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ABBHEY OF SAINT DENIS

The priory was founded in 1106, near the Saint-Denis church. Thanks to its location on the road from Paris to Brussels, important people stayed there for a few hours or days before going to Brussels. In 1764 the Abbey was demolished by a heavy fire. It has never been able to get back its original beauty. It was not until 1964 that the town of Forest started to renovate the Abbey. It consists of 4 main buildings forming a horse shoe. In the first building left from the church entrance exhibitions are organised. A bit further on you will discover the "Château".

Address:

Place Saint-Denis
1190 Brussels (FOREST)
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 376 38 79

Learn more about this:

url : <http://www.vorst.irisnet.be/site/Comm/Hist/Abfor>

ART CENTRE OF THE ROUGE-CLOÎTRE



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The Art Centre organises 4 to 5 exhibitions a year and specialises in the link between art and writing. It also promotes contemporary creations, by means, among others, of the "Prix Découverte". It highlights Belgian artists and works in collaborations with organizations such as **Europalia**.

Opening periods:

- All year round 2010 (except on: Monday, Friday)
 - tuesday-thursday : 14:00-17:00
 - saturday-sunday : 14:00-17:00

Comment:

Closed on Monday, Friday and public holidays.

Open from Tuesday to Thursday and during the weekend during exhibitions.

Temporary exhibitions. For more information, visit our website.

Extra information:

Free of charge for children younger than 12.

Address:

Rue du Rouge-Cloître 4
1160 Brussels (AUDERGHEM)
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 660 55 97
Fax:+32 (0) 2 660 55 97

Learn more about this:

url : <http://www.rouge-cloitre.be>

email : info@rouge-cloitre.be

BEGUINAGE CHURCH OF SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE

Attributed to the architect L. Fayd'herbe, this church is a remarkable illustration of the Italian-influenced Flemish Baroque style of the 17th century. Its façade is considered to be one of the most beautiful in Belgium. The church was restored after it was ravaged by a fire in 2001, and stands out again.

Extra information:

Admission free.

Address:

Place du Béguinage
1000 BRUXELLES
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 217 87 42

BRUSSELS' PROTESTANT CHURCH - MUSEUM (ROYAL CHAPEL)

On the Museum square you see the sumptuous living-room suites of the palace of the Charles of Lorraine on your left, and right, the protestant Chapel, which was built in 1760. It is the old palace chapel, which was originally a catholic chapel, but was transformed into a protestant church by imperial decree of Napoleon in 1804. The church, which is still used today, is decorated in white and gold. You will not only find the Dreymann organ (1840), which is being restored but also the 1699 Forceville organ.

Comment:

Outside the opening hours, the temple is accessible for guided visits by appointment (tel. +32 (0)2/213 49 40 from Monday to Friday from 2.30 pm to 5.45 pm).

Address:

Rue du Musée 2
1000 BRUXELLES
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 513 23 25
Fax:+32 (0) 2 502 59 56

Learn more about this:

email : secretariat@eglisedumusee.be
url : <http://www.eglisedumusee.be>

CATHEDRAL OF SAINTS MICHAEL & GUDULE



© Andreas Lechtape, Münster, Germany.

Built on the top of a hill, the cathedral reflects the three stages of the gothic style in its construction. It is a remarkable building because of the remnants of the old Roman collegiate church, its 16th century stained-glass windows, the statues of the apostles in the nave, the baroque style "chair of truth", its treasure and its large organ.

Opening periods:

- All year round 2010

Comment:

Access for the disabled on request.

Guided visits on request: ACT (French, German and Russian), tel.: +32 (0)2/219 75 30 - CDTB (Dutch, German and English), tel.: +32 (0)2/219 68 34 - Rue du Bois Sauvage 13, 1000 Brussels - open from 9 am to 5 pm.

