“COMING FROM BRABANT I AM FAMILIAR WITH A WARM ATMOSPHERE AND I MUST SAY: I WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED. WALKING AROUND THE OUDER MARKT MAKES YOU REALLY HAPPY.”

“If the weather permits, the ambiance is exactly right. Although I am actually more focussed on nature than on the city. The good thing about Enschede is that nature is always close. I certainly feel at home here. A facility like the IJsbaan Twente (ice rink) is very important, because younger generations can learn how to skate here, especially now that natural ice is no longer evident. Skating is a part of us, just like cycling. That is why the Dutch are so good at this sport. Talents like Joy Beune from Borne prove how much potential can be found in this region. We should pass on that passion. Not only to grow champions, but also to experience the fun.

Not everyone is aware of how extraordinary IJsbaan Twente really is. We are working on that. Because the ice rink is in a closed hall, skaters are never influenced by the weather. Of course we can never compete with a stadium like Thialf in Heerenveen, but we have proven to be a great runner-up.

Besides our ambition to be a competition ice rink, we also try to attract as many people from the city and the region as possible. We offer school skating and for example a monthly Family Fun afternoon. If it is freezing outside, everyone is skating on natural ice with the whole family. Sledge, glühwein and pea soup included. That is the wintery atmosphere we try to create on the ice rink.

The fast skaters cannot use the track then, but everything else is permitted. People are playing, walking, you see sledges, inflatable rings and even go-karts on the ice, or young parents skating behind a stroller.

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GIANNI’S TIPS

The cycling highway F35 is brilliant. It encourages people to move. It is even more brilliant that the part between Hengelo and Enschede is a singing-cycle-track. Whenever I see that sign I automatically start singing.

I enjoy the natural areas around Enschede, with villages like Lonneker and Boekelo. The little salt houses, the Saxon architecture with wooden facades; I love all this, because it really characterizes Twente.

Another true discovery was recreational park Het Rutbeek.

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He looks at him with dismay. Like Gerrit Jan Van Heek cannot cope with the fact that he is accompanied by a notorious troublemaker. The plaque showing the strict looking textile manufacturer reminds us of the time he and his family lived in the white villa behind the Grote Kerk. Nowadays you can buy chorizo croquettes and fried pointed peppers there. The portrait of the revolutionary Che Guevara is used as a sign for the tapas restaurant. Van Heek and Guevara together on a façade: it is possible. It is a small example of how Enschede shook off its textile past, but has never forgotten about it. Will never be able to forget about it, because the influence of the textile industry on the city and its inhabitants was enormous.

INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY
That influence crosses the border: textile manufacturers from Enschede were closely involved in the development of the textile industry in the German city of Gronau. This shared history is shown when you get on your bike to follow the Grensoverschrijdende Textielfietsroute (textile hiking tour that crosses the border). The train station of Enschede is a suitable starting point: the construction of the railway to Münster and Dortmund via Gronau made sure the industrial activities on both sides of the border increased substantially from 1875 onwards. However, the two textile factories right next to the train station of Enschede are no longer there. They were dismantled in the seventies. The more important is the industrial heritage that was preserved in the Roombeek district three decades later. At the spot where the fireworks disaster took place in 2000, you will now find a mix of old and new: Many old factories stand out among contemporary architecture, used as an art academy, an exhibition hall, a school, a media centre or an apartment complex. At the Museumfabriek, where they used to fabricate cotton, you can now make your own creations by using technical gadgets like a 3D-printer or a laser cutter.

DARING
A bit further down the road you will find the Rijksmuseum Twenthe, which offers an extensive overview of art from the Middle Ages until today. The museum is also a living monument for Enschede’s textile past, because the founder of the museum was manufacturer and art collector Jan Bernard van Heek. Building on his heritage, the museum now captures the time spirit with daring exhibitions. To get rid of the filth and the sweat, the labourers could wash themselves at the swimming pool / bathhouse which Van Heek built for his employees. It used to be on the spot in the city centre where you will now find the Van Heekplein. The swimming pool was opened in 1892 and had an interior with an arched dome and cast iron pillars. Now, this grandeur can only be seen on pictures. In 1972 the sledgehammer tore down the complex to the last brick. Nowadays you can read the poem on the façade of the Broekhuis bookstore. A time of decay and deterioration after the collapse of the textile industry. When ‘the fortresses of industry had become ‘caverns, hollow and worn, where the wind has free play now’.

