



**AN UNEXPECTED TREASURE**  
 Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-Waver, near Mechelen

## HOW TO GET THERE

### By car

Fifteen minutes from Mechelen. The Winter Garden is part of the Ursuline Institute. The entrance is 200 meters from the church, opposite house number 22. (Use this house number for your GPS). You can park free of charge close by (P1 or P2).

### By public transport

Take the train to Mechelen railway station, and then the number 510 bus from stand11. Get off at the OLV-Waver Kerk stop, 200 meters from the entrance to the Winter Garden. For more information about buses, go to: [delijn.be](http://delijn.be).

### By bicycle

The Winter Garden is located between intersections 35 and 36 on the national cycle network.



## THE NITTY GRITTY

### Individual visitors

There is a two-hour guided tour in Dutch, French or English every Sunday at 14.30 hrs sharp.

**Closed:** Easter Monday, Open Monuments Day (2nd Sunday in September) and from 15/12/2019 to 15/01/2020.

### Price

Price: 12 euros per person (free for children aged under 12). It is advisable to reserve a place by sending an e-mail to [info@visitwintertuin.be](mailto:info@visitwintertuin.be).

### Groups

If you are planning a visit with a group, go to the [www.visitwintertuin.be](http://www.visitwintertuin.be) website for more information about guided tours for groups.



Not all parts of the guided tour are accessible by wheelchair. Anyone with mobility problems should be aware that there are a number of steps.



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## IT'S ALWAYS SPRING IN THE WINTER GARDEN

Entering the Winter Garden feels like a never-ending spring. Just look around at the enchanting interaction between light and colour!

Rays of gold shoot across the multi-coloured glass cupola. It has a Morning, Day and Evening side, which are popular themes in Art Nouveau. The glass panes are simply teeming with plants and animals. And because it is a garden after all there are also several ferns, plants and flowers.



## STEP INTO A DIFFERENT WORLD

The Winter Garden is part of a magnificent listed complex, which is a stunning mix of architectural styles including Art Nouveau with neo-Gothic elements, neo-Empire style and Art Deco. It's as if you have stepped into a different world. Names like the Empire Corridor, the Alpine Room, the La Fontaine refectory, the Piano Gallery and the Grand Staircase will spark your imagination. An unforgettable experience!

## RESPLENDENT ART NOUVEAU

We have no idea what prompted the Ursuline nuns in Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-Waver to make the rather bold decision to build this truly magnificent Art Nouveau building. After all, this style was considered hyper-modern in 1900. And yet, this enchanting Winter Garden with its colourful stained glass cupola was considered the most stunning feature of their boarding school, for young girls from good families. What's even more intriguing is that nobody knows who designed the Winter Garden. And yet the architect's design skills are unparalleled.

### Don't believe us?

Well, come take a look for yourself because this is Art Nouveau at its most resplendent.

