memorial tower, the statue representing women who suffered loss, the map room, the Tablets of the Missing, and the grave sites of the fallen. Hours: 9:00 – 17:00.

From Crowne Plaza, we walk to the bus station Centre Ceramique (6 min). We take bus number 350. The bus ticket is around €3. There is a bus every 20 minutes. The bus ride is 12 minutes (8 stops). We get off at the stop Amerikaanse Begraafplaats (American Cemetery), Margraten, which is in front of the cemetery on road N278. It takes about 5 minutes to walk into the cemetery. We then take bus number 350 to return to Maastricht.



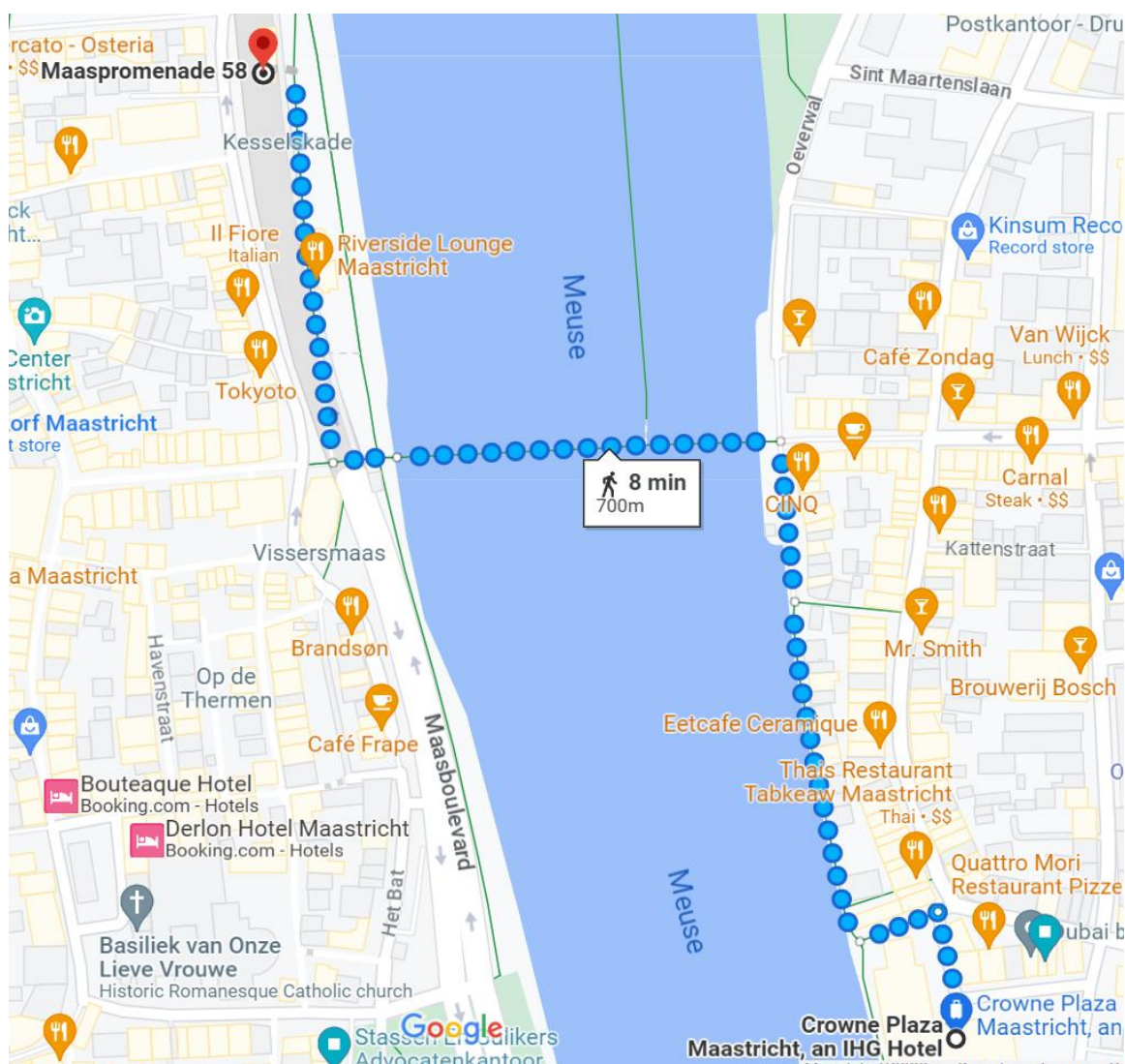
## Dinner Cruise

- You must wear the ISIMS 2023 lanyard with your name badge for admittance on the dinner cruise.
- Please make sure you board the boat before 6:00 pm. After the boat has departed, there is no way for you to join the dinner cruise.

5:30 – 6:00 pm Arrive and board the boat "Scheldevallei" at Maaspromenade 58, 6211 HS Maastricht (between the Wilhelmina bridge and St. Servaas bridge) for a dinner cruise. This is approximately 8-minute walk from the Crowne Plaza

6:00 pm Boat departs

~11:00 pm Boat returns to pier





## Thursday August 24

### Aachen, Germany

\*\*\* Depart from the lobby of the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 9:15 am. \*\*\*

