



BELGIUM AND BRUSSELS

Independent since 1830, Belgium is a constitutional and parliamentary monarchy, whose current king is Philipp the 1st. Belgium is a federal state consisting of three regions: Brussels, the bilingual capital where French and Dutch are official languages; Flanders, the Dutch-speaking North; and Wallonia, the Frenchspeaking - and Germanspeaking South.

Among the famous Belgians, one can think of the famous composers and singers Jacques Brel and Stromae; the actors Benoît Poelvoorde and Matthias Schoenaerts; the writers Amélie Nothomb and Maurice Maeterlinck (Nobel Prize for Literature in 1911); the artists and cartoonists Georges Rémi (Hergé, Father of Tintin), Franquin (Gaston Lagaffe), Peyo (the Smurfs), Morris (Lucky Luke); the film directors Chantal Akerman, Jaco Van Dormael, Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne; the painter René Magritte; the architect Victor Horta; and the athletes Eddy Merckx (cyclist), Eden Hazard (football) and Nafissatou Thiam (athletics). Belgium wouldn't be Belgium without its mouth-watering chocolates, its wide range of local beers and mussels served with French fries ! Belgium has a lot of historical, artistic, gastronomic, architectural and natural wonders which we invite you to discover during your stay here.

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Brussels is among the world's most diverse capitals, home to the headquarters of the European Union, NATO, and countless international companies and organisations. While the main working languages are French and Dutch, the fact that there is an incredible number of different nationalities present in the city makes it a modern-day Tower of Babel.

A very lively city, Brussels boasts many cultural activities: you can enjoy the many concerts, theatres, cinemas, exhibitions, and shows of all kinds, as well as beautiful museums and monuments, such as the world-famous Grand Place or the many Art Nouveau buildings. Brussels is also one of Europe's greenest cities, offering many parks and surrounded by forests. Its manageable size and its cultural and economic energy create an outstanding living environment.

In addition, with the Thalys train you are only an hour

and a half from the French capital. Which brings us to yet another benefit of being in Brussels: it is just a short hop away from Paris, London, and Amsterdam...

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LE SAVIEZ-VOUS ?

Our university has a long standing tradition of excellence, as evidenced by the many accolades given in recognition of its researchers, professors, or alumni : **four Nobel Prize in science** (François Englert in 2013), **two Nobel Peace Prize** (Denis Mukwege in 2018), a **Fields Medal**, **three Wolf Prizes**, **two Abel Prizes** and many more.

