

BRUGES GUIDE



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- Pan-European emergency number: 112
- Medical or fire emergency: 100
- Police: 101

Essential Information

Bruges is not a large city by population, but it is very rich in cultural heritage – it is even listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. The historic center is crisscrossed by canals where water from the North Sea flows, giving Bruges its nickname 'the Venice of the North'. There are well-preserved buildings everywhere which make the town special and give it a unique atmosphere.

The town is chock full of historical sights and museums. Probably the most famous medieval building is the Church of Our Lady. In fact, it has the highest brick tower in the world. There is also a place for pilgrims who visit the Basilica of the Holy Blood with relics. Bruges is also the town for those interested in arts. The Groeninge Museum, for example, features artworks spanning seven centuries. Moreover, Belgium is famous for its beer and it would be a pity not to visit a brewery in Bruges, such as the De Halve Maan Brewery. The capital of West Flanders is a town which will enchant you by its *genius loci*. Although the weather there is quite unstable, the beauty of the historic center will certainly counterbalance a few drops of rain!

Time Zone

CET (UTC+1), daylight saving time from March to October.

Contacts

Tourist Contacts

- Tourist information office: +32 50 44 46 46

Currency – 1 Euro (EUR, €) = 100 cents

There are several money exchange offices in the center of Bruges or you can also change money in local banks – whatever is more convenient for you. However, there are no exchange offices in the Bruges railway station. Public transportation drivers don't accept foreign currency, but there are several ATMs in the station where you can get euros. Don't carry 500 € notes as it might be a problem to get change.

Most credit cards are widely accepted in Belgium as well as in Bruges. You can pay with them in shops and restaurants. However, in general, Belgians prefer to pay in cash, especially for small purchases.

Tax Refunds

Residents of non-EU countries can apply for tax refunds. The VAT rate is 21% in Belgium. To qualify for a tax refund, you must spend more than €125.01 in one shop. You need to have a receipt where the item, amount of money and tax are indicated. When departing from Belgium, take your purchase and the receipt to the customs office and you will get a stamp. Then, send your stamped bill to the store where you bought the goods and they will refund you.

The Europe Tax-Free Shopping programme also functions in Belgium. Participating shops are labeled with the logo of the programme. In these shops, you should show your passport and you will be given a cheque indicating tax-free shopping. Have your cheque stamped in the customs office. Then you can claim your refund.

Prices

Bruges is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Belgium but prices there are quite reasonable.

Accommodation rates in hostels start at €15 per person per night in a mixed bedroom. A double room in a three-star hotel costs from €55, in a four-star hotel from €70 per night when booking in advance.

Average prices:

- Meal, inexpensive restaurant – €13
- Meal for 2, mid-range restaurant, three-course – €37.50
- Combo meal at McDonalds or similar – €8
- 0.5 l domestic beer in restaurant – €3.50
- 0.5 l domestic beer in supermarket – €1.40
- 1.5 l water in supermarket – €0.70
- 1 l of gasoline – €1.62

Prices in restaurants differ a lot because there are many of them in the town. You can enjoy basic meals in cheaper ones or multiple course dinners in more upscale establishments. Food prices may be different when you take it away than when you eat in the restaurant (due to differing VAT rates). State clearly where you are going to eat.

Student discounts are offered in most museums and attractions. They are not huge, usually something like €1 off an entrance fee. In tourist offices, you can buy a pass for €15 to enter five museums. This is a good deal as entrance fees to most museums vary from €5 – €8. You can also buy a Brugge City Card (www.bruggecitycard.be) which includes entrance fees to 26 museums and other attractions. Keep in mind that the most famous churches are not free to enter for tourists. One

ride on a boat on a canal costs about €5.70 for 30 minutes.

Tipping

In Belgium, tipping is not common. When you receive a bill in a restaurant, hairdresser's or cosmetician, service is already included in the price. If you are very satisfied with the service, you can round your bill up or leave few extra euros, but don't leave money on the table when leaving. Customers usually round up bills.

