



Escapades



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Brussels is the capital of Europe and the seat of its institutions. The town therefore has an air of Europe in many neighbourhoods. It offers a larger and larger variety of boutiques and restaurants that keep alive the memory or nostalgia of countries member of the Union. But it is however not the cosmopolitan spirit that dominates and that would make us strangers – as if lost – which is what we can feel in some towns of the world. No, Brussels welcomes the family Europe in its diversity, including its cultural diversity.

But Brussels is also the capital of Belgium. And fortunately this is not erased by the “European invasion”. The character of the country continues to give out a particular perfume, probably more sensitive to those who always loved this country. It’s the pride of Brussels, to consolidate, against all odds, the existence of a nation of well defined specificities, as we were reminded by the recent Anniversaries.

And Brussels is also “Bruxellois”, with its so charming and picturesque neighbourhoods, even if the madness of new constructions has taken hold of the town since 50 years.



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One can taste the charm of Brussels, so well told of sung about by its lovers.

Probably, had I been obliged, to typify, to select one aspect of the spirit of the “Bruxellois”, I would say the polite welcome, tinged with kindness, contrasting with

the agitated climate that has taken hold of our large agglomerations. In Brussels, one pays attention to whom one passes and not only to known faces. For that alone, Brussels is unique.

Jacques DELORS
President of the European Commission
(from 1985 to 1995)



My Brussels in Winter

2006, the Mozart Year

Centre for fine Arts
January to June

Mozart celebrates his 250 years. An exceptional celebration demands an exceptional cycle!

Coming to honour him in Brussels are absolute references of his concert works in a repertoire as genial as evident: the whole of the piano concertos (except for the first four, composed during his childhood), and the five

concertos for violin attributed with certainty to the prodigy.

> Info : www.bozar.be

Théo Van Rysselberghe

Centre for fine Arts
From 10 February to 21 May

Key figure of neo-impressionism, the Belgian painter, of international renown, is exhibited in the framework of the great retrospectives of which Brussels has the secret. Famous masterpieces, original paintings, photos, works on paper and portraits of friends will make this exhibition a cultural event of the winter season not to be missed.

> Info : www.bozar.be

Pleasures of Winter

Brussels Centre
From 2 December 2006 to 8 January 2007.

Christmas markets, cribs, concerts,

skating rinks, animations and festivities in a warm-hearted and festive ambience. A programme of feasts and rejoicing: the Grand Place brings out its magnificent Christmas tree, the quaint wooden huts offer their European specialities and the Baroque merry-go-round settles in the Place Sainte Catherine.

> Info : www.brusselsinternational.be



Van Rysselberghe



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My Brussels in Spring

Brussels International Festival of Fantastic Film

Passage 44 and Nova
From 10 March to 25 March

The place to be for those who seek thrills. Each year it assembles thousands of fans attracted by blood, horror and fright.

> Info : www.biff.org



Exhibition "L'Art Nouveau – The BING House"

Royal Museum of Fine Arts (Mont des Arts)

From 15 March to 15 July

This exceptional exhibition tells the



© Mimi Dooms

story of Art Nouveau through some 400 objects having been exhibited or negotiated by Bing, an outstanding collector, who rapidly imposed himself as a precursor of Asian art in Europe. Not to be missed.

> Info : www.fine-arts-museum.be

Gotlib Retrospective

Belgian Comic Strip Centre
From 25 April to 17 September

Champion of a generation who reinvented the European comic strip, Gotlib created a masterly work of which the prime quality is to make his readers split their sides laughing, since over 40 years. Articulated around the original works of Gotlib, this Retrospective wants to be a hilarious tribute to this cult author.

> Info : www.comicscenter.net

The nights of the Botanical Gardens

Botanique
From 29 April to 06 May

Rock humming and buzzing, electro vibrations, French words and other unclassifiable styles, the Nights colour your evenings in May. Programming ever so vitamin-filled and discoveries full of vitality, this festival is a landmark of musical quality.

> Info : www.botanique.be

Royal Greenhouses of Laeken

Laeken
End of April to early May

Imperative. Magnificent presentation in a bright environment of glass bordered by steel, the floral collections are a real treat to our senses. This visit is exceptionally authorised during two weeks every year.

> Info : www.monarchy.be

Zinneke Parade

Boulevards of the centre of Brussels
On 13 May

4000 participants will invade the centre of Brussels to parade their colourful and inventive costumes, their crazy ideas and festive mood, on unidentified rolling objects. The Zinneke Parade 2006 will be visionary and clairvoyant.

> Info : www.zinneke.org

Brussels Jazz Marathon

Bars and places in Brussels
From 19 to 21 May

3 days of great concerts for all amateurs of jazz and its entrancing by-products, but also, for all the lovers of ambience and « live » music.

> Info : www.jazzmarathon.be



My Brussels in Summer

Ommegang

Grand-Place
4 and 6 July

This procession is one of the most grandiose in Belgium. It evokes the splendour of a feast given in the honour of Charles V and his 16th c. court.

> Info : www.ommegang.be

Couleur Café Festival

Tour & Taxis
From 30 June to 02 July

The growing success of this festival is due to its explosive and lively programming. Over 50 concerts make us discover the spellbinding rhythms



© Luc Cheffert



of Africa, of the Caribbean, of Latin America...

> Info : www.couleurcafe.be

Royal Palace

Annual opening of the Royal Palace
From 24 July to 17 September

The monumental staircase and the reception halls are submitted to special attention, especially since the new additions ordered by Queen Paola from contemporary renowned artists.

> Info : www.monarchy.be

Brussels on Sea

Brussels
From 22 July to 22 August

The Tropics in Brussels : fine sand, palm trees, pétanque, water sports and salsa bars will be the spicy ingredients of this sunny feast.

> Info : www.bruxelleslesbains.be

Flower Carpet

Brussels Grand Place
from 11 to 15 August

One million begonias for... a unique carpet ? It's a realisation that is really out of this world.

> Info : www.flowercarpet.be

Heart at Work

Museum of Natural Sciences
From 14 December 2005
to 05 November 2006

Tribute to our most vital organ: the heart, the one that beats no less than 37.000.000 times per year and sometimes more when you're in love, that gives an incredible amount of information on our health, that saves lives, and finally, that has been the object of the most intensive research.

> Info : www.naturalsciences.be



My Brussels in Autumn



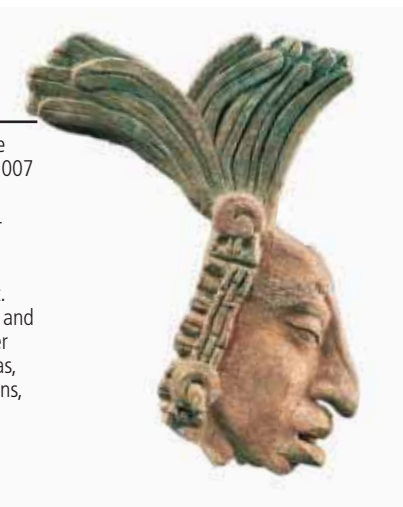
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The Masters of pre-Colombian art, the Janssen collection

Musées royaux d'Art et d'Histoire
From 15 September to 29 April 2007

The Janssen collection is known worldwide. With over 350 exceptional works from the American continent, it retraces more than 3000 years of pre-Colombian art. Statues of stone and clay, masks and gold jewellery, fabrics and feather creations, made by Olmecs, Mayas, Incas, Aztecs and other civilisations, compose this superb collection.

> Info : www.kmkg-mrah.be



Designers' trail

Dansaert Quarter – Brussels
From 27 to 29 October

Every two years, the Dansaert quarter transforms itself, the duration of a weekend, into the headquarters of the latest trends of fashion. Happenings, fashion shows, workshops and designer boutiques, animations... your itinerary will be a stroll through the summit of hype.

The present edition will have a special touch to it, seeing that it takes place during the Year of Fashion. Creative Brussels opens wide its gates just for you.

> Info : www.modobruuxellae.be



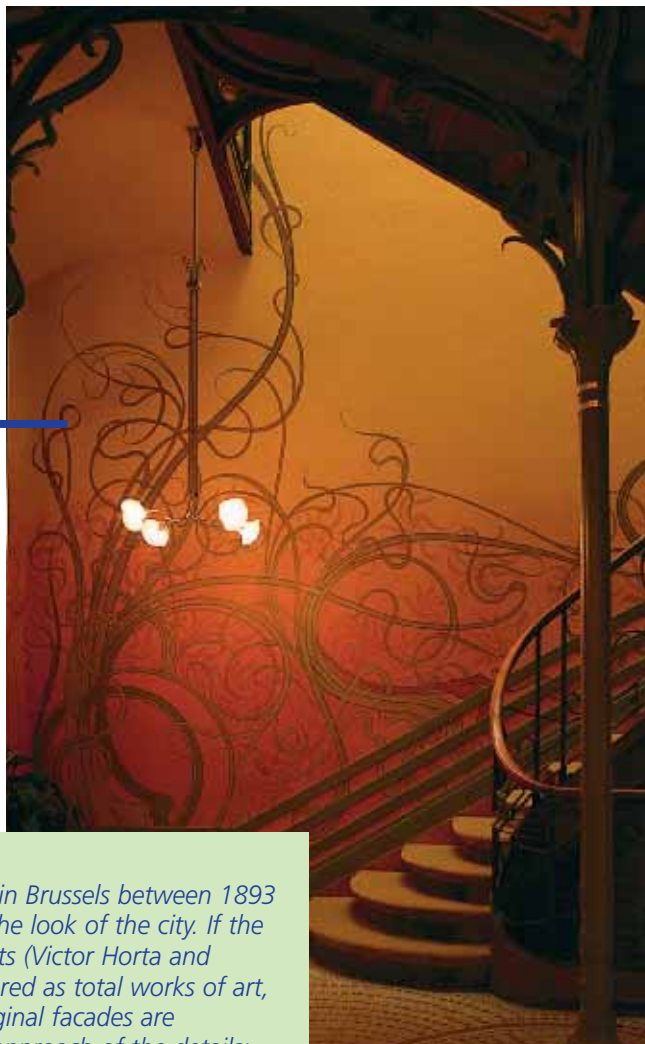
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My Art Nouveau Brussels

The boom of Art Nouveau in Brussels between 1893 and 1905 deeply modified the look of the city. If the houses of the great architects (Victor Horta and Paul Hankar) can be considered as total works of art, hundreds of others with original facades are individualised by an artistic approach of the details: ironworks, sgraffito, ceramics, woodwork, sculpted stone. Initially distinguished by the arabesque, the Belgian Art Nouveau adopts at the turn of the century more geometric shapes influenced by the Viennese secession. Nowadays, the Art Nouveau of Brussels is internationally renowned and contributes greatly to the pleasure of discovering the town.

FRANÇOISE AUBRY
Curator of the Horta Museum



Horta - Tassel © OPT/Evvard & Bastin



Horta © Sofam

1 The Atrique House

Victor Horta's first outstanding building, the Atrique House has many surprises in store for you: François Schuiten and Benoît Peeters, well-known figures in the world of the comic strips, conceived an original scenography, turning this house into a sort of "house of houses", tribute to the private architecture of Brussels as well as a gate into the imaginary. Meticulously restored and stage designed from attic to cellar, the Atrique House highlights the historical and aesthetic interest of the houses of Brussels, revealing them in their seduction and mystery.



Horta - Maison Atrique © François Schuiten

> MAISON ATRIQUE

Chaussée de Haecht, 266
1030 Brussels (Schaerbeek)
Tel.: +32 (0)2/215 66 00
Email: info@atrique.be
Website: www.atrique.be
Open: from Wednesday to Sunday, from 12.00 to 18.00 (last admission at 17.30)
Closed: Closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Bank Holidays.
Price: Individuals: adult: € 5,00 – child (6 + years), student and senior (65 + years): € 3,00.
Individuals with guided visit (Sundays, on request): adult: € 9,00 - child (6 + years), student and senior (65 + years): € 5,00.

New

Access: Trams: 92 and 93 stop "Saint-Servais" and 90 stop "Robiano" - Bus: 65 and 66 stop "Robiano" and 59 stop "Herman".

2 Horta Museum

Home and workshop of the most famous of Belgian architects, this magnificent house saw life by the will of Victor Horta to mix his private and professional lives. The house has retained most of its interior decoration: mosaics, stained glass, furniture, wall paintings make an harmonious and refined setting. In no case to be missed!

> MUSÉE HORTA

Rue Américaine, 25
1060 Brussels (Saint-Gilles)
Tel.: +32 (0)2/ 543 04 90
Email: info@hortamuseum.be
Website: www.hortamuseum.be
Open: daily except Mondays and Bank Holidays, from 14.30 to 17.30. Group visits in the morning (15 pers. max.) with previous appointment. Guided visits with previous appointment, in French, Dutch, English, German and Italian. (last entry: 17.30).
Price: adult: € 7,00
senior and student: € 3,50
primary and secondary schools: € 2,50
Access: Trams: 81-91-92 stop "Janson" Bus: 54 stop "Ma Campagne".

3 Musical Instruments Museum

Technical wizardry of the era (1899), the ancient Art Nouveau buildings of the very posh Old England shop, are the work of the architect Saintenoy and are erected around a cast iron and steel skeleton, leaving all the desired space to the large windows that were to bring light to the precious fabrics.

The MIM that is now housed in these buildings, has one of the largest collections of musical instruments in the world. Visitors may, thanks to infrared helmet, listen to nearly two hundred musical excerpts

from the Ancient Greece to the music of Varèse in the 20th Century.



Musical Instruments Museum - Saintenoy © Marcel Van Hulst

> MUSÉE DES INSTRUMENTS DE MUSIQUE (MIM)



Montagne de la Cour, 2 – 1000 Brussels
Tel.: +32 (0)2/ 545 01 30
Email: info@mim.fgov.be
Website: www.mim.fgov.be
Open: from Tuesday to Friday, from 9.30 to 17.00, weekends from 10.00 to 17.00. Closed on Monday, on 1 January, on 1 May, on 1 November, on 11 November and on 25 December.
Price: adult € 5,00; Rebates (students, seniors, groups, ...) : € 3,50; Unemployed, disabled, school groups : € 2,00; free for the teachers and the accompanied under 12. Guided visit on request to +32(0)2/ 545 01 53.
Access: Metro: "Gare Centrale" or "Parc" (line 1) - Bus: 71-95-96-60-38 stop "Royal" - Trams: 92-93-94 stop "Royal".

Not to be missed

The panoramic terrace of the MIM restaurant all in glass and metal to admire Brussels at a glance while sampling music and sweets.





4 Belgium Comic Strip Centre

Housed in an Art Nouveau masterpiece designed by Victor Horta, the Belgian Centre of the Comic Strip assembles over more than 43,000 sq.ft. everything relating to the comic strip since its origins up to its most recent developments. On the ground floor, visitors will have free access to a permanent exhibition "Espace Victor Horta" mainly allowing, based on photographic documents, to replace the building, its architect and Art Nouveau in a global historical and cultural context by including other masterpieces of this architectural style.

> CBBD

Rue des Sables, 20 - 1000 Brussels

Tel. : +32(0) 2/ 219 19 80

Email : visit@cbbd.be

Website : www.comiccenter.net

Open : from Tuesday to Sunday, from 10.00 to 18.00 except on 1 January and on 25 December.

Price : adult : € 7,50 ; Senior card & Youth card : € 6,00 ; - 12 years: € 3,00. Groups (1 free accompanying person per 15 paying) : adult : € 6,00 ; Secondary schools : € 4,50. Primary schools and Kindergartens : € 3,00. Guided visits on request. Languages : FR, NL, EN, D.

Access : Metro : Gare Centrale, Botanique and De Brouckere.



Hannon Hotel, Brunfaut, © Paul Louis

Art Nouveau. The facade, decorated with sgraffito, is one of its original hallmarks.

> MAISON CAUCHIE

Rue des Francs, 5

1040 Brussels (Etterbeek)

Tel. : +32 (0)2/ 673 15 06

Open : the first weekend of each month, individual welcome commented by the owners or by specialised guides : 11.00 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 18.00 except on 1 January and 25 December.

Guided visits every day for groups with an appointment (min. 15 pers.).

Price : Individual visitors : € 4,00.

Access : Trams : 81- 82 stop "Place Saint-Pierre" - Bus : 22-27-80 stop "Mérode".

Not to be missed

the "bédéthèque" or Comic Strip library : 50.000 volumes to be perused in comfort and without moderation.

5 Maison Cauchie

The house of Paul Cauchie, built in 1905, can be considered as one of the most beautiful Art Nouveau works in Brussels. This house-workshop is particularly illustrative of the contribution of mural paintings to



Belgian Centre of the Comic Strip, Horta © OPT/JP Henry

6 The Hannon House - Espace Photographique Contretype

Here, you'll breathe in the Art Nouveau : decompartmentalization of space, ode to light and matter, harmony of colours and gentle way of life... This magnificent town house built by Jules Brunfaut in 1903-1904 nowadays shelters the "Espace Contretype" dedicated to exhibitions of photography. One can admire a collection of marble, mosaics, stained glass windows and woodwork of exceptional quality... a magic place!

> HÔTEL HANNON

avenue de la Jonction, 1

1060 Brussels (Saint-Gilles)

Tel. : +32 (0)2/ 538 42 20

Email : contretype@skynet.be

Website : www.contretype.org

Open : Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11.00 to 18.00. On weekends from 13.00 to 18.00. Closed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Bank Holidays and the whole of January.

