



BRUSSELS: A CAPITAL OF MANY THINGS

CAPITAL OF BELGIUM

Brussels has grown from a 10th-century fortress town founded by a descendant of Charlemagne into a metropolis of more than one million inhabitants.

CAPITAL OF DIVERSITY

Did you know that Brussels is the second most cosmopolitan city in the world? The Brussels-Capital Region is home to 184 nationalities. It's the most cosmopolitan city in Europe, with almost 40% of its residents being foreign nationals.

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.

CAPITAL OF EUROPE

Brussels serves as capital of the European Union, hosting the major political institutions of the Union.

CAPITAL OF CHOCOLATE

Ever since the Brussels chocolatier Jean Neuhaus invented the praline 100 years ago, the city has been at the forefront of chocolate!

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.

CAPITAL OF FRIES

Despite their name, the origin of French fries is actually attributed to Belgium. Being probably the most popular forms of "street food", they are served with a large variety of sauces. Our advise? Try the traditional Belgian *andalouse*.