ARISEN
Already in 1987, Willem Wilmink wrote a version that adjusted this pessimistic image. ‘What used to be a sad spectacle, has risen from the ashes like a phoenix’. For Enschede had changed unrecognizably in the meantime. It is a good thing that the melancholic original version can be found on the intersection De Graaff. That way every reader can see the huge contrast between the city in the past and the city in the present.
Together with Wilmink you can ask yourself at this spot what happened to all the manufacturers; the Van Heek family, Ter Kuiles, Blijdensteins. The famous hotel De Graaff could no longer exist when these families closed their factories. It vanished in time. The beautiful villa Baurichter, which is in the same square and was once the home of a member of the Van Heek family, is now a Mexican restaurant. But only a little bit further you will find their presence, even if it is only a small plaque with the family name. ‘Van Heek Holding en Beheer’ it says between the names of some companies. The family weapon of the Blijdenstein family above the door refers to banker B.W. Blijdenstein, founder of the Twentsche Bank that was located here as a an intersection for the textile manufacturers’ trade.

A stone’s throw from this monumental building you will find Alphonse Ariëns, lost in his thoughts. The statue honours the ‘red’ priest as foreman of the catholic labour movement. Behind him a huge banner announces yet another transformation in the city centre of Enschede: the former hotel Stadsmaten will be ‘the most funky place to meet, learn and live’.

**MIGHTY SIZE**
The developments take a little longer in Gronau, or so it seems. In the area around the train station you will see several factory buildings waiting for a new destination. This may give you the image of faded glory as Wilmink described in his poem. On the other hand, you will still get a good impression of the mighty size and influence this industry once had.

Standing on the modern Bogenbrücke you can see textile factories everywhere. From the former office of the firm Mathieu van Delden- now a proud innovation centre- till The White Lady (De Witte Dame), the nickname of the former spinning mill that was owned by Gerrit van Delden. Designed by Arend Beltman who lived in Enschede and was the in-house architect of the textile manufacturers. The lady still looks majestic with her beautiful water tower. However, decay is inevitable, while private owners keep searching for ways to realise a makeover that the city council will approve.

**GREEN PYRAMID**
A makeover was approved in other places. Like at the site of Baumwoll Spinnerei Gronau BSG, now a large wholesale market in foods and products for the catering industry. The vast factory area of Mathieu van Delden has been a park since the Landesgartenschau Gronau/Losser was held here in 2003. The green pyramid that rises above the flowerbeds, ponds and playgrounds was built with debris from the dismantled factory. The top offers a nice view. For those who need a bigger challenge there is the stair tower of the spinning building, which was saved and now has a climbing wall.

**ROCK’N’POPMUSEUM**
The most striking example is the transformation from the former turbine building to the rock’n’popmuseum. A logical destination knowing that the colourful musician Udo Lindenberg was born in Gronau. In the recently renewed museum you will go on a multimedia journey through the history of rock and pop music. The bronze statue of Mathieu van Delden watches it from a distance, standing on his pedestal in the park. He has no choice, just like Gerrit Jan van Heek in Enschede. Their days are over, but their names live on.
SITTING ROOM FROM DUSK TILL DAWN

It is the sitting room of Enschede. If you haven’t visited the Oude Markt, you haven’t seen Enschede. A square that embraces the joy of life, which you should experience rather than talk about, like real down-to-earth Twents do. Join us at one of the many terraces and forget the time even if the clock of the Grote Kerk keeps up with it. ‘Braam of centuries of trust’, as the former city poet Bob Boswinkel once wrote.

The complete poem can be found on a discreet sign at the sandstone aisle of the church. Walk around and try to find it and you will notice more details like the beautiful sundial. Catering to everyone's taste is the trademark of the Oude Markt, but you will also find history, art and culture. The city at its best, from early in the morning till late in the evening. Join the hustle and bustle or enjoy the silence, when the square is waiting for the things to come. Simply experience Enschede. In the words of Margot Veldhuizen, another former city poet:

The Oude Markt with all its pubs
The trees that are on the square
Small streets are surrounding
That’s where I want to walk,
I want to be there.

7 TIMES COFFEE OR TEA WITH A TREAT

MRS. BROWN, WALSTRAAT 8-10
The things that come out of the oven at Mrs. Brown do not need any fuss. Tartelettes, carrot cake, apple pie or triple chocolate cake: everything looks pure and plain. The perfection is in the taste.

NIENKE’S CUPCAKES, MUFFINS & MORE, KORTE HAAKSBERGERSTRAAT 15
Cheesecake on a stick, iced cookie or mojito-cupcake: At Nienke’s ‘something for everyone’ is not just a slogan. Macarons? Check. If you are with a group, try the sweet tea or chocolate fondue.

