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## **Public Transport**

### **Inside Brussels**

The public transport inside of Brussels is managed by STIB/Mivb, which provides busses, trams and metros. These are the easiest way to navigate Brussels itself and drive at regular intervals. Vending machines can be found in each metro station and on some of the tram stops. I suggest getting a card that you can use for 10 rides. You can hop between different transports within the time span of 1 hour for free. Be aware that you sometimes need to use your ticket to exit a station as well, so do not throw it away after you have used it. If no vending machine is nearby you need to get a ticket when you get on the tram or bus by talking to the driver. Do note that he may only speak French.

Stops are announced by voice or by means of a screen, so you should not have too much difficulty knowing where you have to get off.

### **Metro**

The fastest way to get around in Brussels is the metro. You have two main lines: Lines 1&5 and 2&6. You can switch between the two of them at Kunstwet/Art-loi. The event location is located near stop Yser on lines 2&6. Do note that the plan also depicts a connection between South Station and North Station, but this is not a metro connection and I suggest taking the metro to go from South Station to the event location.

### **The rest of Belgium**

You have a bus company 'De Lijn' which provides busses for Flanders (the Northern part of Belgium) and TEC, which provides busses for the Walloons (the Northern part). Some busses of these companies also have stops in Brussels, but are normally not used to travel inside of Brussels.

The best way to visit the rest of Belgium would be by using the train. Brussels has three major stations: Brussels North (Gare du Nord), Central Station (Gare Centrale) and South Station (Gare Midi). Both central station and south station have a metro stop as well so are easily reached. Brussels North is accessible via Tram. The trains are known to have delays, so if you have a tight connection you may want to look up later trains as well.

Links:

<http://www.stib-mivb.be/index.htm?l=en>

<https://delijn.be/en>

<https://www.infotec.be/> (only available in French)

<http://www.belgianrail.be/en/Default.aspx>



## Event Location

The event takes place at 'Tour & Taxis'. It is easily reached by public transport, and you have a plethora of bus/metro/train stops in the near vicinity. The easiest for people having a hotel in somewhere in Brussels would be the metro (Stop Yser). For people coming by train the North Station / Gare du Nord is the closest stop within walking distance. People coming directly from Brussels National Airport should take the train to Brussels, which stops in Brussels North. The trainride itself only takes around 15minutes, and the trains ride at regular intervals. People coming from Brussels South / Charlerloi need to take a shuttle bus to Brussels South / Gare Midi and can then take the Metro line 2 or 6 to the event location. The bus trip takes around 1hour, and the metro should take around 10 minutes.

Below you can find a list of all the public transport services that stop near tour&taxis.

Address (both in French and Dutch):

Avenue du Port 86c

1040 Brussels

or

Havenlaan 86c

1040 Brussels

Train:

↑ North Station

Subway:

↑ Line: 2 & 6 - Station: Yser

Tram:

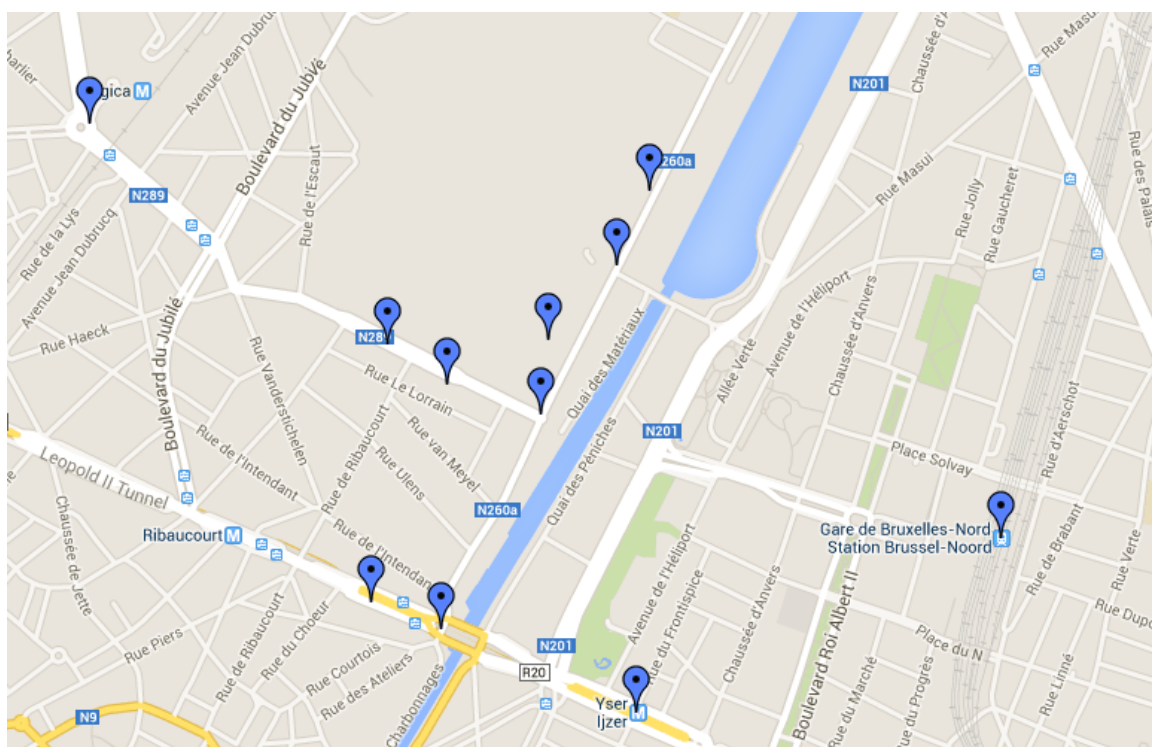
⤴ Line: 51 - Stop: Saintelette

Bus - STIB:

⤴ Line: 14, 15, 89 - Stop: Picard

⤴ Line: 14, 15 - Stop: Tour & Taxis

⤴ Line: 57, 88 - Stop: Steamers







Links:

<http://www.tour-taxis.com/en/map>

## Getting to Belgium

### ***Airplane***

You have two large airports in Belgium. Brussels and Brussels South. Brussels is the largest one, and should be the airport the 'large' companies fly to. Brussels airport is situated in Zaventem, while Brussels South is situated in Charlerloi in the Southern part of Belgium. This is the main airport Ryanair flies to (although they recently started flying to Brussels as well). Both airports require additional transport to get to Brussels itself.

For Zaventem there is a train station situated inside the airport that has trains going to Brussels. You can look up your train on the belgian rail website. Use stations 'Brussels Airport' and 'Brussel-noord' as start and stop. Trains drive at frequent intervals and should get you in Brussels in 15minutes. Getting from Brussels North to the airport can be done using the airport express train, which is

announced in Dutch, French, English and German.

For Charlerloi there is a shuttle bus that drives every 30minutes, which stops in Brussels South Station / Gare du midi. This station has plenty of metro and tram connections to go to different parts of the city. The bustrip itself should take around 1 hour.

Links:

<http://www.brusselsairport.be/en/>

<http://www.charleroi-airport.com/en/brussels-south-charleroi-airport/index.html>

<http://www.charleroi-airport.com/en/passengers/acces-and-parking/brussels-city-shuttle/index.html>

## **Train**

We have a Thalys and Eurostar connection that stops in Brussels South station / Gare du midi. People coming from neighbouring countries that do not want to fly can use this to get to Brussels. IC trains are available as well, although it would be best to check your national railways for a ticket. Do note that the Belgian railways (and thus not Thalys etc.) are renowned to have delays, so if you have a connecting flight be sure to take this into account.

## **Tips for Safety**

Brussels has, like any large city, good and bad parts. The city center itself is quite safe, and you should not run into any problems. Some of the outskirts of Brussels are less nice, but there is nothing of relevance there so you should not wind up there. You may get bothered by some people trying to sell you crap, but as long as you ignore them and keep on walking you should be fine.

Be careful of our beer as they are quite strong when you are not accustomed to them. Be sure not to go out by yourself so you have someone to drop you off safely at your hotel. Worst case get yourself a taxi, and dont wander around drunk in the city. It is easy to get lost in the many small streets in Brussels.

You have a red-light district next to Brussels North station (which is the closest train station to the event location). The surrounding neighbourhood is not that nice, and although I personally never had any issues you would rather not walk alone there at night.

Taxi 24/7: 02 349 49 49

Emergency Services: 112 for Fireservices and Hospital. 101 for Police.

<http://www.taxisverts.be/en/>

## **Local Game Store**

Brussels weirdly enough only has 1 large store that provides regular games. Outpost Brussels is located on walking distance from Central Station (train/metro), Park (metro) or Madoux (metro). They have drafts on Tuesday and Wednesday, starting at 19:30. The drafts are a rare-keep, so you keep whatever you draft. They also have FNM in different formats, starting at 19:30 and 23:00.

