



SPA 2026

Welcome Guide

La Cita de los Amigos 22

18-22 June 2026 - Spa, Belgium

A compact guide for dancing, eating, resting, travelling, and finding your way through the weekend.



Live schedule

Welcome

Keep this guide handy during the weekend

Welcome to La Cita de los Amigos. We are delighted to gather again in Spa with friends from across Europe and beyond. This A5 version is designed for reading on a phone while still printing neatly.

At a glance

Dates: Thursday 18 June to Sunday 21 June 2026, with Monday departures.

Main venue: Centre Culturel de Spa, 7/9 rue Servais, 4900 Spa.

Check-in: Thursday pre-party and Friday, until 23:00.

Latest program: use the QR code. The web page is the source of truth.

Your hosts

Bénédicte and Jens-Ingo, together with the volunteer team, are here to help the weekend flow. For practical questions, ask at registration or at the bar.



Arrival

Registration, parking, and first orientation

Check-in

Register during the Thursday pre-party or on Friday afternoon/evening until 23:00.

On Friday night, please use the main entrance at 7 rue Servais. There is no entry via the terrace for arrival.

You will be welcomed with Extrait de Spa and a handmade praline from Chocolatier Defroidmont.

Parking

Some streets require a parking disk and are limited to two hours, also on Saturday.

Sunday parking is free. Free options include Place de l'Hotel de Ville, the church area, Galerie Leopold, and larger car parks at the city entrance.

Tourist office

The tourist office is about 50 m from the venue in the Pouhon Pavilion next to the Casino. Spa is surrounded by forests, water sources, and the Fagnes-Eifel natural park.

The Venue

How the house works

Main ballroom

The historic main room is our dancing home, with tables around the pista and sofa areas to rest between tandas.

Cloakroom

Toilets and cloakroom are in the main entrance corridor. Please leave large bags, coats, and outdoor shoes there to keep the dancing room clear.

Terrace entrance

During the marathon, access may happen via the terrace while the main door stays closed. Keep valuables with you; you do not need money at the open bar.

Lost & found

Please check the bar if you lose anything during the weekend.



Bar & Food

Please help the team keep it smooth

Open bar

The bar is supervised by Zrinca. Water, sparkling wine, wines, special beers, juice, and hot drinks are available while the bar is open.

We have 4 beers on tap. Special beers are served by half and wine by 12 cl.

Last drinks: Friday before 02:00; Saturday before 05:00. Lost & found is at the bar.

Your glass

You will receive a glass for water and hot drinks. Put your name on it and return it to the glass parking at the bar.

Food

Friday: cheese buffet from 21:00 to 00:00. Night soup and snacks follow later, as shown in the schedule. Saturday and Sunday: brunch from 11:00 to 14:00, with no refill after 13:30. Fresh snacks are supervised by David, with fruit, Belgian chocolate, and homemade soup during the weekend.

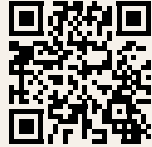
Collection points

Please bring dirty dishes, glasses, and waste to the collection points. No food inside the dancing hall.

Schedule

Thursday & Friday

Condensed schedule. Scan for updates, weather decisions, and any last-minute changes.



Live program

Thursday 18 June

20:00-00:00 Pre-party - DJ Michael Lavocah (GB) Centre Culturel

Friday 19 June

13:30 City tour & nature walk - fully booked Galerie Leopold

14:00-18:00 Afternoon milonga - DJ Fernando Leal (PT) Galerie Leopold

21:00 Doors open and registrations start Main entrance

21:00-03:00 Milonga - DJ Bénédicte Bombonico (BE) Main hall

21:00-00:00 Cheese buffet Eating area

00:00-02:00 Late-night soup, salty and sweet snacks Bar area

02:00 Bar closes - last drinks

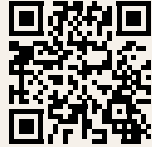
03:00 Finish

Friday afternoon: Galerie Leopold is covered open air, with a stone floor and no bar. Bring drinks and picnic if you like. Thursday pre-party and Friday afternoon are auberge espagnole style: feel free to bring food or drinks.

Weekend Schedule

Saturday & Sunday

Keep the online program nearby for weather calls, timing updates, and practical changes.



Live program

Saturday 20 June

11:00-12:00	Yoga with Jelena	Hall/terrace
11:00-12:15	Tango lecture by Michael Lavocah	Villa Bel-Air
11:00-14:00	Alexandra's and Jo's brunch	Eating area
13:00-18:00	Milonga - DJ Iskra Strateva (CH)	Main hall
15:00	Afternoon snacks	
18:00-21:00	Dinner break - venue closed	
21:00-01:00	Richard Garrido (FR), con discos de pasta!	Main hall
01:00-06:00	DJ Jens-Ingo Brodesser (BE)	Main hall
05:00	Bar closes - last drinks	

Sunday 21 June

11:00-12:00	Yoga with Jelena	Hall/terrace
11:00-14:00	Brunch	Eating area
13:00	Milonga - DJ Carlo Carcano (IT)	Main hall
16:00	Group photo ceremony	
18:00	La Cumparsita	
18:00-21:00	Dinner break - venue closed	
21:00-02:00	Afterparty - DJ Rashmi Singh (LU)	Main hall

Side Activities

For mind, body, and tired feet



Michael Lavocah: Tango Stories

Saturday 11:00-12:15 at Villa Bel-Air, Route du Tonnelet 38. A Golden Age journey through the life and career of Alberto Podesta. Free admission; please arrive on time.

