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WWW.VISITBRUSSELS.BE
1. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING GOING ON FOR YOU AND YOUR KIDS...

JANUARY

LA NUIT DU CONTE
Brussels’ Nuit du Conte is a series of more than 15 storytelling events on themes ranging from the Oriental to the slightly cheeky, from the traditional to the wacky. Some are told to a musical background and others in sign language... a night that invites you to enter the realm of dreams and to treat yourself to the wonderment of stories, shows and music that will see you alright until next winter. Storytelling events are in French only.
www.conteursenbalade.be

FEBRUARY

ANIMA FESTIVAL
A highlight of Belgium’s annual animated film scene since 1982, Anima is an enchanted universe where one colourful discovery follows the next in quick succession. Anima not only organises projections but also exhibitions, concerts and workshops for children.
www.animafestival.be

BOOK FAIR
Over five days, over one thousand publishing houses present their latest discoveries and invite you to meet more than 1,000 authors and illustrators. The Brussels Book Fair has an active policy to encourage reading and each year puts together a comprehensive programme targeting both school groups and young visitors who have come along on their own, with family or friends. Shows, workshops, illustration sessions, events, puzzles to solve and competitions make the Book Fair a great way to exercise those little grey cells.
www.flb.be

MARCH

ARS MUSICA
Ars Musica has been the annual showcase of musical creation for over twenty years. The festival takes visitors on a crash course through the latest and most inventive developments in contemporary music. Part of the festival is dedicated to educating young visitors about this art form.
www.arsmusica.be
APRIL

HOPLA! THE BRUSSELS CIRCUS ARTS FESTIVAL
Every year in April, the circus comes to town, setting up its big top at the heart of Brussels. This really is a festival for the whole family, attracting some 250 artists and entertainers from different backgrounds.

www.hopla-cirk.be

BRONKS FESTIVAL
By rolling out a vast array of artistic and educational activities, the BRONKS theatre sets out to stimulate children, teenagers and their family and friends to explore their own talents and potential and those of the world around them. The BRONKS festival is a defining moment in the theatre’s annual calendar. With dozens of performances, workshops and various other activities going on, the festival is an annual taster of everything that BRONKS embodies. The BRONKS theatre puts on a varied and versatile programme all year long.

www.bronks.be

SORTILÈGE
From April to October each year, visitors get to experience the “Aventure du Sortilège”, the Adventure of the Curse! This game juggles entertainment, resourcefulness and teamwork in a medieval fantasy world and also takes participants on an active walk through an exceptional setting at the heart of nature.

www.sortilege.be

MAY

THE IRIS FESTIVAL
Every year, the Brussels Region invites its one million residents to join in the celebrations in a relaxed atmosphere. Cultivated by groups of artists throughout the different districts, mini-festivals spring up around the flower that is the symbol of Brussels. The “Children’s Village” offers an original festival programme on the Mont des Arts.

www.fetedeliris.be/village-des-enfants

GUIGNOLET IN THE PARK
Guignolet in the Park proudly presents a season of open air puppet theatre. Every year, the general public is treated to more than 65 free performances in the Parc de Bruxelles. The performances staged by the Théâtre Royal Les Cœurs de Bois, which saw the light of day in Brussels in 1946, entertain young and old alike on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays in May, June and September and from Wednesday to Sunday in July and August.

The 2013 season: 4th of May to the 31st of August 2013

www.guignoletdansleparc.be

BRUSSELS JAZZ MARATHON MINI-MARATHON
Discover jazz, blues, funk and world music in many different forms and moods. The programme always finds new ways of surprising the most demanding of audiences. The Brussels Jazz Marathon also caters for younger music fans. Once again, the Mini Marathon offers a must-see programme that makes music and jazz easily accessible to families. An event that always hits the right note!

www.brusselsjazzmarathon.be

ZINNEKE PARADE
The Zinneke parade is made up of locals and artists who showcase Brussels’ inherently cosmopolitan and diverse cultural wealth. It is the ultimate expression of a desire to build bridges between the 18 communes and the city centre, between the natives of Brussels, Flanders and Wallonia by harnessing the efforts of (socio)cultural associations. The parade takes place every two years and adopts a different theme each time.

www.zinneke.org
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL: ART AND CHILDREN
Each edition of this festival is a runaway success. By inviting young children to discover the various art forms, “art & children” stimulates their imagination. A variety of performances, installations, creations and meetings are set up by artists from Belgium, France, Spain, Italy, Quebec and beyond.
www.theatremontagnemagique.be

JUNE

CAROLUS FESTIVAL: FAMILY DAY AT THE COUDENBERG
Every year, the Coudenberg, the former Palace of Charles V, organises a family day packed with unique activities. The programme includes an introduction to Renaissance dancing, a meeting with the characters of the Ommegang, guided tours, games dating from Brueghel’s time, heraldry creation, a costume workshop, etc.
www.coudenberg.com

THE CAROLUS FESTIVAL: ENTERTAINMENT AT THE PORTE DE HAL
Discover this city gate, a vestige of the second wall that surrounded Brussels that is over 600 years old. Bearing witness to the city’s medieval past, it now houses permanent collections devoted to medieval life in Brussels. During the Carolus Festival, children are invited to create their own character from the Ommegang! Guided tours for families and other creative workshops are also planned.
www.kmkg-mrah.be

SUPERVLIEGSUPERMOUCHE
Every year, the communes of Forest and Saint-Gilles join forces with a slew of partners to organise the SuperVliegSuperMouche children’s arts festival at the Parc de Forest et de Saint-Gilles. A vibrant and artistic festival unfolds over one whole day, dotted across different locations around the park. Children between the ages of 2 and 12 come to enjoy performances, workshops and a super picnic in the company of their friends and family.
www.supervlieg.be

COULEUR CAFÉ
Eclecticism is what the Couleur Café programme is all about, as it trains the spotlight on up-and-coming artists and the Belgian music scene without turning its back on its black roots. Couleur Café is three days of festivities with multidisciplinary activities for all ages: dance lessons, freestyle demonstrations, Solidarity Village, creative workshops, etc. Children are welcome. On the way in, all children are given a map detailing the parent contact information points. Access to the festival is free for children under the age of 10.
www.couleurcafe.be
JULY

BRUXELLES LES BAINS : KIDS VILLAGE
Throughout the summer, it’s party time for children at Brussels Beach! The Kids Zone welcomes beach babes throughout the duration of the event (11am to 8pm). But Brussels Beach offers even more to Brussels’ youngest residents: concerts, special events as well as sports!
www.bruxelleslesbains.be/kids

READ IN THE PARKS
Every year during the summer holidays, another type of leaf takes over the parks and public places to bring the pleasure of reading alive to young children. The operation takes place in Brussels and Wallonia. Brussels’ Centre for Youth Literature heads up the operation in the Brussels-Capital Region.
www.cljbxl.be

BROSELLA FOLK & JAZZ : BROSELLA KIDS
At the Theatre de Verdure, Brosella Folk & Jazz concocts a programme bursting with famous artists and exceptional discoveries. The event takes up one full weekend with one day devoted to folk and the other to jazz. In addition to the concerts, “Brosella Kids” offers theatre, music, workshops and activities in the Kids’ Area. A comprehensive programme for children from the ages of 7 to 77!
www.brosella.be

THE MIDI FAIR
From mid-July to mid-August, one of the largest and oldest funfairs in Belgium sets up home near Midi railway station. All the rides and attractions are there, from big wheels to the ghost train, from candyfloss to hook a duck and the inevitable hair-raising rides.
www.foiredumidi.be