Price : € 2,5 ; Guided visit on written request only to ARAU +32 (0)2/ 219 33 45

Access : Trams : 81 stop « Janson » and 91-92 stop « Ma Campagne » - Bus : 54 stop « Ma Campagne ».

7 Horta to Horta, the Palace from every angle : from Art nouveau to Art deco

The visit of "Horta to Horta" will reveal the genius of Victor Horta, who himself considered the Palais des Beaux Arts (Palace of Fine Arts) as the summit of his career. The concert halls, cinemas, theatres, exhibition and reception halls articulate with one another in a complex and audacious plan. Let yourself be marvelled by prestigious places such as the Horta Hall, the Royal lounge and the Henry Le Boeuf Hall, mythical space used for the Queen Elizabeth competition thanks to its acoustic, unique in the world.



R. De Lathre-Bénit - Eclairie © OPT/JP Henry

> PALAIS DES BEAUX-ARTS DE BRUSSELS (BOZAR)

rue Ravenstein, 23 - 1000 Brussels

Tel. : +32 (0)2/ 507 82 00

Email : info@bozar.be

Website : www.bozar.be

Open : every Sunday at 12.00 (FR, NL, EN).

Price : € 7,00 ; € 4,00 (- 18 / 60 +).

While you are there,

pass by the Cinema Museum. Unique in the world, this true laboratory restores and projects masterpieces of all times, for the pleasure of all.

THE MUST

A map of walks "4 in 1" to see and understand Art Nouveau

This pocket sized map suggests:

- A number of itineraries (the city centre and its close surroundings, the "quartier Louise" and the ponds of Ixelles, the quarter of the squares and of the Cinquantenaire,

Saint-Gilles and Forest and finally the avenue Louis Bertrand and its surroundings);

- Judicious information on ornamental techniques;
- A presentation of famous architects;
- The not to be missed public places of Brussels

All this to better grasp the subtleties of Art Nouveau, and most of all take nice walks through the town !

> Available in French, English, Dutch, German at the price of € 3,00 in the main tourist information centres of Brussels and some hotels.

www.brusselsartnouveau.be



My Comic Strip Brussels



Franquin © Olivier van de Kerchove/BITC

Tintin, Spirou, Lucky Luke, Gaston Lagaffe, the Smurfs, Boule et Bill, Achille Talon, Blake and Mortimer, Buck Danny, Bob and Bobette, Tif and Tondu, Ric Hochet, Corentin, Alix, The Blue Coats, Cubitus, Natacha, Yoko Tsuno, Gil Jourdan, Olivier Rameau, Jeremiah, XIII, Largo Winch or The Cat ...

Oh yes, all these characters were born on our territory ! From Hergé, Morris and Franquin up to Philippe Geluck, this represents over 700 creators who day after day turned Brussels into the indisputable Capital of the Comic Strip.

With its large museum dedicated to the comic strip, its itinerary along the coloured walls of the Capital that show our favourite heroes in action, its statues and Underground stations, its comic strip boutiques... the comic strip amateur who arrives in Brussels enters the enchanted land of the Smurfs.

JEAN AUQUIER
Belgian Comic Strip Centre



Yves Chaland © Olivier van de Kerchove/BITC



Yves Chaland © Olivier van de Kerchove/BITC

The Comic Strip Itinerary

What other town than Brussels could assemble on its walls, gables and statues such a large number of famous comic strip characters ? World capital of the phylactery, the city invites you to take a walk along its Comic Strip itinerary.

Having chosen the comic strip to visit Brussels you'll discover neighbourhoods, surroundings, shops and various places of interest. You will see Brussels under a different light. The itinerary not being signposted, you'll discover the various laps following your mood and wishes.

Treading on the ancient cobblestones of Brussels looking for these frescoes and suddenly finding yourself face to face with a known comic strip character on a gable at the far end of a mew is a real pleasure for all, be they 7 or 77 years of age.

On the corner of a street, in the underground (where the stations of Stockel, Ribaucourt and Porte de Hal are decorated with phylacteries), on a wall or in a bar, the comic strip heroes catch the eye of the passers by in Brussels.

Don't miss the recent frescoes of Tintin, and Snowy, that colour the Rue de l'Etuve going towards the Manneken Piss.



Drawing by François Schuiten, art designer and scriptwriter

COMPULSORY STOPOVERS ON THE ITINERARY

The Belgian Comic Strip Centre

Major attraction of Brussels, this place brings together two great specialities of Brussels : Art Nouveau and Comic Strip.

Built by the architect Victor Horta (1906), this fabric shop became the Belgian Centre of the Comic Strip in 1989. It assembles over some 43,000 sq.ft. everything relating to the comic strip since its origins up to its most recent developments through exhibitions and a documentation centre.

The museum of imaginary, a treasure of original drawings, the largest comic strip library in the world... are as many attractions of this temple which also harbours temporary exhibitions and prestigious events.

> CBBD

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Website : www.comicscenter.net
Infos : see the Art Nouveau chapter.



On your way to the Belgian Comic Strip Centre, make a little detour by the Boulevard Pacheco, situated only 50 yards from there. At the top of the flight of stairs that separate the boulevard from the Comic Strip Centre, you will have the pleasure of meeting Gaston Lagaffe in person.

The Autrique House

Conceived by Horta in 1893 and meticulously restored, this beautiful Brussels house is a major element of our architectural heritage. Rescued by the will of François Schuiten and Benoît Peeters of whom the graphic world has since long surpassed the boxes of the comic strips, it tells of the magic of a Brussels home of the early 20th c.... To be discovered with passion.

> MAISON AUTRIQUE

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Email : info@autrique.be
Website : www.autrique.be
Infos : see the Art Nouveau chapter



SPECIALISED BOOKSHOPS

City Centre

Brüsel

> Bld Anspach, 100 - 1000 Brussels
 Tel. : +32(0) 2/511 08 09
 Open : Monday to Sunday from 10.30 to 18.30
 Email : info@brusel.com
 Website : www.brusel.com

La Bulle d'Or

> Boulevard Anspach, 124 - 1000 Brussels
 Tel. : +32(0) 2/ 513 72 35
 Open : Monday to Sunday from 10.30 to 18.30
 Website : www.multibd.be

Le Fantôme Espagnol

> Boulevard Lemonnier, 71 - 1000 Brussels
 Tel. : +32(0) 2/ 512 32 04
 Open : Daily from 10.00 to 19.00

Multi BD

> Bld Anspach, 126-128 - 1000 Brussels
 Tel. : +32(0) 2/ 513 01 86
 Open : Monday to Saturday 10.30 to 19.00
 Email : info@multibd.com
 Website : www.multibd.be

La Boutique Tintin

> Rue de la Colline, 13 - 1000 Brussels
 Tel. : +32(0) 2/ 514 51 52

Slumberland

> Rue des Sables, 20 - 1000 Brussels
 Tel. : + 32(0) 2/ 219 58 01
 Open : Tuesday to Sunday from 10.00 to 18.00
 Email : Tome1@SlumbyBD.com

Petits Papiers

> Boulevard Lemonnier, 15 - 1000 Brussels
 Tel. : +32(0) 2/ 513 46 70
 Open : Monday to Saturday from 10.00 to 19.00



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Tropismes Jeunesse et BD

> Galerie du Roi, 11 - 1000 Brussels
 Tel. : + 32(0) 2/ 511 56 51
 Open : Tuesday to Sunday from 10.00 to 18.00
 Email : tropismes@skynet.be
 Website : www.tropismes.com

Saint-Gilles

BédéMania

> Chaussée de Waterloo, 169
 1060 Brussels (Saint-Gilles)
 Tel. : +32(0) 2 /537 96 20
 Open : Monday to Saturday from 14.30 to 19.00
 Email : bedemia@bedemia.com
 Website : www.bedemia.com

Forbidden Zone

> Rue de Tamines, 25
 1060 Brussels (Saint-Gilles)
 Tel. : + 32(0) 2/ 538 85 78
 Open : Tuesday to Saturday from 12.30 to 19.00
 Email : cedric@forbiddenzone.net
 Website : www.forbiddenzone.net

The Skull

> Ch. de Waterloo, 336
 1060 Brussels (Saint-Gilles)
 Tel. : + 32(0) 2/538.36.99
 Website : www.skulldbd.com

Ixelles

La Bande des Six Nez

> Chaussée de Wavre, 179 - 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)
 Tel. : + 32 (0)2 /513 72 58
 Open : Monday to Saturday from 10.30 to 19.00
 Email : info@labandedessixnez.com
 Website : www.labandedessixnez.com

Little Nemo

> Rue de Trône, 132 - 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)
 Tel. : + 32 (0)2/ 646 53 45

Espace BD

> Place Fernand Cocq, 2 - 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)
 Tel. : + 32 (0)2 / 512 68 69
 Email : info@espacebd.com
 Website : www.espacebd.com

Le Dépôt

> Chaussée d'Ixelles, 120 et 142
 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)
 Tel. : + 32 (0)2 / 513 46 22
 Open : Monday to Saturday from 10.00 to 18.30
 Email : depotbd@depotbd.com
 Website : www.depotbd.com

Schirlf Book

> Chaussée de Waterloo, 752
 1180 Brussels (Uccle)
 Tel. : + 32 (0)2/ 648 04 40

BAR

Le bar dessiné

> Hôtel Radisson SAS
 rue du Fossé-aux-Loups, 47 - 1000 Brussels
 Tel. : +32 (0)2/ 219 28 28

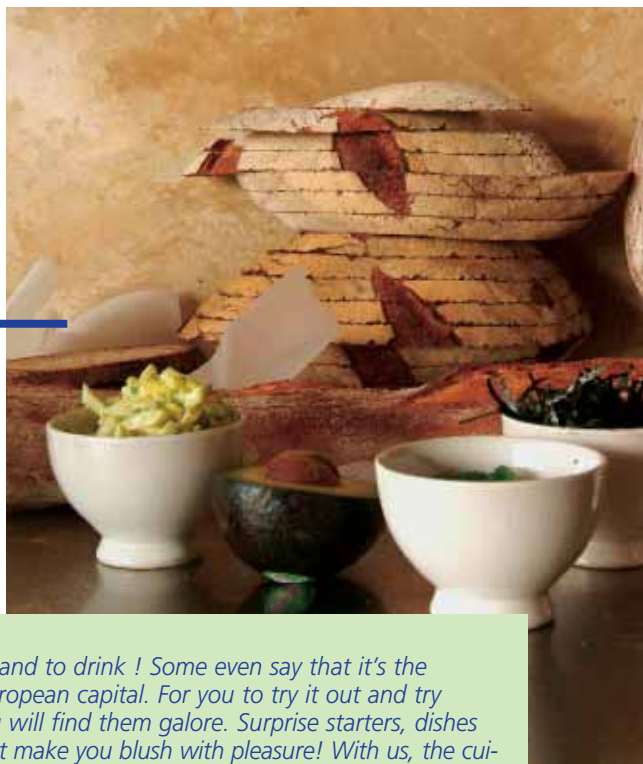


Oliver Rameau, Dany © OPT/JP Remy



Fresco by Frank Pé © OPT/JP Remy

My Brussels of Flavours



© Pain Quotidien

In Brussels, we like to eat ... and to drink ! Some even say that it's the number one quality of the European capital. For you to try it out and try again! Cafés, restaurants, you will find them galore. Surprise starters, dishes lovingly prepared, desserts that make you blush with pleasure! With us, the cuisine is generous, inventive and tasty and it's sampled with a smile on the lips. True to its multi-cultural reputation, Brussels the beautiful takes pleasure in sharing all types of cuisines and ambiances. For all tastes and all purses! Only one rule : let yourself be guided by your senses and your desire.

In Brussels, you should know however that the taverns and their typical woodwork and their shiny beer pumps have remained the meeting places of the true "Bruxellois", young and old! Saint-Géry, Saint-Jacques, Sainte-Catherine, Saint-Boniface are neighbourhoods that abound in warm-hearted and joyful places where you should sample a « half en half » (half white wine -half champagne), a faro or a kriek.

As a dessert or for tea, opt for some Brussels' waffles, a creamy pastry, "speculoos" or "pains à la grecque" (!) that have carved themselves a serious reputation. There is no secret: quality and generosity are the master words of the success of the kitchen boys and master backers of Brussels. Wander to the Grand Sablon where breads are particularly good.

Last wink at the gastronomy of Brussels: don't leave the town without having tasted the famous "caricolles", sea snails and whelk served in their spicy stock. What a memorable souvenir

Alain COUMON,
Founder of "Le Pain Quotidien"

GOURMET STOPOVERS

1 Cantillon Brewery

The Cantillon Brewery remains the only brewery open to the public in Brussels that is still in activity. Beer is brewed here exactly as during the 19th c., and beers, tools, machinery and recipes are those of then! Red copper vats, age old barrels and ramparts of bottles are the decor of your visit.



> BRASSERIE CANTILLON

Rue Gheude, 56
1070 Brussels (Anderlecht)
Tel. : +32(0)2/ 521 49 28
Email : info@cantillon.be
Website : www.cantillon.be
Open : Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 17.00 and Saturday from 10.00 to 17.00
Price : € 4,00 per person, including a tasting at the end of the visit.
Languages : Documentation in FR, NL, EN, D, ESP, IT, JAP
Access : Trams 18-52-55- 56-81- 82 – Bus : 20-47

2 The Beer Museum of Schaerbeek

This small Brussels museum located in the workshop of a former school and surrounded by a pretty garden, highlights one of the most typical products of Brussels: beer.

With the help of didactic panels, the museum presents the various stages of beer production and exhibits over 1500 bottles of Belgian beers, most of them accompanied by their specific glass, machinery having served in beer-making, enamel plaques, table sets...

> MUSÉE SCHAEERBEEKOIS DE LA BIÈRE

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http://users.skynet.be/museedelabiere



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Open : Wednesday and Saturday from 14.00 to 18.00
Price : € 3,00 per person, including the sampling of a "Schaerbeekoise"
Languages : Fr, NL, EN (on request)
Access : trams 92 - 93 stop « St Servais »

week without ever divulging which beer he is serving the visitors at the end of the tour!

> LE MUSÉE DES BRASSEURS BELGES

Grand-Place, 10 - 1000 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0) 2/ 511 49 87
Email : belgian.brewers@beerparadise.be
Website : www.beerparadise.be
Open : daily from 10.00 to 17.00 - (!) period of 01/12 to 31/03 : Saturday and Sunday open as from 12 .00 /from January to June and from September to December : closed on the 1st Tuesday of the month.
Price : individual ticket : € 4,00 - groups (> 20 persons) : € 3,00
Languages : the visit is done with audio-guides (FR, NL, EN)
Access : underground or train stop "Gare Centrale"

3 Museum of Belgian Brewers

In the prestigious setting of the Grand-Place, the cellars of the « Maison des Brasseurs » shelter the Museum of Belgian Brewers since 1952. With an 18th century brewery, a cellar-tavern and an evocation of today's high technology brewing. The barkeeper likes to surprise and changes beer a few times every



Imperative © Chez Léon

④ Planète Chocolat

Chocolate planet? Well yes! It's as it sounds: a planet made of chocolate that only works in yesteryears tradition with a team of real 100% pure cocoa butter chocolate lovers, no conservatives, no artificial colouring! This charming tea room welcomes you to the pleasure of the eyes and taste buds in the very heart of Brussels, between the Grand-Place and the Manneken Pis.

> PLANÈTE CHOCOLAT

Rue du Lombard, 24 – 1000 Brussels
Tel.: +32 (0) 2/ 511 07 55
Email: planetechocolat@skynet.be
Website: www.planetechocolat.be
Demonstration: every Saturday at 16.00 for individuals
The boutique: open from Monday to Saturday from 10.00 to 18.30 - Sunday from 11.00 to 18.30.
Price: € 6.
Languages: FR, NL, EN, D
Access: Bus: 71-34-49-96 - Pre-metro: stop "Bourse".

⑤ Museum of Cocoa and Chocolate

The world of cocoa and chocolate: one learns everything here! How to grow cocoa, the various stages of the making of chocolate, its origins, its arrival in Europe. Then, to join the useful to pleasure, a demonstration by a master chocolate-maker will make you discover all the facets of our delicious chocolate.

> MUSÉE DU CACAO ET DU CHOCOLAT

Rue de la Tête d'Or, 9/11 – 1000 Brussels
Tel.: +32 (0)2/ 514 20 48
Email: info@mucc.be
Website: www.mucc.be
Open: From Tuesday to Sunday, from 10.00 to 16.30. Closed on Monday. During July and August the museum is open every day.
Price: adult: € 5,00 ; child (-12 years) students, seniors: € 4,00.
Languages: FR, NL, EN, D, IT.



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Access: Metro Gare Centrale or De Brouckère - Bus: 29-38-60-63-71 stop "Gare Centrale" - Trams: 23-90-55-52 stop "Bourse".

⑥ The Museum of the Endive

Housed in an ancient barn, the museum is an hymn to village life of yesteryear and more particularly to the growing of "witloof" (the fetish vegetable of the Brussels region, also known as chicory or endive). The museum also houses a tavern-restaurant where the vegetable is served in various ways.

