

# Know before you go **Belgium**



**Population:** 11.5 Million | **Currency:** Euro € (EUR) | **Capital City:** Brussels

**Official languages**  
Dutch, French, German

**Greeting**  
Hallo,  
Bonjour

**Most popular city for expats and tourists**  
Brussels

**National flower**  
Iris

**National animal**  
Lion



**Famous national food**  
Mussels, Belgian waffles,  
Belgian fries



**Tipping**  
Tipping is not common in Belgium!

## Cost of living & travel in **Brussels**



- **Standard city one-way bus ticket:** 1.80 – 3 EUR
- **Monthly transport pass:** 50 EUR
- **Taxi fare:** 2.40 EUR (initial charge); 1.80 EUR (per km)



- **Standard pint of beer:** 4 - 5 EUR
- **3-course meal for 2 people:** 60 – 75 EUR



- **Typical hotel for 2 adults:** 120 – 140 EUR (per night)
- **Average rent for 1-bedroom apartment:** 750 – 900 EUR (per month)



- **15-minute doctor's visit:** 35 – 50 EUR

Costs are based on average in Brussels in July 2021; costs will vary from region to region.

## Celebrating **Belgian culture**



**National holiday**  
Belgian National Day  
on 21st of July



**Notable landmarks**  
Grand Place, Atomium,  
Battlefields of Flanders

**National sport**  
Football