Aachen was the capital of Charlemagne's empire. Following this period, numerous emperors and kings were crowned at the Cathedral. It is 52 minutes away by train from Maastricht, taking the 350 to Aachen Centrum. There are trains leaving from Maastricht to Aachen every half an hour (08:54 am, 09:24 am, 9:54 am). To pre-purchase your train ticket, visit [https://www.nsinternational.com/nl/mobilecheck?utm\\_medium=ns.nl&utm\\_source=planner&ocale=en\\_GB&iDomesticOrigin=MT&iDomesticDestination=LEUVEN](https://www.nsinternational.com/nl/mobilecheck?utm_medium=ns.nl&utm_source=planner&ocale=en_GB&iDomesticOrigin=MT&iDomesticDestination=LEUVEN) Cost approximately 14€ (2<sup>nd</sup> class), 22€ (1st class) one-way

Once arrived to Aachen, we will enter the town centre through **Marschietor**, one of the city's medieval gates.

We arrive at the **Tourist Info Eisenbrunnen** after 10 minutes of walk. Hours: 9:00 – 18:00.

**Eisenbrunnen**, the symbol of Aachen, is a popular site for its classicist style architecture. Its fountain of thermal water is believed to have healing powers. Free entrance. There is a café and restaurant onsite.

From Eisenbrunnen, it is a short walk to Aachen's famous cathedral, **Aachener Dom**. It was built in the 9th century. The cathedral as well as the Treasury are both UNESCO world heritage sites. The main building to see is the Palatine Chapel. The Treasury's collection of relics and ecclesiastical treasures is one of the most impressive in Central Europe.