> MUSÉE DE LA WITLOOF

Rue Leekaerts, 29
 1140 Brussels (Evere)
Tel.: +32 (0) 2/216 10 59
Email: geuzenberg@skynet.be
Website: <http://www.geuzenberg.be>
Open: Tuesday to Friday from 11.30 to 14.30 – Sunday and Bank holidays from 12.00 to 18.00
Price: € 1,00 per person
Languages: FR, NL
Access: Tram: 55 - Bus: 65-66-54-21.
 De Lijn: all buses to Haecht



The unavoidable

- Les croquettes aux crevettes grises (shrimp croquettes)
- Le filet américain, frites (raw minced beef with chips)
- Le Waterzooi (chicken, cream and vegetable broth)
- Le lapin aux pruneaux (rabbit with prunes)
- Les ballekes à la marolienne (meat balls à la marolienne)
- Les moules, frites (mussels and chips)
- La tartine de fromage blanc et sa Kriek (cottage cheese on bread with a Kriek)
- Le stoemp (Belgian version of Bangers and Mash)
- Le spéculoos (caramelised and spiced biscuit)

A "friture" or a "fritkot" is a chip stall where the people of Brussels like to purchase a paper cone of chips to be eaten on the street, dipping the chips into various sauces, mayonnaise more often than not.

SOME TYPICAL AND INESCAPABLE "ESTAMINETS" (TAVERNS)

Ancient cafés of Brussels, "Art Nouveau" cafés, traditional cafés of the low town, cafés of the surrealists, show cafés, trendy cafés, cafés with bird names, they all have their characteristics! And everywhere in Brussels, youngsters and elders, Belgians and tourists gather in these typical places where life is pleasant...

La Mort Subite

Ancient and sacred Institution, a privileged stopover opposite the Galeries Royales
 > Rue de la Montagne-aux-Herbes, 7
 1000 Brussels

In the shadow of the Stock Exchange

Cirio

All the charm of the Brussels Belle Époque
 > Rue de la Bourse, 18

La Becasse

Faro and gueuze in the austere setting of the ancient breweries.
 > Rue de Tabora, 11

Le Falstaff

Temple of the Jungendstil, to be devoured with the eyes.
 > Rue H. Maus, 17-21

A l'imaige de Notre Dame

At the end of its cul-de-sac, intimate and irresistible, a true to life flash back!
 > rue du Marché aux Herbes, 8

Au Bon Vieux Temps

It's so nice to sample our spontaneous fermentation beers, to warm up in the ambience of this all in wood café where everything mentions Brussels.
 > rue du Marché aux Herbes, 12

RESTAURANTS OF BRUSSELS WITH MICHELIN STARS 2006

The starred restaurants are only a part of the selection of over 1000 restaurants that the Michelin guide suggests in Belgium. The selection of these establishments is done by Michelin inspectors operating professionally, in complete independence and to the sole benefit of the readers of their guidebook.

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Comme chez Soi

> Place Rouppe, 23 – 1000 Brussels
Infos: +32 (0) 2 512 29 21
Website: www.commechezsoi.be

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Bruneau

> Avenue Roustin, 75 - 1083 Brussels
Infos: +32 (0) 2 425 70 70
Website: <http://www.bruneau.be/>

Claude Dupont

> Av. Vital Riethuisen, 46 - 1083 Brussels
Infos: +32 (0) 2 426 00 00

Sea Grill (Radisson SAS)

> Rue du Fossé aux loups 47 - 1000 Brussels
Infos: +32(0) 2 227 31 20
<http://www.2.resto.be/seagrill/>

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Bon Bon

> rue des Carmélites 93
 1180 Brussels (Uccle)
Infos: +32 (0) 2 346 66 15

Chez Marie

> Rue Alphonse de Witte 40
 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)
Infos: +32(0) 2 644 30 31

De Maurice à Olivier

> Chaussée de Roodebeek 246
 1200 Brussels (Woluwe-Saint-Lambert)
Infos: +32(0) 2 771 33 98

Hilton – La Maison du Bœuf

> Bd. de Waterloo 38 - 1000 Brussels
Infos: +32(0)2 504 13 34

Le Pain et le Vin

> Chaussée d'Alsemberg, 81 2A
 1180 Brussels (Uccle)
Infos: +32(0) 2 332 37 74

Le Passage

> Av. J. et P. Carsoel 13 - 1180 Brussels (Uccle)
Infos: 32(0) 2 374 66 94

Senza Home

> Rue Royale Sainte-Marie 22
 1030 Brussels (Schaerbeek)
Infos: +32 (0) 2 223 16 17

San Daniele

> Avenue Charles Quint 6
 1083 Brussels (Ganshoren)
Infos: +32 (0) 2 426 79 23

Delirium Cafe

Amateurs of records, it's in the "l'lot sacré" that you will find over 2000 beers! To be drunk with moderation!
 > Impasse de la Fidélité



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The Gourmet Guide

invites you to dine in close to 200 addresses classified by neighbourhood, opening hours and specialities. Clear, self explanatory and provided with a multilingual glossary of the inescapable Belgian dishes.- Price: € 2,00 (€ 3,32 by post)

My Brussels on Wheels



© M. Van Hulst

If someone ever scoured the cobblestones of Brussels, it's certainly me ! It's here that I learned to ride a bicycle and that I was run in at the rhythm of the deliveries that I made on wheels for the family grocery shop, Place des Bouvreuils in Woluwe-Saint-Pierre. If today, my business does not leave me the opportunity to cycle through the town anymore, I can only recommend the discovery or rediscovery of the town on a bicycle. What better way is there to discover a town, its inhabitants, its neighbourhoods and patches of nature.

Pleasant rides !

EDDY MERCKX



The bicycle has nothing but assets : convivial, non polluting, not cumbersome, it's an excellent exercise for one's health and an unusual mode of discovery.

Mount your bike and see Brussels with other eyes. From little streets to parks, from parks to monuments, from monuments to squares, the town is yours in the crisp morning air! To prepare your itineraries, the Region of Brussels-Capital has published a map of Brussels for cyclists available at the low rate of € 1 from the "Maison des Cyclistes" (House of the cyclists).

BICYCLE HIRE

1 La Maison des cyclistes

(Cyclists House)

> rue de Londres, 15 à 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

Tel. : +32 (0) 2 502 73 55

Email : info@provelo.org

Open : from 1 November to 31 March: Tuesday to Friday from 10.00 to 13.00 and from 13.30 to 17.00

From 1 April to 31 October: Tuesday to Friday from 10.00 to 18.00. Also upon appointment. Closed on 14 May.

2 Bois de la Cambre

> Au Carrefour des Attelages

Tel. : +32 (0) 2 502 73 55

Email : info@provelo.org

Open : from 1 April to 1 October, Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays from 12.00 to 18.00 (in July and August from 12.00 to 20.00). Closed on 14 May.

3 Le Parc de Woluwé

> Crossroads avenue du Parc de Woluwé et des Franciscains

1150 Brussels (Woluwe-Saint-Pierre)

Tel. : +32 (0) 2.502 73 55

Email : info@provelo.org

Open : on Sunday, from 12.00 to 18.00, from 2 April to 1 October. On Saturday, from 12.00 to 18.00, from 3 June to 30 September. Closed on 14 May.

GUIDED BICYCLE RIDES

All year long, Pro Velo suggests a number of themed rides to discover the various aspects of the town. Here, no sports feat, the rhythm of the rides is moderate and adapted to the participants. The themes on offer answer the tastes of the largest numbers: from Art Nouveau to the Forest of Soignes, taking in Free-Masonry, comic strips, breweries... For individuals the season starts in April and ends in October. For groups the cycling tours are on offer throughout the year. To be tried out imperatively.

La Maison des Cyclistes de Brussels – Pro Velo

> 15, rue de Londres à 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

Tel. : 32(0)2.502 73 55

Email : info@provelo.org

Website : www.provelo.org to obtain the program.

A few tips

In Brussels as elsewhere, it's prudent to respect certain rules when riding a bike: road rules and regulations (beware: in Belgium the vehicles coming from your right have right of way), bicycle in a good state of repair... When you ride, do not hesitate to make yourself visible, to take your place on the road and to signal your intentions. When you stop, we strongly suggest that you tie your bicycle to a lamp post or a bicycle stand. Bicycle stands are more and more numerous and available in front of most cultural places. Prefer a U-shaped padlock, stronger than others.

Friendly and secure itineraries for two-wheel rides.

- **The Bois de la Cambre :** is partially closed to vehicle traffic during the weekend and offers beautiful riding space.
- **The Forest of Soignes :** paradise of giant beech trees and glades, this green lung of Brussels is partially accessible to cyclists on the condition of only using the permitted paths.
- **The ancient railway tracks of the Brussels-Tervueren line** are accessible from the park of Woluwe. They have been reallocated to the use of pedestrians and cyclists, offering a number of miles of secure walks and rides to nature lovers. Ultimate comfort: the site is so flat, so flat... that everyone follows!
- The Brussels Institute for the Managing of the Environment (l'Institut Bruxellois pour la Gestion de l'Environnement (IBGE : www.ibgebim.be)) suggests a signposted "green ride" allowing the complete tour of the region of Brussels Capital (50 miles)

A number of sites will help you to prepare your stay :

- www.provelo.org
- www.velo.irisnet.be
- www.ibgebim.be (infos parks)
- www.gracq.org





My Brussels for Families



Scientastic Museum

Top secret – Reserved to children

If one day you suspect your parents of preparing a visit to Brussels without you, tell them they are wrong. There are so many activities in Brussels for the children: parks to walk in, strange places to discover, an itinerary during which you'll discover your favourite comic strip characters, museums that can interest you, theatre and musical activities, the whole of Europe to visit in a few giant's footsteps... Brussels is in reality a Treasure Island for the young and the others and your parents will be pleased to visit this town with your young eyes and then explaining it all to them! A last tip: slip this brochure, open at this page... You'll see the effect it has on them, they will say: "Look at all the activities there will be for you. Could we accompany you?" You will then be sure to be part of the trip, and believe me, nobody will regret it.

CHRISTIAN MERVELLE
Singer



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Museum of Natural Sciences

This museum is indisputably one of the most impressive of Brussels. Minerals, moonstones, whales, insects, and of course the dinosaurs of which the famous iguanodons of Bernissart... Only a small sample of the treasures of this dynamic museum situated right in the centre of the European quarter. To be seen at least once in a lifetime!

> MUSÉUM DES SCIENCES NATURELLES

Rue Vautier, 29 - 1000 Brussels

Tel. : +32 (0)2 627 42 38

Email : info@naturalscience.be

Website : www.naturalscience.be

Open : Tuesday to Friday from 9.30 to 16.45 (last entry at 16.15; last entry to temporary. Exhibitions at 15.45); Saturday and Sunday from 10.00 to 18.00; during the Belgian school holidays of autumn, the Christmas holidays, Carnival holidays and Easter holidays from 10.00 to 18.00.

Closed : on Mondays

Price : € 4,00 adult; 6-17 years, student and senior : € 3,00 ; disabled: € 1,50 ; child under 6 years free - Supplement for temporary exhibitions : € 3,00 .

Access : Railway station Brussels-Luxembourg - Metro : line 1 "Maelbeek" / line 2 "Trône"

Bus : 34 - 80 "Wayenberg" (opposite the Museum); 38, 60, 95 et 96 stop "Parnasse".



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> MUSÉE DU JOUET

Rue de l'Association 24 - 1000 Brussels

Tel. : + 32 (0)2 219 61 68

Website : www.museedujouet.be

Open : 366 days per year from 10.00 to 12.00 and from 14.00 to 18.00.

Price : Adult : € 4,50- Child, student, senior and groups : € 3,50 (for groups the accompanying person goes free of charge).

Languages : FR, NL, EN, D, ES

Access : Metro - line 2 stops : "Madou or Botanique" - Trams 92 -93- 94 (stop Congrès) - Bus : 29 - 61 - 63 - 65 - 66 (stops Congrès, Madou or Botanique).

Children's Museum

Pilot a bathyscaphe, become a magician, build a flying machine, be an actor on a real stage, play with colours, be the hero of a fairy tale, discover one's own talents, express one's emotions... all this is possible in the Children's Museum.

> MUSÉE DES ENFANTS

Rue du Bourgmeestre, 15 - 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

Tel. : + 32 (0)2 640 01 07

E-mail :

childrenmuseum.brussels@skynet.be

Website : www.museedesenfants.be

Price : € 6,70. Schools upon appointment at € 5,50 for a full day (10.00 to 15.00)



and € 3,00 for the Wednesday morning (9.30 to 11.30).

Open : from 14.30 to 17.00, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays and school holidays.

The Museum is destined to children of 4 to 12 years. Open till the end of May 2006 Reopening on 14/10/2006 with a new exhibition "Rouge" (Red)

Access : tram 90 (from gare du nord and du midi stop : "Boondael"), bus 71 (from gare centrale stop : "Hippodrome").

Scientastic Museum

What can be more fun than to discover the world through the sensations it gives us.

Sit down as a fakir, fly as a bird, take a picture of yourself in an impossible box, change your voice into that of an alien, whisper secrets from one parabola to another, dance with your gigantic and colourful shadows... and explore over 90 other scientific experiences and astonishing interactive discoveries.

> SCIENTASTIC

Pre-metro "Bourse", level -1 - Boulevard

Anspach - 1000 Brussels

Tel. : + 32 (0)2 732 13 36

Email : info@scientastic.be

Website : www.scientastic.be





Price : adult : € 6,10 / < 26 years and senior : € 4,60

Languages : FR,NL,D,ES

Open : every day on weekends, school holidays and bank holidays from 14.00 to 17.30.

Access : In the pre-metro station of "la Bourse" (stock exchange), level -1, a stone throw from the Grand Place.

Recreational itinerary at the Mont des Arts

Discover the historical site of the Mont des Arts while visiting the most prestigious cultural sites of the Capital: the Royal Museum of Fine Arts, the interactive Musical Instruments Museum, the Palais de Charles de Lorraine (museum of the 18th c.) BOZAR, the Palace conceived by Horta, master of Art Nouveau, BELvue, dedicated to the history of Belgium since the creation in 1830 of its constitutional Monarchy, but also Coudenberg, the archaeological site of the ancient Palace of Charles Quint and finally the cultural space of the ING.

The non profit making "Mont des Arts" suggests a recreational and informative itinerary, to be seen, heard and done with the family and with the help of a booklet that will guide you through this site imagined by the "builder king", Leopold II, who changed the face of Brussels.



© Toy Museum

> PARCOURS LUDIQUE

As from 6 years of age

Tel. : +32 (0)2 507 84 32

Website : www.montdesarts.be

Open : From Tuesday to Sunday from 10.00 to 17.00.

Price : € 15 (for 2 adults and at least 1 child)

Museum of the Tram

Brussels and its trams... a long love story to be discovered "live" with over 60 vehicles – trams, buses, trolleybuses, taxis – from 1868 to present days. Not to be missed, the ride in an ancient tram along the prestigious avenue de Tervuren between Woluwe and the cultural site of the Cinquantenaire.



> MUSÉE DU TRAM

Avenue de Tervuren, 3648

1150 Brussels (Woluwé-Saint-Pierre)

Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 515 31 08

Email : info@mtub.be

Website : www.mtub.be

Open : from the 1st Saturday in April to the 1st Sunday of October only on weekends and bank holidays from 13.30 to 19.00.

Price : € 2,00 : entry fee - € 5,00 : entry + historical tram ride - € 2,00 : child from 6 to 11 years and Brussels Tourist Tramway (guided visits + /- 4 h between end of March and end of September only on Sunday mornings at 10.00) : € 12,00 - child from 6 to 11 years : € 6,00 - reservation compulsory : 02/515 31 08.

Languages : In French the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays, in Dutch, only the 2nd Sunday.

Access : Trams 39 or 44 : stop "Dépôt de Woluwé" – Bus 36 and 42 : stop "Dépôt de Woluwé".

At the Cinquantenaire

Autoworld

At the automobile museum, cars are appreciated for their beauty or design or for the quality of their technology. Over 400 vehicles, retracing the evolution of the automobile between 1886 and 1960, are exhibited under the huge metallic structure of the ancient World Palace of the national exhibition of 1880.



> AUTOWORLD

Parc du Cinquantenaire 11- 1000 Brussels

Tel. : +32 (0)2 736 41 65

Email : info@autoworld.be

Website : www.autoworld.be

Open : from 01/04 to 30/09 from 10.00 to 18.00 and from 01/10 to 31/03 from 10.00 to 17.00.

Individuals : adult : € 6,00 ; child (6-13 years) : € 3,00 - student : € 4,70 ; senior : € 4,70.

Access : Parc du Cinquantenaire Metro Mérode

Royal Museum of the Army and of Military History

Situated just opposite the Autoworld, this free museum houses 10 centuries of history and European military technology, from the Middle Ages to present days through fire arms, armour, uniforms, paintings, sculptures, tanks, planes and personal memorabilia. We favour the section dedicated to the Air.



> ROYAL MUSEUM OF THE ARMY

Parc du Cinquantenaire 3 - 1000 Brussels

Tel. : +32 (0)2 / 737 79 07

Email : infocom@klm-mra.be

Website : www.klm-mra.be

Open : Tuesday to Sunday from 9.00 to 12.00 and from 13.00 to 16.45

Closed : Monday, 1 January, 1 May, 1 November, 25 December

At the Heysel



Goddess of the Universal exhibition of 1958 for which it was built, this phenomenal structure was admired by over 42 million visitors in 6 months time.

Dominating the Brussels landscape from over 300 feet in height, this edifice that embodies ever again modern optimism, is one of the most significant constructions of the 1950's. Its recent renovation has given it back its original shine and its new fittings guarantee a true durability.

> Practical info : the Atomium is open as from February 18th, 2006

Website : www.atomium.be

Open : daily, from 10.00 to 18.00 (ticket office closed at 17.30)

Price : February to April: € 7, seniors and children over 12: € 4, children under 12 go free. – 1 May to 31 December: adult: € 9, seniors and children over 12: € 6, children under 12 go free.

