

Bloomsday in Oostende 2024

Sunday 16 June



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Bloomsday in Ostend 2024: The Joyce Family Holiday in Ostend

Bloomsday – the festival in honour of writer James Joyce, his novel *Ulysses* and its protagonist Leopold Bloom – is celebrated worldwide on 16 June. And also in Ostend, because Joyce and his family enjoyed a long holiday in the city during the heat wave of 1926. The third edition of Bloomsday in Ostend is yet another unique opportunity to immerse yourself in Joycean plaisanterie. On the programme:

11:00 Opening of *James & James* in the new gallery [bu'ro], Torhoutsesteenweg 49, Ostend. Artist Philippe Tonnard (lives and works in Ghent) pays a unique homage to James Joyce in this new exhibition.

12:00 Walk towards the Promenade

We'll have lunch on the beach. Bring your own sandwiches and drinks!

14:00 Bloomsday in KAAP, with:

***Joyce and the Sirens* by Geert Lernout.** Otherwise known as THE Joyce expert. Founder of the James Joyce centre at the University of Antwerp. Author of numerous texts on Joyce in Dutch and English. (lecture in Dutch)

***Music in the 1920s* by Kurt Van Eeghem,** a well-known figure from radio and TV. Author of the recently published book *Oostende in de Belle Epoque*, he'll be taking a deep dive into the interwar period. (lecture in Dutch)

***The Joyce family snapshots* by Dirk Beirens.** The renowned city guide shows how much Ostend has changed over the last century. (lecture in Dutch)

Open Mic. Over to you! Step onto the stage, or stand up from your seat, and read your favourite lines by Joyce. In English, Dutch, French, German or any language you love!

And last but not least: enjoy a drink and a chat.

Dress code: 'James and Nora Joyce, Ostend 1926' (not obligatory). For James, that's a straw boater, blazer, white shirt and walking stick. For the Noras, as quirky as you like!

Free admission, advance registration essential via KAAP [click here to reserve your place](#)

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