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Hasselt is best known as a trendy shopping city, but there's also a not so well known side to the City of Taste. This explorer's map will guide you through quite a different side of Hasselt, where people tend to not follow the latest trends and everybody has his own special way of sharing his unique ideas with the rest of the world. To find it, visit the area in and around the Dorpsstraat. Definitely worth exploring!

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Kimberley

Remout

1 KINGKONGCOFFEE

"I come here often, sometimes even to work. I often sit out on the terrace. Lots of people walk by. And then someone who knows me stops for a chat or a cup of coffee. Or I simply engage in conversation with people sitting next to me. That is so typical of Hasselt."

"The ideal place for a cup of coffee. A real clash in style with all the other coffee houses I know. The place is always packed with Hasselt people."



2 IN DE KLEINE HAL

At this authentic 'brown café' you can enjoy a Hasselt Coccinelle beer or a 'witteke' (a shot of jenever).

3 TASTE OF INDIA

This popular restaurant serves dishes and homemade bread prepared in a real 'tandoori' oven. Let yourself be surprised by the rich tastes of Indian curries and imagine yourself in the Far East for a while.



4 HET DWAALLICHT

Café Het Dwaallicht is very small and cosy. You'll have to wait until the evening to quench your thirst here. Fact: There's a kiwi plant growing against the façade of this café.

5 DAGGER MOON

At Dagger Moon you can get old school tattoos. Become acquainted with the characteristic style of tattoo artist Bert on the website.

6 HEMELRIJK

The Hemelrijk café is true heaven for beer fanatics. With over 400 beers on the menu it will be a tough choice!



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7 CAFÉ CAFÉ

"This used to be a rather quiet place, but since they opened the club, it is often packed out. I have often seen try-outs by some pretty great bands: The Van Jets, Goose, Compact Disk Dummies, Bazart ..."

"Great place to dance, with very good music."



8 PUSH

Skate shop PUSH offers a wide selection of skate brands, from Polar to Vans and many more. Moreover, it's the only place in Hasselt where you can buy graffiti spray cans.

9 DE EGEL

Get into a Celtic mood with a pint of draught Guinness at the Irish pub 'De Egel' on the corner of the Paardsdemerstraat.



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10 WONDERLAND

Wonderland is the oldest comics store in Limburg. Naturally, the shelves aren't only filled with kids' comics such as the Flemish Jommeke or Suske and Wiske, there are also comics for a somewhat older public. Complex story lines and lifelike drawings captivate today's comic reader, and at Wonderland they have that down to a T.

11 KULTUURHUIS DE TIJD HERVONDEN

KultuurHuis De Tijd Hervonden is a cultural centre named after the seventh and final part of 'In Search of Lost Time' by Marcel Proust. Here, art and literature fanatics can sit back and enjoy a good book or a work of art. But you can also have a drink or something to eat at the bistro. On the menu: Flemish dishes with a southern touch.

12 DE BANIER

De Banier specialises in handicraft materials. They know everything about the latest trends in hobby land.



Filip

Anne-Sophie

13 POCOMATTO

"Pocomatto (Dorpsstraat) is my favourite restaurant. I adore the owners. They are so nice. And their Italian dishes are exquisite."

"The menu is limited, but the dishes are delicious. The business is run by two girlfriends. I sometimes see them drying out peppers on a towel outside, to make spicy oil. Little things that add great value."



14 NOSTALGIA

Restaurant Nostalgia surprises you with exquisite Greek and Slavic dishes. Both meat and fish are prepared on a charcoal grill. A glance at the menu will introduce you to, amongst other things, Riblja Corba (fish soup with salmon and sole) or Cevapčići (meat loaf rolls). And if the pronunciation is just too difficult, you can simply order a Gypsy skewer.

15 DE COECKEPANNE

At De Coeckepanne they are very creative with pancakes. Not only do they serve sweet or buckwheat pancakes, but also pancakes with a savoury filling. Leeks, cheese, and tomatoes or ham, cheese and bell pepper are just some of the possibilities.

16 FIETSBAR

At Fietsbar you can have your bike repaired while eating lunch or enjoying a cup of coffee. But even without your bike you are always welcome for a drink or a snack.



17 POOPOOSTYLE

Poopoostyle is an impressive skate shop in the centre of Hasselt. The shop offers a wide variety of streetwear brands and accessories for both men and women.

18 HENDRIKSHUIS

Striking contemporary design, one-off editions, and extraordinary curiosities all under one roof - that covering the Hendrikshuis. Discover the Flagbags! These are unique bags and accessories made from old flags.

19 STREET ART

Be sure to take a good look around you in this part of the city. A number of façades feature the works of (international) street artists. From the canal basin you have a clear view of more masterpieces of graffiti.



20 SPIRAL TRIBE

A shop like the Spiral Tribe is not one you're likely to find anywhere else. Let yourself be overwhelmed at the entrance hall and imagine yourself in a hall of mirrors. The smell of incense lures you further in. The colourful clothing on the racks are all creations of the owner herself.



21 ALLEY

Art gallery Alley also calls itself 'guerrilla gallery'. Here, young artists are given the chance to exhibit their works. No big names, but art with a clear message.

22 MERLIJN ESOTERIC CENTRE

Merlijn's esoteric centre will take you to the higher realms. Esotericism, parascience, and personal insights are central here. Besides health stones, tarot cards, and pendulums, you can also find food supplements and books at Merlijn's. You can even go there for body treatments such as a singing bowl massage.

