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Brussels in "Geek" Mode

From March onwards, Brussels will be celebrating pop culture with a host of events and activities. From Comic Con Brussels to BIFFF and even the Brussels Games Festival, fans of the genre will be spoiled for choice.

From March onwards, Brussels will be putting on its finery and becoming the capital of pop culture. There's no doubt that it has the necessary qualities – a quirky, festive and creative spirit.

Brussels is bursting with enough events, game bars and escape games to delight geeks of all kinds.

This year, the capital is putting on a series of unmissable events for gamers and cosplayers. Here's a brief overview:

Anima 2019

Anima, Brussels's international animated film festival, is back with original shorts and feature-length films for young and old alike. For 10 days, Flagey will be vibrating to the rhythm of animation and cartoons – ranging from poetry, humour and happiness to intrigue and mystery. Anima also offers kids' workshops, a stage for teenagers, concerts, conferences, and so on, putting the spotlight on all lovers of the genre.

Dates: 01 – 10/03/2019

Venues: Cinematek & Flagey

Press information: www.animafestival.be

Comic Con Brussels

The most popular comic convention is coming back to Brussels. It welcomes more than 10,000 visitors each year. Visitors will be amazed by fantastic cosplay costumes, get to meet world stars and get lost among the hundreds of specialist stands: comics, cosplay, gaming, films, manga, series, collectables, clothing, games, gadgets and lots more.

Dates: 02 – 03/03/2019

Venue: Tour & Taxis

Info: www.comicconbrussels.com

Made in Asia & Youplay!

Made in Asia & Youplay!, the biggest event for Asian pop culture, manga and video games, awaits fans of the genre at the Brussels Expo. More than 300 exhibitors, shops, fun and cultural activities, concerts with brand new material and international guests will be there.

Youplay!, the largest event in Benelux region for gaming, video and video games, is once again taking over the Brussels Expo, much to the delight of gamers. They'll get to discover

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the newest board games, test the latest consoles and experience new VR technologies and, as the icing on the cake, they'll have the chance to meet their favourite Youtubers.

Dates: 08 – 10/03/2019

Venue: Palais 5, Brussels Expo

More information: www.madeinasia.be

BIFFF

The Brussels International Film Festival is an oasis of great films that will get your adrenaline pumping, with cinematic nuggets of horror, science-fiction and thrillers of every kind. You can enjoy around 150 films in the presence of the actors and directors, a body-painting and make-up contest, a manga market, a zombie parade and a vampires' ball. Don't be afraid!

Dates: 09 – 21/04/2019

Venue: BOZAR

More information: www.biff.net

Star Wars® in Concert

The legendary Star Wars saga broadcast on the big screen, with the epic soundtrack of John Williams performed live by the National Orchestra of Belgium, under the direction of Dirk Brossé... a breathtaking experience!

Dates: 02/06/2019 (episode 4) and 26/10/2019 (episode 5)

Venue: Palace 12

More information: www.cineconcert.be

Brussels Games Festival

The Brussels Games Festival is THE games festival for all audiences and all generations. A free, friendly and jovial celebration at the height of summer in Brussels!

Dates: 23 – 25/08/2019

Venue: Parc du Cinquantenaire

More information: www.brusselsgamesfestival.be

Comic Strip Festival

The 'must-attend' comic book event is back with a host of new features.

Dates: 13 – 15/09/2019

Venue: Brussels Park

More information: www.fetedelabd.brussels

More information about pop culture in Brussels: www.visit.brussels/geek

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