



Local Guide to Brussels

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General

1. Brussels, capital of Europe

Brussels is a cosmopolitan city, with a liveliness and an appeal that are intimately related to its role as a crossroad for all of Europe. Architectural styles range from Gothic cathedrals and churches to the gracious classical facades of the Palais des Nations, the Royal Palace and to the many Art Nouveau and Art Deco houses in the comfortable neighborhoods where the Bruxellois live.

The heart of Brussels and the place to start getting to know the city is the Grand Place. This historic square, lined with exuberantly ornate guild houses and focused on the Gothic heights of the Hotel de Ville, is widely held to be one of Europe's finest.

2. Useful smartphone apps

<i>Visit.brussels.be</i>	The official Brussels tourism site and app, showing everything you need to know when visiting Brussels: museums, festivals, restaurants, bars, transport, etc.
<i>Tales & tours</i>	Bring along your personal tour guide with your smartphone filled with travel & audio guides, walks and routes.
<i>STIB</i>	The public transportation network (metro, tram and bus) is managed by the Brussels Intermunicipal Transport Company (STIB-MIVB). With the app, you can check the arrival times and routes in real-time.
<i>Brussels Gardens</i>	Find your nearest park or garden.
<i>Spotted by locals</i>	Experience Brussels like a local.
<i>HappyCow</i>	This app shows you nearby vegetarian and vegan restaurants.

Transport

1) Airport

Nearest airports for Brussels are:

- [Brussels Airport](#) (in Zaventem)
- [Brussels South](#) (in Charleroi)

2) Metro, tram and bus

The public transportation network (metro, tram and bus) is managed by the Brussels Intermunicipal Transport Company (STIB-MIVB). The network maps, schedules, frequencies, rates or route planners are available on its website:

- [STIB-MIVB](#)

The night network of STIB (night buses during the weekend) is called [Noctis](#).

Some bus lines in Brussels are also managed by:

- [De Lijn](#)

3) Train

The trains are managed by:

- [SNCB-NMBS](#)

4) Metro and train map

The map of the underground (subway) and train stations in Brussels:

- [Metro \(and train\) map of Brussels](#) (PDF, 1.97 MB)

5) Waterbus

The Waterbus is a bus service on the water between Vilvoorde and Brussels, a 10-kilometer navigational route on the Senne Canal:

- [Waterbus](#)

