

# Luxembourg city walk: the highlights

1. This circular walk start at Place d'Armes.

**Place d'Armes** (A) is the central square in the city centre. It used to be used as a parade ground for the garrison, hence the name. The large building with clock and tower on the east end of the square is the Cercle Municipal, built in 1909 as administrative centre and now used as convention and exhibition centre. On the west end, a fountain can be found that commemorates Dicks and Michel Lentz, the writers of the national anthem.

2. Walk into Rue du Curé, the street along the right side of the Cercle Municipal.
3. Turn immediately right into the covered passage.

You are now at the square called **Place Guillaume II** (B), in Luxembourgish known as Knuedler. In the centre of the square, you can find an equestrian statue of Grand Duke William II (who was also king of the Netherlands). On the south side of the square, the city hall is located.

4. Cross the square and go down the steps on the right end.
5. Turn left into Rue Notre-Dame.

You pass the **Notre-Dame Cathedral** (C). The church is open to visitors.

6. Follow the street and turn to the right into a small square.

The square you're entering now is called **Place Clairefontaine** (D). It contains a monument in commemoration of Grand-Duchesse Charlotte.

7. At the end of the Place Clairfontaine, turn right again.

You pass **Hôtel de Bourgogne** (E), the office of the prime-minister.

8. At the main road (Boulevard Roosevelt), turn left.
9. Keep following the pavement along the main road.

You're now crossing the **Passerelle** (F). This bridge, connecting the Gare district with city centre, raises 45 metres above the *Pétrusse valley*.

10. Past the bridge, turn right at the traffic lights

into Boulevard de la Pétrusse.

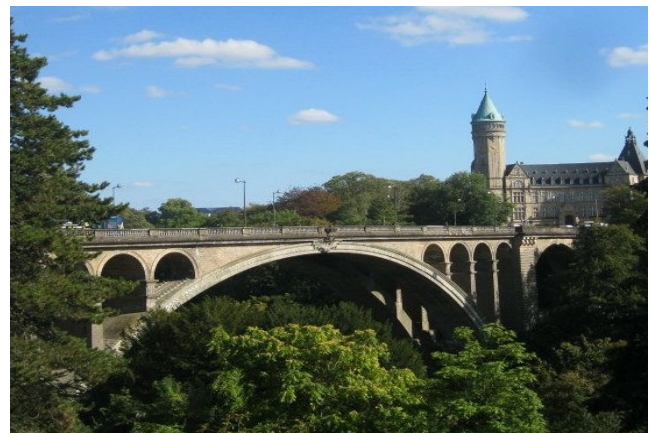
11. Take the third street to the left (Rue Heinrich Heine).
12. Take the first street to the right (Avenue de la Liberté).

You pass the former headquarters of **ARBED** (G), Luxembourg's steel manufacturing company.

Just before the bridge, you find on the left the building of the national savings bank of Luxembourg, **Spuerkees** (H).

13. Keep following this road until the next bridge.

You now cross the **Pont Adolphe** (I). Even though it dates back to 1900, it is referred to as the 'New Bridge' (the old bridge being the Passerelle).



14. Cross the bridge (note that the bridge is currently under renovation, so you might need to use the temporary bridge next to it instead).
15. After the bridge, turn right.

You pass the Monument of Remembrance, better known by its nickname **Gëlle Fra** (Gold Lady) (J).

16. On the far side of the parking around this statue, go down the steps.

You enter **Vallée de la Pétrusse** (K).

17. Down the steps, immediately turn right to follow the next flight of steps. Continue along the fortification until steps going up on the left side.
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19. Climb up these towards the viewpoint.
20. Go back along the same steps, turn left, and take the next steps down to the left.

21. Go around the corner, and take the steps down on the right.
22. Go up to the viewpoint on the left.
23. After having visited the viewpoint, continue the steps down.
24. Before the bridge over the stream, turn left and keep following the stream.
25. Follow the road where it crosses the stream.
26. Across the stream, turn left.
27. Follow the wooden path (due to construction works, details here might change - in any case, keep following the stream).
28. Just before the large bridge, follow the path to the left-side of the stream.
29. At the public toilet, take the footpath to the left.
30. At the end of the parking, turn left into Rue Saint-Ulric.



You now enter the **Grund (L) district**. This picturesque district is a popular nightlife area.

31. At the bridge over the river, turn right, crossing the river.
32. After the bridge, immediately turn left into Rue Munster.
33. At the Y-crossing, turn right (steep up).
34. At the next Y-crossing, turn right again.
35. Turn left into the footpath, and cross the little bridge.
36. Follow the steps all the way down.

You now walk over the **Stierchen wall at Neumunster (M)**.

37. Go straight along the wall (do not follow the steps down).
38. Follow the path to the left along the rocks.
39. Turn right into Rue Sostène Weis.
40. You're walking through the gate, which is the port of the former castle (J).

41. Immediately after the gate, take the steps down to the right.
42. Continue along the road, and at the Y-crossing, turn right.
43. Before the railway, turn sharp right.

You walk over the **Bock (N) rock**, which contains the hollow tooth ruin (right hand side), and the Bock casemates, and offers views over the Pfaffenthal (right) and Grund (left) districts.

44. Follow the cliff until the end.
45. Where the cliff on the left stops, turn left into the footpath.
46. Keep following the cliff further

You are walking along the **Chemin de la Corniche (O)**, also known as Europe's most beautiful balcony.

47. After passing under the little bridge, follow the road as it turns right.
48. Go straight into Rue du Saint-Esprit.
49. After the museum, follow the road to the left (Rue du Marché-aux-Herbes).
50. At the crossing, go straight.



The buildings are the **Parliament (P)** and **Grand-ducal Palace (Q)**.

51. After the palace, follow the street and then take the first street to the right (Rue de la Boucherie).
52. Take the first street to the right (Rue du Rost).
53. Immediately turn sharp left into Rue de l'Eau, and enter the covered passage on the right.
54. At the end of the passage, turn left.
55. Cross the asphalt road, and go straight in a road bending to the left.
56. Pass under the port and turn left, passing through another port.
57. Go straight and turn right at the Y-branch, going into the Grand Rue shopping street.
58. At Swarovski, turn left into Rue des Capucins.
59. You are back now at Place d'Armes.

