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# Bruegel Hostel Brussel

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Dear group leader,

Thank you for your interest in our hostel! We are looking forward to welcoming your group to Bruegel hostel.

Our recently renovated hostel offers an excellent range of facilities that will ensure your group has an enjoyable and rewarding stay. These include free use of conference rooms (upon request), smaller rooms for group leaders and bus drivers, free WIFI, spacious bar serving a selection of Belgian's finest beers, luggage storage,... The hostel is at a walking distance from Central Station and the Grand Place. This means easy access to the numerous monuments, museums and attractions of this Capital of Europe. This information pack will give you more details about the hostel and surrounding area as well as reservation terms and conditions.

To help your visit run smoothly, we would recommend an inclusive meal service. A breakfast buffet is included in the overnights, and we would be pleased to provide a packed lunch and a selection of tasty meals for dinner. Sample menus can be found in this pack. Upon request, we provide vegetarian meals. For all other dietary requirements, please contact us and we will see what we can offer.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bruegel hostel and are happy to answer any specific questions you may have.

Kind regards,

Brenda and Diane  
Groups reservation service

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# Bruegel Hostel



Youth hostel Bruegel is located at walking distance from the Central Station and the Grand Place. This means easy access to the numerous monuments, museums and attractions of this Capital of Europe.

We can accommodate up to 191 guests in rooms varying in size from 1 to 4 beds.

68 rooms have ensuite bathrooms and 6 rooms have a shared bathroom. Some rooms are adapted to accommodate disabled guests. The rooms are easy accessible by the elevator.

Guests have 24h access to the hostel after check in. There is a night guard present in the hostel.



## Easy and efficient reservation steps

1. When you receive this pack from us, we already have made a provisional reservation for your group. This reservation will be available until the date mentioned in the confirmation email. This way, you will have some time to work out the rest of your arrangements.
2. to confirm the reservation, please send an email at [groups@vjh.be](mailto:groups@vjh.be), mentioning:
  - Name and full address of the group
  - Name and cell phone number of an adult accompanying the group
  - Age of the participants (over or under 30 years)
  - Do you require any meals besides breakfast - if so, on which dates
  - Estimated time of arrival
3. As soon as we receive your confirmation we will send you an invoice with the required deposit. This has to be paid by the time mentioned on the invoice. Any changes to the reservation should be notified as soon as possible in writing to [groups@vjh.be](mailto:groups@vjh.be).
4. The balance must be paid at the latest at the time of arrival. We accept payments in cash and with credit card (VISA/Master Card). If you prefer to pay the remaining amount beforehand, please contact us for details.

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# Facilities and Services



Open	Open all year. Reception is open from 7 am to 1:15 pm and from 2 pm to 1 am. Hostel accessible 24/24h after check-in.
Check in	Check in between 2 pm and 10 pm. Thanks for letting us know your estimated time of arrival.
Check out	The rooms have to be cleared before 11 am. You can leave your luggage in the luggage store for the day.
Bedrooms	68 rooms have an ensuite bathroom with shower and 6 rooms have shared bathroom facilities.
Accessibility	We have 3 accessible twin rooms with adapted bathroom.
Leader rooms	For group leaders and bus drivers, we provide smaller rooms with ensuite bathroom.
Sheets	Are included in the overnight prices.
Towels	Are not included.
Secure lockers	Individual lockers in the rooms, coin operated, and a safe at the reception.
Free Wifi	Available in the rooms and in the common areas .
Elevator	1 elevator for guests, adjusted to wheelchairs.
Meeting room	2 meetings room for 16 & 22 people are available free of charge for groups who book accommodation with half or full board. Can be used for briefings, quiet time etc. Upon request and availability large groups can also use the dining room for meetings. Please contact us for further details about availability, price, times of use and regulations. It's not allowed to bring your own food and drinks.
Luggage room	Free luggage storage is available. The hostel or staff cannot be held responsible for the loss of luggage anywhere in the property.
Dining room	In our dining room we provide breakfast, cold lunch and dinner.
Bar	The "Backpacker bar and disco" has a selection of Belgian's finest beers and good music.
Lounge area	We have a lounge area with television.
Breakfast	A healthy and well-balanced breakfast is included in the overnight price.
Packed lunch	We provide packed lunches, to be made by yourself from the breakfast buffet (only upon reservation).
Cold lunch	We provide a cold lunch at the hostel (only upon reservation).
Dinner	We provide dinner. Detailed info is included in this pack (only upon reservation).
Coach parking	Coach parking near the Central Station.
Outside recreational areas	Inner square at the hostel / green area nearby.