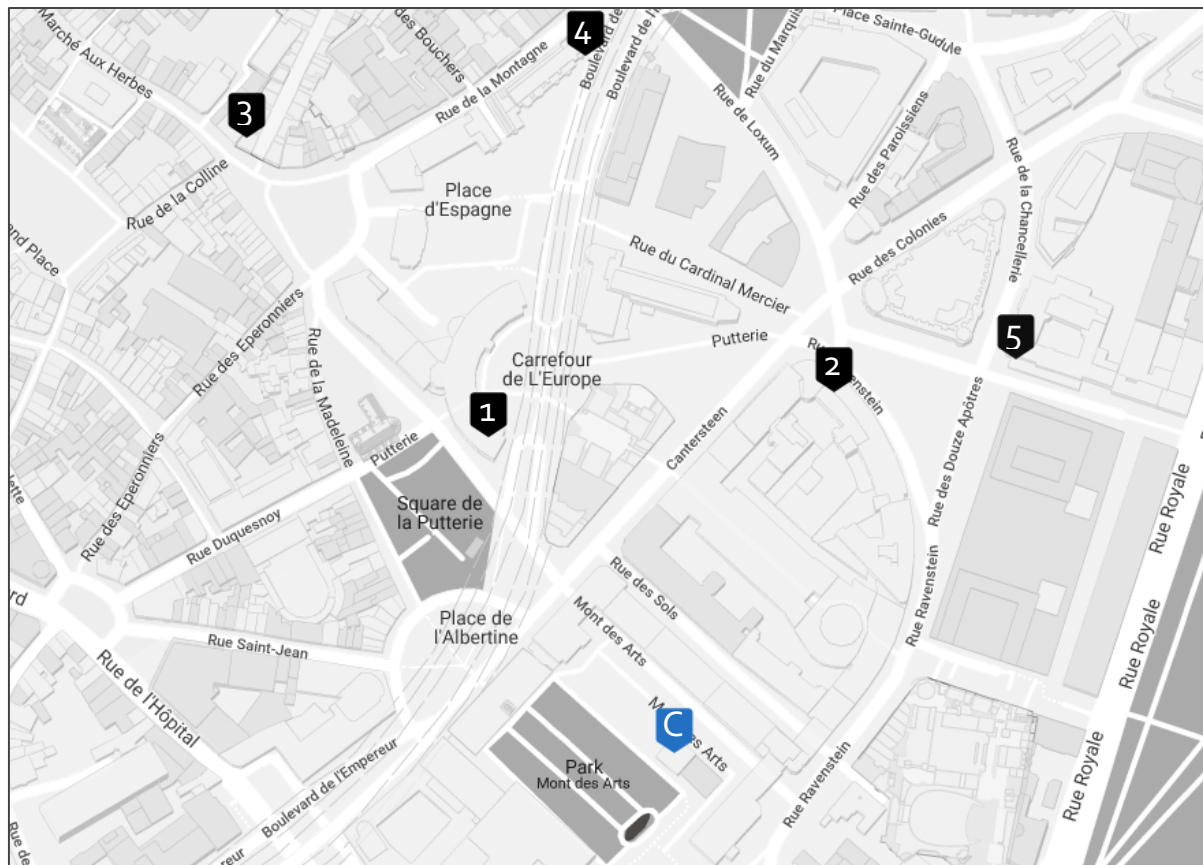
Public Holidays

All saints and All souls day:

All Saints' Day is a Christian festival celebrated in honor of all the saints, known and unknown, on the first of November. On the second of November, All Souls' Day commemorates All Souls, the Holy Souls, or the Faithful Departed; that is, the souls of Christians who have died. Christians typically remember deceased relatives on the day. **Therefore a lot of shops, restaurants and museums will be closed on the first and second of November.**

Banks and ATMs near the conference hall

There are several banks near the conference venue. You can find a selection on the map below. The blue marker with a “C” is the conference venue.



1: BNP Paribas Fortis

Carrefour De L'europe 1
1000 Brussels

2: ING

Rue Ravenstein 68
1000 Brussels

3: ING

Rue Du Marché Aux Herbes 90
1000 Brussels

4: BNP Paribas Fortis

Boulevard De L'impératrice 56
1000 Brussels

5: BNP Paribas Fortis

Rue De La Chancellerie 1
1000 Brussels

Exploring Brussels

1. Monuments and sites

Royal Palace

Rue Brederode 16, 1000 Brussels

The Royal Palace in Brussels is the official seat of the King and Queen of the Belgians. It is however not used as their residence, as the King and his family reside in the Palace of Laeken, just outside of Brussels. The Royal Palace was built on the site of the former Palace of the Dukes of Brabant which was destroyed by fire in 1731. Started in 1820 under the reign of King William, it was modified in 1904 under Leopold II, who had it rebuilt in Louis XVI style. The side wings date from the 18th century and at the end of each wing there is a pavilion. Unfortunately the palace is only open for the public during summer.

Atomium

Square de l'Atomium, 1020 Brussels

Unavoidable icon of Brussels and Belgium, important place for international tourism, unique creation in the history of architecture and emblematic vestige of the World fair in Brussels (Expo 58), the Atomium is today the most popular tourist attraction of Europe's Capital. The Atomium was constructed for the first post-war universal world exhibition (EXPO 58). The nine spheres represent an iron crystal magnified 165 billion times. They represent the faith one had in the power of science and moreover in nuclear power.

<http://atomium.be/>

Adults – 15€

Mon-Sun 10h-18h

Brussels' outdoor markets

Various places

There are numerous general and specialized markets in Brussels, each with their own atmosphere. The most famous one is the flea market at the Vossenplein/Place Jeu du Balle. People from all over Belgium come here to buy and sell second-hand wares. But there's also the antiques market at Grand Sablon, the flower market at Place Sainte-Cathérine, even a used bicycle market at the Boulevard du Midi. These markets are often only open a single day per week (with the exception of the Vossenplein flea market, which is open all week from early in the morning till midday). For a list of markets and their opening hours check <https://www.brussels.be/outdoor-markets>.

