

A good life in **Terneuzen**









## **Welcome to the municipality of Terneuzen!**

**Discover the many faces and  
charms of our historic, water-  
rich, congenial municipality.  
We offer you every opportunity  
to live, enjoy and innovate.**

## Across borders

The municipality of Terneuzen is centrally located in Zeeuws-Vlaanderen. Together with the Ghent-Terneuzen Canal, our port city of Terneuzen can be seen as the economic kernel of the region, with the industrial canal zone being the outer husk. The warmth and friendliness of the region can be felt across the whole municipality, but especially in the surrounding villages and towns. We are part of the cross-border North Sea Port, which extends from Vlissingen to Ghent: a port area covering 60 kilometres. Right in the middle lies the dynamic port city of Terneuzen.

## Naturally strong

Our location on the water means that we have a naturally strategic position, ensuring a large, international network. We work constantly on developing sustainability and strengthening our position economically. We carry this out in the Delta region that runs from West Brabant and Zeeland along the Canal

Zone to Ghent. We engage in a great deal of active interconnection, exploring connections and pushing the boundaries.

## Work and life

The municipality of Terneuzen is home to a substantial number of successful and effective international companies. Furthermore, outside industry, there are also plenty of work opportunities in healthcare, services, construction, retail, logistics and hospitality. The attractive business climate and extensive employment opportunities are an incentive to businesses and residents alike. This means that a good quality of life is reinforced with a lively ambience.

## Smart cooperation

With water as a connecting and defining characteristic, we have many opportunities to strengthen the quality of our region in the maritime, economic and cultural fields. We are familiar with the associated issues and challenges. And we have ambitions! We look

beyond our municipal borders. Naturally, we use our own strengths, but we also work closely together on a local, regional and (inter)national level. This is a conscious approach. We always look at what is good for the municipality of Terneuzen and our inhabitants.

## Nu kiezen voor later

Sustainability has our undivided attention. What we do now has material consequences for the future. From that awareness we make 'future-proof' choices. We opt for sustainability in the areas of energy, mobility, economy and use of space.

"Together, we are working today on the future of tomorrow. Are you looking forward to that future? Come to Terneuzen!"

**Erik van Merrienboer**

Mayor of Terneuzen

## Many faces

In the middle of Zeeuws-Vlaanderen lies the municipality of Terneuzen. The Canal from Ghent to Terneuzen connects the Flemish city of Ghent with the Westerschelde via our complex of locks, which connect us directly with the North Sea. The economic beating heart of the region consists of a dynamic port city, flanked by thirteen towns and villages in natural, green surroundings. Your landmarks are ships passing by on the horizon, gleaming stainless steel industries, long rows of trees lining the dykes and an occasional water tower. Go out, discover and be delighted by all that this historically interesting area of Ter Nose, Ter Nessen, and now Terneuzen has to offer. You can revel in international influence and relax in tranquillity; you can taste the big-hearted lifestyle and enjoy the informality of our lifestyle and interactions. It's all here for the taking!











## Unique character

Our municipality on the Westerschelde estuary has a lot to offer. We're talking about a wide range of educational establishments, housing for every target group, good healthcare, shopping opportunities and plenty of catering facilities. There is also a lot to experience as far as sports are concerned, and you can entertain yourself in Terneuzen's many active centres with their lively atmosphere. Meeting people is a central concept here, complemented by art and culture and adding colour to the city of Terneuzen and its surrounding hubs of activity.

## Polder landscape

Our municipality has fourteen different centres of activity. Get to know the bustling port city of Terneuzen and the activity along the Canal from Ghent to Terneuzen. The surrounding towns, villages and hamlets provide a pleasant, green and peaceful counterbalance. The rural area is a space filled with village characters and individuality.





## Festivities

There are many opportunities to meet people and participate. The great strength of this rich interactive way of life can be seen in how the inhabitants are always there for each other. From carnival to the summer festival, the mussel festival, flea market or village festival, each regional hub has annual festivities, creating warm connections within the local community.

## Living with water

Water largely determines the identity of our municipality. The Canal from Ghent to Terneuzen gives access to sea vessels through our lock complex, creating activity and employment in the region. We are on a clear course, building the future of the region together with our partners. The guiding principle for this? Our strengths and opportunities! And we give constant attention to work and leisure, welfare and health in a safe, green environment.







