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Luxembourg



Luxembourg is a small but highly influential European country located at the crossroads of Western Europe, bordered by Belgium, France and Germany. Despite its size, it plays a significant role in international finance, European governance and innovation, supported by a stable political system and a highly open economy. Its rich historical heritage, multicultural society and strategic economic diversification have positioned Luxembourg as one of the most prosperous countries in the world.

Country Facts

Official name:	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Political system:	Parliamentary democracy in the form of a constitutional monarchy. The only Grand Duchy in the world.
Head of State:	Grand Duke Guillaume (Guillaume V) - 2025
Languages:	National: Luxembourgish (Lëtzebuergesch) Official: Luxembourgish, French and German
Population:	672 050 (April 2025 – Luxembourg.lu)
GDP:	\$100.64 billion (2025 estimates)
Climate:	Temperate Western European
Electricity:	Sockets for plug type F (so-called Schuko plugs)
Main voltage:	230 V, frequency 50 Hz.
Drinking water:	Tap water is drinkable in Luxembourg

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» The History of Luxembourg

The foundations of Luxembourg were laid in 963, when Count Siegfried acquired a small fort perched on a rocky outcrop in exchange for land. The castle prospered and became the region's economic, political, and religious centre. In 1443, Philip the Good conquered the city, ushering in a period of rule by the House of Burgundy, followed by the Spanish and Austrian Habsburgs. During this time, the fortress was continually expanded and adapted to meet military needs, earning Luxembourg the nickname "Gibraltar of the North."



In 1815, at the Congress of Vienna, Luxembourg was elevated to the status of Grand Duchy, and the King of the Netherlands was appointed Grand Duke. In 1839, the country's borders were established, and in 1859 it received a major economic boost with the opening of its first railway connection.

In 1867, after Luxembourg's neutrality was proclaimed at the London Conference, the fortress was dismantled. The demolition took sixteen years and created space for new parks and urban districts. In 1890, King and Grand Duke William III died without a male heir, leading to the accession of Duke Adolphe, the first Grand Duke from the House of Nassau-Weilburg, who made the city his residence.

Urban development after the two World Wars, as part of the broader European project, proved to be a key driver for Luxembourg. In 1957, the Treaty of Rome established the European Economic Community, creating a common market among the participating member countries: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. Luxembourg is also a founding member of the Schengen Agreement, signed in 1985, which abolished border checks between participating states. The agreement is named after a small town in Luxembourg that is located on the border with France and Germany.

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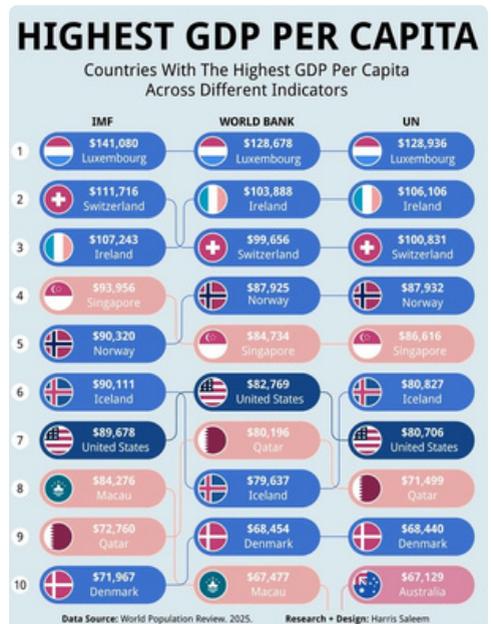
» The Economy of Luxembourg

Luxembourg's economy has undergone significant structural transformation over time. Initially based on agriculture and small-scale craft production, the country evolved into a major industrial economy during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, largely as a result of the expansion of the steel industry.

