Welcome to the World Heritage City of Bruges!

It is only fair to say that the places that stir all your senses and that creep under your skin are extremely rare. These are the places that pluck your heartstrings, yet whose secrets you can't unlock completely. Bruges happens to be such a unique place. Cultural and artistic, cosmopolitan, unashamedly Burgundian, mysteriously medieval, and a Unesco World Heritage site to boot. Strolling along Bruges' alleys, picturesque canals and verdant ramparts you cannot but fall hopelessly in love with her elegant mysteriousness.

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Tour of Flanders
This historic and world-famous race for professional cyclists will be contes...

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Film festival where films are shown with artistic content in a broad social...

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The previous five editions have shown that the international Airbag accordio...

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This procession that dates back to at least 1304, takes place in Bruges ever...

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Each year this highly respected festival of ancient music – MA stands for Mu...

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THE CITY

With Bruges it’s love at first sight!
Bruges is mysteriously medieval and unashamedly ebullient. Though a city of human proportions, it takes a while to explore its wealth of treasures. The city owes its greatness to history and now wears its Unesco World Heritage Site label with pride.

For centuries the canals of Bruges have linked the city to the sea, a guarantee of wealth and prosperity. International merchants built up Bruges into one of the largest Hanse cities. In the 15th century the city flourished as never before. Large parts of the medieval heritage remained practically intact. Therefore, it is only logical that Unesco designated the entire city centre as a world heritage site. Saunter along the enigmatic canals, the arteries of the city, and immerse yourself in Bruges’ Golden Century.

The economic affluence of the 15th century brought rich merchants to Bruges. They moved into majestic city palaces, packed with works of art. In the wake of the Burgundian dynasty, the great Flemish Primitives, including Jan van Eyck and Hans Memling found their creative niches in Bruges. The fine arts reigned supremely and Bruges quickly became the meeting place and source of inspiration for many artists. The world famous masterpieces and other top collections can be seen today in one of the 27 Bruges Museums.

In medieval Bruges, polyphonic chamber music and choral music reverberated vibrantly. Internationally renowned polyphonists had the run of the elegant city palaces of the rich Burgundians. Since the 19th century this tradition has been continued in the splendidly restored City Theatre, one of Europe’s best preserved city theatres. And also in the contemporary Concertgebouw (Concert Hall), a stone souvenir of Bruges 2002 when Bruges was the Cultural Capital of Europe, top productions follow one after the other.

At the grand parties in the princely palace of the dukes of Burgundy, romance was all the rage. This is where mysterious stories found their roots. The legend of the Bruges swans came about in the period after Mary of Burgundy’s passing. Pieter Lanchals, a name which means ‘long neck’, who was one of the town administrators belonging to the court of Maximilian of Austria, was executed in the Bruges market square. Legend has it that Maximilian punished Bruges by obliging the population to keep ‘long necks’, or swans, on their lakes and canals till eternity. To this day, proud swans guard the Bruges canals. This elegant image, the windy, mediaeval streets and cobbled squares turn Bruges into the most romantic destination.

Back in the early Middle Ages, Bruges was one of Europe’s most important sea ports. One hundred years ago, Bruges revisited this successful past when it turned the port of Zeebrugge into one of Europe’s most significant ports for container traffic and a considerable gas terminal for a large part of Europe. For cruise ships too, this port, right by the North Sea, is an excellent mooring place at a stone’s throw from the historic heart of the World Heritage city of Bruges.

When the Flemish cloth industry lost in importance in the 15th century, Bruges concentrated on the production of various luxury goods. Guilds and, later on, trade organisations, kept a watchful eye on, and protected, the creation of these quality products. Besides panel painting by the Flemish Primitives, Bruges excelled in the
goldsmith art, the production of illuminated manuscripts, diamond cutting and lace. Today, the World Heritage city is still an international centre of refined craftsmanship. Bruges is a leader in the field of calligraphy and letter sculpting. Moreover, two reputed colleges train culinary talent, allowing them to create gastronomic furore in Bruges and overseas. The capital of chocolate is the obvious place where you will find the cream of artisan chocolatiers.

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF BRUGES**

The 10 classic places that no one should miss!

**Rozenhoedkaai: a living picture postcard**

The Rozenhoedkaai links the Belfry to the city’s network of canals (‘reien’). So perhaps it was inevitable that the quay should become one of the most photogenic locations in all of Bruges. In fact, this spot is so special that it is almost impossible not to take a photograph: a living postcard that you can be a part of!

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D'Hondt
Address: Rozenhoedkaai

**A quiet moment in the Beguinage**

Some places are so beautiful that you will have no choice but to fall silent. The Beguinage is such a beauty spot. When you amble through its quiet inner court, its purity will leave you speechless. Therefore take your time and while away along the romantic Minnewater where you will fully enjoy the age-old view.

Address: Begijnhof
Burg and City Hall: medieval opulence

The Burg is one of the city’s most beautiful squares. For more than six centuries Bruges has been governed from its 14th-century city hall, one of the oldest and most venerable in the Low Countries. All this time this remarkable historic building has dominated this majestic square. Nowhere else will you be able to experience the city’s wealth and affluence so strongly.

Address: Burg

The Flemish Primitives: world famous art from Bruges

Admire the unique and world-famous collection of pictures by the Flemish Primitives in the very city where they were painted. Or do you prefer the groundbreaking contemporary art scene, or perhaps poignant and romantic folklore or majestic town palaces? The Bruges museums will happily serve all your needs.

Wandering through the old Hansa Quarter

From the 13th to the 15th century, Bruges was an important trading centre at the crossroads between the Hansa cities of Scandinavia, England and Germany (known collectively in those days as the ‘Easterners’) and the most important commercial regions in France, Spain and Italy. The Spanish traders established themselves at Spaanse Loskaai (Spanish Unloading Quay), while the Easterners set up shops on the Oosterlingenplein (Easterners’ Square). Places where you can still sometimes feel the atmosphere of days long gone by.