AUGUST

NOMADIC THEATRE FESTIVAL
Théâtres Nomades offers fifty or so shows that are either free or subject to audience appreciation in the heart of the Parc Royal transformed for the occasion into a veritable nomadic village, children’s shows, circus, street theatre performances or shows with a social message, based on texts, puppets, classical theatre, or the creations of workshops on the stage of the Théâtre Royal du Parc.
www.lesnouveuxdisparus.be
SEPTEMBER

COMIC STRIP FESTIVAL
The Comic Strip Festival was created in 2010 by the Brussels-Capital Region as a logical continuation of the comic strip theme year held in Brussels in 2009. The 2012 edition boasts a brand new comic strip festival at the Place des Palais. The festival has become an annual fixture involving a show in 3D mapping at the Place Royale, the comic strip market in Saint-Géry, the Balloon’s Day Parade, free guided tours and comic strip exhibitions within the festival and throughout the city, especially at the Brussels Info Place (BIP) and the Belgian Comic Strip Centre.
www.fetedelabd.be

BRUXELLES CHAMPÊTRE
Bruxelles Champêtre is a rural festival attracting around a hundred local producers, with activities for children and adults, as well as original events to take advantage of this haven of peace where 2,000 sqm of lawn are installed especially for the occasion. This is the perfect time to enjoy the city’s green credentials! Classical concert on the water, old carousel, bread shop, modern dance, gourmet feast, straw battle, edible insects, local brewers, souvenir photos... A host of extraordinary activities!
www.bruxelles-champetre.be

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM
From mid-September to mid-December, the Brussels museums open their doors every Thursday evening from 5 to 10 pm. For the occasion, a packed entertainments programme awaits the whole family: games, music, guided tours, aperitifs, etc.
www.brusselsmuseumsnocturnes.be

OCTOBER

FILEMON: INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN’S FILM FESTIVAL
The International Children’s Film Festival in collaboration with the Brussels cinema theatres Nova Adventure, Cinematek, Everna GC, GC De Pianofabriek, GC Ten Weyngaert and Espace Delvaux open their doors each year to all children between the ages of 3 and 15. The programme includes screenings of over 80 short and feature-length films in all styles and genres and from all over the world! Every year, the festival is immersed in an atmosphere that reflects the chosen theme with beautiful decorations, a series of events and thematic workshops.
www.filemon.be

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL IN SAINT-GILLES
For the past ten years, the Museum of Fantastic Art has been organising its Halloween Festival, which has become one the highlights of the year for families. The Halloween Festival is organised with younger visitors in mind, complete with a “Hunt for the Lost Skulls” in the museum, but also caters for adults since a visit to the permanent collection of the Museum of Fantastic Art is also on the cards.
www.fantastic-museum.be
NOVEMBER

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES: MÉTÉORES
Proliferation, multiplicity and diversity await, allowing you to discover different ways of seeing the world, with theatre, dance, circus and musical performances and public readings for younger and older audiences. Météores draws thousands of children and young people, to teach them to see and train them to read today’s artistic languages.
www.pierredelune.be

PAROLES AU SOLSTICE
Every year, the Montagne Magique theatre raises the curtain on a new edition of its international festival Paroles au solstice. Fifteen different performances, readings and creations are staged by artists of diverse origins.
www.theatremontagnemagique.be

BIG BANG FESTIVAL
BIG BANG is an original music festival for young audiences, during which several major cultural centres in Europe turn into mazes of musical adventures! During their journey, children discover an extensive programme of concerts with various musical styles, experience installations and participate in workshops. At BIG BANG, musicians of different styles and genres look for the best ways to introduce children to their music. BIG BANG is not just a festival for young audiences. It allows everyone to actively engage in music discovery. Every year, young singers and musicians participate in a course run by a professional musician.
www.bigbangfestival.eu

IRIS JAZZ KIDS
Launched in 2010 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Skoda Jazz Festival, IRIS JAZZ KIDS returns each year to the delight of children and families. A perfect opportunity to give the kids a first taste of jazz! In collaboration with the Jeunesses musicales de Bruxelles, Skoda Jazz organises an unforgettable morning that is both musical and informative.
www.skodajazzfestival.be
DECEMBER

WINTER WONDERS
The Christmas market in the city of Brussels is 2 km of stalls, chalets, attractions, events and terraces. A chance to taste, buy souvenirs and stock up on delicacies for the festive season or gifts for loved ones. This journey at the heart of the capital is also an opportunity to (re)discover the charms of Brussels in winter, the friendliness of its residents and the many traditions of the season sourced from all countries and all cultures. Big wheel, ice rink and food of all kinds contribute to the magic of the event.
www.winterwonders.be

CHRISTMAS AT THE THEATRE
The Christmas at the Theatre Festival has been up and running for more than 30 years! 25 shows, 6 readings and several events are unwrapped every year in Brussels. The festival is hosted by eight venues in Brussels, valued partners who open their doors to share the magic and warmth of the theatre with all. Christmas at the Theatre is organised by the Chamber of Theatres for Children and Youth, in collaboration with the National Theatre, the Jacques Franck Cultural Centre, the Théâtre de la Balsamine, the Théâtre Les Tanneurs, the Théâtre de la montagne magique, the Wolubilis Cultural Centre, Pierre de Lune/Au Botanique and the Théâtre Marni.
www.ctej.be

ALL YEAR ROUND

BOZAR SUNDAYS
Whether you come alone, with friends or family, there is something for everyone at BOZARSUNDAYS. Interested in music? Log on to the BOZAR site and choose your date depending on what takes your fancy: world music, the classically classic, vocal or instrumental baroque, jazz... unless exhibitions are more your thing? In which case you sign up to various dynamic guided tours. Children too are more than welcome with music and arts activities made to measure (3 to 12 years of age). For early risers, there is a formula including breakfast at 10 am.
www.bozar.be/sundays

WOLUBILIS/WOLUMINIS
Wolubilis makes it a point of honour to offer younger audiences a quality programme throughout the year. Theatre, concerts, workshops... enough to satisfy the most demanding.
www.wolubilis.be
2. CULTURE

A. MUSEUMS

MUSÉE BELVUE MUSEUM
BELvue offers educational and fun activities for everyone: schools, families, vulnerable groups, etc. The programme includes exhibitions on democracy and justice. Visit the interactive “La Fabrique de la Démocratie” (under 14s) exhibition and learn with different teaching tools. The BELvue has also come up with entertaining and thematic guided tours.

Place des Palais 7 Paleizenplein, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)70 22 04 92
info@belvue.be
www.belvue.be

THE LIBRARIUM
The Librarium is a unique place of discovery where you will learn all about the history of books, writing and libraries. During the school holidays and on Wednesdays, the Librarium invites children to come and listen to funny, heart-warming and exciting stories put into words by passionate storytellers. In addition, every first Saturday of the month families are invited to discover the history of books and writing in an interactive guided tour. The Royal Library offers even more activities: writing workshops, book design, etc. with children getting the chance to celebrate their birthday! An illustrated booklet of games and a didactic suitcase take the children to discover the permanent exhibition.

Mont des Arts – Boulevard de l’Empereur 2 Kunstberg - Keizerslaan, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 519 53 11
librarium@kbr.be
www.kbr.be

COUDENBERG
The Coudenberg has great activities in store for younger visitors. First, go on a family hunt to find the collar of the Golden Fleece in the underground remains of the former palace of Brussels (5-8 years)! A sensational treasure hunt where each child is given a backpack with equipment to perform tasks (treasure map, disguise, puzzle, flashlight, etc.). Then, with the book “Pierre, mortier, ciseau” (“Stone/Mortar/Chisel”), children are invited to find details during the course of the visit.