Access : by underground, Heysel station.

Mini-Europe

Situated at the foot of the Atomium, Mini-Europe is the only park where, in a few hours, you will travel through Europe, admiring its most prestigious historical monuments and also its most edifying technological symbols, all represented by 300 scale models, all of which on the same scale and of an unsurpassed quality.

Between a 42 ft. Eiffel Tower and a 39 ft. long Acropole, it's a real journey that awaits you, bringing you fine souvenirs and projects of future travels. Start off the animations yourself: the eruption of the Vesuvius, the



© Mini-Europe

fall of the Berlin Wall, the bullfight in Sevilla and so many others... Not to be missed at the end of the walk, the "Spirit of Europe", a recreational interactive game to learn the ABC of the building of Europe.



> MINI-EUROPE

Bruparck – 1020 Brussels

Tel. : +32 (0) 2/ 478 05 50

Email : Info@minieurope.com

Website : www.minieurope.com

Open : from 25/03 to 30/06 : from 9.30 to 18.00 (*) - from 1/07 to 31/08(*) : from 9.30 to 20.00 - from 1/09 to 30/09 (*) : from 9.30 to 18.00 – from 1/10 to 7/01/2007 : from 10.00 to 18.00 (*). Last admission (*) : 1 hour before the closing of the park.

Individuals : adult : € 12,00; child (- 12 years) : € 9,00 - child -1 m20 : free

Languages : catalogue available in FR,NL,EN,D,SP,IT, Hebrew and Russian.

Access : Ring of Brussels exit 8 – Métro Heysel line 1A.

Océade

Subtropical aquatic park heated at

29 °C (85 °F) with indoor and outdoor zones. Come and live some unforgettable moments: 11 water-slides, swimming pool with waves, aqua fun house, sauna land, Jacuzzi, bounty raft...

> OCÉADE

Bruparck – 1020 Brussels

Tel. : +32 (0) 2/ 478 43 20

Email : info@oceade.be

Website : www.oceade.be

Open : from 25/03 to 30/06 : from 10.00 to 18.00 – Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays from 10.00 to 21.00.

Price : Child < 1m15 : free - child between 1m15 and 1m30 : € 11,50 - Adult and child >1m30 : € 14,50.

Access : Ring of Brussels exit 8 – Train : Gare Centrale take the Metro Heysel line 1A. Stop "Heysel".

Planetarium

The Planetarium is a magical place. Thanks to different astonishing shows, you will learn to recognise the most known constellations, spot the Polar star and the Pleiades; fol-





© Océade

The Tenbosch Park

Green miracle in the heart of Ixelles, this family park has 7.4 acres surrounded by a high wrought iron fence. Children build sand castles or jostle in the playground, embracing on the public benches, the teenagers build castles in Spain. Dad and Mum hesitate between hitting the tennis ball, playing "boules" or wandering along the paths and the romantic fountains.

> PARC TENBOSCH

Chaussée de Vleurgat
1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

Open : from 9.00 to 20.00 from April to October, and from 9.00 to 16.00 the rest of the year.

Access : Bus : 37,38 – Trams : 93,94.

The Bois de la Cambre

Situated at the end of the avenue Louise, the wood is a great walk. The wood is forbidden to traffic during the weekends of the good season. It's an ideal place for walks, for relaxation and for games. Health paths and roller skates,



low the movements of the planets around the Sun; observe and understand the phases of the moon. You will also observe the brilliant images of the spatial telescopes and find yourself amidst the astronomical sites of the Andes or even on the surface of the moon. The stars in the sky will soon have no more secrets for you.

> PLANÉTIARIUM DE L'OBSERVATOIRE ROYAL DE BELGIQUE

Avenue de Bouchout, 10 - 1020 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2/ 474 70 50

Email : planetarium@planetarium.be
Website : www.planetarium.be

Open : Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 16.30, and on Sundays from 13.30 to 16.00. Closed on Saturdays and on 1, 2, 11 and 15 November; on 25 December

Price : adult : € 4,00 - child, student, senior, groups : € 3,00.

Access : Tram : 18 stop : Stade, trams : 23, 81 stop : Heysel - Bus 84, 89 stop : Heysel - Metro : line 1A way to Roi Baudouin, stop "Houba-Brugmann or Heysel".

Languages : FR,NL. Other languages (EN,D) on reservation.

PARKS AND WOODS

The Park of Brussels

Between the visits of the BELvue, of the underground galleries of the Palace of Charles de Lorraine, of the Royal Museums of Fine Arts, of the MIM and of the BOZAR, nothing better than a great breath of fresh air for the kids in the playground of the Royal Park of Brussels, a stone throw from the huge fountain, from the bandstand and the ponds. Enough to funnel the energies and to awaken the most tired... This park is situated between the Royal Palace of Brussels and the Palais de la Nation. It was designed in the 18th c. in the classical style of the Tuilleries of Paris. It welcomes since 1782 a theatre, still active, the Theatre Royal du Parc.



fishing and playgrounds are permanently active. In certain occasions it's the theatre of various attractions and animations: sport demonstrations, open air concerts, fireworks, inflated castles...

> BOIS DE LA CAMBRE

1000 Brussels
Permanently open

THEATRE AND PUPPETS

Le Peruchet



> Av. de la Forêt, 50 à 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)
Tel. : +32 (0)2/ 673 87 30 -
+32 473/260 377

Shows on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 15.00. Closed in July / August.

Languages : FR. NL or Eng on request

Théâtre du Ratinet

> Av. de Fré 44, à 1180 Brussels (Uccle)
Tel. : +32 (0)2/375 15 63

Shows on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 15.30 also on the other days during school holidays at 15.30 (except Monday)



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Théâtre de la Montagne magique

> Rue du Marais, 57 – 1000 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2/ 210 15 90

Website :
www.theatremontagnemagique.be
Language : Fr

EDUCATIONAL FARMS

Ferme d'Uccle

> 93, vieille rue du Moulin
1180 Brussels (Uccle)
Tel. : +32 (0) 2/ 374 18 96

Ferme du Parc Maximilien

> 21, quai du Batelage - 1210 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0) 2/ 201 56 09

Email : info@fermeduparcmaximilien.be
Website : www.fermeduparcmaximilien.be

Ferme "Nos Pilifs"

> 347, Trasserweg - 1120 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0) 2 /262 11 06

Email : info@pilifs.be
Website : www.fermenospilifs.be

My Young Brussels



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It's evident. Brussels has something special : It's a completely delirious amalgam of small neighbourhoods! There is the Saint-Boniface area, the Flagey area, the area around the Place du Chatelain, the Ixelles cemetery, the surroundings of the "Halles" St Géry... With a completely different ambience, you lose yourself in the restaurants and small bars with DJ. Other strong point, the budget restaurants which, here, are a real treat! Everything is good! The amateurs of vintage and secondhand will also be seduced: open your eyes as the comic strip places, the record shops and the secondhand clothes dealers offer good bargains at hours when the clubs and bars are still invisible.

At nightfall, lights and neon signs appear at last...concert halls, private evenings, clubs and show places – of which the mythical Cirque Royal, the inescapable Botanique or the Ancienne Belgique – offer excellent music – whatever your preferred tastes can be – without mentioning all these incredible performances mixing music, dance, photography and video. A particular tenderness for the contemporary art galleries near the canal. Every evening, something takes place and it would really be a pity to stay home!

Charlotte and David from the group Sold out



Sold Out © Grégoiry Derkenne

RESTAURANTS/CLUBS BY DISTRICT

To put you on the right tracks we have selected a number of inescapable places of the Brussels night around five "night life" neighbourhoods. Follow the guide!

The Centre

The Place Saint-Géry and the Saint-Jacques district: first of all have fun !

A stone through from the Grand Place, to be discovered without delay and without moderation, crowded terraces as soon as the sun shines and bars for evenings amongst friends with a good beer ! Young and hip public.

Archiduc

In the purest art deco style, live jazz concerts.

> Rue Dansaert, 6 - 1000 Brussels

Dali's Bar

Bar House. Decoration dedicated to the artist.

> Petite rue des Bouchers, 35 - 1000 Brussels

Le Montecristo

Warm ambience, sometimes feverish

> Rue Maus, 25 - 1000 Brussels

Le Mappa Mondo

Wooden caravel for an international public.

> Rue du Pont de la Carpe, 2-6 - 1000 Brussels

Le Roi des Belges

Between modernism and retro, the imperative address of the covered food market.

> Rue Jules Van Praet, 35-37 - 1000 Brussels

Le Sud

Varied DJ's for a practically unique drink, an explosive mix of vodka and lemon.

> Rue de l'Ecuyer, 43 - 1000 Brussels



© You Night Club

Walvis

Opposite the Canal and in the renowned street of the fashion creators, a cosmopolitan place. "Bruxellois" and trendy.

> Rue Dansaert, 209 - 1000 Brussels

You Night Club

A must in the city centre .

> Rue Duquesnoy, 18 - 1000 Brussels

Site: www.leyou.be

Saint-Boniface

The Art Nouveau neighbourhood of restaurants

Between the Matonge district that lives at the pace of Africa and the chaussée d'Ixelles with its cheap shops, a preserved island emerges, marked by the architect Blérot who illuminated the facades with his sgraffites and "bow windows" that were in fashion in the 1900's. The convivial atmosphere is generated by the young population, students of the Academy of Music or the school of cinema, also very cosmopolitan – we are not far from the European district - and finally very "artist". It's also one of the preferred neighbourhoods of comic strip lovers who roam through the bookshops of the chaussée d'Ixelles and chaussée de Wavre. In this area each doorway opens into a restaurant. A piece of advice: try them all, their quality is exceptional.

L'Ultime Atome

Inescapable canteen of the area to have a drink and eat small things at democratic prices.

> Rue Saint-Boniface, 14
1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

Le Comptoir Florian

In an Art Nouveau house, small literary tearoom.

> Rue Saint-Boniface, 17
1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

Sounds Jazz Club

Temple of Jazz and occasional concerts.

> Rue de la Tulipe, 29 - 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

YOUTH ACCOMMODATION IN BRUSSELS !

To know all about the five youth accommodation centres in Brussels. Each one of them modern, comfortable and easily accessible, offers numerous services and quality welcoming at low rates

www.logerjeune.be



Belgium and its astonishing history



Have you already asked yourself what you knew exactly about Belgium? For a young country, Belgium has a captivating history! Meet at the BELvue: the first museum dedicated to the history of Belgium from the 1830 Revolution to the actual Federal State.



> MUSÉES BELVUE

Place des Palais, 7 - 1000 Brussels

Infos : +32-(0)2-545 08 00

Email : info@belvue.be

Website : <http://www.belvue.be>

Tuesday to Sunday, from 10.00 to 18.00 (from June to September), from 10.00 to 17.00 (October to May) Closed : 1 January, Easter Sunday, 1 May and 25 December.

Price : € 3 - students, youngsters from 13 to 18 years, seniors, unemployed : € 2.

Access : Tram : 92, 93, 94 stop "Royal"

- Bus : 38, 60, 71 - Metro : Parc, Trône, Porte de Namur, Gare Centrale

Ixelles Cemetery

The University neighbourhood

The festivities often end in the early hours of the morning. Also the university neighbourhood is one of the rare areas of town to show constant animation. Democratically priced restaurants and cafés open till late are the attraction of this area. Notwithstanding its name, it's the Mecca of student festivities.

Café de l'Université

For a friendly drink and meal.

> Chée de Boondaël, 475
1050 Brussels (Ixelles)



La Bastoche

As above.

> Chaussée de Boondaël, 473
1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

Le Soho Club

Open Friday and Saturday as from 11 PM, disco.

> Boulevard du Triomphe, 47
1160 Brussels (Auderghem)

L'Atelier

With its 250 beers, it's the meeting place par excellence of students.

> Rue Elise, 77
1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

La Petite Planète

Pitta restaurant, with the enormous advantage of being open till 6 AM, the meeting point of those who cannot sleep.

> Chaussée de Boondaël, 467
1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

Le Tavernier

To have a drink, on the terrace or inside. Mainly busy in the evening, with loud music on weekend nights.

> Chaussée de Boondaël
1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

Le Ratabar

Relaxed ambience, with the apple submarine as the speciality of the house. To be tried by all means!

> Chaussée de Boondaël, 345
1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

Upper Town

The chic neighbourhood

In the posh quarter of the town, the avenue Louise and the Boulevard de Waterloo are the "Champs Elysées" of Brussels. The avenue de la Toison d'Or and the chaussée de Charleroi can also boast of a concentration of luxury names, cinemas and a theatre. A concentration of cafés, restaurants and night clubs make this area the inescapable meeting point of night revellers.



Conway's

America as if you were there : bud, shots, spare-ribs and MTV music.

> Avenue de la Toison d'Or, 10
1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

Le Louise Gallery

Mythic disco of Brussels, Electro music, Dance or RNB.

> Friday and Saturday. Galerie Louise, 1
1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

Website : www.louisegallery.com

Les Salons de l'Atalaïde

Restaurant and bar of baroque luxury close to the Thousand and One Nights.

> Chaussée de Charleroi, 89
1060 Brussels (Saint-Gilles)

Website : www.b-eat.be

Le Living Room

The great show off : lighting and mirror effects , padded sofas and majestic bar – very posh.

> Chaussée de Charleroi, 50
1060 Brussels (Saint-Gilles)

Website : www.livingroom.be

Dirty Dancing au Mirano

Hype evening on electro music.

> Chaussée de Louvain, 38
1210 Brussels (Saint-Josse-ten-Noode)

Website : www.dirtydancing.be

Belga

Its inescapable terrace and its colourful atmosphere make it a Must.

> Place Flagey, 18 – 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

Website : www.cafebelga.be

Chez Johnny – Claridge

Fans of clocló and old tacky songs will love it here.

> Ch. de Louvain, 24
1210 Brussels (Saint-Josse-ten-Noode)

Europe in Brussels, an evidence to be seen and better understood...



> Visit of the **EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

Visitors entrance :

rue Wiertz, 43 - 1047 Etterbeek

Tel. : + 32 (0) 2 / 284 34 57

+ 32 (0) 2 / 284 35 82

Website : www.europarl.eu.int

Free of charge

Audio-guided visits : Monday to

Thursday at 10.00 and 15.00, Friday only at 10.00.



Marolles

The Rue Haute and the Rue Blaes are arguably the kingdom of second hand shops and interior decoration. You will find fabric merchants, exotic crockery, trinkets, artefacts of all origins stand side by side. The neighbourhood of the Marolles is still inhabited by "echte brusseleirs" (true Brusselers), pure, original inhabitants who speak a very typical half-French, half-Flemish lingo ! It is they who animate the life of this popular area. Restaurants, typical cafés and trendy discos are galore.

Fleur en papier doré

(Flower in Golden Paper) Ancient café of the surrealists, when authentic rimes with lambic (a special beer).

> Rue des Alexiens, 53 - 1000 Brussels

Fuse - La Démence

(Dementia) The best and best known techno DJ's but also drum & bass.

> Rue Blaes, 208 - 1000 Brussels

Havana

For well to do amateurs of Cuban joys.

> Rue de l'Epée, 4 - 1000 Brussels

Website : www.havana-brussels.com

Le Bazaar

Multi-cultural vocation for a varied dance floor.

> Rue des Capucins, 63-65 - 1000 Brussels

Recyclart

Underground festivities each week-end evening and a few concerts.

> Rue des Ursulines, 25 - 1000 Brussels

Website : www.recyclart.be

LOOKING FOR AN AMBIENCE THAT'S BRILL?

Halles de Schaerbeek

Unique location in Brussels for its programming and for the specificity of its setting: the "halles" (covered market) are an exceptional witness of 19th c. industrial architecture. European Cultural Centre of the French speaking community, the "halles" develop a multi-disciplinary, contemporary, engaged and international project that confirms their particular place in the creative geography of Brussels.

> Rue Royale Sainte Marie, 22

1030 Brussels (Schaerbeek)

Website : www.halles.be

Ancienne Belgique

Who says concerts in Brussels says "AB"! The Ancienne Belgique organises concerts of international artists as well as of local talents. The DOMINO festival in March/April highlights all the music that is situated outside the beaten tracks and during the last week of August the AB organises a free of charge, open air festival in the city centre.

> Bd. Anspach, 110 – 1000 Brussels (near the Stock Exchange)

Website : www.abconcerts.be

Botanique

Mecca of rock music, of mad concerts, of exhibitions but also cinema, the lot crammed into the gem of Brussels' neo-classical architecture (ancient botanical garden and greenhouses dating back to 1826). End of May, early June, the "Nights of the Botanique" is a roaring suc-



cess thanks to its multi-vitamin programming and the quality of its musical discoveries.

> Rue Royale, 236

1210 Brussels (Saint-Josse-ten-Noode)

Website : www.botanique.be

Want to know more

Events taking place :
www.brusselsinternational.be
www.belgium-tourism.be



Brochures Young, Night and Fashion are available in the tourist offices



My Sporting Brussels



Memorial Van Damme

It's not necessary to be a professional to practice one's sport in Brussels. Even if events such as the Van Damme Memorial, or the Brussels marathon have achieved international fame, sport in Brussels is equal to conviviality.

If we practice it with assiduity in the numerous clubs or if we take part in big popular events such as the 20 km of Brussels or the roller parade, what really characterises sport in the capital is the ambience. Here, the "3rd part-time" is a full part of the game.