By the mid-twentieth century, steel production had become the principal source of national wealth and employment, leaving a lasting cultural and architectural legacy in the southern region known as the Minett, where numerous industrial sites and mining landscapes remain visible today.¹

For several decades, the steel sector acted as the primary engine of economic growth. However, the global oil shock and the broader European steel crisis of the 1970s exposed the risks associated with excessive dependence on heavy industry.²

In response, successive governments introduced policies aimed at economic diversification, encouraging the development of new industries and supporting the expansion of financial services through favourable regulatory and fiscal frameworks.



These reforms enabled Luxembourg's transition into one of the world's leading international financial centres and contributed to the emergence of a predominantly service-based economy.

Footnotes:

1. Luxembourg Public (2023) *The steel industry in Luxembourg*. Luxembourg Government Portal.
2. Luxembourg Public (2023) *The steel industry in Luxembourg*. Luxembourg Government Portal.

For more information on the Economy in Luxembourg: [CLICK HERE](#)

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» The Economy of Luxembourg

Today, Luxembourg is regarded as one of the most dynamic economies in Europe and among the most open globally. In international rankings related to territorial competitiveness that measures economic performance, government efficacy, business efficiency and infrastructure, Luxembourg places in the global top twenty.¹

Luxembourg is also widely recognised as the economic engine of the Greater Region, a cross-border area comprising territories from four neighbouring countries.

Although the financial sector continues to represent the backbone of the national economy, considerable efforts have been made to further diversify economic activity. As a result, Luxembourg has developed into a major logistics hub and has established itself as a global leader in satellite technology and digital innovation.² These developments are underpinned by a highly skilled, productive and internationally diverse workforce, which plays a central role in sustaining the country's overall economic performance.



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Footnotes:

1. 2025 IMD World Competitiveness ranking.
2. OQ technology launches 5NETSAT: Europe's first direct-to-mobile satellite mission (2025) OQ Technology Launches 5NETSAT: Europe's First Direct-to-Mobile Satellite Mission - Trade & Invest.

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Fun Facts about LUXEMBOURG

1

All public transport including trains (second class), trams and buses are free in Luxembourg

2

Approximately 47% (2021) of the resident population do not have the Luxembourgish nationality. This is due to one and a half centuries of immigration

3

Over 200 000 employees commute from neighbouring countries to Luxembourg daily

4

Luxembourg currently has the second highest density of Michelin-starred restaurants per inhabitant in the world (after Japan).

5

Luxembourg is a founding member of the EU

6

The entire old quarter of Luxembourg City is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

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The global headquarters of Ferrero, the company that produces Nutella, is based in Luxembourg

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Luxembourg City itself enjoys equal rights with Brussels and Strasbourg as one of the three official EU capitals.

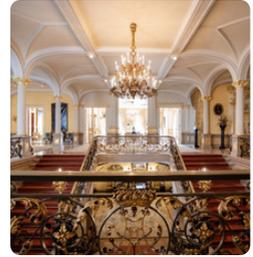


Places to see

» Grand Ducal Palace

The site of the current palace was where the first town hall of Luxembourg was located. The origins date as far back as 1418. Since 1890 the location has served as the Grand Ducal Palace as it is the official residence of the Grand Ducal family.

Photo Credit: 3 x Grand Ducal Palace
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» Chemin de la Corniche

Photo Credit: Chemin de la Corniche
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Known as "Europe's most beautiful balcony," the Chemin de la Corniche follows the Alzette valley along 17th-century Spanish and French ramparts, stretching from the Bock Promontory to the Holy Ghost Citadel.



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Places to see

» Petrusse Casemates

The Pétrusse Casemates in Luxembourg have their origins in the period when the Spanish authorities modernised the city's medieval defensive works, including the construction of substantial bastions such as the Beck Bastion, whose platform forms the present Place de la Constitution. In 1673, the Spaniards built the Ravelin du Pâté – a half-moon shaped defensive outwork – to strengthen the Beck bastion. This element of the fortifications is notable as one of the few largely preserved structures in Luxembourg City.

