



BRUSSELS

Brussels, a city that continues to surprise and move you. This city-region-capital of 500 million Europeans is waiting to share its treasures with you. It's a fair bet that its stormy history is the reason for its open-mindedness, warmth and friendliness. You'll feel right at home in Brussels! As well as its historic monuments, Brussels has so much to share with you: its comic strip speech bubbles, its Art Nouveau façades, the talent of its stylists and designers, its delicacies and its surrealism, which can be found on every street corner.



BARS & NIGHTLIFE



When it comes to hot spots in Brussels it can vary, but Place St-Gery is always a good nightspot. In Brussels you are never far away from a good bar.

MOEDER LAMBIC

This establishment has received international recognition on the list of the 10 best beer bars in the world. The special draw of this bistro is the 46 artisan draught beers, which are kept in a cold room with less CO2, conducive to longer storage.

Place Fontainas 8-10, Brussel 1000

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/eat-drink/bars-cafes.do

BONNEFOOI

A safe bet in the world of Brussels nightlife; for dancing until the early hours; fabulous mezzanine and amazing programmes (DJ improv show).

Rue des Pierres 8, Brussels 1000

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/eat-drink/bars-cafes.do

A LA MORT SUBITE

As tradition demands, there's no getting away from a turn in this palace of the most 'brrrrrusseleers' specialities in the capital. The patrons fluctuate between responsible fifty-something and quick-witted bons viveurs. And you can sip Faros, Kriek and Gueuze beers there, with a soft cheese open sandwich in your hand. A classic that's still going strong.

Rue Montagne aux Herbes Potagères 7, Brussels 1000

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/eat-drink/bars-cafes.do

MISTER WONG

Standing right in the heart of the city centre between la Monnaie, la Bourse and Sainte-Catherine, this place is laying the foundations of a new scene and puts on a very particular and eclectic programme of music.

Rue de la Vierge Noire 10-12, Brussels 1000

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/eat-drink/bars-cafes.do

L'ARCHIDUC

The fuddled charm of the Archiduc still works its magic. Its thirties decor has something to do with it of course. Concerts are often held there around the famous grand piano. Try it at the end of the evening too, when you might come across a famous singer or two. Style: Jazz / Electro

Rue A. Dansaert 6-8, Brussels 1000

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/eat-drink/bars-cafes.do

LE CIRIO

Make the most of the unique atmosphere of this brasserie from 1886, which has successfully retained its cachet of yesteryear. Le Cirio was built in pure Art Nouveau style and has played host to many artists through the years. House speciality? The "Half en Half": half white wine, half Champagne.

Rue de la Bourse 18-20, Brussels 1000

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/eat-drink/bars-cafes.do

MADAME MOUSTACHE

Neo-cabaret in the heart of Brussels on Marché aux Poissons close to Place Sainte-Catherine. You'll be welcomed into a popular and original atmosphere. A return to La Belle Époque

Quai au Bois à Brûler 5-7, Brussel 1000

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/eat-drink/bars-cafes.do

CAFES



Rue des Sablons 11, Brussels 1000

+32 2 513 51 54

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/eat-drink/breakfasts.do

www.lepainquotidien.be

WITTAMER CAFÉ

Delicacies of all kinds in the shop and café service for anyone who fancies a bite to eat. But you just have to leave room for dessert of course.

Place du Grand Sablon 12, Brussels 1000

+32 2 512 37 42

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/eat-drink/bars-cafes.do

www.wittamer.com

A.M. SWEET

A charming little café with a warm and friendly decor, serving all kinds of teas, good coffee, sandwiches, little cakes and pastries and very high-quality chocolate.

Rue des Chartreux 4, 1000 Brussels

+32 2 513 51 31

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/eat-drink/bars-cafes.do

LE PAIN QUOTIDIEN

Alain Coumont learned about bread as a little boy. With a hunger and passion for quality, his wish was simple: to find nourishing and healthy bread with a dense crumb and firm crust. He went back to his roots, opening a bakery to recreate the natural rustic breads of his childhood. There's also an area for trying the products there (Viennese pastries, salad, all kinds of cakes and pastries as well as full, high-quality meals) in an interior showing a fondness for wood, around a large communal table.

