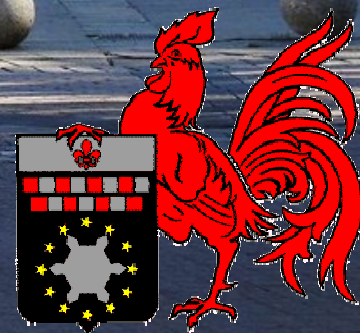




Welcome to Charleroi!



Key points about Charleroi

- Originally called Charnoy
- Small town converted in a fortress in 1666 by Charles II (King of Spain)
- Just after, it becomes a french city and Louis XIV asks Vauban to add some more fortification (still visible in some areas)
- After different new names, Charleroi receives his final name in 1880
- During the XIX century, it will be a rich city thanks to the industrialisation (glass, electromechanic, electronic, coal, siderurgy, etc)
- From 1960 until 2010 the city will face a slow economical decline
- In 2010 some massive investment are made in order to give to the city his past aura (project Phoenix/Rive Gauche). This is still ongoing...



The city and her monuments

Here...

The Town hall





The Church Saint-Christophe

Former Choir



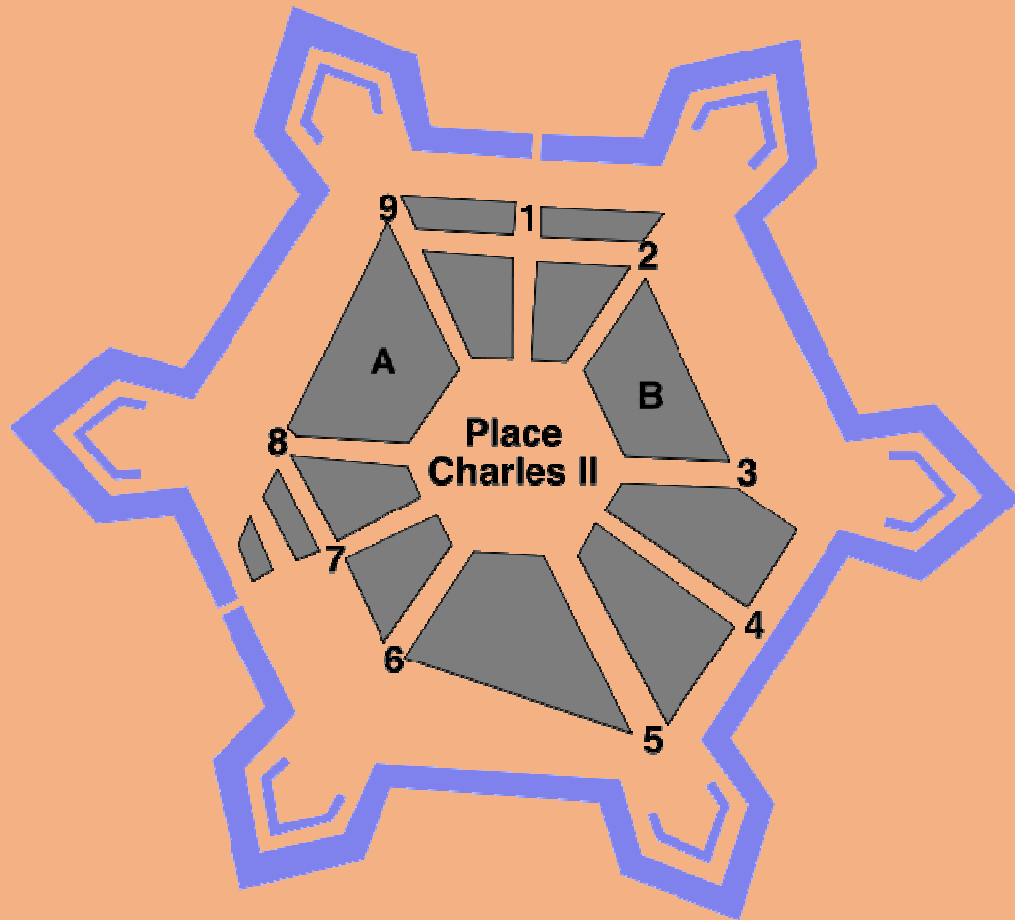
Actual Choir: Mosaic covered with gold from Jean Ransy



The Nave



The place Charles II : historical heart of the city



Famous places

The Gold House



Totor and Tutur, the two lions, watch over the Courthouse



What to do at Charleroi?

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Museum, cartoons, swimmingpool, movie theatre...

