

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## FOR THE PARTICIPANTS OF:

- Conference "Shaping the social impact of European research: policies, strategies, funding", Brussels, 6 November 2017
- UNICA EU Research meeting, Brussels, 7 November 2017 (only for participants from UNICA Member Universities)

### VENUES

**Monday, 6 November**  
**Conference**



**Wielkopolska Region Brussels Office, Rue Montoyer 21, Brussels**

Nearest metro station: TRONE (lines 2 and 6)

Nearest train station: LUXEMBOURG STATION

**Tuesday, 7 November**  
**UNICA EU Research meeting**



**U-Residence of Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Boulevard Général Jacques 271**

Nearest metro station: PETILLON (line 5)

Tram station: VUB, ARSENAL, ETTERBEEK GARE

Nearest train station: ETTERBEEK STATION

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# Arriving in Brussels

**Brussels International (Zaventem) Airport, BRU** ([www.brusselsairport.be](http://www.brusselsairport.be)) is situated in Zaventem, 14 km outside the city centre.

## JOURNEY FROM BRUSSELS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

- **BY TRAIN:** The airport train station is located below the Arrivals Terminal (Level-1). Up to 4 trains per hour connect the airport to Brussels North, Brussels Central and Brussels South stations. Information on the schedule of trains can be found on the Belgian Railways website ([www.b-rail.be](http://www.b-rail.be)), where you can also **buy tickets online**. Enter BRUSSELS AIRPORT as departure station. The first train departs at 5.27 a.m. and the last one - at 0.27 a.m.
  - **On your way FROM the Airport: Buy your ticket at the ticket desk or in one of the vending machines before boarding.**
  - **On your way TO the Airport: Buy your ticket in one of the SNCB vending machines located at every train station. Don't throw away your ticket immediately upon arrival to the Brussels Airport. You will need to scan it at the automated access gates!**

**Price per ticket (2<sup>nd</sup> class): € 8.80**

- **BY BUS:** The bus station is located on level 0 – just one floor down from the Arrivals Terminal. The STIB/MIVB Airport Line connects Brussels International Airport to the European quarter (housing the EU institutions). From Monday to Friday until 8 p.m. the Airport Line is operated as an express service with **number 12** and only serves the major stops. On weekdays after 8 p.m., and the whole day on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays the Airport Line is operated as a regular service with **number 21**, serving all stops.

All MIVB/STIB buses depart from platform C.

**Buy your ticket from the GO ticket vending machines before boarding. The vending machines accept Maestro bank cards, credit cards and coins. Tickets bought from the driver are more expensive.**

### Fares

- Single journey (purchased outside vehicle) : **€ 4,50**
- Single journey (purchased inside vehicle) : **€ 6,00**

**More information:** [www.stib.be](http://www.stib.be). You can visit the mobile website [m.stib.be](http://m.stib.be) or download the STIB application for iPhone or Android (available in English).

- **BY TAXI:** Taxis with a taximeter are available in front of the airport arrivals hall. The fare from the airport to the city centre of Brussels is approximately **€45-50**. Licensed

taxis can be recognised by the blue and yellow emblem. You are advised to avoid unlicensed taxis!

## ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES AT THE BRUSSELS INTERNATIONAL ZAVENTEM AIRPORT

**Please note that additional security measures apply at the Brussels International Airport:**

- ❖ The area in front of the departures hall (passenger drop-off area) remains closed to traffic.
- ❖ Dropping off friends or relatives is only possible in the **new Drop-off area** or the car parks. For more details, please click [here](#).

**Possible pre-check controls: Please take into account that the pre-check controls are now rare but may require a few minutes of waiting time.**

- ❖ Passengers who come to the airport by taxi or car may be asked to go through **the pre-check structures** on the departures curb before being allowed into the departures hall.
- ❖ Passengers arriving **by bus** may have to go through the pre-check on level 0.
- ❖ Passengers who come to the airport **by train** may have to go through the pre-check in the hall of the train station before being let in the terminal.

## JOURNEY FROM BRUSSELS SOUTH CHARLEROI AIRPORT:

**Brussels South Charleroi Airport, CRL** ([www.charleroi-airport.com](http://www.charleroi-airport.com)) is located in Charleroi-Gosselies, 66 kilometers south of Brussels. The airport serves low-cost and charter airlines.



