## BRUSSELS AND ITS CULTURAL HERITAGE

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The City of Brussels was officially founded in 979 by Charles Duke of Lower Lorraine, who set down Brussels first city charter. Since then, Brussels has seen many rulers, renaissances and revolutions





## THE GRAND PLACE OF BRUSSELS

The Grand-Place is characterised by a highly successful blend of architectural and artistic styles. It is even more beautiful with the flower carpet.





## MANNEKEN PIS & JEANNEKE PIS

Manneken Pis is the best-known symbol of the people of Brussels. It embodies their sense of humour and their independence of mind.

Jeanneke Pis is a modern fountain and statue, which was intended to form a counterpoint to the city's Manneken Pis.





# THE BELGIAN CHIP SHOP « MAISON ANTOINE »

Belgium is also known for its french fries. One of the best places is "Maison Antoine". This Belgian chip shop is a cultural heritage, located in Place Jourdan.



#### ATOMIUM

The Atomium is a landmark building in Brussels which depicts nine iron atoms in the shape of the bodycentred cubic unit cell of an iron crystal, magnified 165 billion times.









# MAJOR TOWN HOUSES OF VICTOR HORTA

Brussels is also known for its fashion and design. One of its famous architects was Victor Horta, well known for creating buildings in the Art Nouveau style. Four of his most notable surviving works, Hôtel Tassel, Hôtel Slovay, Hôtel van Eetvelde and Maison & Atelier Horta, are listed as World Heritage Sites.







#### DELIRIUM CAFÉ

Belgium is the place to be for beer lovers. Belgian beers are popular world wide. In Brussels, you can find the Delirium café, which offers more than 3000 beers.

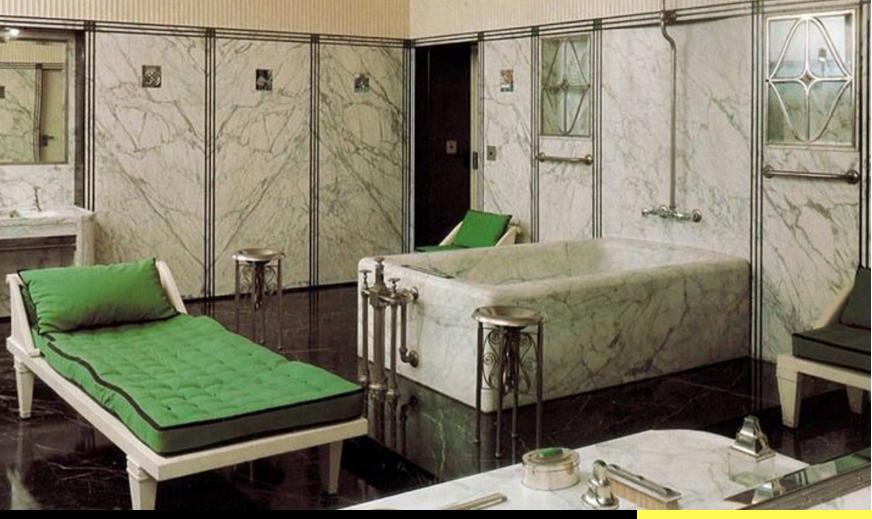




### GALERIES ROYALES SAINT-HUBERT

Designed and built by architect Jean-Pierre Cluysenaer between 1846 and 1847, the galeries Royales Saint-Hubert precede other famous 19th century shopping arcades. The Galeries Royales are one of the most beautiful and fashionable places in Brussels, a must-see for tourists.





#### STOCLET HOUSE

The Stoclet Palace is considered to be one of the best architectural masterpieces in Brussels. However, this Art Nouveau villa has one setback the palace is deemed private property under the jurisdiction of its heirs, meaning it is closed to the public.







## ROYAL THEATER OF TOONE

This amazing theater opened its doors in 1830. Hidden in a small street near the Grand Place, this puppet theatre became a very popular form of entertainment in the 19th century in working-class areas.



# BRUSSELS' WAFFLES

And last but not least, the
Brussels waffle was
introduced to the USA by
Maurice Vermersch as the
'Belgian Waffle', since
most Americans did not
even know where Brussels
was.

We hope you've enjoyed this little tour of what we think are the most important cultural aspects of Brussels!!!