The Europa building

Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 Brussels

The Europa building is one of Brussels' most recent and remarkable examples of contemporary architecture. The gigantic cube is made up of 3,750 restored window frames and contains a glass lantern which, at night, is beautifully lit by 374 LED tubes. The Europa building and the Berlaymont, stand together as symbols of two of the three centres of EU decision making. This "House of European member states" with its multi-colored interior is the headquarters of the European Council and the Council of the European Union and will be where heads of state and minister of the European Union member states meet from now on. The visitors' centre opened august 2018.

Visits are free of charge.

Mon-Fri 9h30-11h & 13h30-16h

Closed on weekends and public holidays

Grand Place

Grand Place 1, 1000 Brussels

The Grand-Place is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Construction on it began in the 15th century; first of all, some market halls, trade guild houses, and a town hall to establish the authority of this trading centre. Bombarded for 3 days by the French army in 1695, it was almost completely destroyed but, like a phoenix, it went on to rise from the ashes in less than 5 years. That's why four styles stand alongside each other or sometimes even overlap; it's a wonderful hotch-potch of Gothic, opulent baroque, neoclassical and neogothic.

Royal Galleries of Saint-Hubert

Galerie du Roi 5, 1000 Brussels

Initiated by the architect Jean-Pierre Cluysenaer, the spectacular Galeries Royales project took shape in the 1830's. The works, begun in 1846, were almost completed in time for the official opening on 20 June 1847. The gallery included shops, auditoriums, cafés, restaurants and apartments. The place to be seen for the fashionable, right away, the Royal Galleries of Saint Hubert drew a wide audience, attracted by its luxury brands, elegant cafés and cultural spaces. The colony of French refugees, like Victor Hugo, Alexandre Dumas, Edgar Quinet and others, would also gather there. The Surrealist painters and artists from the Cobra group were regulars at the venue.

Église notre dame des victoires du Sablon

Rue de la Régence, 38, 1000 Brussels

This church is a precious example of the development of ogival art from Brabant. It owes its beauty to the city's crossbowmen, who built it in the 15th century. Several members of the Von Thurn und Taxis family are buried there in sarcophagi placed under the chapel of Saint Ursula, which is their burial site. If you pass by this church, do not hesitate to enter and contemplate its architecture and numerous stained glass windows.

Manneken Pis

Stoofstraat, 1000 Brussels

Literally just a 60 cm tall statue of a little peeing boy, occasionally dressed up in festive clothes. Please don't expect too much from it.

2. Museums

Please note that most museums will be closed November 1st!

Bozar - Museum of Fine Arts

Rue Ravenstein 23, 1000 Brussels

It's impossible to talk about culture in Belgium without mentioning the Centre for Fine Arts located in Brussels. Whether it comes to exhibitions, concerts, theater performances, movies or projects concerning literature and architecture, BOZAR will always put originality and innovation first. They prove to keep a finger on the pulse with their varied and sophisticated program.

<https://www.bozar.be/>

Mon	Closed
Tue-Wed	10h-18h
Thu	10h-21h
Fri-Sun	10h-18h

Coudenberg Palace

Place des Palais 7, 1000 Brussels

An underground tour discovering the remains of the palace of Charles V. From the middle ages, a castle overlooked Brussels from Coudenberg hill. From the 12th century, the successive monarchs and their representatives transformed a small fortified castle into a sumptuous residential palace, one of the most beautiful palace of Europe and one of Charles V's main residences. This prestigious building is severely damaged by fire in 1731. Some forty years later, the ruins of the palace are pulled down and the ground flattened out for the construction of the new royal district. The remains of this palace make up the Coudenberg archaeological site. Entrance is through the BELvue museum.

<https://coudenberg.brussels/en>

Adults – 7€

Mon	Closed
Tue-Fri	9h30-17h
Sat-Sun	10h-18h

BELvue Museum

Place des Palais 7, 1000 Brussels

Democracy, prosperity, solidarity, pluralism, migration, languages and Europe: these are the themes used by the BELvue Museum to help you to discover Belgium. Each one is developed through present-day testimonials and then traced right through history. This is a modern, original way of gaining a fuller understanding of modern-day Belgium. Have a look at the gallery too: there are more than 200 objects to view, each one forming a tangible memory of Belgium. Here are just a few examples: a lithograph by Magritte, a motorcycle, crystal vases by Val Saint-Lambert, and a football signed by the Red Devils.