PAUL VAN HIMST
Football Star

JOGGING

Nothing better than a little jogging in the splendid parks of Brussels to help you unwind. One quarter of the surface of Brussels is occupied by green spaces, there is therefore no lack of choice! If you are staying in the city centre, the Parc Royal with its geometrical alleyways dotted with statues of the mythology and the majestic Parc du Cinquantenaire, are havens of peace very appreciated by city dwellers.

FITNESS

Some very trendy places are accessible without membership for a moment of relaxation or intense training!

Vitao

A place where one feels well and where one does oneself good in a zen loft.

Gym & Dance lessons and hydro sessions a la carte !

> Rue de l'Abbaye, 20- 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

Tel. : + 32 (0) 2 / 554 08 88

Website : www.vitao.be

Waou Club Med Gym

The multilingual meeting of adepts of body pump and body attack. One-day passes.

> Av. de la Toison d'Or, 56

1060 Brussels (Saint-Gilles)

Tel. : + 32 (0) 2 / 534 14 62

Website : www.clubmedgym.com



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SWIMMING POOLS

Victor Boin swimming pool

A magnificent age old pool surrounded by individual cabins, hydrotherapy installations that are unique in Belgium!

> PISCINE VICTOR BOIN

Rue de la Perche, 38

1060 Brussels (Saint-Gilles)

Open : Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8.00 to 19.00 – Wednesday from 14.00 to 19.00 and Saturday from 9.00 to 18.00

Email : edesmet@stgilles.irisnet.be

Price : € 2,00

Access : trams 18-55-81-90, Metro station "Horta" - bus 48

Saint-François swimming pool

Warm-hearted welcome in this magnificent Art Deco swimming pool, major architectural achievement, witness of the social, technical and sports history of the 20th c.

> PISCINE SAINT-FRANÇOIS

Rue Saint-François, 23-27



Némo 33

DIVING

Némo 33

Baptisms and PADI diving certificates. Beginners or confirmed divers, amateurs or tourists, come and discover the deepest in the world indoor diving pool.

Bar, Asian restaurant, the "Club House" with an extraordinary view of the pool through 7 portholes.

> NÉMO 33

Rue de Stalle, 333 - 1180 Brussels (Uccle)

Tel. : +32 (0) 2 / 332 33 34

Open : 7 days a week

Price : available on the website

Website : www.nemo33.com

Access : via the ring junction 18 dir. Uccle – located at the rond-point des Menhirs. Trams from the Gare du Nord and Midi : 18 and 52 – stop "Stalle"

1210 Brussels (Saint-Josse-ten-Noode)

Tel. : +32 (0) 2 / 217 39 41

Website : www.piscinesfrancois.be

Open : Monday to Wednesday from 8.00 to 20.00, Thursday from 8.00 to 22.00, Friday from 8.00 to 19.00, Saturday : clubs

Price : € 2,50

GOLF

Brussels Golf Club Academy & Training Center

Comprehensive installations allow initiation to golf or perfecting one's game on this 9 hole course.

- > **BRUSSELS GOLF CLUB ACADEMY & TRAINING CENTER**
Chaussée de la Hulpe, 53A
1180 Brussels (Watermael-Boitsfort)
Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 672 22 22
Email : info@brusselsgolfclub.com
Website : www.brusselsgolfclub.com

Royal Amicale Anderlecht Golf Club

This 18 hole course demands a good technique and precision. It also offers a practice of 35 places set on two levels and lit till 20.00.

- > **ROYAL AMICALE ANDERLECHT GOLF CLUB**
Rue Scholle 1
1070 Brussels (Anderlecht)
Tel. : +32 (0) 2 / 521 16 87
Email : info@golfanderlecht.com
Website : www.golf-anderlecht.com

Hotel Le Plaza

If you are "addicted", then don't hesitate to stay at the luxurious Plaza Hotel ! On the roof of this magnificent palace, that has welcomed the greatest stars, you'll find the golf practice - question of not loosing that swing that suits you so well.

- > **Hôtel Le Plaza**
bd Adolphe Max 118 – 1000 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0) 2-278 01 00
Website : www.leplaza-brussels.be



International Jumping of Brussels

INTERNATIONAL JUMPING OF BRUSSELS

The Audi Equestrian Masters has become one of the inescapable events of the capital. With the setting up of a new world final for the best international horsemen, the Brussels' Jumping is part of the most prestigious sporting events organised in Belgium. Sustained by Nelson Pessoa, it guarantees a high level show since it assembles the 40 best horse riders of the world. It

welcomes you in the magnificent setting of Tour et Taxis to offer you a top class indoor event.

- > **Date** : to be defined
Website : www.equestrianmasters.com

THE KING BAUDOIN STADIUM

The Belgian national football stadium, it also welcomes various other disciplines and sporting events of which the famous **Memorial Van**

Damme. Qualified as one of the best of all athletic meetings in the world and part of the Golden League, the Van Damme Memorial is THE guarantee of witnessing exceptional athletic performances. Music is also present at this unusual gathering. Punctuating the sporting performances at the start, it resounds later till late in the night, enticing many spectators to dance, all styles mixed up.

- > **Website** : www.memorialvandamme.be

DISCOVERY ITINERARY OF THE KING BAUDOIN STADIUM

Legendary games, memorable athletes and races, unforgettable concerts... and what a stadium ! A permanent exhibition, interactive and thrilling, shows you the surprising world of the King Baudouin Stadium. You'll be able to visit the backstage of the stadium, the locker rooms of the Red Devils, the dope-control room, the security tower, the press room and to walk on the prestigious athletics track. Videos, artefacts, sounds will evoke for you the great moments, exhilarating or dramatic of the history of the stadium. In the footsteps of the greatest stars of sports and show, you will grasp how one of the most prestigious stadiums of Europe functions.

- > **STADE ROI BAUDOIN**
avenue de Marathon 121
1020 Brussels



- Tel.** : +32 (0)2 474 39 44
Email : info@prosporevent.be
Website : www.staderoidaudouin.be
Open : Wednesday to Saturday from 10.30 to 18.30
Beware : closing of the discovery itinerary during events in the stadium.
Price : Individual ticket : adult : € 6,00 – Children, students and seniors : € 4,00 per person
Access : Metro : line 1A stop Baudouin - Car : ring junction 8 (Wemmel) direction centre – Bruxelles..

SENTIERS DE GRANDE RANDONNÉE**(Grand Rambling paths)**

If you thought that to go on a hike you necessarily had to leave town and go to the countryside, you were wrong ! To hike in Brussels ? Nothing easier ! You need only to follow the itinerary of the GR who suggest 9 walks in our capital and who make the links with the GR itineraries entering town from the countryside.

- > A GR topological guide that describes in detail the GR itinerary, points out the curiosities and gives technical indications is available from : Les Sentiers de Grande Randonnée – PO Box 10 – 4000 LIEGE
Tel. : 32 (0)70 223 023
Website : www.grsentiers.org

SUMMER FRIDAYS – ROLLERS

Nothing on TV Friday evening ? Put on your rollers, Brussels is yours for the evening ! The appointment is made for 19.00, place Poelaert, departure 20.00 on an itinerary of approximately 3 hours. Note that it changes each week and that it's free of charge. Don't forget the necessary equipment though : rollers, helmet, knee pads, elbow pads and reflective bands that you can eventually hire on the spot.

- Festive and friendly ambience.
> **Tel.** : +32 (0)2 227 27 24
Website : www.belgiumrollers.com
Open : Every Friday by good weather from June to September (Info as from 16.00).

THE 20 KM OF BRUSSELS

Excellent jogger or confirmed athlete? The Esplanade of the Cinquantenaire awaits you for the departure of this race that follows the prettiest avenues of the town and crosses the pastoral Bois de la Cambre. Each year some 20.000 people take part, encouraged by enthusiastic crowds massed all along the itinerary. The shouts and applause are just as appreciated as the refreshments and musical mar-quees stretched along this beautiful itinerary.

- > **Date** : Sunday 28 May 2006 at 15.00 on the esplanade of the Cinquantenaire.
Website : www.20kmdebruxelles.be



The 20 km of Brussels

For all information concerning a club :

www.cocof.be/sport/hguide.htm

My Brussels on Sunday



© J-P Henry

Sunday reveals the true face of Brussels. If, during the week, the town plays at being a great cosmopolitan city, on Sundays, it sheds its working clothes and reveals itself as it is: gentle, warm-hearted, dreamy, a place to stroll and chat. I like to start the day with a walk in the forest of Soignes, then lunch at the Sablons, after having a look at the antique shops. The afternoon is dedicated to the pleasures of the body: games, sports, sex – concurrently - . And meet your friends in the evening. Brussels is gentle. Brussels is warm-hearted.

ERIC-EMMANUEL SCHMIDT
Writer



The "Mont des Arts" Pass

As its name so well indicates, you'll find here, a concentration of art and history. The most prestigious cultural venues of the capital are assembled here on a few hundred square yards. Throughout the year a most interesting "pass" allows you to wander on Saturdays and Sundays from concert to cinema to exhibition or workshop for kids, be it at the Palace of Fine Arts, at the Royal Museum of Fine Arts (permanent exhibitions), at the Royal Library, at the Palace of Charles of Lorraine (museum of the 18th c.), at the MIM (museum of musical instruments) or the ING Cultural Space, the BELvue museum and, below ground, the ancient Palace of Charles Quint

> MONT DES ARTS ASBL

Tel. : +32 (0) 21 507 84 32

Email : info@montdesarts.be

Website : www.montdesarts.be

Price : € 11,00 (adults) - € 5,50 (students, under 26 years and unemployed), free for children under 13.

Access :

- Trams/Bus : 27-38-60-71-92-93-94-95-96 stop "Royal"
- Metro : Parc, Gare Centrale and Porte de Namur
- Train : Gare Centrale
- Parking : Grand Place & Albertine

Languages : FR,NL,EN - most often and depending on activities (multiple)...

Breakfast@bozar & Bozarsundays

Sunday is first of all breakfast@bozar; breakfast, concert and workshops to start the day on a pleasant note. In the afternoon, thanks to the BOZARSUNDAYS family ticket, the parents follow the guided visit and the children have the choice between the discovery itinerary and the workshops. Culinary creations, painting, computers and photography are programmed... not forgetting tea to end the day!



Place du jeu de balle © BITC / M. Van Hulst

> BOZAR STUDIOS

Palais des Beaux-Arts de Brussels, rue Ravenstein, 23 – 1000 Brussels
Accessible to the disabled upon appointment: +32 (0)2/507 82 20

Tel. : +32 (0)70/34 45 77

Email : studios@bozar.be

Price Breakfast@bozar : € 10,00 (€ 3,20 under 12 years)

Price Bozarsundays : Family ticket € 24 (valid for 2 adults and 2 children under 18) – includes the whole programme and the tea break / it's compulsory that the adults be accompanied by children ! Individual ticket : adults : € 10; under 18 years : € 5; under 14 years : € 3; Ligue des familles : 25%.

Access :

- Train : 5 min. from the Gare Centrale via the Galerie Ravenstein
- Trams : 92, 93, 94
- Metro : Gare Centrale
- Bus : 21, 27, 29, 38, 60, 63, 65, 66, 71, 95, 96

MARKETS

In Belgium, markets are a real tradition. This is where you can feel the heartbeat of Brussels. Each one has its originality, its ambience, its odours, its public and its street pedlars. For your facility we have classified the most typical by district.

Brussels Centre

1 Flower market

The Grand - Place has always been the theatre of a flower market. Nowadays, modest but deeply attached to the place, it remains an eye-catcher. The colours and freshness of its roses, tulips, geraniums are enhanced by the magnificent decor.

> **Marché aux fleurs** – Grand-Place Daily, (except on Mondays) from March to the end of October from 8.00 to 18.00.

2 Antiques

Every Saturday and Sunday, in the shadows of one of the prettiest sacred buildings of Brussels, a luxury





antique market takes place. It is held on the Place du Grand Sablon invaded by eclectic collectors in search of Rococo chairs, silverware or ancient porcelain, hoping to find the gem of their collection.

Boutiques and posh shops surround the market: renowned chocolate makers, gastronomic restaurants and luxury furniture shops.

- > **Place du Sablon** – 1000 Brussels
Every Saturday (from 9.00 to 18.00) and Sunday (from 9.00 to 14.00)

🕒 Flea markets

A few minutes from the Sablon, in the heart of the "Marolles", old telephones, little spoons, rusted iron beds, vinyl records and prams pile up. The "Vieux Marché" (old market), as the inhabitants call it, is one of the most picturesque of the capital.

At daybreak the trucks unload their treasures. This is where the popular heart of Brussels beats. The surrounding streets are packed with second-hand shops, antique dealers and bazaars of all sorts, turning the area into an Ali-Baba cave. On Sunday the market and shops are open till about 3 PM.

- > **Place du jeu de Balle**
1000 Brussels
Daily from 7.00 to 14.00



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The "Zwanze"

is favoured by the "Bruxellois". The word designates a way of speech, of making fun that is unique to the inhabitants, a cocky humour tinted by surrealism and characterised by popular good sense.

Gare du midi

(South station)

Multicultural and popular ambience for the largest market of Brussels.
> Every Sunday from 6.00 to 13.30

The Ponds of Ixelles

"Zen attitude" ambience for this market taking place alongside the ponds: herons, swans and Art Nouveau town houses are present all around. After the walk through the stalls a refreshment at the Café Belga on the Place Flagey is a must. And just above, admire the modernist "Steamship", previously the INR (Institut National de Radiodiffusion). This image and sound factory was the best studio in the world at its

creation and is not far from it today thanks to an exceptional and exact restoration.

- > Market, daily except Monday from 8.00 to 13.00

European District – Place Jourdan

Convivial and cosmopolitan ambience in front of these stalls where everything is found...
> Every Sunday from 8.00 to 13.00

A gourmet stopover is a must in this district!

Go to the most popular of our "Baraques à frites". Since 1948 the Maison Antoine provides chips that are "out of this world" and greatly contribute to the reputation of our chips. Don't hesitate to take them into one of the neighbouring "brasseries" to wash them down with a nice, cool Belgian beer.

Maison Antoine – place Jourdan

Market of Watermael Boitsfort

Far from the hustle and bustle of the city centre, a particular manner in which to sample the charm of a well-to-do residential area highly appreciated by the inhabitants of the capital. Green district par excellence, Watermael Boitsfort is the darling of the "bobo" (middle class person leading a Bohemian lifestyle) and of the real estate agents of Brussels: the tiniest plot of land is worth a fortune! Spreading around the town hall, the market specialises in food, organic produce, crafts and textile

- > Market every Sunday from 8.00 to 13.00

SECOND-HAND MARKETS

To complete a collection, find a specific artefact of your childhood, decorate your interior with ancient objects, decorate an office with a framed share or stock certificate, make an unusual gift or buy a valuable object, come and hunt around on the second-hand markets of Brussels. Here are some of the main ones:

Anderlecht

Westland Shopping, boulevard Sylvain Dupuis

- > Every Sunday, indoors and outdoors. As from April, from 7.00 to 13.00

Auderghem

Hermann-Debroux

- > The last Sunday of the month from 6.00 to 13.00

Boulevard du Souverain, (opposite the Cultural Centre)

- > On the second Sunday of the month from 7.00 to 14.00

Forest

Place Saint-Denis

- > Every Sunday from 7.00 to 13.00

Koekelberg

Place Simonis

- > The second Saturday of the month from 9.00 to 13.00

Woluwe Saint-Lambert

Place Saint-Lambert

- > The first Sunday of the month, from 6.00 to 13.00

Woluwe Shopping Center

- > The third Sunday of the month from 9.00 to 13.00



BOOKSHOPS ON SUNDAYS ...

Filigranes

Situated in the European district, this bookshop of over 9000 sq.ft. offers a coffee corner, concerts, a space for the little ones, not forgetting the international press and the book signings. The detective novels and science fiction can be found in the cellars of an ancient bank. Surrealist!

- > Avenue des Arts, 39 – 1040 Brussels

Tel. : +32 (0) 2/511 90 15

Website : www.filigranes.be

Saturday from 9.30 to 19.00 and Sunday from 10.00 to 18.00 – 365 days per annum.

Candide

Little piece of paper in the blue sky of the quaint Place Brugmann with its resolutely different shops near the avenue Louise and the Place du Chalelain. The Candide bookshop, much appreciated by the people of the neighbourhood, displays general literature on a minimum amount of square feet as well as national and international press.

- > Place Brugmann, 1 - 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)

Tel. : +32 (0)2/344 81 94

Open on Sunday from 8.00 to 18.00

On weekdays from 8.00 to 19.00

Tropismes

Original ball room décor for well-behaved young girls right in the centre of the Galeries Royales Saint Hubert... Astonishing stucco ceilings, mezzanine and mirrored walls with shelves heavy with literature and books specialised in human sciences or Fine Arts. Well worth a visit!

- > 11 Galerie des Princes / 11 Galerie du Roi 1000 Brussels

Open : on Sunday from 13.30 to 18.30 – Monday to Saturday from 10.30 to 18.30

Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 512 88 52

Website : www.tropismes.be

Waterstone's

If you're a fan of English literature, this is your place!

2 floors of books, novels, gripping stories... all with the so typically British welcome and accent.

- > Bd Adolphe Max, 71 - 1000 Brussels

Tel. : +32 (0) 2/219 27 08

Open : on Sunday from 10.30 to 18.00

The other days from 9.00 to 19.00

La librairie de Rome

Only a stone throw from the very trendy avenue Louise, squeezed between the dress designers and the hip interior decoration shops, an international bookshop where you'll find all and everything in daily press and novels. A must of the cosmopolitan life.