## World-class lock complex

The lock complex in Terneuzen provides sea vessels with access to the ports of Terneuzen and Ghent and protects the hinterland from the sea. The New Lock will be the same size as the locks in the Panama Canal: 427 meters long, 55 meters wide and 16.44 meters deep. Extraordinary! Want to know more about the history of the canal, developments in the port area and the lock complex? Then please visit the [Portal of Flanders](#).



Wandering further  
over vast waters,  
I naturally make  
the link with the  
unruly estuaries...

**Hans Verhagen**  
Terneuzen Guild of Poets





## Art and Culture

When it comes to art and culture, the city of Terneuzen has a wide spectrum on offer. With the [Scheldetheater](#), [pop venue De PIT](#), a cinema, large and small museums, music festivals and various events, there is a lot to do. In the [cultural venue Porgy & Bess](#) you can listen to jazz, classical music and literary readings. There is always room for local talent. In the Scheldetheater you can enjoy cabaret, musicals, opera and operetta, theatre and family shows. Do you like mixing up your cultural program with a movie? Then head off to [CineCity](#).

**Would you rather be creative yourself?** You can find dozens of creative activities at [Toonbeeld](#), the centre for art and cultural education.





### Programme

Check regularly what's on the [programme](#) in our municipality.



### Toonbeeld

Check out the creative activities.





## Active Terneuzen

The great thing about the municipality of Terneuzen is the combination of bustling city dynamics, village-like conviviality and the vast areas of natural beauty. You will experience all of these as you explore.

Indulge yourself at some of the many terraces serving regional specialties: savour the mussels in Philippine, the tastiest asparagus in Zuiddorpe or farm cheese in Biervliet. Park your bike along the way for a stop at a tea garden or café overlooking the Westerschelde. Or get dressed up for one of our (Michelin starred) restaurants. Every surrounding town, village and hamlet has its own story. Dive into the history of [our region](#). Discover and explore it yourself with cultural-historical walks.





## Living

Living in the municipality of Terneuzen means living in the middle of Zeeuws-Vlaanderen. Dutch territory where you feel the Flemish influence. Whatever your housing needs or wishes, the municipality of Terneuzen has a solution. Safety, nature, accessibility, sports, art and culture – we've got them all. There are excellent facilities in the areas of healthcare and education. We value good accessibility and respond to new developments in the areas of sustainability and construction. This is how we make living and working in the municipality so attractive.









## Facilities

Terneuzen has a regional hospital, various healthcare institutions and a rehabilitation centre. There is a wide range of educational opportunities in the municipality. The city of Terneuzen also has schools for (special) primary and secondary education and Scalda, a school for secondary vocational education (MBO) and adult education. You can spend your free time actively in Sport Centre Vliegende Vaart. You can ski or snowboard at Snowworld. In the summer you can swim in one of our five outdoor pools. Looking for your favourite (sports) club or social club? There is plenty of choice!

## Entrepreneurial

Flexibility, creativity and perseverance is in the DNA of every entrepreneur. And that's where our business dynamism fits right in! As the municipality of Terneuzen, we are ready for entrepreneurs and can offer all the necessary space. Do you have plans to start up or expand? Maybe you want to start something totally new. Then [contact](#) us. We'll look at your plans together and work with you to achieve them.





## Expat Center Zeeland

Terneuzen is a vital municipality by the water. It is a great place to live and a challenging place to work. A relatively large number of internationals work in our municipality. The [Expat Center Zeeland](#) helps our new (temporary) residents quickly find their way around. Based in our town hall in Terneuzen, it offers help with housing, education, insurance, banking, sports and culture.



Middelburg - 30km

Rotterdam - 135km

Breda - 106km



Sluis - 40km

Biervliet

Terneuzen

Hoek

Zaamslag

Sluis

Spui

Philippine

Zandstraat

Axel

Westdorpe

Sas van Gent

Zuiddorpe

Koewacht

Overslag

Hulst - 20km

Antwerpen - 60km

Brugge - 60km

Parijs - 350km

Gent - 50km





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