



Brussels

Your guide to the night





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NIGHT SIGHTS

Festive, trendy, eccentric and definitely enthusiastic, Brussels' nightlife is an oasis of every source of enjoyment. Whether you're looking for a good barrel of beer or record decks playing electro, a lounge sofa or Latino rhythms, you can move quickly from one atmosphere to the next, each as sociable as they are exciting. Go to Sablon, for example, for a very "stylish" evening. To the upper part of the city to enjoy cosy and lounge-style settings. To the area around the Grand'Place to delve into the mysterious secrets of Belgian beer or around Halles Saint-Géry to take the pulse of the trendy lifestyle of the young 'bruxellois'. If it were up to you, sometimes you'd prefer the sun not to rise in Brussels. As the 'bruxellois' say!

THE BEST IN BRUSSELS INFORMATION

www.brusselsinternational.be

THE CENTRE

IN ITS MAZE OF ALLEYWAYS, THE HISTORIC CENTRE IS HOME TO A THRIVING NIGHT-LIFE TO SUIT EVERY TASTE. FROM THE CENTURIES-OLD, FLAMBOYANT GRAND'PLACE TO THE TRENDY ST-GÉRY AREA VIA THE UNUSUAL ST-JACQUES AREA, JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE... OF THE NIGHT.

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THE GRAND'PLACE AND SURROUNDING AREAS



In addition to the incomparable beauty of its architecture, the historic centre of Brussels has, over the years, become an unrivalled landmark for night-time revellers. For its tourist appeal, obviously, but also for its great places to go, whether traditionally local, gay or 'in', and sometimes even all three at once. The neighbouring streets around the Grand'Place also have a number of good places where you can eat late, a big advantage when you've been bouncing around to some wild bass rhythms all evening or when you've tried out all the special beers served by the local brasseries.

1 Goupil le Fol

Bar (French chanson)
rue de la Violette 22

We love Goupil! For its dimly-lit labyrinthine layout with weird decor, for its juke box that plays Piaf, Brel or Ferré non-stop until the wee small hours, for its insomniac, chocolate-dispensing owner, for its fruity wines and, well, and for its good old cosy couches that you can sink into slowly.

Open every day from 8 p.m.
'til very late

glitter ball and ubiquitous music.

Don't miss the Thursday night drag queen fantasias with Régina, nor the 'classicus' version of the establishment nearby, for those who might be looking for a little more tranquillity and finesse. They serve afternoon tea there from 3 p.m.

Open every day from 3 p.m.

2 L'Homo Erectus

Bar (Disco / Hits) (Gay)
rue des Pierres 57

www.lhomoerectus.com

This little bar is everything a trendy gay haunt should be, including



3 Montecristo

Nightclub (Salsa)

rue Henri Maus 25

The ground floor of the Lounge is a tropical haven, a blend of salsa, Cuban cigars, exotic cocktails and a few 'bad boys'. The ambience there is sometimes hot, sometimes a bit too hot... better to go in good time. But the place is still a must in the area.



4 GRAND CASINO BRUSSELS

rue Duquesnoy 12-14

www.grandcasinobrussels.be

The lively ground floor, home to the main gaming area, offers a choice of 13 live gaming tables (Roulette, Black Jack, Stud Poker and Mini Punto Banco), 201 slot machines, as well as a deluxe food bar and several cocktail bars. For those seeking a more relaxing setting, the luxurious first floor gallery also offers 8 gaming tables and 5 slot machines, comfortable lounge areas, a VIP club and a trendy gourmet restaurant.

Open from noon until 4 a.m.

4 Duquesnoy

Bar (Gay)

rue Duquesnoy 12

www.duquesnoy.com

At the Duq, style is no laughing matter. There's a strict ban on wearing suit and tie. Jeans, leather, latex and uniforms, on the other hand, are highly recommended.

Try: slings, darkrooms and submission rooms...not for 'wimpy' gays. Don't forget your coloured handkerchiefs to signal your preferences.

Open Monday to Saturday from 9 p.m.; Sunday from 3 p.m.

5 Music Village

Bar (Jazz)

rue des Pierres 50

www.themusicvillage.com

In a 17th-century house, you'll find all the charm of New York jazz bars with a succession of crooners and big bands every evening. The programme is high quality and the biggest names in jazz have set foot on this stage, which has become a benchmark in the genre. If your pocket tells you that this isn't for you, no more excuses because they've just introduced a student deal for 7.50 €.





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Open from 8.30 p.m.

(for live music evenings,
see Website diary)

6 Le You

Nightclub (House / Funk / R'n'b)
(gay Sundays)

rue Duquesnoy 18

www.leyou.be

Le You - it's a psychedelic design on a fuchsia towelling background, it's a house or funky landmark for gorgeous girls. It's also a cosy setting where electro and gay Sundays have successfully established themselves. The indefatigable Olivier Gosseries is the man behind the record deck, a key figure of 'bruxellois' nightlife.