Place des Palais 7 Paleizenplein, 1000 Brussels
T: +32 (0)70 22 04 92
info@coudenberg.com
www.coudenberg.com

MUSEUM OF IXELLES
The reputation of the Museum of Ixelles is based on the collections dating from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, which provide an almost complete overview of their various artistic schools: Pre-Impressionism, Impressionism, Neo-Impressionism, Luminism, Fauvism, Symbolism, Expressionism, Surrealism, Constructivism, young Belgian painting, the Cobra movement, Pop Art... All year long, children can take part in a discovery trail around the museum. The Museum of Ixelles also hosts various temporary exhibitions each year, for which activities are purpose-created for children and families. Sundays are a lively day packed full of guided tours, creative workshops, performances and more.

Rue Jean Van Volsemstraat 71, 1050 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 515 64 21
musee@ixelles.be
www.museumvanelsene.irisnet.be
CHILDREN’S MUSEUM
With its entertaining and interactive exhibits, the Children’s Museum wants to give children from 3 to 12 years of age the opportunity to get better acquainted with themselves and those around them. The originality of the Children’s Museum does not lie in the method, learning through play, but in the content, knowledge of self and others. Throughout their visit, the children are encouraged to express themselves and share with others.
Rue du Bourgmestre 15 Burgemeesterstraat, 1050 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 640 01 07
musee@ixelles.be
www.museumvanelsene.irisnet.be

TOY MUSEUM
An incredible place where 25,000 toys from 1850 to the present illustrate all aspects of games and toys in all their glory: toy cars, mechanical toys, airplanes, boats, dolls, etc. Highlights include the small rocking horses dating from the nineteenth century, a life-size tramway, a miniature kitchen or even fairground cars where children can bump into each other to their heart’s content without being told off by the guards.
Rue de l’Association 24 Verenigingstraat, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 219 61 68
museedujouet@skynet.be
www.museedujouet.eu

MUSEUM OF COCOA AND CHOCOLATE
The Museum of Cocoa and Chocolate invites families to travel through the world of chocolate from its origins to the finished product. Through posters, videos, explanatory panels, objects and tastings, chocolate reveals its secrets: cultivation, processing and the manufacturing techniques of praline or chocolate... The highlight of the tour is the demonstration by a master chocolatier, who shows how to make handmade chocolates.
Children can attend creative workshops and even get the opportunity to celebrate their birthday at the museum!
Rue de la Tête d’Or 9-11 Guldenhoofdstraat, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 514 20 48
info@mucc.be
www.mucc.be

BRUSSELS URBAN TRANSPORT MUSEUM
An impressive collection of trams, buses, trolleybuses and taxis have roamed the capital for 150 years. The members of the association, all volunteers, welcome you in the green setting where the museum buildings nestle: the Woluwe tram depot built in 1897. They will take you in a historic tram through Soignes Forest or to the arches of the Cinquantenaire. “Estaminet”: a tasting of Brussels beers and snacks.
Avenue de Tervuren 364b Tervurenlaan, 1150 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 515 31 08
info@trammuseumbrussels.be
www.trammuseumbrussels.be

PORTE DE HAL
Visiting the Porte de Hal enables visitors to discover the history of the building and its occupation over the centuries, but also the history of the city, its defence, its corporations and its folklore, many facets that are closely related to each other. A discovery trail takes the children to explore the many animals and creatures that make up the collections of the Porte de Hal. Through puzzles, games of deduction and events, they will discover what animals have to say.
Boulevard du Midi 150 Zuidlaan, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 533 34 50
portedehal@mrah.be
www.kmkg-mrah.be
THE ROYAL MUSEUMS OF FINE ARTS OF BELGIUM
The Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium are made up of the Old Master museum, the Modern museum, the End of Century museum, the Magritte museum, the Meunier museum and the Wiertz museum. The collections trace the history of art from the fifteenth century to the twenty-first century, displaying the works of the Flemish Primitives, Pieter Brueghel, Peter Paul Rubens, Jacques Jordaens, Jacques-Louis David, Auguste Rodin, James Ensor, Paul Gauguin, Ferdinand Khnopff, Henry Moore, Paul Delvaux, René Magritte, Marcel Broodthaers, Jan Fabre, etc.

The Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium are pleased to share this unique heritage with an ever wider audience. Which is why creative workshops and educational packs are available for children and teaching packs are devised for school groups.

www.fine-arts-museum.be

AUTOWORLD
Autoworld can be considered as one of the most prestigious museums of its kind in Europe or even in the world (it houses about 400 vehicles, all in working order). It offers an opportunity to relive the history of the automobile from 1886 to the 1970s. Children will enjoy the exhibits on the 1st floor: bathed in the atmosphere of the Formula 1 circuits, the 24 Hours of Francorchamps, rallies and hill climbs, next to reconstituted paddocks, is a space dedicated to the famous comic strip pilot Michel Vaillant. It is a magical world that will enchant young and old alike, and the place to have your picture taken in a real Formula 1 car straight out of a Jean Graton album. On the ground floor, children from 12 years old are invited to take part in a quiz in an educational area that teaches them all about the car industry. A quiz can also be downloaded on tablets and smartphones.

Parc du Cinquantenaire 11 Jubelpark, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 736 41 65
info@autoworld.be
www.autoworld.be

MUSEUM OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
This excellent museum occupies the old Art Nouveau buildings of the Old England stores and is one of the largest collections of instruments in the world. The four exhibition levels display nearly 1,200 instruments (selected from among the 7,000 held in the collection), past or present, in a setting combining the acoustic and the visual and integrating technological tools such as terminals and interactive sound spaces. The museum stages activities for children between the ages of 5 and 8, 8 and 12 and 10 and 12. They get to know the instruments through workshops: listening to “Peter and the Wolf”, a discovery trail, getting to know the composition of an orchestra... as well as various activities where they learn about the role of each instrument in a musical composition.

Rue Montagne de la Cour 2 Hofbergstraat, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 545 01 30
info@mim.fgov.be
www.mim.be
COSTUME AND LACE MUSEUM
Two gabled houses dating from the eighteenth century, the interior of which has been converted to house the most typical of Brussels' museums, that of lace, embroidery, costumes and high-fashion. The arts of luxury textile, lace especially, have been central to the economic and cultural history of Brussels since the Middle Ages. Its lace enjoys a reputation second to none. The museum displays extensive collections of lace, costumes and fashion accessories from Brussels, Belgium and Europe, from the seventeenth century to the present day. It offers temporary exhibitions throughout the year. Until March 2014, the “Seventies” exhibition offers a fun trail for kids. Throughout the exhibition, small boxes contain lively snippets of information suitable for children as well as fabrics to touch. And, last but not least, they can dress up in “seventies” style.
Rue de la Violette 6-12 Violetstraat, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 213 44 50
musea@brucity.be
www.brucity.be

THE CINQUANTENAIRE MUSEUM
The Cinquantenaire Museum is divided into four large sections: national archaeology, Antiquity, non-European civilisations and European decorative arts. The Museum offers a discovery trail for families with children aged 7 to 12 years of age: the super hero game. A totem pole, a lost treasure, an evil spirit lurking... all the ingredients come together for a great adventure. To help an Indian chief, children create a super hero from the works in the collection. In doing so, they get to roam Rome, Egypt, Asia and... invent the end of the story.
Parc du Cinquantenaire 10 Jubelpark, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 741 72 00
info@kmkg-mrah.be
www.kmkg-mrah.be

