

How to manage in Brussels?

- A guide for everything you need to know -



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How to travel in Brussels

Most public transport in the Brussels-Capital Region is organized by the STIB. The network includes metro and tram lines.

Transport of STIB travels from 6 a.m. until midnight - consult the timetables shown at the stops or on the website: <http://www.stib-mivb.be/index.html?l=en>

By bus

When travelling with STIB you can buy your ticket in the various metro stations and at the STIB information offices, at many newsagents.

Fares:

- single ticket JUMP: 2,10€ (purchased outside vehicle) / 2,50 € (purchased inside vehicle)
- return trip: 4,00€
- 1-day card JUMP : 7,00€
- airport line one way ticket: 4,00 € (1 journey purchased outside vehicle) / 6,00 € (1 journey purchased inside vehicle)



The "1-day card" may be used on STIB vehicles as much as you like and when you wish during the same day.

During the weekend there are nocturnal buses that drive in the city center until 3 a.m.

By metro

Travelling by metro is one of the easiest ways to access everything in the city center. The fares are the same as mentioned above for STIB related transport.

When going to the International Press Center you have to leave the train at the **Schuman** stop.

Travel time by Metro from the International Press Center (**Schuman**):

- 4 min: Central Station
- 5 min: De Brouckère (city center)
- 6 min: Roodebeek (Woluwe Shopping Center)
- 5 min: Louise (Shopping-uptown) + you need to take another metro at Arts-Loi stop
- 18 min: Roi Baudoin (Bruparck-Atomium) + you need to take another metro at Beekant stop

If you consult the website of STIB, www.stib-mivb.be, you can click on "Network maps". You'll see that you can click on "Consult our dynamic map", here you can find all the metro, tram and bus routes. If you only want to see the metro routes you can click on "Metro" and "All". On your arrival you will receive a map of the metro routes and a city map. That way you can plan your trip.

By train

If you'd like to take the train to the International Press Center you can buy your ticket at the ticket counter. The amount depends on your route. Buying your ticket on the train itself is also possible but it costs you 7 euros more!

By taxi

Travelling in and around Brussels is also possible by taxi. It's not the cheapest way of transport in the city but it's the most comfortable one. Taking the taxi to the International Press Center is also an option. You can also take the taxi to the airport.

You can call a taxi at the follow phone number: **+32/ 02 349 49 49** or can go to the eCab app in order to:

- Request a ride using the app and get picked up within minutes
- Check the progress of your driver in real-time on a map
- Pay in cash or add a credit card to your secure eCab account so you never need cash on hand
- Order a taxi in Brussels, Paris and other European countries with one single mobile phone app
- Free app for iPhone and Android smartphone available on the App Store and Google Play Store

Apple store:



Play store:



Other ways of exploring the city

When you have some spare time it's definitely worth visiting the city center of Brussels. You can explore the great beauty of Brussels by bicycle.

If you'd like to use a bicycle you can hire one from 'Villo!'. It's possible to hire one for just one day. You can buy your ticket at the ticket counter of the train station. In the following chart you can see the rates.

	1 year	MOBIB	1 day	1 week
Basic rate	€ 32,6	€ 31,6	€ 1,60	€ 7,65
Number of transportations	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
0 - 30 min	Free	Free	Free	Free
30 min - 1h	+€ 0,5	+€ 0,5	+€ 0,5	+€ 0,5
1h - 1,5h	+€ 1	+€ 1	+€ 1	+€ 1
1,5h - 2h	+€ 2	+€ 2	+€ 2	+€ 2
>2hr per 30min	+€ 2	+€ 2	+€ 2	+€ 2

For further information please consult the website: <http://en.villo.be/>. On the website you can also find how the renting process works.

Going by foot is also a possibility but make sure that you have appropriate footwear with you. An umbrella can also come in handy in case the weather changes.

Exploring the city in a gastronomic sense is something that you must have done in Belgium!