## HOW TO REACH THE BRUSSELS CITY CENTRE FROM BRUSSELS SOUTH CHARLEROI AIRPORT

- **By Brussels City Shuttle** (<http://www.brussels-city-shuttle.com/en#/>): The shuttle bus connects the airport with Brussels South Railway Station (Bruxelles Midi/Brussel Zuidstation; the bus stops at the intersection of Rue de France and Rue de l'Instruction). The shuttle bus leaves the airport every 30 minutes and the journey takes about 45 minutes, depending on the traffic. For the bus schedule please visit [www.voyages-lelan.be](http://www.voyages-lelan.be).

Buy your ticket online or from a vending machine just outside the airport building.

### Fares

For 1 journey (single ticket): max. **€14** (the fare may be lower if the ticket is booked in advance). Return ticket: **€28**

- **By bus & train:** When you leave Brussels South Charleroi Airport, you can buy a single or return ticket (same-day return) to "any Belgian station" from one of the two

ticket machines available. This ticket includes the TEC bus journey (Bus line A from the airport to Charleroi-South station) and the train journey (from that station to any Belgian station of your choice). Both ticket machines are outside the Terminal near Door 2. You can pay using cash or credit/debit card.

Combined fare – bus & train ticket (one way): **approx. €15**

## Public transport & taxis

You can easily purchase public transport tickets in numerous STIB/MIVB **GO ticket vending machines**. The machines operate in French, Dutch, and English, and accept Maestro and credit cards, and coins. The tickets bought from a driver are more expensive.

Apart from getting single-fare tickets (€2,10 if bought in a machine, €2,50 if bought inside the bus), you may also buy a **24-hour ticket** (€7.50) – once validated, allows an unlimited number of journeys on the entire public transport network of trams, buses, trains and the underground within Brussels on the given day until the end of service (except for the NATO-Brussels Airport section of lines 12 and 21). To purchase this ticket, you need to be in possession of a personal MOBIB card or MOBIB Basic. The card costs €5 and can be obtained in one of our KIOSK, BOOTIK or via GO Easy. More information is available [on STIB website](#).



### TAXIS

**Taxis Verts:** To order your taxi, call at **+32 (0)2 349 49 49** (service in French, Dutch, and English). Taxis Verts accept payments by credit cards.

**Taxis Bleus:** To order your taxi, call at **+32 (0)2 268 00 00** (service in French, Dutch, and English)








**IMPORTANT:** You should only take taxis with on-board taxi meters. Once arrived at your destination, you can ask for a taxi meter receipt. The receipt will contain details of your trip and can be used as an expense note.

### PLAN YOUR JOURNEY WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORT ROUTE PLANNERS

In order to plan your journey to the venue(s) from your hotel or any place in the city, we encourage you to use the public transport planners:

- Google Maps & Street View: [www.maps.google.com](http://www.maps.google.com); for information on the public transport choose the train icon
- STIB/MIVB: <http://www.stib.be/reisweg-itineraire.html?l=en>