Open from Thursday to Sunday

37 Wax Club

Bar-Nightclub (House / electro)
Boulevard Anspach 66

www.thewaxclub.com

Jazz aperitifs, house parties, plenty of rum and a sweeping view over the city centre. **Open**

Wednesday to Saturday.

WHERE TO EAT LATE AROUND HERE

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SAINT-GÉRY / DANSAERT

The territory of every good socialiser is still the inexhaustible Quartier Saint-Géry. The birthplace of the new trends observed in Quartier Dansaert, well-known for its fashion boutiques and designers, it's the landmark for all the bars and terraces for meeting people. Here, you go from one place to the next in an instant, and abandon yourself very quickly to the most varied kinds of music (electro, house, Latino, drum'n bass). The very popular terraces are also wonderful platforms for seeing and being seen. In this district, you find a few good places to eat at night, mainly Asian and often very affordable.

7 Archiduc

Bar (Jazz / Electro)

rue A. Dansaert 6

www.archiduc.net

The hazy charm of the Archiduc always works. Its thirties decor has something to do with it, of course, as do its armchairs and round balcony. Concerts are often held there around the famous grand piano (on WE from 5 p.m.), which occupies pride of place in the middle of it. Also to be enjoyed at the end of the evening, when you can come across a famous singer or two.

Open every day from 5 p.m. 'til late.

8 Beursschouwburg

Bar (Electro / Break / Jazz)

rue A. Orts 20-28

www.beursschouwburg.be

The Beurs is first and foremost an amazing Flemish cultural venue that, with its contemporary design, has made its mark. So its long bar leaves room for a rather artistic and intellectual crowd. Music is ubiquitous, including DJ sets and live music for the initiated. In the evenings, they lounge around big communal tables in a general but very friendly and sociable hubbub, before moving to the various upstairs rooms and dancing the night away.

Open Thursday to Saturday from 8 p.m.



9 Bizon

Bar (Blues / Rock)
rue du Pont de la Carpe 7
www.cafebizon.com

Nice little bar where jam sessions, blues and special vodkas come together year round. Don't miss the Bizon blood at 4.50 € and other stimulating vodkas as well as the concerts on Monday night.
Open every day from 6 p.m.

10 Café Central

Bar (House / Funk / Electro)
rue Borgval 14-16
www.lecafecentral.com

Although not so central as other Les Halles venues, this café is well worth a "quick" detour in itself. There's sure to be a lively and trendy ambience there all year round thanks to the mini-concerts (Wednesday), themed film screenings (Sunday) and wicked DJ

sets (from Thursday tot Saturday) and all free. However packed it is in the central space, that's never stopped the smooth-talkers and flirts from swaying their hips to a good track or two, as varied as they are numerous.
Open very evening

11 Coaster

Cocktail bar (House / Hits)
rue des Riches Claires 28

It's true, the place isn't big, but its reputation for late-night partying is well established. Two solutions, both good ones: 1. Arrive early and make the most of the flexible happy hours starting at 8 p.m. 2. Arrive after midnight when heads are already spinning a little and bodies jam-packed. Either way, they always end up dancing on the tables.

Open from 8 p.m.

EVENINGS

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WHERE TO EAT LATE

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13 Mappamundo

Bar (Lounge)

rue du Pont de la Carpe 2-6

This big bar that looks like a caravel has a terrace area in the perfect location (and heated when necessary). The Mappa is also well-known for its international crowd and its wood-lined labyrinths.

Sometimes you meet young people from the Dansaert district here,



sometimes slightly sozzled expats. A Les Halles classic where you can also sip a few well-chilled fruit juices.

Open every day from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

14 O'Reilly's

Pub (Rock-pop / Hits)

place de la Bourse 1

www.oreillys.com

This is, without doubt, the biggest Irish pub in the capital, so big that it had to open new premises a few yards farther along for its regulars and passing tourists. St Patrick reigns supreme here, which means:

leather wall seats, non-stop sport on TV and copious amounts of Guinness. You can also enjoy the dimly-lit nooks and crannies there and a terrace with view over the Bourse, where you're sure to be heard. Cheers.

Open from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m.; WE 4 a.m.

15 PP Café

Bar (Jazz)

rue Jules Van Praet 28

www.ppcafe.be

The PP is a well-established venue in les Halles. You can enjoy a large number of well-prepared little dishes there and still make the most of a wide, well-patronised terrace area. By way of icing on the cake, live music (mainly jazz) does the honours within its warm, wood-lined walls. What better way of spending a nice evening?

Open every day from mid-day to midnight; WE 2 a.m.

9 Le Roi des Belges

Bar / Brasserie

rue Jules Van Praet 35-37

This is one of the places in Les Halles that's known for its successful, subtle mix of genres. You'll find a modern industrial style on the ground floor and a space characterised by very distinct

WHERE TO EAT LATE

L'ÉCHALOTE

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UNTIL 6 IN THE
MORNING

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seventies trends upstairs. That's where passing DJs hold court some evenings. A calmer ambience than its neighbours in the district.