Tango runners

Katerina and Jens-Ingo, together with the tango runners group, will organise one or two runs during the weekend: 10-12 km at a low conversational pace. If you want to join us, contact Katerina or Jens-Ingo.

Yoga

Morning sessions with Jelena are listed in the program. Bring your mat if you can; only a few are available to borrow.

Massage

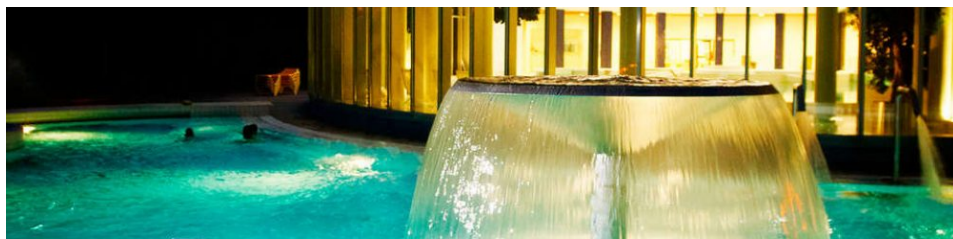
Romain Delaroche offers massages in the wellness corner behind the shop area. Registration is required on the list there. Price: EUR 1 per minute.

Shopping

Instinct Tango Dresses by Darja Bogdanovic and Maryline Tanzboutique Heidelberg with Tangolera shoes and clothes.

Spa & Thermal Baths

Rest between tandas



Thermes de Spa

Special La Cita rate Saturday to Monday. The baths are accessible via the cable car.

3 hours: EUR 30. One day: EUR 42.

Reservation is mandatory with code 'tango 2026'. Contact info@thermesdespa.com or [+32 87 77 25 60](tel:+3287772560), 09:00-18:00.

The reduction cannot be applied to online bookings.

Guided city tour and nature walk

Friday 13:30 from Parc des Sept Heures, Galerie Leopold. Fully booked; please do not show up spontaneously.



Thermes

Care for the Place

Small gestures, big atmosphere

Outside dancing

If weather permits, we dance on the terrace connected to the park. High heels: please stay on the carpets and wooden dance floor, not on the grey coating around it.

Invitations & ronda

Many dancers are joining La Cita for the first time, some from far away. Please be curious, open, and inclusive in your invitations. Know the tango codigos, enter the dance floor with care, adapt to the ronda, and keep the flow in the direction of dance.

Neighbours

At night, especially outside, keep conversations soft so the neighbours can rest.

Smoking

Please use the ashtrays on the terrace and do not leave cigarette butts in the park or street.

Photos and privacy

Our official photographer is Veronika Korchak. Photos and video may be taken at the event, including by other participants. Registration data is kept confidential and used only for La Cita organisation and communication.

Restaurants

Book ahead, especially for groups

Nearby

Domino Steak House, Hestia, Le Grill du Casino, Le Bar Fly, L'Olivier, Sole Di Capri, Chez Laurette.

Budget + / ++

Cote Proche, Le Baccus, L'Auberge, Le Tonnelet. Higher budget: La Cour de la Reine, L'Art de Vivre, Le Linea.

Large groups

Le Palmares, La Bobeline, La Brasserie des Artistes, Le Jardin des Elfes, Le Resto des Amis, La Table de Spa, Hotel Van der Valk.



Travel & Directions

Getting to Spa and moving around

By car from Brussels

Take the E40 towards Liege, then the E42 towards Verviers. Take exit 8 Spa and follow N629 / Spa / Jalhay.

From Brussels Airport by train

At Brussels Airport-Zaventem, go to level -1 for the train station. Use belgiantrain.be for connections to Spa. Only if you miss the last train from Verviers to Spa, share a taxi from Verviers for the final 20 km.

From Charleroi Airport

Take the Flibco bus to Brussels Midi, then connect by train to Pepinster and Spa. Another route may be possible via Liege by Flibco plus train; check current timetables before travelling.

Ride sharing

If you arrive via Liege or Verviers station, you can ask for or offer seats in the [Facebook post](#).

Taxi

Philippe Malengrez: [+32 496 224 928](tel:+32496224928).



Main venue



Trains



Ride sharing

Important Addresses

Save these before you need them

Main venue, pre-party, afterparty

Centre Culturel de Spa, 7/9 rue Servais, 4900 Spa.

Friday afternoon milonga

Galerie Leopold, Parc des Sept Heures, 4900 Spa. Covered open air; no bar.

Michael Lavocah lecture

Villa Bel-Air, Route du Tonnelet 38, 4900 Spa.

Tourist office

Pouhon Pavilion, next to the Casino and about 50 m from the venue.



Main venue



Galerie



Villa Bel-Air



Tourist office

Emergency

Please do not leave voice messages

Event contacts

Bénédicte: +32 496 520 054

Jens-Ingo: +32 486 575 797

Medical aid

Doctor on duty during the week: +32 87 64 65 46.

Weekend doctor: 1733.

Hospital emergency, Verviers, 20 km: +32 87 21 21 11.

Address: Rue du Parc 29, 4800 Verviers.

In an urgent situation

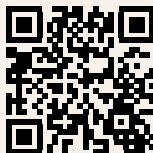
If you need immediate emergency help, call the Belgian emergency services first, then notify the organisers when safe to do so.



Thank you

and let the party begin.

Yours, BB & JI



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