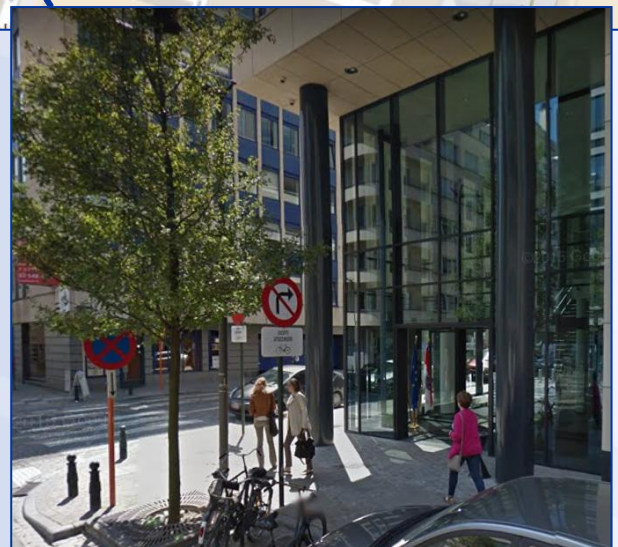
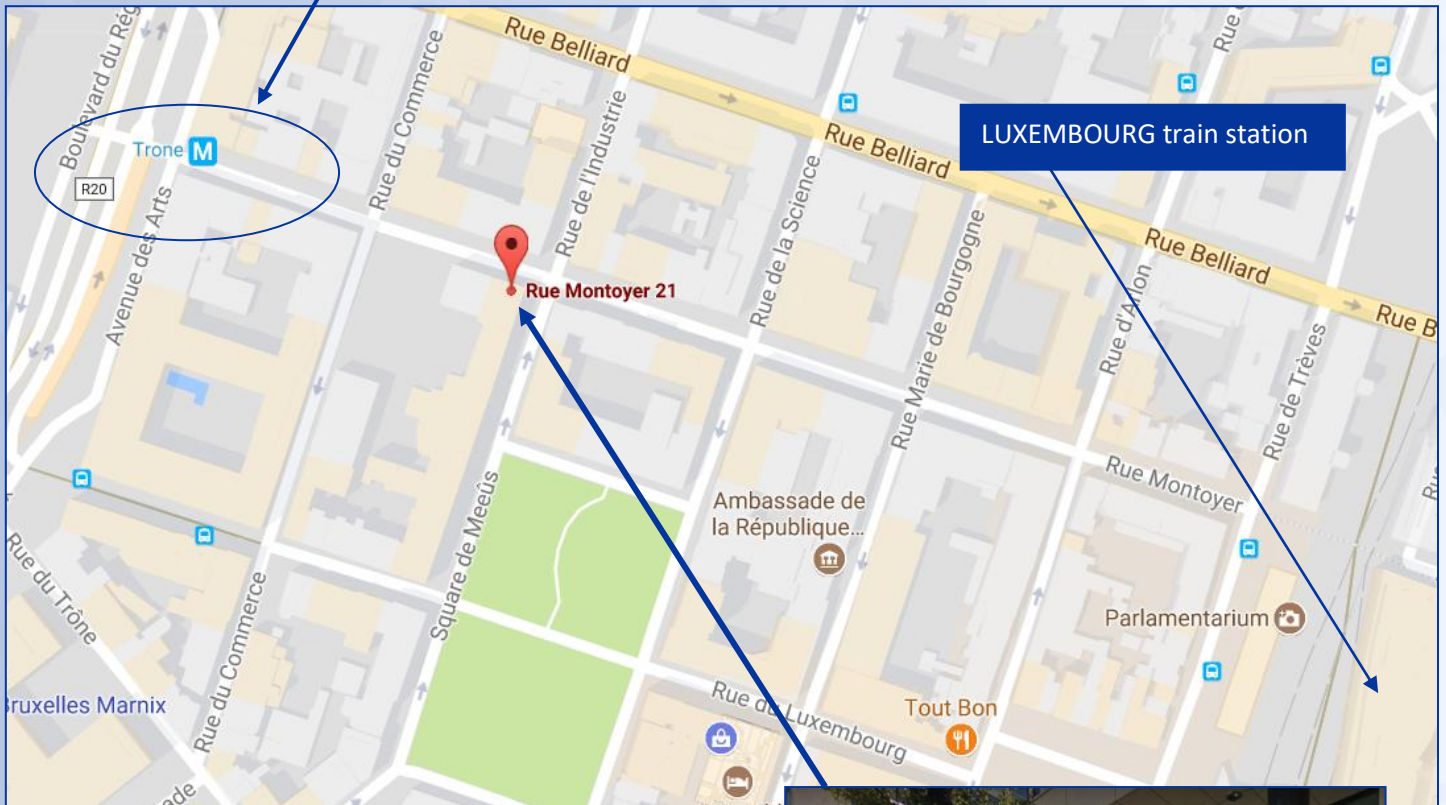
## Recommended hotels

