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Upcoming Events in Brussels...

Brussels - so much to see, so much to offer!

As Brussels being the capital of Europe, the smallest world-city, it is a metropolis.
It loves fine food and drink, and is famous for its exceptional *art de vivre*.
So, one thing that you can find here is a wide range of different bars and restaurants, wonderful shops, selling jewellery, antiques and not to forget the renowned Belgian chocolates and crystal: everything you may expect to find in the capital of Europe!

Delight yourself with a stroll around the beautiful city and through its small lanes, especially all around the famous Grand Place.

You will explore the most different things and take comfort in the warm atmosphere and the different fragrances that lie in the air like chocolate, fresh waffles or sausages.

Brussels is also the city of beer. Do not miss to try one of Belgium’s various sorts of beer. Chill out with a famous Kriek (cherry beer) or Faro for example, both specially brewed in Brussels itself. You may also try a unique Belgian waffle with chocolate or whipped cream which can be found in small stands all around the city.

Brussels is a city full of energy and life that offers its visitors and locals a large variety of events and exhibitions to explore. There are several festivities and activities to suit every taste and especially during the winter season when Brussels gleams and sparkles and shows off its most beautiful side, there is plenty to discover!
BRAFA - Brussels Antiques & Fine Arts Fair  2/01/2010 - 31/01/2010

Sophisticated and renowned but still welcoming, one of the oldest antiques fairs in the world opens its doors to the 30,000 visitors, well-informed or simply curious, collectors or professionals, who gather, as they do every year, around the 120 exhibitors rigorously selected by the experts. There’s nothing but beauty here, objects from Antiquity on display alongside African art and modern classicism, flirting with contemporary art. By way of climax to the event, the expert valuation days alone are highlights for any antiques enthusiast. Even the venue, an former marshalling yard, gives a special cachet to the fair, a place of real finesse with all kinds of rare objects from this very select market.

Tour & Taxis | Avenue du Port 86c Havenlaan - 1000 Brussels
www.brafa.be

AFFORDABLE ART FAIR (AAF) - 05/02/2010- 08/02/2010

The 2010 fair will again be the open and accessible place to go for contemporary art - with a wide range of styles and media. Both experienced art lovers and first time buyers will be able to find and go home with the perfect piece within their budget.

Tour & Taxis - 1000 Brussels
http://www.affordableartfair.be
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ANIMA (Flagey)- 12/02/2010 - 20/02/2010

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Flagey | Place Sainte Croix / Heilig Kruisplein - 1000 Brussels

EUROPALIA CHINA- 08/10/2009 - 14/02/2010

Europalia has dedicating its 22nd festival to the culture of one of the most fascinating countries on our planet, China. For two months, Europalia is opening the borders to an authentic, unknown and contemporary China through a string of events that include exhibitions, concerts, dance, theatre, cinema, literary encounters, scientific conferences, etc. This ambitious festival will present masterpieces of historic China but also offers an insight into the current artistic scene through visual arts, photography but also design, fashion, architecture and gastronomy. This same search for the past and the present is reflected in the music and dramatic arts. A prestigious event not to be missed on any grounds!

Various places in Brussels + in Belgium and its neighboring regions
www.europalia.eu

EURANTICA 08/10/2009 - 14/02/2010

From archaeology to the modern arts, more than 130 antique dealers from Europe gather together their finest pieces for this large-scale fair. Enthusiasts and collectors of rare objects love to wander nonchalantly from stand to stand, refreshing themselves from time to time with a well-earned glass of Champagne.

Brussels Expo, Palais 5 | Place de Belgique 1 Belgieplein - 1020 Brussels
http://www.artexis.com
C’EST NOTRE TERRE 2! De Kyoto à Copenhage – 10/09/2009 - 28/03/2010

As planned, "It’s our Earth" closed its doors on 10th May 2009. But in view of the success of this last exposition, it has been decided to extend and adapt the exhibition by creating a new edition entitled "It’s our Earth 2! From Kyoto to Copenhagen".

Its aim will be to create awareness among visitors on what will be at stake during the historical event of Copenhagen and throughout the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010.

Near to 700 m² of the exhibition will be composed by new spaces.