DE BRANDERIE, H.J. VAN HEEKPLEIN 35
A cosy place in the middle of the hustle and bustle of the city. The constantly changing offer of sweet treats is all homemade, just like the bread for breakfast and lunch.
Christmas tip: the glittery cappuccino.

STOET, PIJPENSTRAAT 15
Stoet is a Twents (dialect) word which means bread, but Stoet is more than just bread. On the menu you will find not only sandwiches, but also wraps, salads and soup. Try the ‘Zoetplankje’.

ROSY’S FOOD, VAN LOENSHOF 86
A trendy coffee house where you can enjoy the taste of homemade cakes and lunch. Here they bake for you with love and passion, using only fresh ingredients. The cozy living room feeling does the rest.

SPRAKEL IN ‘T BOS, OVERMAATWEG 45 (LONNEKER)
A fairy tale, only a stone’s throw away from the city. A classic tearoom where you can still taste the seasons; inside, outside and on your plate. The ideal mix of English romance and Dutch sobriety.

HET PARADIJS, NICOLAAS BEETSSTRAAT 48
A natural work of art, that is how you can best describe the interior of Het Paradis. Enjoy the vegetarian cuisine in the inner garden and wonder about the special world that you have just entered.
Customers from all over the world know where to find the webshop of Studio Spitsbaard. In Enschede you can just enter their shop at the Zuiderhagen and roam around the exceptional offer of vintage clothes, interior items and even plants. Jack and Conny know where to find exclusive designer pieces, but they also know their way in the more common vintage offer to find items that stand out. They focus on the style of the sixties till the mid-nineties. They only sell the things they like in many different styles.

// Zuiderhagen 24

This is a rare combination: art and accessories for men. Look, enjoy and buy is their motto. Cuffs, hats, leather bags and gloves are presented just as meticulously as paintings and sculptures. Manchet is a gallery as well as a shop, but above all a tribute to beauty.

// Haverstraatpassage 84

There are shoe shops and there is Sooco Footbar Enschede. “Where shoes are sold as if they were trendy cocktails”, according to Fred magazine. Whether you are looking for high-heels or sneakers, you will find them at Sooco.

// Langestraat 27a

Don’t hesitate to bring your husband or your boyfriend to Fier. Besides special ladies’ fashion, the three women who run the business also know a lot about football. That way you can comfortably snoop around the racks where you find brands like Drykorn, Modström, Jacky Luxury and Summum.

// Van Loenshof 14

‘Average’ is not a standard in this treasure chest where, for almost 30 years, original jewellery has been available for trendy people. Decoration without becoming superfluous.

// Stadgravenstraat 38

After having travelled as a stylist, owner Hermie is now settled in Enschede and does what she does best: revealing the true style of women. She combines her personal approach with a distinctive selection.

// Haverstraatpassage 17

Boekhandel Broekhuis (Book Store Broekhuis)

Books and reading are very much alive and you can feel this when stepping over the threshold of this store. They sell everything from novels to cookbooks and magazines. With 150 years of experience in the book business you know you’ll get some decent advice.

// Marktstraat 12

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// Korte Haaksbergerstraat 14c

HOUSE OF SNOBS
Exclusivity is the magic word. Calling it a miniature department store somehow doesn’t really do this wonderful store justice. From high end couture or a cosmetic touch-up to scents and diamonds. For those who can afford it.

// H.J. van Heekplein 1

GOODS4HOME
At Goods4Home it’s all about interior and lifestyle. Here they love mixing different trends and styles. Colourful African items mixed with Scandinavian Design for instance. The unique selection ranges from lounge sofas to jewellery.

// Haverstraatpassage 40

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Mo: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tu, We, Fr, Sa: 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Th: 9:30 a.m - 9 p.m.

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**MAP AND ROUTES**

The map and route books of Rondje Enschede are available for free at Tourist Info Enschede, and at some entrepreneurs along the route. The route can also be found on visit-enschede.com.

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**THANKS TO:**

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A HEAD OF FOAM

Finding it difficult to decide? Drink it away! At Stanislaus Brewskovitch there is an easy way to wrestle yourself through the incredible offer of beers if you are an inexperienced beer drinker. Step 1: choose a beer on tap. Step 2: limit yourself to the brewery’s specials. You will be left with a challenging amount of beers to choose from, but then you can always ask one of the cheerful employees to help you out. Like Jamal, who takes us to the bar to explain what’s on the chalkboard.

BEER ORGAN
He asks you some questions on taste and preferences, tells you something about the characteristics of the homebrewed beers and your choice will be made in a second. With the dark Winterblues (winterale), the ‘red’T ukr (IPA) and the Smugglers Gold (golden ale) we are offered a tasty average of the beers Stanislaus Brewskovitch has to offer. You can witness the brewing process, because you are close to the aluminium brew kettles. Pipelines run directly to the bar, which is why they call it a ‘beer organ’.

