



ABOUT USE-IT PUBLICATIONS

USE-IT is tourist info for young people. USE-IT publications contain information that young travellers really need. Where are the free concerts? If there's one museum I have to see, which one? Do girls also pay drinks around here? How do I stop looking like a tourist?

But what's so special about this tourist info? Aren't there enough websites, guidebooks, city maps, and brochures already that do the same things? No, because USE-IT maps and guidebooks are:

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (= CONTENT)

USE-IT does not make publications with "something for everybody", but chooses to aim at a specific target group with specific needs.
(See chapter "CONTENT")

NO-NONSENSE (= STYLE)

USE-IT gives real information instead of promotional talk.
(See chapter "STYLE")

MADE BY LOCALS

USE-IT does not work with reporters from another country who go somewhere for a couple of weeks and then make a tourist guide, but with locals who have an inside view.

NOT COMMERCIAL

USE-IT does not let any shop, museum, restaurant, bar or club pay to be on the publications, but chooses independently. Also, USE-IT does not let young people pay to get the publications, but gives everything for free. The organization always works with government money.

UP-TO-DATE

USE-IT does not make a few phonecalls to update the prices of restaurants and hotels and then call it a new edition, but always checks all the information for every edition.

This document deals with two specific USE-IT aspects: the USE-IT CONTENT (for young people) and the USE-IT STYLE (no-nonsense).

USE-IT PUBLICATIONS: CONTENT

Although USE-IT publications can look very different (sometimes a full-size guidebook, sometimes a back-pocket small guide, sometimes a city map), they all start from a specific target group with specific needs: young visitors always want a mix of three types of info:

1. PRACTICAL TOURIST INFO

For example: how to get there, where to sleep, how to get around, how to get away, plus some local tips on discounts, cheats etc

2. LOCAL TIPS

For example: what are the popular drinks? how many kisses do people give? where can I eat with the locals?

3. CITY INFO

For example: what to visit, where to eat, where to go out, where to find souvenirs, ...

1. PRACTICAL TOURIST INFO

GETTING IN

- How do I get from the airport(s) to the city centre?
- How much for a ticket?
- Where do I buy the ticket?
- If there are different options, what is the cheapest way, what is the fastest way and what is the easiest way?

GETTING AROUND

- What's the best way to get around town?
- Can I easily walk everywhere or is it a good idea to rent a bike? If yes, where, and for how much?
- How much for a metro / bus / tram ticket, and where can I buy it?
- Is there a cheap option for several days?
- Until how late does public transport operate?

GETTING AWAY

- Where can I go after this city?
- How do I get there?
- Info about other USE-ITs.

TOURIST INFO

- What kind of info can I get in the tourist office? Free maps and guidebooks? Guided tours?
- Can I book a hostel in the tourist info? Extra price or not?

- What are the opening hours of all the info desks?

HOSTELS

- Where can I sleep?
- How much for a dorm bed in a hostel?
- How much for a room in a hostel?
- Is there a camping? Far from the centre? How much?
- Are there any other options? (Like hospitality club and couchsurfing)

WHERE TO MEET OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE

- Where can I get the best info for what's happening tonight?
- Is there a free program book in English? If yes, where can I get it?
- What are the bars / shops where I find most flyers for parties? Is there a good place (like a record shop) where I can ask for tips to go out?
- Is there a place or a neighbourhood where other young people (travellers and/or locals) hang out?

OPENING HOURS AND DAYS

- What are the closing days for shops?
- Is there a day shops stay open late?
- Is there a day when all museums are closed or give special reductions?
- At what time do most people eat here?

2. LOCAL INFO

Young tourists eat, walk around, spend money, drink, dance and sleep, but most of them also want some background about the city or country they are in. What language do people speak? How many kisses do people give? What are those green containers everywhere in the park? Do cops really ride bikes here? Who are the singing girls at the central station? What is everybody chewing on?

- Always stop at crossings, when lights are red
 - Make your own "smørrebrød"
 - Go sunbathing in the parks, or maybe at the cemetery Assistens Kirkegården
 - Shop for groceries in the discount supermarkets like Netto or Fakta
 - Create your own "hygge": light up a few candles whenever you get a chance
 - Buy an "engangsgrill" (instant BBQ grill) and have a barbecue in one of the parks, where it is allowed, or maybe at the beach
- (Copenhagen, Playtime 2007)

A Norwegian particularity is walking trips. This must not be mistaken for hiking in the mountains or the woods. Walking trips can be done anywhere; downtown, in the neighbourhood, along the Akerselva River, in the park etc. The walking trip doesn't need a particular aim or purpose. The only point is to get out, stir yourself and move about a little. The duration of the trip vary based on your mood and condition and your remaining program for the day. It can be performed any day, at any time of the day, depending on preferences and needs, but Sunday is prime walking trip time.