ERASMUS HOUSE
In 1521 Erasmus stayed in this gothic house (1450-1515) which shelters both a collection of old paintings (Holbein, Bosch, Metsys) and a rich library where thousands of ancient publications are kept. The Erasmus House also has a double garden: a Garden with medicinal plants designed by René Pechère (1987) and a Philosophical garden laid out by Benoît Fondu (2000) with the help of four contemporary artists (Catherine Beaugrand, Marie-Jo Lafontaine, Perejaume and Bob Verschueren).
Rue du Chapitre 31 Kapittelstraat, 1070 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 521 13 83
info@erasmushouse.museum
www.erasmushouse.museum

MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES
The centrepieces of the Museum of Natural Sciences are the famous Bernissart iguanodons. But the museum also has an extraordinary collection of existing and extinct species: terrestrial and marine mammals, insects, molluscs, amphibians, reptiles to name but a few. All are presented to a beautiful backdrop covering several thousand square meters. Each year, the Museum of Natural Sciences stages temporary exhibitions that encourage children to dig in. They actively discover the theme of the exhibition by touching, smelling, listening... all the senses are put to work.
Rue Vautierstraat 29, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 627 42 11
info@naturalsciences.be
www.naturalsciences.be
MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF BRUSSELS
This museum is dedicated to all aspects of the city’s history. Waiting to be discovered: Brussels’ visual and decorative arts, the history of the city’s urban development, its political, economic and cultural life through a great many paintings, decorative objects, engravings, models... The museum’s folklore section is home to the extravagant wardrobe of Brussels’ most mischievous child. The Manneken Pis has filled his wardrobe with around 760 costumes between the eighteenth century and today. Even the youngest visitors are welcomed with open arms thanks to a game of observation (from age 3), the aim of which is to identify animals that lurk in the Museum of the City of Brussels!

Grand-Place/Grote Markt, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 279 43 50
musea@brucity.be
www.museedelavilledebruxelles.be

BRUSSELS MILLING AND FOOD MUSEUM
With its listed park, the Brussels Milling and Food Museum is a unique site in the Brussels-Capital Region and a green lung in the city. The museum is housed in an old windmill, whose history is told in various rooms of the building. At the same time, every year the museum organises a temporary exhibition on the theme of food for which game booklets are created for children. These are available on request at the reception: “Funny vegetables” (4-6 years) and “The big fun book of vegetables” (7-12 years of age).

Rue du Moulin à Vent 21 Windmolenstroet, 1140 Brussels
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www.moulindevere.be

MOOF (MUSEUM OF ORIGINAL FIGURINES)
The MOOF is a museum that displays figurines, collectibles from comics and storyboards and original drawings. Dedicated to the 9th art, this museum of comic strip objects is designed for all audiences, young and old, and offers something for passers-by and keen collectors of comics alike.

Horta Gallery, rue Marché aux Herbes 116 Grasmarkt, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 269 33 25
info@moof-museum.be
www.moof-museum.be
BELGIAN COMIC STRIP CENTRE
Through these permanent and temporary exhibitions, the BCSC honours the Comic Strip, headed up by Hergé, the uncontested leader of a pack that has found fame far beyond Belgium’s borders. The centre also hosts the largest comic strip library in the world. The library is fully digitised and has over 30,000 books available for on-site consultation, with a small reading area and a specialist bookshop. A visit is guaranteed to put a smile on the face of parents and children “from 7 to 77”!

Rue des Sables 20 Zandstraat, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 219 19 80
visit@cbbd.be
www.cbbd.be

BOZAR
Built in 1928 by the master architect of the Art Nouveau era, Victor Horta, the BOZAR is a hotbed of cultural and artistic life. BOZAR organises a variety of exhibitions each year. BOZAR STUDIOS, the Art Education Department of the Museum of Fine Arts, allows people of all ages to discover the world of art. It closely follows the themes of the season’s programme and adapts them by putting on activities revolving around music, the visual arts, cinema, theatre, literature, dance, photography and architecture for children and their families.

Each new exhibition can be discovered by younger visitors through a discovery trail developed especially for the occasion.

Rue Ravensteinstraat 23, 1000 Brussels
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info@bozar.be
www.bozar.be
B. ATTRACTIONS

ATOMIUM KIDS (ACTIVITY FOR GROUPS)
The Atomium pulls out all the stops to welcome children. First, the Atomium has set aside one ball exclusively for them: the Children’s Ball. The project has been designed in such a way as to invite children to stay and spend the night at the Atomium, to discover a view of Brussels from the panorama, which is meant to prompt them to visit other landmarks in Brussels. Children aged between 6 and 12, along with those who accompany them, are welcome at the Atomium to spend the night. Entertainments include the projection of a film, with blankets and amenities provided in the Ball. The children sleep dormitory-style in mini-spheres, poetically dubbed molecules of rain, that have been purpose-designed for the occasion by Spanish artist Alicia Framis. But the Atomium also offers guided tours of the temporary exhibitions that are adapted for children as well as discovery courses related to the theme of these exhibitions.

Square de l’Atomium/Atomiumsquare, 1020 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 475 47 75
info@atomium.be
www.atomium.be

THE AQUARIUM
A permanent exhibition of 47 aqua(terra)riums from 5 continents, illustrating the kingdom of fish, amphibians and other invertebrates. This centre sets out to be a place of discovery that educates children about the importance of our environment. Children never cease to be amazed by the festival of colours offered by small aquatic animals.

Avenue Emile Bossaertlaan 27, 1081 Brussels (Koekelberg)
T.: +32 (0)2 414 02 09
aquariologie@skynet.be
www.aquariologie.be

MINI-EUROPE
Mini-Europe is an attraction comprised of 350 scale models that enable visitors to hop from Viking longships to the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in a matter of seconds. In the Spirit of Europe section, children will enjoy finding out how the EU works.

Bruparck, 1020 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 474 13 11
info@minieurope.eu
www.minieurope.eu
OCÉADE
This is the hottest beach in the country. A tropical atmosphere and temperature for aquatic water courtesy of 14 slides, including the salto angel, where four people can slide down together, or the Anaconda, giant floating buoys for 4 people.

Bruparck, 1020 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 478 49 44
www.oceade.be

PARLAMENTARIUM (FROM AGE 8)
The Parliamentarium presents the fascinating world of the European Parliament. It is the largest visitor centre in a parliament in Europe. European policy is presented in an original and dynamic way. Multitudes of bright, 3D and interactive installations further visitors’ understanding of the European structure.

The centre was designed to attract adults and children of all ages. Hour-long trails have been designed especially with 8 to 14-year-olds in mind: children learn at each stage of the visit. Portable media guides are available free of charge for all visitors.

Rue Wiertzstraat 60, 1047 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 283 22 22
parlamentarium@europarl.europa.eu
www.europarl.europa.eu/parlamentarium

LE PLANÉTARIUM
There is nothing more grandiose than a dark and clear night lit up by thousands of twinkling stars. But how well do you actually know them? Could your children identify the Big Dipper, be guided by the North Star, point out Orion? Could they distinguish the planet Venus from a star? Where do comets come from? In dramatic fashion, the Planetarium recreates the celestial vault on a huge dome, one of the largest in Europe. Different films are screened in order to show the universe to children: “Earth, Moon & Sun” for those over 6 years old, “Ice Worlds”, “Violent Universe” and “Two small pieces of Glass” for those over the age of 8 and “Touching the Edge of the Universe” for the over 14s. A show accompanied by stories means that children can go around with their heads in the stars for at least the duration of a visit.