The Canals of Bruges: the city’s arteries

Experience the city by following an age-old tradition. Cruising Bruges’ canals – the remarkable city arteries – you will discover secret gardens, picturesque bridges and wonderfully beautiful views. Although it sounds incredible, Bruges’ loveliest places ooze even more charm when you admire them travelling by boat.

The Centuries-old Bruges Skyline: Church of Our Lady, Belfry, Saint Saviour’s Cathedral

Three spires dominate the Bruges skyline each in their own way. The imposing Belfry has been the proud symbol of Bruges’ independence for centuries. The stiff climb up its stairs will be rewarded with an unforgettable panorama. The brick tower of the Church of Our Lady – the second highest tower of its kind in the world – exemplifies the craftsmanship of Bruges’ artisans.

Almshouses: charity frozen in stone

Almshouses are tiny villages within the city’s ramparts. That’s how these medieval residential courts are best described. Centuries ago they were built out of mortar and charity. Today their picturesque gardens, whitewashed façades and glorious silence are the city’s havens of peace par excellence.
Bruges' cultural shrines: culture with a capital 'C'

Bruges offers the possibility to experience culture under the best possible conditions. What about an opera at the state-of-the-art Concert Hall? Or perhaps a groundbreaking performance at the theatre? It is absolutely no coincidence that this grand building is one of Europe’s best-preserved city theatres. Whatever you choose, you can be sure of a great time in an exceptional setting.

Market Square - a must

If there is only one place you can visit in Bruges, this is it. The Market Square is literally and figuratively the beating heart of the city. The colourful guild houses, the clatter of horses’ hooves, the rattling of the carriages and the dominating presence of the Belfry all combine to create a setting of great beauty and charm, which is part medieval and part modern. And if you are feeling energetic, you can still climb the 366 steps of the 83-metre high belfry tower, which will reward you with a spectacular panorama over the city and its surrounding hinterland. The Market is also the home of Historium, a brand-new top attraction that takes you back to the golden days of Bruges in the Middle Ages. The balcony on the first floor has a fine view of the square, with its statue of Jan Breydel and Pieter de Coninck, two of the city’s most important historical figures.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan Darthet
Address: Markt

BRUGGE CITY CARD

Brugge City Card - endless benefits!

Would you like to explore Bruges and go easy on your wallet at the same time? Would you like to enjoy special offers whilst getting to know the city in all its facets?

With the Brugge City Card you will accumulate one discount after another and even visit countless attractions completely free! This super bargain card is handy and inexpensive and your unique chance to save more than €250.00! Available at the information offices on Markt, ’t Zand and Stationsplein or order your Brugge City Card at: www.bruggecitycard.be
DO & SEE

Some places are so special, so breathtaking or so unique that you simply have to see them. Bruges is filled to the brim with wonderful witnesses of a prosperous past, whether they be peaceful and picturesque, spiritual or, on the contrary, extremely entertaining.

Basilica of the Holy Blood

This double chapel consists of the Romanesque Basilica of Saint Basil (1139-1149) on the ground floor and the Basilica on the first floor, rebuilt in Gothic revival style in the 19th century. The Relic of the Holy Blood is kept in the Basilica. The fully renovated treasury, with its numerous valuable works of art, is also well worth a visit.

Beguinage

The ‘Princely Beguinage Ten Wijngaarde’ with its whitewashed house fronts, tranquil convent garden and beguinage museum was founded in 1245. Today the nuns of the Order of Saint Benedict inhabit the site.

Belfry

This most important of Bruges’ towers stands 83 metres tall. It houses a treasure-chamber, an impressive clock mechanism and a carillon with 47 silver-toned bells. Your reward after a climb up the tower’s 366 stairs is a breathtaking and unforgettable panoramic view of Bruges and her surroundings.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt
Address: Burg 13
Phone: +32 50 33 67 92
Internet: www.holyblood.com
More Info: free with Brugge City Card

Discounted / free entrance with Brugge City Card. More info in the City Card-section.
**Belgian Fries Museum**

This didactic museum sketches the history of the potato, Belgian fries and the various sauces and dressings that accompany this most delicious and most famous of Belgian comestibles. The museum is housed in Saaihalle, one of Bruges’ most attractive buildings.

*Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt*

Address: Vlamingstraat 33
Phone: +32 50 34 01 50
Internet: www.frietmuseum.be
More Info: free with Brugge City Card

**Bruges Diamond Museum + diamond cutting demonstration**

This museum illustrates the history of Bruges as the oldest diamond centre in Europe. Today, diamond remains one of Belgium's most important export products. The daily demonstration of diamond cutting is a sparkling affair.

*Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt*

Address: Katelijnestraat 43
Phone: +32 50 34 20 56
Internet: www.diamondmuseum.be
More Info: free with Brugge City Card

**Brewery De Halve Maan/guided tour + tasting**

The ‘Halve Maan’ (Half Moon) is an authentic and historic brewery in the centre of Bruges. This ‘home’ brewery is a family business with a tradition stretching back through six generations to 1856. This is where the Bruges city beer – the ‘Brugse Zot’ – is brewed: a strong-tasting, high-fermentation beer based on malt, hops and special yeast. There are guided tours of the brewery every day in a number of different languages. After the tour, visitors are treated to the blond version of the ‘Brugse Zot’.

*Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan Darhet*

Address: Wijnakstraat 2
Phone: +32 50 61 22 37
Internet: www.halvemaan.be
More Info: free with Brugge City Card

**Choco-Story/Chocolate Museum**

The museum dips its visitors in the history of cocoa and chocolate. From the Maya and the Spanish conquistadores to the chocolate connoisseurs of today. A chocolate hunt gives children the chance to discover the museum. Chocolates are made by hand and sampled on the premises.

*Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt*

Address: Wijnakstraat 2
Phone: +32 50 61 22 37
Internet: www.choco-story.be
More Info: free with Brugge City Card

Discounted / free entrance with Brugge City Card. More info in the City Card-section.
City Hall

Bruges’ City Hall (1376-1420) is one of the oldest in the Low Countries. It is from here that the city has been governed for more than 600 years. An absolute masterpiece is the Gothic Hall with its late 19th-century murals and polychrome vault. The adjoining historic hall calls up the city council’s history with a number of authentic documents and works of art. A multimedial exhibition on the ground floor illustrates the evolution of the Burg square.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt
Address: Burg 12
Internet: www.museabrugge.be
More Info: free with Brugge City Card

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Church of Our Lady

The 122 metres high brick tower of the Church of Our Lady is a perfect illustration of the craftsmanship of Bruges’ artisans. The church displays a valuable art collection:

Michelangelo’s world-famous Madonna and Child, countless paintings, 13th-century painted sepulchres and the tombs of Mary of Burgundy and Charles the Bold.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt
Address: Mariastraat
Internet: www.museabrugge.be
More Info: free with Brugge City Card

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Museum-Gallery Xpo Salvador Dalí

Admire the fantastic collection of worldfamous graphic works and sculptures of the famous artist Dalí. All the works are originals, whose authenticity has been confirmed by Gala-Salvador Dalí Foundation in Spain. An audio-guide (Dutch, French or English) leads you through the collection, which is presented in a sensational Daliesque décor of mirrors and shocking pink.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt
Address: Markt 7
Phone: +32 50 33 88 44
Internet: www.dali-interart.be
More Info: free with Brugge City Card

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Expo Picasso

The historic area of the former Hospital of Saint John (Old Saint John’s) hosts a permanent exhibition of more than 120 original works of art by Pablo Picasso. Admire the engravings and rare illustrations as well as the drawings and ceramics of the world-famous artist. The exhibition outlines the evolution in his work: from his Spanish period to cubism to surrealism. Also on display are some 200 works by artist friends of Picasso’s, such as Rodin, Miró, Chagall, Renoir and Matisse and even a few paintings by Monet, Toulouse-Lautrec, Degas and Braque...

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt
Address: Oud Sint-Jan, Mariastraat 38
Phone: +32 50 47 61 08
Internet: www.expo-brugge.be
More Info: free with Brugge City Card

Discounted / free entrance with Brugge City Card. More info in the City Card-section.
**Groeninge Museum**

The Groeninge Museum offers a varied overview of the history of Belgian plastic arts. Although the Flemish Primitives are a high point, you will also marvel at top 18th and 19th-century neoclassical pieces, masterpieces from Flemish Expressionism and post-war modern art.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan Darthet
Address: Dijver 12
Internet: www.museabrugge.be
More Info: free with Brugge City Card

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**Gruuthuse Museum**

The opulent palace of the lords of Gruuthuse include splendid tapestries, a unique prayer chapel, a five-centuries-old kitchen and a collection of objects illustrating daily life between the 15th and the 19th century, from everyday kitchen ware to superb silverware.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt
Address: Dijver 17
Internet: www.museabrugge.be
More Info: free with Brugge City Card

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**Lace Centre**

The Lace Centre is housed in a 15th-century complex, which includes amongst other things the historic almshouses funded by the Adornes family, who also built the Jerusalem Chapel. In the lace workshops various demonstrations are given (2.00 p.m. -5.00 p.m.) and numerous training courses are held. In the adjacent shop, you can buy different types of lace and lace products. In 2014, the Lace Centre will move to new premises in the renovated lace school at Balstraat no. 16 (just around the corner), which was once used by the Apostoline Sisters. This new location will make it possible for the first time in many years to create a lace museum (on the ground floor) that is truly worthy of the name.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt
Discover Bruges

You might want to stroll, amble and saunter down the streets of Bruges all day long or even for a whole weekend. Nothing wrong with that. However, it won’t do you any harm if you look at the city from a different perspective. During a walking or bicycle tour a guide will show you numerous secret places. Maybe you prefer a boat trip on the mysterious canals. An unforgettable experience! And a ride in a horse-drawn carriage must surely be the perfect romantic outing.

Perhaps you simply want to tour all the highlights as quickly and as comfortably as possible? Then a minibus is what you need, and expert commentary is what you will get. And how about a balloon ride or a daytrip on a Vespa scooter? The choice is yours!

Bruges by Boat

A visit to Bruges isn’t complete without a boat trip on its canals. Go aboard at any of the five landing stages (consult city map) for a half-hour trip that allows you to appreciate the most noteworthy delights of the city from a completely different angle.

Sound Factory - Lantern Tower

Discover the Sound Factory in the Lantern Tower of the contemporary Concertgebouw. Create yourself the sounds of the city through interactive sound art. The location also offers you an excellent view over the Old Town and its towers.

Saint John’s Hospital

Saint John’s Hospital has an eight hundred-year-old history of caring for pilgrims, travellers and the sick. Visit the medieval wards where the nuns and monks performed their work of mercy and marvel at the impressive collection of archives, art works, medical instruments and six paintings by Hans Memling. Also worth a visit: the Diksmuide attic, the old dormitory, the adjoining custodian’s room and the pharmacy.

Address: Peperstraat 3a (later: Balstraat 16)
Phone: +32 50 33 00 72
Internet: www.kantcentrum.eu
More Info: free with Brugge City Card

Discover / free entrance with Brugge City Card. More info in the City Card-section.
**Bruges on Foot**

Are you not exhausted from walking yet? Are you still in the mood for a tour with guide? Then hurry to the information office ‘t Zand (Concertgebouw) and register for a two-hour fascinating guided walk. Languages: English, Dutch and French.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt
Internet: wwwicketsbrugge.be
More Info: in Jan., Feb., March, Nov. and Dec.: free with Brugge City Card
Discounted / free entrance with Brugge City Card. More info in the City Card-section.

**City Tour Bruges**

The minibuses call at the different highlights of the city. They leave every half an hour from Markt for a fifty-minute trip. Headphones provide commentary in English, Dutch, French, German, Spanish, Italian and Japanese.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt
Opening hours: March-November: 10.00 a.m.-6.30 p.m., January, February, November and December: 10.00 a.m. until sunset
Phone: +32 50 35 50 24
Internet: www.citytour.be
More Info: free with Brugge City Card from 15 November up to 28 February
Discounted / free entrance with Brugge City Card. More info in the City Card-section.