(Oslo, Streetwise 2007)

Since 2007, smoking is forbidden in restaurants and public areas. Bars are obliged to have smoke-free zones as well, but usually this is only a few tables. You will still smell barbecued in the morning.
(Belgium, Map of Ghent 2007)

Always talk very loudly, and have an opinion on everything. In Antwerp this is considered normal, in the rest of Belgium it is considered very annoying.
(Belgium, Map of Antwerp 2007)

Brussels is ugly, and we love it. And if we don't love it, we live with it. So don't be surprised that we built a terrible apartment block next to an Art Nouveau jewel, or a pseudo-classical monster in front of the Central Station.
(Belgium, Map of Brussels 2007)

West-Flemish, the dialect in Bruges, is the most powerful dialect around. To summarize it: just pronounce only half the letters. For example, "pannenkoek met chocolade" should be pronounced as "panne'oe'e mè cho'ola". Ask help from any real local.
(Belgium, Map of Bruges 2007)

Delfshaven is the place where the Patat Kapsalon (translation hairdresser's fries) was born. Imagine: fries, doner, garlic sauce and cheese all melted under the grill and then topped off with a mixed salad. A perfect after hours snack! Prices between EURO 2.50 - EURO 5.-
(Rotterdam, Simply the Best 07/08)

'Kijken, kijken niet kopen' The Dutch use this expression for people browsing in shops not intending to buy anything. The ultimate place to go Dutch and have a look at goods you can't afford is at the Bijenkorf. This (expensive) department store has everything you ever wanted.
(Rotterdam, Simply the Best 07/08)

Bikes can be dangerous. Be aware of cyclists coming from both sides. Dutch people can get annoyed by people walking on bike lanes so just use the pavement and make the Dutch happy.
(Rotterdam, Simply the Best 07/08)

USE-IT publications are made by young people for young people. People like advice from their equals, so USE-IT publications usually include portraits of locals as well (with a picture). Just young people telling what they think about the city, or giving a special tip.

JANUS (28)

"Go to a local pub, have a cheap drink and meet "real Danes". Do not go to the main shopping street; take a walk in the small streets around it! Must see, when in Cph, is Sjællandsgade Bad in Nørrebro!" (Copenhagen, Playtime 2007)

METTE (29) "My best budget tip: Buy a bottle of wine and relax by the canals of Christianshavn" (Copenhagen, Playtime 2007)

PIA (23) sings and sells flowers
"Antwerp dresscode: go wild. If you believe in it, wear a ski suit with high heels."
(Belgium, Map of Antwerp 2007)

LAURENS (20) student and blader
"The best kink walls, gaps and rails at the Mont des Arts." (Belgium, Map of Brussels 2007)

KIM (27) book editor
The best place in your neighbourhood? It used to be Club Vibes because it is small and intimate but lately the crowd is getting younger and younger... (or am I just getting too old?) (Rotterdam, Simply the Best 07/08)

SIMON (24) maritime officer
Which Dutch word do you need to know if you want to survive in Rotterdam?
'Koopgoot': Keep away on Sunday's. You don't want to be there when all the families and housewives go crazy shopping!!! (Rotterdam, Simply the Best 07/08)

WILLEMIJN (26) cyclist
Which Dutch word do you need to know if you want to survive in Rotterdam?
'Biertjuh?' (meaning: wanna beer?) (Rotterdam, Simply the Best 07/08)

3. CITY INFO

What kind of places are on USE-IT publications? Well, the places that young people go to from morning until night when they are in a new place for the first time. Things like: a panorama, a few of the most important sights, places for a coffee or a snack, a museum, cheap places to eat, cool bars, party places and hostels. These are some general categories, although every city has its own points of interest.

