



EXPO

Leonardo da Vinci, the inventions of a Genius

From 1st June 2017, Bruges will host an international exhibition presenting the latest historical and scientific discoveries published about Leonardo da Vinci.

For the first time, 100 machines invented or enhanced by the Genius of the Renaissance have been built by craftspeople from Belgium and Luxembourg, using the plans he drew himself. They will be on display in Bruges before embarking on a European tour.

Leonardo da Vinci was very much ahead of his time: he imagined the plane, the helicopter, the submarine, the car and bridges among many other things. He enabled considerable progress of knowledge in the fields of civil engineering, hydro-dynamics, optics as well as anatomy.

Yet, Da Vinci the artist was not just an architect. He was also a painter and a sculptor. The exhibition addresses the artist's work and his many masterpieces, in particular by means of many previously unseen films.

Visitors can discover the architectural plans and treatises (codex) produced by Leonardo da Vinci.

A special focus is given to masterpieces like The Mona Lisa, Saint Anne, The Virgin of the Rocks, The Last Supper or The Battle of Anghiari.

The exhibition is illustrated with outstanding original documents dating from The Renaissance and produced by the artists of his time, or otherwise inspired by Leonardo da Vinci, such as Michelangelo, Albrecht Dürer, Giorgio Vasari, Giambologna, Raphael, Francesco Guardi, Canaletto and more. Furthermore, as part of the exhibition, the modern Italian painter Antonio Nunziante will present works produced in the strict respect of the practices employed by Leonardo da Vinci

The exhibition is aimed at the general public. Special effort is made to make accessible to children. Indeed, the displays are installed at a child-friendly height and teaching aids are available for primary and secondary schools, as well as models to be picked up and manipulated, a bridge construction activity in the garden, 3D films, etc.

The artistic direction and exhibition design were entrusted to Jean-Christophe Hubert who, over the last ten years, has created many artistic exhibitions. Among other things, he created the design for the “Leonardo da Vinci, the European Genius” exhibition, which took place in the Koekelberg Basilica in Brussels between 2007 and 2008, hosting 350,000 visitors. The technical director is Vincent Damseaux.

INFORMATIONS

- The exhibition is open from 1st June to 31st October 2017, every day from 10.00 to 18.00.
- Ticket Xpo da Vinci – Adult : 18+: € 13,50
- Ticket Xpo da Vinci – kind (6-17) / senior / student: € 11,50
- TRIOficket Xpo da Vinci with xpo Picasso and Miró – volwassene: € 17
- TRIOficket Xpo da Vinci with xpo Picasso and Miró – kind / senior / student: € 15

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