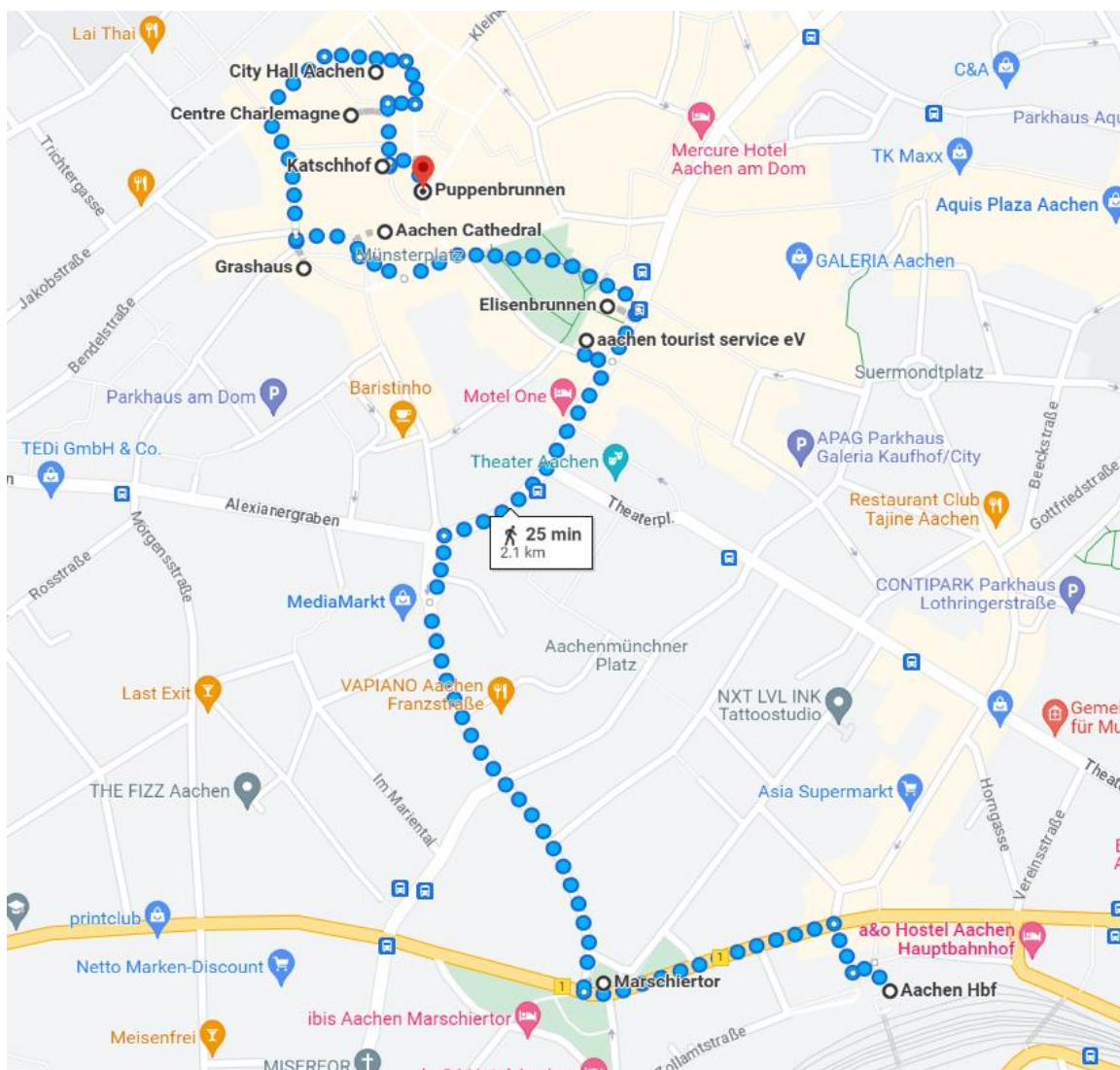
<https://www.aachenerdom.de/en/> Cathedral hours: 11:00 – 19:00, free admission. Guided tour in English at 2 pm, 5€. Cathedral Treasury hours: 10:00 – 18:00, 6€. Estimate 1-2 hrs.

After the visit to the cathedral, we walk pass **Grashaus**, built around 1260, was the first Town Hall of the city and is nowadays a library and a study centre. <https://grashaus-aachen.eu/>

Next is a tour of the **City Hall** (Rathaus) It has parts of Charlemagne's palace that were incorporated into it (Granusturm). <https://rathaus-aachen.de/> It opens from 10:00 to 18:00. Admission 6€.

**Centre Charlemagne** is a great place to understand the historical significance of Aachen. The collection includes many artifacts from the Roman and Medieval ages to the time after WW2. It opens every Tuesday to Sunday from 10:00 to 18:00. Admission 6€. <https://www.centre-charlemagne.eu/>

Spend some time walking around **Katschhof** square, stopping by the **Puppenbrunne** (the doll fountain) with movable figures, and heading to the train station to return to Maastricht.