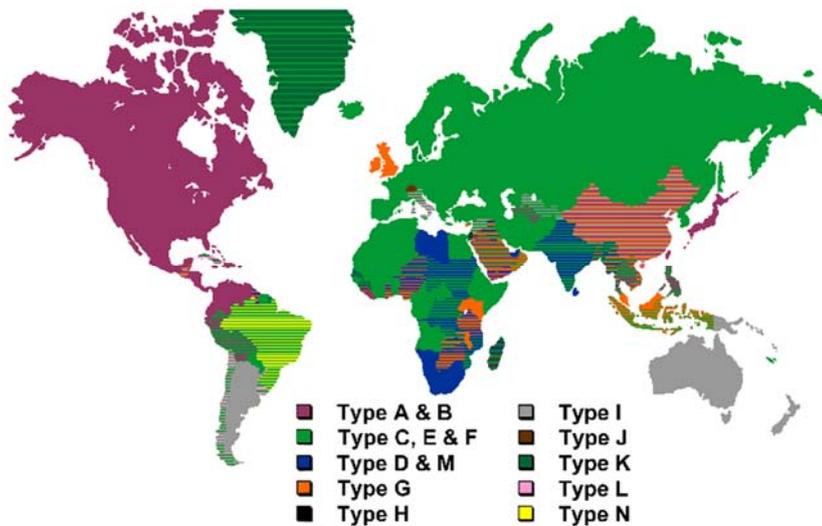


Don't forget!

Adaptors

Important to know is that Belgium has a different electrical socket, type E. This socket also works with plug C. Plug F will also do, but only with an additional pinhole. The standard voltage is 230 V. The standard frequency is 50 Hz. You can check this map to see the use of different plugs and sockets in the world. If your adaptor doesn't match the one from Belgium, then you will have to search for travel adaptors.



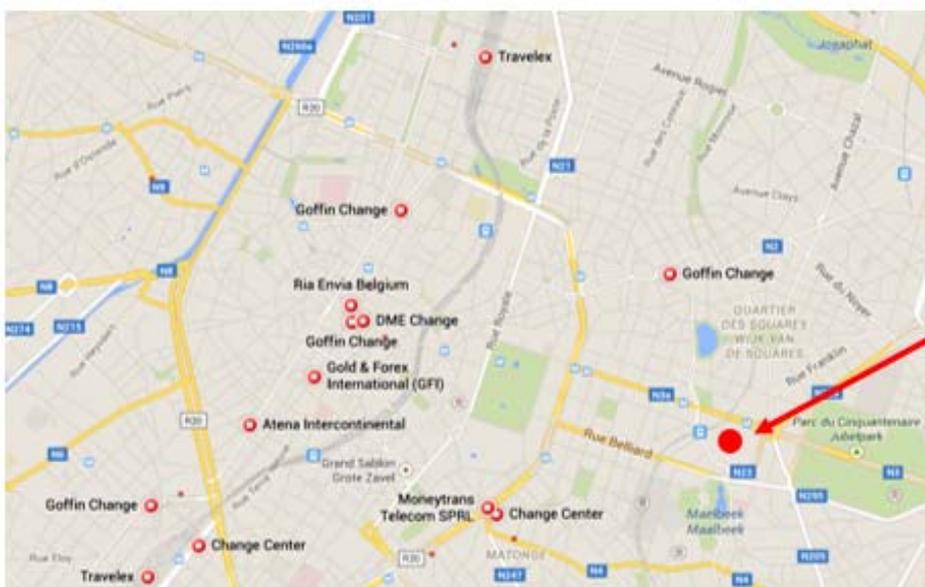


Pickpocketing

Like in every city, please be aware of pickpockets! Brussels is a very busy city and therefore it is the ideal spot for pickpockets. Purse-snatching often happens in places where tourists gather, they try to distract you before striking. We suggest that you always keep an eye on your personal belongings.

Currency exchange

Belgium is a member of the Eurozone, so remember that you will have to pay in euros. You can get your money exchanged at an exchange office nearby or when you're in Brussels. You should find a lot of exchange bureaus in the city center, we have indicated them on the map below. You can choose to do this beforehand at your local bank at home. If you arrive by plane, you can change your money at the airport.



The International Press Centre, Residence Palace



If you click on the map you're immediately send to the Google map where you can find the exact location of The International Press Centre.

Emergency numbers

General emergency number	112
Card Stop	070 / 344 344
Poison control center	070 / 245 245
Information about available pharmacies	0903/ 99 000
General information	1207
Docstop: stolen identity card/passport	00800 2123 2123

Contact list

If you need urgent information you can call the EJTA Office in Mechelen, Belgium, at +32 15 369 190. In case of absence you can also try +32 15 369 102.

In case of absence on both telephone lines you can always send an e-mail to info@ejta.eu. Please do look on the website, www.ejta.eu, most of the information can be found there.