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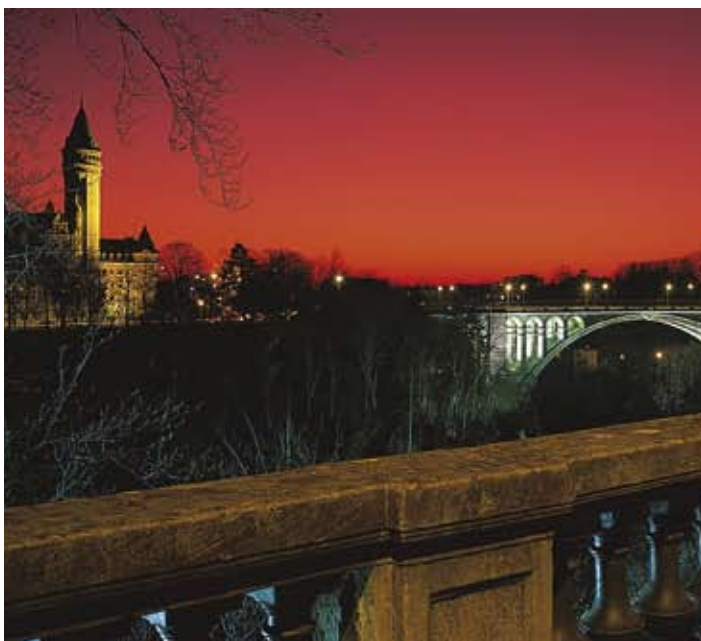
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Luxembourg: Located at the heart of Europe One of the major advantages of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is its geographic setting. Situated between France, Belgium and Germany, Luxembourg is centrally

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Travelling to Luxembourg

From Luxembourg airport, you can fly to more than 50 European cities in the wink of an eye. The airport, located 15 minutes from Luxembourg City, currently offers eight flights a day to London and three each to Frankfurt and Paris. This allows quick and easy access to Europe's major economic centres.

Luxembourg also offers excellent road and train transport. The national railway network is highly efficient and provides trouble-free connections to the major European railway routes. It is easy to travel to Paris, Frankfurt and Brussels. In 2007, Europe's new Eastern High-Speed Line will zip travellers to Paris in only 2 hours and 15 minutes.

located in Western Europe and is close to many capital cities – London, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Zurich and Berlin are just one hour away by plane.





A country where more than 150 nationalities rub shoulders

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg stands out in certain ways from the other Member States of the European Union. Without question, its most noteworthy characteristic is the diversity of its population and the ease of integration into Luxembourg society.

Approximately 40% of the Grand Duchy's population is foreign born, which translates to 177,400 foreign residents out of a total population of around 460,000. In the capital, the percentage of foreign residents rises to 60%.

The foreign communities with the largest populations are the Portuguese (65,700), French (22,400), Italians (18,800), Belgians (16,100) and Germans (10,400).

Despite the high proportion of foreign residents, the Grand Duchy has not experienced any intercultural tension. This is one of the key features of Luxembourg's integration model.

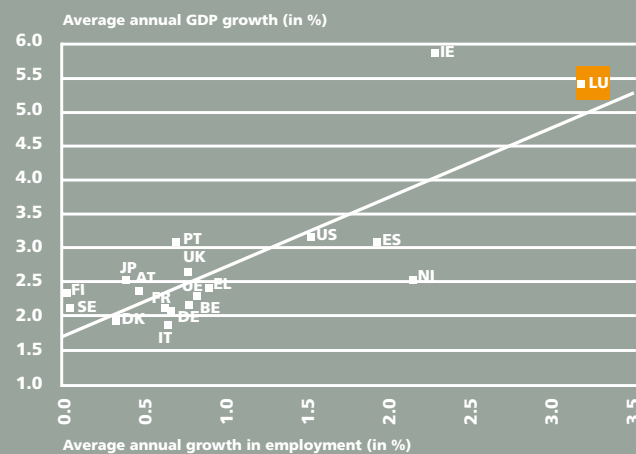
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A country with an international outlook

The Grand Duchy's special demographic profile has an impact on the labour market. Foreign labour comprises more than 65% of the working population. Immigrants (foreign residents) make up part of this workforce, while a large proportion is represented by workers from neighbouring countries (commuters).

Economic and employment growth, 1985-2004





The labour market is expanding steadily despite a difficult economic situation in the European Union as a whole. Even though the unemployment rate has been increasing since 2001, it is low in comparison with other European countries.

Luxembourg's economy welcomes foreign investment. Many major multinational groups are headquartered in Luxembourg. The Grand-Duchy offers a wide range of advantages for locating a production or distribution centre.

Many key industrial firms are located in Luxembourg, e.g. Arcelor, Goodyear, Guardian, Dupont, Exxonmobile, Ferrero, etc. The high-tech, media and telecommunications sectors are also well developed in Luxembourg, e.g. RTL group, SES global, Microsoft, Siemens,

AOL, Skype, iTunes (Apple) and Champ Cargosystems. Many of those companies manage most of their European activities from Luxembourg.

Luxembourg is also a hub for international logistics and airfreight activities. Companies like Panalpina, Kuehne + Nagel, Thiel Logistik, DHL, FedEx, Cargolux, Luxair and China Airlines take advantage of the dynamism of Luxembourg airport infrastructures.

The Luxembourg stock exchange plays an important role in the services sector. Luxembourg is one of the 10 largest financial centres worldwide and ranks second in the field of investment funds (behind New York).





One of the world’s highest standards of living

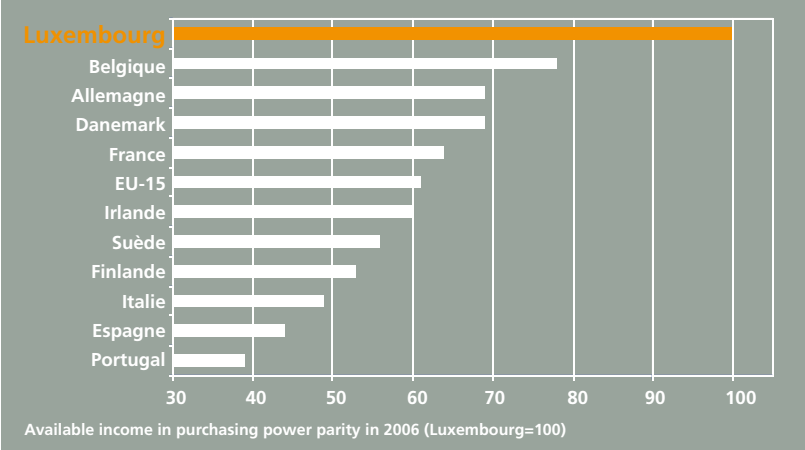
The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg enjoys one of the highest standards of living not only in Europe but among all developed countries. According to a recent study conducted by The Economist magazine, Luxembourg has the fourth highest quality of life in the world (see below).



