

A Couples Guide to Lille

DAY 1

If you have time before check-in, head to Place du General de Gaulle, also known as Grand Place, to see the stunning architecture and grab a coffee at one of the many cafés in the area.

Afternoon: Take a stroll through Old Lille, the historic heart of the city, and admire the beautiful Flemish architecture. Stop for lunch at a traditional brasserie like La Chicorée or Les 3 Brasseurs and try some of the local specialties like moules-frites (mussels and fries) or carbonade flamande (beef stew).

Evening: Venture to the Palais des Beaux-Arts de Lille, one of the largest fine arts museums in France. Take in the impressive collection of paintings, sculptures, and other works of art, and then head to a nearby bistro like Le Pain Quotidien or Chez La Vieille for dinner before taking a relaxing stroll through the illuminated streets of Lille, enjoying the vibrant nightlife and the city's lively atmosphere.

DAY 2

Morning: Start your day with a visit to the Marché de Wazemmes, one of the city's best-known markets. Browse the stalls selling fresh produce, cheese, bread, and other local delicacies, and maybe pick up some souvenirs to take home. Here you can also explore the trendy Wazemmes neighborhood, known for its street art and eclectic shops.

Afternoon: Wander through the Parc de la Citadelle, a large public park and former military site. Admire the beautiful gardens, lakes, and historic fortifications, and maybe rent a boat to paddle around the lake. After, treat yourself to a Michelin star lunch at Empreinte, where Chef Isma'il Guerre-Genton crafts distinctive signature dishes using fresh, local and seasonal ingredients.

Evening: For a romantic dinner, try La Table de Flandre or La Table du Clarence, both offering refined French cuisine in a cosy atmosphere. Then, make the most of your evening by catching a performance at the Opéra de Lille or the Théâtre du Nord.



DAY 3

Morning: Begin your final day in Lille with a visit to the Musée d'Histoire Naturelle de Lille, a fascinating natural history museum with a wide range of exhibits, from fossils and minerals to insects and animals. Explore the museum's collection of over 1.5 million specimens and learn about the natural world and its diversity.

Afternoon: If you have time to spare before you sail home, explore the bustling city centre and do some shopping at the many boutiques and department stores in the area? Here you can also take in a 360-degree view of Lille from above, atop the town hall's Belfry tower - built in 1932 and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Don't forget to stop at our Duty Free port shops before your journey home to take advantage of great deals on wine, beers, spirits and more.

Spending an extra night in Lille?

If you decide to extend your stay in Lille, there's plenty more to see and do in the area.

Spend more time exploring the city's various neighbourhoods, such as the trendy Saint-Sauveur district, or visit other museums like the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Roubaix or the Hospice Comtesse Museum. Lille also boasts a vibrant food and drink scene, so why not indulge in some more delicious local cuisine or try out a craft beer or wine bar?

Additionally, you could take a relaxing stroll along the Deûle River or the Canal de la Deûle, or head to the nearby city of Roubaix to visit the famous La Piscine Museum housed in a former Art Deco swimming pool.

Whatever you choose to do, you're sure to find plenty of ways to enjoy your stay in Lille.