Hotel		Address	Reaching the venues
<b>Stanhope Hotel</b> <a href="https://www.thonhotels.com/our-hotels/belgium/brussels/stanhope-hotel/">https://www.thonhotels.com/our-hotels/belgium/brussels/stanhope-hotel/</a>		Rue du Commerce 9, 1000 Brussels	Day 1: Very short (3-minute) walking distance Day 2: Bus 95 TRONE--> ETTERBEEK GARE (8 stops, 20 minutes)
<b>Radisson RED Brussels</b> <a href="https://www.radissonred.com/brussels/">https://www.radissonred.com/brussels/</a>		Rue d'Idalie 35, 1050 Brussels	Day 1: Short walking distance (8 minutes) Day 2: Bus 95 LUXEMBOURG--> ETTERBEEK GARE (6 stops, 17 minutes)
<b>Thon Hotel EU</b>		Rue de la Loi 75, 1040 Bruxelles	Day 1: Short (10-minute) walking distance Day 2: (20 minutes) Metro line 1 MAELBEEK--> MONTGOMERY and tram line 7 or 25 MONTGOMERY --> VUB
<b>Aloft Brussels Schuman</b> <a href="http://www.aloftbrussels.com/">http://www.aloftbrussels.com/</a>		Place Jean Rey, 1040 Brussels	Day 1: Walking distance (11 minutes) Day 2: (20 minutes) Metro line 1 SCHUMAN--> MONTGOMERY and tram line 7 or 25 MONTGOMERY --> VUB
<b>Chambord Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.hotel-chambord.be/en-gb/">http://www.hotel-chambord.be/en-gb/</a>		Rue de Namur 82, 1000 Brussels	Day 1: Walking distance or 1 stop by metro (PORTE DE NAMUR ---> TRONE) Day 2: (30 minutes) Bus 34 (PORTE DE NAMUR ---> ARSENAL)
<b>Aqua Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.aqua-hotel-brussels.com/">http://www.aqua-hotel-brussels.com/</a>		Rue de Stassart 43, 1050 Brussels	Day 1: Walking distance or 1 stop by metro (PORTE DE NAMUR ---> TRONE) Day 2: (30 minutes) Bus 34 (PORTE DE NAMUR ---> ARSENAL)
<b>Motel One</b> <a href="https://www.motel-one.com/en/hotels/brussels/">https://www.motel-one.com/en/hotels/brussels/</a>		Rue Royale 120, 1000 Brussels	Day 1: a 15-minute walk across Parc de Bruxelles Day 2: (30 minutes) Metro line 1 PARC--> MONTGOMERY and tram line 7 or 25 MONTGOMERY --> VUB

# Venue Day 1

Metro lines 2 and 6 (direct connection to the BRUSSELS SOUTH/BRUXELLES MIDI TRAIN STATION)

