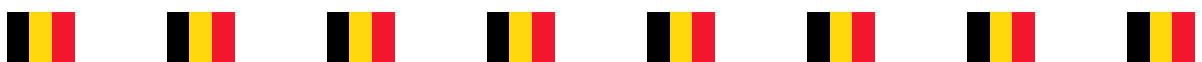




2-day Bruges Itinerary



Bruges



Bruges: A Medieval Fairytale City

Welcome to Bruges, Belgium's enchanting medieval city. This comprehensive 2-day guide will lead you through cobblestone streets, historic canals, and Gothic architecture, perfect for first-time visitors seeking to experience this UNESCO World Heritage site.

Historical Overview

Bruges, once a prominent trading hub during the medieval period, has preserved its historical charm remarkably well. The city's well-preserved medieval architecture and network of canals have earned it the nickname "Venice of the North," making it one of Europe's most picturesque destinations.

Iconic Landmarks

- Grote Markt: The city's central square, surrounded by historic guild houses and the famous Belfry.
- Belfry of Bruges: A medieval bell tower offering panoramic views of the city.
- Church of Our Lady: Home to Michelangelo's Madonna and Child sculpture.
- Basilica of the Holy Blood: Famous for housing a relic of Christ's blood.

Cultural Treasures

- Groeninge Museum: Showcasing fine art from Belgian and Flemish masters.
- Historium Bruges: An interactive journey through medieval Bruges.
- St. John's Hospital: One of Europe's oldest surviving hospital buildings.
- Concertgebouw: A modern cultural center for music and contemporary art.

Charming Areas

- Rozenhoedkaai: The most photographed spot in Bruges, where canals meet.
- Minnewater Park: Known as the "Lake of Love," offering romantic views.
- Burg Square: Historic center featuring architectural styles from different periods.
- Begijnhof: A peaceful sanctuary that once housed religious women.

Bruges Lifestyle

- Chocolate: Home to numerous artisanal chocolatiers and the Choco-Story Museum.
- Beer Culture: Experience local brewing traditions at De Halve Maan Brewery.
- Lace Making: Traditional craft showcased at the Lace Center.

Green Spaces

- Minnewater Lake: A peaceful lake surrounded by parks and walking paths.
- City Ramparts: Green belt around the city with historic windmills.

Practical Travel Tips

- Transportation: The city center is walkable; bikes are available for rent.
- Best Times to Visit: Spring (March-May) or Fall (September-November) for pleasant weather.
- Language: Dutch is the primary language, but English is widely spoken.
- Safety: Bruges is very safe; normal precautions apply in tourist areas.

2-Day Itinerary Highlights

Day 1: Grote Markt, Belfry of Bruges, Church of Our Lady, Groeninge Museum, Minnewater Park

Day 2: Basilica of the Holy Blood, Historium Bruges, St. John's Hospital, Rozenhoedkaai, Concertgebouw

This guide presents a curated selection of over 30 locations, allowing you to customize your Bruges experience. Each stop reveals another facet of this beautifully preserved medieval city.

Bruges is more than just a tourist destination; it's a living museum where every street tells a story. As you wander through its narrow lanes, sample Belgian chocolates, and cruise its peaceful canals, you'll understand why this city has captivated visitors for centuries.

Let this magical city transport you back in time while providing all the comforts of modern travel. Enjoy your medieval adventure in Bruges!



Itinerary Preview

2 days

DAY 01

Markt

Belfry of Bruges

Groeninge Museum

Church of Our Lady

Minnewater Park

DAY 02

Basilica of the Holy Blood

Historium Bruges

Saint John's Hospital

Rosary Quay

Concertgebouw Brugge





Daily Events



Day 1

09:00

Markt

Markt, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

11:00

11:45

Belfry of Bruges

Markt 7, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

13:15

13:45

Groeninge Museum

Dijver 12, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

15:15

16:00

Church of Our Lady

Mariastraat, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

17:30

Day 1 (continued)

18:00

Minnewater Park

Minnewater 1/15, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

19:30

Map for Day 1



Day 2

09:00

Basilica of the Holy Blood

Burg 13, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

11:00

11:45

Historium Bruges

Markt 1, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

13:00

13:30

Saint John's Hospital

Mariastraat 38, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

15:00

15:30

Rosary Quay

Rozenhoedkaai 3, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

17:00

Day 2 (continued)