<https://www.belvue.be/en>

Adults – 7€

Mon	Closed
Tue-Fri	9h30-17h
Sat-Sun	10h-17h

Comic Strip Centre

Rue des Sables 20, 1000 Brussels

Belgium has a rich arsenal of comic book artists, and comic books are seen as an integral part of Belgian Culture. This is easily noticed when you take a stroll through Brussels and find the immense wall paintings of Tintin, Thorgal, The Smurfs, Lucky Luke and many others scattered throughout the city. The Comics Art Museum was founded more than 25 years ago to honor these comic books and their creators. The regularly renewed permanent exhibitions and a diversified program of temporary exhibitions enable visitors to discover the countless aspects of comics art.

<https://www.comicscenter.net/en/home>

Adults – 10€

Mon-Sun	10h-18h
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Victor Horta Museum

Rue Américane, 1060 Brussels

Victor Horta (1861-1947) was one of the most talented and well-known architect in the Art Nouveau scene. The museum, located at his former house and studio, is the archetypical example of Art Nouveau culture: high arches, stained glass and beautiful mosaics.

<http://www.hortamuseum.be/en/>

Adults – 10€

Mon	Closed
Tue-Sun	14h-17h30

Museum of Erotics and Mythology

Rue Sainte-Anne 32, 1000 Brussels

In a charming XVIIIth century house, at the Sablon, you will discover the fantastic history of Erotic art from Antiquity until today. This private collection, one of the most attractive in Europe, offers you the chance to see some rare pieces of paintings, sculptures, Greco-roman antiquities, Ivory, Japanese prints and other curiosities. The purpose of this museum is to show the existence of the eroticism since the sexual pleasure has been discovered by humanity.

<http://www.m-e-m.be/>

Adults – 10€

Mon	14h-22h
Tue-Wed	Closed
Thu-Fri	14h-20h
Sat-Sun	11h-17h30

Musical Instruments Museum

Rue Montagne de la Cour 2, 1000 Brussels

The entrance to the building is a jewel of the Art Nouveau style, while the rest is in perfect harmony with the neoclassical ensemble on the Place Royale. With a wealth of some 9.000 instruments, some 1.200 of which are on permanent exhibit, the museum's reputation is mainly built on its extraordinary collections.

<http://www.mim.be/en>

Adults – 10€

Mon	Closed
Tue-Fri	9h30-17h
Sat-Sun	10h-17h

Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences

Rue Vautier 29, 1000 Brussels

Nearly every person in Belgium has visited this museum at least once as a child, and will still be able to tell you about Stan, the Tyrannosaurus Rex. This museum is dedicated to the history of the earth, nature, and evolution. It hosts the largest dinosaur gallery of Europe. In other galleries you will find rare minerals, ancient skeletons and life-size replicas of animals that roamed the earth millions of years ago.

<https://www.naturalsciences.be/>

Adults – 7€

Mon	Closed
Tue-Fri	9h30-17h
Sat-Sun	10h-18h

Millenial Iconoclast Museum of Arts

Quai du Hainaut 41, 1080 Molenbeek

The MIMA is situated on the remarkable site of the former brewery Belle-Vue beside the canal in the center of Brussels. It is a new museum with an international vocation that advances contemporary, accessible and viral creations such as Street Art. The MIMA presents temporary exhibitions, encounters, projections, concerts, performances as well as a permanent collection. It also houses an art shop, a restaurant and two magnificent panoramic viewing points over the canal and Brussels in a magnificent building covering four different floors.

<http://www.mimamuseum.eu/>

Adults – 9,5€

Mon-Tue	Closed
Wed-Sun	10h-18h

Weirtz Museum

Rue vautier 62, 1050 Brussels

The museum, which has preserved its original atmosphere, is dedicated to painter, sculptor and writer Antoine Wiertz (1806-1865), a somewhat controversial artistic figure of the Belgian Romantic movement. Wiertz loved the spectacular, painting giant canvasses to indulge his thirst for the excessive, like the more than 8 metres long Greeks and Trojans fighting over the body of Patroclus.

<https://www.fine-arts-museum.be/en/museums/musee-wiertz-museum>

Free admission

Mon	closed
Tue-Fri	10h-12h & 12h45-17h

3. Parks

Kunstberg/Mont des arts

Besides housing the Square Brussels Conference Venue where EMNLP 2018 will take place, this park is home to many other influential institutions such as the Royal Library and the Museum of Fine Arts. In the 15th-19th century this hill was densely populated, but by the end of the 19th century, King Leopold II had the idea of converting the site to an arts quarter and bought the entire neighborhood. The construction of the quarter took many decades and a series of redesigns, and was finally opened in 1969 - exactly sixty years after King Leopold II's death. It offers a magnificent view of downtown Brussels and the Town Hall.

