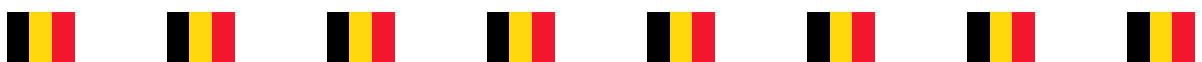




2-day Brussels Itinerary



Brussels



Brussels: A Journey Through Europe's Capital

Welcome to Brussels, the heart of Europe and Belgium's magnificent capital. This comprehensive 2-day guide will take you through the city's rich architectural heritage, artistic treasures, and unique blend of French and Flemish culture.

Historical Overview

Brussels has evolved from a 10th-century fortress town into a global metropolis. As the de facto capital of the European Union, it seamlessly combines medieval charm with modern diplomatic importance. The city's architectural heritage spans centuries, from Gothic masterpieces to Art Nouveau gems.

Iconic Landmarks

- Grand Place: A UNESCO World Heritage site featuring stunning Gothic and Baroque guild houses surrounding the central square.
- Royal Palace of Brussels: The official palace of the Belgian monarch, showcasing remarkable neoclassical architecture.
- Atomium: A unique architectural marvel built for the 1958 World's Fair, representing a unit cell of iron crystal magnified 165 billion times.
- Manneken Pis: The city's beloved bronze fountain statue, embodying Brussels' irreverent spirit.

Cultural Treasures

- Magritte Museum: Home to the world's largest collection of works by the surrealist master René Magritte.
- Mont des Arts: A cultural hub offering panoramic views and housing several prestigious museums.
- Royal Museums of Fine Arts: An expansive complex showcasing Belgian and European art through the ages.
- Belgian Comic Strip Center: Celebrating Belgium's rich comic book heritage in a beautiful Art Nouveau building.

Charming Neighborhoods

- Sablon: An elegant quarter known for its antique shops, chocolate stores, and Gothic church.

- Saint-Catherine: A trendy area featuring seafood restaurants and vibrant street life.
- European Quarter: Home to major EU institutions and modern architecture.

Brussels Lifestyle

- Cuisine: Famous for Belgian chocolates, waffles, frites, and over 1000 varieties of beer.
- Café Culture: Abundant traditional cafés and modern coffee shops dot the city.
- Shopping: From luxury boutiques in the Galeries Royales Saint-Hubert to vintage finds at Place du Jeu de Balle.

Green Spaces

- Parc du Cinquantaire: A magnificent park with triumphal arch and museums.
- Royal Greenhouses of Laeken: Stunning Art Nouveau greenhouses in the royal domain.
- Brussels Park: The city's oldest public park, situated between the Royal Palace and the Parliament.

Practical Travel Tips

- Transportation: Efficient metro, tram, and bus network; consider a STIB-MIVB pass.
- Best Times to Visit: Spring (April-June) or Fall (September-October) for mild weather.
- Language: Both French and Dutch are official languages; English is widely spoken.
- Safety: Generally safe, but be vigilant in tourist areas and train stations.

2-Day Itinerary Highlights

Day 1: Royal Palace of Brussels, Magritte Museum, Mont des Arts, Grand Place

Day 2: Atomium, Mini-Europe, Parc du Cinquantaire, Royal Greenhouses of Laeken

This guide presents a curated selection of over 40 locations throughout Brussels.

From UNESCO World Heritage sites to modern architectural marvels, each destination offers unique insights into Brussels' rich cultural tapestry.

Brussels is more than just the administrative capital of Europe; it's a city of surprising contrasts where medieval streets lead to modern institutions, and where centuries-old traditions thrive alongside contemporary innovation. As you explore its charming squares, sample its culinary delights, and discover its artistic treasures, you'll understand why Brussels captures the hearts of visitors from around the world.

Let this remarkable city enchant you with its unique character, rich history, and welcoming atmosphere. Enjoy your Brussels adventure!