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# Breakfast, packed lunch and dinner



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We may be able to offer alternative times to fit in with your itinerary so please let us know if the standard meal times are not suitable.



## Breakfast 07:00 - 09:00 am

It usually includes the following:

- Different kinds of bread
- Cereals (cornflakes, muesli)
- Yoghurt
- Jam, hazelnut spread
- Cheese, ham, salami
- Tea, coffee, fruit juices and milk
- Fruit

## Packed lunch - upon reservation

This allows more flexibility when planning itineraries. The packed lunch contains usually:

- Bread rolls
- Spreads and filling
- Butter
- Fruit
- Drink
- Cookie
- Knife and napkin

You can also request cold lunch in the hostel, which includes the above + soup.

## Dinner 06.30 pm - upon reservation

Consists of a tasty home cooked three course meal. Some sample menus:

### Sample Menu 1

Tomato soup  
-  
Chicken/meat stew  
Salad and French fries  
-  
Fruit salad

### Sample Menu 2

Broccoli soup  
-  
Spaghetti Bolognese  
-  
Chocolate mousse

### Sample Menu 3

Minestrone soup  
-  
Roasted meat with sauce  
beans and mashed  
potatoes  
-  
Ice cream

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# Local attractions and activities



To help you plan the most successful and enjoyable visit, we suggest you visit the following local tourist information website: [www.visitbrussels.be](http://www.visitbrussels.be).

Here are a few ideas to get you started:



## **Atomium - [www.atomium.be](http://www.atomium.be)**

Unmistakable symbol of Brussels and Belgium and unique feat in the history of architecture: the Atomium is today the most popular attraction in the Capital of Europe.



## **The City Hall of Brussels**

Brussels Town Hall is one of Belgium's finest civic buildings. Not only because of the numerous sculptures adorning its walls, but also because of its perfect proportions and the incomparable beauty of its tower.



## **Parlamentarium - [www.europarl.europa.eu/visiting/en/parlamentarium](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/visiting/en/parlamentarium)**

Experience the European Parliament as never before at our Visitors' Centre in Brussels. Dynamic, interactive multimedia displays will guide you through the journey of European integration and its impact on our everyday lives.



## **Comic strip museum - [www.comicscenter.net](http://www.comicscenter.net)**

This museum offers two visits in one: a "historical" discovery, since it is housed in what used to be the Waucquez warehouse (built by Victor Horta in 1906 to house a wholesale fabric store); not to mention the building's highly original contents - comic strips - in a setting that provides space and light in abundance.



## **MIM - Musical Instruments museum - [www.mim.fgov.be](http://www.mim.fgov.be)**

This excellent museum occupies the old Art Nouveau buildings of the Old England stores (3000m<sup>2</sup> of exhibition space) and is one of the biggest collection of instruments in the world.



## **Magritte Museum (Royal museums of Fine Arts) - [www.musee-magritte-museum.be](http://www.musee-magritte-museum.be)**

In Belgium's Royal Museums of Fine Arts, visitors can explore the Magritte Museum. This multidisciplinary collection comprises more than 200 works consisting of oils on canvas, gouaches, drawings, sculptures and painted objects as well as advertising posters, music scores, vintage photographs and films directed by Magritte himself.



## **Museum of Natural Sciences - [www.naturalsciences.be](http://www.naturalsciences.be)**

Discover nature at this museum, where you can explore human nature, our evolution and biology, in the brand new Gallery of Humankind. In the rest of the museum you'll find other rooms like the largest Dinosaur Gallery in Europe, and other temporary exhibitions.

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# Useful information - FAQs



## What is a youth hostel?

A HI hostel is a quality budget accommodation that will provide a friendly and inexpensive good night's sleep. We have extensive experience hosting groups and unlike some hotel chains hostels provide communal areas that will ensure your group will have an enjoyable stay.