**Open every day from
10 a.m. to 1.30 a.m.**

16 Los Romanticos

Bar / Nightclub (Salsa)

quai au Bois à Brûler 5-7

www.losromanticos.be

Fancy a few salsa steps, relaxing in a Chesterfield, cigar in hand, or simply making the most of the pleasurable idle atmosphere of a temple to Latino? This great place, with its mirrors and ornamental mouldings from yesteryear, serving heady cocktails, is just the place you need. They also give a number of dance lessons there (weekday evenings).

Open from 2 p.m.

varied clientele, from the fashion victim to the official, and including refugees from the neighbouring Petit Château. So a real 'bruxellois' mix. You can also nibble on a few nice little snacks there.

**Open every day from 11
a.m. to 2 a.m.**

11 The Box

Nightclub (Techno / House) (gay)

rue des Riches Claires 7

A little disco-bar highly frequented by gay youth and with late-night opening hours that are a great lifeline when other places in the district have already closed. It's also one of the only establishments to open every day of the week. Free entrance.

**Open every day from
11 p.m.**

17 Walvis

Bar (Jazz / Electro)

rue A. Dansaert 209

The Walvis is a typically cosmopolitan, trendy 'bruxellois' place. It's a little newcomer with the devastating charm of a waterside café. There, you find a





ILOT SACRÉ

Well-known for its labyrinth of gourmet establishments (look for the restaurants bearing the City hallmark), the Îlot sacré is still a pleasant place for a night-time stroll. The maze of restaurants hides a few gems, some of which are internationally-famous bars. There, you can taste some truly special beers and dance to specialist DJ sets, swaying between drum'n'bass, reggae or house. It's up to you now to follow the right tip.

18 Dali's bar

Bar (Electro / Downtempo / Drum'n' bass)

petite rue des Bouchers 35

www.dalisbar.com

At the end of a strange blue corridor, one of the oldest electro bars in the city emerges into view. In this inevitably surrealist place, you sink into lip-shaped sofas whilst admiring the canvasses of the Master himself (fakes, we're assured) and sipping one of the explosive cocktails - the green or the red one, it's a matter of taste. And then, there's the music, which will always reign supreme here, whether it's on the main floor or in the basement, where there's hardly an evening without people jumping around. Drum'n bass, house, reggae, down tempo... Wait and see.

Open every day from 10 p.m. 'til late

19 Delirium café

Bar (Blues /Rock)

impasse de la Fidélité 4a

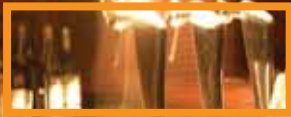
www.deliriumcafe.be

Officially, 2004 beers but actually 2500 depending on the season, that's the credo of this cul-de-sac bar, which is home to the sister of the famous Manneken-Pis. At the Delirium, conversation naturally revolves around beer, some flambéed, others with a greenish colour or else served in 4-litre glasses. That certainly quenches your thirst. You can also taste no fewer than 500 Dutch gins and delicious pure malt whiskies here. All things considered, a nice place and very flexible opening hours. A little plus point: WIFI access.

Open every day until 4 a.m.

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20 Aux Galeries

Brasserie

rue des Dominicains 11

A place that's unlike many others and with walls peppered with information, texts, histories of Brussels and its most famous sons and daughters, anecdotes and photographs... You can drink traditional local Brussels' and Belgian beers out of period glasses here. Aux Galeries is a café that aims to revive all things "traditionally bruxellois", including football matches, local accent and zwanze (Brussels' humour).

21 A l'Image de Notre-Dame

Brasserie

rue Marché-aux-Herbes – Impasse des Cadeaux 3

For typical 'bruxellois' madness, this is the place to go. It could be said that the establishment is almost as old as the city itself, and lounging around here is like seeing time stand still. Wooden furniture, rustic bar and special beers, this place has a rare authenticity. Tasting the "Bourgogne de Flandres" is, of course, highly recommended.

Open from midday to midnight; Saturday 3 p.m. -2 a.m.; Sunday 4 p.m. 'til midnight

MONNAIE / DE BROUCKÈRE

A district for passing through and shopping during the daytime, situated between the city centre and rue Neuve, here, in the main, you track down good places to go at night around the Monnaie building. Rue de l'Ecuyer and rue Fossé aux Loups are good night-time landmarks in this respect.

22 Backstage

Bar

rue Fossé aux Loups 36

A good place to come and listen to live music in the evening, whether jazz or rock.

Open every evening from 10 p.m.