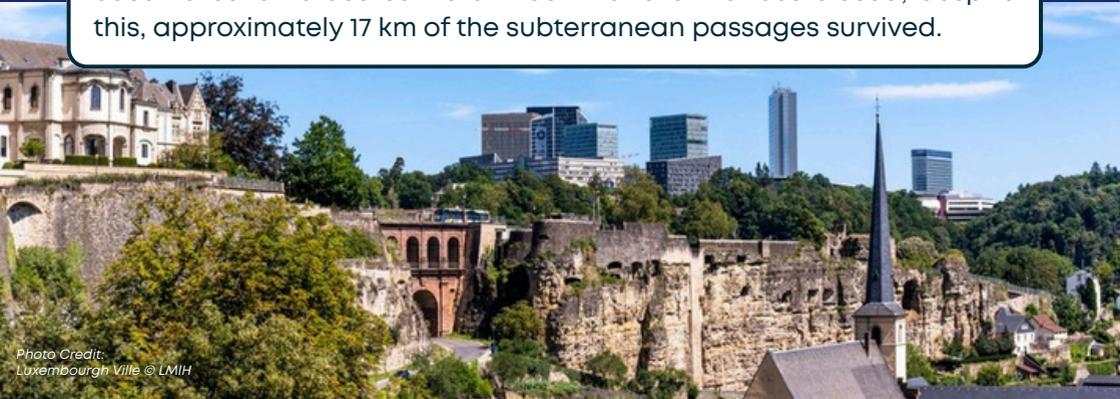
Maréchal Vauban, the renowned French military engineer, later modified the Pétrusse fortifications, giving them much of their current form.

In 1728–29, under Austrian control, the Écluse Bourbon and the associated grand staircase were constructed, and in 1746 the network of caverns known as the Batterie de la Pétrusse was built.



Photo Credit: Petrusse Casemates
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Following the Treaty of London in 1867, which mandated the dismantling of Luxembourg's fortress defences, many of the casemates' embrasures were filled in and entrances closed; despite this, approximately 17 km of the subterranean passages survived.



Places to see

» Notre Dame Cathedral

The Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin was originally a Jesuit church, its foundation stone laid in 1613. While primarily Late Gothic, many of its components were inspired by Renaissance style. The Cathedral houses the image of Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted, a miraculous figure and the patron saint of both Luxembourg City and the nation.



Photo Credit: 2 x Cathedral Notre Dame Luxembourg
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In 1870 Pope Pius IX dedicated the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin and between 1935 – 1938 the entire site was enlarged to become what travellers from all over the world see today.

» Adolphe Bridge

Also called New Bridge, the Adolphe Bridge was built between 1900 – 1903 during the rule of the Grand Duke Adolphe. At the time, the stone arch of this bridge was the biggest in the world and attracted a lot of interest. The double arch spans 85 metres across the Petrusse valley with a height of 42 metres and a total length of 153 metres.



Photo Credit: Adolphe Bridge
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» The Crypt of St Esprit

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The crypt lies hidden beneath the City's Justice quarter and is a remarkable archaeological space that has preserved the vestiges of a medieval convent and a later military occupation.



» The Three Towers

Photo Credit: Three Towers LCTO



Part of the historic monuments of Luxembourg city. The central tower which appears as a square dates to around 1200 and the two circular towers which were added later date to the 14th century.

» Wenzel Wall



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This wall protected the inhabitants of the valley. It was originally 875m long, the wall boasts 37 towers and 15 gates.



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Places to see

» Dräi Eechelen Museum

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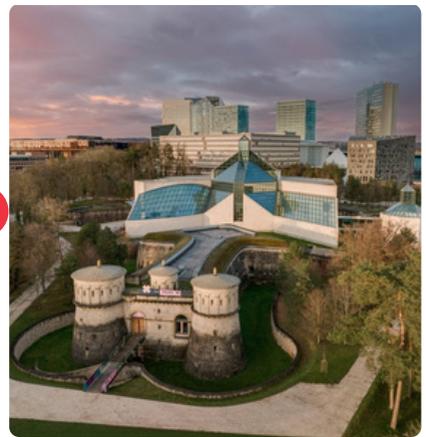


The Museum was first built in 1732 and is located inside the renovated Fort Thüngen. Boasting an impressive collection of underground tunnels and mines, the building still largely remains as it was when it was last extended in 1836/37.