Avenue de Boechoutlaan 10, 1020 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 474 70 50
planetarium@planetarium.be
www.planetarium.be

LE PETIT TRAIN À VAPEUR
Bien caché au cœur de Forest, se trouve un petit train à vapeur qui ne se lasse pas de transporter les enfants d’avril à octobre. Chaque samedi, dimanche et jours fériés, il distraint les familles pour le plus grand bonheur de tous.

Chaussée de Neerstallelaan 323b, 1190 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 376 69 96
ptvf.fte2.org

CROSLY BOWLING
The Crosly Bowling is the ideal place for a family outing.
Boulevard de l’Empereur 36 Keizerlaan, 1000 Brussels
www.crosly.be
YETI SKI
To make the most out of your ski holidays, there's no better place to get all geared up than Yeti Ski. Everybody can learn at their own pace or improve on their technique before heading for the real mountains.
Drève Olympique 11 Olympische Dreef, 1070 Brussels
www.yetiski.be

ICE SKATING POSEIDON
Ice Skating Poseidon is the only rink in Belgium dedicated to leisure ice-skating for all! It is equipped with a retractable roof that, when weather permits (dry and cold), can be opened in just 3 minutes. During the Christmas holidays the rink turns into a fairytale place with its magic decoration and a special kindergarten on ice for toddlers.
Avenue des Vaillants 4 Dapperenlaan, 1200 Brussels
www.skate-poseidon.be

STARDUST PARK
Stardust Park is the largest indoor playground that welcomes children aged between 2 and 12. In this unique venue, halfway between a covered playground and an amusement park, kids can run riot and experience amazing adventures.
Avenue du Globelaan 36, 1190 Brussels
www.stardustpark.be

C. THEATRES

BRONKS
The acronym BRONKS stands for BRussel ONderwijs KunSt (Brussels art education). With a wide range of artistic and educational activities, the BRONKS theatre is keen to stimulate children, teenagers and their families to discover and explore their talents and potential and those of the world around them. Bronks puts on musical theatre, installations and works of art and screens art house films. In addition to its own productions, BRONKS also stages shows by other companies.
Rue du Marché aux Porcs 15-17 Varkensmarkt, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 219 99 21
info@bronks.be
www.bronks.be

THE TOONE PUPPET THEATRE
In the heart of Brussels, right down at the bottom of a small hidden alley, is the Toone puppet theatre. The Toone stages the classics. Shows last approximately 2 hours, intermission included. During the break, the audience gets the opportunity to explore the Toone museum. Performances can be in “Brussels Vloms” (Brussels Flemish, the original local Flemish dialect), English, German, Italian and Spanish on request.
Rue du Marché aux Herbes 66 (Impasse Sainte Petronilla)
Grasmarkt 66 (Sint-Petronillagang), 1000 Brussels
www.toone.be
THE MONTAGNE MAGIQUE
This theatre sets out to turn young people into informed and regular theatre goers and encourages them to tread the boards as creative apprentices. The Montagne Magique theatre pursues an educational aim through its programme of quality performances created by professional companies, by offering drama training to teachers and parents, and by encouraging young people themselves to get involved in dramatic expression.
*Rue du Marais 57, 1000 Bruxelles
www.theatremontagnemagique.be*

THE THÉÂTRE ROYAL DU PERUCHET
The Théâtre Royal du Peruchet has been putting on string puppets shows since 1929. It offers children’s entertainment every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 3pm. Children can even hold their birthdays at the venue and invite their friends over. Annexed to the theatre is the International Puppet Museum, which has nearly 4,000 puppets from around the world and from all periods. Visitors can also discover the various handling techniques: hand and glove, stick and string.
*Avenue de la Forêt 50 Vorstlaan, 1050 Brussels
www.theatreperuchet.be*

3. CINEMA OUTINGS WITH CHILDREN

JEUNES FANS DE CINÉ@CINEMATEK/FLAGEY/BOZAR
From September to June, Jeunes Fans de Ciné invites young people to travel through the history of cinema. To guide you, the films are grouped into themes, such as “The sounds of the Silent Film”, “Shadows and Light”, “Actors at Play”, “Animated Animals” or “Funny Effects”. In all, over 60 showings to watch (once again) classics on the big screen that never age or hidden gems in the original version, at CINEMATEK, or FLAGEY BOZAR, on Wednesdays and Sundays. New for the 2013 – 2014 season: projections combined with practical workshops.
*Price: from 2 € (under 12s at the CINEMATEK)*
Cinemathek - Rue Baron Hortastraat 9, 1000 Brussels - www.cinematek.be
Flagey - Place Sainte-Croix/Heilig-Kruisplein, 1050 Brussels - www.flagey.be
Bozar - Ravenstein 23, 1000 Brussels - www.bozar.be*

THE ANIMA SATURDAYS
Once a month, Anima and Flagey offer kids a great little cinema afternoon, an “Anima Saturday”. The festivities begin at 2pm with the film screening that day, and continue with a small afternoon snack, just enough to brace the inner child to take part in the workshop that is an introduction to animation conducted by Kris and Herbert, two multitalented group leaders who are as talented as they are friendly. The short films made during the workshops are subsequently shown on the Flagey website.
*www.animatv.be*

GALERIES KIDS AT THE GALERIES CINÉMA
An original, eclectic and rich programming for children and families. Regular showings for young audiences, a special showing every Saturday at 11 am, workshops during the holidays and in November there’s Filem’on, the International Children’s Film Festival of Brussels. The latest attraction is the opportunity to celebrate your birthday at the cinema theatre with a film, followed by a workshop and a snack.
*Reservations : educatlon@galeries.be.
www.galeries.be*
4. EDUCATIONAL FARMS

MIRACLES OF NATURE IN THEIR OWN RIGHT AT THE HEART OF THE URBAN JUNGLE, BRUSSELS’ 2 FARMS OFFER FAMILIES THE CHANCE TO DISCOVER VEGETABLE PATCHES AND ANIMALS IN AN ENTERTAINING WAY. NOS PILIFS FARM AND THE FARM IN THE PARC MAXIMILIAN WELCOME VISITORS ALL YEAR ROUND.

NOS PILIFS FARM
The farm is located in a green setting in the city, in the heart of the capital of Europe. Taking 5 acres of land, the zoo is home to all animals that you would expect to find on a farm: cows, sheep, horses, pigs, chickens, ducks, etc. This bucolic setting is ideal for beautiful family walks in nature.
Trassersweg 347, 1120 Bruxelles
T.: +32 (0)2 262 11 06
info@pilifs.be
www.fermenospilifs.be

LA FERME DU PARC MAXIMILIEN
In the heart of Brussels, the Ferme du Parc Maximilien offers many activities both for schools (farm outings) and individuals (courses, birthdays down on the farm). La Ferme du Parc Maximilien works hand in hand with several socio-cultural organisations on projects as diverse as bread-making workshops and support for school-leavers.
Quai du Batelage 2 Schipperskaai, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 201 56 09
info@lafermeduparcmaximilien.be
www.lafermeduparcmaximilien.be
5. **PLAYGROUNDS**

DOZENS OF PLAYGROUNDS ARE DOTTED AROUND BRUSSELS, WHERE CHILDREN CAN RUN AROUND TO THEIR HEART’S CONTENT AND PARENTS ARE JUST CONTENT TO ENJOY THE GREEN SPACES. BELOW YOU WILL FIND THE PLAYGROUNDS LOCATED NEAR TOURIST SITES. IN BRUSSELS, YOU WILL ALSO FIND MANY PARKS WHERE CHILDREN CAN PLAY FREELY. THESE ARE LISTED IN THE “VISITBRUSSELS – SIZED FOR GREEN” FOLDER.