22 Kafekrème

Bar (Soul / Salsa / Zouk)

rue Fossé aux Loups 15

With the claim to being the first Soul bar in the capital, it invites you to enjoy its warm, friendly and colourful atmosphere. Artists exhibit their best work while performers



play their instruments on live music evenings.
Open from 8 p.m. to dawn

23 A La Mort Subite

Bar / Brasserie
rue Montagne aux Herbes
Potagères 7

As tradition demands, dropping in at this temple to the most 'brrrrrusseleers' specialities of the capital is a must. The public fluctuates between serious-minded people in their fifties and sharp bons viveurs. And you can sample Faros, Kriek and other Gueuze beers there, with an open fromage frais sandwich in hand. A classic that's still going strong.
Open every day from 10 a.m. to midnight

24 La Tentation

Bar /Dance room
(Spanish / Latino)
rue de Laeken 28
www.latentation.com

A FEW FIRMLY-ESTABLISHED EVENINGS
NOT TO BE MISSED

WWW.LEGAZON.BE (IN SUMMER ONLY)

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WWW.BULEXASBL.BE

WWW.NEXT-PARTY.BE (GAY)

WWW.STRONG.BE (GAY)

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WWW.UNDERGROUNDADVENTURES.BE

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A great place dedicated to Galician traditions. Its 1000 m² of surface area is mapped out horizontally by a long, welcoming bar and vertically by a series of columns with large, round tables in the centre, where you can debate to the sound of Iberian rhythms. N.B. dance lessons and frequent live music.

Open from 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.; WE 'til late

25 Le Corbeau

Bar
rue Saint-Michel 18-20
www.lecorbeau.be

The great classic involves downing a Chevalier, a beer served in an oddly-shaped litre glass, without dribbling. Above and beyond this colourful experience, the place is quite popular in the evening among an eccentric mix of young people who can quickly get things going.

Open from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.; WE 4 a.m.



SAINT-JACQUES AREA



They don't compare it to the "Parisian Marais" for nothing. Artists and craftsmen, decorators, florists with amazing creations, and collectors of objects as eccentric and ill-assorted as they are unusual have passed the word around to create a district in which there's an eternal holiday feeling in the air. It's the ideal place for strolling around, discovering a comic strip mural and savouring a drink on one of the charming terraces on Place de la Vieille Halle aux Blés or in the shadow of the church of Notre-Dame-du-Bon Secours. This is the heart of Brussels' life where Latino nightclubs, crazy drag queens, gay bobos and electro rhythms weave a wonderful tapestry of life. Oh Saint-Jacques, if you only knew...



26 Belgica

Bar (House) (Gay & friends)
rue du Marché-au-Charbon 32
www.lebelgica.be

This is the essential, real-imitation 'stamcafé' (local café) for super-cool homosexuals and their straight friends addicted to Martinica and Sous-marins (local specialities). This place is a must thanks to its resolutely Belgian style, combining house, the bust of a late-lamented king and walls yellowed with age.

**Open Thursday to Sunday
from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.**

27 Canoa Quebrada

Nightclub (Salsa/ Brazil)
rue du Marché-au-Charbon 53

A Latino club for dropping in after midnight when the crowds start to flock there to enjoy caipirinhas and other pick-me-up cocktails. There you can dance the salsa and, in the wee small hours, the place often turns into a local « revolución ».

Open from 10 p.m.

28 Au Cercle des voyageurs

Bar (Lounge) / Restaurant
rue des Grands Carmes 18
www.lecercledesvoyageurs.com

A skilful blend of tearoom and tourist office for travellers in search of something new. As you might imagine, the Cercle is not a place where you dance on the



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tables, gulping from a bottle. Instead, you go there to relax in a refined setting, a sort of nice, cosy space from the colonial age. The comfortable couches, ornamental mouldings in the form of a planisphere and a travel book area (for leafing through to your heart's content) go perfectly with exquisite nectars, alcoholic or otherwise, from all over the world.

**Open every day from
11 a.m. to 1 a.m.**



29 Fontainas

Bar (Lounge)

rue du Marché-au-Charbon 91

As café terraces go, the Fontainas has real class. 80 chairs where you can gossip in the sunshine and ideally situated for a little game of seeing and being seen. There you cross paths with artists with square-framed spectacles, motley trendy looks and well-turned-out gays. Kitsch deco given a fresh new look, pedestrianised street and snacks are the bonuses at this really nice place.

**Open every day from
midday**

30 Chez Maman

Cabaret (French disco and other kitschy things) (gay)

rue des Grands Carmes 7

www.chezmaman.be

A little night club where you rush to applaud transvestites strutting their stuff on the bar to the strains of Mylène Farmer and Kylie Minogue. Not just for gays, although they are in the majority. Don't miss Gina and Bruno Thursday from 10 p.m. Not for the narrow-minded.

**Open Friday and Saturday
from 11 p.m.; Thursday
10 p.m.**



LES MAROLLES



Les Marolles is teeming with little places to seek out. Although it's more an area for hunting out good restaurants, there's no shortage of places to be at night there either. Even if it's only that temple of techno, le Fuse. At around 6 in the morning, the flea market starts. And that could well be around the time you'll be finishing your 'pub crawl'.

