

# GROUP INFORMATION GUIDE

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# 1 General information

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## 1.1 Dates & timetable

### General

- Friday 1 May to Saturday 9 May 2026 from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm (last entry at 5.30 pm)
- Sunday 10 May from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm

### Evening openings (Nocturnes)

- Saturday 2 May to Friday 8 May 2026 from 7.00 pm (except Sunday 3 May)

## 1.2 Access

Location: ICC Building (Ghent Congress Centre) - Familie Van Rysselberghedreef 2 - 9000 Ghent

As a group, you should present yourselves with your tickets at the entrance of the ICC building within the selected time slot.

There are two ways to register as a group:

- The group leader prints the tickets and distributes them among the participants.
- The group leader keeps all tickets digitally on a smartphone and has them scanned one by one at the entrance.

An admission ticket for Floraliën Ghent 2026 grants one-time access to the Floraliën site.

## 1.3 Time slot

We aim to offer every visitor the best possible experience. By asking you to select a time slot, we can ensure that maximum capacity is never exceeded and that visitor flow remains smooth at all times. We expect your group to start its visit within the selected time slot.

A time slot indicates the hour during which you may enter, not the exact start time of your visit.

*Example:* if your time slot is 2.00 pm, you may enter between 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm. We expect you to begin your visit during this period.

Once inside, your group can follow the route at its own pace. There is no time limit on the visit. An average visit lasts between 1.5 and 2 hours. Rest areas and experience zones are provided on site.

## 1.4 Exit

After your visit, you will leave the route via the exit at 't Kuipke.

Clear signposting is provided at the exit to help you find your way easily.

Would you like to return to the entrance of Floraliën? A walk of approximately 7 minutes through the Citadel Park will bring you back to the ICC building.

A map with directions can be found under point 5 'Map'.

## 1.5 Food & drinks

Bringing your own food and drinks is not permitted. In the middle of the route, a catering area is provided where you can enjoy a drink or something to eat. At the end of the route, a quick to-go snack is available – perfect for anyone who needs a small bite before departure or on the way home.

More information about catering can be found under point 3 'Catering'.

## 1.6 Photos

Photography and filming with non-professional equipment is permitted at Floraliën. After the event, a selection of atmosphere images taken by our in-house photographers will be published on our website and social media channels.

Taking your own photos? Share them online and tag @floralien.be or use the hashtag #FG26.

## 1.7 Toilets

Free toilets will be available for all visitors during Floraliën Ghent 2026.

## 1.8 Smoke-free buildings

In accordance with the law of 1 January 2005, smoking is prohibited inside buildings during the event. Smoking breaks are not permitted during the visit.

## 1.9 Find the answer to your question

Do you still have questions? Visit [the FAQ page on our website](#).

There you will find answers regarding your visit, tickets and accessibility of Floraliën Ghent.

## 2 Accessibility

### 2.1 Private bus

A hop-on / hop-off zone will be provided on **Hofbouwlaan** in Ghent, where coaches and buses can drop off and pick up groups. Once all passengers have disembarked, the coach **must park** at the **Ghent-Dampoort bus parking** on the outskirts of the city for the remainder of the visit. It is not possible for the coach to remain near the site.