COOL LOOK
It is a reference to what the building used to be: a monumental church where Mennonites gathered to worship. Some church benches and beautiful glass stained windows still recall those days, but the establishment mainly has a cool interior. The menu is also no-nonsense; there is a modest choice of nicely priced dishes. At the back of the building you will find a partly covered beer garden. Next to the brewery is a shop, where the beer bottles are neatly lined up.

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In The Performance Factory you will find Brewery Eanske, where special beers are produced that are based on local history. Like Area 053, a blonde city beer that can only be found in the region of Enschede. They also do tours and tastings.

It is all about beer at the former head office of the Van Heek textile factory. Biercafe De Beiaard has 25 beers on tap and a 150 bottled beers. From ‘Straffe Hendrik’ till ‘Lelief’, you will never miss a beer here. They also serve their neighbour’s beers (Stanislaus) and you can have a bite to eat as well. For those who would rather eat at a proper restaurant, you should visit Beiaard’s Bistro. Here you will taste the home brew ‘Zwarte Roz’ in the bread, or ‘Mongozo Banana’ in the Beeramisu—yes, a dessert.

At Proeflokaal België the focus is on the special beers brewed by our southern neighbours, but served with Tente’s hospitality. Discover the best Belgian part of Enschede. Pay attention to the pub quizzes that are held here on a regular basis.
You can smell the delicious pastry. “Apple pie and butter cake”, reveals a volunteer. Kosher, so prepared according to the Jewish food laws; that goes without saying. A group that has just finished a guided tour enjoys the pastry in the festivity hall.

Besides the overwhelming architecture, this is what makes the synagogue in Enschede so special: it is much more than just a house of prayer. The complex consists of a large Sjoel (room for prayer), a smaller daytime sjoel, a bathhouse, church council room, festivity hall and a Jewish school. It is a monument of Jewish life. Everything is preserved really well. A mystery, considering the eventful past.

The voice of the audio tour confines to the most prominent rooms of this piece of art that was built to a design of the architect Karel de Bazel in 1928. However, you might want to wander a bit further, along the Jewish school and the festivity hall, ending at the kosher sjoel bar downstairs. Just like in the festivity hall, tasty apple pie is served in the sjoel bar.
TOP CLASS OFFER IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE

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FROM A THEATRE TO A CONCERT HALL OR MUSEUM: YOU IMMEDIATELY FEEL AT HOME.

The ‘Muziekboerderij’ at the Wenninkgaarde is the showcase of stage art in Enschede. Here you find the spacious Wilminktheater, the Muziekcamera renowned for its acoustics, and the halls of Metropool, poppodia Twente all under one roof. Together with the location in Hengelo, Metropool is part of the premier league of the Dutch pop stages.

The Wilmink Theatre and the Muziekcamera are also the home base of the Phion, Orchestra of Gelderland and Overijssel and the Nederlandse Reisopera (Dutch travelling Opera). Enschede is, along with Amsterdams and Maastricht, the only city in The Netherlands that has a symphonic orchestra, an opera company and a conservatory. The offer is equivalent: conductors from all over the world lead the orchestra to great musical heights and the ‘Nederlandse reisopera’ presents its ground-breaking productions.

At a stone’s throw you will find two more locations of the Wilmink Theatre. First De Kleine Willem, a charming small hall well suited for cabaret, youth theatre and musical theatre. Second the Grote Kerk at the Oude Markt, not only an icon for Enschede, but an attractive concert hall as well.

Rijksmuseum Twenthe is the art museum of Enschede. From medieval showpieces to digital art, from famous names to rising stars: in 36 halls antique and modern art are mixed in an exciting way. Ars Lenge Vita Brevis is the most recent setup of the permanent collection, with works by Armando to works by Anne Wenzel. One of the highlights in exhibitions of 2020 is Beauty is a Line, about the work of Picasso and Matisse (until September 13th). Another highlight will be the first overview in The Netherlands of Italian futurism (from October 18th until March 14th).

From July 5th, Claudy Jongstra and her project Inner Vitality, will have a prominent place in the museum. Jongstra is known worldwide for her monumental art works made of felted wool and silk, painted with natural pigments. She presents a magical installation, in which herbs and plants are incorporated that she grew in the renewed indoor garden of the museum.

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The ‘Muziekkwartier’ at the Wenninkgaarde is the showpiece of stage art in Enschede. Here you find the spacious Wilminktheater, the Muziekcamera renowned for its acoustics, and the halls of Metropool, poppodia Twente all under one roof. Together with the location in Hengelo, Metropool is part of the premier league of the Dutch pop stages.

