

"Strangest Attractions in Brussels"

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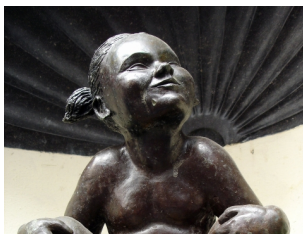
Temple of Human Passions

"Inspired by Greek Architecture"

The Temple of Human Passions, also called the Pavillon Horta-Lambeaux, was made by Victor Horta in 1896 in Cinquantenaire Park. The structure has a neoclassical design with a hint Horta's famous Art Nouveau style. The building was created to hold the "Human Passions" relief by Jef Lambeaux, but due to an argument between the artist and the architect the building remained mostly closed. Currently the building is only open for a short period of time a few days a week during summer. Lambeaux's large relief is based on human sins and pleasures and so you may not want to bring young children to see the artwork.



Le Pavillon des Passions Humaines, Parc du Cinquantenaire, Brussels

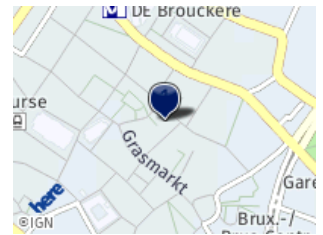


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Jeanneke Pis

"Unique Statue & Fountain"

In 1985, Denis Adrien Debouvrie was commissioned to create a female counterpart to the world-famous Manneken Pis. Now, in a small alley, which can be reached through the tangle of passages of the Rue des Bouchers, you will discover this statue of a mischievous female doing just the same thing as Manneken Pis. The fountain was built in honor of Loyalty. If you throw a coin into the bowl of the fountain, it's rumored that your deepest wish will be granted.



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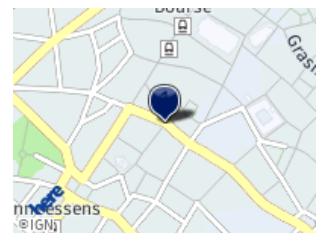


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Comic Book Route

"Brussels' Comic History"

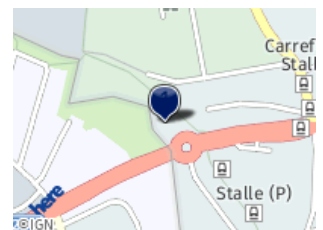
Brussels is arguably the global capital of comics, with a longstanding tradition of narrative doodling predating even America's superhero boom. Located throughout downtown Brussels are over 50 murals that depict characters from a wide assortment of Belgian comic book artists. You can find most of these by walking along the Rue du Marché au Charbon. While the murals are a delight in themselves, it may be worth doing a little reading about the origins of the murals beforehand to get the most out of the walk.



🌐 www.brussels.be/artdet.cfm?id=5316#a_1



Rue du Marché au Charbon, Rue des Teinturiers, Brussels



Nemo33

"World's Deepest Diving Pool"

Nemo33 is a pure haven for the avid diver since it is the deepest diving pool in the world! John Beernaerts established Nemo33 in 2004 since he wanted to create an environment where divers could enjoy the experience of diving in the deep blue sea, in spite of it being in a pool. If you are a newbie and wish to learn this sport or are an expert who would like to hone your skills, classes for varied skill levels are conducted here. Enroll for any of their courses, and soon you will be swimming and diving like the animated fish Nemo!

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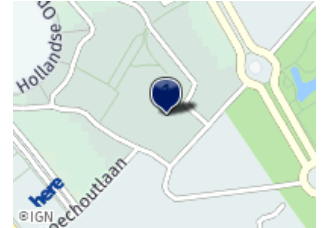


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Mini-Europe

"Rapid-fire Tour of Europe"

Visit all of Europe's highlights in miniature form. No need for the Chunnel when Big Ben is just a few paces from the Eiffel Tower. Added to the fun is the fact that you don't just admire Mini Europe's sights, you can also participate. Want to erupt Vesuvius? Just press the button. The miniature trees and plants in the park make everything appear realistic in scale. On weekends during the high season you can also visit at night and watch the musical firework display. Mini-Europe is fun for all ages.



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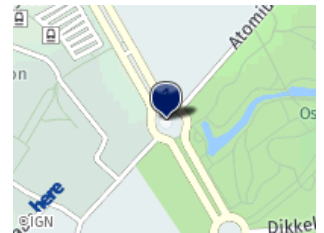


by waldomiguez

Atomium

"Tribute to Science"

Created by Engineer André Waterkeyn, and architects André and Jean Polak, for the 1958 World Exhibition, the Atomium is a landmark building inspired by the structure of an atom. To be more precise, the design is based upon the cuboid form of a unit cell of iron crystals, amplified 65 billion times to achieve a total height of 102 meters (335 feet). The nine gleaming spheres are held together by tubes, each sphere representative of one of the nine Belgian provinces. The final effect is that of a mammoth, geometric atom composed entirely of metal. The spheres are encased in stainless steel, and harbor exhibition rooms and other public spaces, while the top-most sphere hosts a restaurant with panoramic views of the city. The connecting tubes accommodate escalators, elevators, and stairways that link the individual spheres to one another.



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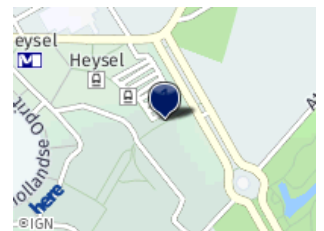


by Winny Biets

Bruparck

"Fun For the Whole Family"

During the 1958 World Exhibition, one hit exhibition was Vrolijk België (Merry Belgium). This amalgamation of 'antique' bars was meant to illustrate Belgium's high quality of life. After the exhibition, everything, apart from the Atomium, was torn down, but Merry Belgium is back. Now called Bruparck, it houses a giant Kinepolis cinema, the swimmer's paradise Oceadium, the popular Mini-Europe, as well as the world-renowned Atomium. Bruparck's village can be visited all year round. The bars and restaurants have lovely terraces; there is a playground, a Cyber Café and a beautiful Venetian carousel.



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