

Discover Deventer

Station

If you have to travel to get to Saxion, you've probably been to Deventer Station. This old building dates from 1865 and is located nearby the city center. Here you will also find the bus station and you can borrow an OV-fiets in the bicycle basement.

Rijsterborghpark

On the opposite of the station, you can find the Rijsterborghpark. A very nice and green park to sit with friends, play sports and hang out. During the summer, you can visit the City Festival in the park. And did you know that a part of the park is called Vogeleiland (Bird Island)? This is because you can still spot some special species of birds over here. Needing a drink? Check out MEES, a trendy cafe with a coffee corner and pavilion where you can overlook the park while sipping some GT's.

Boreelplein

You will probably spot many Saxion students at the Boreelplein. You can walk here during the break to go to the supermarket. There are also some other stores here, so it is very convenient if you need to buy something quickly. And nice to know; next to the Mediamarkt there is the Vue! city cinema. Perfect for a drizzling afternoon!

De Walstraat

It's probably the most photogenetic street of Deventer, the Walstraat. Here you really dive into the old city center. It's one of the oldest streets of Deventer, full of second-hand and antique shops and nice restaurants such as Tea Rose in the old women's prison. Besides, you can see murals of 'A Christmas Carol', by Charles Dickens during the Dickens Festival that is celebrated each year during the Christmas period.

De Brink

In the center of Deventer, you can find the large square named "De Brink". At De Brink, there are all kinds of catering establishments and you can perfectly land on the terrace for some good old people watching. Also nice: on Fridays and Saturdays there is a market here and you can get very affordable fruit and vegetables.

Kar-ma

This can be called a truly hidden gem. Directly on a side street of the Brink, you will find Kar-ma, a cozy lunchroom with a beautiful garden. Here you can eat delicious food. But also make sure to check out their surprising evening program. Sometimes they organize stand-up comedy or murder games in the garden!

Burgerweeshuis

In the former orphanage of Deventer, you can find one of the coolest music venues in the Netherlands: Burgerweeshuis. With a cozy cafe, a large courtyard garden and an atmospheric hall, you can attend various concerts here. And very cool: in the Havenkwartier (harbor district) of Deventer there is an extra stage called 'Burgerhaven'. Must visit if you're a music lover!

De Hip

De Hip is a café and pop podium, and a household name in Deventer. Think retro, think Berlin. Here you can go every weekend to listen to the sets of DJs and performances of cool (international) artists. They also have a various choice of beverages (beer!) and the daily menu of cook Auntie Mo is way too tasting. This summer de Hip is renovating to make the stage area of the café bigger. We can't wait!

De Heks

Are you a connoisseur when it comes to beer? If so, you should definitely not skip café de Heks (the witch)! A dark brown interior, the regulars and a gigantic and a huge selection of special beer; do we need to say more?

Happy Tosti

Ever eaten a sandwich on a swing? At Happy Tosti this dream comes true. Besides the original interior, you can try truly spectacular variations of the sandwich. Enjoy!

Library

The Central Library in Deventer can be found in the middle in the center and is brand new. It is modern and spacious, and there are very nice study areas that you can use for free. Downstairs you will also find OSCAR in the library, a good coffee bar. Perfect study place!

Town hall

On the opposite of the old Lebiunus church, you can find the town hall. Useful to know if you need to arrange some practical matters. But it's worth a visit anyway! The facade consists of light-colored wood and at the top you see metal shapes processed. Funny detail: these shapes are parts of fingerprints of people from Deventer!

MIMIK

On the IJsselkade you will find film and theater café MIMIK. This is a beautiful new movie house, where you can go for art house films and special theater performances. Be sure to check the program, because you can find really special things here!

Shopping in the center

Shoppers can indulge themselves in Deventer. There are plenty of large clothing stores, but also many surprising boutiques. If you walk around, you will notice all kinds of small streets with special stores. Go and discover them! The people of Deventer have all kinds of nicknames for the streets in the center. For example "The Short B" for the Korte Bisschopstraat.

At the IJssel Ferry

Deventer is located next to the river IJssel. You can enter Deventer by using the bridges, but for the ultimate Deventer experience you can enter the city by ferry. For a small fee you can buy a ticket from the captain and you tear away to town!

Worpplantsoen

On the other side of the IJssel lies a large park called the Worpplantsoen. Here you will find the Deventer City Camping, nature playground 'Woeste Willem' and a lot of places to stretch out in the grass under the trees. When the weather is good enough, the people from Deventer love to spend their free time here. In addition, you can find here nice markets and park concerts are regularly organized at the Worpplantsoen.

Deventer Outdoor Society

If you're on the other side of the IJssel, the Deventer outdoor club is also a nice place for a drink. Back in the days, this used to be a fancy club for gentlemen of standing, but now you can play a bowling game over here or relax on the terrace.

Meadow at the Deventer City Beach

If we have to pick one hotspot for the summer, it is definitely Meadow on the Deventer City Beach. On the floodplain of the The IJssel River, you can find a small beach bar where you can chill out for hours when the weather is nice. Lounge music, wooden decking, a cold drink, what else could you wish for?

DAVO

DAVO is the local brewery of Deventer where you can eat delicious food and you must definitely try the local specialty: beer! At this beautiful old factory building you can sit inside or outside and there is regularly a music or a dance evening organized.