» Mudam Musée

Photo Credit: Mudam Musée Dräi Eechelen Kirchberg © Pierre BK LCTO

Renowned architect Leoh Ming Pei selected the historic location of Fort Thüngen on the Kirchberg plateau in Luxembourg City as the site for the Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean (Mudam), integrating the contemporary museum within the context of the former fort's remains to create a dialogue between the city's historical fabric and modern architectural expression.



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Delegate Programme

DAY 1 THURSDAY 7 MAY

- 15:00 Check in and registration at Le Royal Hotel, Luxembourg
19:00 Meet in the reception of the hotel to walk to dinner
Welcome Dinner at Restaurant SixSeven
(Address: 103 Grand-Rue, 1660 Ville-Haute Luxembourg)
Dress Code: Smart Casual



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2 x Restaurant SixSeven
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Overnight: Le Royal Hotel, Luxembourg

DAY 2 FRIDAY 8 MAY

- 08:00 Breakfast at the hotel
09:00 **IPG Conference begins**
12:30 Lunch at the hotel
14:00 Afternoon session begins
17:00 **Conference ends**
19:00 Meet in the hotel foyer
19:15 Depart by coach for the **Gala Dinner at Chou Chou**
Dress Code: Formal



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- 23:30 Return to the hotel

Overnight: Le Royal Hotel, Luxembourg

Delegate Programme

DAY 3 SATURDAY 9 MAY

- 08:00 Breakfast at the hotel
09:00 **IPG Conference begins**
12:00 Lunch at the hotel
13:50 Meet in the hotel foyer for a **'City Play Challenge'**

Participants will be divided into smaller teams and sent on an exciting yet challenging mission to find certain landmarks and hidden gems in the city of Luxembourg. To lift the trophy to the sky, the teams have to put on a show, film themselves and complete as many challenges as possible. In the process, they race against the others, discovering the city in a fun way.

- 16:30 Arrival back at the hotel
19:30 Meet in the hotel foyer
19:45 Depart by coach for the **Farewell Dinner at Come à la Maison**
Dress Code: Smart Casual

Come à la Maison's philosophy is based on family and human values, adopting a slow-food approach through its local relationships, using high-quality products to create traditional Italian recipes whose secret lies in the history of the Laface family



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Come Home © 2025



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- 23:00 Return to the hotel

Overnight: Le Royal Hotel, Luxembourg

DAY 4 SUNDAY 10 MAY

- 08:30 Breakfast at the hotel
12:00 Check-out and depart

Spouses Programme

DAY 2 FRIDAY 8 MAY

- 08:45 Meet in the hotel foyer
09:00 Depart the hotel to travel to Remich – sight-seeing en route
10:00 Depart on a Moselle River Cruise

Remich is a charming town located in the heart of the Luxembourg/Moselle wine region. Along the river, you will pass historic castles and ruins, the beautiful wine-producing villages of the Moselle region, and experience stunning views of the vineyards.



- 11:00 River Cruise ends and transfer to **Chateau de Schengen** for lunch

Located within **Schengen Castle**, the restaurant is located within a historic wing on the estate. The menu offers authentic and inspired seasonal cuisine, prepared with fresh, local, and carefully selected ingredients.



- 15:00 Return to the hotel



Spouses Programme

DAY 03 SATURDAY 9 MAY

09:00

Meet in the hotel foyer

09:15

Depart the hotel to your mornings activity by using the public transport system of Luxembourg

09:30

Enjoy a morning of **'Sip & Paint'** with a buffet brunch included
Social Club Luxembourg

This fun-filled activity includes painting your own 30x40cm masterpiece according to a theme.

Artists will guide you step by step while painting live in front of you, whilst another artist will be available to offer one-on-one help whenever you need it.



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Social Club Luxembourg

13:00

Arrival back at the hotel

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