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Welcome to Brussels,  
capital of Belgium,  
capital of Europe  
~~and capital of the world !~~

As the capital of Belgium, you can hear people speaking in two of the three official languages of the country: Dutch and French. As a center of international politics (we are proudly hosting some of the principal European Union institutions and the NATO headquarters), a lot of people are fluent in various languages, especially English. The legend says that you can hear every human (and probably non-human) language somewhere in Brussels.

If you love food and drink, you won't be disappointed in Brussels. If you love art, there are a lot of museums, street art locations, monuments... If you love music... well... WELCOME TO BRUSSELS !

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## GETTING TO BELGIUM



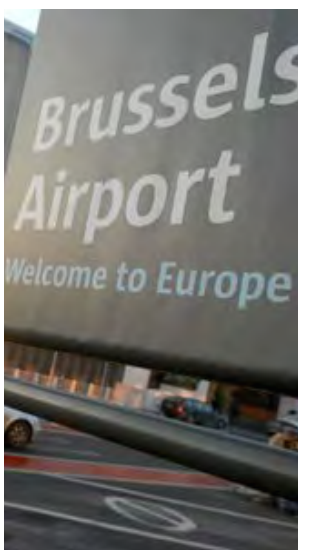
### TRAIN

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.



### AIRPLANE

You have two large airports in Belgium. **Brussels International** and **Brussels South**. Brussels International is the largest one, and should be the airport the main companies fly to. Brussels Int. is situated in Zaventem, a town right next to Brussels, while Brussels South is situated in Charlerloi in the Southern part of Belgium and it takes a bit longer to get to Brussels. Brussels South 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. A **taxi** drive from the airport to the city center (and thus the event site as well) costs around 45euros. 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. Taking the **taxi** from Charlerloi is not advised as it should be quite expensive (prices are not available online).



[www.brusselsairport.be](http://www.brusselsairport.be)

[www.charleroi-airport.com](http://www.charleroi-airport.com)





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. You can only buy paper tickets for a single ride, which you have to validate in an orange box (while more regular travellers have a card that they just need to wave in front of a sensor). You can hop between different transports within the time span of 1 hour for free. Be aware that you