Electricity

Wall sockets in Belgium usually operate under 220 – 240 V AC. They are of 'type E', known as the French type (two-pin plugs). Check your devices if they are compatible before travelling and take an adapter with you when needed. Note that those adapters change only the shape of the plug and not the voltage! Visitors from North America will need to buy a voltage convertor.

Languages

The official language in western Belgium, including Bruges, is Flemish. It is nearly the same language as Dutch, but a bit softer. Most people in Bruges also speak French and English. Some of them speak German. They are used to tourists, so don't hesitate to speak English with them.

Mobile Phones

Cell network coverage in Belgium is of high quality. It uses the 900/1800/GSM/GPRS network for 2G connection and UMTS 2100 for 3G. There are three main mobile networks in Belgium – Proximus, BASE and Mobistar. If you have a European cell phone and provider, you shouldn't have any problems here. If you come from America or Asia, you should check to see if your phone is compatible.

The country code for Belgium is +32 and the city code for Bruges is 50.

Internet

The Internet is widely used in Bruges. Currently the whole town center is covered by a wireless network. In some parts of the city, such as around the main station, Zand Square, Market Square and Burg, free Wi-Fi is readily available for your

electronic devices under the name ZAPFI. However, you may not be able to access all websites.

There are also internet cafés around the town, such as Bauhaus (www.bauhaus.be) or The Cosy Bistro. Prices vary from €4 – €5.50 for half an hour.

Internet Resources

- Official website for tourists (www.brugge.be)
- Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org)

- January 1 – New Year's Eve
- Easter Sunday & Easter Monday – variable date
- May 1 – Labour Day
- Ascension – 39 days after Easter
- Pentecost – 49 days after Easter
- Pentecost Monday – Monday after Pentecost
- July 11 – Festival of the Flemish Community – only in Flanders
- July 21 – National holiday
- August 15 – Assumption of Mary
- November 1 – All Saints
- November 11 – Armistice Day
- December 25 – Christmas Day

Opening Hours

Shops in the Flanders region are usually open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is no lunch break. Most shops are closed on Sundays, excluding shopping malls and gift shops, which commonly stay open all week. Banks are open only on weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is important to keep in mind for those who need to exchange money. Food is usually served until late hours in Bruges.

Museums are not open on Mondays, as well as many bars. Always check opening hours before visiting a museum in the town.

Public Transportation

In Bruges, there are no tram or metro lines. The only means of public transport are buses, but there are many bus stops around the town. The major ones are Railway Station, Markt, Wollestraat and Biekorf. They are operated by the Delijn bus company (www.delijn.be)

If you plan to get around town by bus, it's better to buy a pass for 10 rides for €9, otherwise a single ride costs €1.20. You can also buy day passes for €5, 3-day passes for €10 and 5-day passes for €15. You can choose from two types of tickets – one for the center and one for outside of the center. They are called de stadskkaart and de lijnkaart. When you travel in a group of more than 10 people, you can get a discount.

Buses are frequent on weekdays, leaving every ten minutes from the railway station. Don't worry about getting off at the wrong stop – the town center is marked clearly, as well as the railway station. The lines from the railway station to the center and vice versa include 1, 3, 4, 6, 11, 13, 14 and 16.

Taxis

Taxis in Bruges are usually fast and convenient, although the traffic can sometimes be a problem. Taxis are impossible to hail in the streets – it's better to call a dispatcher or to go to taxi ranks, which are located near the Market Place and in front of the railway station. You can call +32 50 33 44 44 or +32 50 38 46 60 to get a cab. One short trip in a cab costs around €10.

Regional Transportation

The main station in Bruges offers frequent connections to various destinations in Belgium as

well as France. A train for Brussels leaves every half hour, and the ride takes about an hour. You can also easily get to Paris or Lille in France, as well as to London. The journey takes about three hours. Generally, services of Belgian Railways (www.belgianrail.be) are of very high quality. However, trains can get crowded, as many people travel to and from Bruges.