23 SO SWEET

The collections offered at this boutique are all vintage inspired. With retro, rockabilly and pin-up influences in the clothing. So Sweet brings out the best in every modern woman.

24 SESSA

Boutique Sessa stands for unique and ecologically responsible clothing and accessories. Be sure to take a look at the great postcards!



Kimberley

Palmira

25 PAPLOU

"This might just be the most fun boutique in Hasselt. They have a lot of neat stuff. I often come here to buy birthday presents, things you can't find anywhere else. My friends always love receiving those kinds of things."

"Paplou is a boutique with a nice feel. Filled with racks containing cool things, brands from Copenhagen, but also fifties retro and surprising gadgets."



26 BRUUT

"Recently, I discovered BRUUT. A new cocktail bar bursting with talent. Let them guide you with their suggestions."



Remout

27 TATTOO PINK

Pink is a versatile artist. He is a tattoo artist, creates jewellery and extraordinary objects of art with dolls and figurines, and he polishes stones and minerals. His tattoos are always unique and specially designed for the person who will be wearing them.

28 OXFAM

Yuka crisps, world shake juice, sesame bars, and many more products with the Fair Trade stamp at Oxfam Wereldwinkel. The focus in this store is entirely on fair trade, so you support a good cause when you shop here. In addition to the food products, you can find all kinds of handmade objects to use or to decorate your place.



29 CAMBRINUS

Behind the statue of Hendrik van Veldeke you can find one of Hasselt's oldest cafés. At the Cambrinus it seems like time has stood still. What can you expect? A simple interior with wooden chairs, and DJ Fozzy behind the turntables playing past and present hits from time to time.

30 JNR MUSIC CENTER

JnR Music Center is a dream come true for any guitar fanatic. In addition to the wide range of string instruments, you can also find drums, electronic pianos, and digital recording equipment. Moreover, you can admire a guitar that was signed by the bands that performed at Pukkelpop in 1994.



31 OXFAM BOOKSHOP

In the racks of this used books store there are 12,000 hard covers and paperbacks waiting for a new owner. All genres are neatly lined up and those who like browsing a little will most certainly find that one special gem that's still missing in their personal library. The profits all go to projects of Oxfam Solidarity.

32 SHAAM

Lebanese restaurant Shaam is an absolute must for both meat lovers and vegetarians. Humus, a 'kapsalon' shawarma dish, and falafel are some of the meals listed on the menu.

Tip!

33 MOSQUITO DA BEIRA BAIXA

"I'm currently working through the complete menu of the Portuguese restaurant Mosquito da Beira Baixa, all delicious dishes!"

Cedric, Sore Losers



34 TARTE TATIN

"One of my favourite places. The prices are reasonable and it is super cosy. A large sofa to flop into, bookcases to pick a book from ... a pleasant place to get some homework done. They also have a great menu. Fresh pies, special buns, cold soup in the summer ... all very inventive."



Tip!



Kimberley

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Filip

Kimberley

Alessio

35 ECZITERIA

Filip: "I often enjoy a drink near the old city hall. You know, in that bar with the crocodile stuck on the wall. Very cosy."

Kimberley: "I love going to that place. For its cosy atmosphere and alternative character. You feel comfortable having a drink here, the people are pleasant and the music is good. Eighties, nineties, hip hop ... On Thursday it's 'record night'. Then there are guests playing their favourite records: from musicians with names that ring a bell with the EcZiteriA audience."

Alessio - Sore Losers: "What I drink at my favourite café? A 'Tulpe' (beer) in the EcZiteriA."



36 MON CAFE

Mon Café is a small music café, right in front of the city hall. If you love soul, jazz, blues and classic rock, you will surely fit right in here!

37 GIGASWING

Kimberley: "A great music store. When you come for the first time, you think: what on earth is this place? With those stacks of CDs all over the counter ... But Luc is a very nice guy, with whom you can talk about music for hours. And he really goes all out to find things for you. That gives GigaSwing just that little twist. When I come here with friends, this place seems to be the shop that they remember."

Alessio - Sore Losers: "The best musical place in Hasselt? GigaSwing."



Kimberley

Alessio



38 DE SLADERIJ

Make your own unique salad at De Sladerij. Combine the basis with veggies or fruits, an animal product, legumes or cereals, and a topping or dressing. Ready!



39 PERLESTIEN

Do you like creating your own jewellery? Here, you can find all kinds of nice beads and accessories. Need help? Then you can attend one of the many workshops. If you're not that handy yourself, you might find a finished jewel or opt for a customised creation.

40 DE LEVENSBOM

Restaurant 'De Levensboom' represents a vegetarian and macrobiotic kitchen. The original dishes and organic drinks will surely surprise you.



41 OKAZI

Charity shop Okazi may be located outside the city centre, but it just had to be included in this map. Here, you can enjoy a drink, and regular activities such as exhibitions can be visited too.

42 MUZIEKODROOM

Kimberley: "Super for music fans. There are performances by very cool bands, for example during the Play Festival. It is Anita, Pauw, Sekuoia, Eefje de Visser ... I've seen them all here. The Play Festival is starting to become more widely known now. And rightly so."



Kimberley Cedric Sore Losers

Cedric - Sore Losers: "I just can't stay away from the Play Festival at Muziekodroom."



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EXPLORATION MAPS

This is one of the three exploration maps with the different tastes of Hasselt. Would you like to get acquainted with all the tastes, or do any of the other map titles pique your interest? Then do not hesitate, and collect the complete package.

Collect them all!

