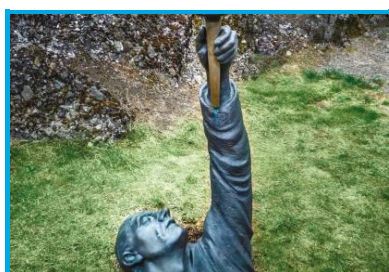




## The Fort de Loncin, a unique memorial of the Great War in Liège



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**The Fort de Loncin is an exceptional memorial site. Located just a few kilometres from the town centre, it became the symbol of the Battle of Liège when facing the German troops in 1914. Partly destroyed during the first world war, it remains preserved as such.**

## Experience the daily life of the soldiers and the explosion of the fort

The Loncin fort offers an exceptional insight on the soldier's routines and life conditions when stationed there, waiting for war. Visiting the quarters, showers, cells, officers' mess, General Leman's quarters, **visitors find themselves transported back to August 1914**, bombings included.

The collections feature rare objects from that era: weapons,

uniforms, personal effects found on the site.

The workings of the fort's turrets are also presented on plasma screens, thus offering a realistic re-enactment of the explosion.

## August 1914 and the Great War

Bombed on August 7th, the Lonçin fort succeeded to resist another 11 days.

The fort exploded on 15 August 1914, hit by a canon nicknamed the "Big Bertha". The shell measured 42 cm and weighed 800 kg: 350 men died, only 150 souls made it alive. The building itself mostly was buried in the rubbles.

## Visitors with specific needs

The Fort de Lancin Museum (only the museum) is one of the many sites certified by [Access-i](#) (meaning with facilities or/activities adapted to travellers with specific needs). You will find more details on the [Access-i](#) website to plan your visit.

**find out more about the Great War**

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