If you want to visit other towns and villages in West Flanders, you can travel by regional bus lines which can take you to Sluis, Knokke, Zeebrugge, Gistel or Ostende. They are operated by the Delijn bus company (www.delijn.be) and stop at the central railway station or Zand Square (t Zand).

From Zeebrugge, a port near Bruges, ferries operate to Ostend, Belgium as well as to the United Kingdom.

Driving

To drive in Belgium, you must be older than 18 and possess an international driving license. Your car must be insured. Carry your ID or passport with you to prove your identity when needed. Drive on the right side of the road and overtake on the left. As in many European countries, you must yield to cars coming from streets on the right when you are not on a priority road (marked with a yellow diamond sign). Always be alert while driving because Belgian drivers have a bad reputation in general and are considered rude.

Speed limits:

- Motorway: 120 km/h
- Dual carriageway: 120 km/h
- Rural areas: 90 km/h
- Urban areas: 50 km/h

Note that motorways in Belgium are toll-free.

Remember to fasten your seatbelts. Children up to 13 kg must be in safety seats facing backwards and those up to 18 kg facing forwards. Kids from 18 to 36 kg and shorter than 135 cm must have a booster seat. Children under 12 must not sit in the front. The maximum permitted blood alcohol level is 0.5 mg/l. Nonetheless, you shouldn't drink and drive at all. Carry a warning triangle with you, it is compulsory.

In Bruges, there are many zones in the historic center where cars are not permitted to enter because the streets are too narrow and are protected. You can find car parks near these zones.

There are several car rental companies in Bruges, such as AVIS Brugge-Kust (www.avis-kust.be) You can also rent electric cars.

Walkability

Bruges, with its narrow cobblestoned streets, is ideal for walking around, but the historic center is not really suitable for driving. This area is compact enough, however, to be discovered on foot as most landmarks and sights are within walking distance of each other. It is advisable to take a map with you for better orientation. There are also several tall buildings which you can use as reference points as they can be seen from most parts of the town: the Belfry Tower or Holy Savior Cathedral, for example. Make sure you wear comfortable shoes. Walking on uneven ground can be difficult in heels.

Although the Bruges historic center is mostly covered with cobblestones, it is not a big problem for disabled people in wheelchairs. The cobblestones are quite smooth. There are almost no hills of any size in the town. The compactness of

the center is also an advantage. Bridges in Bruges have no steps and they are easily accessible. Disadvantages include public transport buses and boats on canals which are not really accessible. Some attractions, such as the Belfry Tower, have no lift and are accessible only by steps.

Traditional cuisine in Bruges is a mix of Flemish and Dutch ingredients. Some of the typical meals in the town include Chou rouge a la Flamande, which is red cabbage with onions and prunes, or Lapin la Flamande, a marinated rabbit. Generally, 'la Flamande' means that the meal is made in traditional Flanders style. There are several typical Belgian meals that you must try, such as delicious waffles, fries and mussels, which are legendary.

Belgium is famous for its toothsome confectionery. Their pralines, chocolates and mousses taste terrific. These are also great souvenirs to bring from your stay in Bruges. Another Belgian specialty is beer. Many breweries make their beer in the region. Don't be afraid to try kinds of beer that you don't know – you certainly won't be disappointed!

Legal Age

The legal drinking age in Belgium is 16 for beer and wine, and 18 for spirits. You can buy cigarettes from the age of 16. You may be asked to show your ID when buying alcoholic beverages and tobacco products. The minimum age to drive a car is 18.

There is no last call given by law in Belgium. Many bars are open all night or close in early morning. No particular dress code is required when going to bars. However, if you eat at a more upscale restaurant, dress appropriately.