SIGHTSEEING

- viewpoints (with a panorama of the city from a tower, from a hill or from the top of any high building - always good to have a free option)
- monuments and statues (the classics and remarkable modern architecture)
- museums or galleries (the ones that should not be missed if you are only in the city for a few days)

CHILLING OUT

- parks (to frisbee, to lie in the sun, or for pure romance)

- picnic places (on grass or anywhere else)
- a few places to have a coffee and read a book, write postcards
- a few places with to surf free with a wireless connection

EATING

- good breakfast places or bakeries (not too much - many people eat in the hostel!)
- cheap snack in the city centre (cheap and easy if you don't want to waste time or money, but don't feel like fastfood)
- place for pancakes, ice cream or sweets
- a few restaurants for the evening (nothing really expensive, places that serve local food but are not tourist traps)

DRINKING

- romantic bars
- bars with free live music
- smoky late-night bars

SHOPPING

- places for souvenirs - which are not necessarily tourist shops. For example, in most countries supermarkets are cheaper than tourist shops, and they always sell some local specialties as well (like trappist beers in Belgium, salty liquorice in Holland, Müllermilch in Germany)
- record shops (secondhand or other)
- clothing shops (secondhand or other)

GOING TO LIVE MUSIC

- jazz / blues
- rock / metal
- indie / singersongwriter
- hiphop / R&B

GOING OUT

- cinema (only if it's a special place AND if movies are shown in the original version!)
- theatre (if it's relevant for a tourist public – which it is usually not)

CLUBS

- techno / minimal
- house / electro

Of course, these categories seem rather evident. How does USE-IT make final decisions on what to include and what not to include? How does USE-IT make the difference with other tourist publications? Again, the organization crawls into the head of somebody who comes to the city for the first time. Some questions that we ask ourselves:

- Is it unique?
- Is it a national symbol?
- Is it one of the main sights mentioned in every guide?
- Does every local know it?
- Is it cheap and central?
- Is it really better than another similar thing in town?
- Is it a place that you would never notice if nobody told you?
- Is it really new and promising to be a big hit in the following year?
- Is it the best spot for a special audience (vegetarians, gay girls, metal freaks,...)?
- If I was an alien on a worldtrip, would I still be surprised by this place?

IF THE ANSWER TO ONE OR MORE OF THESE QUESTIONS IS YES, THEN USE-IT WILL PROBABLY SELECT IT.

USE-IT PUBLICATIONS: STYLE

The following illustrates some of the universal characteristics of the USE-IT style of writing. You could summarize it like this: the style is like speaking to a friend from another country at the breakfast table. USE-IT explains things the way they are, and that's it. No difficult words, no five jokes in three lines.

USE-IT = CONCRETE

USE-IT texts give information that young people need. The reader should know what it's about. That sounds logical, but haven't you sometimes read tourist brochures that tell you how wonderful everything is without really giving information? If you call a place "really super cool with lots of special evenings" that might be true, but nobody knows what you mean. USE-IT always tries to be as concrete as possible.

MURDER MYSTERIES & SINGING WATCHMEN

The history of the Danish police, Famous Danish murder stories, and tools of elimination of various dimensions in a former police station. Rare items taken into possession by the police during the years – like a very nice Picasso, and from 1911 a French porn silent movie! All this and more you'll find at the Museum of Police History, Fælledvej 20. Unfortunately all the explaining texts are in Danish, but this should not stop you from taking a trip to this quite obscure place. Tues, Thurs & Sun 11am-4pm. Admission: DKK25
(Copenhagen, Playtime 2007)

As all (and we really mean ***all***) accommodation in Oslo and the immediate surroundings tend to get full from August to September, we strongly recommend to book in advance if you plan to visit Oslo during this period.
(Oslo, Streetwise 2007)

FREE CONTEMPORARY ART

(Thu to Sun / 13.30 to 18.00) Former hippie-hangout-place DE ZWARTE PANTER is still a big modern art gallery in an old chapel. The exhibitions are always for free and that's the way we like it. Tip 1: have your picnic on a bench in the hidden garden. Tip 2: if you're allergic to regular exhibitions and museums, ask for the free map of all the art galleries in Antwerp.
(Belgium, Map of Antwerp 2007)

PRONKJUWEEL

Crazy for everything that sparkles? Get a little orgasm by just hearing the words bling bling? Pronkjuweel might be just the place for you! This shop is like a candy store for Jewelry. Pannekoekstraat 35a-37a, open Tuesday - Friday 10am - 5.30pm - Saturday 10am - 5pm
(Rotterdam, Simply the Best 07/08)

STADHUISPLEIN

The ultimate destination for those who feel corny! Go dancing at the 'meat market' Stadhuisplein. The square has lots of pubs to visit for a corny night out. At the Apres Skihut you can earn a free drink by stripping on the bar. Don't ask why but it's always busy over there, even on Mondays.
(Rotterdam, Simply the Best 07/08)

USE-IT = VISUAL

USE-IT includes details that can actually be 'seen' when somebody reads the text (or 'heard', 'smelled', 'tasted' or 'felt').

