

Saint Waudru Collegiate Church Treasury



An ideal visit for lovers of sacred art, ancient heritage and places that invite contemplation, to savour fully during a cultural getaway in the heart of Wallonia.



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Reviews

4.6/5 (1949 Google reviews)

Information

Treasury of the Collegiate Church of Sainte-Waudru, a jewel of sacred art in the heart of Mons' history

The Treasury of the Collegiate Church of Sainte-Waudru opens the doors to a rare and precious world, nestled within one of the most remarkable religious buildings in Wallonia. The collegiate church, a masterpiece of **Brabantine Gothic**, was patiently built between the **15th and 17th centuries**, shaped by centuries of faith, craftsmanship and artistic creation. From the very first steps inside, the atmosphere invites both admiration and reflection, where art becomes memory and transmission.

Within the majestic walls of the collegiate church, this treasury reveals itself almost like a secret. Each piece tells a story—of worship, of **Saint Waltrude (Sainte-Waudru)**, and of the **Chapter of Canonesses**, which played a defining role in the spiritual and cultural identity of the city of Mons.

A journey through centuries of art and devotion

The Treasury's collection spans an impressive period, **from the 12th to the 19th century**, offering a sensitive insight into the evolution of artistic forms and religious practices. The works converse across centuries, revealing the richness of a carefully preserved heritage.

Goldsmith's work holds a central place in the collection. Finely crafted chalices, delicate monstrances and precious reliquaries demonstrate an exceptional mastery of materials and techniques. Gold, silver and gemstones catch the light and draw the eye, while also reminding visitors of the sacred dimension of the objects they adorn.

Alongside these masterpieces of goldsmithing, visitors can also discover **precious manuscripts**, true treasures of patience and meticulous artistry, as well as **paintings and sculptures** that enrich the artistic narrative of the site.

Mons craftsmanship in the spotlight

The Treasury of Sainte-Waudru is also a tribute to the remarkable **craftsmanship of Mons**. The works on display reflect the excellence of local artisans and artists who were able to rival the great creative centres of their time.

Among the notable names associated with the site is **Jacques Du Broeucq**, whose works illustrate a period of intense artistic creativity. His sculptures embody a search for balance, expressiveness and refinement, revealing both technical mastery and artistic vision. Observing these creations offers a close encounter with the intelligence of the hand and the depth of artistic thought.

Each room thus becomes a dialogue between the object and the visitor, between historical craftsmanship and the contemporary gaze.

A contemplative and inspiring experience

A visit to the Treasury is never rushed. The silence, filtered light and noble materials invite visitors to slow down. One lingers on finely chiselled details, illuminated manuscripts and the subtle emotion carried by the works associated with the memory of **Saint Waltrude**.

This contemplative dimension gives the place its unique strength. The art displayed here is not meant to impress alone, but to **touch, move** and **transmit**. Visitors often leave with the feeling of having encountered something fragile and precious—both deeply spiritual and profoundly human.

A treasure to discover during a visit to Mons

Located in the heart of Mons, the Collegiate Church of Sainte-Waudru and its Treasury form an essential stop for anyone interested in art, history and religious heritage. The site naturally fits into a broader exploration of the city, offering a timeless pause filled with meaning and beauty.

Calculate your route

Station at 500 m : Mons

Car park

Coach park
4 parking spots

Opening times

Tuesday to Sunday: 12.00 - 18.00 (except during religious ceremonies) • Closed on 24-25/12 and 1-2/01

Price

adults €5 • students, 60+: €4 • children (3-18) €3 • children (<3) free of charge

Tour length

1 hr

Group

Price (min. 10 people) adults, students, 60+: €4 • children (3-18) €3 • children (<3) free of charge

Guided tour Guided tours: EN, FR, NL, DE - max. 20 people - €65/group • Prior booking required +32 65 40 53 46.

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