**Bruges By Horse-drawn Carriage**

The half-hour carriage ride along Bruges’ historic winding streets trots off on Markt (at Burg on Wednesday morning). Halfway through the ride the carriage briefly stops at the Beguinage. The coachman gives expert commentary en route.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt
Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m., in July and August: 9.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m.
Internet: www.hippo.be/koets
More Info: a carriage seats up to 5 people

**Bruges by Hot Air Balloon**

The most adventurous way to discover Bruges is by hot-air balloon. Bruges Ballooning organizes both a morning flight (including a champagne breakfast) and an evening flight (including a bite to eat, champagne or a beer) over Bruges. The whole trip lasts for three hours, with at least one hour in the air. You will be collected from wherever you are staying.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt
Phone: +32 475 97 28 87
Internet: www.bruges-ballooning.com
More Info: discount with Brugge City Card
Discounted / free entrance with Brugge City Card. More info in the City Card-section.

**Bruges by bike**

QuasiMundo Biketours Bruges

The narrow streets reveal the medieval character of the ancient port. The fascinating stories by the guide will catapult you back to a time when knights and counts ruled the town. It goes without saying that there is a stop along the way for a thirst-quenching Belgian beer.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt
Phone: +32 50 33 07 75
Internet: www.quasimundo.com
More Info: ‘Bruges By Bike’: March-November, daily: 10.00 a.m.-12.30
To savour and to feast, that’s what Bruges is all about. A land of plenty for lovers of the finest delicacies. Nowhere else will you find so many appetising culinary delights in such a compact area. Indeed, the citizens of Bruges themselves are mightily fond of authentic food and drink.
**Award-winning restaurants**

Bruges is called the epicentre of the world's gastronomy for good reason. The city places itself on the menu with an impressive list of first-class restaurants.

### Michelin 2014

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Tête Pressée (13/20) | Chef Pieter Lonneville | Koningin Astridlaan 100, 8200 Sint-Michiels | tel. +32 (0)473 71 25 80 | www.tetepressee.be

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Restaurant Pergola | Hotel Die Swaene | Meestraat 7, 8000 Brugge | tel. +32 (0)50 44 76 50 | www.restaurantpergola.be

’t Jong Gerecht | Oude Burg 20, 8000 Brugge | tel. +32 (0)50 33 93 36 | www.mangerie.com

Parkrestaurant | Minderbroedersstraat 1, 8000 Brugge | tel. +32 (0)497 80 18 72 | www.parkrestaurant.be

More Info: Source: GaultMillau, Belux 2014

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Looking for a cozy drink? Discover the many cafés in Bruges.

**Bar des Amis**
Located on the illustrious Eiermarkt square, a favourite to any beer lover, this tranquil café immediately catches your eye. Bar des Amis is built in a traditional manner, complete with wooden bar chairs, a sturdy bar you can lean on all night long, and a great atmosphere that will keep you coming back.

Address: Eiermarkt 19
Internet: www.bardesamis.be

**Delaney’s Irish Pub & Restaurant**
This Irish pub is the place to be for Irishmen who are far from home and for anyone who likes to have a Guinness once in a while. You can also have a bite to eat before or after the drinking fest.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan Darthe
Address: Burg 8
Internet: www.delaneys.be

**’t Brugs Beertje**
A paradise for beer lovers! The bar is where locals and tourists find each other and fraternize while tasting one of the 300 Belgian beers. It’s no coincidence that the café has been elected one of the world’s 20 best beer cafés!

Address: Kemelstraat 5
Internet: www.brugsbeertje.be

**Café De Reisduif**
A popular village café in the middle of the city. That’s Café De Reisduif in a nutshell. In other words, an authentic place with a pleasant atmosphere where it doesn’t matter where you’re from or where you’re going.

Address: Langerei 30

**Café Vlissinghe**
Even though its roots go all the way back to 1515, making Café Vlissinghe the oldest café in Bruges, it is still full of life. In summer you can even play a game of pétanque in the garden.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge
Address: Blekersstraat 2
Internet: www.cafevlissinghe.be

**Cambrinus**
Calling the beer menu of this beer brasserie extensive would be an understatement. It boasts no less than 400 kinds, enough to make you lose your bearings for a moment...

Address: Philipstockstraat 19
Internet: www.cambrinus.eu
Concertgebouw Café

Concertgebouw, where you can enjoy concerts, plays and dance performances, also has a nice city bar. Perfect for those who want to have a cup of coffee in the afternoon or enjoy a glass of wine at night.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge
Address: ‘t Zand 34
Internet: www.concertgebouw.be/cafe

Craenenburg

Huis Craenenburg has dominated Bruges’ Markt square for centuries. Margaret of York watched the tournaments from this establishment, and it is also where Maximilian of Austria was imprisoned. Today it is the place to be to enjoy a drink and a bite to eat in an authentic Flemish atmosphere.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan Darthet
Address: Markt 16
Internet: www.craenenburg.be

De Garre

De Garre lies hidden in one of the smallest streets of Bruges in the shadow of the Belfry. This small and cosy pub offers you different kinds of beverages, including the exclusive ‘Tripel van De Garre’!

Address: De Garre 1
Internet: www.degarre.be

De Lokkedeize

Jazz, blues, chanson or a bit of rock ‘n roll, De Lokkedeize doesn’t discriminate. So it won’t surprise you that it is a place where both residents and visitors like to sit and chat.

Address: Korte Vuldersstraat 33
Internet: www.lokkedeize.be

’t Hof van Rembrandt

Another classic on Eiermarkt square is ‘t Hof van Rembrandt, blessed with a lovely sun terrace and an impressive beer menu. From trappist and abbey beers over fruit beers to the beer of the month. Make your choice!

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt
Address: Eiermarkt 10
Internet: www.thofvanrembrandt.be

’t Klein Venetië

All of Bruges’ outdoor cafés are extremely popular, but that of ‘t Klein Venetië beats them all. It’s an ideal spot to relax in the sun with a wonderful view of Rozenhoedkaai.