HIDDEN VILLAGE

Nokken is a small settlement, which started out in the 30's, when fishermen settled here, close to the water. You can still find some of their original old wooden houses. The village has grown since then, but is still like a small oasis in the big city, with a laid-back atmosphere, where you can just stroll along the houses and the water front, while forgetting about time.
(Copenhagen, Playtime 2007)

(OSLO BY TRAM)

When leaving ***Majorstuen*** (0 minutes), passing ***Schultz gate*** (1 minute) and ***Rosenborg*** (3 minutes), you experience the expensive shopping streets of western Oslo. Suddenly the tram turns right, leaving the buzz behind. When in ***Inkognitogata*** (8 minutes) you are surrounded by large bourgeoisie brick villas. The greater parts of embassies in Oslo are found here.
(Oslo, Streetwise 2007)

MECHELSE PLEIN

Only a little square, but this is where the real nighthawks hang out until the morning. Start with dinner at KAPITEIN ZEPPOS, a bar/resto named after an old Belgian TV-hero whose portrait decorates the wall. Move on to the BOER VAN TIENEN and drink a 'bolleke' (De Koninck beer) with the red-nosed Antwerpians. After midnight, rockabillics let their pig out in BAR 129. Or go for BATO BATU, a small no-nonsense pub at the corner. Barkeeper Niels used to play in the cover band Elvis is Black. He's the only real black Elvis in the world. The barkeeper of the HYPOTHALAMUS bar next door is one of his own best clients: he's often on the wrong side of the bar, enjoying a drink with the rest. By 4 o'clock everybody ends up at PALLIETER. You can hardly move or breathe here late at night, but we all love it. After a few Duvel beers, the tightly-packed crowd tries to dance, for what it's worth. After that, you don't remember.
(Belgium, Map of Antwerp 2007)

NOORDEREILAND

The Burgemeester Hoffmanplein is a nice big square to sit on a bench and read a book or talk to a friend or one of the locals. You can watch the Erasmus bridge loom over the nineteenth century houses where locals love to sit on their porches or doorsteps when the sun pops out. Another option if you like a view of the city's skyline is to have a soothing beer on one of the terraces at the Maaskade riverside.
(Rotterdam, Simply the Best 07/08)

USE-IT = DESCRIPTIVE, NOT EVALUATIVE

USE-IT does not make critical evaluations. Rule number one: if it's a bad place, USE-IT does not include it. Rule number two: if it's a place for a special kind of audience, USE-IT lets the reader decide for himself. The publications make clear which audience will be happy in which places. So it's NOT about telling "this is a good restaurant and that one sucks" but about telling "this place is ideal to pay my boyfriend dinner because it looks more expensive than it actually is" and "this place is good when I'm hungry at three in the morning and not expecting any nouvelle cuisine". That means, for example, that people who like totally different genres of clubs or live music, will all find something in the same USE-IT publication. They can decide for themselves if it's something for them or not.

METAL-, GOTH- AND HEAVY ROCK

Live music and Thurs-Sat night club afterwards, open until 5am. Entrance fee from around DKK25-80, depending on arrangement. The Rock, Skindergade 45-57 (Copenhagen, Playtime 2007)

TWO FLOORS OF ELECTRONIC MUSIC

There's always a line of people in front of Culture Box, but if you're patient, you'll experience one of the best places of electronic music this city has to offer. Crowded atmosphere! Entrance from DKK30, 11pm-6am. Kronprinsessegade 54A (Copenhagen, Playtime 2007)

HEAVY METAL CD'S

(Mon to Sat 12.00 to 19.00) No folk, jazz, new age and the likes. METAL ZONE! Only hard rock, hardcore, punk, noise, speed metal and everything louder than everything else. (Belgium, Map of Ghent 2007)

DANCE FOR VINYLJUNKIES

USA IMPORT has been an allround dance music provider for more than 30 years. The shop is totally vinyl-oriented, with professional needles, cases and slip mats. From all over Belgium, dj's come for dance chart stuff or hard-to-find white labels. Also check the label of the house, called Skelt. On Thursday, the store stays open till 20.00 to listen to new releases with a beer. (Belgium, Map of Antwerp 2007)

SADIO SOCCER SUPERSTAR

If you're into hiphop, r&b and a shady multicultural atmosphere, DOO WOP is the place to be. Sadio Demba, a Senegalese ex-superstar soccer player, serves drinks with a stunning smile and talks to all of us in Dutch, French, English and Wolof. Great fun! (Belgium, Map of Bruges 2007)

OFF_CORSO

If you fancy a night of dancing and checking out the other gender, then head to Off_Corso. Buy your tickets in advance and go before 12pm to avoid late night lines.
Kruiskade 22
(Rotterdam, Simply the Best 07/08)

USE-IT = EASY ENGLISH

USE-IT English should be understood by people who only know English as a second language. No difficult words or expressions.