	Quality of life		GDP per person	
	Score	Rank	\$(at PPP)	Rank
Ireland	8.333	1	36.790	4
Switzerland	8.068	2	33.580	7
Norway	8.051	3	39.590	3
Luxembourg	8.015	4	54.690	1
Sweden	7.937	5	30.590	19
Australia	7.925	6	31.010	14
Iceland	9.911	7	33.560	8
Italy	7.810	8	27.960	23
Denmark	7.796	9	32.490	10
Spain	7.727	10	25.370	24
Singapore	7.719	11	32.530	9
Finland	7.618	12	29.650	20
United States	7.615	13	41.529	2
Canada	7.599	14	34.150	5



In addition, the cost of goods in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg largely corresponds to prices in neighbouring countries (France, Germany, Belgium), while income per resident is much higher. As a result, the purchasing power per resident is one of the world's highest.



A country with great labour and political stability

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg enjoys a high degree of labour and political stability. The near-absence of strikes in Luxembourg can be explained by the widespread use of an effective mediation system by management, trade unions and the government. This system has been institutionalised through the creation of the “Tripartite”. The Tripartite is comprised of representatives from the three groups and makes every effort to come to agreement on all issues concerning labour relations in the event of a dispute or of temporary or structural economic problems.

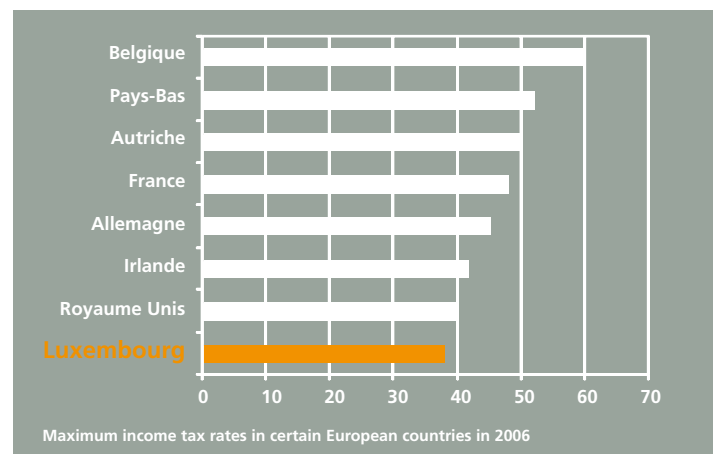
Luxembourg’s political system also shows great stability. Despite the changes in the governing coalition, Jean-Claude Juncker has served as prime minister since 1995 and ensures the continuity of government programmes. Luxembourg also plays a key role in EU construction. Since 1958, two men from Luxembourg have chaired the European Commission, Gaston Thorn (1981–1984) and Jacques Santer (1995–1999). In addition, Prime Minister Juncker was elected Eurogroup chairman when he served as finance minister.

Lastly, Luxembourg has a very low crime rate. Luxembourg City is one of the world’s safest cities, according to a study by Mercer Consulting.

A favourable tax system

Luxembourg’s tax rates are particularly favourable. The income tax rate for individuals is one of the lowest in Europe. The progressive income tax system is based on 17 brackets, with a maximum marginal tax rate of 38%.

Concerning the companies’ benefits, Luxembourg offers a global tax base with 30.36%. This rate is composed of 22% income tax plus a 5% unemployment fund surcharge on the income tax rate plus a 7.5% municipal trade tax for Luxembourg City. Companies can benefit from numerous measures of tax exemptions, for example to finance their investments.





On 1 July 2005, a 15% tax deduction at source on foreign residents' savings income was introduced.

A 10% tax deduction at source on Luxembourg residents' stocks and shares income was also introduced.

The maximum VAT rate is 15%, the lowest in the European Union. The price of oil and petrol is lower than in neighbouring countries, thanks to the lower excise duties



For more information

Detailed statistical information is available on Luxembourg's various online sites:

Luxembourg statistical site:

www.statistiques.public.lu

Luxembourg economic and social site: www.portrait.public.lu

«Invest in Luxembourg» site: www.bed.public.lu

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Luxembourg City: Historic city and capital of Europe

Luxembourg City is the political and cultural centre of Luxembourg. This capital city of 83,000 residents, nearly 60% of whom hail from abroad, is characterized by a surprising contrast between the old city, with its thousand-year-old fortifications, winding alleyways and picturesque homes, and the upper city, a true cosmopolitan centre perched on a rocky plateau. The old city and its fortifications were listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994.

Luxembourg is also one of the European Union's capitals. A number of major EU institutions are headquartered on the Kirchberg plateau, including the European Court of Justice, Court of First Instance, Court of Auditors of the European Communities, Secretariat-General of the European Parliament, European Investment Bank, Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union and several departments of the European Commission.



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Luxembourg City has been designated European Cultural Capital for 2007.





This designation is not limited to Luxembourg's capital; regions bordering Luxembourg are included as well (the so-called "Grande Région"). The 2007 cultural year will create a unique melting pot of populations, cultural identities and emotions. Inspired by the historic heritage of the five participating entities, the cultural programme will feature five themes:

Migration: Luxembourg

Industrial heritage: Saar (Germany)

Major European personalities: Rhineland-Palatinate (Germany)

Culture of remembrance: Lorraine (France)

**Expressions of modernity: Wallon region
(French and German speaking Community of Belgium)**

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Luxembourg, city of culture

Luxembourg City boasts a large number of museums with a wide variety of collections. The National Art and History Museum offers archaeological collections (prehistory, protohistory, the Gallo-Roman period and the Middle Ages), art collections (ancient, modern, contemporary and Luxembourgish), decorative arts, and folk art and traditions. The National Museum of Natural History gives visitors greater insight into humans and their environment, science, natural history and the miracles of our planet. The Luxembourg City History Museum houses permanent collections and temporary exhibitions illustrating the capital's more than one thousand years of history. The Luxembourg Casino holds contemporary art exhibitions throughout the year, with a focus on the diversity and complexity of current trends. The Grand-Duc Jean Modern Art Museum, whose buildings were designed by the famed Chinese-American architect, I.M. Pei, has an innovative offering open to all genres of contemporary art.

For more information

A SAMPLING OF LUXEMBOURG'S LEADING MUSEUMS

National Art and History Museum (Musée National d'Histoire et d'Art)

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Theatre, music and cinema: the vital heart of the city's life

In general, Luxembourg's theatrical productions are characterized by a wide range of languages, plays and styles. A mix of Germanic and Latin cultural references, the Luxembourg stage reflects a variety of international artistic influences. Because the Luxembourg theatre is so open to the world, it offers a large number of international coproductions as well as collaborations among actors of various nationalities and among Luxembourgish directors and scenic artists from abroad. This widespread mixing of cultures continually enriches the Luxembourg theatre and constitutes its greatest wealth.