**PLAYGROUND OF THE PARC DU CINQUANTENAIRE**
At the heart of the green space where the museums are the big stars sit two small playgrounds for children aged 3 to 12. As such, the Parc du Cinquantenaire has a play boat, a rope pyramid, a playhouse, slide, swing and spring attractions for younger children. Adults can loosen up their muscles on climbing walls and a soccer field.
*Avenue de la Renaissancelaan, 1000 Brussels*

**PLAYGROUNDS ON SQUARES AMBIORIX AND MARGUERITE**
The playground in the Square Ambiorix is suitable for children aged 3 to 7. It has spring games, a large sandbox, a slide and a roundabout to get all dizzy! Square Marguerite meanwhile welcomes children from 8 to 12 years of age. They get the free run of a climbing and balancing game, table tennis tables and a basketball court.
*Square Marguerite and Square Ambiorix, 1000 Brussels*

**THE PLAYGROUND OF THE PORTE DE HAL**
The playground of the Porte de Hal is ideal for apprentice knights! It is ideal for romantic stories and great adventures. A playground in the form of a huge castle with swings in the form of catapults, a slide, a climbing net, a sandpit, a giant maze, everything is on hand to help feed the imagination of children from 3 to 12 years of age.
*Boulevard de Waterloolaan - Avenue Henri Jasparlaan, 1000 Brussels*

**THE PLAYGROUND IN THE PARC DE BRUXELLES**
Inside the maze of the Parc Royal is a small playground with classic games. Not too large, and not too small, it is the perfect complement to a day of sightseeing. Animations of all kinds are often held at the bandstand not far away.
*Parc de Bruxelles/Park van Brussel, 1000 Brussels*

**THE URSULINE SKATE PARK**
Near Brussels-Chapelles station is a skate park purpose-designed for inline skating, skateboarding and BMX with ramps, trampolines, bars and benches. But watch out for bumps and grazes!
*Rue de la Chapelle - Rue des Ursulines/Kapellaan - Ursulinenstraat, 1000 Brussels*
6. THE BOOKSHOPS

LE WOLF
The “Le Wolf” House of Youth Literature is a magical place dedicated to children and big names in children’s literature. Le Wolf offers workshops for families, storytelling in different languages in a very special jukebox, exhibitions of original artwork and a unique library where you can read to your heart’s content. But Le Wolf is also La Boutique du Loup where you can leave with the book of your dreams and the Cantine du Chaperon for a witches’ brew, a brunch fit for an ogre or grandmother’s cakes.
Rue de la Violette 18 Violetstraat, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 512 12 30
info@lewolf.be
www.lewolf.be

FILIGRANES
A famous bookshop open 365 days a year, Filigranes has a well-stocked children’s section. Filigranes organises storytelling sessions every Sunday (for kids aged 2-7).
Avenue des Arts 39 Kunstlaan, 1040 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 511 90 15
www.filigranes.be

LIBRAIRIE LA LICORNE
La Licorne is an old bookshop in Uccle that it something of an institution. It is particularly proud of the quality of its children’s section. Storytelling sessions are organised every Saturday.
Chaussée d’Alsemberg 656 Alsembergsesteenweg, 1180 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 344 98 32
info@librairielalicorne.be
www.librairielalicorne.be

TREASURE TROVE
On Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, storytelling sessions followed by workshops (3-6). This bookshop specialises in children’s literature in English.
Chaussée de Bruxelles 7 Brusselsesteenweg, 3080 Tervuren
books@treasuretrove.be
www.treasuretrove.be

A LIVRE OUVERT : LE RAT CONTEUR
The children’s section of the “A livre ouvert” bookshop is better known as the “Rat Conteur”. The albums, pop-ups, documentaries, games, crafts, stuffed animals, music and films combine to make this place into a truly specialist bookshop. Storytelling sessions are organised for children aged 4 to 8 every first Saturday of the month.
Rue Saint-Lambert 116 Sint-Lambertusstraat, 1200 Brussels
www.alivreouvert.be
PASSA PORTA
Passa Porta hosts one of the best multilingual bookshops in Belgium. The Passa Porta Bookshop offers a large selection of quality novels, collections of poems, essays, books for children and youth, art books, etc.
Rue A. Dansaert 46 A. Dansaertstraat, 1000 Brussels
www.passaporta.be

FNAC
Fnac is a chain of stores that sells books as well as CDs, games and multimedia tools. It has a wide selection of games and books for children.
Addresses and catalogue: www.fnac.be.

TROPISMES (L’APPARTEMENT)
Tropismes bookshop is a French-language general bookshop that focuses on literature and humanities, as well as fine arts and books for children. Divided into different sections, children’s literature and comics have set up shop at No. 4 of the Galerie du Roi: the ground floor is dedicated to children (and the comic strip) while the mezzanine is set aside for older readers.
Galerie du Roi 4 Koningsgalerij, 1000 Brussels
www.tropisme.com
http://tropismes-appartement.blogspot.be/

WATERSTONE
Waterstone is a beautiful English bookshop. You’ll find books for adults as well as for children. Quality books, colourful, educational, and... all in the language of Shakespeare.
Boulevard Adolphe Maxlaan 71, 1000 Brussels
www.waterstone.be
7. FAMILY-FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS & BARS

PUSHCHAIR CAFÉ
The Haricot Magique pushchair café is a cozy space for children and adults, where everything has been designed with families in mind. A great place for a restbite, to take the time to enjoy drinks and snacks, to share tips between parents... or just play with friends! High chairs, pushchair parking, adapted toilet facilities, healthy food for the whole family, everything is designed to facilitate outings with young children.

The Haricot Magique is also a shop where you will find original toys for children aged 0-8, collections of clothing, baby items, accessories and a series of carefully selected practical, fun and ethical articles!
Avenue Louis Bertrandlaan 22, 1030 Brussels
info@haricotmagique.be
www.haricotmagique.be

LES PARENTS TERRIBLES
Open since the end of April 2013, “Les Parents Terribles” is a new family-friendly “pushchair café” in Saint-Gilles. This cafe with its vintage design has snacks for young and old, made with local produce, a play area and various activities in the morning.
Chaussée de Waterloo 203 Waterloosesteenweg, 1060 Brussels
http://lesparentsterribles.be

C.RAMIC
C.ramic Art Café is a wonderful place to go with kids. It offers them the opportunity to enjoy ceramic handcrafting with their family or friends. Set in a lovely decor the recreational C.ramic Art Café sharpens children's artistic skills while their parents indulge themselves with tasty dishes or coffee and cake...
Rue Lesbroussartstraat 112, 1050 Brussels
www.cramic.be

GARAGE-À-MANGER
The Garage-à-manger is set in the garage of the Pêle-Mêle library. On the menu: seasonal, organic and/or local products. The interior design underlines the concept: made in Belgium from top to bottom out of raw materials. The place is ideal for restless kids to run around to their heart’s content.
Rue Washingtonstraat 185, 1000 Brussels
www.garage-a-manger.be

CAFÉ-O-LAIT
Café-O-Lait is the perfect mix between a café and a small activity room. Nearly every Saturday the community centre puts on a show or fun activity for the younger ones (0-6) and their parents.
Avenue de la Couronne 12 Kroonlaan, 1050 Brussels
www.gcelzenhof.be

LE BONNET D’ÂNE
Step back into childhood at this small restaurant where the tables have been replaced by old school benches. You will even receive a report card after your meal!
Avenue Brugmannlaan 522, 1180 Brussels (Uccle)
T.: +32 (0)2 345 61 05
LE Balmoral
The Balmoral immerses you in a decidedly sixties decor: banquettes in pink and turquoise leatherette, enamelled plates, pin-ups and music dating from the 1960s. Children are welcomed like royalty in a purpose-designed area with Playstation, blackboard and toys. The menu is so extensive that it even offers baby food.
Place G. Brugmannplein 21, 1050 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 347 08 82