Oslo is a small capital city, and most tourist attractions are within walking distance of the city centre. However, strolling around, taking a break at a café just enjoying the city, is just as important as sightseeing. Oslo has many different areas, all with their own unique charm. We present to you: Oslo in a nutshell.
(Oslo, Streetwise 2007)

On the USE-IT Map of Brussels, ATM's are marked as "24/24 money" because not everybody understands the word ATM. For the same reason, the opening hours are marked as 10:00 and 22:00, instead of 10am and 10pm.
(Belgium, Map of Brussels 2007)

ALDI

Go to Aldi for cheap groceries. Avoid it on Saturdays and late afternoon when it gets busy.
(Rotterdam, Simply the Best 07/08)

USE-IT = EXACT

Practical information should be practical. If USE-IT gives facts, the facts are hard and dry, and double-checked.

STORE YOUR LUGGAGE FOR THE DAY

Free at Use It, Rådhusstræde 13, during opening hours.
In the Central Station for DKK25/35. Mon-Sat 5.30am-1am, Sun 6am-1am.
(Copenhagen, Playtime 2007)

TOILETS Free and Clean – Total Coverage

* Deichmanske Public Library

Henrik Ibsens gate 1- D5, toilettes on each side of the information counter

* Glasmagasinet

Stortorvet 1- G5, toilettes on the 2nd floor, nice and clean

* Paleet

Karl Johans gate 34-43- E5, toilettes on the 2nd floor, nice and clean

* Skybar, Radisson SAS Scandinavia Hotel

Holbergs Plass- F5, Skybar has a magnificent view over Oslo, at the Men's room, definitely worth checking out!

* Streetwise will like to use opportunity to recommend the website www.thebathroomdiaries.com. Here you find reviews of free toilettes, from all over the world. A must for travellers!
(Oslo, Streetwise 2007)

CHEAP PHOTO PRINT

Right before you leave, there's a Kodak printer for digital photographs in the corridor to the eastern wing of the station (€ 0,25 per photo, from memory card, CD-ROM or your mobile phone).
(Map of Ghent 2007)

In case of emergency call 112. You can call them free of charge. Just tell them if you need police, ambulance or fire department and your location. For police assistance with no direct emergency, you can dial 0900-8844 (local fare).
(Rotterdam, Simply the Best 07/08)

USE-IT = WELL-INFORMED

USE-IT shows local history and the stories behind certain places.

Other tourist guides avoid this topic, but we won't. You've probably seen them already, by the Central Station and the lower part of Karl Johans gate. There are a lot of junkies in Oslo, a situation that has been picked up by international media. Naturally, the city and the tourist industry are not pleased with this situation; it looks bad when visitors arrive. People in Oslo are not more into injecting heroin than people elsewhere. It's just that Norway is a small country, and Oslo is its' only major city. That's why people from all over Norway, with a liking for hard drugs, have a tendency to end up in Oslo. The rules of supply and demand are in full effect on the illegal drug market, as everywhere else.
(Oslo, Streetwise 2007)

NO MORE TREES AND ZONY TV'S

BARTILIA is a nice no-nonsense bar at the head of Antwerp's red light district, the Falconplein. In this neighbourhood, you used to find plenty of Zony televisions and Diorr handbags in the eastern European fakestores. But then the neighbourhood was 'cleaned up' and they're gone now. Unfortunately, the linden trees (in Latin: Tilia) after which Bartilia was named, have also been removed. Anyway, the bar is still far from the touristic hotspots and with young people at both sides of the bar. Just the way we like it.
(Belgium, Map of Antwerp 2007)

Historical Delfshaven was the official seaport of the city of Delft in the 17th century. Nowadays you find a lot of nice restaurants, cafes and galleries. To discover the huge differences between the cultures you can walk through the Tovertunnel (magic tunnel) on the right side of the Voorhaven. Walk through the tunnel and at the other side you'll see houses with dish aerals. It's another world here and you will experience another kind of street life.
(Rotterdam, Simply the Best 07/08)

USE-IT = LIKE A LOCAL

One of the main differences between USE-IT and other tourist guides, is that the information always comes from the locals. This is also visible in the texts. Insiders know nice little details, so why not give them?