- > Rue Jean Stas, 16A

1060 Brussels (Saint-Gilles)

Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/511 79 37

Open daily from 8.30 to 20.00



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"Brussels Yours to Discover"

You want to immerse yourself into the every day life of the "Bruxellois" in the very heart of their 19 neighbourhoods? You wish to discover their legendary warm-heartedness, their home, their passions, their talents, their artists, their little "tricks" to make life more pleasant, their neighbourhood associations, their gardens, their windmills, their monuments? Discover 6 times a year, the weekends of "Brussels My Discovery"! The inhabitants open their doors and their arms. To be sampled with the heart.

- > Website : www.brusselsinternational.be



My Gay Brussels



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When I dropped my heavy suitcases in the heart of the Saint-Jacques quarter, over ten years ago, I was far from thinking that these narrow cobbled streets were to become the heart of gay Brussels. Don't try to count the number of rainbow flags that adorn the facades of shops and create a friendly ambience to welcome the numerous visitors from all over the world. You'll find below the places to discover gay-ly.

MAMAN
From Maman

EVENTS

Gay Pride

In the streets of the city centre.
6 May.

> **Website** : www.blgp.be

Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

At the Botanical Gardens from 12 to 21 January.

> Rue Royale, 136
1210 Brussels

Website : www.fglb.org

Pinkscreens Festival

Queer and alternative festival.
Mid-May.

> Cinéma Nova
Rue d'Arenberg, 3
1000 Brussels

Website : www.pinkscreens.org

INFORMATION BOOTH

Tels Quels asbl

1

Centre of information, activity, exchange, bar.

> Rue Marché au Charbon, 81
1000 Brussels

Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 512 45 87

Open : on weekdays as from 9.00 and weekends from 14.00

Website : www.telsquels.be

Maison arc-en-ciel

2

(Rainbow house)

Centre of information, exchange, bar.

> Rue Marché au Charbon, 42
1000 Brussels

Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 503 59 90

Open : Wednesday to Saturday as from 18.00

Website : www.rainbowhouse.be

Gay and Lesbian Bookshops

Darakan

7

> Rue du Midi, 9 - 1000 Brussels
Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 512 20 76

Restaurants

Boysboudoir

3

Ambience Latino/New York – Mediterranean cuisine.

> Rue Marché au charbon, 25
1000 Brussels

Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 502 09 18

Website : www.boysboudoir.be

El Papagayo

4

Latino cuisine.

> Place Rouppe, 6 - 1000 Brussels

Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 514 50 83

Email : elpapagayo@latinmail.com





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Halloween

Fantasy brasserie restaurant.

- > Rue des Grands Carmes, 10
1000 Brussels
Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 514 12 56
Website : www.resto-halloween.be

Kika

Pasta al dente and market cuisine.

- > Bld Anspach, 117
1000 Brussels
Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 513 38 32
Email : kikakitchen@yahoo.fr

Le Tartisan

Speciality of quiches.

- > Rue de la Paix, 27
1050 Brussels
Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 503 36 00
Website : www.letartisan.be

Bars

B-Koz

Cosy bar with shows on weekends.

- > Rue des Pierres, 28
1000 Brussels
Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 513 55 30
Website : www.b-koz.be



You Night Club

Bxl

- > Place de la Veille Halle aux Blés, 46
1000 Brussels
Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 502 99 80
Website : www.bxl.be

Chez Maman

Show bar, an institution !

- > Rue des Grands Carmes, 7
1000 Brussels
Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 502 86 96
Website : www.chezmaman.be

Dolores

- > Rue Marché au Charbon, 40
1000 Brussels

Duquesnoy

Leather bar.

- > Rue Duquesnoy, 12
1000 Brussels
Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 502 38 83
Website : www.duquesnoy.com

Homo Erectus

- > Rue des Pierres, 57 - 1000 Brussels
Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 514 74 93
Website : www.lhomoerectus.com

Iris

- > Rue de la Fourche, 12
1000 Brussels
Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 219 88 83

La Réserve

Themed evening every month.

- > Petite rue au beurre, 2a
1000 Brussels
Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 511 66 06

Le Baroque

- > Rue Marché au Charbon, 44
1000 Brussels
Website : www.lebaroque.be

Le Belgica

Inescapable.

- > Rue Marché au Charbon, 32
1000 Brussels
Website : www.lebelgica.be

Le Duplex

French restaurant bar - dinner show.

- > Place vieille Halle aux blés, 26
1000 Brussels
Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 514 05 00

Le Gémeau

- > Rue de Laeken, 12
1000 Brussels
Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 219 23 26

Le Plattestein

- > Rue Marché au Charbon, 41
1000 Brussels

L'incognito

- > Rue des Pierres, 36 - 1000 Brussels

The Slave

- > Rue Plattensteen, 7 - 1000 Brussels
Tel. : + 32 (0) 2/ 513 47 46

The inescapable evenings

Next >>>

Queer & mixed public evening.

- > Each first Saturday of the month at the Fuse
Rue Blaes 208 - 1000 Brussels
Website : www.next-party.be

La Démence

Mythical & international.

- > Each last Friday of the month or before
Bank Holidays at the Fuse
Rue Blaes, 208 - 1000 Brussels
Website : www.lademence.com

Bubble Gum

Kitsch & fun.

- > Each Saturday at the Vogue
Rue de Louvain, 2-4 - 1000 Brussels
Website : www.bubble-gum.be

Dansez-vous français?

Off-beat and in French.

- > Each last Friday of the month at the Metro
Valdi
Rue des Poissonniers, 7 - 1000 Brussels

Le Retour du Vrai Thé Dansant

Tea dance

- (waltz, tango, cha-cha-cha)
- > Every last Sunday of the month (afternoon
at the Salons de l'Atalaïde)
Chaussée de Charleroi, 89 - 1050 Brussels
Website : www.leretourdouvraithedansant.be

Sungays

Tea dance (terrace).

- > Every Sunday afternoon at the Jardins de
Bagatelle
Rue du Berger, 17 - 1050 Brussels
Website : www.sungays.be

You

Tea dance (club open in the afternoon)

- > Every Sunday afternoon at the You
Rue Duquesnoy, 18 - 1000 Brussels
Website : www.leyou.be



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My Mini-trips to Brussels



Some ideas for stays at friendly rates for all tastes and budgets. From the top class hotel to the cosy guest room, taking in the small hotels of character, for a discovery weekend for two or a relaxing city trip between friends or with the family, discover Brussels during the weekend with little "extras" that make all the difference included in the price. Access to one of the masterpieces of Art Nouveau, to the temple of comic strips or to the fashion disco of the moment will transform your stay into an amazing discovery! Welcome to Brussels

Packages valid every weekend and subject to availability. Please mention the code "Escapades" when you book. All establishments in this brochure have agreed to respect the offer described hereafter, subject to availability of rooms. Should a problem arise concerning a reservation, we suggest that you contact the reception manager.



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HOTELS

« Art Nouveau in Brussels »

FIRST EUROFLAT HOTEL – 4*

Ideally situated, the First Euroflat Hotel welcomes you in one of its spacious rooms (375 to 475 sq.ft.) distributed over 8 floors and all of them fitted with a kitchenette, with access to broadband internet, with cable TV as well as an a la carte film service.

- 1 overnight at the First Euroflat Hotel
- 1 lavish breakfast per person
- 1 special beer to discover in our bar
- 1 ticket per person to **the Hotel Hannon**, masterpiece of Art Nouveau !



Rate for the single package:

€ 85/night

taxes and service included

Rate for the double/twin package:

€ 95/night

taxes and service included

RESERVATION : Boulevard Charlemagne, 50 - 1000 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2 230 00 10 - **Fax** : +32 (0)2 2 230 36 83
Email : Reservation@hoteleuroflat.be
Website : <http://www.euroflat.be>

« Art Nouveau in Brussels »

HOTEL AMIGO – 5*

Melting pot of "Art Nouveau", Brussels celebrates this revolutionary artistic and architectural movement. Situated in the heart of the capital, the hotel Amigo invites you to discover the most famous gems of this Art.

Visit the first town house conceived by Victor Horta in 1893 the "Maison Autrique", or the Horta museum built in the private residence of the artist himself. Combine your interest in Art Nouveau with a luxury stay at the hotel Amigo.

- One night in a « Classic » room (double occupancy)
- Buffet breakfast
- Visit to the prestigious "Autrique House" or to the "Horta Museum". Guide and map of Brussels- Special Art Nouveau gift.
- Free access to the fitness centre and courtesy newspaper.



Rate for the double/twin package:

€ 266/night

taxes and service included. The package is also available with a supplement for the "Deluxe" and "Executive" rooms. Child under 12 years: free lodging if staying in the same room as parents (max. 1 child per room). Free breakfast up to 4 years of age and

€ 14/night

from 5 to 12 years.

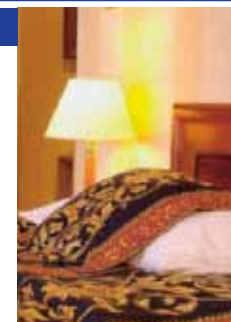
RESERVATION : rue de l'Amigo, 1-3 – 1000 Brussels.
Tel. : +32 (0)2 547 47 47 - **Fax** : +32 (0)2 502 28 05
Email : reservations@hotelamigo.com
Website : <http://www.roccofortehotels.com>

« Inescapable Brussels »

HOTEL BRISTOL STÉPHANIE – 5*

Grand luxury for this 5 star hotel. A dream situation on the Avenue Louise, the most prestigious fashion and business district of Brussels. An ideal location for your shopping sprees and cultural discoveries.

- 1 overnight in a "luxury" room
- 1 American buffet breakfast per person
- 1 box of Belgian chocolates in the room and a welcome glass of champagne per person in our bar.
- The possibility of keeping the room till 16.00
- 1 information kit on Brussels
- 1 bus, tram, tube day-ticket (for two people)
- A 10 coupon booklet "The Must of Brussels", giving access to a choice of the inescapable attractions and museums of Brussels such as the site of the Atomium (reopening 18-02-2006), Mini-Europe, the Belgian Centre of Comic Strips, the Royal museums, Autoworld and many others...



Rate for the double/twin package:

€ 149 /night

taxes and service included

This package is valid throughout 2006 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and daily from 01/07/2006 to 31/08/2006 inclusive and from 16/12/2006 to 31/12/2006 inclusive.

RESERVATION : Avenue Louise, 91-93 - 1050 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2 543 33 11 - **Fax** : +32 (0)2 538 03 07
Email : hotel_bristol@bristol.be - **Website** : <http://www.bristol.be>



« Must of Brussels »

LE CHATELAIN ALL SUITE HOTEL – 5*

The ideal location of this hotel, its refined gastronomic restaurant, the exclusivity of its B'artist Café, its Florentine garden and the well-fitted Fitness Centre will contribute to the charm of your "home suite home" in Brussels.

- 1 overnight in a double Executive room
- 1 lavish international breakfast
- A 10 coupon booklet "The Must of Brussels", giving access to a choice of the most inescapable attractions and museums of Brussels, such as the site of the Atomium (reopening 18-02-2006), Mini-Europe, the Belgian Centre of Comic Strips, the Royal Museums, Autoworld and many more!
- Access to the Fitness centre



RESERVATION : rue du Châtelain, 17 – 1000 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0) 2 646 00 55 – **Fax :** +32 (0) 2 646 00 86
Email : info@le-chatelain.net
Website : www.le-chatelain.net/fr/chatelain.html

Rate for the double/twin package:

€ 189/night

taxes and service included

« Brussels on Sunday »

HÔTEL VILLA ROYALE – 3*

Located in the heart of Brussels, near the Grand Place and the main museums, the hotel Villa Royale offers you the warmth of a home far from your home, a personalised and efficient service that will make your stay as pleasant as comfortable.

- 1 overnight for two in an air-conditioned room
- 1 buffet breakfast per person
- One "pass" per person to the **Mont des Arts**. This pass opens the doors to concerts, permanent collections and temporary exhibitions of the various museums, while animations are foreseen for the children.

Infos : www.montdesarts.be



RESERVATION : Rue Royale, 195 - 1210 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2 226 04 60 - **Fax :** +32 (0)2 226 04 80
Email : villa.royale@skynet.be
Website : http://www.villa-royale.be

Rate for the single,
double or
twin package:

€ 82/night

taxes and service included

« Brussels on Sunday »

SILKEN BERLAYMONT BRUSSELS - 4*

Of a modern and artistic architecture, located amidst the European institutions, just next to the Berlaymont building. The hotel has a restaurant, named « l'Objectif », a bar « the News », Jacquotte Coffeehouse and Relax Spa with sauna, Jacuzzi, solarium, fitness and massages.

- 1 overnight for two in a « Superior » room
- 1 breakfast per person
- 1 day access to the hotel's **Relax Spa** with sauna, solarium, Jacuzzi and fitness
- One "pass" per person to the **Mont des Arts**. This pass opens the doors to concerts, to permanent collections and temporary exhibitions of the various museums, while animations are foreseen for the children

Infos : www.montdesarts.be



RESERVATION : Boulevard Charlemagne, 11-19 - 1000 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2 285 41 77 - **Fax :** +32 (0)2 285 41 78 -
E-mail : booking.berlaymont@hoteles-silken.com
Website : http://www.hotelsilkenberlaymont.com

Rate for the single package:

€ 53/night

taxes and service included

Rate for the double/twin package:

€ 106/night

taxes and service included



« Brussels Discovery »

RADISSON SAS ROYAL HOTEL – 5*

Ideally located in the very heart of Brussels, a stone throw from the Grand-Place and the Central Station, this 5 star hotel is prettily and uniquely enhanced by a 12th c. Romanesque wall, vestige of the town ramparts, that runs across the Atrium. Highly praised for its gastronomy, it nestles in a splendid Atrium offering a unique atmosphere, in an incredibly well lit and green setting. It's sure to be a hit!

- 1 overnight in a "Design" double room
- 1 box of chocolates in the room.
- 1 welcome drink in the "Bar Dessiné"
- 1 delicious 3 course musical meal in the "Atrium" Restaurant
- 1 lavish buffet breakfast per person
- One "Pass" per person to the **Mont des Arts**. This pass opens the doors to concerts, to permanent collections and temporary exhibitions of the various museums, while animations are foreseen for the children.

Infos : www.montdesarts.be



RESERVATION : rue du Fossé-aux-Loups - 1000 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0) 2 227 31 31 – **Fax :** +32 (0) 2 223 18 18
Email : reservations.brussels@radissonsas.com
Website : http://www.brussels.radisson.com

Rate for the double/twin package:

€ 247/night

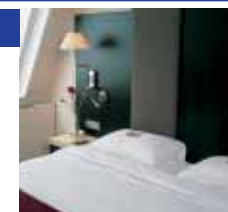
taxes and service included

« Modern Art Brussels »

NH BRUSSELS CITY CENTRE – 4*

A hotel of great beauty refitted in the heart of Brussels, close to the trendy commercial area of the town and to the outstanding cultural attractions, such as the Grand Place, the antiques market... Come and discover fauvism, futurism and 20th c. Art.

- 1 overnight in double room
- 1 buffet breakfast per person
- 2 tickets to the **Musée d'Art Moderne**, to discover the masterpieces of Delvaux, Magritte, Ensor...
- Guide and map of Brussels



RESERVATION : Chaussée de Charleroi, 17 - 1060 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2 214 07 55 – **Fax :** +32 (0)2 214 07 80
Email : book.brussels@nh-hotels.com
Website : http://www.nh-hotels.com

Rate for the single package:

€ 74/night

taxes and service included

Rate for the double/twin package:

€ 89/night

taxes and service included

« Belgian Beer Brussels »

HOTEL IBIS - 3*

Une bonne adresse en plein centre ville, à deux pas du quartier animé et fashion d'Antoine Dansaert, à 5 minutes de la très célèbre Grand-Place et pour les amateurs de poissons, la Place Sainte-Catherine et son extraordinaire "Marché aux Poissons".

- 1 overnight
- 1 delicious buffet breakfast per person
- 1 welcome drink
- 2 tickets to the **Maison des Brasseurs** (House of Brewers) on the Grand-Place



RESERVATION : rue Joseph Plateau, 2 - 1000 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2 513 76 20 – **Fax :** +32 (0)2 514 22 14
Email : H1454@accor.com - **Website :** http://www.ibishotels.com

Rate for the single package:

€ 79/night

taxes and service included

Rate for the double/twin package:

€ 89/night

taxes and service included

« Gourmet Brussels »

MELIA AVENUE LOUISE BOUTIQUE HOTEL – 4*

Ambiance posh for this hotel situated only 10 minutes from the historical centre and surrounded by cosy restaurants and typical taverns. Pleasant and personalised stay in an elegant atmosphere.

- 1 overnight
- 1 delicious breakfast per person
- 1 welcome drink
- 2 entry tickets to the **Maison des Brasseurs** (Brewers' House) on the Grand-Place



RESERVATION : Rue Blanche, 4 - 1000 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2 535 95 00 - **Fax :** +32 (0)2 535 96 00 -
Email : Melia.avenue.louise@solmelia.com
Website : http://www.solmelia.com

Rate for the double/twin package:

€ 100/night

taxes and service included



« Flavours of Brussels »

NH STÉPHANIE – 4*

A dream location for this charming hotel entirely renovated in 2005. Quiet street in the vicinity of the historical centre of Brussels, of the Place du Sablon (antiques), of the Avenue Louise (shopping) and the Bois de la Cambre (walks). What more can you ask for ?