CHALET ROBINSON
Isolated on an island at the heart of the Bois de la Cambre, the Chalet Robinson offers typical Belgian specialties but also more cosmopolitan suggestions. Children will be happy to enjoy delicious Brussels waffles before setting off on a family boating adventure.
Bois de la Cambre, Sentier de l’Embarcadère 1 Terkamerenbos, Steigerpad, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 372 92 92
www.chaletrobinson.be

HOUTSPILOU
Houtsiplou is a coffee shop and restaurant where the whole family is welcome. Burgers, sandwiches, salads, all kinds of pasta dishes and a “Kids” menu all feature on the extensive menu that is certain to satisfy even the most difficult palates. Children can discover the many murals that adorn the walls!
Place Roupppeplein 9, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 511 38 16
www.houtsiplou.be

CHEZ LÉON
Open since 1893, Chez Léon undoubtedly cooks up the most typically Brussels fare in the world. This restaurant is a temple to mussels and chips and its reputation is exported around the globe. Up to 12 years of age, children accompanying their parents enjoy a free children’s menu!
Rue des Bouchers 18 Beenhouwersstraat, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 511 14 15
www.chezleon.be

LE WOLF : LA CANTINE DU CHAPERON
The Cantine du Chaperon is in “Le Wolf” bookshop. Here you can enjoy a good cup of witches’ brew, a bowl of stone soup and grandmother’s cakes.
Rue de la Violette 18-20 Violetstraat, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 512 12 30
www.lewolf.be

LE CHALET DU LAERBEEK
Le Chalet du Laerbeek offers a gourmet getaway in the heart of nature, in the enchanting setting of the Parc Roi Baudouin. It offers delicious brasserie cuisine in a pleasant dining area. Outside, children can get rid of all that pent up energy in a playground reserved just for them!
Avenue du Laerbeeklaan 145, 1090 Jette
T.: +32 (0)2 478 08 88
www.restauration-nouvelle.be

BRUSSELS KART
Brussels Kart is more than just a go-kart centre, it is also a pleasant place to relax, with its own restaurant that serves up Belgo-French cuisine. Children are catered for too. They can let off steam in a kids’ club that is free of charge (accessible from age 3 to 10)!
Avenue A. Gossetlaan 11, 1702 Groot-Bijgaarden
T.: +32 (0)2 467 28 00
www.brusselskart.be
DELICATESSEN
The Delicatessen is a salad bar which also boasts a refined menu. There is a play area for children where they can give free rein to their imagination by colouring.
Rue Sainte-Catherine 17-19 Sint-Katelijnestraat, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 324 78 79

COLMAR RESTAURANTS
The Colmar restaurant chain has been around for over 50 years. They are known for their "eat as much as you like" formula but also for being child-friendly. Baby seats, a changing area and a DVD lounge are provided. A menu for children under the age of 12 is available and on Wednesdays, kids even eat for half price. In addition, all kids are treated to a personalised place mat and to top things off they get a free gift and a lollipop when they leave!
List of Colmar restaurants: www.colmar.be.

BRASSERIE DES ÉTANGS MELLAERTS
Ideally located in a pleasant setting on the edge of beautiful ponds, the Brasserie welcomes you in a splendid century-old residence. Here you can enjoy delicious brasserie cuisine and succulent French preparations. The Brasserie also has a playground and a playroom for children.
Boulevard du Souverain 275 Vorstlaan, 1150 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 779 36 19
www.restauration-nouvelle.be

LES HALLES DU TANNEURS
On Sundays at the Halles of Tanners, you can enjoy a family brunch between 11am and 4pm. Special prices apply to those under 12 and under 6-year-olds eat free. The kids can even celebrate their birthday there!
Rue des Tanneurs 58 Huidevettersstraat, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 548 70 40
www.hallesdestanneurs.be

MAGIC RUBENS
The Magic Rubens Brasserie is real eye-opener, as you get to watch magic tricks during your meal. A great place for families.
Rue de la Montagne 4 Bergstraat, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 503 38 65
www.magic-rubens.com

LA PATINOIRE
In the Bois de la Cambre, La Patinoire offers quality cuisine. When the weather plays along, you can even make the most of the beautiful terrace while watching your children play in the adjacent playground.
Chemin du Gymnase 1 Gymnasiumweg, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0)2 649 70 02
www.lapatinoire.be

EXKI
Exki is a Belgian chain of small restaurants offering good quality snacks made of natural, organic and fresh ingredients. Some Exki establishments have a dedicated children's playground.
All Exki addresses: www.exki.be
COMICS CAFÉ
The concept of the Comic Strip Village combines a gallery, a bookshop and a brewery, all revolving around Brussels’ flagship theme: the comic strip. You will also be greeted by a statue of Tintin & Snowy measuring no less than 1.80m! The “Comics Café” brasserie, which has a small reading area of its own, serves up Popeye and Obelix burgers!
Place du Grand Sablon 8 Grote Zavel, 1000 Brussels
T.: +32 (0) 2 523 13 23
www.comicscafe.be

LILICUP
Every day Leila and Vanessa propose a selection of absolutely fabulous cupcakes at LILICUP, Brussels’ first cupcake factory but also a tea-room where you can feast on cookies, scones and cheesecake beautifully served with a whimsical cup of tea or an exquisite frothy cappuccino... yum!
Rue du Pagestraat 65, 1050 Brussels
www.lilicup.com

LA MAISON DES CRÊPES
Savoury pancakes, sweet pancakes, welcome in this true pancake paradise sure to please every palate!
Rue du Midi 13 Zuidstraat, 1000 Brussels

COOK & BOOK
Here is a must-go-to place in Brussels: a restaurant set in the middle of a bookshop. Rediscover your favourite comic strip while ordering a tasty little dish.
Avenue Paul Hymanslaan 251, 1200 Brussels
www.cookandbook.be

AMÉLIE CRÊPES
Amélie Crêpes invites you to a slice of Brittany in the middle of Brussels, driven by the will to relay the region’s culture and share its original flavours. The place serves traditional recipes with a modern twist and carefully selected ingredients.
Chaussée d’Ixelles 101 Elsensesteenweg, 1050 Brussels
www.ameliefactory.com

AU P’TIT BRETON
Au p’tit Breton caters delicious buckwheat pancakes, wheat crêpes and much more to sink your teeth into. There’s even a kid’s menu to make everybody happy.
Rue Américaine 117 Amerikaansestraat, 1050 Brussels
www.auptitbreton.com

GLACIER CAPOUE
These ice creams made by an artisan chocolate maker are nothing short of jaw-dropping. With a touch of nostalgia, they bring us back to the good old home-made ice cream of bygone times when imperfection stood for authenticity and character.
Chaussée de Boondael 395a Boondalsesteenweg, 1000 Brussels
www.capoue.com

GLACIER ZIZI
Zizi (willy): a funny name to say the least for an ice-cream maker who serves the most amazing home-made ice-creams and sorbets.
Rue de la Mutualité 57A Onderligne Bijstandstraat, 1180 Brussels
www.glacierzizi.be
8. PUBLICATIONS

KIDSGAZETTE
Kidsgazette is the first trilingual and free cultural What’s On? guide earmarked for children aged 0-12 in Brussels. The main aim of this paper What’s On? is to make life easier for families and invite children to explore the cultural diversity offered by the Brussels-Capital Region. There are loads of ideas and activities to awaken the curiosity and broaden the horizons of young residents: theatre, cinema, festivals, courses, workshops... and also lists outings and adventures to be experienced as a family, described in their original language (FR, NL, EN) with a special section set aside for theatrical and musical events, with and without words, accessible to all.