Itinerary Preview

2 days

DAY 01

Royal Palace of Brussels

Magritte Museum

Mount of the Arts

Grand Place


DAY 02

Atomium

Mini-Europe

Royal Greenhouses of Laeken

Parc du Cinquantenaire





Daily Events



Day 1

09:00

Royal Palace of Brussels

Rue Brederode 16, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

11:00

11:45

Magritte Museum

Pl. Royale 1, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

13:45

14:30

Mount of the Arts

1000 Brussels, Belgium

16:30

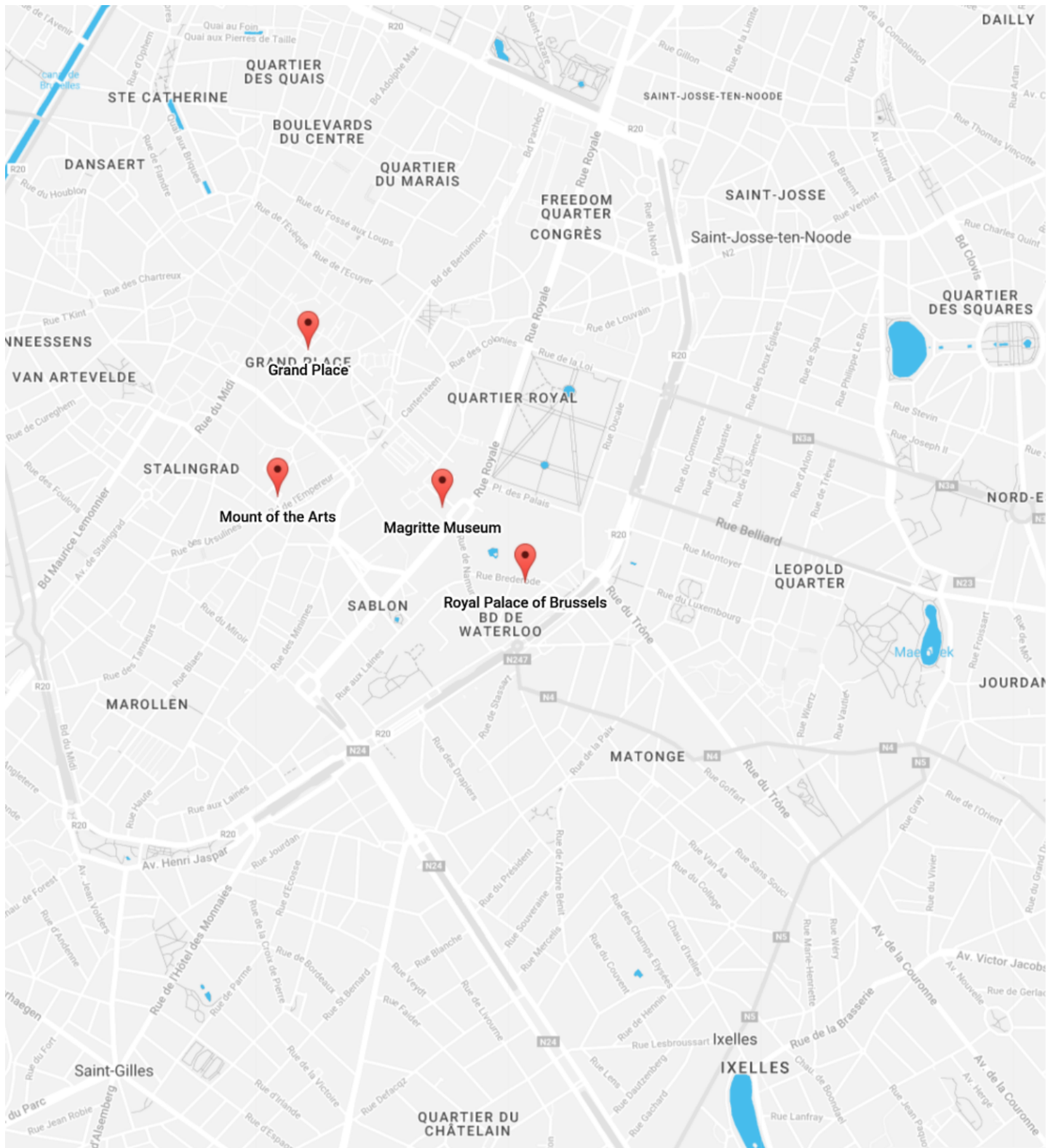
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Grand Place

