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BRUGES & BRUSSELS

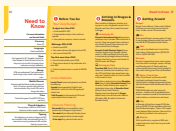
TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY

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In This Book

QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the cities – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know
Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods
What's where

Explore Bruges & Brussels

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



Top Sights
Make the most of your visit



Local Life
The insider's city

The Best of Bruges & Brussels

The cities' highlights in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks
See the city on foot



Bruges & Brussels' Best...
The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free experience in Bruges and Brussels



Getting Around
Travel like a local



Essential Information
Including where to stay

Our selection of the cities' best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**

















 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

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|  Opening Hours |  Pet-Friendly |
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|  Nonsmoking |  Ferry |
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|  Vegetarian Selection |  Tram |
|  English-Language Menu |  Train |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in Bruges. The showpiece is a painting by Papa Hemingway in town. Dress code: smart casual. www.barhemingway.com; Hôtel Ritzy; 6.30pm-2am

Lonely Planet's Bruges & Brussels

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the destination.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the cities into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the cities: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Bruges and Brussels.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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Welcome to Bruges & Brussels

Romantic, canal-woven Bruges and buzzing multinational Brussels are both unmissable. While Brussels dwarfs Bruges in size, both feature boats plying waterways, serene parks, a web of cycling trails, jumbled market stalls, forward-looking fashion and galleries packed with home-grown art, from Brueghel masterpieces to Hergé's Tintin. All this, plus the finest beer and chocolate in the world.



Bruges & Brussels

Top Sights

Grand Place (p66)

The core of the Belgian capital, and quite simply the most theatrical medieval square in Europe, with a magnificent array of gabled guildhouses and a spectacular town hall.