TOP 5 EVENTS



There's always something happening in Brussels. For more events: www.visitbrussels.be

COMIC STRIP FESTIVAL

Every September, Brussels gives pride of place to Comic Strip, with a festival on Place des Palais, a 3D mapping show on Place Royale, the comic strip market in Saint-Géry, the Balloon's Day Parade, guided tours and comic strip exhibitions over a period of several days.

www.fetedelabd.be

QUEEN ELISABETH COMPETITION

Is there a more prestigious competition than this one? Perhaps, some will say; not sure, others will claim, doggedly defending this national gem of classical music.

www.concours-reine-elisabeth.be

MUSEUM NIGHT FEVER

Museum Night Fever means twenty or so museums open until the early hours, a large young crowd and a programme off the beaten tracks: a strong and sparkling winter cocktail of exhibitions, concerts, performances, fashion, studios, workshops and DJs!

www.museumnightfever.be

BRUSSELS SUMMER FESTIVAL

The summer festival. For one big festive week, the streets of the city centre are turned into a temple of music.

www.bsf.be

WINTER WONDERS

Voted by British tour operators as the most original one in Europe, Brussels' Christmas market covers 2 km, with a succession of stalls, chalets, attractions, activities and bar and café terraces.

www.plaisirsdhiver.be

WHERE TO EAT



In Brussels, greed is not considered a shortcoming but a way of celebrating the ability to enjoy life.

LE VISMET €€

Mastery of seafood against a modern backdrop.

Place Sainte-Catherine 23, Brussels 1000

+32 2 218 85 45

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/eat-drink/restaurants.do

COMME CHEZ SOI €€€€

The temple of fine dining in Brussels! Service, welcome, setting, wine cellar, it's all magical.

Place Rouppe 23, Brussels 1000

+32 2 512 29 21

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/eat-drink/restaurants.do

www.commechezsoi.be

T'KELDERKE €

Simplicity is the house motto, in the cuisine, in the prices and in the informality. Delightful interior.

Grand-Place 15, Brussels 1000

+32 2 513 73 44

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/eat-drink/restaurants.do

www.restaurant-het-kelderke.be

CHALET ROBINSON €€

Standing alone on an island in the middle of the lake in Bois de la Cambre (woods). You get to it in a boat. A complete change of scenery!

Bois de la Cambre | Sentier de l'Embarcadère 1, Brussels 1000

+32 2 372 92 92

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/eat-drink/restaurants.do

www.chaletrobinson.be

CHEZ LÉON €

Not far from the Grand-Place, heaps of mussels and chips from this guardian of good Belgian cuisine.

Rue des Bouchers 18, Brussels 1000

32 2 511 14 15

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/eat-drink/restaurants.do

www.chezleon.be

WHAT TO SEE & DO



In order to get to know Brussels, there are places you just have to go and see ASAP!

ATOMIUM

A seminal symbol of Brussels and unique achievement in the history of architecture: today the Atomium is the most popular attraction in the capital of Europe. It was built for the 1958 World Fair. The Atomium is the representation of an iron crystal enlarged 165 billion times. Visitors can walk through its tubes and spheres and the Atomium also presents a permanent exhibition dedicated to its history as well as temporary exhibitions for the general public.

Square de l'Atomium, Brussels 1020
+32 2 475 47 75

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/do-see/to-see/monuments-sites.do

Each day from 10am till 6pm (no entry after 5.30 pm)

www.atomium.be

ART NOUVEAU

Art Nouveau was more than an artistic movement, it was a new way of living and thinking. In Brussels, the years from 1893 saw houses spring up that were unlike any others before, and every element of everyday life was adorned with organic or geometric lines: façades, wrought ironwork, mosaics, furniture, tableware, carpets, etc. The best way of discovering Art Nouveau is to visit the Horta Museum or walk around Square Ambiorix. But other residences will also welcome you in, such as the Maison Autrique and Hôtel Hannon (grand townhouse).

The Horta Museum
Rue Américaine 25, Brussels 1060
Tel.: +32 2 543 04 90
www.hortamuseum.be

Maison Autrique
Chaussée de Haecht 266, Brussels 1030
Tel. : +32 2 215 66 00
www.autrique.be

Hôtel Hannon
Avenue de la Jonction 1, Brussels 1060
Tel. : +32 2 538 42 20
www.contretype.org

Square Ambiorix, Brussels 1040
+32 2 543 04 90
http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/do-see/to-see/museums-visits.do

PALAIS ROYAL (ROYAL PALACE)

Begun in 1820 under the reign of King Guillaume (William), it was altered in 1904 under Leopold II, who had it rebuilt in the Louis XVI style. The side wings date from the 18th century and are flanked at their far ends by two pavilions. The Royal Palace opens to the public every year from mid-July to mid-September.