Address: Braambergstraat 1

L’Estaminet

An established venue and the favourite bar of many inhabitants of Bruges. L’Estaminet is famous for its authentic interior, its delicious bar snacks and its perfectly pulled beers. Now and then the tables are moved to the side to make room for dancing, which goes on until the wee hours of the morning.
Punta Est

If you want to enjoy the sun for as long as possible, you should hurry to Punta Est to make yourself comfortable in the setting sun on the corner of Predikherenrei. It is without a doubt one of the city’s best kept secrets.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan Darthet
Address: Predikherenrei 1

’t Zwart Huis

At ’t Zwart Huis, a listed monument dating from 1482, you kill two birds with one stone. On the first floor you can have a bite to eat, and below cocktails are served at will. A place where you’ll never be bored.

Photo: Stad Brugge
Address: Kupersstraat 23
Internet: www.bistrozwarthuis.be

Café Rose Red

Café Rose Red is a cheery café that is full of character. It is located in the heart of Bruges, a stone’s throw from the Markt Square. A quiet side street takes you away from the tourist route and spirits you away into an authentic jewel in the town centre of Bruges. Their speciality is Trappist beer; hence they offer all the trappist beers that are recommended all over the world. Come savour this delectable nectar inside the café or on the pleasant terrace.

Photo: Cordoeaniersstraat 16
Internet: www.caferosered.com

Li O Lait

This is a new coffee house, but it has plenty of old-world charm. A paradise for coffee-lovers, who know their filter-coffee from their espresso and their latte from their cappuccino. Tea-lovers will also find an impressive range of choice, while those with a sweet tooth can opt for a white hot chocolate. Trendsetters may prefer an ice-cold coffee shake, whereas the true hedonists will undoubtedly go for a refreshing glass of cava.

Address: Dweersstraat 30
Internet: www.liolait.be

BARS & NIGHTLIFE

Looking for a night on the town? Discover the many bars in Bruges.

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Bar Salon
A hip, groovy tapas bar that reminds you of Barcelona. A trendy spot that’s always chock-a-block with locals who come here for a relaxing moment before going to lunch or dinner at the restaurant that belongs to the same owners.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D'Hondt
Address: Langestraat 17
Internet: www.rock-fort.be

Bauhaus
Bauhaus, Youth Hostel, Budget Hotel, café, restaurant and well-known in backpacker circles, is the meeting point for travellers in search of adventure. This creates a contagious atmosphere. The bar is where locals and foreigners find each other and where close friendships are forged from time to time.

Photo: Stad Brugge
Address: Langestraat 135
Internet: www.bauhaus.be

B-In
Lounge bar, party place, lunch and dinner establishment and afternoon outdoor café. B-In is many things. Above all, it’s a great spot where you can wave to the passing tourist boats in the afternoon and dance your heart out at night.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge
Address: Zonnekemeers Oud Sint-Jan
Internet: www.b-in.be

Charlie Rockets
Once it was a cinema today it is a meeting place for residents and backpackers. You can regularly enjoy live music here, and we haven’t even mentioned the happy hour yet! And if that isn’t enough, you can enjoy a game of pool.

Address: Hoogstraat 19
Internet: www.charlierockets.be

De Kleine Nachtmuziek
Whisky lovers will be in for a real treat at this hidden gem. You can choose from no less than eighty single malt whiskies. So you’ll have a lot of tasting to do. Even those who like to keep things a bit more discreet will find something to their liking in this candle-light pub.

Photo: Stad Brugge
Address: Sint-Jakobsstraat 60

De Republiek
Bruges’ version of a Grand Café. Here, in the morning you can enjoy a cup of coffee, have your afternoon tea on the cosily sheltered inner patio, and in the evening you end your dinner with a couple of delicious cocktails. And afterwards there will definitely be a party.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D'Hondt
Address: Sint-Jakobsstraat 36
Internet: www.derepubliek.be

De Vuurmolen
This bar has been a go-to place for night owls for many
years now. When all the other bars have long closed their doors, you can be sure that De Vuurmolen is still shaking on its foundations. Indeed, there are still certainties in this world.

Address: Kraanplein 5
Internet: www.facebook.com/vuurmolen

**Du Phare**

You can find this bluesy bistro at the edge of the city. Sitting on the spacious sun terrace, you can see everyone who enters Bruges. You can have fun here both in the afternoon and at night.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt
Address: Sasplein 2
Internet: www.duphare.be

**Groot Vlaenderen**

The latest hype in Bruges is called Groot Vlaenderen, a wonderful and particularly elegant cocktail bar where every cocktail is prepared right in front of you in an expert fashion. A must!

Address: Vlamingstraat 94
Internet: www.grootvlaenderen.be

**’t Hof van Beroep**

This new place to be is already a hit with Bruges’ inhabitants and in no time it has become the favourite spot to talk after football or to watch a match on TV.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt
Address: Langestraat 125
Internet: www.thofvanberoep.com

**Joey’s Café**

Situated in the middle of the hustle and bustle of the shopping zone, this small pub lies somewhat hidden from the outside world. It’s a bit of an unusual place, but that doesn’t make Joey’s Café less authentic. Be prepared for a night of blues, jazz and rock.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt
Address: Zilversteeg 4

**Nocturne**

It’s always exciting to descend into a medieval cellar. Immerse yourself in Bruges’ glorious past and imagine the stories you might hear if these walls could talk. Cheers!

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D’Hondt
Address: Wollestraat 29d
Internet: www.nocturne-brugge.be

**’t Risico**

You can find ’t Risico in a peaceful neighbourhood far away from the throng of tourists. It is an authentic neighbourhood pub where the locals still come together to share the latest news. Don’t worry though, non-locals are welcome too.

Address: Jeruzalemstraat 53
Internet: www.trisico.be

**Vino Vino**

Apart from perfectly pulled beers, this bluesy tapas bar also serves a few hearty tapas. So it won’t surprise you that the bar is always full of locals who come in here
practically every other day.

Address: Grauwerkerstraat 15

**Wijnbar Est**

In this tiny, yet super cosy wine bar, Noëlla serves excellent wines while telling you all about them. On Sundays it is the place to be for a Lazy Sunday and you are treated to some laid-back live jazz.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan Darthet
Address: Braambergstraat 7
Internet: www.wijnbarest.be

**Film festival Mooov**

Film festival where films are shown with artistic content in a broad social context.

Photo: Mooov vzw
Address: Cinema Lumière / Cinema Liberty
Phone: +32 50 34 83 54
Internet: www.mooov.be
More Info: 23 April - 4 May 2014

**EVENTS**

There is no better way to fraternise with the townspeople of Bruges than to immerse yourself in the infectious ambiance at the innumerable events that sweep through the whole city.

The monthly magazine events@brugge offers a detailed events calendar. It is available free of charge at the information office at Markt, ’t Zand or Stationsplein.

**Tour of Flanders**

This historic and world-famous race for professional cyclists will be contested for the 98th time in 2014. The start is on the Markt.

**Airbag festival**

The previous five editions have shown that the international Airbag accordion festival more than deserves its place in the Bruges events calendar. The festival offers a balanced combination of festive performances and easy-listening concerts.

Address: Markt, Burg & Kruisvest
Internet: www.ccbrugge.be/airbag
More Info: 16 May - 1 June 2014

**Procession of the Holy Blood**

This procession that dates back to at least 1304, takes place in Bruges every year on Ascension Day. Although there have been many changes over the centuries, the heart of the event is the reenactment of the passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Procession of the Holy Blood was added to the representative list of intangible cultural heritage of humanity.
**MAfestival**
Each year this highly respected festival of ancient music – MA stands for Musica Antiqua – continues to attract the world's top performers to Bruges and Bruges' wet- and woodlands.

Address: Bruges & Bruges’ wet- and woodlands
Internet: www.mafestival.be
Email: info@mafestival.be
More Info: 1 August - 10 August 2014

**14-18, The War in Pictures | Bruges at War**
Exactly 100 years after the German invasion of Bruges, the city of Bruges is commemorating the Great War with three exhibitions. This world conflict is shown both in its Bruges context and its international framework, from both a historical and an artistic point of view. A historical exhibition tells the little-known history of a city living under occupation while serving as an operations base for the war at sea. It zooms in on daily life in wartime Bruges and widens the canvas to take in the global dimension of the First World War. Two photography exhibitions continue this broader perspective and propel us forward to the present day. The work of contemporary photographers forms a counterpoint to archival photographs. With its long tradition of art exhibitions, the city of Bruges focuses once again on potent image-making.

Address: Belfry, Markt 7
Phone: +32 50 44 87 43
Internet: www.musebrugge.be

**December Dance**
A festival of contemporary dance that allows many of today's leading choreographers to strut their stuff and do their thing. In 2014, December Dance focuses on Asia.

Photo: Concertgebouw Brugge
Address: Concert Hall, Royal City Theatre, Biekorf and Magdalena Concert Hall (MaZ)
Tickets: www.ticketsbrugge.be
Internet: www.decemberdance.be
More Info: December

**SHOPPING**
There is nothing more pitiful than returning home with a trivial souvenir that is immediately exiled to a cupboard. Bruges offers a solution. The World Heritage City impresses with a selection of authentic gadgets, novelties and other objects that you would dearly love to keep yourself. From unique lacework and glittering diamonds to frothy local beers and compellingly delicious chocolate. Too good and too tempting to resist!
LACE
You don't fancy a boring run-of-the-mill souvenir? Why not purchase some unique Bruges lace? A fine piece of fancywork with an incontestable reputation.

BEER
Let's not beat about the bush. A Brugean enjoys a pint of beer now and then, especially if the beer has been brewed in his own city. It is therefore only logical that Bruges boasts two authentic city beers: Straffe Hendrik and Brugse Zot.

CHOCOLATE
It only stands to reason that Bruges calls itself the capital of chocolate. In other words, if you don’t succumb to a piece of chocolate here, you’ll never ever taste chocolate in your life. Almost the entire city is covered in the sweet smell of this delicacy, as around every corner a chocolate temptation is lurking.

Alfa Papyrus
Here, you will find quirky calligraphy cards and pebbles, special handmade paper and various unique creations, ranging from small note books to solid, timeless photo albums. Books you will want to treasure forever.

‘t Apostelientje
‘t Apostelientje, established nearly 30 years ago, is the place to be for handmade lace. It sells both contemporary pieces and beautiful antique lace gems, sometimes even framed. Or why not buy some lace and have a go yourself?

Chapellerie Baeckelandt
For more than two decades, Frédérique Baeckelandt has been kitting out the locals with suitable hats. She designs and manufactures the ladies’ hats herself, and a sketch is all she needs to make the hat of your dreams.

Djamil Zenasni
Djamil Zenasni’s passion is restoring and re-upholstering antique or worn-out seats in the traditional way. And you can choose from a host of fabrics, from budget-friendly to exclusive, tailored to suit every taste and every budget!
**Ginkgo**

A solid-silver, timeless collection of jewellery, handmade in our own workshop at an affordable price. That is Ginkgo in a nutshell. But you can also buy tailored pieces, as well as precious stone jewellery. Anything is possible!

Address: Walplein 21 & Mariastraat 12
Phone: +32 479 26 94 89
Internet: www.ginkgojewels.com
Email: ginkgo@zilversmid.be

**Optiek Hoet**

No trendy look, whether it's that of a designer, advertiser or woman in the media, is complete without Hoet glasses. This is the place for Hoet's own design classics. Fashion for trendsetters. Popular the world over, but with its cradle in Bruges.

Address: Vlamingstraat 19
Phone: +32 50 33 50 02
Internet: www.optiekhoet-brugge.be
Email: brugge@hoet.eu

**KinGin**

Every day, Nikolaas and Nathalie work tête-à-tête at their immensely long counter for hours. Each piece passes through both their hands. You will find both wedding bands and pieces to suit your taste and budget, ranging from sleek silver, classical gold to exclusive gemstones.

