WHAT’S ON WHILE IN BRUSSELS?

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“What’s on while in Brussels” is the handbook of insider tips on how to experience the real Brussels in just a few hours. We have added a few of our favourite things to do!

Sunshine and warmth are on the agenda.

Boredom is banned in Brussels!

INTEREST PICKS

 Bermudian blueberries

STROLLING THROUGH THE CITY

Take your pick of thematic walks to explore the city on your own or with a guide: Art Nouveau & Art Deco, Surrealism, Tintin, Comic Strip, the Beer Tour, or the Mixity Walk...

Here’s to our selection of thematic walks

FOR CULTURE LOVERS

The options are legion whatever your interests. For art lovers: the Magritte Museum, BOZAR, and the Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium. For history buffs: the BELvue and Coudenberg. For Art Nouveau and Art Déco enthusiasts: Maison Horta, Maison Cauchie, Villa Empain, and the Van Buuren Museum. To fulfil specific passions: the Royal Museum for Central Africa (newly renovated!), the Musical Instruments Museum, the Museum of Natural Sciences, the Belgian Comic Strip Centre, Autoworld and The Temple of Human Passions.

BRUSSELS IS GREEN

Stay fit and zen. Take the air and stroll, jog or meditate in our parks: the Bois de la Cambre, the Sonian Forest, the Parc du Cinquantenaire, the Parc de Bruxelles and Parc de Laeken apart from our numerous public gardens and wide tree lined avenues.

• visit.brussels selection
• Brussels gardens apps
• Running city app: running city world or strava
• Sunday Yoga in the Park Cinquantenaire (May-Aug)

SUCCUMB TO TEMPTATION

Fries, beer and chocolate. Vive la différence!

• Finger-lickin’ good! 14 Brusselicious chip stands or vans. Stroll through the city like a real Brusseleer eating Belgian chips with your fingers.
• Try the innovative urban brewery Brussels Beer Project: a far cry from monastic tradition!
• Immerse yourself in the cocoa and chocolate universe of Brussels Choco Story Museum (in a renovated and new venue).
HERE, YOU WILL APPRECIATE THE QUALITY OF LIFE, THE MANY CULTURAL POSSIBILITIES AND, NOT LEAST, THE GREAT FOOD

SUMMER POP-UPS BARS AND ROOFTOPS
Open 7/7 with bar, food and music (and sometimes dancing)

- **Les Guinguettes Barc** (10.05-30.09, weather permitting)
  4 unique pop-up Guinguettes in the main parks (so called Maurice, Fabiola, Henri and Gisèle)
- **La Terrasse O2** (17.05-20.07, covered in case of rain)
- Bar **Perché** on the rooftop of the J AM hotel
- **Brewdog** and craft beers

Thursday afterwork partying (an essential ritual in Brussels!)

- **Boeremet** (from mid-April)
  Foodtrucks, bars and Deejay's (outdoor but covered)
- **À Haut rooftop** – Viage Casino (from May to Sept)
  Luxurious décor in a garden with a view above Brussels
- Square ‘Place du Luxembourg’ for yuppies and Eurocrats

On certain days of the week

- **Pretentious Mondays** at Cospaia
- Wednesday’s open air market and eating area at **Châtelain market** or **The European Canteen**
- Food trucks and DJs **Fridays Frunch** (lunchtime, from 17.05)

GOURMET RESTAURANTS WITH TERRACES

Worth the detour

- Spacious, fabulous and unexpected **Rouge Tomate**
- Trendy, mysterious and breathtaking **Cospaia**
- Sleek design and comfy tradition at **Crystal Lounge**
- On the Mont des Arts, **Kwint** offers a beautiful view
- **Bouchéry**, vegetarian friendly and organic

ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME

Unique culinary experiences

- **Chalet Robinson** in a wood, on an island (Unbelievable!)
- **Dinner in the Sky** (13–23.06), the vertiginous experience
- The dizzying **Villa in the Sky**

CULTURE AT NIGHT

- **Kanal-Centre Pompidou**, the Brussels’ new cultural institution devoted to artistic creation (open until 10:00 p.m. on Thu, Fri, and Sat until June)
- **Wiels**, contemporary art centre (open until 09:00 p.m. on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month)
- Theatre and concerts for international travellers (some English programmes too): **Théâtre National, Flagey, Bozar, Botanique, La Monnaie**
06.04-05.05: Floralia Brussels

17-21.04: Listen Festival, electronic & dance music

19-21.04: La Demence, wonderland LGBT party

19.04-10.05: Majestic Royal Greenhouses

25-28.04: Art Brussels, contemporary art fair

27.04: YO!fest, European youth political festival

04.05-05.05: Iris Festival, Brussels' Region Festival

04.05: Open Day of the EU institutions

10.05-01.06: Kunstenfestivaldesarts

18.05: Belgian Pride, the most colorful free festival

19.05: 20km of Brussels, annual race

24.05-26.05: Brussels Jazz weekend (international Jazz)

31.05-02.06: Environnement festival

26.06-29.06: Ommegang, medieval procession

8.06-30.06: Couleur Café, urban world music

UNMISSABLE EVENTS IF YOU ARE IN BRUSSELS ON THESE DATES...
We have asked insiders to share what they would like to do best if they only had a few hours of free time:

“I would definitely wander through the small streets in the heart of the city, contemplate the wonderful Grand-Place and taste our famous beers and chocolate.”

Grégory Van Bulck, Radisson BLU Royal Hotel

“...and I would indulge in one of the numerous Art Nouveau and Art Deco heritage tours. Either by strolling in dedicated areas (close to Flagey and Louise) or with a bus tour that would allow me to visit some Art Nouveau highlights from the inside (including the unmissable Hotel Solvay).”

Luc Jacobs, Greeter

Welcome to Brussels, a city where business, urban spirit, a cosmopolitan atmosphere, as well as cultural and leisure activities, blend into a harmonious whole.

Please visit the websites or contact the suggested places directly to make your reservations, to check opening days and times and to verify that all information is still valid.