Rue Brederode 16, Brussels 1000
http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/do-see/to-see/monuments-sites.do
www.monarchie.be

MANNEKEN-PIS

This bronze statuette, produced in the 17th century by J. Duquesnoy the elder, embodies the rebellious spirit of Brussels. From the status of a public fountain, today it's presented as a legendary figure. With numerous costumes and decorations, its wardrobe includes some 800 pieces.

Rue de l'Etuve, Brussels 1000

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/do-see/to-see/monuments-sites.do

Brussels Info Place (BIP) | rue Royale 2, 1000

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513 89 40 - info@visitbrussels.be

THE EUROPEAN DISTRICT

Brussels is the capital city of 500 million Europeans. It's a city bubbling with life, where there's always a cosmopolitan ambience on offer, thanks to the mixed nature of its culture, with cultural influences from past and present as well as from here and elsewhere. In the European institutions district, there are a lot of businessmen and businesswomen to the square metre but Place du Luxembourg is a real world stage and the favourite "terrace" of an international crowd who get along well together in every language. Several places worth seeing: the Parliamentarium, Parc Léopold, the Wiertz Museum, the Museum of Natural Sciences and the museums of Parc du Cinquanteaire. And all this just a few yards away from the European Parliament.

Parlamentarium | Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels 1047

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/do-see/to-do/walks.do

www.europarl.europa.eu/visiting/en/parlamentarium

BRUSSELS CARD: DISCOVER BRUSSELS WITH ONE KEY! 24H/ 48H/ 72H

The Brussels Card, the key to discovering the city of Brussels.

It comprises:

- free access to 30 museums of Brussels, including all highlights,
- discounts to tourist attractions and tours,
- discounts (or free drink / dessert) in restaurants and bars,
- discounts in several Brussels shops,
- free rides on Hop on Hop off buses (only with "Brussels Card + sightseeing")

<http://www.brusselscard.be/>

<http://ticketing.visitbrussels.be/en/bc>

ART NOUVEAU : HANNON HOTEL - CONTRETYPE

In 1902 the engineer Edouard Hannon (1853 - 1931) called upon his friend, the architect Jules Brunfaut (1852 - 1942) to build this mansion, a masterpiece in the Art Nouveau style. At the present time the building is occupied by the Contretype Photographic organisation which is devoted to the promotion of creative photography by organising, in particular, exhibitions.

Avenue de la Jonction 1, St. Gilles 1060

+32 2 538 42 20

<http://www.contretype.org>

contretype@skynet.be

MONT DES ARTS AND ITS MANY MUSEUMS

Mont des Arts was dreamed up by King Leopold II, who wanted to surround his palace with beautiful things and fine minds. Imagine the wealth of treasures to be found here : within a radius of 300 m there's the Musée Magritte Museum, the Royal Museums of Fine Arts, BOZAR - Centre for Fine Arts, the Coudenberg archaeological site, the Espace cultural ING (ING Cultural Centre), the BELvue Museum, CINEMATEK, not to mention the Musical Instruments Museum. An abundance of culture that you really can't afford to miss!

Mont des Arts, Brussels 1000

+32 2 563 62 00

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/do-see/to-see/museums-visits.do

BIP | Rue Royale, 2-4 / Brussels 1000 (Tel : +32 2 563 62 00)

ART NOUVEAU: AUTRIQUE HOUSE

The first building created by Horta, the Autrique house has been entirely renovated and brought to life thanks to the imagination of the scriptwriters and cartoonists Schuiten and Peeters.

Chaussée de Haecht 266, Schaerbeek 1030
+32 2 215 66 00
<http://www.autrique.be>
info@autrique.be

ON AND AROUND THE GRAND-PLACE

On and around the Grand-Place

The Grand-Place is a Unesco World Heritage site. Its construction began in the 15th century; first, some covered market halls and a few guild houses, then a Town Hall to establish the authority of this centre of trade. It was bombarded by the French army in 1695 and almost completely destroyed. But, like a phoenix, it was to rise from the ashes in 3 years. This is why four styles stand side by side there: it's a hotchpotch of Gothic, opulent Baroque, Neoclassical and Neogothic.