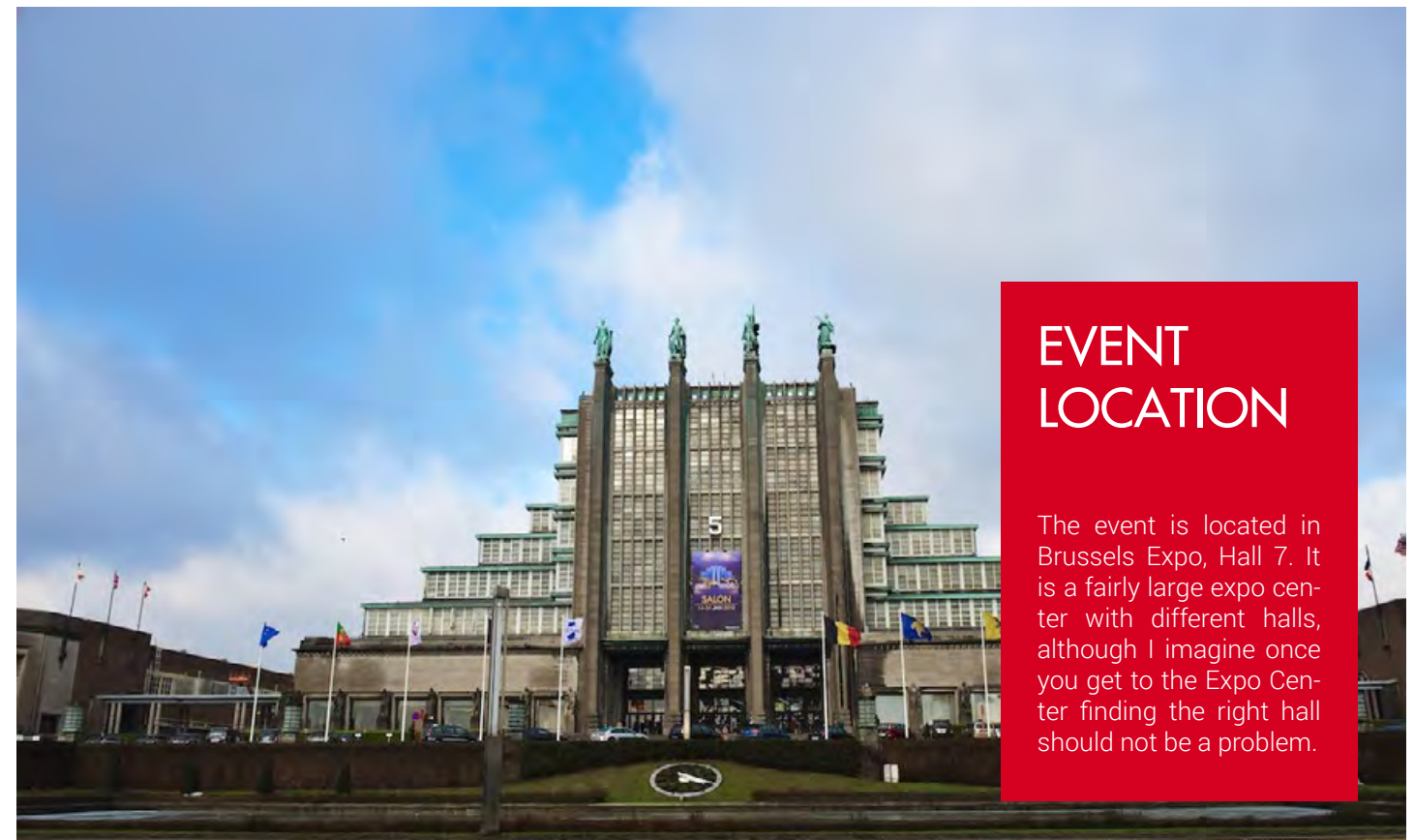
sometimes need to use your ticket to exit a station as well, so do not throw it away after you have used it. If no vending machine is nearby you need to get a ticket when you get on the tram or bus by talking to the driver. Do note that he may only speak French. Stops are announced by voice or by means of a screen, so you should not have too much difficulty knowing where you have to get off. The MIVB also has an Android and Iphone app which allows you to find the closest stop, a route planner etc.

## 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 **Heysel** on line 6, direction **Boudewijn / Baudouin**. Also note that **Simonis / Elisabeth** are the same stop, they are just named differently so it's more clear in which direction you are taking your metro.

## TRAM & BUS

Trams and buses are also available in Brussels, but are mainly used to move from and to the outskirts of Brussels to the city center. The easiest way to check whether you can take a bus or tram is by using google maps, which supports the public transport in Brussels. Inside the city center you are better off walking as the touristic center is fairly small.



## EVENT LOCATION

The event is located in Brussels Expo, Hall 7. It is a fairly large expo center with different halls, although I imagine once you get to the Expo Center finding the right hall should not be a problem.

You can get there from the city centre by public transport by taking the metro on line 6, direction **Boudewijn / Baudouin**. People coming from the international airport should either take the train till Brussels South. People coming from Charleroi should take the bus till Brussels South. From Brussels South you can take the line 6 metro. The metro ride takes around 15 minutes. People that only have line 1-5 at their disposal should take line 5 in the direction of **Erasmus** and

get on line 6 at **Beekkant**. This one should get you around 20 minutes at the expo center under ideal circumstances. If you're staying in the city center chances are fairly high your metro will be on line 1-5. Alternatively, the terminus of tram 7 (direction **Heizel**) is located right at the expo center. Buses 84 and 88, the latter starting at the **Brouckere** in the city center, also has its terminus at the event site.

## WALKING

As stated before, the touristic center is fairly small, but it may be easy to get lost in some of the smaller streets. Therefore, if you plan on just walking around to visit things, I suggest that you learn some of the larger public transport stops or landmarks. In the city center you have the 'Boulevard Anspach', with the Beurs as easy to find landmark, and the Brouckere as large bus and metro station. Within walking distance you have the 'Grand Place', from which you can easily reach Central Station, which is also one of the larger public transport spots.