Address: Ezelstraat 27
Phone: +32 50 34 19 09
Internet: www.kingin.be
Email: kingin@telenet.be

**Quijo**

More than 60 years ago, father Quijo opened this exclusive jewellery store. Today, his son, Peter, is at the helm. He impresses with own designs and has even managed to create two new diamond cuts. Something which promptly earned him a De Beers award.

Address: Breidelstraat 18
Phone: +32 50 34 10 10
Internet: www.quijo.be
Email: info@quijo.be

**Monart**

Since 1977, Monart has been working as framer and restorer of paintings and frames. His speciality is the gilded and handmade frames. Custom-made according to ancient techniques.

Address: Genthof 33
Phone: +32 476 25 64 17
Internet: www.monartrugge.be
Email: bart@monartrugge.be

**Sun Mae**

Luxury lingerie for ladies, that is what Sun Mae guarantees. In this boudoir-style lingerie boutique, simplicity, craftsmanship and feminine elegance prevail. All this with an exclusive touch. So Sun Mae sells unique lingerie sets that appeal to the imagination.

Address: Hoogstraat 25
Phone: +32 50 34 78 34
Internet: www.sunmae.be
The Chocolate Line

Supplies to the best star-rated restaurants, is acclaimed the world over and makes ground-breaking chocolate creations, using ingredients as diverse as ginger puree and wasabi. Each chocolate is an ingenious flavour composition that you will never forget.

Address: Simon Stevinplein 19
Phone: +32 50 34 10 90
Internet: www.thechocolateline.be
Email: info@thechocolateline.be

Veerle Praet

Couturière Veerle Praet impresses with exquisite bridal couture and prêt-à-porter collections. Why not get your wedding dress custom-made in her luxurious salon where shop and workshop merge into one? You start with a blank canvas and end up with a unique, unforgettable dress.

Address: Genthof 3
Phone: +32 50 61 66 67
Internet: www.veerlepraet.com
Email: info@veerlepraet.com

Accommodations

Whether you opt for a classy four-star hotel, a charming B&B, a cheap-and-cheerful youth hostel or an authentic holiday home, one thing is certain: in Bruges there is always plenty of choice and you will always spend the night in style.

Stay the night in Bruges at competitive rates

Book a room in a cosy Bed & Breakfast or in one of our charming hotels.

Book online or upon arrival in the information offices at Markt, 't Zand or Stationsplein.

Internet: www.brugge.be

Essential Information

Airport

Via Brussels Airport daily flights from 200 destinations in 66 countries. Easy access to Bruges by train.
Via Brussels-South-Charleroi-Airport multiple flights a week by low cost airlines from several European cities. Frequent train and bus connections between the airport and Bruges.

**Public Transport**

Train:
transfer at Brussels-Midi/Zuid to Bruges when coming from other European cities. Multiple direct connections each day from Brussels, Ghent and Antwerp, but also from other Belgian cities to Bruges.

Ferry from the UK:
Dover-Dunkirk: DFDS Seaways
Dover-Calais: DFDS Seaways & P&O ferries
Ramsgate-Ostend: Transeuropa Ferries
Hull-Zeebrugge: P&O ferries

Car:
Bruges is located along the E40 motorway, between Ostend and Brussels. Amsterdam, Paris & Cologne are 3 hours’ drive away.

**Health care**

Doctors, pharmacists, dentists and nurses on duty: 7.00 p.m.-8.00 a.m., tel. 1733

Hospitals:
A.Z. St.-Jan: tel. +32 50 45 21 11
A.Z. St.-Lucas: tel. +32 50 36 91 11
St.-Franciscus Xaveriuskliniek: tel. +32 50 47 04 70

Poisons advice centre: tel. +32 70 245 245

**Police**

Reception: Monday-Friday: 8.00 a.m.-12.00 a.m. & 13.30 p.m.-17.00 p.m. (Tuesday: till 6.00 p.m.), Saturday: 8.00 a.m.-11.45 a.m.

Emergency Assistance: tel. 101

**Post offices**

Bpost:

Address: Markt 5
More Info: The other post office in the inner city is located on Beursplein, Sint-Maartensbilk 14.

**Market days**

Wednesdays: 8.00 a.m.-1.30 p.m. Markt: food & flowers
Saturdays: 8.00 a.m.-1.30 p.m. ’t Zand & Beursplein: miscellaneous
Tuesday to Saturdays: 8.00 a.m.-1.30 p.m. Vismarkt: fish
Saturdays, Sundays, Public Holidays and bridge days from 15 March to 15 November + on Fridays in the period June-September: 10.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m. Dijver: antiques, bibelots and crafts
Daily: 8.00 a.m.-7.00 p.m. Vismarkt: artisanal products

**Language**

Dutch

**Weather**

Moderate sea climate

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**Telephone**

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Area code: 050

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Idyllic walks along misty canal banks; nostalgic rides in open carriages, wrapped up warm in cosy woollen blankets; all rounded off with a top class meal at one of the many gastronomic restaurants. In the crisp air of winter, the historic centre of old Bruges becomes even more romantic, more poetic, more mysterious. It is almost as if the World Heritage city waits for the coolest months, until the large mass of summer visitors has gone, to show its most charming side: a side reserved only for those in the know.

Minnewaterpark

In the south part of Bruges, surrounded by trees and the adjacent Minnewaterpark, you’ll find a small rectangular lake called ‘Minnewater’ or Lake of Love. The tragic romance of Minna and her warrior love Stromberg has evolved into local legend saying that you will experience eternal love if you walk over the lake bridge with your partner. This of course turns Lake of Love into an exceptionally romantic spot. Enjoy the scenery from the lake bridge, one of the benches along the lake or stroll through the calm Minnewaterpark.