Grote Markt, 1000 Brussel, Belgium

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Map for Day 1



Day 2

09:00

Atomium

Pl. de l'Atomium 1, 1020 Bruxelles, Belgium

11:00

11:45

Mini-Europe

Av. du Football 1, 1020 Bruxelles, Belgium

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Royal Greenhouses of Laeken

Av. du Parc Royal 61, 1020 Bruxelles, Belgium

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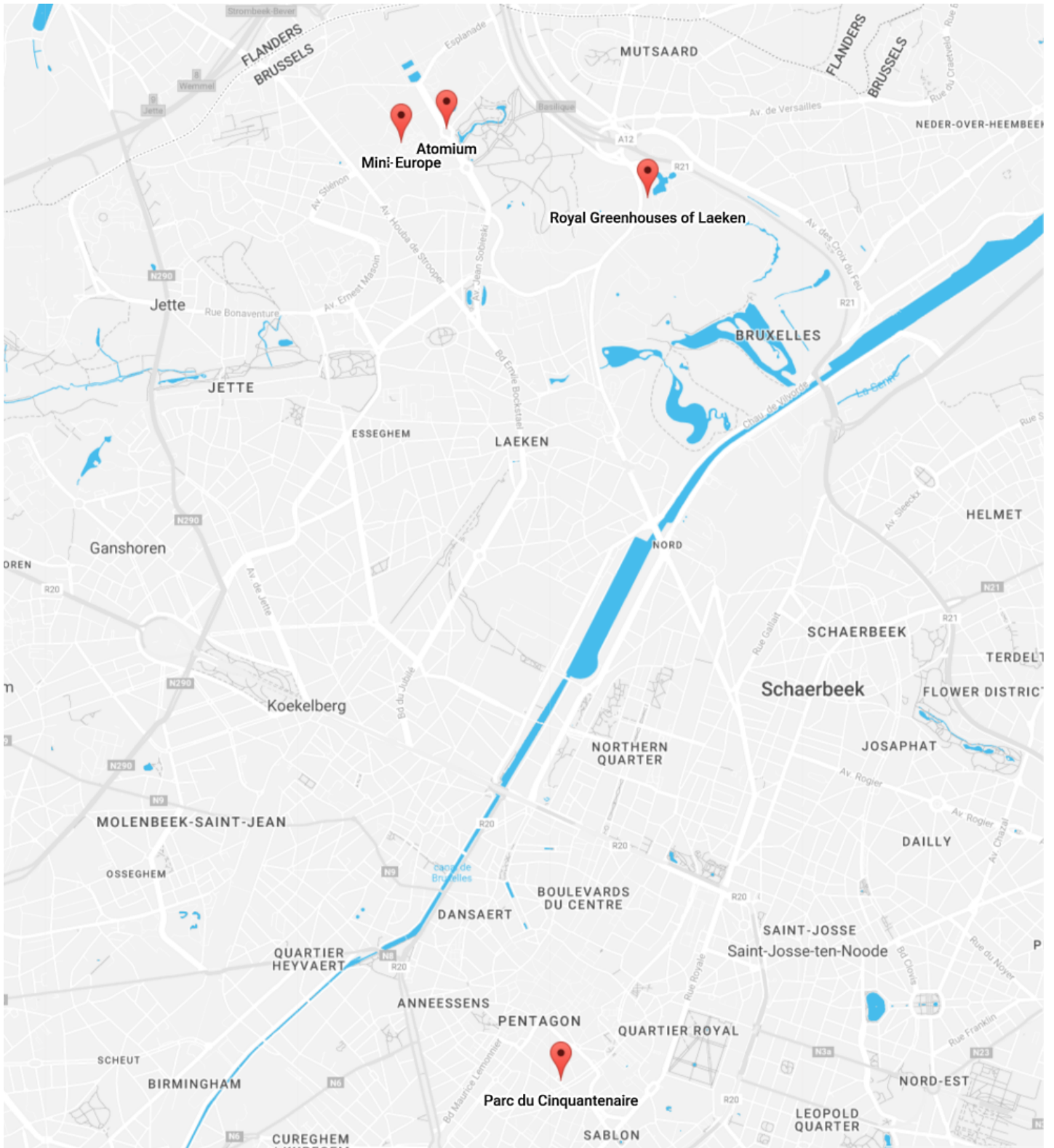
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Parc du Cinquantaire

1000 Brussels, Belgium

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Map for Day 2





Spots



Ixelles Ponds

Rue Guillaume Stocq 3, 1050 Ixelles, Belgium

Summary:

Poplar trees & grassy banks fringe 2 ponds with ducks, popular for picnics & waterfront strolls.

