

<http://www.ommegang.be/index2.php?idx=2&lg=en>

July 1-2: Brussels: OMMEGANG PAGEANT: Yearly colorful pageant on Brussels' Grand'Place commemorates a celebration in honor of Emperor Charles V in the 16th century.



July 1- Aug 28 Brussels MIDIS-MINIMES FESTIVAL: Like every year, the Midis-Minimes Festival offers you a concert of about 40 minutes every weekday in Brussels Minimes Church and the Conservatory. Diversified festival with traditional music on Monday, old on Tuesday, 18th century music on Wednesday, contemporary music on Thursday, and 19th century music on Friday. Discover new repertoires, composers, artists, instruments... At the same time, 3 cycles are devoted to instruments in general: women's voices, the piano and some "curiosities".

<http://www.midis-minimes.be/>

July 1-31 Wallonia BIENNAL ARTOUR: The 7th Biennial for Contemporary Art and Heritage ARTour gathers a number of exhibitions and creations by artists on the remarkable heritage of the "Région du Centre". This region has a rich history, which is reflected by its numerous castles with different styles. The main theme is focused on the imaginary linked to the theme of the castle with its symbolic, historic, dreamlike, utopian, romantic or fabulous dimension

July 1-31 Brussels MUSIC VILLAGE JAZZ CONCERTS: A series of 12 jazz nights with live music in the center of Brussels is organized by and at the Music Village. Discover the universe of jazz in the land where the saxophone was invented.

9-12 Liege LES ARDENTES : Third edition of this Electro Rock Festival taking place at Coronmeuse's Parc Astrid in Liege, in the heart of Wallonia Last year 43,000 festival-goers met up in Liege.



July 10-12 Gozee JUILLET MUSICAL D'AULNE: In the exceptional setting of the Abbey of Aulne a variety concerts are organized. Different styles to please everybody (classical music, jazz,...). <http://www.j-m-a.be/>

July 10-12 Chiny INTERCULTURAL FAIRY TALE FESTIVAL: This festival arose from a desire to introduce the public to the "flovies" (jokes) as told by the local "raconteurs" (storytellers). In the past years the success of this event has been huge. It attracts a large number of storytellers who can be found not only in the halls and streets of the town, but also in the forest and on the little boats on the Semois River... There they will tell today's stories to today's adults. New encounters, beautiful discoveries await you during this intercultural and international festival! <http://www.conte.be/>

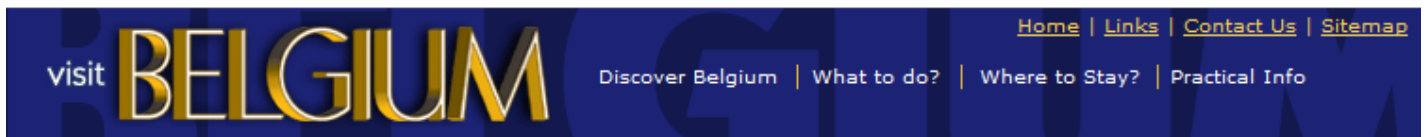
July 11-12 Brussels BROSELLA FOLK & JAZZ: This absolutely free festival, staged in a park at the foot of the Atomium includes jazz, folk and other summer sounds ringing out from the main stage. In the evenings fans and dreamers hang out under the Chinese lanterns. Children are not forgotten either with numerous activities for all age groups.

July 16-20 Spa FRANCOFOLIES: Every year for more than ten years, the biggest names in French song rock the stage in an all-out concert in the beautiful city of Spa. <http://www.francofolies.be/>

21 National Holiday **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

2-3-4-5 Werchter **WERCHTER ROCK FESTIVAL**: This festival brings a broad range of genres, a selection of all-time favourites as well as the sounds of young, new talent. In short, the best of what has been and what is still to come. First name in the line up for this year is the English rock band, Radiohead

Weekends Philippeville **GAMBRINUS BEER TRUCK FESTIVAL**: This unique event celebrates brewery trucks from everywhere in Belgium and promises to be extra special this year on the 10th anniversary of the museum. Fun activities include sampling of about 80 Belgian beers, and plenty of jazz music. <http://www.travelsignposts.com/Belgium/sightseeing/belgian-beer-festivals>



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Brussels Royal Palace Open to the Public July-September 2009 (TBA)



All Month Brussels **ROYAL PALACE OPEN TO PUBLIC**: The Royal Palace is on the Place des Palais facing the Palais de la Nation, home of the Belgian Parliament, across the Park of Brussels. The Park was once part of the hunting ground of the Dukes of Brabant. It was also the scene of fierce fighting in 1830 when Belgium gained her independence.

Ever since the 12th century when the Counts of Louvain built a fortress on the Coudenberg hill, there has been a noble residence overlooking the Park of Brussels. Later occupants included the Dukes of Brabant and Burgundy and Charles V. In 1731 the Palace burnt to the ground, after which plans for the present neo-classic structure were drawn up, and although the Palace was modified during Austrian, French and Dutch rule, the buildings remained essentially the same until Leopold II instituted renovations which were carried out between 1868 and 1872.

The King and Queen reside in the Palace of Laeken, but King Albert II has his offices here and it is used for state receptions, royal audiences and court ceremonies. The Throne Room is particularly impressive; over 150 feet long it has an elaborate mosaic parquet floor and is lit by eleven chandeliers. Other rooms on view are the Blue Room, the Louis XVI Music Salon with its ebony piano inset with copper and semi-precious stones, the Goya Room, hung with tapestries modeled on paintings by the Spanish Court painter, the Empire Room, the two White Salons and the Mirror Room, paneled in elaborately carved oak with four ceiling-high mirrors set between fluted marble columns.

Each year, during summer months only, the Royal Palace in Brussels opens its doors to the public.

The admission is free. Opening hours are: Tuesdays to Sundays from 10 AM to 5 PM.

<http://www.visitbelgium.com/mediaroom/RoyalPalace.htm>

July 19- Aug 16 Brussels **MINI EUROPE BY NIGHT**: Every Saturday from July 19 - August 16th, Mini Europe opens its doors to visitors in the evenings for a magical light show. Mini Europe is a fun, family attraction where the most famous monuments in Europe are scaled down to miniatures.

July 1-26 Saint-Hubert **JULY IN MUSIC**: This major festival of classical music of the Province of Luxembourg proposes you a rich programme on the occasion of the Festival of Wallonia.

July 1-26 Barvaux **BARVAUX CITY COUNTRY FESTIVAL**: International program, American vehicles, "western" atmosphere and stalls. Reconstructed military camp from the American civil war (1860-1865). New top. Large dance floor. Militaria fair. Multi-camp "WORLD WARS STORY" with Yankees, Confederates, Napoleon, Middle Ages, 40/45, Indians...

All Month Brussels **EXHIBITION POL BURY, COTE JARDIN** : From May 20 to October 18, many sculptures of Pol Bury can be seen in the gardens of the Museum van Buuren in Brussels.

All Month Brussels **BELGIUM ROLLER PARADE:** From June to September put on your roller skates to participate to the almost traditional hikes at the heart of the most beautiful cities of Belgium. The 10km circuit ends with a fiesta in the city centre. <http://www.belgiumrollers.com/>



All Month Brussels **EXHIBITION: VEGETAL CITY:** This exhibition gives a voice to the Belgian architect **Luc Schuiten** who presents his vision of a city reconciled with nature and inspired by it. <http://www.vegetalcity.net/>