

# At the heart of the Semois



**Superb countryside, hiking and walking trails and cultural riches... Welcome to the Semois valley! From Bouillon to Orval, come and explore places that have played their part in history and enjoy the most beautiful viewpoints in Belgium. The Semois Meander and the Giant's Tomb, both listed as Exceptional Walloon Heritage Sites, are certainly worth a detour.**

## Bouillon Castle

Listed as a Major Walloon Heritage Site, it is the oldest feudal building in Wallonia, famous as the home of Duke Godfrey of Bouillon, the crusader. You will also be surprised by the balletic movements of birds of prey flying in the open air.

*Guided tours or self-guided tours with audioguide from €5/person.*

**[www.bouillon-initiative.be](http://www.bouillon-initiative.be)**

## Orval Abbey

Founded in 1132, Orval is one of the most remarkable Cistercian abbeys in Belgium. Still home to a community of monks today, it is famous for its Trappist beer and traditional cheese. As well as the old abbey ruins, visitors can enjoy the “Abraham Commons”, where the Orval beer brewing process is explained, and the medicinal plants garden. Come and find out more about the fascinating legend linked to this place which oozes history.

*Guided tours from €4/person.*

**[www.orval.be](http://www.orval.be)**

## Our local specialities

**Trappist Orval beer and cheese** : At “l’Ange gardien” tavern, a stone’s throw from the abbey, you can taste the abbey’s produce: cheese and the exclusive draft Green Orval beer, as well as the more well-known bottled Orval Trappist beer. Did you know there are today only seven Trappist beers in the world?

**[www.alangegardien.be](http://www.alangegardien.be)**

**Rulles beer** : A characterful, refreshing beer brewed in the Gaume district! It is the only beer to undergo a secondary fermentation in the bottle using Orval yeast. Come and enjoy it during a tour of the Rulles brewery.

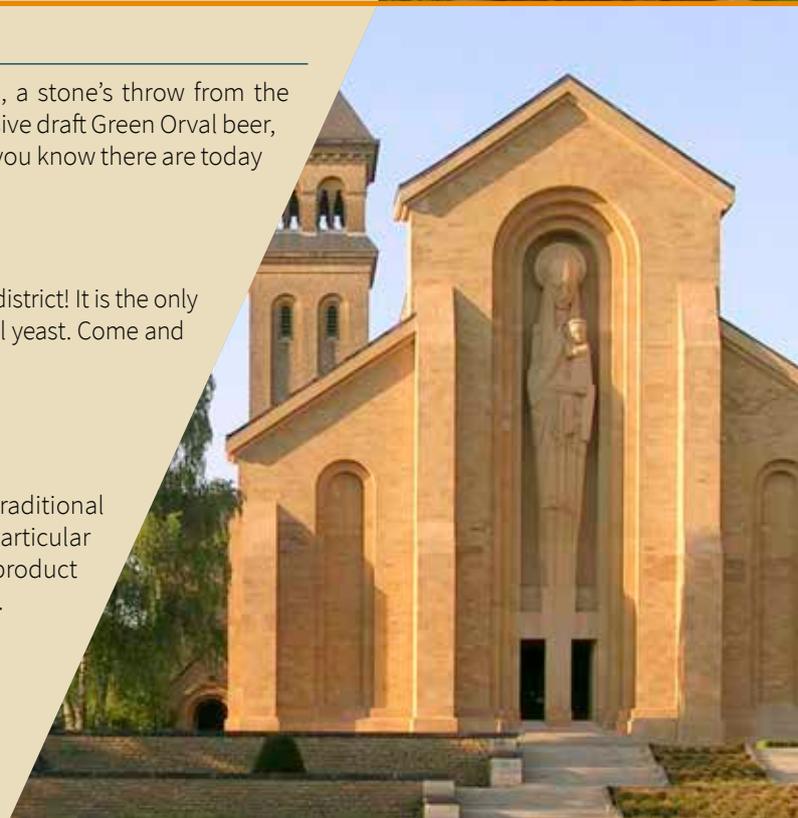
*Guided tours from €7/person, followed by a tasting, of course!*

**[www.larulles.be](http://www.larulles.be)**

**Edouard chocolates** at Florenville : Fine chocolates with both traditional and contemporary fillings. During your visit, you will explore the particular talents of master chocolatier Edouard Bechoux, as well as his product and market knowledge, that have made him a top-flight artisan.

*Guided tours with tastings from €7/person.*

**[www.leschocolatsdedouard.com](http://www.leschocolatsdedouard.com)**



## Gourmet treats and charming accommodation

### "Auberge de la Ferme" at Rochehaut

Located at the heart of the village of Rochehaut, a stone's throw from the famous viewpoint over Frahan, this family-run hotel-restaurant is a dream destination to sample our local specialities. It offers a unique combination of facilities: the "Taverne de la Fermette" bar and restaurant, a wildlife park, an agricultural museum and an Ardennes gift shop...

*Capacity: 70 guest bedrooms in several buildings at the heart of the village.*

[www.aubergedelaferme.com](http://www.aubergedelaferme.com)



### "Hotel de la Poste" at Bouillon

On the bank of the River Semois at the heart of Bouillon, this hotel-restaurant offers spectacular views of the castle. Its previous guests include French Emperor Napoleon III, and today's guests can continue to enjoy gastronomic food in convivial surroundings.

*Capacity: 60 bedrooms.*

[www.hotelposte.be](http://www.hotelposte.be)



### Don't miss...

#### The Euro Space Center at Transinne

The only space centre in Europe, where you can find out about outer space and enjoy leisure facilities. Experience the daily life of astronauts and re-live the great moments of the conquest of outer space! Your journey into space includes a show-trail, the Space Show, the Space Heroes and other exhibitions.

*Guided tours or self-guided tours with audioguides from €9.50/person.*

[www.eurospacecenter.be](http://www.eurospacecenter.be)

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