OLD DANISH BAR ATMOSPHERE

Haraldsborg has been here for a long time, and it seems so have many of the costumers! Today many young locals have moved in, attracted by the cheap beer. The story goes that loosing a game of yatzy here means dipping your naked body in the harbour. We'll let you verify the story yourself though! Islands Brygge 15 (Copenhagen, Playtime 2007)

SIT CLOSE – EAT WELL!!

You sit close at Kate's Joint but everybody is here to enjoy good food and spend a talkative moment at this laid-back restaurant, with friendly service. You choose from a spicy oriental-inspired menu, veggie incl. Don't bother asking for Kate, she left long time ago! Cheapest main course DKK85. Blågårdsgade 12 (Copenhagen, Playtime 2007)

RECORDS JUST OUT – ON VINYL

Oldies but goodies, and the newest new, all on vinyl. Route 66, Fælledvej 3, is a Mecca for music lovers. Never ask for a plain cd otherwise you're shown the door! (Copenhagen, Playtime 2007)

Choice is a skanky pub and as far away from high society as you possibly can travel. Nevertheless Choice is quite popular. In the morning you find older alcoholics here, but in the evening Choice attracts a younger, healthier crowd. All in all it is a great place to start your evening. (Oslo, Streetwise 2007)

THE GOVERNOR'S CARWASH

Some inhabitants mockingly refer to this futuristic artwork in the historical centre as "the governor's carwash", because the governor lives across and, well, it looks like a carwash. Others think the pavillion (by the Japanese architect Toyo Ito) is a sublime piece of transparent architecture. (Map of Bruges 2007)

CHEAP VIETNAMESE RESTO

(Lunch and dinner) Everybody in Brussels who is short of cash knows the Vietnamese Da Kao II: €3,10 for the daily menu! (Map of Brussels 2007)

If you want to get the feeling of an authentic old 'brown' cafe you should definately visit 'De Oude Sluis'. In the summer get Turkish pizza or whatever snack from the neighbors and you are welcome to eat it on their terrace. Havenstraat 7 (Rotterdam, Simply the Best 07/08)

USE-IT = YOUNG

USE-IT writes in a young style for a young audience.

Barbequing in the parks is very typical Oslo. And it is a rather cheap alternative compared to eating out. Step one: At regular food stores you can get everything you need; meat, fish (salmon is good), salad or whatever and even a disposable barbecue. Step two: find a park, the rest is up to you. Just make sure you clean up afterwards.

(Oslo, Streetwise 2007)

CHILL-OUT

When summer sets in, this is the only place to hang around. All day, and all of the night. Everybody young and carefree adores the GRASLEI. It's a beach without sand but with lots of jolly good vibes. Just get your picnic and booze in a supermarket and join the rest of us.

(Belgium, Map of Ghent 2007)

Rotterdam is green, and no I don't mean from the cannabis but from the trees in the parks. The city is known for her parks and beautiful waterfronts where you can lay back, play some Frisbee or just watch people passing by.

(Rotterdam, Simply the Best 07/08)

USE-IT = FUNNY

USE-IT is concrete and descriptive, but that doesn't mean it's boring.

VORSPIEL

Yeah, yeah, yeah. We know what "vorspiel" means in German, but anyhow this is what we call "warm-up parties" in Norway. These parties are the reason get-in time at bars at weekends is quite late. You see, we don't drink less, we just start drinking at home.

(Oslo, Streetwise 2007)

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH CATHEDRAL VIEW

(Mon to Sat) Woo-hee-ha! In WITZLI-POETZLI they serve the very best hot chocolate with your morning paper. A perfect start of the day. Now, if somebody will just demolish the Cathedral, we can sit in the sun...

(Belgium, Map of Antwerp 2007)

OMELETTE FOR SADISTS

(Mon to Fri) BLUESETTE serves cheap, simple food. This student bar is situated at the top of the steepest hill in town, and bikers really go through hell climbing it. It's terrific fun to watch their tortured faces from the window.

(Belgium, Map of Ghent 2007)

GAY PALACE

The lesbian corner on the main floor is usually crowded with women. The other three floors cater to many sweaty men. There's a dark room on the top floor, next to the toilets. Be sure to take the right door. Schiedamsesingel 139 (Rotterdam, Simply the Best 07/08)



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