



# Luxembourg

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## Why Go?

Which European nation, just 84km long, rates among the world's three richest countries? Remarkably the answer is Luxembourg. That's some achievement given its wholesale destruction during WWII, a sad history remembered in war museums across the country. The country's economic miracle started with steel but is now based particularly on banking – Belgians joke that visitors only go there to get their money out. But don't leave Luxembourg to the bankers and Eurocrats. The capital has a fairy-tale quality to its Unesco-listed historic core, dramatically perched on a once-impregnable cliff top. Beyond, you'll rapidly find yourself in rolling part-forested hills where a string of beguiling villages each form attractive huddles beneath medieval castles. Then there's all the fun of the fizz in Moselle wine country and some loveable walks to take in the pretty micro-gorges of Müllerthal. All in all, this little country has plenty of surprises.

## Road Distances (km)





## Luxembourg Highlights

1 Stroll Europe's 'most beautiful balcony', Luxembourg City's **Chemin de la Corniche** (p247)

2 Numerous museums commemorate the tragic Christmas of 1944, none more immediate than Diekirch's **Musée National d'Histoire Militaire** (p263)

3 Cafés, bars and restaurants in Luxembourg City's quaint **Îlot Gourmand** and **Grund** (p251) quarters offer drinking and dining

4 Hiking into the enchanted **Müllerthal** (p259) woodlands and rocky microcanyons from historic **Echternach** (p260)

5 Castles at **Vianden** (p264), **Beaufort** (p262), **Bourscheid** (p263) and **Larochette** (p260) each have their unique appeal

6 Explore Luxembourg City's fascinating **Musée d'Histoire de la Ville de Luxembourg** (p251)

7 Taste the sparkling wines amid the groomed vineyards of the **Moselle Valley** (p258)