Bonifaciusbrug

The charismatic area of Bonifacius Bridge and Arentshof has the ability to enchant many a visitor. Its irresistible combination of striking history and warm romance may take your breath away. Arentshof, located along one of the picturesque canals, manages to create an entirely unique atmosphere with its tall trees, hidden benches, mysterious pieces of art and marvelous view on Church of Our Lady and Gruuthuse palace. It’s one of those places to watch the world go by: tourist boats pass and people wander around while the clatter of hoofs from the horse drawn carriages echoes throughout the day. Don’t be fooled further ahead, for the charmed ancient looking Bonifacius Bridge dates from early 20th century and is one of Bruges’ youngest bridges. While you admire the fairytale like canals with inclined houses and passing tourist boats a humble feeling will no doubt wash over you when looking up at the Church of Our Lady. In the evening carefully chosen illumination further enthralls this cherished lovespot.

Koningin Astridpark

The Queen Astrid Park is a classic just-around-the-corner-get-away-from-the-crowd place. Located right inside the city, near some of the most visited places of Bruges and yet quiet and calm. Surrounding trees and bushes make it a somewhat secluded park. The tiny lake and colourful kiosk are an ideal place to relax with your loved one.
**Huidenvettersplein**

As far as size goes, Huidenvettersplein (Tanners Square) cannot compete with the Market and Burg, but the tiny square which is enclosed by restaurants is pleasantly adorned by the presence of artists. Thus there is no escaping the cozy and intimate atmosphere which surrounds the square. Let your creative mind admire the paintings, but also think of your feet and stomach by pausing at one of the many restaurants.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D'Hondt
Address: Huidenvettersplein

**Vesten**

While the picturesque town center is endlessly fascinating we mustn’t forget Bruges’ city ramparts. The green lung encircles almost the entire town and offers a variety of interesting locations worth discovering. You can for example admire the four remaining windmills as well as several medieval town gates. The modern Conzett Bridge spans the entrance to the small marina and is just one of many bridges that frequently open for boats. The ramparts between the train station and Ezelpoort city gate allow you to leisurely stroll and enjoy nature. A tour along the ramparts is an ideal opportunity to process all your Bruges impressions.

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Address: Kazernevest

**Groenerei & Peerdenbrug**

Bruges’ convenient compact size allows you to carelessly get lost and saunter hand in hand along one of the many lovely canals. The possibilities are truly endless, but Groenerei has to be one of the most beautiful locations belonging to Bruges. It offers a varied yet typical Bruges scenery with old bridges and historical buildings framed by a touch of nature. No matter where you go in Bruges you will no doubt fall in love with the cities arteries and afterwards fondly remember those walks along the canals.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D'Hondt
Address: Groenerei

**Gruuthuse**

No doubt the beautiful courtyard of the Gruuthuse palace, bordering on the canals, has a high wow-factor. The impressive 15th century city palace amazes with its medieval opulence and its splendor illuminates the entire courtyard. In the shadow of the Church of Our Lady you’ll find yourself enveloped by riches and wealth from times past. Wander around, discover surprising corners of the courtyard or give your feet a break by enjoying the scenery from one of the benches.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D'Hondt
Address: Dijver 17

**Jan van Eyckplein**

Standing in the middle of the square the renowned Bruges painter Jan van Eyck (1370 – 1441) proudly overlooks the domain that wears his name. Still, he has to share the
limelight with the square's alluring style for once this was the old harbour of Bruges where ships loaded and unloaded. Even though fierce traders and rich 'poorters' (citizens with city rights) no longer populate the square, it still holds a captivating appeal. While you're discovering Jan van Eyck square, the little bear of Bruges approvingly looks over your shoulder. Stroll around, admire the pretty facades of the Old Tollhouse, Pijndershuis and Burgher’s Lodge or simply take pleasure in a short break along the canal. Jan van Eyck square is furthermore an ideal gateway to explore the tranquil St. Giles' quarter with its working-class neighbourhoods.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D'Hondt
Address: Jan van Eyckplein

**Begijnhof**

The century old Princely Beguinage Ten Wijngaarde with its whitewashed facades and tranquil convent garden leaves no one unaffected. While the entrance gates are open seize the opportunity to discover all facets of this peaceful haven. Admire the leaning trees and visit the small beguinage museum and tiny church. Keep your eyes open for perhaps you will encounter one of the nuns of the Order of St. Benedict, the present inhabitants of the beguinage. Should you find yourself in Bruges in springtime you certainly mustn't forget the beguinage! At this time of year blooming daffodils grant the beguinage refined warmth.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D'Hondt
Address: Begijnhof
Opening hours: 6.30 a.m.-6.30 p.m.

**Rozenhoedkaai**

Summer or winter, morning or evening, sun or rain... Rozenhoedkaai has the enthralling ability to always make a stunning impression. It should come as no surprise that this continuous to be one the most photographed spots in Bruges. Here anyone can create his or her picture perfect postcard of Bruges. Rozenhoedkaai’s sophisticated class makes it the ideal location to pause for a moment and together with your loved one enjoy one of Bruges’ most timeless sceneries.

Photo: Toerisme Brugge / Jan D'Hondt
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Adriaan Willelaan E7  Dijver  E9  Gulden-Vlieslaan  C6
Annuntiatenstraat F5  Driekroezesstraat  E11  Haanstraat  C9
Arsenaalstraat E12  Driewijnenstraat  G7  Hallestraat  E9
Artoisstraat C9  Dijver  F10  Hans Memlinglaan  A7
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Azijnstraat D6  Eekhoutstraat  E8  Heilig-Geeststraat  D10
Bakkerstraat C10  Eiermarkt  C12  Helmstraat  D8
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Bargeweg A13  Elisabeth Zorghestraat  G6  Hendrik Brugmansstraat  C13
Baron Jos. Ryelandtstraat A5  Engelstraat  B5  Hendrik Consciencelaan  B10
Beeldenmakersstraat F10  Engelsestraat  F7  Hertsbergestraat  F8
Beenhouwersstraat C7  Eiland  C5  Hoofdstraat  B9
Beginnenvest D12  Ezelpoort  B6  Hoogste van Brugge  C10
Begijnhof D11  Filip de Goedelaan  B10  Hoogstraat  H10
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