January

- The Bach Academy Bruges – a Baroque festival

February

- Bruges Beer Festival (www.brugsbierfestival.be)

March

- Cinema Novo Film Festival (www.cinemanovo.be)

May

- Ascension Day – Procession of the Holy Blood (en.wikipedia.org)

July

- Bruges Triple Days – three days of music and entertainment in the town center

August

- Lace Days – a three-day exhibition of lace-works

November

- Choco-Laté Festival (www.choco-late.be)

Free Things To Do

There are not really many free things to do in Bruges, as most of the attractions charge an entrance fee. However, you can:

- visit the Market Square (Grote Markt) and marvel at the beautiful architecture
- sit on a bench near the Minnewater Lake and enjoy the tranquility of the place
- go to Beguinage, a neighbourhood in Bruges and walk around the streets
- go inside the Basilica of the Holy Blood and admire a perfect mix of architectural and decorative styles
- have a picnic in Astrid Park

Also, there is a free walking tour around Bruges (www.photohype.com) You don't pay, only tip the guide at the end.

Shopping

In Bruges, confectionery shops are found everywhere. You can buy chocolate of any kind there. If you want to save some money, check prices at several shops before you buy something. For those who prefer beer, there are also many shops with wide selections. The most popular and most typical Bruges souvenir is lace. However, be warned – not all lace claimed to be produced in Flanders is original.

Several shopping streets are intersect with the Market Square, such as Steenstraat, Zuidandstraat, Geldmuntstraat, Philipstockstraat, Smedenstraat, Katelijnestraat and St.-Amandsstraat. There are branches of various chain stores. It is an ideal place for window-shopping.

If you like markets, there are several which take place regularly. Every Wednesday, you can buy food products at the Market Square. On Sat-

urdays, vendors sell their miscellaneous items at the Zand Square. Along Djiver, a flea market takes place every Saturday and Sunday from March until November.

- DO go to the shops selling chocolate and try samples to find your favourite one!
- DO wander around the UNESCO-listed historic center.
- DO cross canals via bridges leading over them.
- DO carry your ID everywhere with you.
- DO speak English to the locals.
- DO NOT forget to fasten your seatbelts in cars.
- DO NOT look too touristy – you might be an easy target for pickpockets!
- DO NOT leave too big a tip, locals may find it offensive.
- DO NOT miss trying local food specialties!

Safety

In general, Belgium is quite a safe country – crime rates here are lower than in neighboring countries. Bruges, as a less-industrialised town, also has a low crime rate. However, visitors of major tourist destinations such as Brussels, Antwerp and Bruges are often targets of petty crime and pickpockets. Bruges is generally considered to be safe, but it is necessary to take basic safety precautions. As the center is very popular among tourists, it can get overcrowded, especially during the summer. It is advisable to keep an eye on your belongings while visiting the historic center. Store your camera safely in an ordinary bag. Don't carry valuables with you. You should always have an ID with you, and leave a photocopy in a safe place. Remember that it's not a good idea to leave your belongings in your car because those can be robbed easily. There is a ban on wearing clothing that covers your face which also applies to tourists; you can be fined heavily.

There are no particular areas in the town to be avoided. However, you shouldn't walk alone at night, especially women. If you have to, walk on well-lit streets. Try to look less touristy because

people easily recognisable as tourists are easy targets of thieves and cheaters.

Belgium is known for regular strikes which can affect transport. They mainly take place in the Brussels, but they can also influence other areas. Driving in Belgium is usually safe but there have been reports of kidnappings on motorways. Aggressors might possess knives or guns and focus mainly on drivers who are alone.

It is safe to drink water from taps. However, as in every town close to the sea, it can have a peculiar taste. In any case, it is not dangerous to drink.

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Historic Centre of Bruges / Historisch centrum van Brugge A
 Go back in time and take a stroll through the picturesque heart of the city, intact from the Middle Ages. A must-see.

GPS: N51.20874, E3.22431



Markt / Market Square Brugges B
 The very centre of the historical heart of the city. The square is lined with wonderful sights, so make sure to pay a visit.

Markt, 8000 Bruges, Belgium
 GPS: N51.20860, E3.22446



Bruges Canals / Brugse reien C
 Find out why is Bruges called 'Venice of the North'. Catch one of the many boats that cruise the canals now and sail around the city.

GPS: N51.20776, E3.22689

Opening hours:

Boat tours on canals are available daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in high season and during weekends and holidays in low season.