www.kidsgazette.be

COMICS FOR KIDS: DISCOVERING COMIC STRIP MURALS
Visitbrussels offers children between the ages of 6 and 10 the chance to discover half of the 47 comic strip murals located at the heart of the capital. On this journey of discovery, they will find themselves meeting Tintin, Ric Hochet, Stam & Pilou, Billy the Cat, Suske & Wiske (Bob & Bobette in French) and many more... Paper heroes with which they will become more acquainted over the course of multiple games. Spot the 7 differences, colouring, a maze and other fun inventions draw their attention to the details of the mural. A short text also explains the lives of these characters and their creators. On the trail the children also discover the statue of Gaston Lagaffe, the famous new Smurf statue and must-see museums! Armed with a pencil and their new book, children walk the cobbled streets of Brussels to explore the comic book riches of our capital whilst having fun! This book of games is available in Dutch, French, English and German (2.50€).

www.visitbrussels.be/comics

THE KIDS MINI-MAP
The “Visitbrussels – sized for Kids” mini-map contains information on around thirty places dedicated to culture or relaxation that offer activities designed for children. Visiting any of these venues will see children having fun whilst learning and adults rediscovering their own carefree childhood days for a few hours. A perfect tool for a Brussels family outing! The mini-map is on sale from the VISITBRUSSELS tourist information offices (0.50€). Available in EN/FR and NL/DE.

Rue Royale 2-4 Koningsstraat, 1000 Brussels
www.visitbrussels.be/kids

LET’S COLOUR BRUSSELS: COLOUR BRUSSELS WITH ZINNEKE!
Zinneke, a little Brussels dog, leads children aged 4 to 7 through the streets of Brussels to discover the main attractions of the European capital. Gastronomy, comic strips, Art nouveau, Grand-Place and many more secrets are unveiled. On sale at the price of 5€ in Visitbrussels’ tourist information offices – available in EN, FR, NL and DE.

Rue Royale 2-4 Koningsstraat, 1000 Brussels
www.visitbrussels.be/kids

A GREEN WALK
A beautiful green loop encircles Brussels: it is an itinerary of over 63 km which provides pedestrians and cyclists with a chance to discover many parks and preserved natural sites. The trail is signposted along its entire length. This brochure is available from the Visitbrussels offices.

www.promenade-verte.be
9. USEFUL LINKS

JEUNESSES MUSICALES/JEUGD EN MUZIEK
Set up in 1940 in Belgium, today Jeunesses Musicales/Jeugd en Muziek is the biggest movement devoted to music for young people in the world. The aim is to give young people a taste for music in a spirit of exchange, sharing and development.
www.jeunessesmusicales.com

EUROPE EXPLAINED TO CHILDREN
Brussels is the capital of Europe, which is why it is important that children learn about the way Europe works. Europe is endeavouring to improve the lives of children and young people, which is why it is important that they are aware of their rights and know how the world works.
http://europa.eu/kids-corner

BRUSSELS MUSEUMS COUNCIL: KIDS
The website of the Brussels Museums Council provides full details of the activities of hundreds of museums in Brussels. One page is dedicated to activities for the whole family: discovery trails, fun book, workshops, etc.
www.brusselsmuseums.be

BELGIAN CENTRE OF ORAL LITERATURE
Since 2001, the Maison du Conte de Bruxelles has been collecting, creating and distributing oral literature. It trains amateur and professional storytellers and puts on performances of storytelling and other forms related to oral culture. It organises festivals where younger audiences can listen to their favourite stories.
Rue du Rouge-Cloître 7d Rood-Kloosterstraat, 1160 Brussels
E-mail: info@maisonducontebxl.be
www.lamaisonducontedebruxelles.be
10. SHOPPING

SERNEELS
Since opening in 1957, this magnificent Ali Baba’s Cave hasn’t ceased to amaze generations of children with its magic. Princes, princesses, rocking horses, doll houses, puppet theatre... hard to resist the beauty, quality and sheer magic of the toys on display.
Avenue Louise 69 Louizalaan, 1050 Brussels
www.serneels.be

OLIWOOD TOYS
Oliwood Toys are two toy shops in Brussels. With a careful selection that combines several criteria such as the play value, the educational aspect and the aesthetic side of the game, you are certain to come away pleased as punch with your find.
Chaussée de Waterloo 529 Waterloosesteenweg, 1050 Brussels / Avenue de la Chasse 94A Jachtlaan, 1040 Brussels
www.oliwoodtoys.com

BOUTIQUE PAPILLON
The temple of the retro toy, this shop is an invitation for innocent eyes and small hands to marvel at the wealth of games, toys and objects that awaken curiosity, stir a sense of nostalgia, rouse the desire to play, explore, travel and wallow happily in the colours of childhood.
Chaussée de Boondael 244 Boondaalsesteenweg, 1050 Brussels
papillonboutique.wordpress.com

LE P’TIT RÊVE
This toy store provides all kinds of games, in wood and fabric, dolls and a variety of board games for children of all ages.
Place Saint Job 21 Sint-Jobsplein, 1180 Brussels (Uccle)

THE GRASSHOPPER
The place for toys, The Grasshopper is the Mecca for children in Brussels’ city centre. You will be spoilt for choice.
Rue Marché aux Herbes 39-43 Grasmarkt, 1000 Brussels
www.thegrasshoppertoyes.be
MULTI JEUNESSE
Multi Jeunesse offers a large selection of books, toys and games for children and adults. The second you set foot inside the shop, you will feel as though you are entering a magical world that astounds even adults.
Boulevard Anspachlaan 126-128, 1000 Brussels
http://multijeunesse.blogspot.be/

THE SMURF STORE
This is the first shop of its kind, and therefore a world first, as is only fitting in the country of origin of the Smurfs (Peyo created them in 1958). A broad variety of products is on offer, anything from t-shirts to bed sheets, toys and other gadgets. Only quality brands have been selected, including Leblon-Delienne, Schleich and BShirt.
Rue Marché aux Herbes 116 Grasmarkt, 1000 Brussels
www.smurfstore.be

THE TINTIN SHOP
Dive into the world of the short reporter with the famous quiff in this shop near the Grand Place. La Castafiore, faithful Nestor, Thomson & Thompson, Captain Haddock and of course his trusted companion Snowy, can be found on objects such as T-shirts, beach towels, notebooks, key chains, etc.
Rue de la Colline 13 Heuvelstraat, 1000 Brussels
www.tintinboutique.com

BABOU
Babou is a small and charming book store in the Louise district, full to the brim with second-hand books (no comic strips) for readers between 0 and 20 years of age. There’s even a reading corner at hand where Babou invites children (young and old) to choose a book from its treasure chest and read it or listen while parents or the bookstore animator reads it to them (free access without obligation to buy, no need to subscribe).
Rue du Beau Sitestraat 72, 1000 Brussels

PAPABUBBLE
One thing is for sure: you’re going to need a dentist close at hand after entering this sweets heaven. Papabubble proposes a wide array of hand-made naturally coloured rock sticks, sweets and lollipops of every shape and size.
Rue Marché au Charbon 13 Kolenmarkt, 1000 Brussels
www.papabubble.be

AU FIN BEC
Do not miss this place on no account! Au Fin Bec is a retro-styled sweet shop stacked with bonbons of all kinds, covering the gamut of the rainbow colours, and a few extra!
Rue Haute 273 Hoogstraat, 1000 Brussels
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