31 Fuse / La Démence

Nightclub (Techno / House)

(gay Sundays)

rue Blaes 208

www.fuse.be

www.lademence.com

www.next-party.be

Because it's one of the city's techno temples and the biggest names in the field (without exception) have DJ'd there, le Fuse is a must for any decent, self-respecting clubber. The unique atmosphere that prevails there attracts those in the know, who come from far and wide. The end-of-the-night crescendos, as things approach hysteria, have become the stuff of near legend. There are also queer parties on some Fridays and gay evenings on Sundays, as fiendishly good as they are famous on our continent. Supervised free car park and democratic admission fee before midnight.

Open from 10 p.m.

32 Bazaar

Restaurant / nightclub

(A bit of everything)

rue des Capucins 63

www.bazaarresto.be

Le Bazaar is situated right in the heart of Les Marolles. A big hot-air balloon above the bar and copious quantities of candles feature in a decor reminiscent of the tales from a thousand and one nights. This is where lovers come for a bite to eat or a drink. In the basement, you dance until the small hours beneath the vaulted ceiling amidst a flashy new decor and barmaids ready to serve you some bracing Gin Fizzes.

Open 7.30 p.m. to midnight;

WE 'til 4 a.m.

33 Havana

Nightclub (Latino / Hits)

rue de l'Épée 4

www.havana-brussels.com

Tasteful chat-up lines, cocktails served by a real barman "like in the movies" and supercharged European ambience are the



memorable elements of this bar-restaurant-nightclub with the scents of caïpirinha, pisco, mojito and other drinks straight from the Tropics. **Open Wednesday to Saturday from 7 p.m.**

34 Recyclart

Nightclub (Ragga / Drum'n'bass / Electro)

rue des Ursulines 25

www.recyclart.be

Recyclart, you either love it or hate it but, whatever you do, don't miss it. A railway station turned into a cultural venue is not the norm. In any event, punk and skaters, crazy artists and others addicted to electro sounds feel at home there. And that's quite natural given the quite original and inventive selection of music they play there. Electroclash, of course, but also live reggae music and other happenings.

Open: see Website

WHERE TO EAT LATE

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rue des Chapeliers 14 – 1000

www.armandandko.be

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Belga Queen

rue Fossé aux loups 32 – 1000

www.belgaqueen.be

Open Monday to Saturday from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.; the very select cigar lounge of the restaurant is located in a former strong-room with breathtaking decor. You'll find the most refined wines, liqueurs and concerts there..

Havana Corner

rue Jourdan 24 – 1060

www.havanacorner.be.tf

The bar is open from Thursday to Saturday with concerts on Saturday. Prices vary between 3.50 € for a Punch-punch through to 17 € for a large, well-graded Robustos.



SABLON AREA



Luxury, pleasure and show: those would be the most appropriate words to describe this charming district of antiques dealers and delicacies. Apart from the very popular café terraces on the square, there's a large number of lower-profile but much more fascinating little places.

35 Club Diamond

Nightclub (Disco / R'n'b)

rue Sainte-Anne 20-22

www.clubdiamond.be

A little disco-bar (400 people even so) in the heart of the Sablon district, frequented by a youth as smart and stylish as you could wish to see. You see some good DJs there too and, when they're in the mood, VIPs. A number of parties are held there at the end of the week.

**Open from 10 p.m.,
Wednesday to Saturday**

35 Karaoké Sablon

Bar

rue Sainte-Anne 34

The place might not look anything special but, for karaoke addicts, this is definitely a haven. There are no fewer than 6000 titles listed here, covering every possible and imaginable style, not just uncool hits. The evening is livened up by

36 La Fleur en Papier Doré

Estaminet / Bar

rue des Alexiens 53-55

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1 LOUISE AREA P 22

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LOUISE AREA

Avenue de la Toison d'Or has its own set of night-time diversions to offer. There's a string of cinemas, bars and discotheques right in the middle of the smart establishments of this well-known district. The pedestrianised rues Stas and Jourdan are also pleasant landmarks for moderate socialisers.



1 Louise Gallery

Nightclub (Groove / Funk)

Basement of galleries Louise

www.louisegallery.com

Louise Gallery is a bit like an MTV clip. A pinch of jet set, a dash of fashion victims and, to top it all off, an ambience as sexy and glamorous as you could wish for. Sundays are turned into gay mania by 'Strong' evenings, famous for their somewhat torrid tone. The rather remarkable venue is right in the middle of the Louise district... where else? Just don't arrive in a 2CV.

Open Friday to Sunday from 10 p.m.

2 Studio44

Nightclub (R'n'b /Soul)

avenue de la Toison d'Or 44

www.studio44.be

This is the new R'n'b sensation that's getting the upper part of the city going. With a slightly show-off public and a low-key setting, Thursdays here are dedicated to Stardust evenings, which are free by the way. Sundays stake their claim as the best of groove times with Funky Fever evenings. On the turntables, you come across Belgian stars such as the unstoppable Daddy-k.

Open Thursday to Sunday evening from 10.30 p.m.

3 Conway's

Bar (Hits)

avenue de la Toison d'Or 10

www.conways.be

The American pub par excellence where Budweiser, MTV and spare ribs are in demand until the early hours. The dynamite end-of-night ambience is a must for those who love those big guys with loud voices and young ladies with pretty faces and Yankee accents.