### 3:15 pm ISIMS Election results, Awards, ISIMS 2024, and closing remarks

Registered guests are invited to attend the final session of the ISIMS 2023 Conference, for the presentation of election results, awards, ISIMS 2024 and closing remarks.

Please kindly wait in lobby until you are invited into the Céramique conference room. You must wear the ISIMS 2023 lanyard with your name badge for admittance.

## Friday August 25

### Valkenburg

\*\*\* Depart from the lobby of the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 9:15 am. \*\*\*

Valkenburg is a town east of Maastricht. It takes less than 15 minutes to reach Valkenburg by train. To pre-purchase your ticket: <https://www.ns.nl/en/journeyplanner/#/> The Valkenburg train station was opened in 1853!

We begin at the **information centre**, for maps and souvenirs. Hours 10:00 – 17:00

**Kasteelruïne Valkenburg** (Valkenburg Castle Ruins) Experience history as you walk around the Castle Ruins, which was once upon a time an impressive castle in the Middle Ages. Velvet Cave is one of the oldest caves in the region, dating from the 11th or 12th century. Castle Ruins Hours: 10:00 – 17:00. Velvet Cave Hours: 11:00 – 16:00. Combined Castle Ruins and Velvet Cave ticket: adult €15, children 6-11 €12. Purchase tickets online at <https://tickets.kasteelvalkenburg.nl/> Bring a sweater – it is 12°C/54°F inside! There is a restaurant onsite, the Haselderhof.

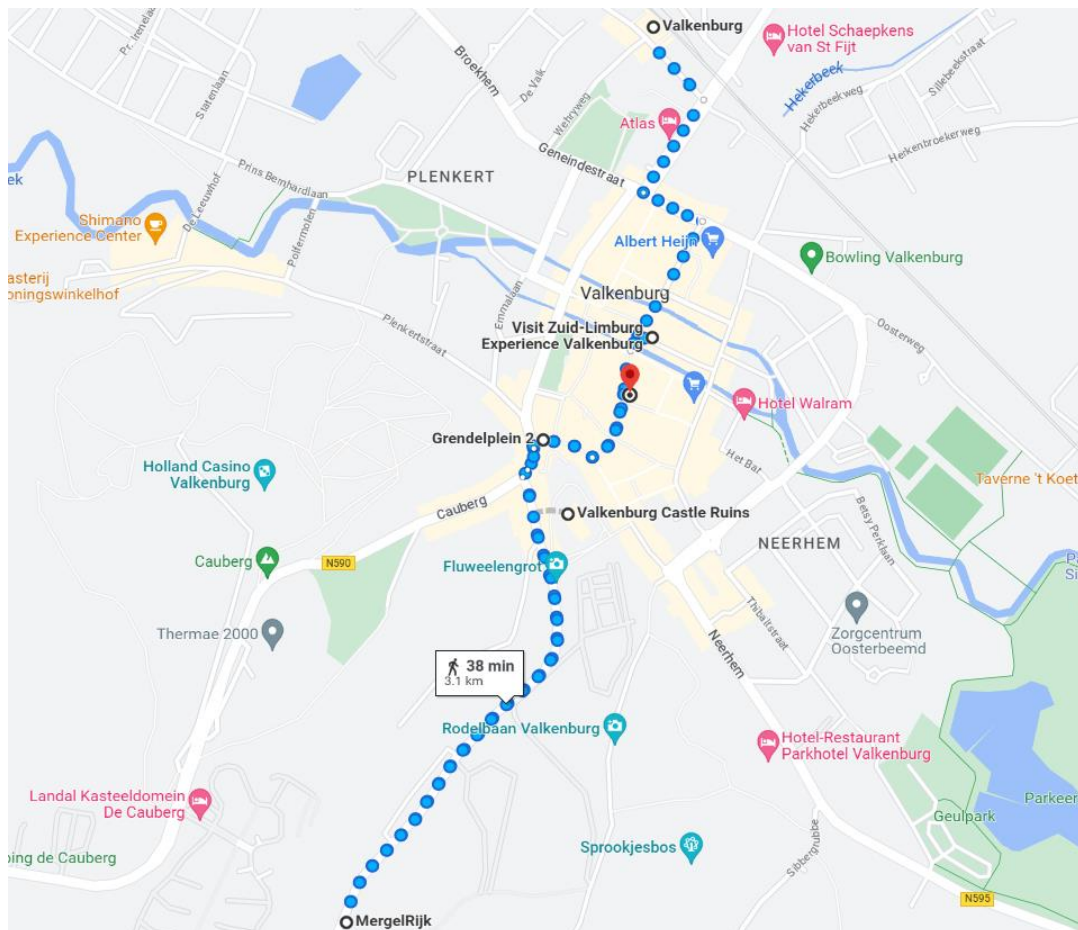
[For reservations for more than 8 adults, please send an email to [info@kasteelvalkenburg.nl](mailto:info@kasteelvalkenburg.nl)]