- 1 overnight in double room
- 1 delicious breakfast per person
- 2 tickets for a guided visit of the **Cocoa and chocolate museum**.
- A box of chocolates



Rate for the single package:

€ 80/night

taxes and service included

Rate for the double/twin package:

€ 100/night

taxes and service included

RESERVATION : rue Jean Stas, 32 - 1060 Brussels (Saint-Gilles)
Tel. : +32 (0)2 214 07 52/53 54 - **Fax :** +32 (0)2 214 07 80
Email : nhstephanie@nh-hotels.com
Website : www.nh-hotels.com

« Gourmet Brussels »

ATLAS HOTEL BRUSSELS – 3*

Only 4 minutes walking distance from the Grand-Place, close to the Stock Exchange, in the Saint-Géry neighbourhood, the most trendy part of town. The Rue Dansaert and its numerous dress designers give this very hip district a soul of its own. Near the Place Sainte-Catherine reputed for its excellent fish restaurants .

- 1 overnight for 2 people
- 1 buffet breakfast per person
- In your room : a box of 7 delicious chocolates and a small bottle of champagne.
- Two tickets to the **Museum of Chocolate and Cocoa** a treat to your taste buds !



Rate for the single package:

€ 95/night

taxes and service included

Rate for the double package :

€ 105/night

taxes and service included

RESERVATION : Rue du Vieux Marché aux Grains, 30 – 1000 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2 502 60 06 - **Fax :** +32 (0)2 502 69 35
Email : info@atlas.be - **Website :** http://www.atlas.be

« Gourmet Brussels »

NOVOTEL BRUSSELS CENTRE – TOUR NOIRE – 3*

Modern hotel situated in the heart of Brussels only 500 yards from the Grand-Place. You will benefit from the following equipment: comfortable rooms with bathroom, Bar & Brasserie, room service 24h/24, laundry services, free access to the Aqua Health Centre (fitness room, Jacuzzi, hammam and swimming pool with jet-stream).

- 1 overnight for two people
- 1 lavish buffet breakfast per person
- 1 welcome beer per adult in the bar & brasserie-restaurant
- 1 ticket for two at the **Brewer's House**
- Accommodation and breakfast with the family are offered free of charge to two children under 16 sharing the parents room.



Rate for the single package:

€ 102,50/night

taxes and service included

Rate for the double package :

€ 110,00/night

taxes and service included

RESERVATION : Rue de la Vierge Noire, 32 - 1000 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2 505 50 50 - **Fax :** +32 (0)2 505 50 00
Email : H2122@accor.com – **Website :** http://www.accorhotels.com.be

« Brussels All in Chocolate »

NH ATLANTA - 4*

4 star hotel with all modern comforts with a modern and Baroque style architecture , situated in the city centre close to everything. A special feeling for the breakfast served at the "Terrace Level" with a panoramic view over Brussels.

- 1 overnight in double room
- 1 delicious buffet breakfast per person
- **A lavish 3 course menu**
- The "Brussels guide and map" brochure
- A voucher for a pastry and hot drink at **Wittamer**, renowned pastry and chocolate maker.



Rate for the single package:

€ 99/night

taxes and service included

Rate for the double/twin package:

€ 129/night

taxes and service included

RESERVATION : Boulevard Adolphe Max, 7 - 1000 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2 214 07 52/53/54 - **Fax :** +32 (0)2 214 07 80
Email : book.brussels@nh-hotels.com – **Website :** http://www.nh-

« Gourmet Brussels »

HOTEL VENDÔME – 3*

The hotel offers you a warm-hearted welcome making everyone feel at home. It's an ideal starting point for all your visits in Brussels.

- 1 overnight in the Hôtel Vendôme
- 1 English buffet breakfast per person
- 1 "Happy Belgium" menu booked on Friday or Saturday night in the Brasserie Vendôme (1 Belgian beer as aperitif + 3 course menu + 3 types of beers to go with the dishes)
- Presentation of **the making of Belgian chocolates** by a chocolate craftsman and sampling ! (only on Saturday at 16.00 sharp).



Rate for the single package:

€ 117,50/night

taxes and service included

Rate for the double package :

€ 180/night

taxes and service included

RESERVATION : boulevard Adolphe Max, 98 – 1000 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2 227 03 00 - **Fax :** +32 (0)2 218 06 83
Email : reservation@hotel-vendome.be
Website : http://www.hotel-vendome.be

« Comic Strip Brussels »

CAPITAL HOTEL – 3*

The Capital Hotel is situated in the elegant "quartier Louise", renowned for its luxury boutiques, and seat of numerous companies, it links the romantic heart of the old Brussels to its green lung : the Bois de la Cambre, an ideal setting for those who like to go for a walk.

- 1 overnight in a double room
- 1 delicious breakfast per person
- 1 little chocolate sweetness
- 1 ticket per person to the **Belgian Centre of the Comic Strip**. A must !



Rate for the single package:

€ 60/night

taxes and service included

Rate for the double/twin package:

€ 80/night

taxes and service included

1 child per room free of charge (up to 12 years of age)

RESERVATION : Chaussée de Vleurgat, 191 – 1050 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2 646 64 20 - **Fax :** +32 (0)2 646 33 14
Email : info@hotelcapital.be - **Website :** http://www.hotelcapital.be

« Brussels Discovery by bus »

HOTEL SAINT NICOLAS - 2*

In the heart of Brussels, a stone throw from the Opera, the Monnaie and the Grand Place. The Hotel Saint Nicolas has 60 rooms, each with TV, private bathroom and telephone. Its modern and spacious rooms will help you to appreciate the welcome that Brussels will extend.

- 1 overnight
- 1 buffet breakfast per person
- One bus ticket "**City Sightseeing**" per person. This is the ideal way to visit all the tourist sites. You mount and dismount the bus as often as you want with your ticket, valid for 24 hours. In addition, when showing your ticket you will get discounts on the entry prices to museums and attractions.



Rate for the single package:

€ 72/night

taxes and service included

Rate for the double/twin package:

€ 88/night

taxes and service included

These rates are also valid on weekdays from 15/07/2006 to 31/08/2006 and from 15/12/2006 to 31/12/2006

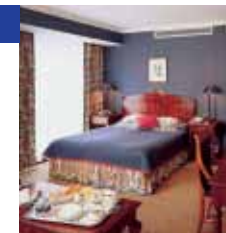
RESERVATION : Rue Marché-aux-Poulets, 32 - 1000 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2 219 04 40 – **Fax :** +32 (0)2 219 17 -21
Email : reception@st-nicolas.be – **Website :** http://www.st-nicolas.be

« Brussels Discovery by bus »

MONTGOMERY HOTEL BRUSSELS – 5*

Come and discover this luxury hotel, intimate and elegant with 63 rooms that will satisfy the most demanding travellers. A warm-hearted address – only 5 underground stations from the city centre. Ideal place for people sensitive to the charm of small hotels !

- 1 overnight in luxury room
- 1 exquisite buffet breakfast per person
- 1 visit of Brussels by "**Hop On/Hop Off**" Bus valid 24 hours.
- Free access to the sauna & fitness



Rate for the single package:

€ 140/night

taxes and service included

Rate for the double/twin package:

€ 170/night

taxes and service included

RESERVATION : avenue de Tervuren, 134 – 1150 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2 741 85 11 - **Fax :** +32 (0)2 741 85 00
E-mail : hotel@montgomery.be - **Website :** http://www.montgomery.be



« Brussels seen from above »

NH GRAND PLACE ARENBERG – 4*

Ideally situated in the very heart of the town and only a few strides from the commercial centres and historical sites of the city. The prestigious Sablon district, the Mecca of antique shops and chocolate makers, as well as the symbols of Brussels the "Manneke Pis", St. Michel Cathedral, the "Galeries Royales" and the Grand Place are in the immediate vicinity. A dream location !

- 1 overnight in double room
- 1 delicious champagne breakfast per person
- 1 visit of Brussels by "Hop On/Hop Off" Bus valid 24 hours, an ideal way to visit the town !
- Free upgrade in a Junior Suite



Rate for the single package:

€ 85/night

taxes and service included

Rate for the double/twin package:

€ 110/night

taxes and service included

RESERVATION : Boulevard Adolphe Max, 7 - 1000 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2 214 07 54
Email : book.brussels@nh-hotels.com
Site: http://nhatlanta@nh-hotels.com

« A Gay week end in Brussels »

NEW LOUISE – 4*

Hotel situated in the centre of the Avenue Louise in close proximity to the luxury boutiques and trendy restaurants. Exceptionally spacious rooms with balcony. On the ground floor is a piano bar and a billiard open every evening.

- 1 overnight in double room in a Gay Friendly hotel
- 1 delicious breakfast per person
- 2 tickets to a Gay disco: the "Touch Me" on Saturday evening or the You on Sunday evening (www.touch-me.be / www.leyou.be)
- Two tickets to the "Spade 4" sauna (www.saunaspades4.be)
- The lesbian & gay Safer Guide and the "Friends Gaymap"



Rate for the single package:

€ 100/night

taxes and service included

Rate for the double/twin package:

€ 125/night

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Valid on Saturdays and Sundays

RESERVATION : Avenue Louise, 212 - 1050 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2 644 29 29 - Fax : +32 (0)2 644 18 78
Email : lousehotel@skynet.be - Website : http://www.newlouse.be

« Gay Brussels »

LE MÉRIDIEN – 5*

In the heart of Brussels, the Méridien, Gay Friendly, invites you to spend a weekend in a Deluxe room or Junior Suite. Preferential VIP rates for the great monthly events at 'La Démence' as well as for the Touch Me (Saturday night) and You (Sunday night) discos.

- 1 night in a Deluxe room or Junior Suite
- Champagne breakfast in the room
- 1 ticket per person to the "Spade 4" sauna (www.saunaspades4.be)
- Welcome drink served at the bar
- International Spartacus Gay Guide + Safer Guide and city map



Total price per person in a Deluxe room :

€ 150/night

Total price per person in a Junior Suite :

€ 282,50/night

Rate valid on weekends (arrival on Friday, Saturday or Sunday) from 1 January to 31 December 2006 subject to availability.

RESERVATION : Carrefour de l'Europe, 3 - 1000 Brussels
Tel. : +32 (0)2 548 42 11 - Fax : +32 (0)2 548 40 80
Email : info@meridien.com - Website : http://www.lemeridien.com

« Brussels and Europe in Miniature »

HOTEL ARLEQUIN GRAND-PLACE – 3*

Very comfortable, the hotel Arlequin has the good fortune of occupying a privileged location in the very centre of town, close to Grand Place, its animations and shops. You will be plunged into the very heart of the history of the capital. The breakfast room will dazzle you by the magnificent view over the rooftops of the Grand Place. A great panoramic view to start the day !

- 1 night in double room
- 1 sumptuous buffet breakfast
- 1 ticket per person to Mini-Europe, the most beautiful miniature park of Brussels for the kids, teenagers and grown-ups.



Rate for the single package:

€ 75/night

taxes and service included

Rate for the double/twin package:

€ 95/night

taxes and service included

RESERVATION : Rue de la Fourche, 17-19 - 1000 Brussels
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Throughout the year, set off on the discovery of Brussels, of its guest rooms and of its blond, dark, white or amber coloured beers. Belgian beers are irresistible.

The package includes :

- the visit of the **Museum of Belgian Brewers**. On the prettiest square in the world, the high technology making of today's beer, in sound and pictures, since the 18th c. . Tasting of a surprise Belgian beer in the prestigious décor of the Brewer's House that dates back to 1695.
- the visit of the **Cantillon Brewery**. Welcome to this family owned brewery unique in Brussels, living museum of the Gueuze, of the Kriek and of many other beers of spontaneous fermentation produced on the premises. Here, nothing has changed since centuries.



Rate for the package in a 2 star guest room as from :

€ 50/night

taxes and service included

Rate for the package in a 3 star guest room as from :

€ 62/night

taxes and service included

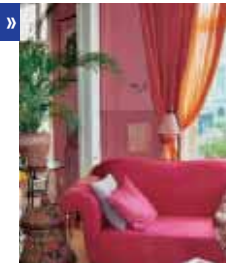
- Discovery tasting of 5 beers, of which the famous Gueuze-lambic
- Brochure and comprehensive information on all activities related to beer (visits, public brewing ,cafés,...) in Brussels and in Wallonia , Map of Brussels included.

« Brussels to the discovery of Art Nouveau classics »

Throughout the year, come and discover Brussels, its incredible ART NOUVEAU heritage (over 500 buildings) and its guest rooms. Admire the prettiest Art Nouveau facades, discover the surroundings of each one of them and savour the thousand and one details that make the richness of this art, born in Brussels !

The package includes :

- the visit of the **Belgian Centre of the Comic Strip**. You will receive a ticket to the "Centre Belge de la Bande Dessinée" (CBBDD) housed in the ancient Waucquez shops built by Victor Horta.
- the visit of the **Autrique House**. Fabulous house, built by Victor HORTA. Much more than a simple visit, the discovery of the ART NOUVEAU building is conceived as a real story, a discovery of François Schuiten's and Benoît Peeters' imagination.



Rate for the package in a 2 star guest room as from :

€ 50/night

taxes and service included

Rate for the package in a 3 star guest room as from :

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- ART NOUVEAU map of Brussels (guided visits, walks, shops, restaurants, cafés,...)

« Discover Brussels and the Comic Strip »

In Brussels, the Comic strip is everywhere or nearly; bookshops, painted walls and gables in town, bars, underground stations, museums, everything reminds us that the comic trip is part of the Brussels life..

The package includes :

- the visit of the **Belgian Centre of the Comic Strip**. This visit is a must in Brussels, be it only for the beauty of the building built by the master of Art Nouveau, Victor Horta, but also for its collections of comic strip originals.
- the **Comic Strip on the walls and gables itinerary**. Throughout the town, you'll discover and follow an itinerary of walls and gables picturing comic strip characters.



Rate for the package in a 2 star guest room as from :

€ 47/night

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€ 59/night

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- **Cantillon Brewery** : Beer lovers, convene to the last traditional brewery of Brussels! Discover the traditional world of the 19th c. brewer in this very Belgian living museum of Gueuze.
- **MIM** : in a magnificent Art Nouveau building, a collection of musical instruments of international renown. Admire and put on the headphones as it will be well worth opening your ears.
- **Belgian Centre of the Comic Strip** : A gem in a beautiful Horta building that houses all things pertaining to the Comic Strip, from its prestigious origins to its most recent developments.
- **Fine Arts Museum** : Constituted by the Modern Art Museum and the Ancient Art Museum, which assemble rich collections of plastic arts from the late 14th c. to present days.
- **Guide & Plan** : The "bible" for information on Brussels ! Walks, museums, good addresses for shopping & gastronomy, bars and clubs, city map and practical information...
- **Autoworld** : Over 400 ancient vehicles to admire, as well as the history of the automobile from 1886 to the nineteen seventies on the prestigious site of the Cinquantenaire.
- **Museum of Natural Sciences** : An inescapable must for families, an exceptional didactic and fun museum!
- **Royal Museums of Art and History** : Sheltered in one of the Palaces of the Cinquantenaire, these prestigious museums exhibit collections from Antiquity, the main artistic currents in Europe as well as works from all over the world.

More info on www.mustofbrussels.com

> Price : € 17

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My Guided Visits

"Voir et Dire Bruxelles" offers personal and alternative glimpses of the realities of Brussels. Each starting off from a different angle of view, the **six** associations share, with the visitor, their knowledge of the historical, architectural, economic, social, folkloric and natural heritage of their town/region and highlight it. A valuable originality for the public: the guided visits of "Voir et dire Bruxelles" give the viewpoint of the inhabitants of Brussels about their city.

www.voiretdirebruxelles.be

1 Arau - Atelier de Recherche et d'Action Urbaines

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Fax: +32 (0)2 219 86 75
Email: arau@swing.be
Website: www.arau.org

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"Art historians who develop an education of the glance".

> Rue de l'Hôtel des Monnaies, 120
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Email: info@asbl-arkadia.be
Website: www.asbl-arkadia.be



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Email: info@itineraires.be
Website: www.itineraires.be

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> Rue des Thuyas, 12 - 1170 Brussels
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Fax: +32 (0)2 675 19 67
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Website: www.BusBavard.be

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> Rue de Londres, 15 - 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)
Tel.: +32 (0)2 502 73 55
Fax: +32 (0)2 502 86 41
Email: velotourisme@provelo.org
Website: www.provelo.org



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6 La Fonderie

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> Rue Ransfort, 27 - 1080 Brussels
Tel.: +32 (0)2 410 99 50
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Email: lafonderie@freegates.be
Website: www.lafonderie.be

APA - Association du Patrimoine Artistique

"Discovery of the baroque, neo-classic and eclectic town of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries"

> Rue Charles Hanssens, 7 - 1000 Brussels
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Website: <http://users.skynet.be/APA>

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"For unusual discoveries off the beaten path"

> Rue du Houblon, 47 - 1000 Brussels
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"Walks through the history of the town, guided walks of important exhibitions and art collections"

> Baron de Vironlaan, 140 - 1700 Dilbeek
Tel.: +32 (0)2 569 27 74
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Email: culturama@pandora.be
Website: www.culturamavzw.be

Dédale

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> Avenue de la Nivéole, 10
 1020 Brussels (Laeken)
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Fax: +32 (0) 2 268 21 14
Email: reservations@dedaleculture.be

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> Boomgaardpad, 18 - 1120 Brussels
Tel. / Fax: +32 (0) 2 380 22 09
Email: korei@skynet.be
Website: www.korei.be

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"Visit of the traditional tourist attractions and thematic tours by coach or on foot. This association regroups some fifteen associations of guides and will help you in your research".