Open every day, "ladies' night" on Thursdays



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MORNING

CHAUSSÉE DE CHARLEROI/ CHÂTELAIN

Well-known for its lounge and trendy places, this district is continually growing. There are plenty of great chic or romantic places here. From the bar with chill-out rhythms to the fashionable restaurant, don't worry, you'll get in.

4 Roxi

Bar / Restaurant

rue du Bailli 82

www.roxi.be

Close by the very "look-at-me" Châtelain district, the Roxi holds its own with some real touches of originality. Thursday evening concerts, ultra-trendy decor and rather pleasant dining.

Open every day from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m.; WE 3 a.m.

5 Les Salons de l'Atalaïde

Bar / Restaurant (Lounge)

chée de Charleroi 89

www.lesalonsatalaide.be

In this magnificent mansion,

housing a lounge room, bar and restaurant, you'll be able to get a bite to eat, talk at a candlelit table or lean back on one of the Indian couches in the upstairs Lounge room. In summer, the terrace is also highly recommended.

Open every day from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m.



6 Tyrone

Piano bar (Gospel / Blues / Jazz)
rue Defacqz 7

www.tyronepiano.be

There's a classy and hushed ambience about this piano bar, where cigars and good whiskies take us directly back to the days of the Cotton club. Live music on Thursdays and Saturdays.

**Open Tuesday to Sunday
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**RESTAURANT - LOUNGE BAR UNTIL
11.30 P.M.**



IXELLES

After the City Centre, this is surely the liveliest area in Brussels. As is obligatory for a university district, a myriad of student bars stand side by side around it, with the Pils often flowing at a more than reasonable rate here. This is where you'll get a snack at rather unconventional hours. A little farther along is Saint-Boniface area with its trendier places and a few great restaurants. Not far from there is the Matongé district and its famous African establishments. This is the place to come in good weather.

7 L'Atelier

Bar (Rock among others)
rue Elise 77

L'Atelier has acquired a new image but has lost none of its charm. Its enormous beer list still holds pride of place on the wall and it's difficult not to find a Trappist to your liking. Because it has around 400 kinds of the delicious brew that's so much a part of Brussels and Belgium. Young public
Open every day 'til late

8 Belga

Bar / Taverne
place Flagey 18
www.cafebelga.be

Its terrace is a must, its trendy music and colourful atmosphere have made it a classic of Brussels' night life. We still don't understand why but the building site that serves as the skyline still hasn't

put off the crowds from flocking there en masse. It must be a Belgian thing, really surrealistic. We like that.

Open from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.;
WE 3 a.m.

14 Parc Savoy

Bar / Restaurant
place Marie-José 9
www.parcsavoy.com

An exclusive venue in the south of Brussels that welcomes you into a residence from the thirties.

Open Thursday to Saturday
from 7 p.m.

9 L'Ultime Atome

Restaurant/Brasserie (A bit of everything [all good])
rue Saint-Boniface 14
www.ultimeatome.be

L'Ultime Atome is a sort of driving force of the Saint-Boniface district.



In a perfect location, it offers a brasserie setting where trendy youth and an assorted public put the world to rights. Here, it's the customers who select the music, and there's a list of a hundred or so beers and some well-chosen wines.

**Open every day from
11 a.m. to 1.30 a.m.**

10 Matongé

Around rues de la Longue Vie and de la Paix and the top of chaussée de Wavre.

WINE BARS

AMADEUS + RESTAURANT

RUE VEYDT 13 - 1060

LE CAFÉ DES SPORES +

RESTAURANT

CHÉE D'ALSEMBERG 103 - 1060

CHELSEA + RESTAURANT

CHÉE DE CHARLEROI 85 - 1060

LA PIOLA

CHÉE DE BOONDAEL 292 - 1050

QUENTIN PAIN ET VIN +

RESTAURANT

RUE DU PAGE 7 - 1050

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RUE DES PIERRES 53 - 1000

LE WINE BAR – CHEZ PAULE +

RESTAURANT

CHÉE D'ALSEMBERG 762 - 1180

This district is a real bridge to the African continent, a crash course in the culture and ambience of various African countries, particularly the Congo. Pedestrianised street with a number of bars and little Congolese restaurants, this is a place where it's good to take advantage of the super-lively terraces as soon as the sun comes up. Then, children mingle with grown-ups in an extremely warm and friendly atmosphere. Later, you can soon get overheated, slip away.



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BEERS!

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LE BIER CIRCUS

RUE DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT, 57 - 1000

WWW.BIERCIRCUS.BE



11 Le Tavernier

Bar (Jazzbreak / Electro)

chée de Boondael 445

www.le-tavernier.be

Undoubtedly the trendiest place in the area around the Université Libre de Bruxelles. Despite a vast terrace area and interior space, it's not always easy to find somewhere to sit. Not to worry, you can always lean on the bar and order a local Vedett or sway your hips to the jazz-break beats that throb out there almost every weekend evening.