The Wilmink Theatre and the Muziekcamera are also the home base of the Phion, Orchestra of Gelderland and Overijssel and the Nederlandse Reisopera (Dutch travelling Opera). Enschede is, along with Amsterdams and Maastricht, the only city in The Netherlands that has a symphonic orchestra, an opera company and a conservatory. The offer is equivalent: conductors from all over the world lead the orchestra to great musical heights and the ‘Nederlandse reisopera’ presents its ground-breaking productions.

At a stone’s throw you will find two more locations of the Wilmink Theatre. First De Kleine Willem, a charming small hall well suited for cabaret, youth theatre and musical theatre. Second the Grote Kerk at the Oude Markt, not only an icon for Enschede, but an attractive concert hall as well.

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De Vrijhof is the cultural centre of Twente University, with several theatre halls and a theatre café. You are always welcome, even if you are not a student. Vrijhof Culture offers professional performances, concerts, lectures and expositions. Tip: there is a beautiful open-air theatre.

At Tankstation Enschede you can refuel with a generous portion of culture, a good conversation and a vegetarian or vegan meal (every Tuesday and Thursday, only on booking). A large living room with an international atmosphere. There are expositions, concerts and open mic-evenings.

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De Theater Sonnevank produces leading youth theatre, which has won a lot of awards on a regular basis. The theatre company performs throughout the country, but they also play in their own atmospheric theatre in the Wultraat regularly. Sonnevank takes its audience seriously, whether they are toddlers or adolescents.

At the former Spinnerij Oosterveld (spinning mill) Mystiek Theater offers not only dinner shows and other festivities, but also a variety of music and cabaret. Every month there is Crazy Sunday, with performances by two bands. For Nixtieck the theatre coaxes striking acts in cooperation with the former blues stage NixEnMeer. Talented cabaret artists can perform at Het Verborgen Theater (the hidden theatre) which can be found at Mystiek. Mystiek Theater also houses jazzpodium De Tor (Jazz stage). At this temporary location, De Tor still keeps up the name and fame of a famous jazz club.

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Everything you need to know about going out in Enschede: visit-enschede.com

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Our tips visit their online shop and buy all kinds of products like baking mixes, flour products and gift sets.

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GERMAN FAIRYTALE
With two towers, ramparts and a courtyard, the castle in Bad Bentheim seems to have come straight from the pages of a storybook. An exciting combination of history and adventure, only half an hour from Enschede by car. The biggest hill castle in North-West Germany towers high above the town of Bad Bentheim. At the foot of the castle you’ll find a charismatic town centre, a castle park and a wellness spa. // kasteel-bentheim.nl

GROLSCH’S RECIPE FOR SUCCESS
The characteristic ‘pilsner’ flavour, the unique swingtop bottle and their famous commercials make Grolsch a leading brand. And it is brewed in Enschede! Would you like to learn more about the brand’s rich history - dating back to 1615 - and see the cutting edge brewery it is today in action? Then book a tour. Of course followed up by a tasting. // grolsch.com

ART TOWN OOTMARSUM
The city of Ootmarsum is an inspiring combination of countless art galleries and the lingering historical atmosphere of the fortified town it once was. Ootmarsum has a reputation amongst art lovers from across the country, thanks to the Tom Schulten museum and the famous art fair in August. At the edge of Ootmarsum, at the open-air museum ‘Het Land van Heeren en Boeren’, you can find out why the region is also called ‘the Land of Lords and Farmers’. // ootmarsum-dinkelland.nl

GOLFING AND LEISURE
Famous for its hospitality and the beautiful environment: golf course ‘Het Rijk van Sybrook’ presents the best of the Twente Region. Located on an old estate just outside the city, this 27-hole course is much favoured by many golfers from across the country. The course offers a stunning view of the characteristic bocage and is surrounded by woodland. It offers the players an exciting water challenge. // golfenophetrijk.nl/english.html

PLENTY OF CASTLES
Why Twente is called the Estate of The Netherlands? At Hof van Twente it becomes instantly clear. The municipality includes seven estates that feature a castle or manor. Like Twickel, with beautiful gardens surrounding the proud castle. Within walking distance is the new private art museum No Hero. Just a bit further on, Diepenheim combines castles with an unparalleled offer of contemporary art. // twickel.nl // kunstvereniging.nl // museumnohero.nl