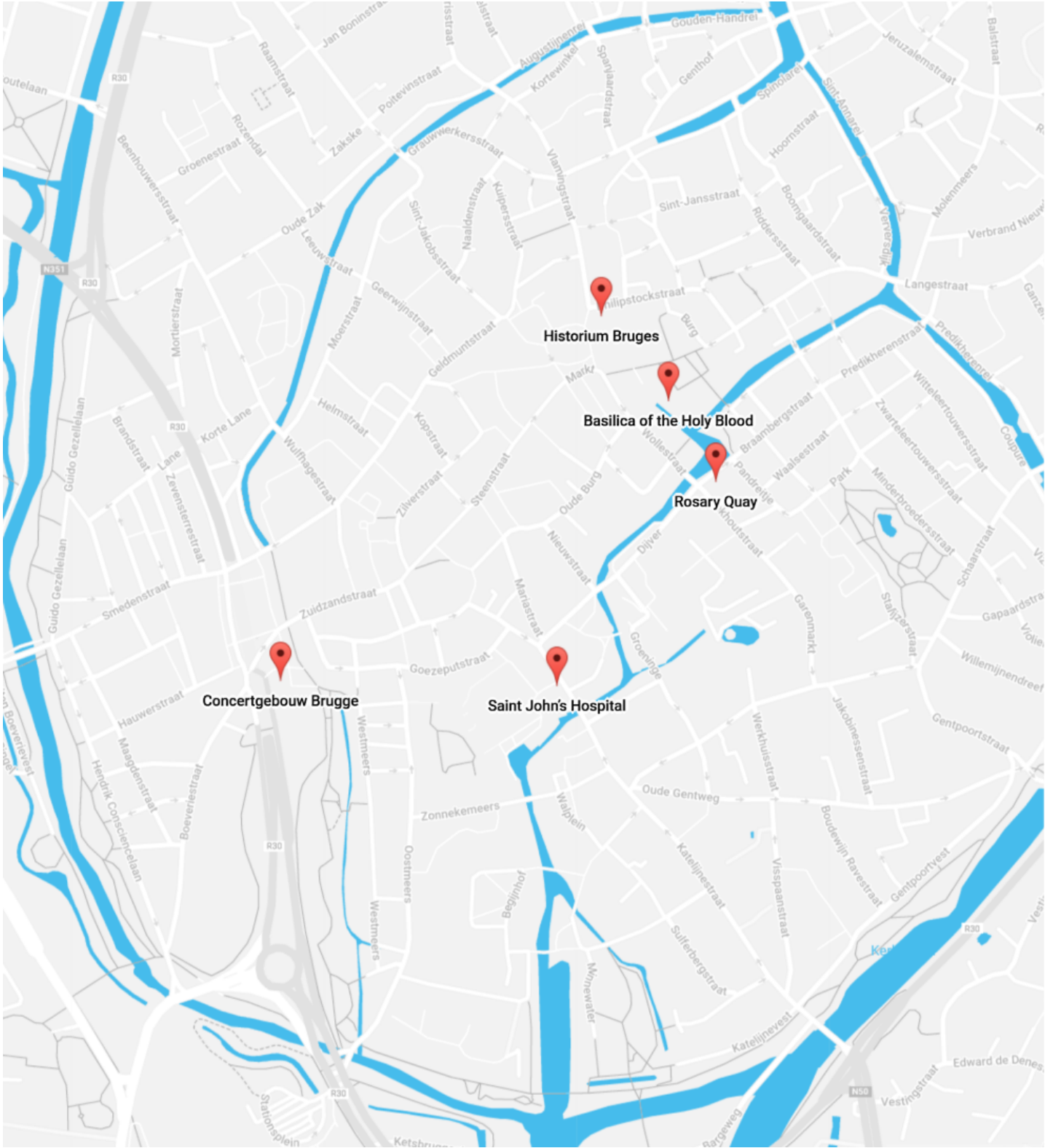
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Concertgebouw Brugge

't Zand 34, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

19:00

Map for Day 2





Spots



Castle Loppem

Steenbrugsestraat 26, 8210 Zedelgem, Belgium

Summary:

Built 1858–1863, this preserved neo-Gothic castle offers artworks, an English garden & a hedge maze.