Open every day from 10 a.m. 'til late

13 The Guru Bar

Restaurant / Bar

chée de Boondael 8

www.gurubar.be

Just a step or two away from Flagey, a hip place with fusion cuisine, DJs at the weekend and 'hyper' barman.

Open every day from 10 a.m. 'til 1 p.m., WE 3 a.m.

12 Sounds jazz club

Jazz Club

rue de la Tulipe 28

www.soundsjazzclub.be

The Sounds is a jazz institution in

Brussels. And it's fair to say that it has a full programme. Every day except Sunday, blue note addicts come to hear those double basses, pianos and drums in this little space located close to Place Fernand Cocq. Wednesday is devoted to more Latino sounds.

Open from 8 p.m.

NIGHT BUS

FROM FRIDAY TO SATURDAY NIGHT, THE STIB N71 LINE SERVES THE CENTRE AND UPPER PART OF THE CITY FOR ONLY 3,00 € . CHEAPER THAN A TAXI, IT'S STILL A SAFE WAY OF AVOIDING ANY LATE-NIGHT UNPLEASANTNESS AND FICKLE WEATHER. THIS IS THE IDEAL SOLUTION IF YOU FIND YOURSELF ON ITS ROUTE. IT RUNS, AMONG OTHER PLACES, THROUGH THE CITY CENTRE, PLACE ROYALE, PORTE DE NAMUR, FLAGEY, IXELLES CEMETERY AND, FARTHER ON, AUDERGHEM. FOR STOP-OUTS AND THOSE WHO DON'T LIVE IN A DISTRICT SERVED BY THIS LINE, THE USUAL SERVICES START RUNNING AGAIN FROM 5.30 A.M.



A photograph of three dancers in motion on a stage. They are wearing light-colored, possibly pink or lavender, clothing. Their arms are raised, and they appear to be in the middle of a dance routine. The background is a dark, vertically striped curtain.

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Last Minute Ticketing

The last tickets of the day still available for the big shows on offer at 50% of the normal price. To enjoy these exceptional rates, go to the ticket desks before 4.30 p.m. A screen will tell you how many tickets are still available for each show.

Info.: (0)2 512 57 45 or www.arsene50.be

Ticket desks : Galerie de la Reine : Brussels on stage
Place Sainte-Croix : Flagey

To EUROPE

COSMOPOLITAN, COLOURFUL AND INCREASINGLY LIVELY, THIS DISTRICT LINKS PLACE MADOU WITH THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS AND HAS SOME OF THE FINEST PLACES FOR NIGHT-LIFE IN THE CAPITAL. LEANING ON THE BAR, YOU'LL HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ONE OF THE 20 LANGUAGES USED IN THE DISTRICT.

1 RUE ROYALE / MADOU P 32

2 EUROPEAN AREA P 34





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PERSPECTIVE

RUE ROYALE /MADOU

This is not, strictly speaking, a night-life district. But you'll still find a few temples to the night scattered about and bars with very special concepts.

1 Pullman Bar

Bar (Jazz)
rue Royale 103

If you get a sudden urge to shell out on some lovely bubbly, drop in at the famous Hotel Astoria. In a Pullman-style decor (the Orient Express furniture is authentic, brought back and reassembled here for the occasion), the Bubbles Bar offers you more than forty different handpicked Champagnes. A must.

2 Dirty dancing@Mirano

Nightclub (Electro / House)
c ee de Louvain 38
www.dirtydancing.be

The Dirty has rapidly made a watertight name for itself in Brussels' nightlife circles. The place

is a former cinema recreated into a temple of the jet set, and the biggest names in house have had a wild time there. Today, every weekend still offers its selection of the most creative evenings with guests carefully selected, as one might expect. Sequins guaranteed. Exclusive entry policy and trendy look de rigueur.

Open Saturday from 10 p.m.

A DISCO AFTER WORK

International club@7

www.at7.be

This is the perfect place for thirty-somethings if you want an early night or to be fresh the next day for work but still want to have some multicultural encounters in a club (meaning among European



functionaries). First put your name down via the site to get the member's card.

Open Thursday from 7 p.m. til 11.30 p.m.

3 Chez Johnny

Nightclub (Hits / Disco / Kitsch)
chaussée de Louvain 30
www.claridge.be

Chez Johnny, it's party time on a different level. You dance to old-fashioned, uncool hits, classics or a few more well-known titles. It's been going for years and the goldmine is still going strong. One experience worth trying: the Ssshhh evenings, when any talking is strictly banned from 11 p.m. to midnight, leaving you no choice but to communicate in writing or sign language. Can't you just see yourself now seducing your would-be conquest...

Open Friday and Saturday evening, from 11 p.m.