## CAR

The expo center has enough parking space. (Note that these are not free of charge)

The address of the expo center is:

BRUSSELS EXPO  
Place de Belgique 1  
BE - 1020 Brussels  
[www.brusselsexpo.be](http://www.brusselsexpo.be)





HEYSEL / HEIZEL

NETWORK MAPS OF BRUSSELS



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# GAME STORE

## 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. Be careful for our beers as they are quite strong. They can be very treacherous 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 don't 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, as well as a smaller one near Brussels South. The one of Brussels North is pretty close to the "Nieuwstraat", which is the main shopping street. The area surrounding Brussels North is not that nice, and while I never ran into any problems, I recommend not hanging around in that area all by yourself.



Taxi 24/7: 02 349 49 49  
Emergency Services: 112  
[www.taxisverts.be](http://www.taxisverts.be)



Brussels weirdly enough only has 1 large store that provides regular games. Outpost Brussels is located at walking distance from the Central Station (train/metro), Park (metro) or Madoux (metro). The offered FNM formats differ a bit from week to week, so you can check out their website to see what's running in the week of the GP.

Outpost Brussels  
Rue de la Tribune 8  
1000 Brussels  
+32 (0)2 218 04 00  
[www.outpost.be](http://www.outpost.be)





# TOURIST SPOTS

Brussels is a small city compared to other large European cities, and the tourist attractions are mainly in the city center. You can visit most of them in half a day by just walking around. You find directions / arrows in the city center that should point you to the interesting spots. Take the metro to Brussels Central Station and you should be good to go.



## Manneken Pis

**Rue des Grands Carmes, 34 / 1000 Brussels**  
Ok, this one is a bit weird to explain, but it is one of the national symbols of Belgium. It basically is a statue of a small boy peeing ("Manneke" means little kid, and "pis" is pee), yet you can't really visit Brussels and not see it.

## Grand Place

**Grand Place / 1000 Brussels**  
This is the large square with the city hall, which looks very impressive. At night the sides of the buildings are lit for a good view (and you can follow it up with some beers).

## DeliriumCafe

**Impasse de la Fidélité, 4A / 1000 Brussels**  
A favorite of most tourists; a bar with several hundreds of beers available, and I am fairly sure they held the world record of most beers available at some point (around 2000). It gets very crowded though, so you may want to be there on time. It is hidden in a small alleyway, and to get there from the Grand Place you have to pass through one of the tourist traps, a street filled with mediocre restaurants that try to get you to eat there. When leaving make sure to walk to the end of the alleyway, and you will find "Jeanneke Pis", the female counterpart of Manneken Pis. Why? Because we can.



## Atomium

**Avenue de l'Atomium / 1020 Brussels**  
The atomium is located near the event site, and missing it is a hard thing to accomplish. It was built for the 1958 World Expo. You can visit the "molecules" and get a nice view over the city.

## Mini-Europe

**Boulevard du Centenaire, 20 / 1020 Brussels**  
Mini-Europe is a miniature version of Europe. You get to see very detailed mini-versions of famous locations in Europe. It is located in front of the Atomium, so you can easily visit both locations.

## Music Instruments Museum

**Rue Montagne de la Cour, 2 / 1020 Brussels**  
A good museum if you're a musician: you get an audiotour of a large collection of instruments, and get to hear how they sound.

