

Brussels, Belgium

Belgium's grand capital rewards cruisers with a UNESCO World Heritage main square, Baroque guild halls dripping in gold, and streets thick with the smell of waffles and chocolate. River ships berth at the Brussels Cruise Terminal on the Brussels-Scheldt Maritime Canal, a short ride from the historic centre.

Docked at Brussels Cruise Terminal

Typical call: full day or overnight

Euro (€)

French, Dutch (English widely spoken)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Brussels Cruise Terminal on the Brussels-Scheldt Maritime Canal, in the city's northwest. No tender — direct berth.

Best For: History, food culture, architecture, EU politics buffs, chocolate & beer lovers

Transfer to centre: ~15-20 min by taxi, tram, or metro to the Grand Place area

Don't Miss: Grand Place at golden hour — arguably Europe's finest city square

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ €10–€20 to city center · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Bolt · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Tootbus

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Grand Place & Old Town Walking Tour** — Brussels' showpiece square is a UNESCO World Heritage Site ringed by ornate 17th-century guild halls and the soaring Gothic Town Hall.
- Belgian Chocolate & Beer Tasting** — Belgium produces some of the world's finest chocolate and hundreds of artisan beers.
- Atomium & Mini-Europe** — The Atomium — a 102-metre steel atom built for the 1958 World's Fair — remains Brussels' most striking landmark.
- EU Quarter & Parliamentarium** — Brussels is the de-facto capital of the European Union.
- Royal Museums of Fine Arts** — Belgium's premier art collection spans Old Masters to modern Surrealism, including the world's largest Magritte Museum.

BEST WALKS

- Grand Place to the Atomium** ~3 km city walk + metro | 1.5 hrs — Start at the Grand Place for the guild halls, then detour to Manneken Pis a block south.
- Mont des Arts Panorama Loop** ~1.5 km | 45 min — From the Grand Place walk up to Mont des Arts garden for panoramic views of the city skyline.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		58°	41°	10d
Jun		72°	55°	10d
Aug		73°	58°	12d
Sep		68°	54°	11d
Oct		60°	49°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:48AM–8:38PM · Jun 5:28AM–9:57PM · Aug 6:30AM–9:02PM · Sep 7:18AM–7:56PM · Oct 8:06AM–6:49PM

Euro (€)