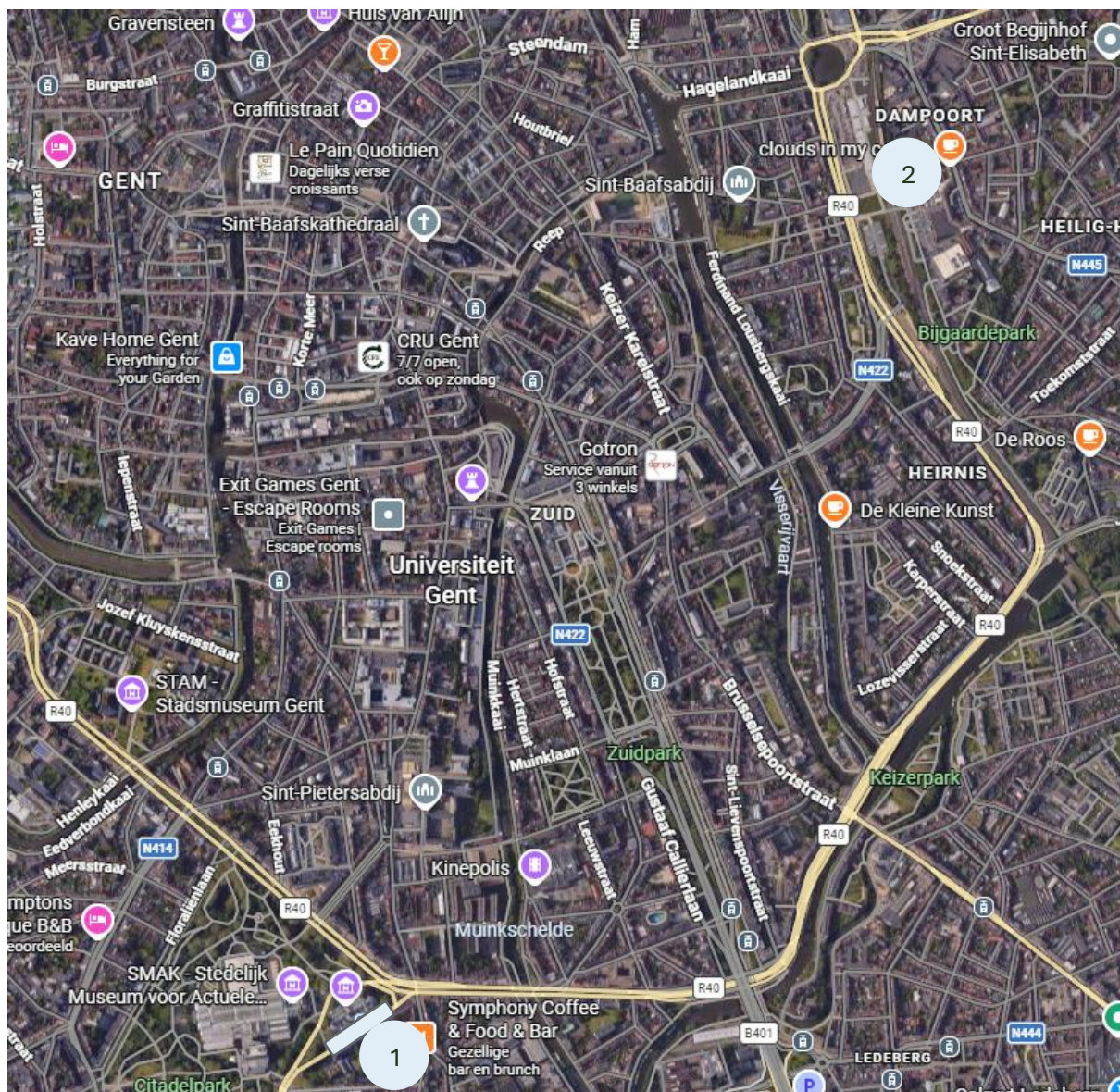
**Are you coming by bus or coach? Please let us know using this form by 24 April.**

**URL: <https://forms.office.com/e/9WbARhE9S2>**

The driver is therefore not permitted to park near Floraliën. We urge you to make this clear to your driver.

Legend:

1. Hop-on / hop-off zone for coaches/buses
2. Ghent-Dampoort bus parking



## 2.2 Bicycle

If you are coming by bike, you can make use of the designated bike parking near the entrance at the ICC building. These are marked in the park.

## 2.3 Public transport

If you arrive by bus or tram, you can get off at one of the nearest stops:

- Ledeganck(straat) – 8 minutes' walk
- Ghent-Sint-Pieters railway station – 14 minutes' walk

[Plan your journey using the De Lijn route planner.](#)

If you are arriving by train, follow the signposting from the station to the entrance of Floraliën Ghent 2026.

Please note that an NMBS code is added to every purchased ticket. With this code, you can travel to Ghent by train comfortably and at a reduced rate for your visit to Floraliën.

The code entitles you to 40% discount on an NMBS Discovery Ticket, available [via the NMBS website](#). This ticket provides a return journey to Ghent-Sint-Pieters, specifically for your visit to Floraliën.

[Plan your journey using the NMBS travel planner.](#)

## 2.4 Car

The Floraliën site and the P+R car parks (The Loop and Watersportbaan) are located outside the LEZ zone. If you arrive by car, you can park for free at a P+R car park on the edge of the city and continue your journey by bus or tram.

