

## Félicien Rops Museum



A perfect place if you appreciate bold art, singular worlds and human-scale museums, to discover solo, as a couple or with fellow art lovers, during a getaway to Namur where creativity converses with reflection and emotion.



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**Saturday :** 10:00 - 18:00

**Sunday :** 10:00 - 18:00

## Reviews

4.5/5 (863 Google reviews)

## Information

### Musée Félicien Rops, entering the free and audacious world of an unconventional artist

The **Musée Félicien Rops** offers a rare and fascinating immersion into the life and work of one of the most singular Belgian artists of the 19th century. Located in **Namur**, in a former town mansion, this monographic museum – unique in Belgium – invites visitors to discover Félicien Rops from his early beginnings to his most **sulphurous** creations, combining biting satire, unapologetic eroticism, dark poetry and social reflection. It is a visit that never leaves anyone indifferent and reveals an artist far more complex than one might expect.

### A monographic museum to understand a free spirit

From the very first rooms, the visit stands out through its **lively and accessible scenography**, guiding visitors through the major stages of Rops' life, from Namur to Brussels and then Paris. Iconic engravings, drawings, rare graphic works, personal correspondence and literary documents interact to provide a nuanced reading of his work. Many visitors leave surprised, discovering an artist who is at once **provocative, engaged, satirical and deeply poetic**, far beyond the simple image of a provocative creator.

### Works that challenge and leave a lasting impression

Some iconic series, such as *Pornocratès* or *Les Sataniques*, provoke genuine **aesthetic shocks**. They invite reflection on desire, death, morality and the hypocrisies of the society of his time. The visit skilfully plays on contrasts, between graphic audacity and intellectual finesse, leaving visitors free to feel, question and sometimes even feel unsettled, yet always with elegance.

### An intimate and sensitive dimension

The museum gives an important place to the **artist's intimacy**. Reading original letters, sometimes through immersive devices, creates an almost confidential moment, as if Rops were speaking directly to the visitor. Here one discovers his thoughts, doubts and passions, but also unexpected aspects of his personality, far removed from the myth of a purely provocative artist.

### A garden as a peaceful pause in the heart of the city

After the intensity of the artworks, the **museum garden** offers a welcome pause. Recreated according to the botanical tastes mentioned by Rops in his correspondence, it forms a **peaceful green setting** in the very heart of Namur. Visitors discover

another side of the artist, a lover of botany and contemplation who enjoyed bringing back plants from his travels to cultivate them. The contrast between the audacity of his engravings and the serenity of the garden is often one of the most memorable aspects of the visit.

## A committed and deeply human museum

The Musée Félicien Rops also stands out for its **strong commitment to cultural mediation**. Workshops, adapted visits, projects with associations and sensory tools reflect a genuine desire to make art accessible to everyone, including audiences who are often distant from cultural institutions. This social and inclusive dimension is an integral part of the museum's identity and reinforces the feeling of an open, attentive and lively place.

## An experience between wonder and provocation

A visit to the **Musée Félicien Rops** evokes contrasting emotions: **wonder** at the richness of the work, **intimacy** when exploring the artist's correspondence, **serenity** during the pause in the garden, and sometimes a touch of **provocation** that encourages reflection without ever becoming gratuitous.

The **Musée Félicien Rops** is an ideal visit for those who appreciate **places with character**, free-spirited artists and cultural experiences that challenge the mind with intelligence.

Calculate your route



Station at 750 m : Namur

Maestro

Reduced mobility visitors

## Opening times

Every day (except Mondays): 10.00 - 18.00 • Closed on 19 and 20/09 - 24, 25, 31/12 and 1/01

## Price

adults €5 (€8 including exhibition) • 60+, students: €2.50 (€4 including exhibition) • children (<12) free of charge • Audio guide: €2 (EN, FR, NL)

## Tour length

1 hr

## Group

Price 5 people or more and school groups: €2.50 (€4 incl. exhibition)

Guided tour From €60 per guide (EN, FR, NL).

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## Weather in Namur

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## Events

Exposition à Namur | Collectionner. Victor Arwas & Félicien Rops





