

INFOFILE



SHOPPING

OPENING HOURS

The opening hours of Belgian shops differ from one shop to another. In general, supermarkets are open from Monday to Saturday from 08:30 until 20:00. Clothing shops are generally open from Monday to Saturday from 09:00 or 09:30 until 18:00 or 19:00. Most night shops are open from 20:00 until 03:00, and are also open on Sundays. Smaller shops, like grocery shops, may also be open on Sunday mornings.

SUPERMARKETS

The main supermarket chains in Belgium are Carrefour, Colruyt, Delhaize, Lidl and Aldi, of which Colruyt, Aldi and Lidl are the cheapest. Some supermarkets, like Delhaize and Carrefour, have smaller-sized shops called City Delhaize, Delhaize Shop & Go, Proxy Delhaize and Carrefour Express, which are often open on Sundays.

In addition to the supermarkets, you can buy food at the 'alimentation générale' shops and at night shops, which can be found all across Brussels. These shops are also often open on Sundays, but avoid doing your regular shopping there because they are more expensive.

The supermarket closest to the Etterbeek Campus is a large Colruyt on Triomflaan/Boulevard du Triomphe 20, 1160 Oudergem/Auderghem. The supermarkets closest to the Jette Campus are a Delhaize Shop & Go on the Tentoonstellingslaan/Avenue de l'Exposition 230, 1090 Jette, and a large Delhaize on Dikke-Beuklaan/Avenue de l'Arbre Ballon 24, 1090 Jette.

MARKETS

There are several markets in Brussels. Most of them sell food, flowers and plants. The main markets in Brussels are:

Elsene/Ixelles:

- Place Flagey: Saturdays and Sundays 07:00–13:30
Accessibility: Bus: 38, 59, 60 and 71 to 'Flagey', Tram: 81 and 83 to 'Flagey'.
- Place du Châtelain: Wednesdays 13:30–19:30
Accessibility: Tram 94 to 'Baljuw/Bailli' and walk 5 min. to Place du Châtelain.

Etterbeek:

- Place Jourdan: Sundays 07:00–14:00
Accessibility: Bus 34 to 'Vijvers/Étangs' and walk 5 min. to Place Jourdan.

Jette:

- Koningin Astridplein: From Tuesday to Saturday 06:30-noon, Sundays 6:30–13:30
Accessibility: Bus 13 or 14 to 'Spiegel/Miroir'.
- Werrieplein: Thursdays noon–19:00
Accessibility: Metro line 6 to 'Belgica'.

Sint Gillis/Saint Gilles:

- Gare du Midi/Zuid station, Marché des Abattoirs: Sundays 06:00–13:00
Accessibility: Metro line 2, 3, 4, 6 to 'Gare Midi/Zuid Station'.
This is the largest market in Brussels. You can find food, flowers, plants, clothes, fabric, music and much more.

Anderlecht:

- Marché des Abattoirs Rue Ropsy-Chaudron 24: Friday to Sunday 06:00–14:00
Accessibility: Metro line 2 and 6 to 'Clémenceau'.

More markets:

www.angloinfo.com/brussels

Organic markets:

www.visitbrussels.be

HOME PRODUCTS

There are a number of chains where you can find products for the home, varying from furniture and curtains to kitchen and bathroom utensils and decorations.

Below are some of the main shops for these types of products. Most websites are not in English:

- Blokker: www.blokker.be
- Casa: www.casashops.be
- Habitat: www.habitat.be
- Hema: www.hema.be
- IKEA : www.ikea.be
- Kruidvat: www.kruidvat.be
- Leen Bakker: www.leenbakker.be
- Maisons du Monde: www.maisonsdumonde.be
- Wibra: www.wibra.be
- Zeeman: www.zeeman.com

FASHION STORES

Most clothing shops are located around the city centre. The main shopping streets and areas are: Rue Neuve (Nieuwstraat), Porte de Namur (Naamse Poort), Chaussée d'Ixelles (Steenweg op Elsene), Rue de Brabant (Brabantstraat) and Chaussée de Wavre (Waverse steenweg).

There are also several shopping malls. The main ones in and around Brussels are:

- City 2: Metro 2, 3, 4 and 6 to 'Rogier'.
- Shopping Woluwe: Metro 1 to 'Roodebeek'.
- Westland Shopping Centre: Metro 5 to 'Jacques Brel'.
- Basilix: Bus 87 and 84 to 'Basilix'.
- Dockx Brussel: STIB Tram 3 and 7 to 'Dockx Brussel'

INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTS

Within Brussels there are several areas where you can find ethnic products from different parts of the world. Examples of such areas are the African neighbourhood, known as Matonge, and the Asian area. Matonge is the area in and around the Chaussée de Wavre (Waverse steenweg), with a concentration of African shops, restaurants, bars, hair salons and fashion shops. Accessibility: Metro 2 and 6 to 'Porte de Namur/Naamse Poort'. The Asian area is located near Place Sainte-Catherine/Sint-Katelijne and the Beurs/Bourse. Many Asian shops, supermarkets and restaurants can be found here. Accessibility: Metro 1 and 5 to 'Sainte-Catherine/Sint-Katelijne' and Tram 3 and 4 to 'Beurs/Bourse'.

Would you like to eat something special? Check out this website for ethnic grocery stores!

<http://cheeseweb.eu/2014/08/8-best-ethnic-grocery-stores-brussels-belgium/>

BOOKSHOPS

[Fnac](#)

City 2 Shopping mall
1000 Brussels
Tel.: 02 275 11 11
'European section' with books in all EU languages

[Waterstones](#)

Adolf Maxlaan/Boulevard Adolphe Max
71
1000 Brussels
Tel.: 02 219 27 08
Largest English-language bookshop in Brussels. open every day.

[Reading Room](#)

Georges Henrilaan/Avenue Georges
Henri 503
1200 Brussels
Tel.: 02 734 79 17
New and second-hand books in English.

[Filigranes](#)

Kunstlaan/Avenue des Arts 39-40
1040 Brussels
Tel.: 02 511 90 15
Open every day. A large English section downstairs.

[Club](#)

To find the nearest Club: www.club.be

A chain selling stationery and office supplies, but also with a book department -mostly French- for adults and children.

[The European Bookshop](#)

Olmstraat/rue de l'Orme 1
1040 Brussels
Tel.: 02 231 04 35
E-mail: mail@libeurop.be
Official agent for EU & Council of Europe publications.

[Sterling Books](#)

Wolvengracht/Rue Fossé-aux-Loups 23
1000 Brussels
Tel.: 02 223 62 23
English bookshop.

[Brüsel](#)

Boulevard Anspach/Anspachlaan 100
1000 Brussels
tel.: 02 511 08 09
Place Flagey/Flageyplein 29, 1050
Elsene/Ixelles
Tel.: 02 649 02 11
Comic books.

Libro Italiano

Waverssesteenweg/Chaussée de Wavre
354
1040 Brussels
Tel.: 02 230 06 74
A choice of books in Italian.

Punto y coma

Stevinstraat/Rue Stevin 115a
1000 Brussels
Tel.: 02 230 10 29
Spanish bookshop; open all days

Gutenberg Buchhandlung

Leuvensestraat/Rue de Louvain 34
1000 Brussels
Tel.: 02 512 45 10
German bookshop

Librairie Grande Muraille

Ruysbroeckstraatgalerij/Galerie de la
Rue de Ruysbroeck 5
Brussel 1000
Tel.: 02 803 80 38
Chinese bookshop.