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Bruges world heritage city

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www.brugge.be

/ UNESCO World Heritage City

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› Age-old
romantic hotspot

› World famous
gourmet chefs

› International
cruise port

› Capital of
chocolate



› Surrounded by London,
Paris and Amsterdam

› Congresses
guaranteed to succeed

› International master-
pieces and the city of
the Flemish Primitives

› Cultural capital of
Europe in 2002



/ Eternal links with **water**

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For centuries the canals of Bruges have linked the city to the sea, a guarantee of wealth and prosperity. International merchants built up Bruges into one of the largest Hanse cities. In the 15th century the city flourished as never before. Large parts of the medieval heritage remained practically intact. It is thus logical that UNESCO designated the entire city centre as a world heritage site. Saunter along the enigmatic canals, the arteries of the city, and immerse yourself in Bruges' Golden Century.

› **Festival on the canals
15-16-18-20-22-23 August 2008**

Illuminated fairy-tale scenes on and along the canals create an enchanting evening spectacle and guarantee an unforgettable evening.

various locations - www.comitevoorinitiatief.be

TIP

Bruges is full of romance. The canals show their most charming side in the evening light. Especially for bosom friends.

TIP

Take a boat trip on the canals and marvel at Bruges' most beautiful places from a different angle.





/ International masterpieces and the city of the **Flemish Primitives**

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The economic affluence of the 15th century brought rich merchants to Bruges. They moved into majestic city palaces, packed full of works of art. In the wake of the Burgundian dynasty the great Flemish Primitives such as Jan van Eyck and Hans Memling found their creative niche in Bruges. The fine arts reigned and Bruges quickly became the meeting place and source of inspiration for many artists. The world famous masterpieces can be seen today in one of the 14 Bruges Museums.

*Like to know more?
www.brugge.be/musea*

› **The Face of Lace / 14 November 2008 – 1 March 2009**

Artists and designers are under the spell of lace. From elegant lampshades and transparent furniture to gates of wound metal, these days lace can be enjoyed in many forms.

This winter Bruges will be swathed in lace, a bold mix of tradition and innovation in various city museums and outdoor locations. The city then becomes a great exhibition area where contemporary design objects and monumental installations interact with the old buildings, canals and streets.

www.kantlijnen.be

› **A glittering story / 13 April – 31 August 2008**

Diamonds of all weights and sizes, replicas of the crown of Margaretha of York, the engagement ring of Maria of Burgundy, and the twenty most famous diamonds in the world. You can admire these glittering beauties in the Bruges diamond museum. The exhibition 'A glittering story' reveals the history of diamond cutting in Bruges.

www.diamondmuseum.be

TIP

Quartet-ticket: 4 Flemish Primitives locations for only € 14.00

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/ Capital of **chocolate**

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At the end of the Middle Ages a few Bruges families sought new places to trade with. From Madeira they imported cane sugar, and when Spanish explorers brought back cocoa in the 16th century, it was not long before it was mixed with cane sugar. That Bruges would grow into the capital of chocolate was then certain. So many centuries later, the city smells of chocolate the whole year through. 48 chocolate makers set to work every day to make traditional chocolates and the Bruges Swaentjes, the city's pride and joy.

› **Choco-Story**

In the Museum of Chocolate, you will be immersed in the mouthwatering history of cocoa and chocolate. You can also see how pralines are made and you can taste lots of them. So, it's about time you got stuck into this delicious subject... Every day from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
www.choco-story.be

› **The ultimate chocolate experience! Choc'in Bruges**

Renowned Bruges chefs work creatively with chocolate to serve up surprising chocolate menus.
www.bruges.be/winter





/ Living culture

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In medieval Bruges, polyphonic chamber music and choral music reverberated vibrantly. Internationally renowned polyphonists had the run of the elegant city palaces of the rich Burgundians. Since the 19th century this tradition has been continued in the splendidly restored theatre, one of Europe's best preserved city theatres. And also in the contemporary Concert Hall, a stone souvenir of Bruges 2002 when Bruges was the Cultural Capital of Europe, top productions follow one after the other.

www.concertgebouw.be
www.cultuurcentrumbrugge.be

› **Festival of Flanders – Musica Antiqua
1 – 9 August 2008**

For the 45th time, this prestigious Festival of music from the past has been able to bring the world's top together in Bruges. Together they probe the limits of historic pieces and go in search of fascinating combinations that overlap the centuries.

various locations - www.festivalvanvlaanderen.be

› **Jazz Bruges / 2 – 5 October 2008**

According to good tradition the fine cheer of European jazz comes together in Bruges every autumn. The result of this interaction are the 19 edifying concerts in special locations.

various locations - www.jazzbrugge.be

› **December Dance / 6 – 13 December 2008**

This international dance festival scooped Quebec as the host city for its second winter edition. For one week, this capital of contemporary dance lets its best dancers loose on the stages of Bruges. Established choreographers present their latest work!

Concertgebouw - www.decemberdance.be

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i Concertgebouw, 't Zand
Daily from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. (Thursday to 8.00 p.m.)

Railway Station, Stationsplein
Tuesday to Saturday inclusive from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Extended opening times during 2008 (certain conditions apply)

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