Extra information:

Visit of the treasure: € 1,-/person, € 10,-/group, free of charge for children -14 years.
Discover this place in 360° @ bruxelles.arounder.com

Address:

Parvis Sainte-Gudule
1000 BRUXELLES
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 217 83 45
Fax:+32 (0) 2 219 96 55

Learn more about this:

url : <http://www.cathedralestmichel.be>
email : alice.verhoeven@base.be
email : info@actasbl.be

CHURCH OF CHANT-D'OISEAU

This modern church is only visited by musicians because of its organ. Some pretend that this organ is the one of Zorglub... While looking at this impressive mass one expect more to hear trumpeting than the song of birds. Nevertheless, the organ is designed for contemporary music, French in particular, like the one of Mission...

Address:

Avenue du Chant d'Oiseau 2
1150 Brussels (WOLUWE-SAINT-PIERRE)

CHURCH OF NOTRE-DAME AUX RICHES CLAIRES

This 17th century church built in the Flemish Renaissance style is the work of Luc Fayd'herbe and is typical of the Brabant Baroque style.

Address:

Rue des Riches Claires 23
1000 BRUXELLES
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 511 09 37
Fax:+32 (0) 2 512 69 56

CHURCH OF NOTRE-DAME DE LA CHAPELLE



© Karina Nestler

Remarkable by its **Romanesque** and **Romanesque-Gothic architecture**, it is accordingly one of the most interesting churches in **Belgium**. One of its chapels is devoted to the memory of **Pieter Breughel the Elder** and his wife, Marie Coucke. In the Chapel of the Holy Sacrament, a commemorative plaque serves as a reminder that François Anneessens, the leader of the guilds who was executed for having defended our communal liberties, is buried there.

Opening periods:

- All year round 2010
- daily : 09:00-19:00

Comment:

Guided visits on request: ACT (French, German and Russian), tel.: +32 (0)2/219 75 30 - CDTB (Dutch, German and English), tel.: +32 (0)2/219 68 34 - Rue du Bois Sauvage 13, 1000 Brussels - open from 9 am to 5 pm.

Address:

Place de la Chapelle
1000 BRUXELLES
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 512 07 37

Learn more about this:

email : j-l.blanpain@bxl.catho.be

url : <http://paroisses.catho-bruxelles.be/bruxelles/chapelle>

CHURCH OF NOTRE-DAME DE LAEKEN



© Benoît

Built in the 19th century and dedicated to Louise-Marie, first Queen of the Belgians, it contains the Royal Crypt. The choir of the original 13th century church is in early Gothic style and is in the cemetery where numerous wellknown personalities are buried. They include, the playwright Michel de Ghelderode, the architects Poelaert, Balat and Suys as well as the violonist Charles de Bériot and his wife, the famous opera singer, known as "La Malibran". Among the works of art decorating the tombs and chapels is the famous "Thinker" of Rodin.

Comment:

Open on other dates (see website of the parish of Laeken).
Guided visits on request.

Extra information:

Free of charge.

Address:

Parvis Notre-Dame
1020 Brussels (BRUXELLES)
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 479 23 62
Fax:+32 (0) 2 478 20 95

Learn more about this:

url : <http://www.ndlaeken-olvlaeken.be>

email : info@ndlaeken-olvlaeken.be

CHURCH OF NOTRE-DAME DU BON-SECOURS



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One of the most gracious **churches of the Flemish Baroque period**, it is nevertheless the most untypical of the Flemish style by its hexagonal form of its layout and its short naves. The facade is elegant and well proportioned. It is decorated with the emblazons of Charles de Lorraine. **Stop on the way of Saint Jacques of Compostela.**

Opening periods:

- All year round 2010
- daily : 09:00-17:30

Comment:

Guided visits on request: ACT (French, German and Russian), phone: +32 (0)2 219 75 30 - CDTB (Dutch, German and English), tel.: +32 (0)2/219 68 34 - Rue du Bois Sauvage 13, 1000 Brussels - open from 9 am to 5 pm.

Address:

Rue du Marché au Charbon
1000 BRUXELLES
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 514 31 13

Learn more about this:

url : <http://www.catho-bruxelles.be/Notre-Dame-du-Bon-Secours.html>

CHURCH OF NOTRE-DAME DU FINISTERE

This 18th century church is built on the site of a chapel founded in the 15th century and named "de Venstersterre". A Gothic virgin, Notre-Dame du Bon Succès, is venerated here.

Address:

Rue Neuve
1000 BRUXELLES
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 217 52 52
Fax:+32 (0) 2 218 42 35

CHURCH OF NOTRE-DAME DU SABLON



© Karina Nestler

In 1304 a small chapel was built by the city's crossbowmen on the then empty square. In the 15th century, the chapel was rebuilt and then given lasting legitimacy by the attendance of leading figures from the aristocracy. In the 15th century, the area was one of the most attractive and festive in Brussels. Today the church is seen as a remarkable example of the Ogival style in the city. Inside, the central nave is illuminated by 11 stained-glass windows measuring 15 metres in height. In 1549, a small chapel was added to the church, dedicated to the Tour and Tassis family : founders in Brussels of the city's international postal service at the beginning of the 16th century.

Comment:

Guided tours on request.

Address:

Rue de la Régence 38
1000 BRUXELLES
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 511 57 41
Fax:+32 (0) 2 514 25 26

CHURCH OF SAINT AUGUSTIN

Better known under the name "Altitude 100" (because of its location on top of one of the capital's summits), this church is one of the three survivors of religious Art Deco-architecture in Brussels and was built by the architects Guianotte and Watteyne in 1936.

Address:

Place de l'Altitude Cent
1190 Brussels (FOREST)
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 344 59 56

CHURCH OF SAINT CLEMENT

Only the tower and principal nave remain of the 12th c. building.

Comment:

Guided visits on Sunday 13 and 27 July, as well as on 10 and 21 August.
Guided visits on request at +32 (0)2/660 71 79.

Address:

Rue du Loutrier
1170 Brussels (WATERMAEL-BOITSFORT)
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 513 89 40

CHURCH OF SAINT JACQUES-SUR-COUDENBERG



© Roger Van Wassenhove

The building was designed and built to be included in the neoclassical style of the **Place Royale**. The façade with the triangular pediment and the six Corinthian columns remind of a Greek-Roman temple. During the French revolution it was transformed into a Temple of Reason, and later a Temple of Law. In 1802, the church was returned to the catholic religion. On 21 July 1831 H.M. Leopold I, the first Belgian king, took the constitutional oath on a decorated stage in front of the church.

Opening periods:

- All year round 2010 (except on: Monday)
- tuesday-saturday : 13:00-18:00
- sunday : 08:45-17:00

Comment:

Brochures available in FR, NL, EN, DE, IT and ES.

Free guided visits for groups on request at the 'Animation Chrétienne et Tourisme asbl', Rue du Bois Sauvage 13, 1000 Brussels - Tel.: +32 (0)2/219 75 30, fax + 32 (0)2/219 68 34 or see email.

Every year, on 21 July, for the National Holiday, the church is accessible to all from 10 am to 4 pm.

Address:

Place Royale
1000 BRUXELLES
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 511 78 36
Fax:+32 (0) 2 502 18 25

Learn more about this:

email : alice.verhoeven@skynet.be

url : <http://www.eglisesaintjacques.be>

CHURCH OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

A small gothic church with a baroque portal, it was once part of a convent founded in the 13th century but destroyed by Protestants in 1580. The church was refurbished between 1957 and 1958 to give it a 15th century aspect. The building of the tiny Magdalene Chapel dates back to the 15th century and was made possible by a donation from the guild of bakers.

Comment:

Guided tours on written request for groups of at least 50 people.

Address:

Rue de la Madeleine 21
1000 BRUXELLES
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 511 28 45
Fax:+32 (0) 2 410 30 73

Learn more about this:

email : webmaster@assomptionaabs.be

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER

Former church of which only the choir and the tower from 1755 still exists. Joined with the new Art deco church from 1935. Sacristy: the oldest listed building of Woluwe-Saint-Pierre from 1781 is part of the foundation of the Abbey of Forest.

Address:

Parvis Saint-Pierre
1150 Brussels (WOLUWE-SAINT-PIERRE)
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 770 07 05

CHURCH OF SAINTE MARIE



© Karina Nestler

Built in Roman, Gothic and Byzantine style, it dates from the middle of the 19th century. Its powerful octagonal silhouette and the dome dominate the view from the Rue Royale.

Comment:

Explanatory leaflets in different languages and brochure in FR and NL.

Address:

Place de la Reine
1030 Brussels (SCHAERBEEK)
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 219 75 05

CHURCH OF SAINT-ETIENNE



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Old barn of the farm, which was transformed into a church and a cultural room in 1970.

Comment:

Guided visit. Info and reservations: S.I. Rixensart asbl - Villa Beau-Site - Avenue des Combattants 14 - Tel & fax: +32 (0)2/653 69 37.

Address:

Ferme de Froidmont
Chemin du Meunier
1330 RIXENSART
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 653 99 48

Learn more about this:

url : <http://www.rixensart.be>

CHURCH OF SAINT-FRANCOIS-XAVIER



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Neo-roman style (1875-1956).

Ceramics of Max Vander Linden, statues by Paul Smars and Jean Godard and church-windows from Jean-Slagmuylder. New organ.

Comment:

Guided visit. Info and reservations: S.I. Rixensart asbl - Villa Beau-Site - Avenue des Combattants 14 - Tel & fax: +32 (0)2/653 69 37.

Address:

Place Cardinal Mercier 30
1330 RIXENSART
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 653 75 70

Learn more about this:

url : <http://www.rixensart.be>

CHURCH OF SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE

Gothic style church. This church dates from 1476, but numerous fires changed its architecture and appearance. Its chimes were installed in 1954.

Address:

Place Cardinal Mercier
1300 WAVRE
Tel.:+32 (0) 10 23 03 52
Fax:+32 (0) 10 23 03 56

Learn more about this:

email : info@mtab.be
url : <http://www.mtab.be>

CHURCH OF SAINT-LAMBERT

The tower and the remains go back to the 12th c., the aisles to the 18th c. Completely restored in 1930.

Comment:

Guided tours on written request at the Parish Secretariat of Saint-Lambert - Rue Madyol 2, 1200 Brussels.

Address:

Place du Sacré-Coeur
1200 Brussels (WOLUWE-SAINT-LAMBERT)
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 513 89 40

CHURCH OF SAINT-NICOLAS

A Chapel once dedicated by merchants to Saint Nicolas, Bishop of Myre in Turkey in the 4th century. Its foundation date is not known. Down the years it has been plundered, bombarded and left to fall into ruin, but has never been completely destroyed. Restored in 1954, the church was given a new look. The oldest part of the church is the chancel, dating from 1381, while the back window, Our Lady of the Assumption by Guy Chabrol, dates from the most recent restoration work in 1956.

Comment:

The church cannot be visited during services.

Address:

Rue au Beurre 1
1000 BRUXELLES
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 513 80 22
Fax:+32 (0) 2 511 26 38

CHURCH OF SAINTS JEAN ET ETIENNE AUX MINIMES



© S. Rovenne

Remarkable by its style and its harmonious proportions, it marks the transition between the 17th century Flemish Baroque and the neo-classicism which became popular in the 18th century.

Comment:

Guided visits on request.

Address:

Rue des Minimes 62
1000 BRUXELLES
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 511 93 84
Fax:+32 (0) 2 511 93 84

Learn more about this:

url : <http://www.minimes.net>

CHURCH OF THE TRINITY

In Italo-Flemish renaissance style.

The façade is a listed monument, dating from 1642, and was moved in 1895. The naves' stained-glass windows from the end of the 19th century are antique style with Art Nouveau elements. The glass windows of the choir and the transept were made in Baroque style in the first half of the 20th century.

The large Baroque style altar (9 m x 6.50 m) of the right transept and the pulpit at the back of the church were carved out of oak wood. It comes from the old hospital Saint Jean de Bruxelles.

Various paintings with one of J.B. Van Orley (1701). One of the largest organs in Brussels, for the moment only partially visible, has 53 stop knobs, 3 keyboards and 1 pedal.

Comment:

Area for mediation in the back of the church, daily from 9.30 to 9 pm

Full access during services or in presence of a guide.

Guided visits on request (Tuesday and Friday from 9 am to 12 pm).

Extra information:

Free of charge (free participation).

Address:

Parvis
Rue du Bailli
1050 Brussels (IXELLES)
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 538 34 60

Learn more about this:

url : <http://www.eglise-sainte-trinite.eu>

email : paroisse-saintetrinite@skynet.be

DOMINICAN CONVENT AND CULTURAL CENTRE OF FROIDMONT



© J. Verbois-Thonnard

Farm of Froidmont which has become a convent and has lived the events of 1815. Today it houses a cultural centre and a church.

Comment:

Rental of rooms.

The convent cannot be visited.

Cultural centre: +32 (0)2/653 26 23.

Address:

Ferme de Froidmont
1330 RIXENSART
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 655 01 00
Fax:+32 (0) 2 655 01 02

Learn more about this:

email : dominicains@mail.switchon.be

FORMER CHURCH OF THE BRIGITTINES



Built in the 17th century, abandoned in the 18th century, it was used as a dispensary in 1792 and finally as a school. After being restored in 1850, it was used for different purposes before adopting its present cultural vocation (can be visited during performances).

Address:

Rue des Brigittines
1000 BRUXELLES
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 513 89 40

FORMER DIELEGHEM ABBEY



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Founded in 1100, only the abbey palace built in the 18th century remains. Designed by architect L.B. Dewez. Temporary exhibitions. Heritage (history of the residence) and collections of 18-19th c. faïence by Moreau-Genot. Museum of local history of the Count of Jette. Documents and old engravings on the past of the abbey and the town. Library history-archaeology-folklore.

Comment:

We highly recommend you to call before your visit: +32 (0)2/479 00 52. Renovation works planned.

Address:

Rue Jean Tiebackx 14
1090 Brussels (JETTE)
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 479 00 52
Fax:+32 (0) 2 478 28 94

Learn more about this:

email : infojette@jette.irisnet.be

url : http://www.jette.be/fr/04_loisirs/culture/musee/accueilabbaye.htm

MONASTERY OF THE ALLIANCE - BENEDICTINE MONASTERY



© J. Verbois-Thonnard

Order: Benedictine. Modern style. Year: 1968.

Comment:

Retreat possible.

Address:

Avenue du Monastère 82
1330 RIXENSART
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 652 06 01

Learn more about this:

url : <http://www.rixensart.be>

NATIONAL HOLY HEART BASILICA - BASILICA OF KOEKELBERG - MUSEUM FOR RELIGIOUS ART



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The **National Basilica of Koekelberg**: a masterpiece of architecture (20th c.) at a stone's throw from the city centre. The fifth biggest church in the world. Wish of King Leopold II, realized under King Albert I. Works of art: a fine collection of marbles, bronzes, stained-glass windows... Continuous exhibition: "The History of the Basilica". Large walking area at a height of 53 m, partially accessible by elevator. Exceptional panorama: "**Brussels** at your feet". Magnificent view of Doel, Antwerp, Mechelen, Ronquières...
NEW!

A **museum for religious art** has recently been opened in the Koekelberg basilica.

About 250 paintings and sculptures from the contemporary art collection of the Bruges diocese are exhibited there.

Opening periods:

- All year round 2010
 - in summertime : 09:00-17:15
 - in wintertime : 10:00-16:15

Comment:

Guided tours on request.

Duration of the visit: 1h45.

Opening times of the Panorama: Summer: 9 am - 5.15 (last entrance) pm. Winter: 10 am - 4.15 pm (last entrance). Enter via door 6.

Organisation of events and activities.

Every Wednesday, possible to visit the museum space of the Sisters Augustines: 2 pm until 4 pm.

The collection of the Museum for Religious Art can be visited on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday from 2 pm to 4 pm and by appointment for groups.

Metro: line 1A and 2, from the Simonis metro station / Tram: 19 / Bus: AL, 355, 49, 87. Free parking (space for 500 cars).

Extra information:

Visit to the ground floor of the church is free of charge.

Free of charge for children younger than 6 years.

Discover this place in 360° @ bruxelles.arounder.com

Address:

Parvis de la Basilique 1
1081 Brussels (KOEKELBERG)

Tel.:+32 (0) 2 421 16 69

Fax:+32 (0) 2 421 16 61

Learn more about this:

url : <http://www.basilique.be>

email : info@basilique.be

NOTRE DAME BASILICA OF BASSE WAVRE

Former free chapel from the 11th century, dependent on the Affligem abbey, now Marian sanctuary and parish church. Famous pilgrim location for over 500 years, with annual procession of "le Grand Tour" on Sunday, following June 24, with traditional benediction of the "wastia". In the sanctuary there is a reliquary offered in 1628, a large case covered with gilded copper in replacement of a former case created in 1152, which was destroyed by iconoclasts in 1582 and a statue of the crowned Virgin Mary from 1642, a work of Farcy Faydherbe. The original chapel has been enlarged and reorganised. As a church, it had to endure many trials during the wars. Several restorations took place in 1611, 1630, between 1709 and 1720 and in the 19th century. In 1999 it got the rank of basilica minor.

Comment:

The parish hall (conference or picnic) can be used with an additional charge.

Possibility to have a cup of coffee or a bowl of soup: on request and with an extra charge.

Possibility to combine the visit of the locations with a walk and a walking tour (maps and guides on request).

Visit to the former seigniorie of Basse-Wavre and the farm of Hosté (reception, Table d'hôtes and guestrooms).

Visit to the Wavre Museum of Hermitage.

Extra information:

Free entry and visit of the locations, church, sanctuary and the Marian park.

Free pilgrim reception (groups on request), visit of the locations with conference or instruction.

Address:

Rue du Calvaire

1300 WAVRE

Tel.:+32 (0) 10 23 03 52

Fax:+32 (0) 10 23 03 56

Learn more about this:

url : <http://www.ndbw.be>

email : secretariatndbw@skynet.be

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT JOB

Orthodox church in Novgorod style, built with the help of Russian refugees in Uccle between 1936 and 1938, in memory of Tsar Nicolas II and the victims of the Revolution.

Comment:

Accessible only during mass.

Guided tours by appointment.

Address:

Avenue De Fré 19
1180 Brussels (UCCLE)
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 372 22 46

SAINT-CROIX CHURCH



© J. Verbois-Thonnard

Former chapel which has become parish church. Neo-baroque style from Brabant (1938). Paintings from the 16th and 18th century as well as a Florentine style sarcophagus.

Comment:

Guided visit. Info and reservations: S.I. Rixensart asbl - Villa Beau-Site - Avenue des Combattants 14 - Tel & fax: +32 (0)2/653 69 37.

Address:

Rue de l'Eglise 38
1330 RIXENSART
Tel.:+32 (0) 2 653 99 48

Learn more about this:

url : <http://www.rixensart.be>

SAINTE-CATHERINE 'S CHURCH

The earliest recorded mention of the Sainte-Catherine Chapel dates back to 1200. The chapel then backed onto the city's ramparts, a few scattered vestiges of which still survive in the city. Building work on the actual church began in 1854, after which the Sainte-Catherine docks were filled in owing to their frequent tendency to flood the area. The architecture of the church displays a determination to create an original style mixing Roman, Gothic and Renaissance styles.

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SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHURCH

Church in Art Deco style built in 1932 by J. Diongre. Classified monument since 1984.

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