



BREBIÈRES : A CITY WITH A RICH HISTORY

The city is built on a famous archaeological site, well-known by all history enthusiasts. A large Merovingian village was uncovered along the local Scarpe river. In 2001, a new part of this village (which appeared to be the original site) was dug out as the construction of a new residence was underway.



Scale model 1/100 (1mx1m), located at the Archaeological Museum of Douai (59)

DID YOU KNOW ?



On Brebières's emblem, you can recognize two ewes symbolizing the very first source of wealth of the city. There is also a windmill wheel which represents the very first industry destroyed in the First World War.



The Jacquemart, an emblematic figure of the sheep farming era, is an automaton indicating the hours by hitting a bell with a hammer, thus playing a melody. The figure is located on the City Hall building.



BREBIÈRES IN A FEW KEY NUMBERS :

5 083

Inhabitants
in 2018

20 %

of children
below 14
in 2017

1 080

hectares

7

facilities for
education

500

children in
schools

A CITY FOR THE YOUNG

Brebières features a daycare, a kindergarten, an elementary school, a high school and two schools for children with special needs. As well as educational opportunities, there are a variety of local activities such as sports, music (the city has a musical band), cultural events and more.



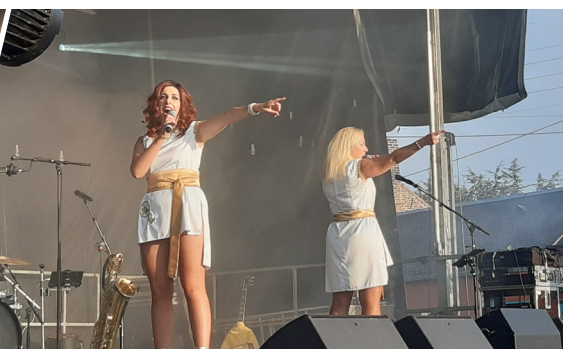
A football club of approximately 120 members hosts competitive games that anyone can enjoy watching.



There is also a gymnasium where a basketball club and its many members train and play.

WANT TO HAVE FUN ?

Brebières is a very dynamic city, organizing multiple events throughout the year such as concerts, the traditional Braderie (a large type of sidewalk sale) and many others.



A REGION OF HISTORY

Seen above is the Wellington Quarry, known for its role in WW1 when it helped in the retaking of the German lines. It is an array of 19 kilometre-long tunnels. Many soldiers' lives were saved because they could safely travel underground.



The region has an important mining past and the "Musée de la mine" is a must-go visit to fully take in the Pas-de-Calais's culture.

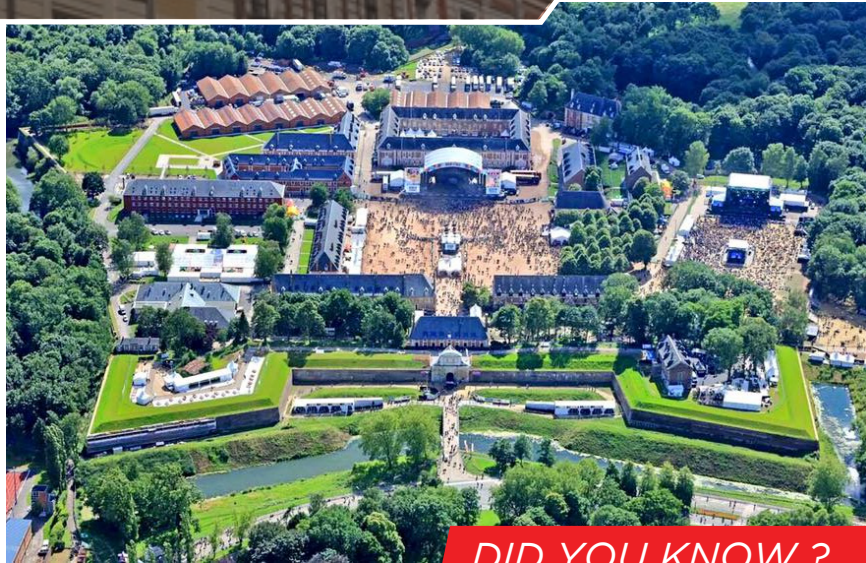
The National Vimy Memorial is a symbol of remembrance dedicated to the Canadian soldiers who bravely fought on our territory in WW1.

A UNIQUE ARCHITECTURE



This is the Belfry of Arras. Since its construction in 1463, the Belfry was destroyed then rebuilt twice. The building is 75m tall and is the tallest of the city. It can be seen from kilometers around.

This monument displays an extravagant Gothic style. It is a very beautiful and interesting place to visit.



DID YOU KNOW ?

Seen above is the Vauban Citadel of Arras, a site to commemorate those who died honorably in WW2. It is also where one of the largest music festivals of Northern France (The Main Square Festival) takes place each year in summer.

A WEALTHY CULTURE

An interesting place to visit if you want to know more about French art is the Museum of fine Arts ("les Beaux arts") in Arras. There, you will have the opportunity to learn the history of Arras through medieval sculptures, seventeenth century porcelains, paintings, tapestries, etc.



If the Museum of Fine Arts in Arras does not quench your thirst for French art, you can also visit the Museum of "Louvre-Lens" in Lens which hosts exhibitions that are world renowned. Here there are over two hundred pieces of art displayed, offering a unique look into art history.



If you are interested in the world of science more than art, the "Coupole" is the Museum for you! During the Second World War, it was an underground military base built by the German army. Nowadays, this 360° planetarium will take you on a virtual journey through the universe thanks to its advanced 3D technology.

INCREDIBLE SEA VIEWS

One of the most breathtaking views of the coast in the Pas-De-Calais is at the « Blanc-Nez » Cape. From their 134-meter heights, the cliffs offer you a stunning view of the Bay of Wissant, the Plain of Flanders, the hills of Boulogne-sur-Mer but also of the English coast on days of clear weather.



Located on the Opal Coastline, the seaside resort of Touquet-Paris-Plage will charm you with both its familial and festive lifestyle. If you choose to visit the 57-meter tall Canche Lighthouse, you will be able to see the seaside resort and all of its surroundings.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Due to its history, there are approximately 340 terrils (heaps of inert mining waste) throughout the Pas-de-Calais territory .