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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European Parliament

Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Bruxelles, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: Closed

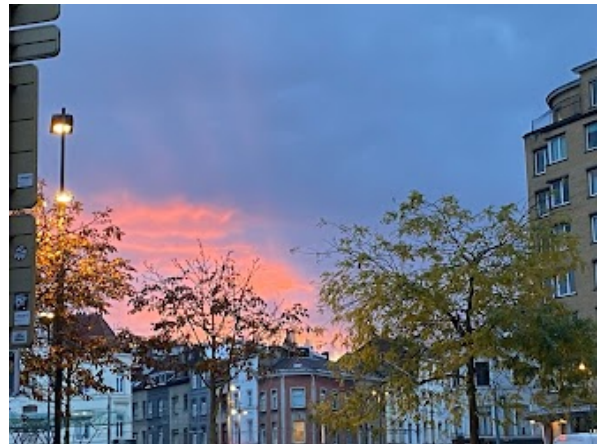
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Place Eugène Flagey

Place Eugène Flagey, 1050 Ixelles, Belgium



Domaine Royal de Laeken

1020, Bruxelles, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Closed

Friday: Closed

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed



Palais du Coudenberg

Pl. des Palais 7, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

Museum & archaeological site on medieval palace foundations with excavations on display.

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: 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Phone:

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Duden Park

1190 Forest, Belgium

Summary:

Picturesque park with walking paths, shade trees & grassy fields, plus elegant landmarks & statues.

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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Place Royale

Pl. Royale, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

Iconic city square dating back to the 18th century & framed by neoclassical buildings.



Place Sainte-Catherine

Pl. Sainte-Catherine, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

This 1-way street offers access around a Catholic church known for its holiday light shows.



Parc de Bruxelles

1000 Brussels, Belgium

Summary:

Lush royal park on site of former hunting ground, with statues, a fountain & outdoor theaters.

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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Abbaye de la Cambre

Abbaye de la Cambre, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

This old Cistercian abbey founded in 1201 is part of a monastic complex rebuilt with formal gardens.

Opening Hours:

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



Place du Jeu de Balle

Pl. du Jeu de Balle, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

Busy, cobbled square home to a long-running flea market selling antiques, vinyl & vintage clothing.



Sonian Forest

Sonian Forest, Belgium

Summary:

Two-hundred-year-old beech & oak tree groves cover over 5,000 hectares alongside vast recreation.



Villa Empain

Av. Franklin Roosevelt 67, 1050 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

Unique art deco style mansion with elegant architectural features & a pool now a modern art museum.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

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Jeanneke Pis

Imp. de la Fidélité 10-12, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

Statue of a young girl, considered by some to be the sister monument to the well-known Manneken Pis.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours

Tuesday: Open 24 hours

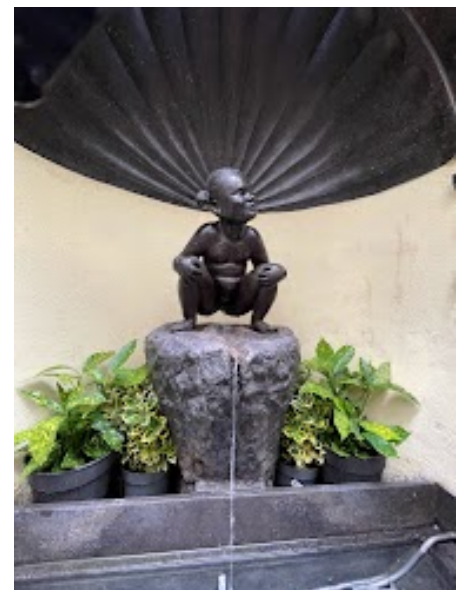
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Friday: Open 24 hours

Saturday: Open 24 hours

Sunday: Open 24 hours



Forest National

Av. Victor Rousseau 208, 1190 Forest, Belgium

Summary:

Multipurpose arena, with a capacity of more than 8000, staging sporting events & live concerts.

