

Information Bulletin

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AT ROYAL MUSEUMS OF FINE ARTS ON THE 6TH OF JUNE 2024



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1. THE CITY OF BRUSSELS

Brussels, located in the heart of Belgium, is a city of diverse allure and cultural significance. With a population exceeding one million, it stands as one of Belgium's most dynamic urban centers. Brussels is a rich tapestry of history and architecture, boasting landmarks such as the iconic Grand Place, the magnificent Atomium and the impressive Cathedral of St. Michael and St. Gudula.

As the de facto capital of the European Union, Brussels plays a pivotal role in international politics. The city is home to the EU headquarters. In addition to its political importance, Brussels is celebrated for its artistic and culinary scene. The city's culinary offerings range from delicious Belgian chocolates and waffles to Michelin-starred restaurants, ensuring a delightful gastronomic experience.

Brussels' neighborhoods, such as the trendy Saint-Géry district, showcase a blend of historic charm and modern vitality. The city's commitment to contemporary architecture is evident in structures like the EU Parliament building and the innovative Atomium. Throughout the year, Brussels comes alive with various events and festivals, highlighting its cultural richness and creativity.

In essence, Brussels is a captivating fusion of tradition and modernity, where historic cobblestone streets coexist with cutting-edge architecture. Whether exploring its museums, savoring its culinary delights or experiencing its vibrant cultural events, Brussels offers a diverse and enriching experience for visitors from around the world.



Atomium



Grand place of Brussels

2. THE VENUE: THE ROYAL MUSEUMS OF FINE ART

The history of the Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium dates to 1797, when a collection of artworks was gathered in the former Palace of Charles of Lorraine. Today, the Royal Museums of Fine Arts house around twenty thousand works, including paintings, sculptures, and drawings. They are divided into six different entities, distinguished by the nature of the artworks and their locations in the city of Brussels: the Oldmasters Museum, the Modern Museum, the Wiertz Museum, the Meunier Museum, the Magritte Museum, and the Fin-de-Siècle Museum.

The Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium, an iconic institution in the historic heart of Brussels, provide an exceptional backdrop for this conference. The unique spaces of the Museums offer unlimited possibilities for welcoming you in a prestigious and refined setting in the heart of the city's historical center.

You will be welcomed in a venue located at the Oldmasters Museum, which boasts an extensive collection of paintings, sculptures, and drawings from the 15th to the 18th centuries. The core of the collection focuses on the art of the Southern Netherlands, presented in chronological order. Highlights include precious panels by the Flemish Primitives (such as Rogier van der Weyden, Petrus Christus, Dirk Bouts, Hans Memling, and Hieronymus Bosch) and a gallery dedicated to Pieter Bruegel the Elder, Rubens, Jacob Jordaens, and Anthony van Dyck.

The conference venue comprises an auditorium for presentations and panel discussions.

You can find the plan of the Museums on [the website](#).



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3. ACCESS TO THE VENUE

The exact address is Place du Musée, 1000 Brussels.

Please be aware that the entrance to the conference center is in a side street between the Royal Museums of Fine Arts and the Magritte Museum.



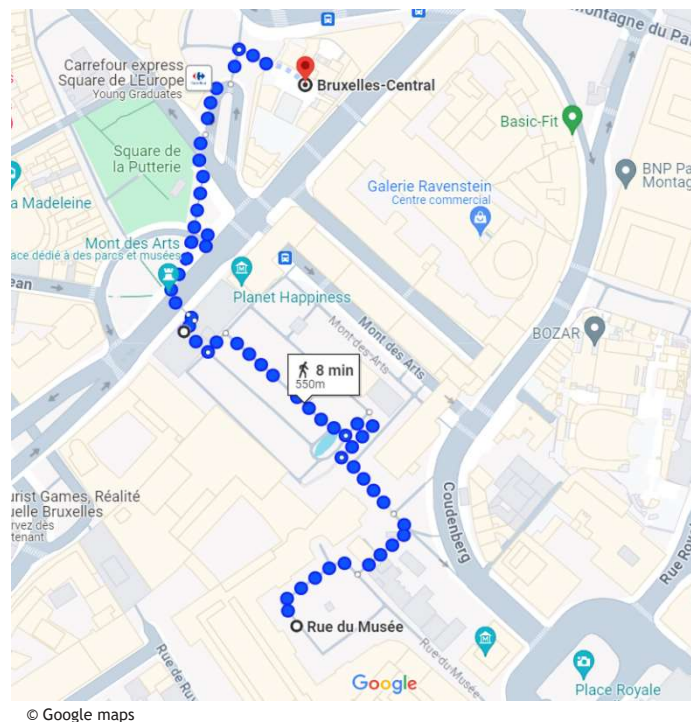
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Place du Musée - Entrance to the Conference center

It is easily accessible by public transport:

- Metro lines 1 or 5, Stop at Parc or Gare Centrale station;
- Tram lines 92 or 93, Stop at Royale;
- Bus lines 33, 38, 71, 95, Stop at Royale or lines 29, 63, 65, 66 and Stop at Parc or Gare Centrale;
- Train Stop at Brussels Central station. It is about a 10-minutes' walk from Brussels-Central station.



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If you are coming from Brussels Central station, we invite you to climb the stairs of the Mont des Arts to enjoy a magnificent view of our capital. Once you are at the top, turn right and enter the courtyard of the Museum of Fine Arts.

From Brussels airport to Brussels Central station:

- By Train from Brussels-Airport

At Brussels-Airport station (directly under the Departure and Arrival Halls of the airport, level -1), take a train heading to Brussels. Disembark at Brussels Central Station. The journey typically takes between 25 and 35 minutes.

For information on the timetable and buy your ticket, please visit:

<https://www.belgiantrain.be/en>

- Taxis Verts (Taxi Central Brussels):

Phone Number: +32 2 349 49 49

Call this number to book a taxi or use an online taxi booking application if available. Taxis can pick you up from your current location at the airport and take you to your destination in Brussels.

By car

Parking's are also available close to the venue (Albertine -Rue des Sols and Place de la Justice, Parking 2 Portes - Rue de Namur et Boulevard de Waterloo and Parking Poelaert - Place Poelaert)

4. SIDE EVENT: VISIT OF THE MAGRITTE MUSEUM

As Brussels celebrates the 100th anniversary of surrealism, participants will have the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the universe of René Magritte at the Magritte Museum. After a day of enriching discussions, delve into Magritte's surrealistic world and explore his masterpieces.

The museum presents a selection from the world's largest collection of works by René Magritte.



While some of René Magritte's works will be gracing the walls of other exhibitions and museums for the 100th anniversary of surrealism, the Magritte Museum is taking advantage of this period to create a dialogue between the fascinating world of René Magritte (1898-1967) and the poetic creations of another Belgian artist Jean-Michel Folon (1934-2005).

5. USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

General emergency number: The emergency number in Belgium is 112. It can be dialled for free from any phone (landline or mobile) to seek assistance in case of a medical emergency, fire, police or other serious situations.

Emergency medical services: In case of a medical emergency, the number 112 is also the most appropriate.

Local Police: The local police number depends on the region where you are in Belgium. Each region has its own contact number for the police. For example, in Brussels, the contact number is 101.

6. CONTACT DETAILS

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