Cinquantenaire Park

The Cinquantenaire (50th anniversary) site is comprised of a vast set of gardens dotted with monuments and museums. It is dominated by a triumphal arch with three arches. The park hosts numerous activities throughout the year: events, celebrations, firework displays, sporting events, concerts, etc. This place of interest was built in 1880 for the 50th anniversary of the independence of Belgium. The broad pathways lead to the Pavilion of Human Passions designed by Victor Horta, the Royal Museum of the Armed Forces & Military History, the Royal Museums of Art and History and to Autoworld. At the top of the three triumphal arches there's a bronze quadriga and an unbeatable sweeping view over the whole of Brussels.

Park of Brussels

Known as the "Parc Royal" for many years, it was the first public park in Brussels. This large quadrilateral planted with trees and standing proud between the Federal Parliament and the Royal Palace spreads before you broad pathways, symmetrical alignments and surprising perspectives. As you wend your way along the paths, you'll come across secluded little leafy clearings, a bandstand, a theatre, two fountains and a few kiosks serving refreshments. And yet, this spot, which radiates tranquillity, was once the site of fierce battles for the people of Brussels who fought their revolution here in 1830.

Leopold Park

A small island of tranquillity on the edge of the big sites of the European district. A landscaped, undulating park, which houses the Museum of the Institute of Natural Sciences and other scientific institutes, such as the magnificent Solvay Library, the work of Henry van de Velde. Today the library hosts cultural events.

Petit Sablon Park

Inaugurated in 1890, this little park is surrounded by a superb wrought-iron balustrade, decorated with 48 bronze statuettes which represent the ancient crafts once practised in Brussels. There are ten statues decorating the rear of the park, intended to illustrate the 16th century in Belgium through the country's celebrated scholars and humanists, such as Mercator, Abraham Ortelius, Louis Van Bodeghem, Rombaud Dodonée, amongst others. In the centre, the statues of the Counts of Egmont and Hornes symbolise the fight against Spanish tyranny in the 16th century. The pedestal is decorated with the coats of arms of the two lords.

Eating & Drinking

1. Restaurants close to the conference venue

There are numerous restaurants to be found near the conference hall, both Belgian and international kitchens. The Sablon borough - just south of the conference hall - is a lively area of chic bars, fashionable restaurants and chocolate shops. To the northwest you will find the touristic heart of Brussels with the Grand Place and its neighboring small cobbled streets. Both these boroughs are excellent places to look for something to eat. If you plan to go with a large group, we advise you to book in advance.

Jef (0.5 km)

Rue Haute 20, 1000 Brussels

Belgian-French cuisine in charming little bistro. Also renowned for its fine selection of wines.

<http://jefresto.be/>

Mon	Closed
Tue-Fri	12h-14h & 19h-22h
Sat	19-22h
Sun	12-14h

Al Barmarki (0.4 km)

Rue des Éperonniers 67, 1000 Brussels

According to the owners “the first Lebanese restaurant in Belgium”. Serves traditional Lebanese meals for a reasonable price.

<https://www.albarmaki.be/>

Mon-Sat	19h-00h
Sun	Closed

Love Ciabatta (0.2 km)

Coudenberg 70, 1000 Brussels

Casual but cozy sandwich bar located close to the Magritte Museum. The focaccias, vegetarian pastas and salads make for a great light lunch.

<https://love-ciabatta.be/en>

Mon	11h-16h
Tue-Sun	9h-18h45

PEÏ & MEÏ (0.6 km)

Rue de Rollebeek 15, 1000 Brussels

Original restaurant that succeeds in finding the perfect balance between traditional and modern cooking. Loved by local food critics.

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

Mon-Fri	12-14h & 19h30-21h30
Sat	19h30-21h30
Sun	Closed

C'est bon c'est belge (0.6 km)

Rue de Rollebeek 3-5 , 1000 Brussels

Traditional Belgian meals and delicatessen: “Stoemp” and sausages, “Waterzooi” stewed vegetables, or “Vol au Vent”. Accommodating Belgian beers are also available.