A SHOWCASE OF NATURE
Natura Docet Wonderryk Twente is the oldest natural history museum in The Netherlands. It is located in a modern masterpiece of architecture. The museum and adjoining landscape centre form the gate to the surrounding National Park North-East Twente. The museum makes you interact and discover how the riches of nature and human culture in this region were developed. The Funky Forest, where children can create their own (digital) nature, is unique in the Netherlands. // wonderryk.nl

CLOSE TO THE STARS
In the rustic village of Lattrop, Cosmos Sterrenwacht gazes upwards. It is not only one of the biggest observatories in the country, it is a planetarium. Every Saturday there is a stargaze evening. // cosmossterrenwacht.nl

DISCOVER AND PLAY
Is it an amusement park? A playground? Play park Ketteler Hof near Haltern am See in Germany has it all. Climbing routes, slides, water tracks (bring dry clothes!), a toboggan run, a nature trail, play areas with water and sand and a large indoor playground: this is a borderless fun park for all ages. // kettelerhof.de

DISCOVERIES PAST THE (CITY) BORDER

// (clockwise) the castle of Bad Bentheim, Natura Docet Wonderryk Twente, Ootmarsum, Grolsch Brouwerijtour, Het Rijk van Sybrook.
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**DID YOU KNOW THAT...**

> Enschede has the nickname Krekkelcity. Named after the krekkel, a brittle cookie that traditionally used to be tied around the arm of a birthday child with a ribbon.

> The many parks in the city were created by textile manufacturers for their employees.

> The textile industry of Enschede is part of the city’s DNA nowadays:
  - The tailored jeans of Paul Kruize are sold worldwide.
  - Anemieke Koster runs a sustainable weaving mill.
  - The sleeping bags/coats made by Sheltersuit make the lives of the homeless and refugees a bit more bearable.

> The city of Enschede has 160,000 inhabitants of 160 different nationalities.

> About 26000 students live in Enschede and the city was rewarded ‘best student room city of the Netherlands’ in 2018.

> Enschede is closely connected to its sister cities which are Palo Alto in the USA (since 1980), Dalian in China (since 2001) and Münster in Germany (since 2020).

> Every year about 400 events are organized in and around Enschede.

> It is good fun to cycle in Enschede, both in the countryside and in the city. The city was voted the best Large Cycling Community of The Netherlands in 2020, because of more green traffic lights for cyclists during rainfall and the cycling highway F35.

> At the innovation campus Knowledge Park Twente, you will not only find hundreds of companies, but also seven world-famous research institutes. MESA+ for example is the biggest nano-technological institute of the Netherlands.
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// Weerseloseweg 259, landschapoverijssel.nl

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Treasure diving, waterslide race, water football: Aquadrome is more than just a swimming pool. Of course you are free to swim some laps, but the temptation of waterslides and activities is irresistible. Will you be the next ‘bommetje’ (water splash) champion? You can take a break at the Aqua Café.

// J.J. van Deinselaan 2, aquadrome.nl

JUMPING AND TUMBLING
Forget that old trampoline in the back garden. At Bounz, trampolines have been lifted into an art form. Or even better: into a creative and social way of exercising. The Bounz Arena at the Performance Factory is made up of 32 linked trampolines and a tumble course. With options like Fit & Fun, Dodgeball, Training or Free Jumping, the possibilities are endless.

// Hoge Busheofstraat 45, bounz.nl

PLAY PARADISE
Even the smallest children won’t keep you busy at the indoor playground Ballorig. This spacious play paradise has a separate space for toddlers, including a safe ball basin. On the same terrain you will find more action for the young and older, like glow-in-the-dark golf, Starworld paintball and lasergame and the Acui-climbing centre.

// J.J. van Deinselaan 30, ballorig.nl/enschede

HISTORIC RAILWAY JOURNEY
On this train there is no rush and the motto is: the more, the merrier. The current travel-stress is far away from the enjoyable serenity at the trains of the Museum Buurt Spoorweg in Haaksbergen. A visit is literally a journey back in time. The historical steam trains, meticulously maintained by volunteers, go back and forth between the museum’s locations in Haaksbergen and Boekelo. The museum guarantees everyone a first-class trip. Watch for special activities.

// Stationsstraat 3 Haaksbergen, museumbuurtspoorweg.nl

BOULEVARD OF FUN
You are looking for entertainment, but not everyone likes the same activities! Go to Go Planet Parc! A boulevard of fun where you can skate, dive, go to the cinema, bowl, play indoor soccer, drive e-karts, go lasertagging, set a high score in escape room Space Exit or experience virtual reality racing. You can catch a breath at one of the many restaurants.

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// Het Rozendaal 11, demuseumfabriek.nl

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HAVING A BARBECUE AT THE FORELDERIJK
Have a barbecue at the Forelderijk, a fishing area with a smokehouse and a vegetable garden. Have fun while picking your own flowers, herbs and fruit and enjoy the delicacies at the tea and coffeeroom.