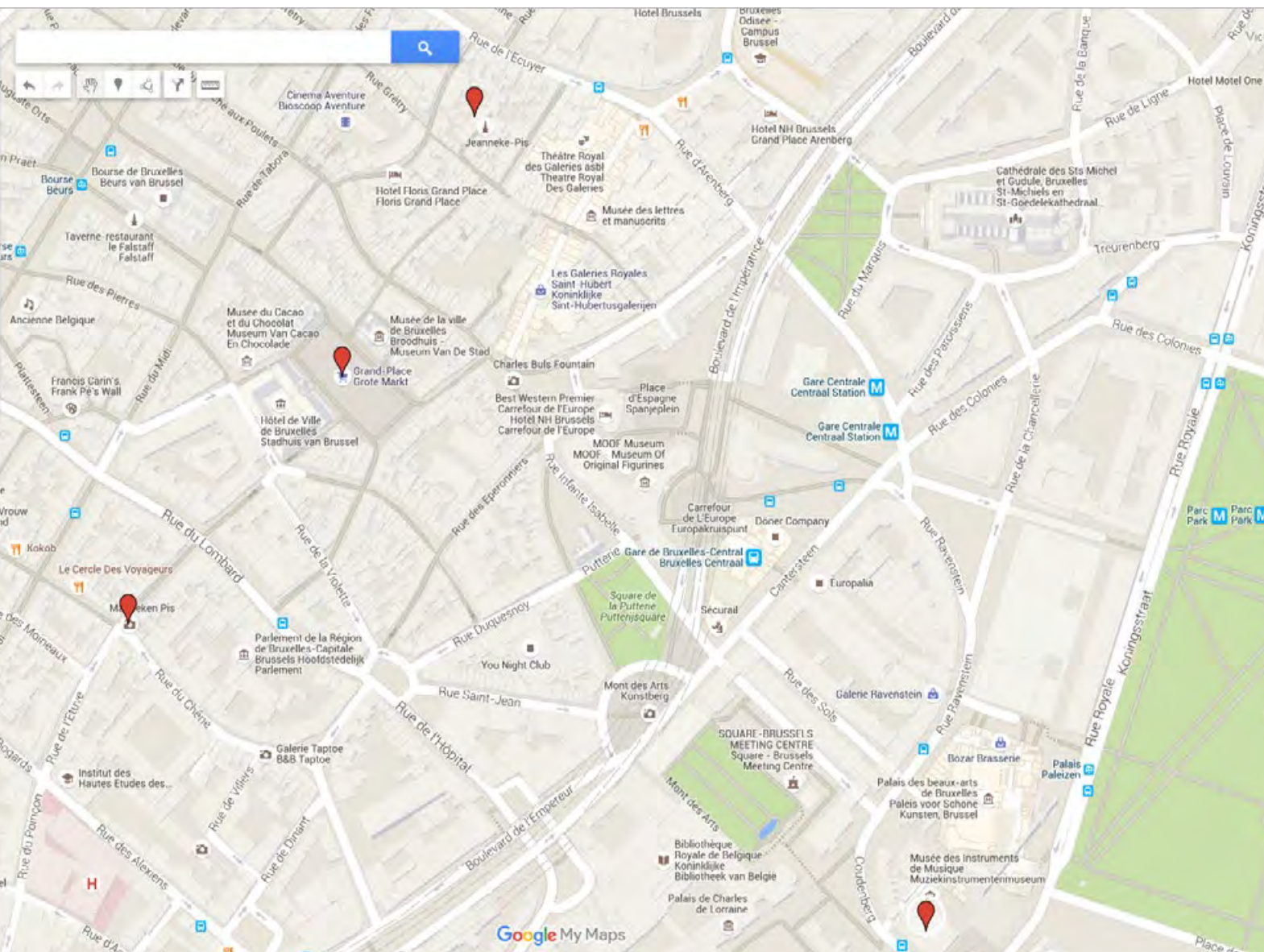
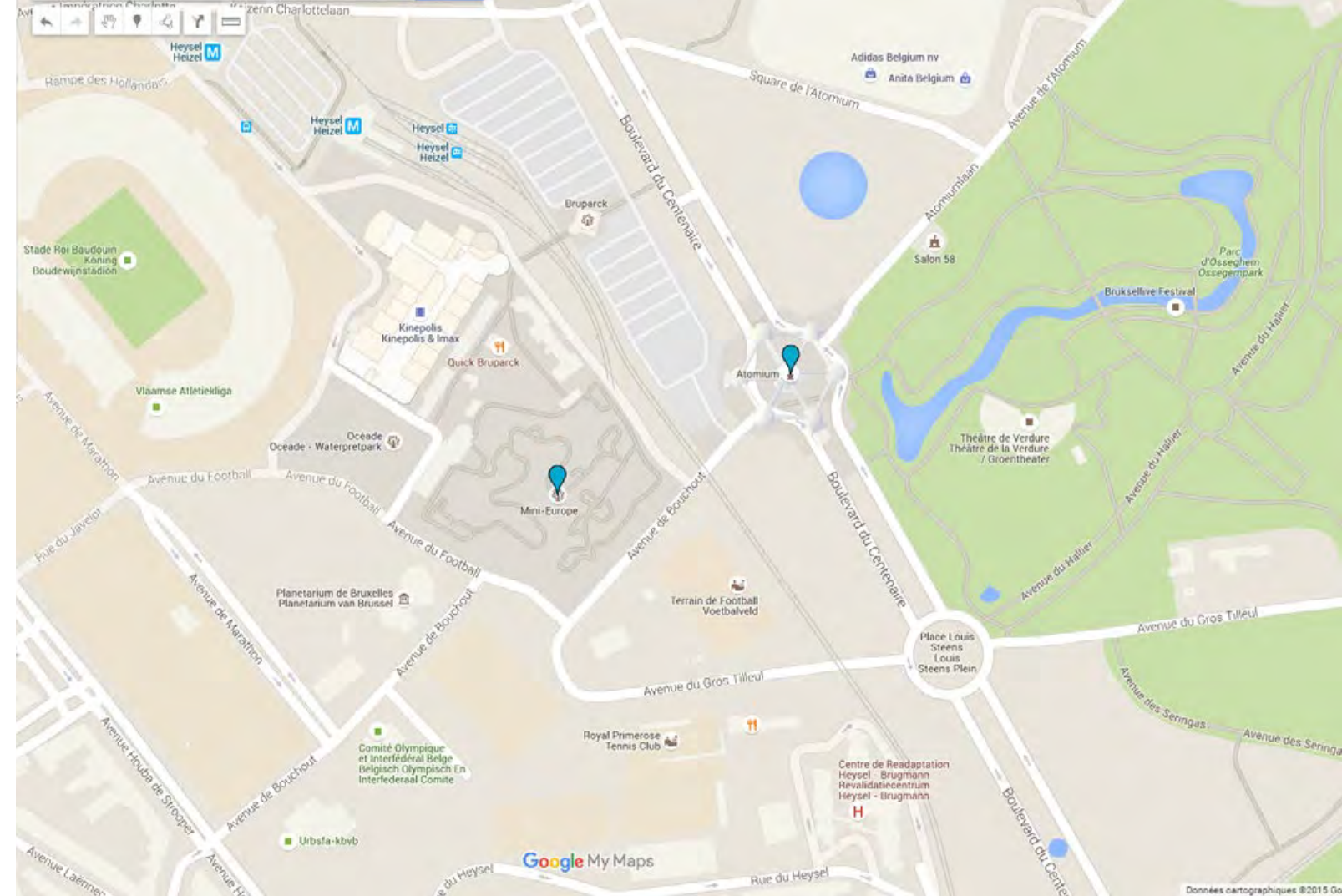
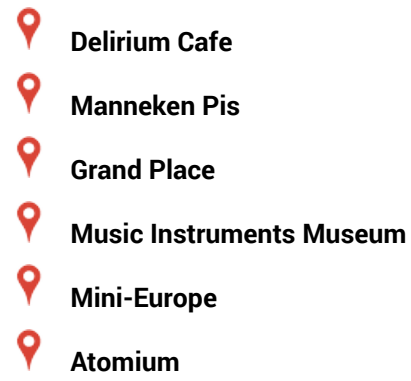
## Bruges / Ghent / Leuven / Namur