<https://www.cestboncestbelge.be/en/>

Mon	12h-21h
Tue-Wed	Closed
Thu-Sat	12h-21h
Sun	10h30-21h

Atelier des pates (0.4 km)

Rue de Namur 3, 1000 Brussels

Fresh home-made Italian pasta, made by three young entrepreneurs. Located right next to the impressive Royal Square.

<http://www.atelierdespates.be/?lang=en>

Mon-Tue	12h-14h30
Wed-Fri	12h-14h30 & 18h30-22h30
Sat	12h30-15h & 19h-22h30
Sun	Closed

Kobob (0.8 km)

Rue des Grands Carmes 10, 1000 Brussels

Authentic Ethiopian food for those who like something different. Meals are always served on shared plates and to be eaten without cutlery. It also serves a large selection of vegetarian and vegan dishes.

<https://www.kokob.be/en/>

Mon-Thu	18h – 23h
Friday	18h - 23h30
Sat	12h - 15h & 18h - 23h30
Sun	12h - 15h & 18h - 23h

La Table de Mus (0.5 km)

Oud Korenhuis 31, 1000 Brussels

For those who do not mind to spend a little more on their food, “La table de Mus” is the best place to go. Carefully chosen seasonal ingredients, served by a warm and welcoming owner.

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

Mon-Tue	Open
Wed	Closed
Thu-Sat	Open
Sun	Closed

POP-up Sablon (0.6 km)

Grand Sablon 15

Much like the borough of Sablon itself, this restaurant/bar is young and vibrant without losing its roots. The heated terrace and large modern interior are open all week.

<https://www.popupsablon.be/>

Mon-Sun 12h-23h

Viva M'Boma (1.1 km)

Rue de Flandre 17

When tripe goes gourmet, (re)discover the old recipes that grandma used to make.

www.vivamboma.be

Mon- Sun 12h-14h30 & 19h-22h30

Brasserie Ploegmans (0.8 km)

Rue Haute 148

Old-world brasserie setting in the heart of the Marolles, where Belgian specialties are on the menu.

<https://www.ploegmans.be/>

Mon Closed
Tue-Thu 12h-14h30 & 19h-22h
Fri-Sat 12h-14h30 & 19h-22h30
Sun 12h-14h30

Les Brigittines (0.6 km)

Place de la Chapelle 5

In the Marolles district, a tasty brasserie with a strong Brussels accent.

<https://www.lesbrigittines.com/>

Mon-Fri 12h-14h & 19h-22h
Sat 19h-22h
Sun Closed

Belga Queen (0.9 km)

Rue Fossé aux Loups 32

This splendid former bank has become a temple to good eating with classic Belgo-French recipes adapted to today's tastes.

www.belgaqueen.be

Mon-Thu 12h-14h30 & 18h30-23h
Fri 12h-14h30 & 18h30-24h
Sat 18h30-24h
Sun Closed

Madame Chapeau (0.7 km)

Rue du Marché au Charbon 94

Stoemp, the staple of Belgian cuisine, is offered here in all its forms.

www.madamechapeau.be

Mon-Tue	Closed
Wed-Sun	12h-24h

Au Vieux Saint-Martin (0.45 km)

Place du Grand Sablon 38

A Brussels institution, whose founder Joseph Niels is famous for creating the recipe for the famous American Préparé, the original steak tartare.

www.auvieuxsaintmartin.be

Mon-Sat	12h-24h
Sun	11h30-23h

Restobières (1.1 km)

Rue des Renards 9

Simple, tasty Belgian cuisine perfectly complemented by an impressive list of beers.

<https://www.restobieres.eu/>

Mon	Closed
Tue-Thu	12h-15h & 18h-22h
Fri	12h-15h & 18-22h30
Sat	12h-15h30 & 18h-22h30
Sun	12h-15h30 & 18h-22h

2. Bars and cafés in the area

Below you will find some of the best places in the area of the conference venue to grab a beer, a glass of wine, a cocktail or any other drink. But feel free to differ from this list and explore the stunning 540 bars and cafés that Brussels is home to.

Het Goudblommeke (0.6 km)

Rue des Alexiens 55, 1000 Brussels

An artistic and literary café with a rich past. In the early 20th century, this place was frequented by artists such as Magritte and Lecomte. During world war II it was forced to close its doors. When it was reopened in late 1944, this café blossomed again the meeting place of the post-war surrealist movement.