Admission:

Boat tours:

Adults: €5.20

Children (4 - 11) accompanied by an adult: €2.60



Basilica of the Holy Blood / Heilige Bloed Basiliek

A majestic sight from the 12th century and a home to the relic of Precious Blood – a vial which is said to contain Christ's blood.

Burg 13, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.20818, E3.22653

Phone:

+32 50 33 67 92

Opening hours:

Basilica and museum:

Oct 1 – Mar 24: daily except Wed: 10 a.m. – noon; 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Mar 24 – Sep 30: daily: 9:30 a.m. – noon; 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission:

Admission to the museum: €2

D



Burg Square / Burg

Bruges' smaller square and the historical heart of the city. Stuffed with amazing architecture and a must-see.

Burg, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.20855, E3.22679

E



Provincial Court / Provinciaal Hof

A breathtaking Neo-Gothic building right in the centre of the city. A must-see for lovers of architecture.

Markt, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.20892, E3.22516

Opening hours:

Guided tours are available for groups of at least 10 people.

These tours must be booked at least one month ahead.

They are available every Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri and the 1st Sat of the month from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., every Tue from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

No tours available in Jul and Aug.

F



The Belfry Tower / Belfort

A famous landmark of the city with the well-known 47-bell carillon. If you ascend the stairs, a breathtaking view will be your reward.

Markt, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.20823, E3.22494

Opening hours:

Daily: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed on Jan 1, Ascension day (afternoon) and Dec 25.

Admission:

Adults: €8

Concessions: €6

Children (up to 12): free

G



Quai of the Rosary / Rozenhoedkaai

A starting point of many boat trips and the most beautiful view in all of Bruges. A perfect spot for photographers.

Rozenhoedkaai, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.20728, E3.22770

H



Church of Our Lady / Onze Lieve Vrouwekerk

A majestic church with the second highest brick tower in the world. Holds a sculpture of the Madonna and Child by Michelangelo.

Mariastraat, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.20467, E3.22467

Phone:

+32 50 34 53 14

Opening hours:

Mon – Sat: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sun: 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed on Jan 1, Ascension day (afternoon) and Dec 25. Also closed Oct 1 – Nov 30.

Admission:

Adults: €6

Concessions: €5

Children (up to 12): free

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Town Hall / Stadhuis

A breathtaking memento of the city's prosperity in the 16th century. Both the building and the interior are beautifully decorated.

Burg 12, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.20828, E3.22708

Opening hours:

Daily: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed on Jan 1, Ascension day (afternoon) and Dec 25.

Admission:

Adults: €4

Concessions: €3

Children (up to 12): free

J



Choco-Story – The Chocolate Museum

The ultimate place for chocolate lovers – learn about the history of the treat and watch how it is made.

Sint-Jansplein 2, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.21035, E3.22609

Phone:

+35 50 61 22 37

Opening hours:

Daily: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed on Dec 24, 25 and 31, Jan 1 and during the 2nd and the 3rd week of January.

Admission:

Adults: €7

Seniors, students: €6

Children (6 – 11): €4

Children (up to 6): free

K



Gothic Hall Bruges / Gotische Zaal

This astounding hall, which stands on the grounds of the castle, presents the history of the city painted on its own walls.

Burg 12, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.20925, E3.22713

Opening hours:

Daily: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed on Jan 1, Ascension day (afternoon) and Dec 25.

Admission:

Gothic Hall is a part of the Town Hall.

Admission to the Town Hall:

Adults: €4

Concessions: €3

Children (up to 12): free

Tickets are also valid for Brugse vrije complex.

L



De Halve Maan Brewery / Huisbrouwerij De Halve Maan

The only family brewery left in Bruges with a long tradition. Offers guided tours. There is also a restaurant serving the beers.

26 Walplein, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.20246, E3.22421

Phone:

+32 50 44 42 22

Opening hours:

Apr – Oct: guided tours are available every hour in following times:

Mon – Fri: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sat: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sun: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Nov – Mar:

Mon – Fri: 11 a.m.; 3 p.m.