The address is:

Outpost Brussels  
Rue de la Tribune 8  
1000 Brussels  
+32 (0)2 218 04 00

Links:

[http://www.outpost.be/website/index.php?option=com\\_gamecenters&view=brussels&Itemid=5](http://www.outpost.be/website/index.php?option=com_gamecenters&view=brussels&Itemid=5)

[http://www.outpost.be/website/index.php?option=com\\_outpostcalendar&view=calendar&Itemid=6](http://www.outpost.be/website/index.php?option=com_outpostcalendar&view=calendar&Itemid=6)

## Food and Drink

Brussels is neither expensive nor cheap. You'll pay around 2€ for a drink in a pub.

There's a lot of really cool places to eat. Unfortunately, the ProTour site is a neighborhood where you won't find much.



**Ninja House** (Rue de la Vierge Noire 16, 1000 Brussels) : in the center of Brussels, this all-you-can-eat buffet restaurant will satisfy a lot of different people, as you can eat sushis but also beef teriyaki or crispy chicken (don't miss on that one) for a reasonable price (25 € without the drink).

To go : take the subway 1/5 till De Brouckère or St-Catherine station, then it's a 5 minute walk.

Link: <http://www.ninjahouse.be/>

**Met Jeannine** (avenue d'Auderghem 152, 1040 Brussels) :

A little bit excentred, this meat restaurant is reknowned for its all-you-can-eat fondue bourguignonne but you should also try the Lamb brochette (400 gr.), and there's mussels or salad for the ones who don't like meat. It's around 20€ for the meal.

To go : Subway 1/5 till Schuman, then, it's a 10 minutes walk.

Link: <http://www.metjeanine.be/>







**Houtsiplou** (place Rouppe 9, 1000 Brussels) :

In the center, this burger restaurant is often full, so you'd better book a table if you want to eat there. If we're lucky enough to have some sun, the terrasse is always filled.

To go : Subway 1/5 till De Brouckère, then a 10 minutes

walk.

Link: <http://caat.be/houtsiplou/>

**Les Super filles du Tram** (rue Lesbroussart 22, 1040 Brussels) :

Another burger restaurant, with nice atmosphere. Try the homemade Iced Tea or the Chouffe beer on tap.

To go : Take the bus 71/59/60/38 or the tramway 81 till Flagey, it's just a few footsteps away.

Link: <http://www.superfillesdutramp.com/>



**Aux Armes de Bruxelles** (rue des Bouchers 13, 1000 Brussels) :

This classy restaurant is located in the historic center of the city, next to the famous “Grand Place”. Surrounded by a lot of awful touristic restaurants, this is nearly the only good one in that neighborhood. It's classy and but quite expensive, the waiters are suited, and you'd better book a table.

To go : Subway 1/5 till Central Station, then walk 5 minutes.

Link : <http://www.auxarmesdebruxelles.com/>

**Restobières** (rue des Renards 9, 1000 Brussels) :

Home of Alain Fayt, this small cosy restaurant breathes Brussels. Located in the popular neighborhood “Les Marolles”, next to the old market from la Place du Jeu de Balle. The cook will prepare all his meals with famous Belgian beers. You can obviously order these on the menu as well. There's always a little song from Jacques Brel played and the decoration is made of old coffee grinders and old cookie boxes with the picture of the former royal couple.

To go : Subway 2/6 till Porte de Hal, then a 5 minutes walk.

Link : <http://www.restobieres.eu/index.php?lang=en>



**Le Zinneke** (Place de la Patrie 26, 1030 Brussels) :

This restaurant is specialised in one Belgium's cooking specialties :mussels. You can choose between 50 different preparations, the size of the mussels and the size of your meal.

To go : Tramway 25/62 till Patrie and you're arrived.

Belgium is a renowned beer country, so you have obviously a lot of really cool places to get a drink.



**La Porte Noire** (rue des Alexiens 67, 1000 Brussels) :

Located in in former covent (you can still see the well), this pub has a selection of 200 (mostly) Belgian Beers. If you're lucky, they will be a concert in the pub (mostly rock/celtic music). They also have a good selection of fine whiskies for the connoisseurs.

To go : Subway 1/5 till Central Station.