On the musical scene, the Luxembourg Philharmonic opened its doors in July 2005 on the Kirchberg plateau. The new concert hall seats 1,500 people and plays a vital role in integrating and stimulating Luxembourg's already-rich musical life. 2005 also saw the opening of the Rockhal. The Rockhal, managed by the Centre for Amplified Music, a public institution, is much more than a two-stage concert hall with completely flexible space. In fact, it is on its way to becoming the centre of pop rock in Luxembourg. In addition, several concert halls with seating for 5,400 guests offer modern music concerts (jazz, rock and pop).



Luxembourg has its own film production industry. On average, the country produces or coproduces one to two feature films and six to ten short films and documentaries a year. Luxembourg's film policy has quickly born fruit, and a large number of Luxembourgish films and coproductions have been screened at major international festivals, with some of them winning prizes. Two films that stand out were both produced by the Luxembourgish company, Delux Productions: *The Girl with a Pearl Earring*, which starred Scarlett Johansson and was nominated for Academy Awards in three categories in 2004 (best artistic direction, best photography and best costumes), and *The Merchant of Venice*, starring Al Pacino, Jeremy Irons and Joseph Fiennes.

Luxembourg has a large number of cinemas. Film buffs can choose between small traditional cinemas and a multiplex in Luxembourg-Kirchberg.

Unlike countries such as France and Germany, where most films are shown in their dubbed version, almost all films in Luxembourg, with the exception of children's films, are presented in their original version with subtitles. This original-version film culture reflects the multilingualism that prevails in the Grand Duchy.

Founded in 1988, the Cinematheque houses more than 14,000 copies of films in all genres, one of the largest cinematographic archives in Europe. The collection includes the entire filmographies of such great filmmakers as Orson Welles, Jean Renoir and Alfred Hitchcock, rare films with only one or two copies remaining, and specialised collections of a certain genre or from a certain period.



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Capucins Theatre (Théâtre des Capucins)

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Centaure Theatre (Théâtre du Centaure)

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City Theatre of Esch (Théâtre de la Ville d'Esch)

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Open Theatre of Luxembourg (Théâtre Ouvert du Luxembourg or TOL)

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CINEMA

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Municipal Cinematheque of Luxembourg (Cinémathèque municipale de Luxembourg)

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Luxembourg's tourist charm

Despite its small size, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg offers a wide variety of landscapes and tourist attractions. The Moselle Valley makes up the eastern part of the Grand Duchy and the Moselle River creates a natural border with Germany. It's a charming place, with traditional villages and sun-drenched hillsides covered with grape vines. The 1,350-hectare vineyard is one of the most northern winegrowing areas in Europe and extends over approximately 40 kilometres, from Schengen to Wasserbillig. Visitors can soak up the region's 2,000-year-old winegrowing tradition by taking the particularly pleasant "Wine Route". Nestling in a green setting in the northeastern part of the country is an unspoiled region known as "Luxembourg's Little Switzerland" or the Mullerthal. Lastly, many picturesque villages and splendid castles dot the Ardennes Mountains in northern Luxembourg.

Bourscheid Castle is not only the country's largest castle, but also one of the largest between the Rhine and Meuse rivers. The castle was expanded four times. The first expansion was completed in 1430 with the construction of the large wall surrounding the castle and its many turrets. In 1972, the Luxembourg government purchased the castle and carried out major renovations. The Friends of the Bourscheid Castle Association, which manages the castle, was created that same year. The association holds cultural and other events at the castle.



Beaufort Castle is comprised of two historic buildings: the ruins of the fortress, constructed between the 11th and 16th centuries, and the Renaissance-style castle, which dates from the 17th century. The castle's charm is enhanced by the beauty of the surrounding countryside. The ruins of the fortress sit at the edge of a picturesque pond a short distance from the forest and sandstone rocks of the Mullerthal. The famous "Cassis de Beaufort", a blackcurrant liqueur known well beyond Luxembourg's borders, was originally made at Beaufort Castle.

Bourglinster Castle served as an outpost for the fortress and Luxembourg City. Today, the castle offers a brasserie, restaurant, several dining rooms and banquet halls, conference rooms and artists' studios. It is listed as a "Member Castle" by the European Castle Group, which verifies the quality of the services offered by its member castles.

Dating from the 12th century, the feudal Clervaux castle overlooks the medieval village, which, surrounded by steep wooded hills, is wedged into a narrow, winding valley. It currently houses the largest photo exhibit of all time, "The Family of Man" by Edward Steichen, the late American photographer who was born in Luxembourg. Created in 1955 for the Museum of Modern Art in New York, this exhibit is an attempt to explain humans to other humans through the universal language of photography.

With around 200,000 visitors every year, Vianden Castle is the most visited monument in the Grand Duchy. Built on the foundations of a small Roman castle and a Carolingian sanctuary, this fortification is considered one of the largest and most majestic Roman- and Gothic-period feudal manors in Europe. The castle, now owned by the State, has been under renovation since 1977 and is an important part of Europe's cultural heritage.

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Major annual festivals

Every year, from May to June, the city of Echternach hosts an international music festival, worthy of the largest European events, among its superb medieval monuments. Few cities can offer such a charming setting for a festival as this small town with a rich history near the German border. Most of the concerts are performed in the Romanesque basilica, a building of majestic proportions, and the St Pierre-et-Paul church. The idea of melding art, music and architecture was born in 1975 and since then, this festival has attracted an increasing number of music lovers. In addition to such great masters as Yehudi Menuhin, Gidon Kremer, Mstislav Rostropovitch, Maurice André, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau and Cyprien Katsaris, concert-goers have discovered many young artists from both Luxembourg and abroad.

Every year in July, the small town of Wiltz hosts the European Theatre and Music Festival in the gardens of its medieval castle. This quaint town in the Ardennes Mountains offers evenings of exceptional theatre and music in the open air. Since the festival was created in 1952, Wiltz has played host not only to classical musicians like Svyatoslav Richter, Grace Bumbry and Maurizio Pollini, but also to big names from the world of jazz, such as Lionel Hampton, Ella Fitzgerald, Oscar Peterson, Miles Davis, Duke Ellington and The Golden Gate Quartet.

Since its founding in 1994, the popularity of the International Comic Festival has never stopped growing. Every year in mid-July, the town of Contern organises this summer event. The stands overflow with the treasures of the Eighth Art, both collectibles and new items. There is something for everyone, whether young or old, be they or fans of action, fantasy or humour. The best French-speaking artists and writers are awarded a Mil d'Or prize by a festival jury.

The Cour des Capucins dance and theatre festival, held every year in early July, gives young choreographers the opportunity to present their work to the public and an international jury. For two weeks, visitors can watch performances by a variety of contemporary dance troupes. The programme includes the "Trends" and "Street Dance" choreographic competitions and a day devoted to children. Created in 1995, the festival attracts professional European dance companies as well as troupes of young student dancers. The festival traditionally opens with a photo exhibit on the subject of dance.

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ENJOY A WIDE RANG



Luxembourg offers numerous sports opportunities for tourists and residents, whether outdoors or in its many sports facilities.