Buses 95, 27, 80

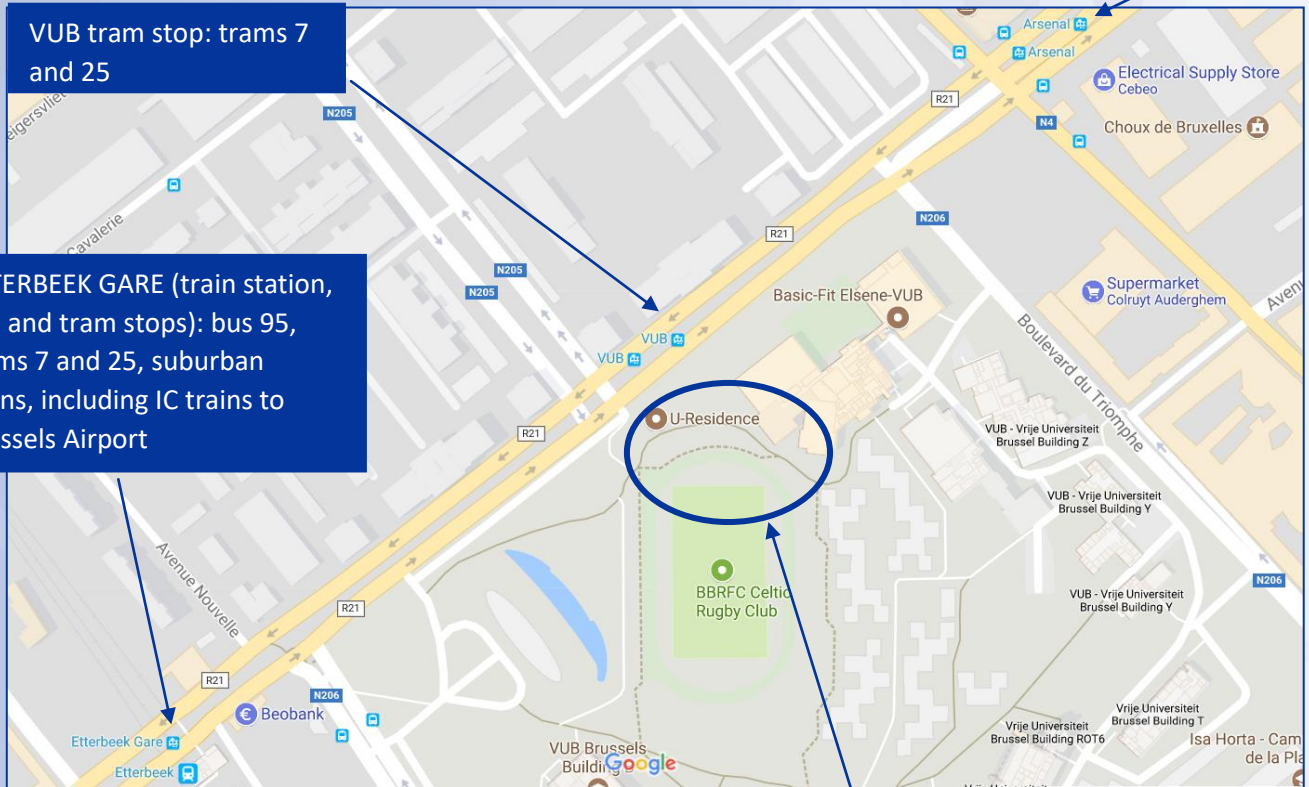


## Venue Day 2

ARSENAL tram stop (line 7, 25) & bus stop (bus 34)

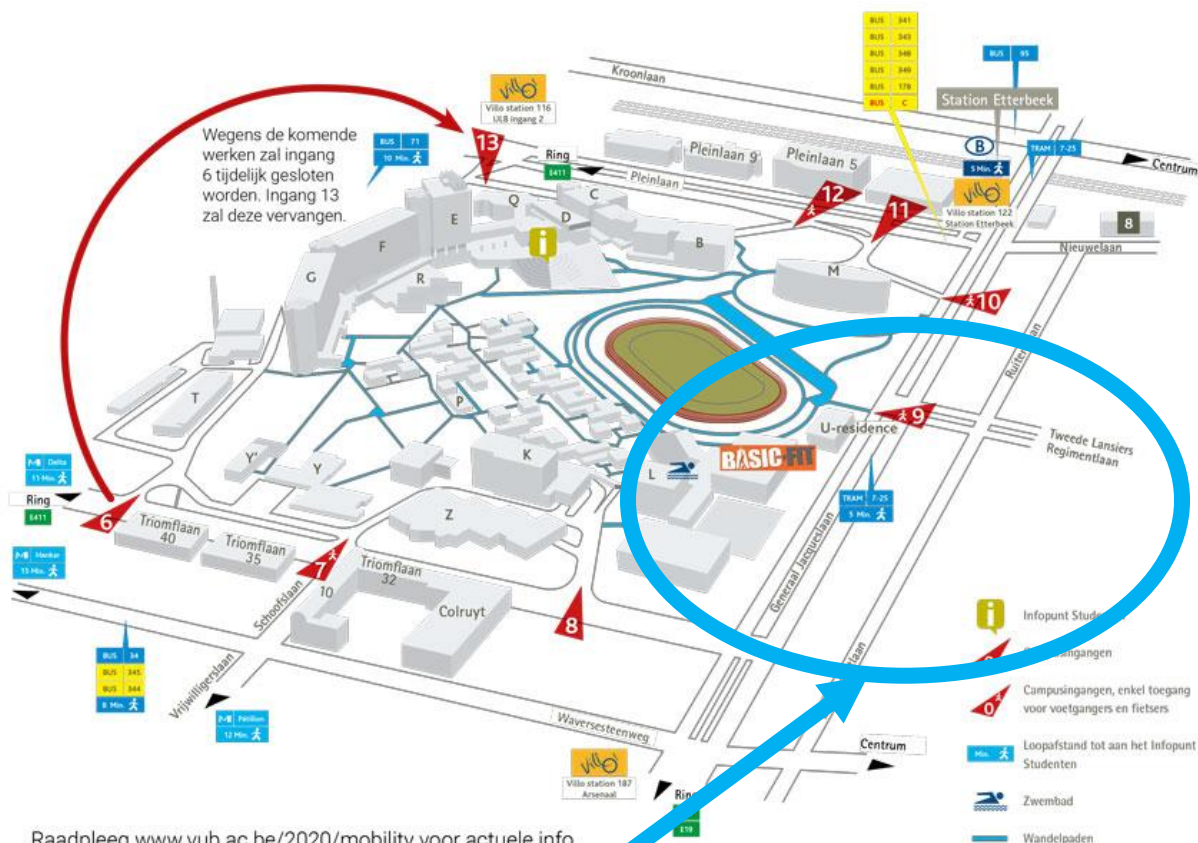
VUB tram stop: trams 7 and 25

ETTERBEEK GARE (train station, bus and tram stops): bus 95, trams 7 and 25, suburban trains, including IC trains to Brussels Airport

