

Belgium

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Belgium due to terrorism. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[32] (2) 811-4500; US Embassy Brussels, Regentlaan 27 Boulevard du Régent, B-1000 Brussels; <https://be.usembassy.gov/>; uscitizenbrussels@state.gov

Disabled Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/traveling-with-disabilities.html>

LGBTQ+ Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html>

Women Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/women-travelers.html>

Telephone Code

32

Local Emergency Phone

112 (cell)/ 101

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Belgium: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Temperate; mild winters, cool summers, rainy, humid, cloudy

Currency (Code)

Euro (EUR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, E



Type C



Type E

Major Languages

Dutch, French, German

Major Religions

Roman Catholic, Protestant and other Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, atheist, none

Time Difference

UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October

Potable Water

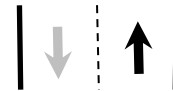
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International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Brussels (includes Grote Markt (Grand Place) and Saint-Cyr House); Brugge (includes Market Square and Basilica of the Holy Blood); Antwerp; Ghent; Waterloo

Major Sports

Soccer, volleyball, table tennis, tennis, badminton

Cultural Practices

It is considered impolite to snap your fingers. Do not put your hands in your pockets, yawn, scratch or use toothpicks in public. Feet should never be put on chairs or tables. Back slapping is considered offensive.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping in restaurants is not expected because a 10-15% service charge is generally applied to a bill. Tips are not expected in taxis, but feel free to let your driver keep the change as a gratuity.

Souvenirs

Handmade lace, woven tapestries and rugs, diamonds, beer, chocolate, perfume, antiques

Traditional Cuisine

Moules-frites — fresh mussels cooked in olive oil and white wine with garlic, thyme, and shallots served with potato fries

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