

FOOD, DRINK — AND CHOCOLATE

The Belgians famously love their food more than their waistlines and if you choose carefully you too can eat like a king. Avoid the tourist restaurants on the main market square and feast on venison (served with delicious local beer) and tarte tatin at Den Dijver (Dijver 5; 336069) or succulent roast chicken at Kok-au-Vin (Ezelstraat 19-21; 339521).

The town is heaving with chocolate shops. Among the best are the traditional chocolatier Depla (Mariastraat 20) and the wacky Chocolâte Lirie (Simon Stevinplein 19).