Phone:

02 320 57 40



Erasmus House

Rue de Formanoir 31, 1070 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

House where Erasmus stayed in 1521, with displays on his intellectual/private life including books.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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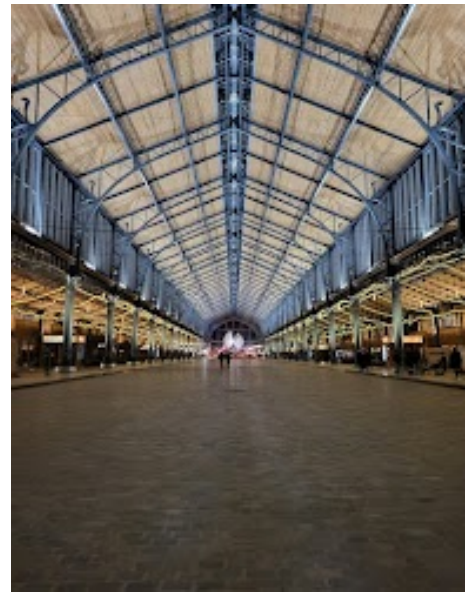
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Tour&Taxis

Rue Picard 3, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium



National Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Koekelberg

Basiliekvoorplein 1, 1083 Brussel, Belgium

Summary:

Vast, cupola-topped, art deco style place of Roman Catholic worship with 2 towers & 2 museums.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

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Wiels

Av. Van Volxem 354, 1190 Forest, Belgium

Summary:

Cutting-edge art venue in a modernist building, with a focus on large exhibitions & cultural events.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

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Place du Luxembourg

Pl. du Luxembourg, 1050 Ixelles, Belgium

Summary:

Lively square in front of the European Parliament with many bars & terraces for after-work drinks.



Bois de la Cambre

Brussels, Belgium

Summary:

Designed in 1861 to look like a natural landscape, this park features many trees & water features.

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:

02 513 89 40



Atomium

Pl. de l'Atomium 1, 1020 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

Giant stainless steel atom, particles connected by escalators, with exhibitions & views from 92m.

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

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Parc du Cinquantenaire

1000 Brussels, Belgium

Summary:

Landscaped 19th-century city park with floral gardens & fountains, home to art & military museums.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Wednesday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Thursday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Friday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Saturday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Sunday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM



Horta Museum

Rue Américaine 27, 1060 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

Art nouveau stained glass, mosaics & furnishings in the house & studio of architect Victor Horta.



Train World

Pl. Princesse Elisabeth 5, 1030 Schaerbeek, Belgium

Summary:

Museum in Schaerbeek station featuring 20+ locomotives & exhibits on Belgian railroad history.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

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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Mount of the Arts

1000 Brussels, Belgium

Summary:

Small downtown area on a hill, with a landscaped garden, museums, and notable architecture.

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



Musical Instruments Museum

Rue Montagne de la Cour 2, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

Art nouveau museum with exhibits including traditional & mechanical instruments & a concert hall.

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

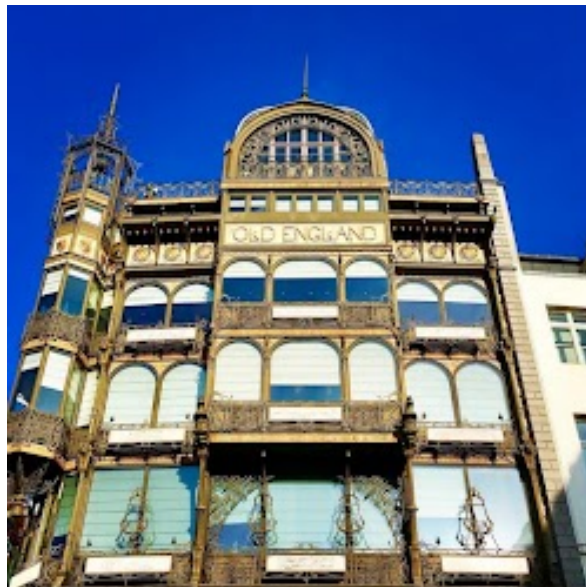
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Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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Mini-Europe

Av. du Football 1, 1020 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

Miniature park with Europe's landmarks created on a scale of 1:25, from Big Ben to the Eiffel Tower.