GE OF SPORTS



In terms of sports facilities, the “Coque” aquatic centre, located in the heart of the Kirchberg plateau, offers seven swimming pools, two of which are Olympic-sized (50-metre pool, all-purpose pool, diving pool, diving tower, 15-metre diving pit, children’s pool, “fitness” pool heated to 32°C (90°F), sauna, Turkish bath, whirlpool, solarium and sunbathing beach).



The thermal baths at Mondorf-les-Bains continue an enduring tradition that has lasted more than 150 years. Located in a charming, wind-sheltered village in the southeastern part of the country, Mondorf's Domaine Thermal sits in a magnificent 50-hectare park filled with trees, plants, flowerbeds, lush green grass and sculptures by many famed artists. Thousands of people seeking a "cure" flock to the baths, which are fed by a 24°C (75°F) thermal water source with a high mineral content. The thermal spa has the most modern bathing facilities in Europe and offers a wide range of made-to-measure programmes. Leisure activities are available all year long, including tennis tournaments, archery, lawn bowls and more. Almost all towns in Luxembourg provide both indoor and outdoor tennis facilities. Luxembourg also offers high-quality equestrian facilities and many riding clubs.

The country has a large number of top-quality golf courses, including the Golf Club Grand-Ducal, Kikuoka Country Club, Golf de Clervaux, Golf and Country Club Christnach, Golf de Luxembourg and Golf Club Gaichel.



Cyclists can take advantage of a wide variety of bicycle paths, which total 900 km in length. Certain well-marked bicycle paths follow old railway tracks that are no longer in use, allowing cyclists to crisscross the country while avoiding traffic. Cyclists who ride on the quiet riverside paths will be sure to come upon castles and villages.

The country's well-preserved and resplendent natural resources provide many opportunities to practice a variety of outdoor sports. The Haute-Sûre lake dates from 1961 and is situated in the northern part of the country at the heart of the Haute-Sûre Nature Preserve. This 380-hectare lake provides the population with drinking water and electricity. It also offers superb recreational opportunities, including a wide range of water sports, such as canoeing, kayaking, scuba diving, swimming, windsurfing and sailing. The eastern part of Luxembourg features the peaceful waters of the 35-hectare Echternach Lake in the heart of the Echternach Recreation Centre. The lake is surrounded by a 375-hectare forest and offers many different water sports, including swimming, sailing, canoeing, pedal boating, surfboarding and fishing.

The Grand Duchy also offers rock climbing near Berdorf in the Müllerthal. The steep slopes of the Wanterbaach, set in a breathtaking wooded landscape, are the ideal place to practice this sport.

In winter, several skating rinks are available in Luxembourg. Weather permitting, the Ardennes Mountains in the northern part of the country have a number of cross-country skiing trails.

For more information here are some sport centres

National Sports and Cultural Centre (Centre National sportif et culturel), Coque

2, rue Léon Hengen
L-1745 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 43 60 60 1
E-mail: info@coque.lu
Internet: www.coque.lu

Mondorf Thermal Spa (Domaine Thermal de Mondorf)

Avenue des Bains
B.P.52
L-5601 Mondorf-les-Bains
Tel.: (+352) 23 66 60
Fax: (+352) 23 66 10 93
E-mail: domaine@mondorf.lu
Internet: www.mondorf.lu

Grand Ducal Golf Club

1, route de Trèves
L-2633 Senningerberg
Tel.: (+352) 34 00 90 1
E-mail: gcgd@pt.lu
Internet: www.golfgrandducal.net

Kikuoka Country Club

Scheierhaff
L-5412 Canach
Tel.: (+352) 35 61 35
E-mail: playgolf@kikuoka.lu
Internet: www.kikuoka.lu

CK Sport Center

20, route de Bettembourg
L-1899 Kockelscheuer
Tel.: (+352) 47 22 85
E-mail: sportcenter@ck-online.lu
Internet: www.ck-online.lu/pages/ck-sport-center

Pegasus Equestrian Centre (Centre équestre Pegasus)

Rue de l'Ecole
L-5465 Waldbredimus
Tel.: (+352) 23 66 16 46
E-mail: cep@hippoline.lu
Internet: www.hippoline.lu/centre-equestre-pegasus

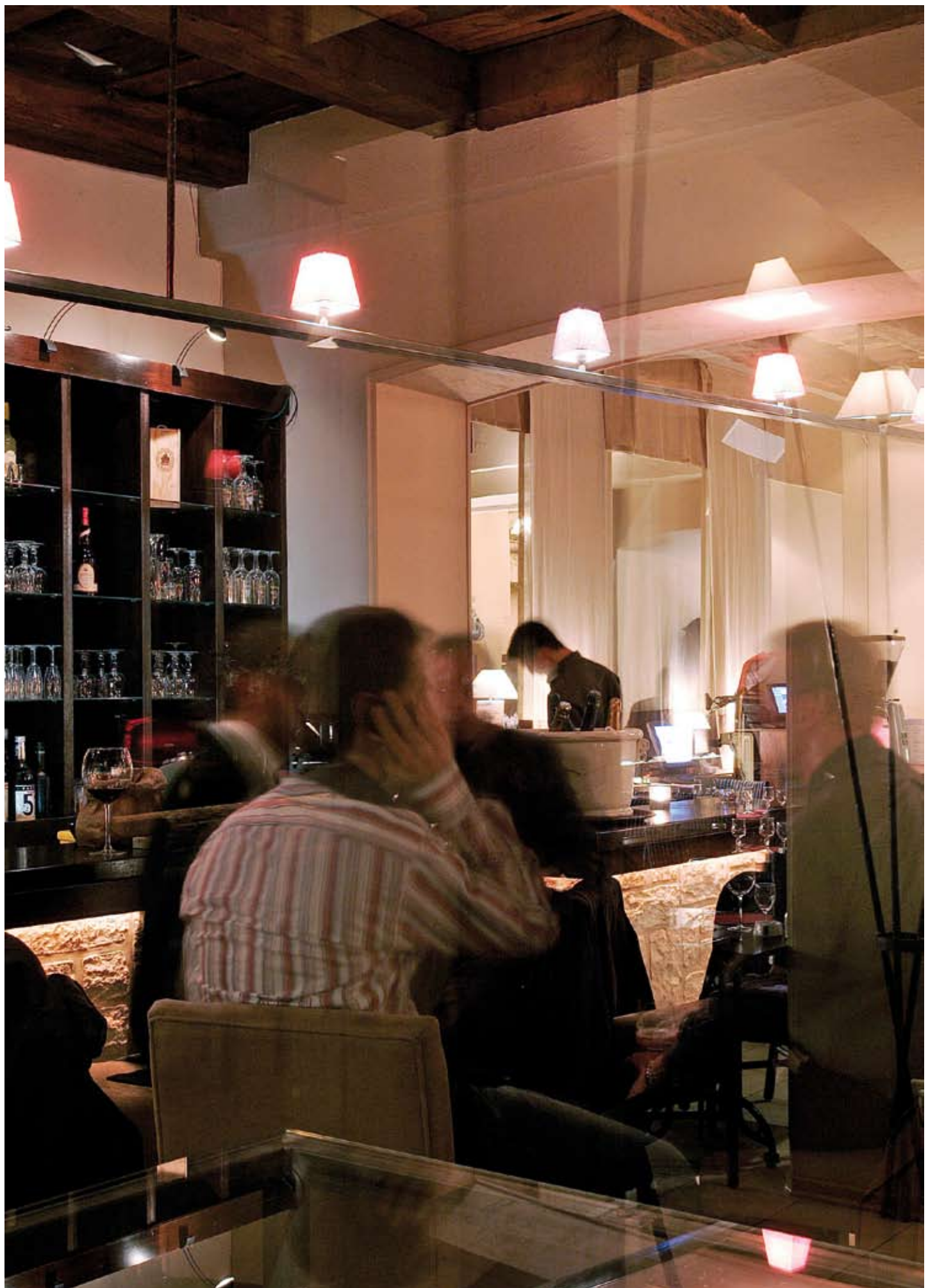
Centre équestre Bouferterhaff

Henri Mangen
Bouferterhaff
L- 8059 Bertrange
Tel. : (+352) 37 10 03

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Les amis du Cheval

Angie et Pierre LEFEBVRE
Route D'Esch
L-4985 Sanem
Tel. : (+352) 59 14 02
E-mail: lac@hippoline.lu
Internet: www.hippoline.lu/lac





Savour Luxembourg's cuisine

Luxembourg's cuisine reflects an intersection of French and German cultures by combining, as Luxembourgers say, "French quality with German quantity". Because of the capital's role in the European Union, the cuisine served by Luxembourg's restaurants shows influences from throughout Europe. Recent years have also seen the emergence of Asian and Latin American cuisine. Given the country's size, the number of restaurants with Michelin stars or Gault et Millau awards is exceptional.

For more information

The following is a sample of Luxembourg restaurants with Michelin stars:

Restaurant Clairefontaine *
9, Place de Clairefontaine
L-1341 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 46 22 11
Internet: www.restaurantclairefontaine.lu

Mosconi **
13, rue Münster
L-2160 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 54 69 94
Internet: www.mosconi.lu

Restaurant Léa Linster *
17, route de Luxembourg
L-5752 Frisange
Tel.: (+352) 23 66 84 11
E-mail: info@lealinster.lu
Internet: www.lealinster.lu

Le bouquet garni - salon Saint Michel *
32, rue de l'eau
L-1449 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 26 20 06 20
E-mail: bouquetgarni@pt.lu

Details of more than 500 Luxembourgish restaurants are available at the following website:
www.restaurant.lu.



An extensive network of high-quality medical facilities



Luxembourg has four large hospitals with a total of 4,400 employees. The country's largest hospital, the Centre Hospitalier de Luxembourg (CHL), includes the Grande-Duchesse Charlotte maternity hospital and a paediatric clinic. Hôpital Kirchberg, which opened in 2003, is among Europe's most modern hospitals.

Several internationally renowned hospitals are located close at hand in neighbouring countries. These include the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire in Nancy, France, renowned for its cardiovascular department; University Hospital in Heidelberg, Germany; and the Centre Hospitalier Régional in Metz/Thionville, France.

Luxembourg also boasts the high-quality emergency services of Luxembourg Air Rescue, which specialises in air rescue and transport for medical reasons. Luxembourg Air Rescue owns four helicopters and two airplanes and is also responsible for flying its members back to Luxembourg.

For more information

Luxembourg Hospital (Centre Hospitalier Luxembourg)

4, rue Barblé
L-1210 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 44 11 11
Internet: www.chl.lu

Kirchberg Hospital (Hôpital Kirchberg)

9, rue Edward Steichen
L-2540 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 24 68 1

Emile Mayrisch Hospital (Centre Hospitalier Emile Mayrisch)

Rue Emile Mayrisch
L-4005 Esch-sur-Alzette
Tel.: (+ 352) 57 11 - 1
Internet: www.chem.lu

St. Louis Hospital - Northern Regional Hospital (Hôpital St-Louis – Centre Hospitalier du Nord)

120, av. Salentiny
L-9080 Ettelbruck
Tel.: (+352) 81 66 1

Luxembourg Air Rescue

175A, rue de Cessange
L-1321 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 48 90 06
Internet: www.lar.lu



Reimbursement of medical and dental expenses

In Luxembourg, all workers are automatically covered by one of the country's health insurance funds. Medical specialists and dental surgeons can be consulted without a prior visit to a general practitioner. Depending on the type of service provided, health insurance covers 80%, 95% or 100% of the fees charged by the doctor or dentist.

All of the country's doctors operate under the national healthcare scheme and must charge the government-regulated fees to patients holding a European health insurance card or an equivalent certificate of insurance.

Patients typically pay medical fees and then request reimbursement from one of the health insurance centres upon presentation of the paid doctor's bill.

Health insurance covers 80% to 100% of the official rate for most medical treatments, including physiotherapy, outpatient nursing care, medical laboratory services and X-rays. Certain services are only reimbursed with prior authorisation from the health insurance fund. It is best to ask the doctor in advance whether prior approval is required for reimbursement of the services requested.

Reimbursement for prescription drugs is 0%, 40%, 80% or 100%, depending on the category of drug.

Maternity insurance, parental leave and day-care centres

Maternity benefit is paid during the legal period of maternity leave, i.e. at least eight weeks before childbirth to eight weeks after childbirth. This period is extended up to 12 weeks in the event of a premature or multiple birth as well as for mothers breastfeeding their infant.

The maternity benefit is the equivalent of the gross taxable income that the insured woman would have earned if she had continued to work, and is paid by health insurance. The maternity-leave period is considered equivalent to an actual period of employment; as a result, the woman still accumulates annual leave.

Both the mother and father are entitled to parental leave. Full-time parental leave is granted for six months, while part-time leave is granted for 12 months. Either the mother or father must take parental leave right after the end of maternity leave. The other parental-leave period can be taken by the other parent anytime until the child reaches the age of five. Only those individuals who have worked in Luxembourg for at least 12 months prior to the birth of a child are eligible for parental leave. Parental leave can be full- or part-time (with the agreement of the employer).

For more information

Complete list of social security agencies

www.secu.lu

Information for tourists about health care services during their stay in Luxembourg

www.secu.lu/informations_touristes/sommaire.htm

Social Security Office (Centre Commun de la Sécurité Sociale) Registration Department (Département Affiliation)

125 route d'Esch
L-2975 Luxembourg
Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Tel.: (+352) 40 141 – 1
Fax: (+352) 40 44 81
Internet: www.ccss.lu

Federation of Health Insurance Funds (Union des caisses de maladie or UCM)

125, route d'Esch
L- 1471 Luxembourg
Hours: 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tel.: 49 83 31-1
Fax: 49 83 32
E-mail: ucm@secu.lu
Internet: www.ucm.lu

For more information

National Family Benefits Office (Caisse nationale des prestations familiales or CNPF)

1A, bd Prince Henri
L-1724 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 47 71 53 1
Fax: (+352) 47 71 53 328
Internet: www.cnpf.lu

Luxembourg offers many day-care centres for babies and children. The State regulates both public (officially recognised) and private day-care centres.