Phone:

050 82 22 45



Bruges City Hall

Burg 12, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

City hall built in 1376 with a grand Gothic interior, plus a museum dedicated to art & area history.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM



Bruges Beer Experience

Breidelstraat 3, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

Museum where visitors learn about beer history, sample ingredients & taste brews of varied styles.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Phone:

050 69 92 29



Brugse Vrije

Burg 11a, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

Monumental 1700s courthouse featuring an opulent baroque facade & an elaborate mantelpiece inside.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: Closed
Friday: Closed
Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM



Viewpoint Passage Bourgondisch Cruyce

8000 Bruges, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours

Tuesday: Open 24 hours

Wednesday: Open 24 hours

Thursday: Open 24 hours

Friday: Open 24 hours

Saturday: Open 24 hours

Sunday: Open 24 hours



Dijver

Dijver, 8000 Brugge, Belgium



Windmill The New Parrot

8000 Bruges, Belgium



The Chocolate Line

Simon Stevinplein 19, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Phone:

050 34 10 90



Bruges by horse-drawn carriage

Markt, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM



Market Square

Markt, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours

Tuesday: Open 24 hours

Wednesday: Open 24 hours

Thursday: Open 24 hours

Friday: Open 24 hours

Saturday: Open 24 hours

Sunday: Open 24 hours



Huisbrouwerij De Halve Maan

Walplein 26, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

Family-run brewery with guided tours, a museum showcasing old brewing techniques plus dining areas.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

050 44 42 25



St James' Church

Sint-Jakobsplein 1, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM

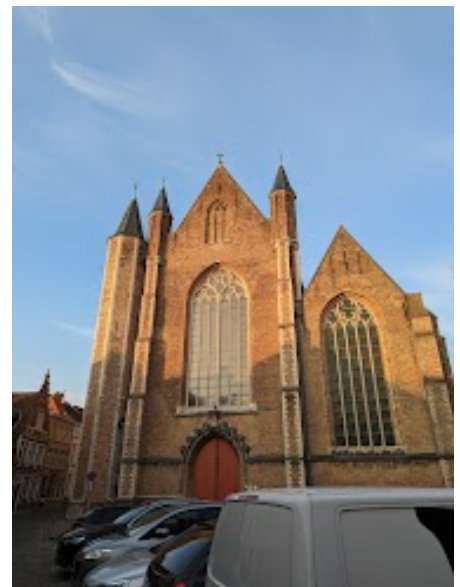
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Saturday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Phone:

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Sint-Annakerk

Sint-Annaplein 8, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Friday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Saturday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Phone:

050 33 68 41



Lace Centre

Balstraat 16, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday: Closed

Phone:

050 33 00 72



Frietmuseum

Vlamingstraat 33, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

Historic building featuring exhibits on the history of potatoes & Belgian fries, plus samples.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

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Belfry of Bruges

Markt 7, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

Medieval bell tower with 366 steps leading to views, plus treasure chamber & 47-belled carillon.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

050 44 87 43



De Burg

Burg 15, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

Ancient cobblestone plaza surrounded by grand Gothic buildings, stores, bars & eateries.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours

Phone:

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Minnewater Park

Minnewater 1/15, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

Tranquil public green space featuring Minnewater Lake & the gatehouse of a demolished castle.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours

Phone:

050 44 80 00



Historium Bruges

Markt 1, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

Fictional characters tell a story in medieval Bruges at this unique museum with audio guides.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

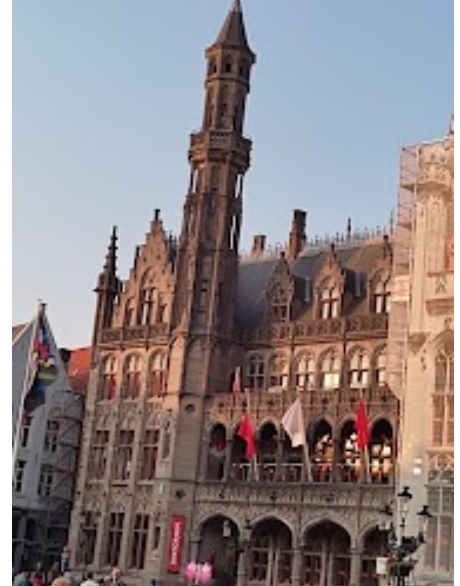
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Saturday: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

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Sint-Salvatorskathedraal

Steenstraat, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

A mighty Gothic tower rises from this 1300s cathedral, with cavernous interior & noted Flemish art.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 2:00 - 5:30 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 2:00 - 5:30 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 2:00 - 5:30 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 2:00 - 5:30 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 2:00 - 5:30 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Sunday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Phone:

050 33 61 88



Rosary Quay

Rozenhoedkaai 3, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours



Beguinage "Ten Wijngaerde"

Begijnhof 30, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

Nuns & religious lay women occupy this ancient, tranquil complex with exhibits of 17th-century life.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 6:30 AM - 6:30 PM
Tuesday: 6:30 AM - 6:30 PM
Wednesday: 6:30 AM - 6:30 PM
Thursday: 6:30 AM - 6:30 PM
Friday: 6:30 AM - 6:30 PM
Saturday: 6:30 AM - 6:30 PM
Sunday: 6:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Phone:

050 33 00 11



Basilica of the Holy Blood

Burg 13, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

Minor basilica most famous for housing a phial claimed to contain a cloth with Christ's blood.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:15 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:15 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:15 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:15 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:15 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:15 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:15 PM

Phone:

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Church of Our Lady

Mariastraat, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

Gothic church, founded in the 13th-century, known for its soaring tower & statue by Michelangelo.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 1:30 - 5:00 PM

Phone:

050 34 53 14



Saint John's Hospital

Mariastraat 38, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

Museum in a medieval hospital with an apothecary, medical tools & artwork by painter Hans Memling.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

050 44 87 43



Markt

Markt, 8000 Brugge, Belgium



Provincial Court

Markt 3, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

Gothic Revival landmark originally used as a government meeting house, now a ceremonial building.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: Closed

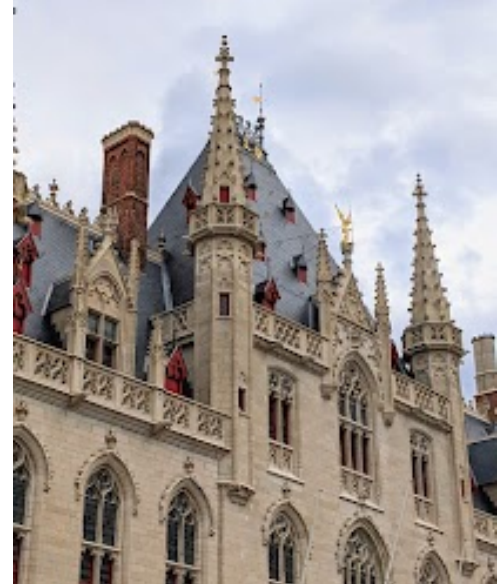
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Friday: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM



Lake of Love

Minnewater, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours

Tuesday: Open 24 hours

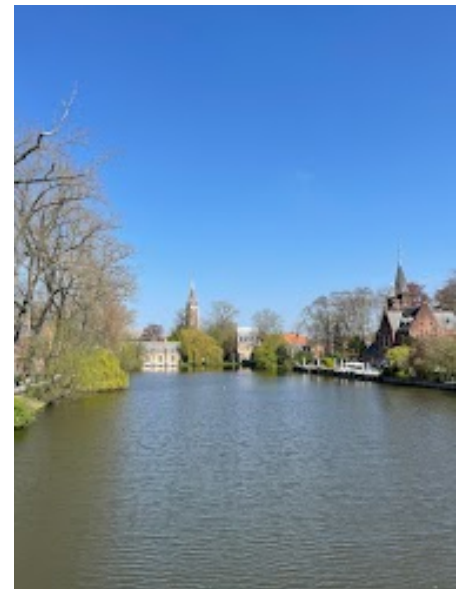
Wednesday: Open 24 hours

Thursday: Open 24 hours

Friday: Open 24 hours

Saturday: Open 24 hours

Sunday: Open 24 hours



Sint-Janshuismolen

Kruisvest 3, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

Windmill grinding grain in its original location since 1770, open to visitors Jun–Sep.

Phone:

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Concertgebouw Brugge

't Zand 34, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

Concerts, dance & plays, plus art exhibits, staged in a contemporary venue with sleek architecture.

Phone:

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Friday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 2:00 - 5:30 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 2:00 - 3:30 PM
Sunday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Phone:

050 33 61 88



Groeninge Museum

Dijver 12, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

Extensive collections of Flemish primitive artworks, 18th & 19th-century works & modern pieces.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

050 44 87 43



Choco-Story, Chocolate Museum

Wijnzakstraat 2, 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Summary:

Small museum with exhibits on the history of chocolate, plus demonstrations, samples & a gift shop.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

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