



Waterloo

SEVERAL COMMEMORATIVE STATUES



are situated along the N5 and the secondary roads adjacent to the Battlefield:

- Victor Hugo's Column,
- The Wounded Eagle Monument,
- The Gordon Monument,
- The Belgian Monument,

- The Prussian Monument,
- Picton's Column etc.

Visitors have free access to all of these monuments.

THE GREAT HISTORICAL FARMS OF THE BATTLE



- Papelotte Farm,
 - Haie-Sainte Farm,
 - Hougoumont Farm,
 - Belle-Alliance Farm,
 - Mont-Saint-Jean Farm,
- still exist but are not open to the public, either because they are on private property or because they

are in need of restoration.

→ Budget



The "1815 Pass", which provides access to all of the museums and attractions at discounted prices, for individuals or groups, is available from our Tourist Office.

Guided tours are available in various languages, subject to booking (at least 8 days in advance).

→ What is the best way to visit Waterloo?

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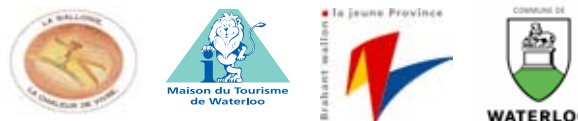
Due to the positioning of the sites, the car (or coach) is the best means of visiting the Battlefield, given that it covers an area of over nine kilometres. There are two **buses** (the W and 365) available to those without private transport.

By car or coach: Waterloo is situated approximately 15 km south of Brussels and the Battlefield stretches along the N5. You can reach Waterloo via the N5 or you can follow the bypass (the Ring) around Brussels. Waterloo is on the eastern part of the Ring. To reach the centre of Waterloo (Wellington Museum and Tourist Office), take Exit 28 if arriving from the north, or Exit 27 if arriving from the south. To arrive directly at the Battlefield, take Exit 25.

By public transport:

By bus : the easiest and cheapest solution for visiting Waterloo is Bus W (or 365). You can purchase a day ticket from the driver that will take you all the way to the centre of Waterloo to visit the Wellington Museum and afterwards you can use the same ticket to get to the Battlefield and then return to Brussels. Every 30 min. a bus departs from Brussels South Station. Bus 365 is the only one that will take you to Napoleon's Last Headquarters in Vieux-Genappe. This bus has a stop in the centre of Waterloo and a stop at the Battlefield, but only departs every two hours from Brussels South Station.

By train: every hour, a train departs for Waterloo (destination Nivelles) from one of the three railway stations in Brussels (Brussels North, Central and South railway stations). From Waterloo railway station, it is a 10 minute walk to Waterloo centre (Tourist Office and Wellington Museum). From the centre of Waterloo, bus W (or 365) departs every 30 minutes for the Battlefield.



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June to September 9.30 am – 6.00 pm - October to May: 10 am – 5 pm (☺)
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→ centre

① THE WELLINGTON MUSEUM



Chaussée de Bruxelles 147
1410 Waterloo
April to Sept. 9.30 am – 6.30 pm
Oct. to March: 10 am – 5 pm*

This Museum is situated in the former stagecoach station where the Duke of Wellington stayed between 17 and 18 June 1815. You

can still visit the Duke's bedroom, the office where he wrote his 'Victory Report', and his aide-de-camp's bedroom. Various other rooms have each been dedicated to an army, and include authentic relics, documents, etchings and weapons of the various nations that took part in the combat. In the final room, the phases of the Battle are depicted through a series of illuminated diagrams, and there is also an impressive collection of rare weapons, such as 'La Suffisante', a 6 pounder cannon, manufactured in 1813, which was retrieved from the battlefield. Your individual ticket for entry to the Museum entitles you to an audio guide available in various languages. Duration of visit: 40 to 50 minutes.

ROYAL CHAPEL AND WATERLOO TOURIST OFFICE



Across the road from the Wellington Museum, St. Joseph's Church is exceptional for its Royal Chapel, surmounted by a splendid green dome dating from the Spanish period (1690). Entrance is free, and beyond the chapel's rotunda, the entrance to

St. Joseph's Church displays a collection of commemorative plates of the various regiments whose soldiers fell during the Battle. Finally, the beautiful white quadrilateral building, built in the 19th century, houses the premises of our Waterloo Tourist Office.

→ 5 Km south of the centre

② THE 6 BATTLEFIELD ATTRACTIONS



Hameau du Lion
Route du Lion 315
1410 Waterloo
April to Oct. 9.30 am – 6.30 pm
Nov. to March: 10 am – 5 pm

The **Lion's Mound** is the Battle's Commemorative Monument. Erected by the Dutch in 1826, from

the top of its 226 steps, it offers a panoramic view over the entire battlefield, where 200,000 soldiers from seven different countries fought on 18 June 1815. The duration of the visit is around 30 min.: 10 min. to ascend, 10 min. to admire the view and regain your breath and 10 min. to descend.

The **2 films** screened in the Visitors' Centre:

Film N°1 - "**Waterloo, Story of a Battle**" provides a better understanding of this battle, as well as its effects on the history of Europe. The film lasts 20 minutes.

Film N°2 - "**Waterloo**" shows a selection of extracts from Sergueï Bondarchuk's film plunging visitors into the heart of the great moments of the battle of 18 June 1815. Duration: 20 minutes.

The **Panorama** is an immense colour and sound fresco, which transports visitors back in time to the heart of the Battlefield. The painting depicts the successive charges of the French Cavalry on the afternoon of 18th June. A visit to the Panorama usually takes around 20-30 min.

The **Wax Museum** portrays Napoleon and his staff on the eve of the Battle as well as the belligerent victors, Wellington and Blücher. A visit to the Museum takes 20 min.

The "**Battlefield Tour**" allows visitors to discover the main battlefield sites, while travelling along historical paths on board a specially adapted vehicle with commentaries. (Attraction available from April to October and at weekends during the winter, weather permitting). The Tour lasts 50 min.

→ 9 Km south of the centre

③ NAPOLEON'S LAST HEADQUARTERS



Chaussée de Bruxelles, 66
1472 Vieux-Genappe
April to October 10 am – 6.30 pm
November to March: 1 pm – 5 pm*

It was in the old farm called Caillou where Napoleon and his staff spent the night of 17th June 1815. Five rooms display weapons, field

equipment, decorations, medals, as well as marvellous dioramas retracing the history of the Imperial armies. In the orchard alongside the Museum, a monument commemorates the last night watch of 'Les Groggnards'.

A visit to the Museum takes 20-30 minutes.

* **Closed on Christmas and New Year's Days.**