List of day-care centres in Luxembourg:

www.petitweb.lu/textesentrenous/memocreches.htm

Information about day-care centres and other information about children in Luxembourg City:

www.vdl.lu

Information about day-care centres in Esch-Alzette:

www.esch.lu

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



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Pre-school education

There are two types of preschool education: early education and preschool. Early education is optional and is designed for three-year-olds. It focuses on play and is tailored to the age and needs of each child. Preschool (Spillschoul in Luxembourgish) is compulsory for children who have reached the age of four before 1 September. Parents must register their children for preschool at the town hall of the city in which they reside.

For more information

Addresses for Luxembourg City and Esch-Alzette:

Luxembourg City:

Preschool
Education Department (office 306)
 20, rue du Commerce
 L-1351 Luxembourg-Gare

Primary school
Education and Special Needs Department
 110, avenue Gaston Diderich
 L-1420 Luxembourg-Belair

Ville d'Esch-Alzette:

Preschool and primary school
Education Department–Esch-sur-Alzette
 10, rue du Commerce
 L-4067 Esch-sur-Alzette

Primary and secondary schools

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg offers free education and requires two years of preschool, six years of primary school and three years of secondary school. Any child reaching the age of six before 1 September must attend primary school. The major subjects taught at the primary level are German, French, Luxembourgish, mathematics, geography, history, introduction to science, natural sciences, information technology, art, music, physical education and moral or religious instruction.

The State's secondary schools teach traditional subjects that prepare students for institutions of higher learning. Secondary school lasts seven years and includes three years of specialisation, grades 3, 2 and 1.

In addition to the State education system, Luxembourg has a large number of private schools, including four Catholic schools.

The Grand Duchy also has a large number of international schools. The English-language International School of Luxembourg (ISL) instructs students ranging in age from 3 to 18. The city of Luxembourg has a European school located close to European Union institutions. The school offers classes in most of the languages of the EU's Member States. Saint George International School caters to children aged 2 to 11 of any nationality who wish to follow a comprehensive course of study in English. The French-language Ecole Maternelle et Primaire Française (EFL) [French kindergarten and primary school] instructs children of various nationalities from the age of 3. Lycée Français Vauban provides a French-language education for students aged 12 to 18. EFL and Lycée Vauban are both recognised by the French Education Ministry.

For more information

Ministry of Education (Ministère de l'Education Nationale)

29, rue Aldringen
L-2926 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 47 85 24 1
E-mail: info@men.lu
Internet: www.men.lu

International School of Luxembourg

36, bd. Pierre Dupong
L-1430 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 26 04 40
E-mail: information@islux.lu
Internet: www.islux.lu

European School (Ecole Européenne)

23, bd. Konrad Adenauer
L-1115 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 43 20 82-1
Internet: www.euroschool.lu

Saint George's International School

Rue des Marguerites
L-2127 Weimershof
Tel.: (+352) 42 32 24
E-mail: information@st-george.lu
Internet: www.st-georges.lu

French School of Luxembourg (Ecole française du Luxembourg or EFL)

188, av. de la Fai'encerie
L-1511 LUXEMBOURG
Tel.: (+352) 46 37 72 1
Fax: (+352) 46 05 01
E-mail: ecole.francaise@empf.lu
www.empf.lu

French Lycée of Luxembourg (Lycée français de Luxembourg or Vauban)

4, av. Joseph Sax
L-2515 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 46 20 55 1
E-mail: lyc-fran@vauban.lu
Internet: www.vauban.lu

Higher Education at Luxembourg University

Luxembourg University (www.uni.lu) was created in 2003 and is comprised of three faculties. Among its most recognised degree programmes are its Master in Business and Finance awarded by the Luxembourg School of Finance (LSF), part of the Finance Department of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance.

Faculty of Sciences, Technology and Communication

- Academic Bachelor in Life Sciences
- Academic Bachelor in Science and Engineering
- Professional Bachelor in Engineering and Computer Sciences
- Master in Mathematics
- Master in Information and Computer Sciences

Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance

- Bachelor in Law
- Academic Bachelor in Economics and Management
- Professional Bachelor in Management Sciences
- Professional Bachelor in Management Information Systems
- Master in Law
- MS in Information and Computer Sciences
- Master in Finance Luxembourg School of Finance

Faculty of Language and Literature, Humanities, Arts and Education

- Bachelor in Social Sciences: Social work and Counselling
- Bachelor in Education
- Academic Bachelor in Psychology
- Bachelor in European Cultures
- Professional Master in Mediation
- Academic Master in European Studies, with a speciality in European History
- Academic Master in Psychology: Evaluation and Assessment



The university pursues a policy of outreach, making an effort to attract an increasing number of foreign students in addition to natives of Luxembourg. Most of its programmes are developed in cooperation with prestigious foreign universities, allowing students to combine coursework in Luxembourg with one or more years of study abroad. Scientific research also benefits from close ties with other universities.

In addition, Luxembourg offers other opportunities for higher learning:

Institut Universitaire International de Luxembourg (www.iuil.lu) offers seminars and several Master-level programmes;

Sacred Heart University (www.shu.lu) awards MBAs and Graduate Professional Certificates;

Miami University of Ohio (USA) has a Luxembourg campus, where it offers university-level courses;

Open University Business School (www.open.ac.uk) offers Master-level correspondence courses in English in the fields of management and new technologies.

Furthermore, several internationally-renowned universities located close to Luxembourg offer additional opportunities for university study. Including Université Libre de Bruxelles in Belgium; Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium; Université Robert Schuman in Strasbourg, France; Université Henri Poincaré in Nancy, France; Trier University in Germany and Heidelberg University in Germany.

For more information

Luxembourg University (Université du Luxembourg)

162a, av. de la Faiëncerie
L-1511 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 46 66 44 1
Internet: www.uni.lu

Luxembourg School of Finance

290, route d'Esch
L-1471 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 26 11 44 1
E-mail: info@lsf.lu
Internet: www.lsf.lu

Miami University Luxembourg

Château de Differdange
L-4524 Differdange
Tel.: (+352) 58 22 22 1
Internet: www.units.muohio.edu/luxembourg

Sacred Heart University Luxembourg

7, rue Alcide de Gasperi
L-2981 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 22 76 13
E-mail: academics@shu.lu
Internet: www.shu.lu

Open University Business School in Luxembourg

Tel.: (+ 352) 44 40 91 801
Fax.: (+ 352) 44 40 91 802
E-mail: valerie.scott@open.ac.uk
Internet: www3.open.ac.uk/oubs/luxembourg





Lifelong learning

Luxembourg offers many job training opportunities. A number of institutes, schools and other organisations provide high-quality training programmes in a wide range of fields.

