



## The hydraulic boat lifts of the Canal du Centre



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**Situated in the province of Hainaut, these 4 hydraulic lifts, built at the beginning of the XIXth century, are standing monuments to the Belgian Industrial revolution. These timeless masterpieces, listed by UNESCO, can be visited.**

Creating a network of inland waterways in Belgium meant building a new section for the Canal du Centre, including the largest boat lift ever built and a 73.15 metres drop. Impressive to say the least!

There is much to discover during this visit:

- an impressive machine room,
- a movie explaining how the lift works,
- a panorama over the whole construction and the region,
- an exhibition presenting the fossils found during the project
- an exhibition on inland waterways (past and present)
- animated scale models

- interactive games
- as well as [electric boat](#) and [bike](#) rentals

## A cruise on the canal and a visit of Strépy

This [cruise](#), complete with historical commentary, takes you through the locks, boat lifts and swing bridges. A little train will drive you along the towpath, all the way at lift number 3 where you can visit the impressive machine room.

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We recommend that you check with the local supplier before you leave.

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