Our hostel is part of Hostelling International (HI), the global brand, that gives you confidence and peace of mind that we provide high quality standards including cleanliness, security and services.

All over the world, hostels have one mission in mind: providing everyone, specially the young, with the opportunity to travel and to gain a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling. We are convinced that travel is a right for everyone, regardless of age, origin, income or any disability whatsoever.

Sleeping accommodation for your group is usually provided in single sex multi shared bedrooms where all bedding is provided although group members should bring their own towels. Multi-share bedrooms help ensure that you can easily monitor your group whilst providing group members with a fun and interactive environment. Group leaders and bus drivers can benefit smaller rooms upon request and availability.

**Do bedroom doors have locks?** Doors can be locked and opened only with a unique key card. For team leaders we can provide a master key that can open the rooms of the entire group.

**What are the bedrooms like?** Group members will usually be accommodated in single sex multi share bedrooms (2 to 4 persons), with most rooms with ensuite facilities, where all clean bed linen will be provided. Group leaders and bus drivers can benefit smaller rooms upon request and availability.

**Do we need to bring towels and soap?** Yes. Towels are not included.

**What are the guidelines about smoking and drinking?** Bruegel hostel provides a drugs free and smoke free environment. Smoking is only permitted in designated areas outside the hostel. Drinks are provided in the bar. No alcoholic drinks are allowed in the rooms.

**When is the hostel open?** The hostel is open 24/7, reception is open between 7 am till 1.15 pm and from 2 pm till 1 am.

**Do you need to be a HI/YHA member?** We are a membership organisation, just like Hostelling International. To stay in our hostels, you can become an annual or daily member. As a daily member you pay a daily membership fee per overnight stay. Annual members purchase a group's membership card and receive a 10% discount on accommodation. International groups can buy a membership from the HI Youth Hostel Association in their home country. Belgian groups can contact the groups' department of VJH (groups@vjh.be).

**My group is planning to visit other places, can you recommend hostels?** Yes, the international HI Groups website groups.hihostels.com can recommend over 250 hostels in more than 25 countries that are ideal for group travel. For more information about Belgian hostels, please visit [www.hihostels.be](http://www.hihostels.be).

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# Terms



## Reservation terms

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## Payment terms

To make a reservation, we will always require a deposit of 60% of the total cost of the overnights and meals. The deposit has to be paid before the date mentioned on the invoice. The remaining balance needs to be paid upon arrival in the hostel.

You can pay the deposit by bank transfer. Our bank details:

Name: Belfius  
Address: Meir 85, B-2000 Antwerpen, België  
IBAN: BE07 5503 5785 0066  
BIC/SWIFT: GKCCBEBB

You can also send us the data of a credit card (number, expire date, security code on the back of the card) so we can take the money from the card. We accept only VISA and Mastercard, no American Express.

## Cancellation terms

To make a reservation, all cancellations will only be accepted in writing. Cancellation fees will be charged regardless the reason of cancellation. If you have paid a deposit larger than the cancellation fees, we will refund the remaining amount to your bank. All transaction fees are on your charge.

### LESS PARTICIPANTS

A decrease of the number of participants should always be mentioned in writing as soon as possible. If the decrease is more than 10% of the group, our cancellation terms will apply.

### CANCELLATION FEES

The following costs will apply:

- cancellation more than 60 days before arrival: 100,00 euro
- cancellation between 59 and 30 days before arrival: 25%
- cancellation less than 30 days before arrival: 50 %
- cancellation less than 7 days before arrival, or no show: 100%

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# Directions



## By public transport:

- **By plane:** From Brussels Airport: take the train to Brussel-Centraal Station (16 min).
- **By train:** Take the train to Brussel-Centraal Station. From there it is a walk of 500 meters to the hostel.

## By coach:

Coach parking at Brussel-Centraal Station.

