

WHAT'S ON WHILE IN BRUSSELS?

SPRING 2019 VIBES

"What's on while in Brussels" is the handbook of insider tips on how to experience the real Brussels in just a few hours. We have added a few of our favourite things to do!

Sunshine and warmth are on the agenda.

Boredom is banned in Brussels!



INTEREST PICKS

STROLLING THROUGH THE CITY

Take your pick of thematic walks to explore the city on your own or with a guide: Art Nouveau & Art Deco, Surrealism, Tintin, Comic Strip, the Beer Tour, or the Mixity Walk...

[Here's to our selection of thematic walks](#)

FOR CULTURE LOVERS

The options are legion whatever your interests. For art lovers: the [Magritte Museum](#), [BOZAR](#) and the [Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium](#). For history buffs: the [BELvue](#) and [Coudenberg](#). For Art Nouveau and Art Déco enthusiasts: [Maison Horta](#), [Maison Cauchie](#), [Villa Empain](#), and the [Van Buuren Museum](#). To fulfil specific passions: the [Royal Museum for Central Africa](#) (newly renovated!), the [Musical Instruments Museum](#), the [Museum of Natural Sciences](#), the [Belgian Comic Strip Centre](#), [Autoworld](#) and [The Temple of Human Passions](#).

BRUSSELS IS GREEN

Stay fit and zen. Take the air and stroll, jog or mediate in our parks: the Bois de la Cambre, the Sonian Forest, the Parc du Cinquantenaire, the Parc de Bruxelles and Parc de Laeken apart from our numerous public gardens and wide tree lined avenues.

- [visit.brussels selection](#)
- [Brussels gardens apps](#)
- Running city app: [running city world](#) or [strava](#)
- Sunday Yoga in the Park Cinquantenaire (May-Aug)

SUCCUMB TO TEMPTATION

Fries, beer and chocolate. Vive la différence!

- Finger-lickin' good! 14 [Brusselicious chip stands or vans](#). Stroll through the city like a real Brusseleer eating Belgian chips with your fingers.
- Try the innovative urban brewery [Brussels Beer Project](#): a far cry from monastic tradition!
- Immerse yourself in the cocoa and chocolate universe of [Brussels Choco Story Museum](#) (in a renovated and new venue).

AFTER HOURS

HERE, YOU WILL APPRECIATE THE QUALITY OF LIFE, THE MANY CULTURAL POSSIBILITIES AND, NOT LEAST, THE GREAT FOOD

SUMMER POP-UPS BARS AND ROOFTOPS

Open 7/7 with bar, food and music (and sometimes dancing)

- [Les Guinguettes Barc](#) (10.05-30.09, weather permitting)
4 unique pop-up Guinguettes in the main parks (so called Maurice, Fabiola, Henri and Gisèle)
- [La Terrasse O²](#) (17.05-20.07, covered in case of rain)
- Bar [Perché](#) on the rooftop of the JAM hotel
- [Brewdog](#) and craft beers

Thursday afterwork partying (an essential ritual in Brussels!)

- [Boeremet](#) (from mid-April)
Foodtrucks, bars and DeeJay's (outdoor but covered)
- [Là Haut rooftop](#) – Viage Casino (from May to Sept)
Luxurious décor in a garden with a view above Brussels
- Square 'Place du Luxembourg' for yuppies and Eurocrats

On certain days of the week

- [Pretentious Mondays](#) at Cospaia
- Wednesday's open air market and eating area at [Châtelain market](#) or [The European Canteen](#)
- Food trucks and DJs [Fridays Frunch](#) (lunchtime, from 17.05)

GOURMET RESTAURANTS WITH TERRACES

Worth the detour

- Spacious, fabulous and unexpected [Rouge Tomato](#)
- Trendy, mysterious and breathtaking [Cospaia](#)
- Sleek design and comfy tradition at [Crystal Lounge](#)
- On the Mont des Arts, [Kwint](#) offers a beautiful view
- [Bouchéry](#), vegetarian friendly and organic

ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME

Unique culinary experiences

- [Chalet Robinson](#) in a wood, on an island (Unbelievable!)
- [Dinner in the Sky](#) (13-23.06), the vertiginous experience
- The dizzying [Villa in the Sky](#)

CULTURE AT NIGHT

- [Kanal-Centre Pompidou](#), the Brussels' new cultural institution devoted to artistic creation (open until 10:00 p.m. on Thu, Fri, and Sat until June)
- [Wiels](#) contemporary art centre (open until 09:00 p.m. on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month)
- Theatre and concerts for international travellers (some English programmes too): [Théâtre National](#), [Flagey](#), [Bozar](#), [Botanique](#), [La Monnaie](#)



06.04-05.05: Floralia
Brussels



19.04-10.05: Majestic
Royal Greenhouses



04.05-05.05: Iris Festival,
Brussels' Region Festival



18.05: Belgian Pride, the
most colorful free festival



31.05-02.06:
Environnement festival



17-21.04: Listen Festival,
electronic & dance music



25-28.04: Art Brussels,
contemporary art fair



04.05: Open Day of the EU
institutions



19.05: 20km of Brussels,
annual race



26.06-29.06: Ommegang,
medieval procession



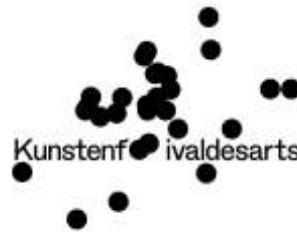
19-21.04: La Demence,
wonderland LGBT party



27.04: YO!fest, European
youth political festival



10.05-01.06:
Kunstenfestivaldesarts



24.05-26.05: Brussels Jazz
weekend (international Jazz)



8.06-30.06: Couleur Café,
urban world music



SPRING 2019 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

UNMISSABLE
EVENTS IF YOU
ARE IN
BRUSSELS ON
THESE DATES...



INSIDER TIPS

“IF I ONLY HAD A FEW HOURS OF FREE TIME...”

We have asked insiders to share what they would like to do best if they only had a few hours of free time:

“I would definitely wander through the small streets in the heart of the city, contemplate the wonderful Grand-Place and taste our famous beers and chocolate.”

Grégory Van Bulck, Radisson BLU Royal Hotel

“...and I would indulge in one of the numerous Art Nouveau and Art Deco heritage tours. Either by strolling in dedicated areas (close to Flagey and Louise) or with a bus tour that would allow me to visit some Art Nouveau highlights from the inside (including the unmissable Hotel Solvay).”

Luc Jacobs, Greeter

USEFUL LINKS

Quick links

- [What to do and see](#)
- [Cultural/festive activities](#)
- [Information bureau](#)



Moving around in the city

- [Bus, metro or tram](#)
- [Cab](#)
- [Shared taxis](#)
- [Collective night taxi](#)
- [Bikes](#)
- [Scooters](#)

Welcome to Brussels, a city where business, urban spirit, a cosmopolitan atmosphere, as well as cultural and leisure activities, blend into a harmonious whole.

Please visit the websites or contact the suggested places directly to make your reservations, to check opening days and times and to verify that all information is still valid.

AND IF IT RAINS?

COSY UP IN A CAFÉ

Relax and watch the world go by and take in the atmosphere in the warmth of [one of Brussels' many cafés](#).

GET CULTURAL

Brussels has so many museums [that you will spoiled for choice](#) (See on page 1 of this handbook).

GO ON A SHOPPING SPREE

[Explore traditional arcades](#) such as Galeries Royales Saint-Hubert, Porte Louise or Galeries Toison d'or or the shopping malls City 2, the Woluwé Shopping Centre, and Docks Bruxsel.

BROWSE BOOKSHOPS

Brussels has some truly great bookshops (with, sometimes, cafés):

- Over 20 languages: [Librebook](#)
- French, English & Flemish: [Filigranes Arts-Loi](#)
- English: [Cook & Book](#), [Sterling books](#)
- Italian: [La piola Libri](#)