The mission of the Institut de Formation de la Chambre de Commerce (IFCC) [Chamber of Commerce Training Institute] is to meet the many training needs expressed by businesses, particularly in accounting, finance, marketing, management, human resources development, personal development, law and taxation.

The Institut de Formation Bancaire au Luxembourg (IFBL), created by the Luxembourg Bankers and Bank Association (ABBL), provides training in the fields of banking and finance.

The Chambre des Employés Privés (CEPL) [Chamber of Private Employees] offers computer science courses in the fields of law, management and economics, to name a few. It also gives university-level courses in cooperation with the Open University (UK) in the areas of management and new technologies.

Luxembourg also has a large number of language schools. Because multilingualism is so common in Luxembourg, the country offers numerous opportunities for perfecting foreign language skills at all levels. The Centre de Langues de Luxembourg has special programmes, particularly in the form of night classes, for learning the country's eight most commonly spoken languages: the three official languages (French, German and Luxembourgish), English, Dutch, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish.

In addition to the Centre de Langues de Luxembourg, a number of private language schools offer many courses teaching other languages as well.

For more information

Chamber of Commerce Training Institute (Institut de formation de la Chambre de Commerce or IFCC)

7, rue Alcide de Gasperi - L-2981 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 42 39 39 220
E-mail: info@ifcc.lu - Internet: www.ifcc.lu

Luxembourg Bankers Training Institute (Institut de formation bancaire, Luxembourg or IFBL)

7, rue Alcide de Gasperi - L-2981 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 46 50 16 1
E-mail: customer@ifbl.lu - Internet: www.ifbl.lu

Chamber of Private Employees (Chambre des Employés Privés or CEPL)

13, rue de Bragance - L-1255 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 44 40 91 1 - Internet: www.cepl.lu

Chamber of Trades

2, Circuit de la Foire Internationale Luxembourg-Kirchberg
L-1016 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 42 67 67 -1
E-mail: contact@cdm.lu - Internet: www.cdm.lu

Institut National pour le développement de la Formation Professionnelle Continue (INFPC)

38, rue de l'Avenir - L-1147 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 46 96 12-1
E-mail: infpc@infpc.lu - Internet: www.infpc.lu

Language Centre – Luxembourg (Centre de Langues – Luxembourg or CLL)

21, bd de la Foire - L-1528 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 26 44 30 1
E-mail: secretariat@cll.lu - Internet: www.cll.lu

Office Luxembourgeois pour l'Accroissement de la Productivité (OLAP asbl)

17 boulevard Royal - L-2449 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 48 98 48-1
E-mail: form.continue@olap.lu - Internet: www.olap.lu

MOVING TO LUXEMBOURG PRACTICAL INFORMATION



Luxembourg is a small country so it is easy to make direct contact with the authorities. The legal formalities are thus much easier to manage, especially with regard to obtaining government documents. Furthermore, Luxembourg City has created a one-stop centre, the “Biergercenter”, to streamline administrative requirements. At the centre, you will be able to receive most of the information you need and handle nearly all of the required formalities.

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For more information

Luxembourg City:

Bierger-Center

51, boulevard Royal

Luxembourg

Tel.: (+352) 47 96 22 00

For other cities, please contact the local government for the town in which you reside.

Entry and residence requirements

The entry and residence requirements differ depending on whether the individual is a citizen of a European Union Member State, a European Economic Area Member State (EEA), Switzerland or a third country.

Citizens of EU member countries, EEA Member states and Switzerland may enter Luxembourg simply by presenting a national identity card or a valid passport. Citizens of other countries eager to stay more than 3 months in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg must be in possession of a provisional authorization of stay. This authorization can be delivered for maximal duration of one year.

Any foreign citizen older than fifteen and wishing to stay in the Grand-Duchy more than three months must apply to a "residence permit of national of a Member State of the EEC" when it is given to a EU national and "identity card for foreigner" (residence permit) when it is intended to the nationals of Non-UE member states. The card is delivered in theory for a 5 years duration; it can be delivered for a shorter term if the circumstances require it and when it corresponds to the foreseeable duration of the stay within the Grand-Duchy. The card is renewable on request and can be renewed successively for a maximum duration of 5 years each time.

Concerning working permits, the access to the labour market is free for the nationals of the European Union member states (restrictions remain applicable to the nationals of the 8 new Member States of the European Union until May 2009), of EEA Member states and Switzerland. The nationals of non-EU country and the nationals of the EU subjected to restrictions until 2009 must apply to the delivery of work permit. The request is made by the employer near the Administration of employment (ADEM).

For more information

Foreign Affairs and Immigration Ministry
(Ministère des Affaires étrangères et de l'Immigration)
 Immigration Department
 12-16, av. Monterey
 L-2163 Luxembourg
 Tel.: (+352) 478 4040
 Fax: (+352) 22 16 08
 Internet: www.mae.lu

Work permits

Any non-citizen wishing to work in the Grand Duchy must fulfil the country's entry and residence requirements, which come under the jurisdiction of the local government of the town in which the individual resides (see "Entry and residence requirements"). After fulfilling these requirements, the individual must obtain a work permit.

A work permit is not required for citizens of the EU, EEA and Switzerland.

For citizens of other countries, the work permit is issued by the Minister of Employment or his/her representative upon the recommendation of the labour authorities and of a special commission charged with assessing the status, trends and structure of the job market. The issuance of a work permit is subject to the condition that the employer provides a bank guarantee through an authorised establishment.

Before a foreign employee begins work, the employer must send a declaration to the labour authorities (Administration de l'Emploi or ADEM) concerning the employee's job. The labour authorities then send a receipt for this declaration to the employee. This receipt provides authorisation for temporary employment. ADEM may check whether the employee has the necessary qualifications to fulfil the requirements of the occupation indicated in the request. The granting of a work permit may be subject to the signing of an employment contract.

A collective authorisation may be issued on an exceptional basis for a group of foreign workers temporarily seconded to the Grand Duchy by either a foreign or Luxembourgish company, upon request by the company employing the workers in question. This authorisation cannot exceed eight months.

For more information

Labour and Employment Ministry
(Ministère du Travail et de l'Emploi)
 26, rue Zithe
 L-2939 Luxembourg
 Tel.: (+352) 47 86 11 8
 Fax: (+352) 47 86 32 5
 Internet: www.mt.etat.lu

Housing

Luxembourg has a wide range of upscale housing in quiet neighbourhoods as well as less expensive options. The Ministry of Housing provides various types of financial assistance for the construction, acquisition and renovation of housing. In 2003, a housing research agency was created to facilitate housing development planning in Luxembourg.

For more information

Info'logement
 Tel.: (+352) 478-4860
 Fax: (+352) 45 88 44
 Internet: www.logement.lu

Setting up a business

One of the vital tasks of the Chamber of Commerce is the promotion of an entrepreneurial spirit. The approaches taken are varied and include awareness campaigns (events, publications, involvement with the media), active support for business creation, and dialogue at national, regional and international level with other organizations pursuing similar objectives.

