



IAESTE App: Country Information

General information:

Country: Belgium

Capital: Brussels

Population: 11 million

National language(s): Dutch, French, German

Currency: euro

Time zone: UCT +01

Voltage: 220 V

Phone country code: +32

Cities with IAESTE LCs: Brussels, Leuven, Ghent

Climate: *(What's the average weather like during each season?)*

In Belgium, the weather is very variable. In summer, there are temperatures around 20°C, the maximum is 32°C and the minimum is around 15°C. In winter, there's sometimes snow, but not often, and temperatures around 5°C. In autumn and spring the weather will vary a lot, with lots of rain, sometimes snow or very sunny days. The best thing you can do is to check the weather forecast before travelling to Belgium.

Travel tips:

Fun facts about the country: *(around 5, a few sentences each):*

Cities/towns that you recommend visiting:

(short description for each, pointing out the most important landmarks people should visit):

Brussels: The atomium, Manneken-Pis, Royal Palace, Arc de Triomphe and the Jubelpark, Grand Place...

Antwerp: The cathedral, the historical city centre, MAS museum, Central Station,...

Bruges: The historical city centre, Belfort, Historium,...

Ghent: The castle (Gravensteen), the cathedral, the historical city centre,

Liege:

Other places you recommend visiting: *(short description for each. This can include national parks, historical landmarks, beaches, mountains, museums or anything else):*

Airports with budget airlines *(Wizz Air, Ryanair, EasyJet, Transavia, Norwegian):*

Charleroi (Brussels-South airport) and Brussels national airport (Zaventem)

Website(s) with travel connections inside the country (*train, bus, public transportation, ridesharing*):

Bus and tram in Flandres: <https://www.delijn.be/en/?vertaling=true>

Train:

https://www.belgiantrain.be/en/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAnNXiBRCoARIsAJe_1crWb1kbHo7PoOfQgA9-XnMaYxJcmMOh232twAC26P7JzepDj0cZQ1gaArP_EALw_wcB

Bus and tram in Brussels: https://www.stib-mivb.be/GO_easy.html?l=en

Traditional food and drinks you recommend trying: (*short description for each*)

Fries with mayonnaise, Brussels and Liege waffles, brussels sprouts, jenevers, all kinds of belgian beers,

Tipping in the restaurants: (*is it common or unusual, how much should you leave?*)

Belgians usually don't tip, or if they tip it's rather small.

Discounts for transportation (*do you know about any way of getting discounts for transportation? - e.g. in Belgium is cheap train Go Pass ticket if you are under 26, but you have to ask for it*):

There's the Go Pass if you are under 26, and there's also weekend biljets (which is about half the price if you travel somewhere and back between friday-evening and sunday-evening.

What is the common greeting in your country (*do you only shake hands, or you kiss on both cheeks...?*):

Shake hands if you don't know each other, kiss once or twice (depends on region) to greet someone and kiss twice or thrice to congratulate someone.

Emergencies - numbers:

All emergency contacts: 112

Police: 101

Ambulance: 100 (also for fires)

Any other interesting or useful information:

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