PICK BLUEBERRIES AT LA FRANCAISE
Go and pick as many blueberries as you can at La Francaise during the summer months. Good fun for old and young!

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Take a photo at the colourful Hartenbankje in front of the town hall. The famous bench is made by artist Guusje Beverdam and has been in the city centre for 24 years.

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What is Irish about ‘baklever’ and apple? Nothing, but you can find it on the menu at the Irish pub Big Belly’s. Taste how well the typical meals of T wente go together with the robust Irish meals. Specialties like Sheperds Pie and Bangers and mash (sausage and onions) are on the same menu as mashed potatoes with endive and the Big Boerengehaktbal (a ball of minced beef). Room left for dessert? The Chocolate Guinness Cake has been their most popular dessert for seven years.

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MAZZA
Mazza are tapas from the Middle East. At this Lebanese restaurant you can combine the small dishes (warm and cold) to one main dish, have them as a starter or as a side dish together with a mixed grill or a salad. You can even enjoy your desserts mazza-style: 4 small desserts on a plate for two. Tip: ask for the Gazel Albanat: sweet Lebanese angel hairs with cream, vanilla ice and pistachio.

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Dreaming about Spain? Taste Spanish Bas Linders and Daniël Haarman share their love for the Iberian peninsula with you at their restaurant Los Sueños (Spanish for dreams). Their motto: ‘Tapas and more’. Besides the famous warm and cold dishes they also serve for example paella, so fresh that you might have to wait a bit longer before you can taste it. They also offer tapas menus. Tip for dessert: the chocodream with ice cream, mousse and... chocolate sausage.

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Turkey and Indonesia are neighbours at this restaurant and friendship is the base of this special combination. That explains the name, pronounced as Tentje teman teman. Teman means friend in Bahasa Indonesia and resembles the Turkish word ‘tamam’ which means good. With their Indonesian, Twente and Turkish roots, let, Henk and Ahmet present their home made specialties; from begining to hambal. Tip: They also offer (packed) lunches.

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What do you drink in a location where sustainability is very important? A locally brewed beer of course. T wentsche Streken is the new own brew of the T wentsche Foodhal. Brewed closeby, but with an adventurous taste. While the beer turns out to be a friendly but sturdy drink with amber-coloured allure, we move to Italy for our starters. Foodbar Holy Pasta is a newcomer at the T wentsche Foodhal. Lizz Dubbelman (33) and Johanna Holtstege (22) from Hengelo are famous for the foodtruck they run, but now they also have their feet on solid ground in Enschede. Lizz: “Here we can show ourselves in a different way. It is a little bit more restaurant worthy.” Lizz and Johanna are real T wentse foodies and they are bold enough to serve classic Italian dishes with a twist. A small example: Their pesto is not made with parmesan cheese and basil, but with goat cheese and coriander. You can decide for yourself if it should be called pesto, but it certainly tastes delicious. The antipasti are served on a wooden serving tray. Easy to share with your entourage. Besides their famous pastas, like pasta al parmigiana, they also serve pizzas straight from their stone oven. Our tip: the pizza tartufo, which only needs some sour cream, garlic and truffle.

A bit further down, the three generations of the Ten Bert family from Enschede are ready to start their culinary journey. “I think I will go for something Indonesian”, says mother Marion. Her husband Johnny and son Herwin are still doubting, as is daughter-in-law Annemarie. The T wentsche Foodhal “fits in really well with the development of Enschede”, says Herwin. The relaxed atmosphere appeals to this family. While baby Ties is not bothered by anything, his brother Teun just comes running from the playground. Sister Saar is still exploring everything. Grandpa Johnny: “I think she is ordering some Korean food.”

A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD IN THE ‘TWENTSCHE FOODHAL’

ROBUST, COUNTRY STYLE MEAT, SOULFOOD FROM THE SURINAME OR RATHER SOMETHING SPICY FROM INDONESIA? AT THE TWENTSCHE FOODHAL YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL.

SMALL STEP

With lettuce, rice and some kimchi (fermented vegetables) you can create a wrap. It will be presented with chopsticks or you can use the ordinary knife and fork you will find on the table. From Korea to the Achterhoek is only a small step, so can end our meal with a fresh Dutch dairy dessert produced by De Melkbus in Eibergen.

All kitchens at the T wentsche Foodhal are open on Thursday and Friday from 16:00 till 22:00, on Saturday from 14:00 till 22:00, Sunday from 14:00 till 21:00. From Monday up until Friday open for work and lunch from 9:00 till 17:00. The culinary offers vary on a regular basis. Check the website for current opening hours and measures.