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

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Magritte Museum

Pl. Royale 1, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

Chronologically organized art museum with works by René Magritte & artifacts exploring his life.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

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: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

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St. Michael & St. Gudula Cathedral

Esp. de la Sainte-Gudule, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

Belgium's national church, host to royal weddings & funerals, built in the Brabant Gothic style.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

02 217 83 45



Grand Place

Grote Markt, 1000 Brussel, Belgium

Summary:

Huge city square completely encircled by elegant historic buildings dating back to the 14th century.

Phone:

02 513 89 40



Autoworld

Parc du Cinquantaire 11, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

From vintage carriages to iconic racing cars, via presidential limousines in a spacious car museum.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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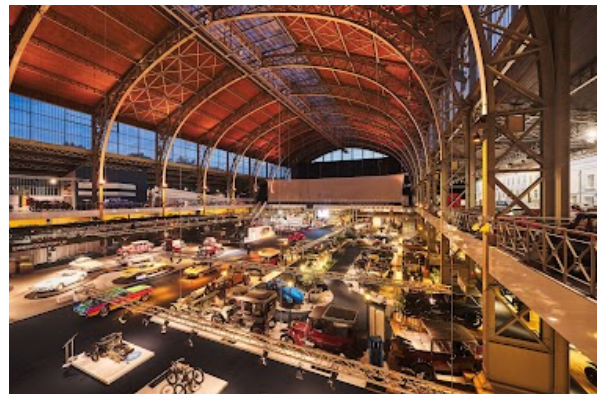
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Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium

Rue de la Régence 3, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

Complex of museums with over 20,000 works tracing the history of painting, sculpture & drawing.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

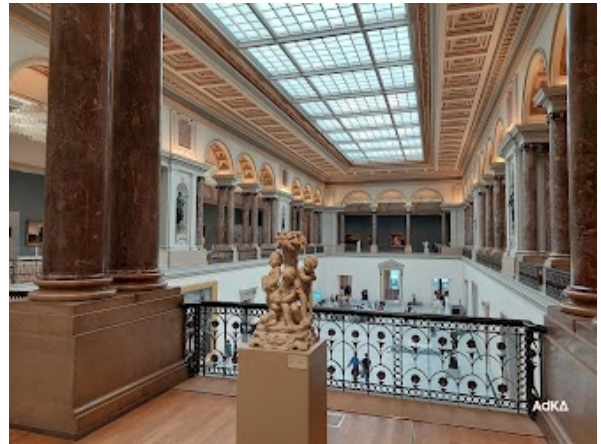
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Place du Grand Sablon

Pl. du Grand Sablon, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

Bustling spot featuring shops, cafes, an 18th-century fountain, Gothic church & an outdoor market.



Royal Greenhouses of Laeken

Av. du Parc Royal 61, 1020 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

Classical-style greenhouses, designed by Alphonse Balat in 1873, with pavilions, cupolas & arcades.

Phone:

02 551 20 20



Royal Gallery of Saint Hubert

Galerie du Roi 5, 1000 Brussel, Belgium

Summary:

This ornate shopping center under an arched glass roof offers high-end shops, eateries & theaters.

Phone:

02 545 09 90



Royal Palace of Brussels

Rue Brederode 16, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

Palace of the constitutional monarchy, with throne & other state rooms open for tours each summer.

Phone:

02 551 20 20



Parlamentarium

Pl. du Luxembourg 100, 1050 Bruxelles, Belgium

Opening Hours:

Monday: 1:00 - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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Manneken Pis

1000 Brussels, Belgium

Summary:

Iconic 17th-century fountain with a bronze statue of small boy, dressed in costume during festivals.



Comics Art Museum

Rue des Sables 20, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Summary:

Comic-book museum with original artwork & reading room, set in Victor Horta's art nouveau warehouse.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

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

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