Mon	Closed
Tue-Sat	11h-24h
Sun	11h-19h

Vertigo (0.6 km)

Rue de Rollebeek 7, 1000 Brussels

Vertigo is somewhat hidden away in a tiny alley, but all the more rewarding when you find it. This bar serves excellent cocktails and tapas on its well preserved patio.

Mon-Thu	12h-00h
Fri-Sun	12h-01h

Poechenellekelder (0.6 km)

Rue du chêne 5, 1000 Brussels

A typical Bruxellois café where time seems to have stopped in the 1950's. Enjoy a selection of 150 beers.

Mon	Closed
Tue-Thu	11h-01h
Fri-Sat	11h-02h
Sun	11h-01h

La Machine (1.0 km)

Place Saint-Géry 2, 1000 Brussels

This popular bar in the Saint-Géry area, with a steampunk-inspired decor, serves no fewer than 59 beers, 70 cocktails, and 60 selected spirits. It also lays on great rock, jazz, and soul concerts.

Mon-Tue	15h-01h
Wed-Thu	15h-02h
Fri-Sun	15h-04h

COCO Donuts (0.6 km)

Rue Sainte-Anne 36, 1000 Brussels

COCO's home-made, artisanal donuts are a treat like no other in the city. Enjoy them with a cup of coffee at their shop in the little cobbled street of Sainte-Anne – the patron saint of grandmothers and single women.

Mon-Sun 10h30-18h

La Pharmacie Anglaise (0.2 Km)

Koudenberg 66, 1000 Brussels

“Cocktails & Curiosity”. This old pharmacy was revived as a cocktail bar. It still has the original decoration to show off its past. The cocktails can be pricey, but the unique interior is definitely worth a look.

Mon Closed
Tue-Thu 17h30-01h
Fri-Sat 17h30-02h
Sun Closed

Delirium Café (0.7 km)

Getrouweidsgang 4, 1000 Brussels

This bar holds the world record for largest variety of beers available in a single bar. It serves a stunning amount of 3,162 different beers. There is no better place to explore the Belgian beer culture.

Mon-Sat 22h-04h
Sun 22h-02h

Mug Brussels (0.3 km)

Rue Ravenstein 20-22, 1000 Brussels

A great place to unwind from the rush of the city. Have a coffee or a slice of cake and enjoy the quirky interior.

Mon-Fri 9h-15h
Sat-Sun Closed

L’Archiduc (1.0 km)

Rue Antoine Dansaert 6, 1000 Brussels

A timeless institution of Brussels nightlife, l’Archiduc is a place that you must visit to get a real sense of Brussels’ DNA. Celebrities and regular people have been rubbing shoulders there for decades.

Mon-Sun 16h-05h

Benelux (0.6 km)

Petite rue des Bouchers 6, 1000 Brussels

Contemporary yet cozy bar serving a bit of everything: Belgian beers, wine, and cocktails. Located close the beautiful Royal Galleries and Grand Place.

Au Darigman (1.2 km)

Rue de Flandre 37, 1000 Brussel

A little bit further away than the other bars on this list, but a place that’s on The Guardians list of “Best bars in the world” is worth the walk. Small and cozy café, with a fine selection of Trappist and local beers.

Celtica (0.7 km)

Kiekenmarkt 55, 1000 Brussel

Authentic Irish pub with live music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Prices are one of the lowest in the area.

Nightlife

1. Theater, concerts & movies

Brussels offers a great variety of shows, concerts and theater performances. For a complete list of every event available in Brussels, please see

https://www.uitinvlaanderen.be/agenda/concert/brussel?date_range=30/10/2018%20-%204/11/2018.

Bozar

Rue Ravenstein 23, 1000 Brussels

The Bozar Fine Arts Centre hosts several classical music concerts during the time of the conference. At only a five minute walk from the conference venue, the neoclassical ‘Henry Le Boeuf Hall’ itself – inaugurated in 1929 and regarded as one of the five best concert halls in the world – is reason enough to attend to one the concerts. Ticket prices range from 38€ to 70€ per person. It is advised to book well ahead, as these shows are often rapidly sold out. The following concerts are already confirmed by the Bozar event organisers, and more will likely follow: <https://www.bozar.be/en>

31 st october 2018:	Salvatore Adamo
1 st november 2018:	Katie Melua (featuring Gori womens choir)
2 nd November 2018:	Angelo Branduardi “In concerto 2018”