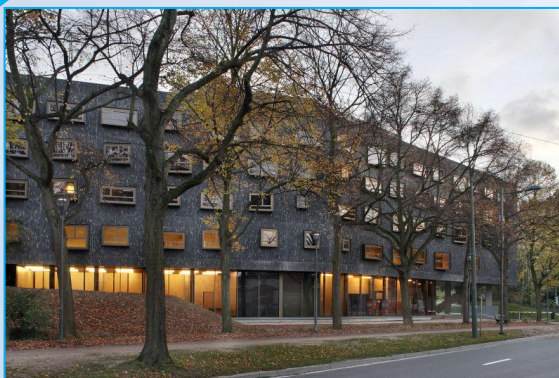


Academisch Centrum voor Taalonderwijs (ACTO) / Toegepaste Taalkunde (TTKA)	
Pleinlaan 5	
Aula Q	Q
Bewaking - Permanente	F
Bibliotheek	B/C
Brussels Institute of Contemporary Chinese Studies (BICCS)	Pleinlaan 5
Cafeteria	R
CAW Brussel	Triomf laan 3
Centrum voor Volwassenenonderwijs (CVO)	D
Crazy Copy Center	E
Dienst Cultuur	Waversesteenweg 1077
Economische en Sociale Wetenschappen en	Pleinlaan 5
Solway Business School	Pleinlaan 9
Welshy Campus	B/C
Fietspunt	Triomf laan 40
Huisvesting (secretariaat)	P
Minds	Pleinlaan 9
Infopunt Studenten	D
Ingenieurswetenschappen	K/Z
Institute for European Studies (IES)	Pleinlaan 5
International Relations and Mobility Office	Pleinlaan 5
Jobdienst	P
Letteren en Wijsbegeerte	B/C
Lichamelijke Opvoeding en Kinetherapie	L
Oudstudeerbond (OSB)	Triomf laan 40
Overkoepelende StudentenDienst	Triomf laan 35
Psychologie en	
Educatiewetenschappen	B/C
Recht en Criminologie	B/C
Rectoraat	M
Restaurant	R
Serp-Dilemma	Hoek Schooflaan/ Waversesteenweg
Sociale Dienst Studenten	P
Sportdienst	L
Sportzalen	L
Studenten	
Administratie Centrum	Pleinlaan 9
Studentenhuis Nieuwelaan	8
Studentenhuis Schooflaan en Triomf laan	10
Studiegebedingscentrum	F
Universitaire Groepspraktijk Schooflaan 8	(gelijkvloers)
U-residence	U
Vesalius College	Pleinlaan 5
VUB Career Center	B
Vutkie-cursusdienst	B
Wetenschappen en	
Bio-ingenieurswetenschappen	E/F

Wegens de komende werken zal ingang 6 tijdelijk gesloten worden. Ingang 13 zal deze vervangen.



Raadpleeg [www.vub.ac.be/2020/mobility](http://www.vub.ac.be/2020/mobility) voor actuele info over toegang tot de campus tijdens diverse bouwprojecten.



# Belgium and Brussels must-know

## Weather

On average, Brussels has approximately 200 days of rainfall per year, more than London and Paris. No matter how optimistic the weather forecast may be, you should always be prepared for rain in Brussels. Warm and sunny weather is rarely constant and the humid air makes the weather feel often colder than it is. In November, daily temperatures are between 5 and 12 degrees Celsius (with daily maximum temperature reaching 14 degrees) and it rains oftentimes.

## Time Zone

Central European Summer Time: GMT plus one hour.

## Language

Brussels operates as a bilingual city where both French and Dutch (Flemish) are official languages. Given the location of EU institutions in Brussels, English is also a widely spoken language.