Belgium is quite a small country, and thus you can visit several other large cities of Belgium by train. **Bruges** is very popular, especially after the movie "In Bruges". Other recommendations are **Leuven**, **Ghent** and **Namur**.





# BRUSSELS TOUR



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# ●HOTEL

## Best Western Hotel

Website [www.bestwesternhotelexpo.be](http://www.bestwesternhotelexpo.be)

Avenue Houba de Strooper 600, Laeken, 1020 Bruxelles

## Alliance Hotel Brussel

Website [www.alliance-brussels-expo.h-rez.com](http://www.alliance-brussels-expo.h-rez.com)

Avenue Imperatrice Charlotte 6, Laeken, 1020 Bruxelles

## Auberge van Strombeek

Website [www.auberge-van-strombeek.hotel-rez.com](http://www.auberge-van-strombeek.hotel-rez.com)

Temselaan 6, 1853 Bruxelles, Belgique



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# HOSTELS



## Train Hostel

Website [www.trainhostel.be](http://www.trainhostel.be)

Avenue Georges Rodenbach, 6, Schaerbeek, 1030 Bruxelles

## Brussel Hello Hostel

Website [www.hello-hostel.eu](http://www.hello-hostel.eu)

Rue d'Armistice 1, Koekelberg, 1081 Bruxelles







# FOOD AND DRINK

Really close to Brussels Expo, you'll find Bruparck, a small village where you can find a lot of restaurant and pubs. If you feel more adventurous, here are some other restaurants further away from the venue:

## NINJA HOUSE

[www.ninjahouse.be](http://www.ninjahouse.be) +32 (0)2 514 98 68  
**Rue de la Vierge Noire, 16 / 1000 Brussels**

If you like all-you-can eat Japanese food, this is the place to go. For around 25€(drinks excluded) you can find a large variety of Japanese specialties.

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



## AUX ARMES DE BRUXELLES

[www.auxarmesdebruxelles.com](http://www.auxarmesdebruxelles.com) +32 (0)2 511 55 98  
**Rue des Bouchers, 13 / 1000 Brussels**

Close to the famous « Grand Place », this classy restaurant is one of the best in the touristic part of Brussels. Here, you wont be a tourist, you will be a guest. It is probably best to book in advance if you plan to eat here.

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



## PECK 47

[www.peck47.com](http://www.peck47.com)  
**Rue Marché aux Poulets, 47 / 1000 Brussels**

+32 (0)2 513 02 87

Peck47 is a little cafe near the "Grand Place" where you can find homemade sandwiches, soups, eggs, lavender infused home-made granola with Greek yoghurt, freshly baked cakes, smoothies and munchies to enjoy with your drink later in the day.

To go : Subway 1/5 till De Brouckère, then it's a 2 minute walk.

## RESTOBIÈRES

[www.restobieres.eu](http://www.restobieres.eu)  
**Rue des Renards, 9 / 1000 Brussels**

+32 (0)2 511 55 98

Home of Alain Fayt, a famous Chef in Brussels, in this small cosy restaurant you will find a lot of beer-based food and traditional Belgian food.You can, of course, drink a fresh beer with your meal.

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





# DRINK

Belgium is a renowned beer country, so no need to say you have a lot of really cool places to enjoy a drink.

**LA PORTE NOIRE**  
Rue des Alexiens, 57 / 1000 Brussels **+32 (0)2 514 98 68**

Located in a former covent (you can still see the well), this pub has a selection of 200 (mostly) Belgian Beers. If you're lucky, there 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.



**ROCK CLASSIC**  
Rue du Marché au Charbon, 55 / 1000 Brussels **+32 (0)2 514 98 68**

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.



**HYPERION ESPORT BAR**  
Rue de la Violette, 32 / 1000 Brussels **+32 (0)470 07 05 90**

The first E-sport bar in Bruxelles will welcome you with a big variety of beer and cocktail. You can drink them while watching stream, playing some video game or discuss with the bar tender about your favourite video game.

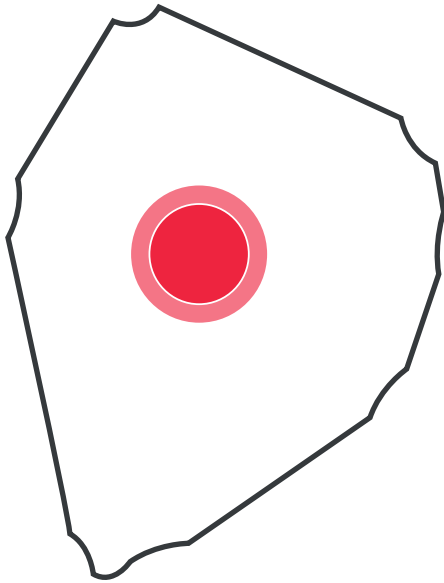
To go : Subway 1/5 till Central station, and then it's a 5 minute walk.





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