> Rue des Princes, 8 - 1000 Brussels
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Website: www.opbrussel.be

CHURCHES IN BRUSSELS

Animation Chrétienne et Tourisme (ACT)

"Guided visits on the theme of "Gothic Art - Baroque Art" in various churches throughout the town
 > Rue du Bois Sauvage, 13 - 1000 Brussels
Tel.: +32 (0) 2 219 75 30
Fax: +32 (0) 2 219 68 34
Website: www.act-asbl.be

BRUSSELS BY BOAT

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"For boat lovers : river cruises through the heart of the town and its surroundings".

> Quai des Péniches, 2 bis
 1000 Brussels
Tel.: +32 (0) 2 203 64 06
Fax: +32 (0) 2 203 07 09
Email: bbw@scaldisnet.be
Website: www.scaldisnet.be

COACH TOURS WITH FREQUENT DEPARTURES

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> Alfons Gossetlaan, 15 - 1702 Groot-Bijgaarden
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Fax: +32 (0) 2 463 51 95
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Website: www.opentours.be

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"The ideal way in which to visit all the tourist sites without effort. You mount and dismount the bus as many times as you wish with your 24 hour ticket. When showing your ticket you will benefit from reduced prices in museums and tourist attractions. Departure from the Central Station".

> Rue de la Colline, 8 (near the Grand-Place)
 1000 Brussels
Tel.: +32 (0) 2 513 77 44
Fax: +32 (0) 2 502 58 69
Email: info@brussels-city-tours.com
Website: www.brussels-city-tours.com
 Every days at 10.00 and 14.00

TOURS IN HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGES

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> Oude Watermolen, 1 - 9300 Aalst
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Fax: +32 (0) 53 78 63 27

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D*Tours

> **Info:** Brussels International Tourist office - Grand Place - 1000 Brussels
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Website: www.d-tours.org

My Practical Brussels



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MY BRUSSELS ACCOMMODATION

Hotels

As in all large cities, you'll find hotels of all categories. You should know however that many hotels offer weekend and holiday rates (mainly in July/August), quite, even very advantageous !

Take a look at our "Mini trips" chapter with all the great offers of the Brussels hotels.

Guest rooms

One of the best ways to discover a country and its inhabitants is to stay in private homes. Let alone the warm-hearted ambience, it's a privileged moment to be informed on the local way of life and to discover this secret town.

Bed & Brussels

> rue Kindermans, 9
1050 Brussels (Ixelles)
Tel.: +32 (0)2 646 07 37
Fax : +32 (0)2 644 01 14
Email : info@BnB-Brussels.be
Website : www.BnB-Brussels.be

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Office de Promotion du Tourisme Wallonie-Brussels
> Rue Saint-Bernard, 30
1060 Brussels (Saint Gilles)
Tel.: + 32 (0)2 504 02 80
Fax : +32 (0)2 514 53 35
Email : belsud@opt.be
Website : www.belsud.be

Taxistop

> Rue du Fossé-aux-Loups, 28
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Fax : +32 (0) 2 223 22 32
Email : van@taxistop.be
Website : www.taxistop.be



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Camping sites

The only camping site of the region of Brussels-Capital is situated in Ixelles, not far from the European district. It can welcome 80 campers. Only accessible from 1 July to 31 August. The site is of course fitted with the usual amenities: toilets and showers.

Camping "Brussels Europe à ciel ouvert"

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Website : www.laj.be / www.cbtcj.be

Auberge de Jeunesse Génération Europe

> rue de l'Eléphant, 4 - 1080 Brussels
Tel.: + 32 (0)2 410 38 58
Email : brussels.europe@laj.be
Website : www.laj.be

Sleep Well Youth Hostel - Espace du Marais

> rue du Damier, 23 - 1000 Brussels
Tel.: + 32 (0)2 218 50 50
Email : info@sleepwell.be
Website : www.sleepwell.be

Centre Vincent van Gogh (CHAB)

> rue Traversière, 8 - 1210 Brussels
Tel.: + 32 (0)2 217 01 58
Fax : + 32 (0)2 219 79 95
Email : info@chab.be
Website : www.chab.be

Jeugdherberg Bruegel - IYHF

> rue du Saint-Esprit, 2 - 1000 Brussels
Tel.: + 32 (0)2 511 04 36
Email : brussel@vjh.be
Website : www.jeugdherbergen.be



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PRACTICAL LIFE

Legal holidays

January 1st (New Year), Easter Monday (17/04), May 1st (Labour Day), Ascension Thursday (25/05), Whit Monday (05/06), July 11th (Flemish Community Day), July 21st (National Day), August 15th (Assumption), September 27th (French speaking Community Day), November 1st (All Saints Day), November 11th (Armistice 1918), December 25th (Christmas).

During these holidays all banks, shops, post offices and national museums are closed.

Opening hours

Post offices are generally open from 8.30 to 17.00. Banks are usually open from Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 16.00. Most shops are open from 9.00 to 18.00 except on Sundays. Some close between 12.00 and 14.00.

Emergencies and guard services

Emergency call number. One access- emergency and guard services (police, firemen) by dialling 112 from anywhere in Europe, that is to say in any member state of the European Union. The 112 number is also accessible on mobile phones and can only be used to call emergency services.

All the medical guard services are mentioned in the newspapers and pharmacies.

Website : www.112sos.be
Emergency services : 100

TRANSPORT & TRAVEL

The train

S.N.C.B (The National Society of Belgian Railways)

Website : <http://www.sncb.be>
Travel information : National and International traffic, Thalys and



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Eurostar (info and reservations) : +32(0)2/528.28.28 (7d/w)

Brochure on tourist trains, summer season, available free of charge in all stations (info available on www.sncb.be)

Urban transport

You will find a well organised public transport network: trams, busses and underground. Combined tickets and travel cards are available at reduced rates. In order to win time and money, plan your itineraries in advance on the web: <http://www.stib.irisnet.be>.

Cars

The Belgian motorway network is one of the most performing of Europe. It's free of charge, lit at night and signposted by green road signs.

Speed limits :

- within agglomerations: 30 or 50 km/h (19 or 31 miles/h)
All school neighbourhoods have become 30 km/h zones .
- On other roads: 90 km/h. (56 miles/h).
- On motorways: 120 km/h (75 miles/h)

The wearing of safety belts in front and back seats is compulsory.

Road information :

Federal police : www.policefederale.be

In case of breakdown : Touring Secours : 070/34.47.77 (only from Belgium). www.touring.be

Air travel

• Brussels-National Airport (Zaventem)

Located 14 km (9 miles) from the city centre. A train circulates between the airport and the stations of Bruxelles Nord, Bruxelles Central and Bruxelles Midi every 20 minutes. The bus, line 12 (Airport bus) also links the airport to the city centre every 25 minutes.

Information on flight times and general information: 0900/70.000 from



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7.00 to 22.00 (answering machine 24h a day)

From abroad: +32(0)2/753 77 53

All other information : B.I.A.C. (Brussels Airport): +32(0)2/753 40 40
Website : www.biac.be

• Brussels-South Airport (Gosselies)

> Tel. : +32(0)71 25 12 11
Email : bsca@charleroi-airport.com
Website : www.charleroi-airport.com

EXCHANGE RATES

(at 27/10/2005)

1 US dollar	= € 0.82	1 DKK	= € 0.13
1 livre sterling	= € 1.47	1 JPY (100)	= € 0.01
1 SEK	= € 0.10	1 CHF	= € 0.65

TOURIST INFORMATION IN BELGIUM

Brussels International

Hôtel de Ville de Brussels

> Grand-Place - 1000 Brussels

Tel.: +32/ (0)2 513 89 40

Fax: +32/ (0)2 513 83 20

Email : tourism@brusselsinternational.be

Website : www.brusselsinternational.be

Open : Every day from 09.00 to 18.00 –

Sunday: In Summer : from 09.00 to 18.00

In Winter : from 10.00 to 14.00

Closed from Januari to Easter

Closed : 25/12 and 1/1.

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> Information

Rue Marché-aux-Herbes, 63 - B

1000 Brussels

Brochure line : 02 509 24 00

(only from Belgium)

Fax : +32(0)2 513 04 75

Email : info@opt.be

Website : www.belgium-tourism.be

Open : 7 days a week from 09.00 to 18.00

Sundays and Bank holidays: from 09.00 to 13.00. Closed on 25 December and

1 January

Information Office at Brussels-National Airport (Zaventem) ESPACE WALLONIE BRUSSELS

> Arrival Hall - B-1930 Zaventem

Tel. : +32(0)2.725.52.75

Email : espace.wallonie@opt.be

Website : www.belgium-tourism.be

Open : 7 days a week from 08.00 to 21.00

Closed : 25/12 and 1/1.

Information Office at the Brussels-South Airport of Charleroi ESPACE WALLONIE CHARLEROI

> Aérogare, Bte 30 - 6041 Gosselies

Tel : + 32 (0) 71/251.207

Email : espace.walloniecharleroi@opt.be

Website : www.belgium-tourism.be

Open : 7 days a week from 08.30 to 21.00

Closed : 25/12 and 1/1.



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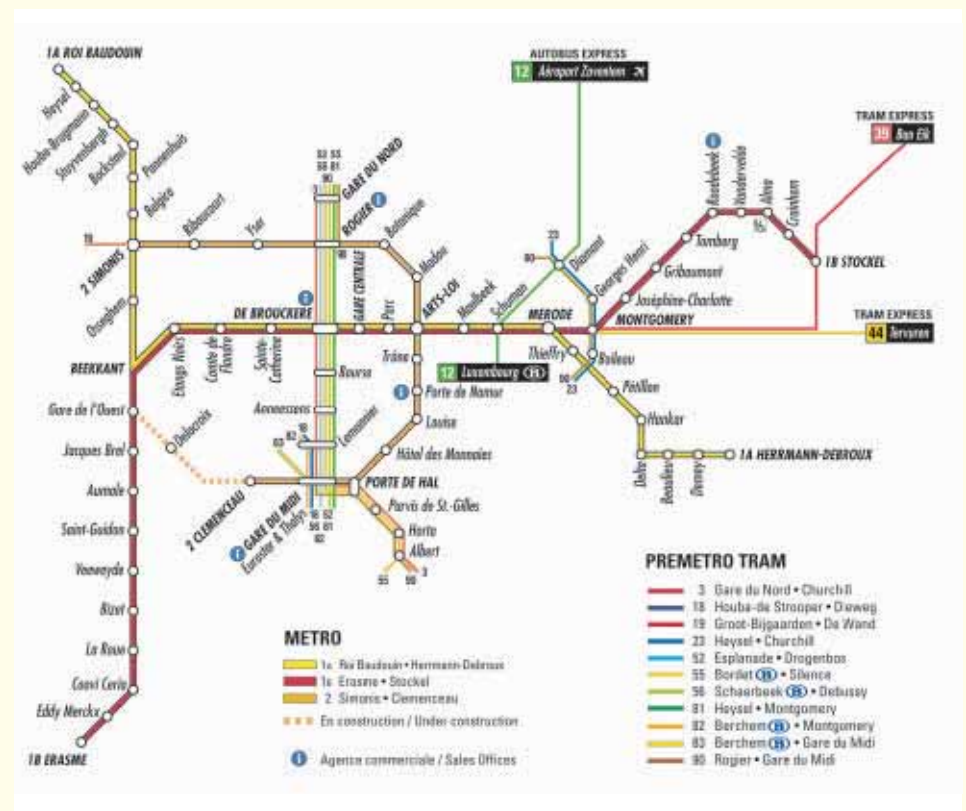
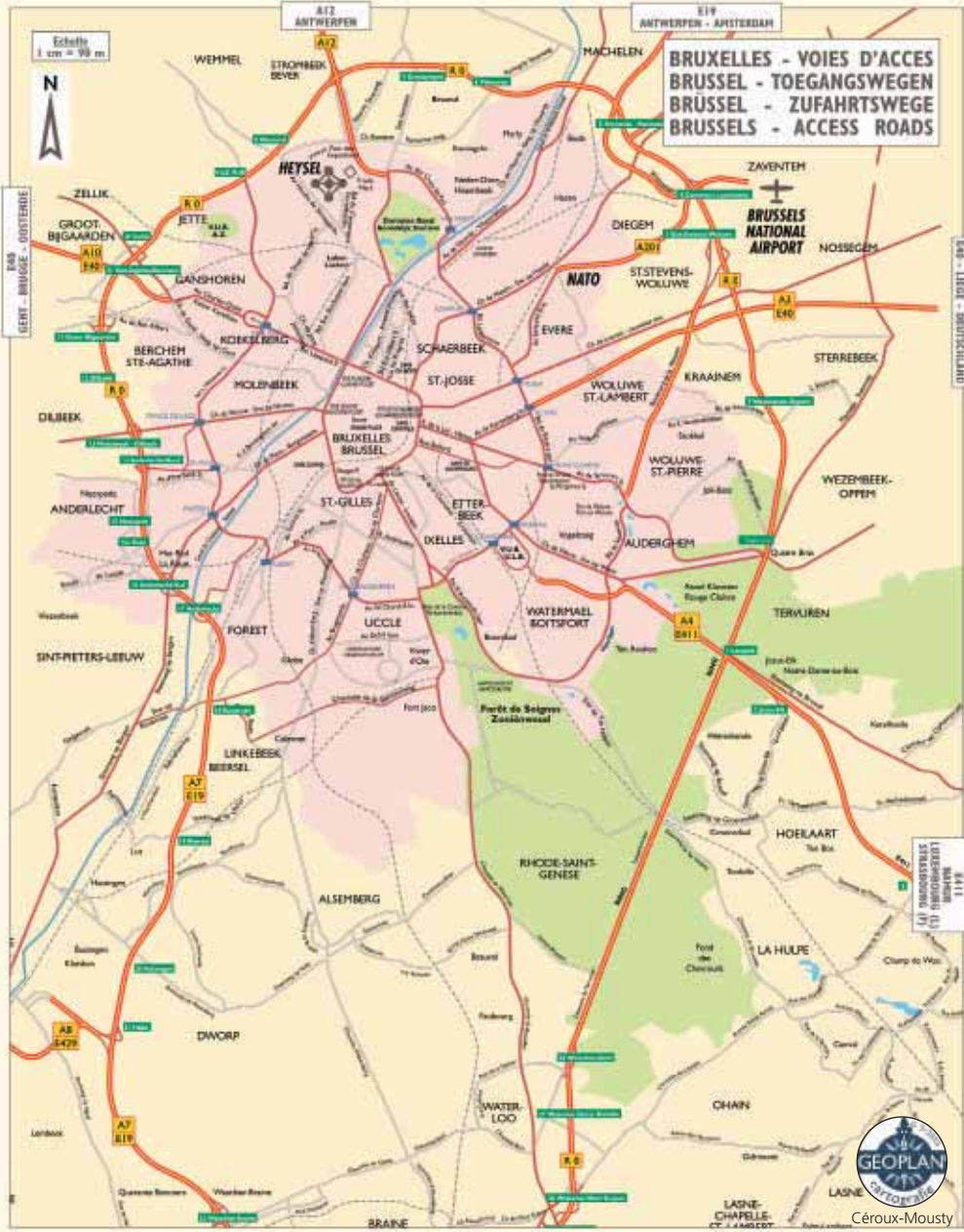
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The area of Brussels-Capital and its 19 communes



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Brussels International (BI-TC)

- Town Hall - Grand-Place
1000 Brussels
- Tel.: +32 (0)2 513 89 40
- Fax: +32 (0)2 513 83 20
- Email: tourism@brusselsinternational.be
- Website:
www.brusselsinternational.be

Tourist Information

- Tel: +32 (0)2 504 03 90
- Fax: +32 (0)2 513 04 75
- Email: info@opt.be
- www.belgium-tourism.be

Germany

Belgien Tourismus Wallonie-Brüssel

- Cäcilienstraße 46 - D-50667 Köln
- Tel.: +49(0) 221/277 59 0
- info@belgien-tourismus.be
- Website:
www.belgien-tourismus.de

Italy

Ufficio Belga per il Turismo

- Milano
- Tel.: +39 02 86 05 66
- Fax: +39 02 87 63 96
- Email: info@belgio.it
- Website: www.belgio.it

Japan

Belgian Tourist Office

- Tel: +81 (0)3 32 37 71 01
- Fax: +81 (0)3 32 37 84 00
- Email: info@belgium-travel.jp
- Website: www.belgium-travel.jp

Poland

Urząd Promocji Turystyki Walonia-Bruksela

- Warsaw
- Tel.: +48 (0)22 583 70 06 ou 01
- Email: mjanow@poczta.onet.pl

Spain

Officina de Promocion del Turismo Valonia-Bruselas

- Barcelona
- Tel.: +34 (0)93 272 26 01
- Email: info@turismo-belgica.com
- Website: www.belgica-turismo.be

UK

Belgian Tourist Office - Brussels & Wallonia

- 217 Marsh Wall - London E14 9FJ
- Tel: +44 (0)20 7531 0390
- Fax: +44 (0)20 7531 0393
- Email: info@belgiumthelaceto.be
- Website:
www.belgiumthelaceto.be

USA

Belgian Tourist Office

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- Fax: +1(0)212/355.7675
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