

COUNTRYSIDE

# Parc Broekhuizen Leersum, The Netherlands



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**BEST ROOM:**  
 The Terrace Suite with its large terrace and cosy bedroom.

**NEARBY:**  
 Utrecht is just 30 minutes by car, but you can also take lovely long walks in the surrounding area.

**TAKE HOME:**  
 Honey from Broekhuizen's apiary.

**DON'T MISS:**  
 They regularly organise exhibitions in Parc Broekhuizen and the surrounding park.  
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Parc Broekhuizen is a hotel and culinary destination in one, located on a country estate in the forests of Leersum near Utrecht. The arrival says it all: as you drive up the avenue surrounded by trees, you can already spot the white castle where Parc Broekhuizen opened its doors in 2016 in the distance. The castle's history dates back to the 14th century, after which several noble families lived there. In the 20th century, the building was used by the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. After remaining vacant for years, the property was finally renovated and designer Judith van Mourik was hired to create a contemporary interior, with respect and love for the building's history. One of the first-floor rooms has hand-painted wallpapers on canvas by Willem Joseph Laguy dating from 1780, while a contemporary chandelier by Jan Pauwels hangs in the stairwell. Check out the colour gradient stair runner, designed by Van Mourik, and inspired by a haute couture dress, which gradually changes colour. Parc Broekhuizen has rooms and suites in the main building and in the former coach house. All the rooms are different. Some have a rather standard interior, but the Terrace Suite, Panorama Suite and the Grand Suite are definitely worth booking. The first suite has a large terrace, a cosy bedroom, and a freestanding bathtub. The Panorama Suite still has the original wood panelling, adding to the warm atmosphere. And the Grand Suite has phenomenal views of the lake and forests. The intention was always to make Parc Broekhuizen a culinary destination. When they opened restaurant Voltaire on the ground floor, they were able to hire none other than three Michelin-starred chef Jacob Jan Boerma. Within two years of the restaurant's opening, it was awarded a Michelin star. These days, the menu is in hands of chef Arturo Dalhuisen, who has received praise for his bold flavours. The barn on the estate has been converted into a more accessible restaurant called Bistro Lof. Here chef Ewout Eleveld, who worked with Boerma for 17 years, serves tasty family dishes, presented on stylish tableware, with the pizzette (with baba ganoush with white cheese, for example) being especially popular. Where possible, the chefs source ingredients from their own vegetable garden, adjacent to the sunny terrace. A good starting or ending point for a walk in the area.





FROM  
**235 euro**  
A NIGHT

Broekhuizerlaan 2  
Leersum  
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