## Currency & ATMs

The currency used in Belgium is €/EUR.

Cashpoints/ATM can be found all over Brussels and a full list of them is available at: <http://www.brussels.be/artdet.cfm/6660>

## Telephone

To call Belgium you have to dial **0032** + City Area Code (**2** for Brussels if you call to a landline, not necessary for mobile phone numbers) + Number you wish to call.

**112** is the national emergency telephone number.

## Recommended sights

- ❖ **Galleries Saint Hubert** - designed in 1847, were the first commercial galleries in Europe and remain probably the most elegant; the 200-metre-long street of shops is covered by a glass dome.
- ❖ **Parlamentarium** (Willy Brandt Building, Rue Wiertz 60/ Wiertzstraat 60) The European Parliament's Visitors' Centre. Dynamic, interactive multimedia displays guide visitors through the journey of European integration.
- ❖ **Horta Museum** (Rue Americaine/Amerikaansestraat 25, St-Gilles) - Victor Horta is one of the founders of Art Nouveau. The museum is located in the house that Horta designed for himself.
- ❖ **Musical Instruments Museum** (Rue Montagne de la Cour/Koudenberg 2)- More than 1,500 instruments from around the world are exhibited in this museum, which occupies one of the city's most beautiful and historic Art Nouveau buildings.
- ❖ **The Belgian Comic Strip Centre** (Rue des Sables/Zandstraat 20) chronicles the history of Belgian comic books. Housed in a former department store, it exhibits examples of comic strips in French, Dutch and English.

## Wining and dining in Brussels

- o **Arcadi** (Rue d'Arenberg/ Arenberglaan 1B, next to Galleries St Hubert, reservation: +32 2 511 33 43)- is a charming mid-range restaurant situated at the end of Galleries St Hubert. Although it offers a varied menu, the reason the restaurant regulars go there is its selection of over 30 savory, both sweet and salty, pies (*tartes*). Stop by at Arcadi after shopping in Galleries St Hubert for a heavenly slice of *tarte framboise meringue* (raspberry meringue pie) or *tarte forestière* (wild mushroom pie).
- o **Chez Léon** (Rue des Bouchers/Beenhouwersstraat 1, reservation: +32 2 513 04 26) – mid-range restaurant at the end of Brussels' famous dining street, Rue des Bouchers. It offers quick service at any time of the day and serves traditional Belgian dishes at affordable prices, which is not so common in this tourist area of the city. If you would like to try mussels with a pint of Belgian beer, Chez Léon is an excellent choice.
- o **La Mort Subite** (Rue Montagne-aux-Herbes Potagères/Warmoesberg 7, reservation: +32 2 513 13 18 – a perfect place for your first Belgian beer tasting. The place's wood paneling, high ceilings, big marble pillars and mirrored walls will make you feel as if you have just been transported back in time. One of Belgium's brews took its name after this bar, although despite the name's meaning ('sudden death'), the beer is not that strong ☺

## A few words about Brussels

### BRUSSELS - A CAPITAL OF MANY THINGS

- ❖ **a capital of Belgium:** Brussels has grown from a 10<sup>th</sup>-century fortress town founded by a descendant of Charlemagne into a metropolis of more than one million inhabitants and...
- ❖ **a capital of Europe:** Brussels serves as capital of the European Union, hosting the major political institutions of the Union.
- ❖ **a capital of chocolate:** Ever since the Brussels chocolatier Jean Neuhaus invented the praline 100 years ago, the city has been at the forefront of the chocolate business.
- ❖ **a capital of beer:** Belgium produces more than 1,000 varieties of beers, and many come with customized glasses in which only that type may be served. Try the real sour *gueuze* beer: it gets its unique taste from a natural brewing process that is typical for the area around Brussels.
- ❖ **a capital of waffles:** Brussels waffles can be easily differentiated from Liège waffles by their regular shape: they are also crispy and light whereas the latter are denser and sweeter.
- ❖ **a capital of... French fries!** Despite their name, the origin of French fries is actually attributed to Belgium. Being probably the most popular forms of "street food", you will find French fries in Brussels on every step of the way: you can get them at fast food stands or in small fast-food restaurants called "friterie" or "frituur". They are served with a large variety of sauces: from "traditional" ketchup and mayonnaise to *samurai*, *cocktail*, and *andalouse*.



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