



Trip description

A long cycling weekend in and around Brussels

A 3-day bicycle loop from Brussels, with visits to Mechelen and Leuven.



Destination	Europe
Location	Belgique
Duration	3 days
Difficulty Level	Moderate
Validity	from April until October
Minimum age	14
Reference	BE0301

Type of stay
loop trip



Itinerary



Visit the capital of Europe: taste, be amazed by this effervescent city. Then you leave for Malines (Mechelen) and Leuven, beautiful art cities, before returning to Brussels.

Three days on cycling paths, towing paths and across the Forest of Soignes.

Day 1

Brussels - Malines

Bike
41km

Altitude
±80m

You leave the city center of Brussels towards the famous Atomium, built for the 1958 Universal Exhibition. Don't hesitate to visit this bizarre building, the view from the top ball is magnificent.

You continue your route along the canal and on small country roads towards the magnificent city of Malines (Mechelen in Flemish). This small medieval town, which saw Charles V grow up, is an architectural gem that is still little-known: gabled houses, cobbled streets, artistic masterpieces in the Saint-Rombout cathedral, palace of Marguerite of York and Marguerite of Austria, beguinage etc. Mechelen has enough to compete with Bruges and Ghent.

Day 2

Malines - Leuven

Bike
30km

You have plenty of time to visit the town of Malines (Mechelen) before hitting the road. You cycle along the canal on an beautiful cycle path. Leuven has a lot to offer. The city center with its medieval buildings, the M museum, the beguinage...

Leuven is known not only for its universities, but also for its many beers. One of the largest breweries in the world is located in Leuven: Stella Artois (visit possible on weekends, tickets at the Tourist Office). Leuven is said to have the longest bar in the world, the "Oude Markt" (Old Market) is where students party, especially on Thursday evenings. But Leuven has a lot to offer you. The city center with its medieval buildings, the M museum, the beguinage...

Day 3

Leuven - Brussels

Bike
42km

Altitude
±250m

After breakfast, you leave for Brussels. The stage takes you along country roads. You will quickly find yourself in the Tervuren Park, with its Africa museum. The 2nd part of your stage crosses a magnificent setting: one of the oldest forests in Belgium, the Soignes forest. A surprising place a few kilometers from downtown Brussels.

You enter the city safely on a traffic-free boulevard, the realm of gentle road users. Stroll through the small historic streets and Jugendstil and art nouveau style galleries. Sit in the shade of the Grand Place to sip a cold beer or admire the city's landmark, Manneken Pis. If you are staying a bit longer in Brussels, you can visit the brewery of Cantillon, the last Gueuze brewery in Brussels (with tasting session).

Accommodation

Category B

You are staying in ***, **** hotels or charming B&B's. The accommodations have a bicycle storage place. Breakfast is included.





* Example of the type of accommodation

Practical information

To go to the starting point:

By plane: fly to Brussels (Zaventem), then take the train to Brussels city centre (15 minutes).

By train: From Paris or London: direct trains to Brussels Midi: <https://www.thetrainline.com/fr>

Parking:

If you come by car, you can park your vehicle in Brussels for the duration of your stay in a city car park. Be careful, prices are high. In addition, Brussels is a ZFE, you must register your vehicle BEFORE traveling: <https://ez.brussels/mytax/en/registration>.

Appointment schedule:

You have direct access to your rental bikes to discover the city or to start your cycling trip as part of your program. **Opening hours of the bike rental shop: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Price description

Category B

Double room fare

€389 /pers

2 nights in 3* hotels or bed & breakfasts

2 breakfasts

3-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)

the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information

7/7 hotline

Single occupancy extra

€ 90 /night

Extra night in Brussels

€ 99 /pers

Options

Luggage transfer

prices upon request

Extras for another bicycle than a touring bike :

- e-bike € 35 /pers

- randonneuse (gravel bike type with luggage rack) € 18 /pers

- gravel bike with bikepacking bags € 38 /pers

- tandem Pino (€140 per bike, hence €70 per person) € 70/pers

Discount if you bring your own bicycle - € 100 /pers

Children discount (in the same room as 2 full rate participants):

0-4 year : -70%

5-11 year : -25%

12-17 year : -30%

The package doesn't include:

the journey to the tour location
drinks
meals which are not included
entrance fee to sites
insurances (optional)

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