- P+R The Loop
  - via bus 77 (stop Flanders Expo – 211026) to stop Ghent Ledeganckstraat (201275)
  - via tram 1 (stop Flanders Expo – 201314) to stop Ghent-Sint-Pieters station (204912)
- P+R Watersportbaan
  - via bus 19 (stop Huis van de Sport) towards Ghent-Sint-Pieters station (weekdays only)

Paid parking is available in city car parks. Please consult [the City of Ghent website](#) for an overview of nearby car parks.

## 3 Catering

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### 3.1 Catering at Floraliën Ghent

Along the route itself and in the immediate surroundings of the event, there are plenty of opportunities to take a break and enjoy a snack or a drink.

Halfway along the route you will find the catering zone, where you can pause for refreshments. Please note that this catering area is only accessible during your visit, and cannot be visited before or after.

At the end of the route, a quick to-go snack is available – perfect for anyone who needs a small bite before departure or on the way home.

Would you like to continue enjoying your day after your visit? In the immediate surroundings of Floraliën Ghent you will find numerous welcoming Ghent cafés and restaurants, ranging from authentic bars to modern lunch spots. An ideal addition to your day out! Visit [the City of Ghent website](#) to discover the best places to eat and drink.

Are you visiting the exhibition ‘East Flanders in Bloom’ at the Provincial House of East Flanders? Before or after your visit, you can dine [at Resto Leo](#). The menu at Resto Leo consists of local regional products from East Flanders. Resto Leo is the new provincial restaurant located in the Provincial House (Leopold Barracks) and includes both a bistro and a self-service restaurant.

### 3.2 Catering for groups

For groups, we offer various catering packages, ranging from breakfast and lunch to afternoon tea. All options and prices can be found in our brochure, allowing you to easily put together a programme that perfectly matches your wishes.

To reserve a catering package for your group, please contact [info@floralien.be](mailto:info@floralien.be) no later than 20 April. Please indicate which package you would like to reserve and at what time. Reservations must be confirmed by email.

## 4 The ideal group visit

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Would you like to extend your day in Ghent or add extra substance to your group programme? Combine your visit to Floraliën with one of the following activities. For more information and practical details, please consult [our website](#).

### 4.1 The Botanical Garden & GUM

During Floraliën, the Botanical Garden and the GUM (Ghent University Museum) form the perfect complement to your programme.

The Botanical Garden is a meeting place for plant lovers, urban gardeners and curious visitors. With more than 12,000 plants, the garden takes you on an inspiring walk past micro-greenhouses showcasing the latest bedding plants, full of ideas for every urban garden.

Upon presentation of your Floraliën ticket, you can visit the GUM for €6. The Botanical Garden can be visited free of charge.

### 4.2 Provincial House of East Flanders

During Floraliën Ghent, there is also plenty to experience at the Provincial House of East Flanders. Discover inspiring lectures, information sessions and demonstrations in the auditorium. A full overview is available [on our website](#).

A selection from the programme:

- Tuesday 5 May 2026 (2.00 pm – 5.00 pm) | Ikebana – the Art of Japanese Flower Arrangement (demonstration)
- Saturday 9 May 2026 (10.00 am – 6.00 pm) | Witches' Day (witches' market – workshops – lectures)

Please note: advance registration is required. Registration is possible via our website.

During the Floraliën Ghent 2026 period, several areas of the Provincial House of East Flanders can also be visited free of charge. Discover a diverse range of exhibitions: admire, among others, the suspended works by Gudrun Cottenier (De Groene Verbeelding), be inspired by Ikebana International, discover the splendour of the Azalea, get to know AVBS (ornamental horticulture and green federation of Flanders) and explore the green concept of Nature@Work.

### 4.3 Liberas

In 2026, Floraliën Ghent and Val-Saint-Lambert will each celebrate their 200th anniversary. This jubilee takes shape in a unique double exhibition at Liberas in Ghent (Kramersplein 23).

Flowers of Ink presents a selection from the exceptional heritage collection of the Royal Society for Agriculture and Botany, featuring botanical illustrations from the Middle Ages to the 19th century. Flowers of Crystal offers a chronological overview of crystal vases and objects by Val-Saint-Lambert, drawn from the collection of the Foundation Madeleine.

The exhibition can be visited free of charge upon presentation of your Floraliën ticket.

## 5 Map