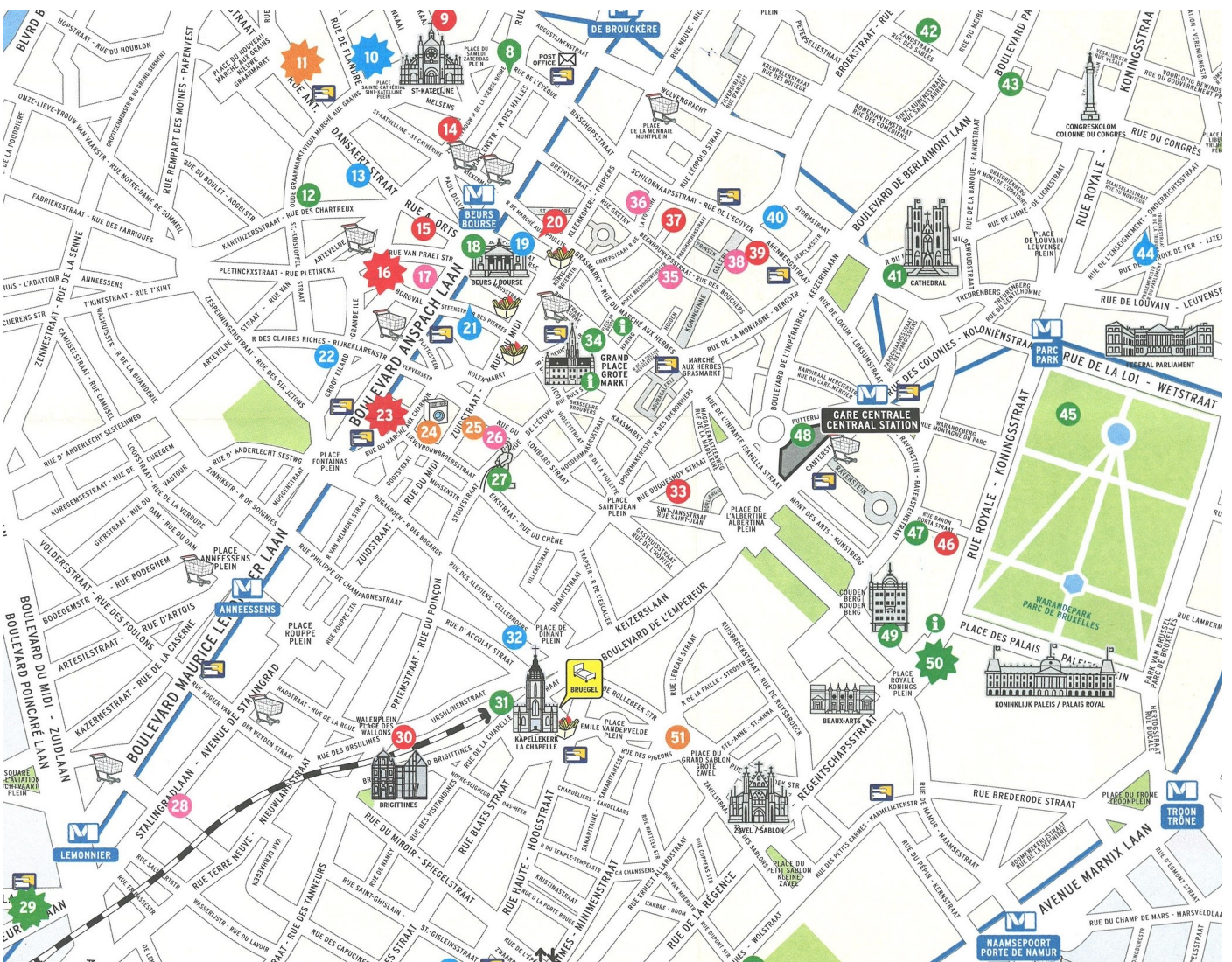
Map with parking zones for coaches: [www.brussels.be/parkings-coaches](http://www.brussels.be/parkings-coaches)

## Brussels = Low Emission Zone

The Low Emission Zone (LEZ) will be in applied in Brussels from 1 January 2018. This new measure prohibits EURO 1-standard diesel vehicles or vehicles without a EURO standard (pre-Euro standards) to drive in Brussels.

For all details about the LEZ - Low Emission Zone: [lez.brussels/en](http://lez.brussels/en)

## Map of surroundings:



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# List of participants



To enable us to provide the most suitable bedrooms we need to know the breakdown of the group and the ages of the participants. Please complete and send to [groups@vjh.be](mailto:groups@vjh.be) as soon as possible.

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