You can continue walking towards **MergelRijk** (10 min walk from Kasteelruïne), or head back towards town. **MergelRijk** is an underground marl cave with sculptures and carvings. It opens 10:00 – 16:30. Admission: adult €17.50, children 3-17 €15.50. This cave is great for taking pictures. It is not accessible by wheelchairs or scooters. You can bring children stroller if you are able to lift it up and down a flight of stairs. <https://mergelrijk.nl/en/>

The old walls of the town are worth a visit and so are the two doors to the city, **Grendelpoort** (address Grendelplein 2) and **Berkelpoort** (address Berkelstraat 13) built around 1335.

Walk along the main street, **Grotestraat Centrum**. Spot the vintage murals around Valkenburg! <https://streetartcities.com/cities/valkenburg>

If you have time, visit **Museum Valkenburg** for art and history. It is on Grotestraat Centrum. Open hours: 13:00 – 17:00. Admission: €8, includes a cup of coffee (debit or credit card only). Children under 12, free. <https://www.museumvalkenburg.nl/en/>



## Information about Maastricht

### Grocery

- Albert Heijn, Plein 1992 52, 6221 JP (4 min walk from Crowne Plaza)
  - Hours: Monday to Saturday 8:00 – 22:00; Sunday 12:00 – 18:00
- HEMA, Grote Staat 10, 6211 CW, a department store with grocery and cafeteria (9 min walk from Crowne Plaza)
  - Hours: Monday to Saturday 9:00 – 18:00; Sunday 12:00 – 18:00
- HEMA Central Station, Stationsplein 29, 6221 BT, a department store with grocery (10 min walk from Crowne Plaza)
  - Hours: Monday to Saturday 8:00 – 19:00; Sunday 8:00 – 19:00
- Albert Heijn to go, Stationsplein 29, 6221 BT (11 min walk from Crowne Plaza)
  - Hours: Monday to Saturday 7:00 – 22:00; Sunday 8:00 – 18:00
- Turquoise Mosae Gusto, Laag Mosae Forum 15, 6211 DV (11 min walk from Crowne Plaza)
  - Hours: Monday closed; Tuesday to Thursday 10:00 – 18:00; Friday and Saturday 9:00 -18:00; Sunday 12:00 – 18:00

### Pharmacy

- Apotheek Céramique, Avenue Ceramique 155, 6221 KX (8 min walk from Crowne Plaza)
  - Hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 -17:30; Saturday and Sunday closed
- Schoepp Apotheek Mosae Forum, Gubbelstraat 4, 6211 CE (11 min walk from Crowne Plaza)
  - Hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 -17:30; Saturday and Sunday closed

### For other information, please visit

<https://www.isims.info/inforforvisitors/info-for-visitors>

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