Grand-Place, Brussels 1000
32 (0)2 513 89 40
www.visitbrussels.be
http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/do-see/to-see/monuments-sites.do
Bourse, De Brouckère
Ticketnet, Sherpa

ART NOUVEAU: HORTA MUSEUM

The Horta Museum is established in the private house and studio of the famous architect, Victor Horta (1861 - 1947). Built between 1898 and 1901, the two buildings are characteristic of Art Nouveau at its peak. The house has kept intact most of its interior decors: mosaics, stained-glass windows, furniture, paintings and murals form a collection whose every detail evokes harmony and sophistication. The museum is also a centre for research into Victor Horta and Art Nouveau. The architect's personal archives, a collection of blueprints for his buildings and a library are open to the public by arrangement.

rue Américaine 25, St.Gilles 1060
+32 2 543 04 90
<http://www.hortamuseum.be>
info@hortamuseum.be

COMIC STRIP

Comic strip in Brussels is a sector that's constantly evolving, it's living from day to day! Every year, new comic strip frescoes are added to the trail. Specialist galleries and shops are opened, attractions are created, and exhibitions dedicated to various authors or characters are always running all over the region. Two must-see museums of the 9th art are the Belgian Comic Strip Center (Centre belge de la Bande Dessinée) and the MOOF.

Belgian Comic Strip Center
Rue des Sables 20, Brussels 1000
Tel. : +32 2 219 19 80
www.cbbd.be

MOOF- Museum of Original figurines
Rue du Marché-aux-Herbes 116, Brussels 1000
Tel.: +32 2 265 33 25
www.moof-museum.be

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/do-see/to-see/museums-visits.do

Open from tuesday till sunday from 10am till 6 pm
(closed during holidays)

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



TELEPHONE

Country code: + 32

Area code: 0

TAXIS

The two main companies are:

Taxis Bleus

Tel. : +32 2 268 00 00

www.taxisbleus.be

Taxis Verts

Tel. : +32 2 349 49 49

www.taxisverts.be

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/essential-brussels/move-in-the-city.do

CHEMISTS

Tel. : +32 900 10 500 (0.50€/min)

www.pharmacie.be

AIRPORTS

> Brussels Airport

Situated in Zaventem, 14 km from the centre.

Information: www.brusselsairport.be

The STIB Airport Line takes you to the centre of Brussels from the airport.

Buses 12 and 21 also connect the city centre with Brussels national airport.

First departure: 5 a.m.; last departure: 11 p.m. (every 30 minutes)

A special train links the city with the airport. The journey takes around 30 minutes.

Info: +32 2 753 24 40 or +32 2 528 28 28

> Brussels South Charleroi Airport

Situated 46km from Brussels' Grand-Place.

Information: www.charleroi-airport.com

Every hour, a shuttle bus links Brussels South Charleroi Airport to Gare du Midi railway station in Brussels (the shuttle leaves from the junction of Rue de France and Rue de l'Instruction, follow the "Thalys" exit at Gare du Midi). Tickets are sold either at www.voyages-lelan.be or in the terminal of Brussels South Charleroi Airport or on the bus leaving from Brussels.

You can reach Brussels South Charleroi Airport easily from any Belgian railway station. Ask for the ticket "code 814 one way or code 815 return" at the ticket desk of your station. On arriving at Gare de Charleroi Sud (Charleroi South station), simply catch the direct bus (bus A), which takes you to the airport terminal in a few minutes.

Similarly, when you arrive at the airport, you can buy a "bulk ticket" at the information desk. This covers your transfer by bus to Charleroi Sud railway station and the train journey to any Belgian destination. The bulk ticket can be bought only at the airport.

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/essential-brussels/getting-here.do

URBAN TRANSPORT

Brussels has a local transport network consisting of the metro, trams and buses.

Information: www.stib.be

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_fr/bruxelles-pratique/se-deplacer.do

RAILWAY STATIONS

Five main railway stations serve the Brussels-Capital Region, all linked to each other. For all information on travel and transport: www.sncb.be

> Gare Centrale

Carrefour de l'Europe 2 - 1000

> Gare du Midi

rue de France 2 - 1070

To London: Eurostar / To Paris: Thalys / To France : TGV / To Amsterdam : Thalys

> Gare du Luxembourg

place du Luxembourg - 1040

To Luxembourg

> Gare Schuman

rond-point Schuman - 1040

Serves the European institutions.

> Gare du Nord

rue du Progrès 85 - 1210

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/essential-brussels/getting-here.do