Ancienne Belgique

Boulevard Anspach 110, 1000 Brussels

One of Belgium’s most renowned venues for contemporary music, this concert hall has welcomed famous artists such as Amy Winehouse, Coldplay, Lou Reed and Queens of the Stone Age. Several upcoming artists have seen their breakthrough after performing here. The website offers an extensive list of the artists performing during the period of the conference, but it is advised to check if tickets are still available. See <https://www.abconcerts.be/en/agenda/>

Cinematek

Rue Baron Horta 9, 1000 Brussels

Film buffs will be delighted to hear that Belgium’s greatest cinema is located only a few metres from the conference venue. This isn’t a regular cinema showing today’s latest blockbusters: Cinematek is the Royal Belgian film archive, and shows several films of its collection every day. These range from silent films - with live piano accompaniment - to more modern movies from all around the world. Be warned when you would like to watch one of the many foreign films: these are only subtitled in Dutch and French. <http://cinematek.be/> (unfortunately this site is not available in English)

The music village

Rue des Pierres 50, 1000 Brussels

Enjoying a 17th century location at the very heart of Brussels, only a few metres away from the legendary Grand’Place, the Music Village has opened its doors on the 1st of September 2000. With acoustics, sound system, lighting, stage, warm welcome, comfort, and food & drink that live up to the

most prestigious clubs of New-York and London, the Music Village offers all music fans, listeners and musicians alike, a return to the Golden Age of international jazz clubs. On the live program (250 concerts a year), the best Belgian and international jazz musicians, who have adopted this cosmopolitan venue that does justice to its home in the Capital of Europe.

Doors – 19h

Concert start	Fri - Sat	21h
	Other days	20h30

2. Nightclubs and Dancehalls

Nostalgia Club

Greepstraat 49, 1000 Brussels

The Nostalgia Club touts itself as one of the few clubs in Brussels to play the 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s music. The club's atmosphere allows you to relive the nostalgic times of a bygone age. Drinks are a little pricey but are as extensive as the varied repertoire of music. Open from 10pm on Fridays, Saturdays and nights before public holidays.

DYoukes

Rue Duquesnoy 18, 1000 Brussels

This dancehall offers the best of hip hop and the promise of great memories. Only open on Saturday.

Bloody louis

Avenue Louise 32, 1050 Brussels

Only five years old, Bloody louis is already one of the main spots in the Brussels' music scene. It has had the opportunity to host Drake, Major Lazer, Martin Solveig and many other live artists and DJs. Tickets can be bought online or at the venue. See <https://www.bloodylouis.be/tickets/> for upcoming events.

Fuse

Rue Blaes 208, 1000 Brussels

Fuse is one of the first nightclubs in Belgium that prominently featured electronic music. Opened in 1994, it has a solid reputation for memorable parties with top DJs. Open every Saturday from 23h and during special events. It's advised to buy tickets in advance as there can be long lines at the entrance of the club. See <http://fuse.be/agenda/> for their events.

Police, emergency numbers and guard

1) Emergency Services

European emergency number

Valid in Brussels and throughout Europe, for all medical emergencies

Phone: **112**

Online: www.sos112.be

Firemen services

Phone: **100**

Online: firebru.brussels

Centre Antipoisons (antipoison centre)

Phone: +32 (0)70 245 245

Online: www.poissoncentre.be (FR/NL)

2) Guard duties

Next services assure a guard duty for health problems in Brussels: doctors, dentists and pharmacies.

a) Doctors on duty

- Tel. 02 201 22 22 (in French and Dutch, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day) - www.gbbw.be
- Tel. 02 479 18 18 (in French, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day) - www.medi-garde.be
- Tel. 02 513 02 02 (in French) - www.sosmedecins.be
- Tel. 02 242 43 44 (in Dutch, only during the weekend, www.bhak.be)

This number allows to obtain the address and phone number of a doctor who is close to your place of residence.

b) Dentists on duty

- Tel. 02 426 10 26
- Tel. 0903 399 69 (in Dutch, on Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 9 am to 6 pm)

This number supplies the list of dentists on duty in the evening or during the weekend.

c) Pharmacies on duty

- Tel. 0900 40 090
- Tel. 0903 99 000 (24 hours a day and 7 days a week)
- Tel. 070 660 160 (guard duties [pharmacies of Brussels](#))