Sat: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. (every hour)

Sun: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. (every hour)

Individual visitors can pre-book for tours during the week from Mon to Fri.

Admission:

Price of the guided tour: €7 including beer tasting.

M



Groenerei Promenade / Groenerei

A nice walk by one of the city's canals and a chance to gaze at the city from a particularly good spot.

GPS: N51.20903, E3.23017



Holy Savior Cathedral / Sint-Salvatorskathedraal

What used to be a common church was promoted to a cathedral after Belgium gained its independence. Beautiful gobelins on display inside.

Sint-Salvatorskerkhof 5, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.20552, E3.22167

Phone:

+32 50 86 61 88

Opening hours:

Church:

Mon – Fri: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 2 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sat: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Sun: 11:30 a.m. – noon; 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Treasury:

Daily except Sat: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission:

Admission to the cathedral is free.



Groeninge Museum / Groeningemuseum

A remarkable art museum that prides itself in the collection of Flemish primitive masters. There are various other works on display.

Dijver 12, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.20579, E3.22579

Opening hours:

Tue – Sun: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. (last tickets sold at 4:30 p.m.)

Closed on Jan 1, Ascension day (afternoon) and Dec 25.

Admission:

Adults: €8

Concessions: €6

Children (up to 12): free



Tanners' Square / Huidenvettersplein

Named after the leather workers whose guild used to be here. Also called "The Fish Market". A great spot for taking photos.

Huidenvettersplein, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.20770, E3.22765



Chocolatier Van Oost

The shop stocks both classic and creative chocolate treats, all hand-made. A great place to buy presents to send home.

Wollestraat 11, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.20810, E3.22546

Phone:

+32 50 33 14 54

Opening hours:

Daily: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.



Palace of the Liberty of Bruges / Landhuis van het Brugse Vrije

A true Renaissance gem, now housing the city archives. Check out the majestic fireplace made in honour of the emperor Charles V.

Burg 11A, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.20841, E3.22757

Opening hours:

Brugse Vrije complex:

Daily: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed on Jan 1, Ascension day (afternoon) and Dec 25.

Admission:

Combined ticket to the Brugse Vrije complex and Town Hall:

Adults: €4

Concessions: €3

Children (up to 12): free





Zilverpand Shopping Gallery / Zilverpand

This is not your typical mall – the stores are scattered along three streets, making for a unique shopping experience.

Zilverpand, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.20679, E3.21940

Phone:

+32 22 90 59 59

Opening hours:

Shops are usually open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and stay closed on Sundays.



Hof Arents Square / Hof Arents

A tranquil spot hidden from the eyes of most tourists. There are four sculptures in the middle – Riders of the Apocalypse by Rik Poot.

GPS: N51.20524, E3.22564



Minnewater Lake / Het Minnewater

Also known as the 'Love Lake'. Surrounded by a park and has a terrace facing the lake for the perfect view.

GPS: N51.19941, E3.22402



2be Foodshopping Brugge

A prestigious shop with everything Belgian – beer, chocolate and more, all made the artisan way. Also serves as a beer bar.

Wollestraat 53, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.20721, E3.22677

Phone:

+32 50 611 222

Opening hours:

Daily: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.



St. James's Church / Sint-Jacobskerk

A splendid Early Gothic church, founded in 1240. The interior is decorated with 16th to 18th century paintings.

Sint-Jakobsstraat, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.21062, E3.22086



St. Walburga's Church / Sint-Walburgakerk

A captivating staple of Baroque architecture among the city's Gothic churches. Used to be the home of the Jesuits.

Sint-Maartensplein, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.21144, E3.22931

Opening hours:

Mon – Sat: 10 a.m. – noon; 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Sun: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission:

No entrance fee.



Koningin Astrid Park / Koningin Astridpark

A spacious, beautiful park close to the city centre. There's a children's play area and a small pond.

Minderbroederstraat, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

GPS: N51.20616, E3.23153