Espace Entreprises : the «one-stop shop» for business entrepreneurs

In order to better serve its customers, the Chamber of Commerce has set up an Espace Entreprises, a business area which brings together in a single location and in a convivial atmosphere all information, advice and services relating to the creation or boosting of an economic activity:

- **Documentation centre:**

The Espace Entreprises provides comprehensive documentation in the areas of law, finance and economics.

- **Individual advice to companies and business founders:**

The advice and individual assistance provided by the Espace Entreprises covers all economic, legal, fiscal, corporate and administrative aspects of small and medium-sized enterprises, whether at the stage of the creation or takeover, expansion, transfer or assignment of a company. One of the vital roles of the Espace Entreprises is to facilitate the administrative steps to be taken when setting up a new business (set-up authorization, assistance with entry in the Commercial Register, obtaining a VAT registration number, declarations to the tax authorities, etc.). The Espace Entreprises also serves as an intermediary with regard to the preparation and submission of applications for government investment aid.

- **Import-export service:**

The Espace Entreprises provides a whole range of services linked to import-export activities, including the issue of ATA Carnets for the temporary exportation of equipment, the issue of certificates of origin, allocation of EAN codes (barcodes). It also offers sector-based lists of Luxembourg companies and provides interested individuals and companies with directories and catalogues from over 40 countries.

For more information

Chambre de Commerce - Espace Entreprises

7, rue Alcide de Gasperi
L-2981 Luxembourg
Tel. : (+352) 42 39 39 – 330
E-mail: entreprises@cc.lu
Internet : www.cc.lu

Registering a vehicle

Anyone seeking a Luxembourg registration plate for a vehicle originally registered in a foreign country (usually requested by vehicle-owners moving to Luxembourg) must have the vehicle inspected in Luxembourg.

In general, the following documents are required for registration of a vehicle:

request for a registration card (a form to fill out)

a special €50 tax (timbre de chancellerie)

document identifying the legitimate owner of the vehicle, such as an invoice or sales contract

document proving payment of VAT, such as a receipt or VAT number

certificate confirming that the vehicle is covered by valid civil-liability insurance

document proving payment of customs duties, such as a “705 sticker”

certificate proving that the vehicle belongs to an approved vehicle category

vehicle registration document from the country of origin, such as a registration card or certificate or a statutory off-road notification

In principle, vehicle owners must present originals of the above-mentioned documents. However, a certified true copy of certain documents will be accepted.

For more information

Transport Ministry (Ministère des Transports)

11, rue Notre Dame
L-2240 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 478 44 00
Fax.: (+352) 24 18 17

Customs Centre (Centre douanier)

Croix de Gasperich (near the Park & Ride Sud)
B.P. 1122
L-1011 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 49 88 58 - 229
Internet: www.do.etat.lu

Vehicle Registration Service

(Service d'immatriculation des Véhicules)

Sandweiler Inspection Station

11, route de Luxembourg
L-5230 Sandweiler
Tel.: (+352) 35 72 14 - 1

Relocation firms

Relocation firms advise and assist expatriates with their move to a new country. Generally comprised of multilingual staff, they help expatriates with every aspect of the move, including logistical support and formalities, thus helping newcomers establish themselves in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

These firms serve both individuals and companies.

Following is a partial list of relocation firms operating in the Grand Duchy.

AB-LUX Relocation Services Luxembourg

17, rue Saint Ulrich
L-2651 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 26 18 76 46
Fax: (+352) 27 62 63 65
Mobile: (+352) 021 718 748
E-mail: info@ab-lux.com
Internet: www.ab-lux.com

ASSIST Relocation Service

82, bd Napoleon 1er
L-2210 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 518018
Fax: (+352) 26513378
E-Mail: hoff@pt.lu
Internet: www.assist-hoff.com

European Relocation Services

115, rue de Luxembourg
L-8077 Bertrange
Tel.: (+352) 26 64 99 22
Fax: (+352) 26 10 88 22
E-mail: info@europeanrelocationservices.lu
Internet: www.europeanrelocationservices.lu

Integreat S.A.

Relocation Services

9-11, rue Louvigny
L-1946 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 26 44 16 73
Fax: (+352) 26 44 19 73
Mobile: (+352) 021 13 40 74
E-mail: integreat@vip.lu
Internet: www.integreat.lu

Interior Rent Luxembourg

63, rue des Trévires
L-2628 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+ 352) 49 83 89
Fax: (+ 352) 49 83 99
E-mail: info@interiorrent.com
Internet: www.interiorrent.com

Settler International Luxembourg

21, rue Jean-Pierre Sauvage
Résidence Beryl
L-2514 Luxembourg - Kirchberg
Tel.: (+352) 43 15 96-1
Fax: (+352) 43 15 22
E-mail: settler@settler.lu
Internet: www.settler.lu

Partial list of expatriate organisations in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Many organisations cater to foreign expatriates, offering their members social and cultural activities. Following is a partial list of expatriate organisations in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg:

Luxembourg Flemish Association (Association des flamands vivant au Luxembourg)

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Luxembourg at a glance

Political structure

Official name	Grand-Duché de Luxembourg
Official languages	Luxembourgish («Lëtzebuergesch»), French and German
Form of government	Constitutional monarchy under the system of parliamentary democracy
Head of State	H.R.H. the Grand Duke Henri
Head of government	Jean-Claude Juncker, Prime Minister
Capital	Luxembourg City
Cities and towns	116
Largest cities	Luxembourg City (76,400 inhabitants), Esch-sur-Alzette (28,000), Differdange (19,000) (2005)
Natural areas	North: Oesling (32% of the country's area)
South: Gutland	(68% of the country's area)

Territory

Area	2,586 sq. km
Built -up area	8.7%
Maximum dimensions	82 km from north to south and 57 km from east to west
Highest elevation	560 m (Wilwerdange)
Lowest elevation	130 m (Wasserbillig)

Population

Total population	459,500 (2006) Luxembourg nationals: 277,700 (60.4%) foreign residents: 181,800 (39.6%) Portuguese: 67,800 (14.8% of the total population) French: 22,900 (5% of the total population) Italian: 18,800 (4% of the total population) Belgian: 16,100 (3.5% of the total population) German: 10,400 (2.3% de the total population)
Density	177.7 inhabitants / sq. km (2006)
Working population	215,000 (2006)
Life expectancy at birth	74,9 years for men, 81 years for women (2000/2002)

Economy and employment

Currency	Euro
Gross domestic product (GDP)	31.727 billion euros (2006)
GDP per capita	69,122 euros
Domestic employment	325,000 people (2006)
Workers from neighbouring countries	127,000 (2006)
Unemployment rate	4.5 % (2006)
Number of banks	154 (2006)
Number of companies	26,932 (2005) 2,449 agricultural and winegrowing enterprises (9.33%) 13 companies specialising in the extraction of non-energy products (0.04%) 961 manufacturers (3.57%) 76 energy and water companies (0.28%) 2,049 construction companies (7.61%) 21,384 companies offering goods and services (79.39%)

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