ELECTRONIC MUSIC, A BELGIAN THING

HOUSE AND TECHNO MAY HAVE EMERGED IN DETROIT, OVER THE ATLANTIC, FIRST, BUT IT'S VERY MUCH IN BELGIUM, 25 YEARS AGO TO BE PRECISE, THAT THE NEW BEAT APPEARED WITH ITS SHARP VERSES, AS A VERY HOME-GROWN PHENOMENON. SINCE THEN, THE BIGGEST DJs ON EARTH DON'T BALK FOR A SECOND WHEN THE LEADING BRUSSELS' OR BELGIAN CLUBS INVITE THEM TO DO A HOT SET. THE FEVER THAT GRIPS OUR LAND HAS BECOME LEGENDARY. A UNIQUE AMBIENCE AND A PUBLIC ALWAYS OPEN TO NEW SOUNDS, SOMETIMES PUSHED TO THE EXTREME. ELECTRONIC HYSTERICIS, YOU SAY? THE BIG BRUSSELS' CLUBS CONTINUE TO KEEP THIS ELECTRO OR TECHNO TRADITION ALIVE. LE FUSE, DIRTY DANCING, NEXT EVENINGS, RECYCLART, TO MENTION JUST A FEW, PLAY THE BEST MUSIC IN THEIR TEMPLES OF SOUND. AND THE BIG ELECTRO MASS STILL CONGREGATES, WITHOUT FAIL, EVERY SATURDAY EVENING. TECHNOIDS AND

ELECTROCLASHERS,
ON YOUR FEET!



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4 Vogue

Bar (Lounge)

rue de Louvain 2-4

An old Danish tavern, Vogue has rapidly become popular with a rather squeaky-clean clientele, wearing out the suit and tie uniform. The ambience is the flavour of the day: lounge music, subdued lighting, pinkish tones and even WIFI access; in other words, the full arsenal of trendy places. For being seen, the bar's the place to head for! Not for those on a budget. Gay evenings are also organised.

Open from 11 a.m. to 3 a.m.



Nuit blanche

www.nuitblanche2006.be

For the duration of a night, Brussels goes by the body clock of night owls, offering a whole host of things to do. There's a succession of concerts, performances, tours, parties, exhibitions and many other events, all rounded off perfectly with a huge breakfast.

EUROPEAN AREA

It's true that the place is usually livelier during the day but the European district is far from boring after work either. On the one hand, because a cosmopolitan European horde is finally free to let their hair down and, on the other, because places full of very pronounced geographical accents are legion here. Cheers, salud, chin-chin, salute, proost!

5 James Joyce

Pub (Rock)

rue Archimède 34

www.james-joyce.com

The oldest Irish pub in Brussels is

also the most classic of its kind here. Creamy Guinness flowing freely, European officials with distinctive accents and heated





discussions in front of a permanently lit football screen. Brussels is also a bit like that.

Open from 5 p.m., WE from midday

6 The Hairy Canary

Pub

rue Archimède 12

The place draws in a more “suit and tie” public than any other Irish pub. So, within the dark walls and among the green leather armchairs, you’ll also find a straighter ambience here than elsewhere. Not to worry, there are Happy Hours from 5 p.m., which usually warm things up very quickly.

A FEW BARS OUTSIDE THE CENTRE

Arts-o-bases

Bar

rue Ulens 43 - 1190

This place has a very simple decor and is exclusively for blue note aficionados.

Open from 7.30 p.m. on live music days

Club Seven

Nightclub

Bruparck - 1020

www.club-seven.be

A big tourist attraction, Club Seven blends disco-house, Latino and R’n'b.

Soho

Nightclub

boulevard du Triomphe 47 – 1160

www.sohoclub.be

One of the great nightlife venues with an interesting selection of music.

CHILL-OUT, LOUNGE AND COCOONING

Ambiances for romantic couples or for simply escaping the noise of the cafés.

LE LIVING-ROOM

50 CHÉE DE CHARLEROI - 1060

LES SALONS DE L'ATALAÏDE

89 CHÉE DE CHARLEROI - 1060

GOUPIL LE FOL

22 RUE DE LA VIOLETTE - 1000

GERVAISE'S ROOM

30 RUE DE NAMUR - 1000

H2O

28 RUE DU MARCHÉ-AU-CHARBON - 1000

ZEN

77 RUE DU PAGE - 1050

COULEUR POURPRE

463 AVENUE DE LA COURONNE - 1050

EROTIC AND LIBERTINE BRUSSELS

Cocoon

chée de Louvain 42 - 1210

www.clubcocoon.be

Libertine club for straight, gay or bi couples depending on the day, with pool, restaurant, giant bed and sauna.

Le Val D'Amour

rue de la Fourche 11- 1000

www.valdamour.be

Libertine bar for the open-minded or those who want to expand their mind. Couples and singles admitted.

Looking café

rue du Bailli 87 - 1050

www.looking.be

Commendable strip joint, equipped with a mini museum of eroticism

Galerie d'Enfer

place du Samedi 17 - 1000

www.enfer.be

Fantasy-erotic-burlesque gallery and restaurant. Parties organised.

La Porte des Sens

rue de l'Hectolitre 5 - 1000

www.laportedessens.be

Libertine club for women and couples only



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