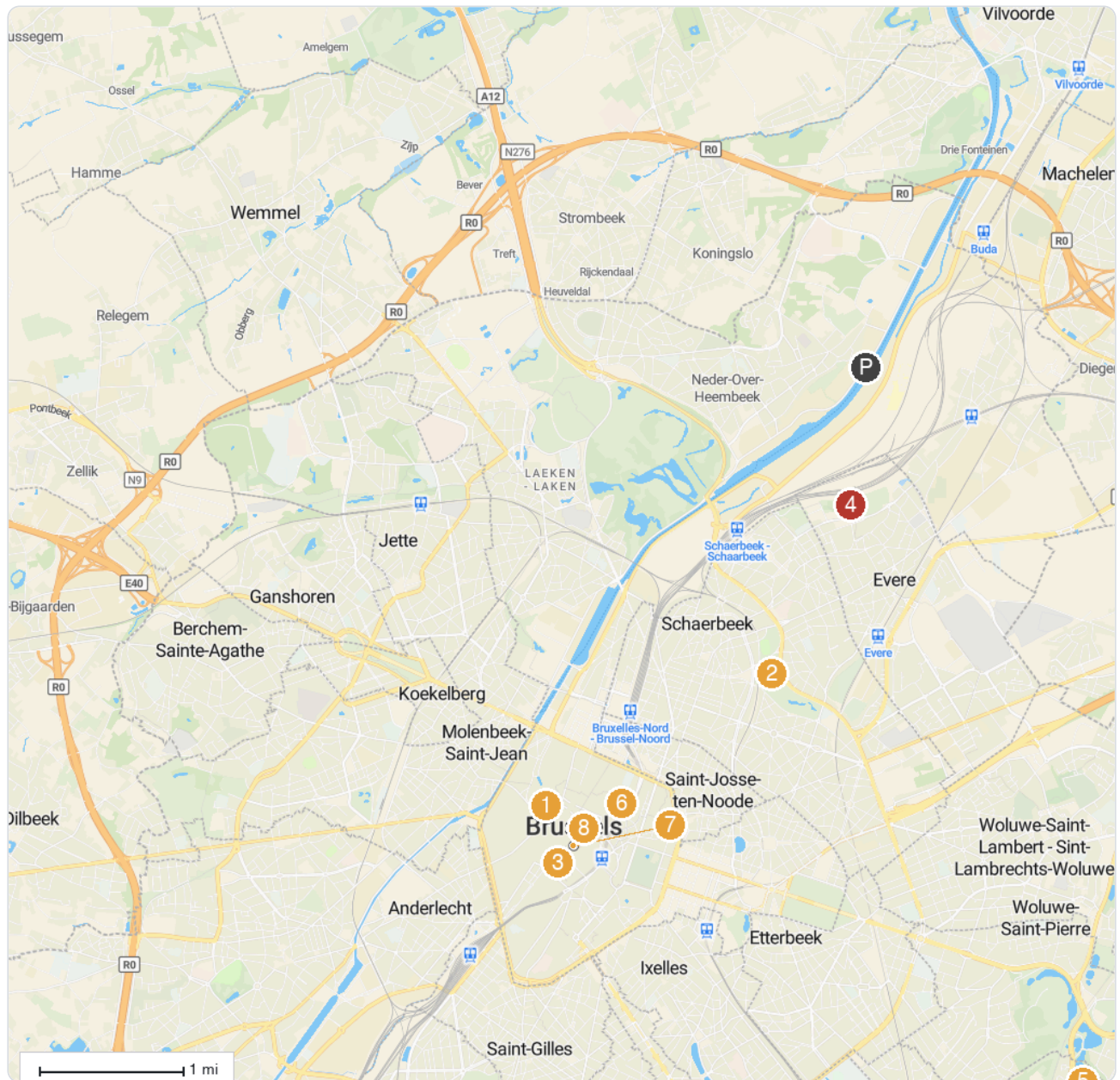
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Mind your all-aboard time. The terminal is in the city, so getting back is quick, but build in a buffer for traffic and tram delays — missing the ship is an expensive mistake.
- The tram and metro are easy. Brussels' STIB network gets you from near the port to the Grand Place area in about 20-25 minutes and gives more flexibility than waiting on a group coach.
- Buy chocolate in the centre, not the port. Shops near the Grand Place (Neuhaus, Pierre Marcolini, Godiva flagship) carry the real thing. Avoid generic souvenir shops.
- Cobblestones everywhere. Brussels' old town is almost entirely cobbled. Comfortable walking shoes are non-negotiable — skip the heels.
- Cash is useful but cards work fine. Most restaurants and shops accept cards. ATMs are plentiful near the Grand Place and train stations.
- Pack a layer and a compact umbrella. Brussels weather is famously changeable — even in summer, a rain shower can arrive without warning.

Brussels, Belgium — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Saint Catherine Catholic Church | Historic Catholic church in the heart of Brussels. | 2 Josaphat Park | Large urban park with ponds, trees, and recreation areas. |
| 3 Manneken Pis | Famous small bronze statue of a peeing boy. | 4 Moeraske | Protected natural wetland area for wildlife and walks. |
| 5 Château de la Solitude | Historic royal château, now a private residence. | 6 Comics Art Museum Brussels | Museum dedicated to Belgian comic strip art. |
| 7 Grand Place | Brussels' central historic market square with guildhalls. | 8 Jeanneke Pis | Lesser-known bronze statue of a peeing girl. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |