



# Information Bulletin

**AVIATION CONFERENCE: EUROPE'S FLIGHT PLAN TO A  
SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**

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# 1. THE CITY OF BRUSSELS

Brussels, located in the heart of Belgium, is a city of diverse allure and cultural significance. With a population exceeding one million, it stands as one of Belgium's most dynamic urban centers. Brussels is a rich tapestry of history and architecture, boasting landmarks such as the iconic Grand Place, the magnificent Atomium and the impressive Cathedral of St. Michael and St. Gudula.

As the de facto capital of the European Union, Brussels plays a pivotal role in international politics. The city is home to the EU headquarters. In addition to its political importance, Brussels is celebrated for its artistic and culinary scene. The city's culinary offerings range from delicious Belgian chocolates and waffles to Michelin-starred restaurants, ensuring a delightful gastronomic experience.

Brussels' neighborhoods, such as the trendy Saint-Géry district, showcase a blend of historic charm and modern vitality. The city's commitment to contemporary architecture is evident in structures like the EU Parliament building and the innovative Atomium. Throughout the year, Brussels comes alive with various events and festivals, highlighting its cultural richness and creativity.

In essence, Brussels is a captivating fusion of tradition and modernity, where historic cobblestone streets coexist with cutting-edge architecture. Whether exploring its museums, savoring its culinary delights or experiencing its vibrant cultural events, Brussels offers a diverse and enriching experience for visitors from around the world.

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Atomium



La Grand place of Brussels



The parliament

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<sup>1</sup> Source : google images

## 2. THE VENUE

The Residence Palace, nestled in the European quarter of Brussels, embodies a perfect blend of history, luxury and modernity. Built at the beginning of the 20th century, this prestigious establishment combines neo renaissance architecture with contemporary touches, preserving its classical charm while offering modern facilities.

Thanks to its strategic location in the heart of the European quarter, the Residence Palace is a preferred choice for business travelers and visitors looking to explore the Belgian capital, being close to the institutions of the European Union, embassies and business centers.

This establishment offers a comprehensive range of facilities and services, and catering to both business travelers and tourists. Modern meeting rooms, a fitness center, a refined restaurant and a dedicated concierge service are among the numerous advantages provided by the Residence Palace.

Whether you are organizing business events, professional conferences or elegant receptions, the Residence Palace boasts state-of-the-art conference facilities and versatile spaces, supported by a dedicated staff to ensure the success of every occasion.

Website : <https://residencepalace.be/sites/default/files/documents/Access.pdf>



### 3. TRANSPORT TO BRUSSELS

#### By Train:

At Zaventem station, take a train heading to Brussels. Make sure to board a high-speed train (Thalys or Eurostar) or a regional train (InterCity) towards Brussels. Disembark at one of the main Brussels stations, such as Brussels-Central, Brussels-Midi or Brussels-North. The journey typically takes between 25 and 35 minutes on a high-speed train.

Website :

- <https://www.belgiantrain.be/fr>

#### By Car:

Take the E19 highway from Zaventem towards Brussels. The car journey takes approximately 25 minutes depending on traffic conditions. Be mindful of potential traffic jams.

#### By Bus:

From Zaventem airport, you can take a bus towards Brussels.

Website :

- <https://www.delijn.be/nl/>
- <https://fr.flixbus.be/>

#### Taxis Verts (Taxi Central Brussels):

Phone Number: +32 2 349 49 49

Call this number to book a taxi or use an online taxi booking application if available. Taxis can pick you up from your current location at the airport and take you to your destination in Brussels

#### Shuttle bus Brussels-Antwerp :

A shuttle service Brussels- the Havenhuis -Brussels will be available for journeys between Brussels and Antwerp on the 10th of April 2024 to attend the U-space event. Details regarding schedules and departure points will be communicated later. TIME ZONE

Time Zone: Belgium is located in the Central European Time (CET) zone during standard time and Central European Summer Time (CEST) during daylight saving time. CET is UTC+1, and CEST is UTC+2.

Daylight Saving Time: Belgium observes daylight saving time, typically starting on the last Sunday in March and ending on the last Sunday in October. During this period, time is advanced by one hour.

## **4. CURRENCY AND CREDIT CARDS**

Currency: The currency used in Belgium is the euro (€).

Credit/Debit Cards: Credit and debit cards are widely accepted in most shops, restaurants, and hotels. Major cards like Visa, MasterCard, and sometimes American Express are generally accepted. It may be helpful to have some cash, especially in less touristic areas.

Contactless Payment: Contactless payment is common in Belgium. Most merchants accept contactless payments for amounts below a certain limit. Ensure you activate this feature on your cards if not already done.

In summary, the euro is the currency used, credit/debit cards are widely accepted, and contactless payment is common. Having some cash may be useful, but most transactions can be done with cards.

## **5. ELECTRICITY**

Type of Outlet: Electrical outlets are of type C and E. Bring an adapter if needed.

Voltage: The standard voltage is 230V. Ensure your devices are compatible or use a converter if necessary.

Make sure you have the right adapter for the outlets and check the voltage compatibility of your devices. This should be sufficient for safe use of electricity in Brussels.

## 6. USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

General emergency number: The emergency number in Belgium is **112**. It can be dialed for free from any phone (landline or mobile) to seek assistance in case of a medical emergency, fire, police or other serious situations.

Emergency medical services: In case of a medical emergency, the number **112** is also the most appropriate.

Local Police: The local police number depends on the region where you are in Belgium. Each region has its own contact number for the police. For example, in Brussels, the contact number is **101**.

## 7. PASSPORT AND ID CARD

Passport or ID card: Although you do not need a visa, it is essential to travel with a valid passport or ID card. Ensure that your identification document is valid for the entire duration of your stay.

## 8. ACCOMMODATION

### 1. Aloft Brussels Schuman – 4 stars



	Aloft Brussels Schuman, Pl. Jean Rey / Jean Reyplein, 1040 Brussels
	<a href="tel:+3228000888">+32 2-8000888</a>
	<a href="https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/breal-aloft-brussels-schuman/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0">https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/breal-aloft-brussels-schuman/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0</a>



## 2. Martin's Brussels EU - 4 stars

	Bd Charlemagne / Karel de Grotelaan 80, 1000 Brussels
	02 230 85 55
	<a href="https://www.martinshotels.com/en/page/martins-brussels-eu/4-star-hotel-in-the-citycenter-martins-brussels-eu.11057.html">https://www.martinshotels.com/en/page/martins-brussels-eu/4-star-hotel-in-the-citycenter-martins-brussels-eu.11057.html</a> - backlink:actu-266

## 3. Holiday Inn Brussels Schuman – 4 stars

	Rue Breydel / Breydelstraat 20/24, 1040 Brussels
	02 280 40 00
	<a href="https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/brussels/brubr/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps_-_HI_-_BE_-_BRUBR">https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/brussels/brubr/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps_-_HI_-_BE_-_BRUBR</a>

## 4. Hotel NH Brussels EU Berlaymont – 4 stars

	Bd Charlemagne / Karel de Grotelaan 11/19, 1000 Brussels
	02 231 09 09
	<a href="https://www.nh-hotels.com/en/hotel/nh-brussels-eu-berlaymont?utm_campaign=local-gmb&amp;utm_medium=organic_search&amp;utm_source=google_gmb&amp;sa=X&amp;ved=0CKEGEMiuAzoYChMliMj-3LG-gwMVAAAAABOAAAAAEKMG">https://www.nh-hotels.com/en/hotel/nh-brussels-eu-berlaymont?utm_campaign=local-gmb&amp;utm_medium=organic_search&amp;utm_source=google_gmb&amp;sa=X&amp;ved=0CKEGEMiuAzoYChMliMj-3LG-gwMVAAAAABOAAAAAEKMG</a>

## 5. New Hotel Charlemagne – 4 stars

	Bd Charlemagne / Karel de Grotelaan 25/27, 1000 Brussels
	02 230 21 35
	<a href="https://www.new-hotel.com/en/hotels-bruxelles/charlemagne">https://www.new-hotel.com/en/hotels-bruxelles/charlemagne</a>