

▶ GUIDED TOUR FOR INDIVIDUALS (2 hours)

• Every 2nd and last Sunday of the month – between March and December – at 03:00pm. Visit of the mining site with professional guides from the Tourist Office.

• Every Tuesday and Thursday – all year long – at 09:00am. Visit of the mining site with ex-miners



The Tourist Office of La Porte du Hainaut offers other guided tours in order to discover the surrounding area – the famous **Trouée d'Arenberg and its mythic paving stones**, miners' daily life across **the mining cities**. For more information, see the Guide des Animations or contact the Tourist Office.



▶ GUIDED TOUR FOR GROUPS (2 hours)

All year long, with prior booking at the Tourist Office or the association "Les Amis de Germinal" – contact Mr. Monceau +33 (0)3.27.24.02.67.

Tours are also available with the Tourist Office guides in English, German, Dutch, Polish and Japanese.

Prices

€7/adult

€4/child – between 12 and 18

Free for children under 12 accompanied by an adult and on your birthday.

HOW TO GET THERE?

Mining Site of Wallers-Arenberg

Rue Michel Rondet
59135 Wallers – France



By car: from Lille or Valenciennes: take the A23 highway and take exit No. 6 – Raismes. Then, follow the D313 road. Finally, turn right onto Avenue d'Arenberg.

Using public transport: take the bus on line 110 – Transvilles service – at bus stop "Valenciennes Sainte-Catherine" to Wallers Hertain and then get off at bus stop "Arenberg Fosse".



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MINING SITE OF WALLERS-ARENBERG



› Mining site of Wallers-Arenberg

For a century, this pit was dedicated to coal extraction. Since then, it became one of the five great sites of mining remembrance in Nord-Pas de Calais. It is a very special place with its three head frames and its mining machines. It is a listed building and it became part of the Nord-Pas de Calais Mining Basin as UNESCO World Heritage Site in July 2012.

It now accommodates the Communauté d'Agglomération de La Porte du Hainaut - 46 municipalities and 159,000 inhabitants. This magnificent place is overwhelmingly supported by directors such as Claude Berri and Yves Boisset, not to mention Stan Neumann, Claire de la Rochefoucauld and Paolo Barzman.

In the future, it will become a research and culture territory dedicated to audiovisual and digital media activities... This innovative conversion is led by La Porte du Hainaut and the University of Valenciennes and Hainaut-Cambrésis. Arenberg is a creative mine where a future full of images is being invented!

› Arenberg, créative mine



When a prestigious site, part of the UNESCO World Heritage core zone and an ambitious project on image and digital media led by La Porte du Hainaut and the University of Valenciennes meet.

For more information: www.arenberg-creativemine.fr.

› UNESCO World Heritage

UNESCO - i.e. the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - was created in 1946. In 1972, the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage was ratified. It aims at making States aware of protecting heritage treasures worldwide, whether they are cultural or natural treasures. The other goal is to make those cultures and sites more dynamic in order not to lose them and thus to enhance the respect of cultural diversity and human creativity.

On June 30th 2012, the Nord-Pas de Calais Mining Basin became the 38th French UNESCO World Heritage site. Being listed as a "Continuing Cultural Landscape" is proof of its exceptional universal value. This territory of 353 sites spreads over a 4000-hectare landscape. It is remarkable for various notable aspects. It is a legacy of our industrial culture, whether it is technical, social, cultural or natural. The inhabitants of this region can be proud of this.

Two weeks dedicated to UNESCO World Heritage Site

At the end of June, **the Mining Basin celebrates its registration as a UNESCO World Heritage Site!** During the two weeks event, enjoy concerts, visits and many other activities.

For the agenda of the highlights: www.bassinminierenfete.fr.

› Mobil'ICI

If you have an iPhone, discover our mining heritage thanks to our application called MOBIL'ICI.

This multimedia guide enables you to discover the industrial culture from our region in an original way. Outside, you will explore the hidden side of the amazing conversion of this site: from the pit of Arenberg to the future Excellence Hub in images and digital media. Download this application and let's go...

For more information: www.ici-itineraire.eu.



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