The T wentsche Foodhal is located in the Performance Factory, a former factory complex. Where once the looms were snoring and Polaroid’s instant cameras were coming from the production line it is now buzzing with new activities like art, culture, craftsmanship, recreation, sports and more. The name Polaroid is on the façade once again, because the former employees of the Polaroid factory are reproducing the cameras on a small scale and they are using the old company name.
HUMPHREY’S

WILL IT BE HUMPHREY’S TODAY?

Enjoying good and hearty food!

LUNCH
DRINKS
DINNER

With its ‘plush’ decor with different shades of red, gold-coloured chandeliers and luscious use of fabrics and art nouvelle chairs and tables, this location exudes a special French ‘Moulin Rouge’ ambiance. An atmosphere suited for a cozy get together with friends, or a night out with co-workers.

At Humphrey’s Enschede you can enjoy a delicious seasonal three-course choice menu for a fixed price. In addition, it is also possible to have lunch and drinks. Delicious food, hospitality, good service and a cozy atmosphere are our priority. The restaurant is divided into different cosily, decorated spaces. This makes it very suited for groups with 20 persons or more, who can enjoy private dinners. In short, Humphrey’s is the ideal place for a pleasant and tasty afternoon or evening out!

You can almost touch the vitality and inspiration. The district of Roombeek, close to the city centre, is an excellent example of zeal. On the 13th of May 2000 the district was struck by a fireworks disaster. 23 people lost their lives and over 1000 people were injured. 42.5 hectares of the city were destroyed. Roombeek has been rebuilt into a contemporary, dynamic and inspiring neighbourhood known for its high-end architecture and appealing public spaces.

A striking aspect is the extraordinary mix of old and new, contemporary and traditional and spacious, yet intimate architecture.

With its many cultural institutions, Roombeek truly is a cultural hotspot in the city of Enschede. Combine your walk through this attractive neighbourhood with a visit to one of the many diverse museums, galleries and workshops located here.

// GUIDED TOURS ROOMBEEK

Different guides, all connected to the area for their own reason, will make you a part of the story of Roombeek.

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A SKY FULL OF STORIES

They won't fly away, even if it looks like they will. In a neat row, a KLM Boeing 747 and an Air France Airbus 340 are on the track. Like they can take off any minute. In reality they are at what you might call their final resting place. A company called Aircraft End-Of-Life-Solutions will dismantle them.

A sign at the gate (‘landing area- access strictly prohibited’) shows that the discarded aircrafts did not just fall out of the sky. In fact, part of the area, known as Twenthe Airport, will be used for business flights and recreational flights.

IMMENSE AREA

So you have to avoid the landing strip, but you can walk everywhere on what was once prohibited territory. An immense area opens up. An area where you can discover nature, history and landscape art.

Like the stones that lead you to the so-called ‘Belevingspad’ (experience path): they were part of the very first airport that was opened in 1931.

Nowadays the 130 hectares of military exercise area have been added to the valuable nature that has developed around the field during the last few years. You can spot birds and (gliding) planes, go hiking or biking, enjoy landscape art, look for rare flora and fauna or experience the mysterious (military) history of the area.

You can also absorb the endless space. Thanks to the maintenance plan, the field transforms into a world of flowers in spring and summer. The skylark will not let you into his territory. His habitat is defined by signs that urge you to stay on the tracks.

EXCITING LOOK

A nice place to observe the skylark is the watch tower that rises from the field almost like a ufo. Artist Paul de Kort converted an old fuel storage into a ‘Parallax’. From the top of the open work fuel tanks you have a great view of the surrounding area. Two frog pools - constructed in the shape of bomb craters - light up like blue eyes in the landscape. In the young plantations further down, two American Staffords are roaming around; their boss ignores the fact that they should be on a leash.

At the end of the path you can hear lots of noise. In building C-26 they used to test the engines of F-16 jet fighters, now the steel carcass is a piece of art called Doppler. The roaring of a Messerschmidt and the song of a meadow pipit alternate and a former inhabitant tells you how he and his family were banished from the area by the Germans. More stories can be found at the ‘Herinneringspad’ (memorial path), on the strip where the on-board weapons were set.

NEW LAYER OF HISTORY

Not far away from sound object Doppler are the overgrown fundaments of the old Gefechtsstand, the German command centre during the war. Artist Filip Jonker and architect Michiel de Wit designed hiking tracks along these fundaments. That way visitors add a new layer to the history of this exceptional place in Twente. It is still changing: at the moment they are working on a new watch tower.
De Museum Fabriek

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