

# Belgium

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department 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 US 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](mailto:uscitizenbrussels@state.gov)

### LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

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

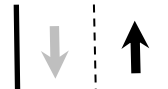
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### International Driving Permit

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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