Link : <http://www.laportenoire.be/?lang=en>



**Moeder Lambic Fontainas** (place Fontainas 8, 1000 Brussels):

The second iteration of Moeder Lambic (famous beer bar) in town. This pub has a little nice terrasse and a multitude of tap beers which will be thoroughly presented by the nice bartenders.

To go : take the tram 3, 4 or 32 or the bus 48 or 95 till Anneessens. You're arrived.

Link : <http://www.moederlambic.com/>



**Delirium Cafe** (Impasse de la Fidélité 4A, 1000 Brussels) :

One of the most famous Brussels pub, they're renowned for having more than 3,000 beers from all around the world. The bar is always full, so don't expect to be able to sit, and the bartenders won't have a lot of time to advise you. Next to the pub is the Floris, famous for having a cool selection of Absynth.

To go: Subway 1/5 till De Brouckère then a small 10 minutes walk.

Link : <http://www.deliriumcafe.be>

**Rock Classic** (rue du Marché au Charbon 55, 1000 Brussels) :

As the name suggests, this pub is home of good ol' rock'n'roll. They also have some cocktails, such as the famous Long Island Iced Tea. They're open really late (they close around 5 or 6 o'clock in the morning) as even the bartenders from other bars (such as La Porte Noire, mentioned above) finish their night in this pub.

To go: Subway till De Brouckère then 10 minutes walk.

Link : <http://www.rockclassic.be/>



## Hotels

*Hotel nearby :*

### **Thon Brussels City Center :**

Avenue du Boulevard 17, 1210 Brussels

Link : <https://www.thonhotels.be/fr/hotels/countrys/belgique/bruxelles/thon-hotel-brussels-city-centre/>

### **Sheraton Hotel :**

Place Rogier 3, 1210 Brussels

Link : <http://www.sheratonbrussels.com/>

### **Theater Hotel :**

Rue van Gaver 23, 1000 Brussels

Link : <http://www.theaterhotelbrussels.com/en>

### **Hotel Belmont :**

Boulevard d'Anvers 10, 1000 Brussels

Link : [http://www.hotel-belmont.be/index\\_en.php](http://www.hotel-belmont.be/index_en.php)

*Hostel in Brussels :*

### **Urban City Center Hostel :**

Rue Woeringen 1, 1000 Brussels

Link : <http://www.hostelbookers.com/hostels/belgium/brussels/116072/>

### **Brussel Hello Hostel :**

Rue de l'armistice 1, 1081 Brussels

Link : <http://www.hello-hostel.eu/>

## What to see in Brussels

Brussels is a really touristic place and there is a lot of things to see. Here are the most popular of them :



### **The Atomium :**

Constructed for the Expo 58, the Atomium represent an elementary iron crystal enlarged 165 billion time.

Differents expositions, restaurants and bar are in the atomium. You can enjoy a beautifful vision of Brussels from there.

To go : subway 6 to Heizel

Link : <http://atomium.be/?lang=en>

### **Manneken Pis :**

Manneken Pis mean "The little boy who pees". It's an emblematic figure of Brussels and refers to the sens of own self-mockery of the citizens of Brussels.

The legends said that this little boy stopped a fire who was going to destroy the city by...peeing on it.

Being naked all the year by the cold of Belgium is not really cool..so time to time, Manneken Pis wear beautifull clothes.

To go : Subway 1/5 to De Brouckère then walk 10 minutes.

Link : <http://www.manneken-pis.be/> (in french)







### **Grand-Place of Brussels :**

Probably One of the most beautiful place in the city, the facades of this site are covered by statue.

If weather permits, you can enjoy a fresh beer at the terrace of one of the many pub you'll find.

You can also find the Tourist office on the Place

To go : Subway 1/5 to De Brouckère then walk 5 minutes.

Link : <http://www.brussels.be/artdet.cfm?id=5757&>

As the Atomium, the Manneken Pis and the Grand-Place of Brussels are famous all around the world, there is a lot of less well known place in the city. Here is a short view of some of them.

### **Kleine Zavel :**

This square is an oasis of calm in the middle of the city. You can admire all around the square 48 statues representing the olds professions of Brussels.

In the center of the square you'll see the statues of Count Egmont and Hornes and maybe take a sit to read a good book with the fountain for only sounds.

To go : Subway 1/5 to Central Station, then walk 10 minutes



### **Éverard t'Serclaes :**

It is said that touching the statue of Éverard t'Serclaes bring luck and grant wishes. Maybe a good thing to do before the ProTour.

To go : Go to the Grand-Place of Brussels, the statue is in the adjacent street.