Tour & Taxis, 86 C avenue du Port - 1000 Bruxelles
www.expo-terra.be

MEXICO FESTIVAL. 16/01/2010- 25/04/2010

In 2010, Mexico celebrates its 200 years of independence and the 100th anniversary of its revolution. Two excellent reasons to punctuate the spring with a grand festival and many exhibitions. We find among those last ones, expositions such as " imagenes del mexicano ", " mundos mexicanos " or " Frida Khalo y su mundo".

Centre for Fine Arts | Rue Ravensteinsstraat 23
http://www.bozar.be

PLAY BELGIUM - 22/12/2009 - 18/04/2010

The Caves de Cureghem/Kelders van Cureghem (Cureghem Cellars) are offering four months of immersion in the fascinating world of video gaming. It is an educational but also interactive journey for all ages! The exhibition is not only perfectly suited to school visits but also makes a fun outing for the whole family or a group of friends. As you play, you will discover the young history of gaming consoles and all the events related to gaming in Belgium. All aspects of gaming will be addressed: education, prevention, media, research, science, etc. Visitors can also discover some of the latest games and technologies.

Caves de Cureghem, Entrée 3 - Rue Jules Ruhl - 1070 Bru
http://www.playbelgium.be
**BALLOON'S DAY PARADE  28/02/2010**

Giant balloons bearing the faces of your favorites cartoon heroes or Belgian folklore characters parade down the capital's main thoroughfares.
A fanfare follows the massive helium balls throughout town, crossing the city’s main arteries from the South to the North Station
Inspired by New York's Balloons Day Parade, created by mythical department store Macy’s in 1924, its Belgian counterpart promises to be a fun and magical day out through the streets of Brussels.

Departure south station at 1.30 pm
http://www.balloonsdayparade.be/

**BOOK FAIR    04/03/2010- 08/03/2010**

The Book Fair proposes a wide range of activities around writing and publishing on a surface of 17 000 m². 175 exhibitors, 1400 publishers, authors, drawers await you for a signature, a debate, an animation or to simply discover the topicality of publishing.

Tour et Taxis / Avenue du Port  1000 BRUXELLES
http://www.flb.be/

**ARS MUSICA FESTIVAL  03 /03 /2010 - 05/04/2010**

The contemporary music festival 'Ars Musica' has carved out a reputation as a real reference event all over Europe. Every year, it brings internationally renowned composers and performers to Brussels. Young talent is also given a chance to shine, with some theatre and dance thrown in the mix.

http://www.playbelgium.be
Caves de Cureghem, Entrée 3 - Rue Jules Ruhl - 1070 Bru
FESTIVAL OF FANTASY 08/04/2010 - 20/04/2010

This is probably one of the most original festivals in the world. It attracts tens of thousands of stalwarts who just love science-fiction, horror and other films realized by the most visionary directors. For a period of two weeks, cinemagoers can watch over 150 films, the majority of them as previews. Attend or take part in the make-up or body painting competition, the unusual processions or the compulsory Vampires’ Ball.

http://www.bifff.org/
Tour & Taxis | avenue du Port 86c Havenlaan - 1000 Brussels

MOOMIN- TOVE JANSSON'S DREAMED 02/03/2010 – 30/05/2010

Popularized around the world through comic strips, the Moomin series is above all a rich and sensitive body of comic strip work, created by Tove Jansson (1914-2001), an essential Finnish illustrator and author. Initially published as comic strips by the London Evening Standard (1954-1959), the Moomin stories then appeared as novels. The exhibition allows visitors to discover the world of a major twentieth-century lady author, with a rich and extravagant personality, served by a refined drawing style which continues to charm her readers in more than forty countries.

WHALES AND DOLPHINES 14/10/09-29/08/10

Are you captivated by whales, dolphins and other marine animals? Do not miss the Whales and dolphins exhibition, which takes you to the depths of the sea, tells you about the diversity of species, their origins and their evolution, their way of life as well as the often ambiguous relationship between men and marine mammals. Discover this fascinating exhibition from October 2009 on.

Natural Sciences Museum | rue Vautier 29 Vautierstraat - 1000 Brussels

www.sciencesnaturelles.be
This is just a selection of events or exhibitions going on. There is so much more to discover and to experience.

Should you have any further questions about upcoming events in Brussels please do not hesitate to contact our concierge.

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