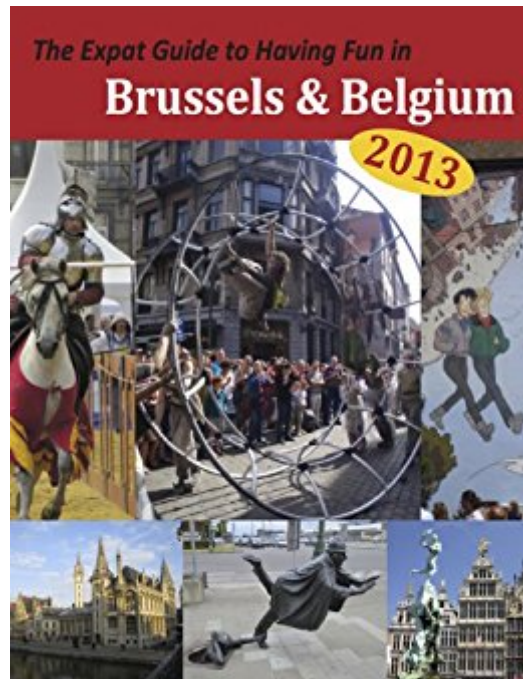




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Synopsis

The Expat Guide to Having Fun in Brussels & Belgium showcases all the best events and festivals on offer each month, along with the more enjoyable activities and places to visit for kids, families and adults, ensuring that no matter when you arrive in Belgium to live, you will not miss out on any of the most interesting, distinctly local, culturally significant, or just plain fun activities. Within its pages you will find information about great markets, playgrounds, parks, kids' play centers, amusement parks, adrenaline pumping family activities, Christmas Markets all over Europe, unique cultural destinations, farms stays, bicycling, kayaking, paintball, land sailing, rock climbing, go-karting, a multiplicity of spectator sports to enjoy, social and expat groups to join, as well as periodicals filled with tons of great weekly events and activities all over the country. Belgium is an absolutely amazing place to spend a couple of years. Brussels is a city of vibrant and diverse neighborhoods; Antwerp is stylish, edgy and hip; Ghent and Leuven are lively university towns; and Belgium as a whole is rich in cultural heritage, natural beauty, and fascinating history. Featuring a treasure trove of enjoyable activities, The Expat Guide to Having Fun in Brussels & Belgium takes away the guesswork about what to do, when, and where. So, if you are looking to fully enjoy your sojourn in Brussels, Belgium and beyond, this book is for you. The author is a professional travel writer who has lived over 20 years in 10 countries on three continents. He has had 10 books published by four different publishers, has a travel column in Primo magazine, and regularly pens articles for a variety of periodicals. For more information about his other books visit www.BestofItalyGuide.com or www.ItsaSprawlWorld.com. Mr. Morris lived in Belgium for three amazing years, two of which he was the editor of the Brussels Weekly, for which he received a number of awards and accolades for quality content and design. During his sojourn in the low countries he traveled far and wide, exploring everything Belgium had to offer, while also venturing forth into the nearby countries to find the best places to visit there as well. The author has explored the pyramids in Egypt, trekked through Alpine peaks in Switzerland and Austria, savored the libertine culture of Denmark, hiked Hadrian's Wall in northern England, unearthed ancient Roman ruins in Israel, climbed the pyramids of Chichen Itza in the Yucatan, roamed the Great Wall in China, sailed the Fjords of Norway, climbed the Eiffel Tower in Paris, and delighted in la dolce vita in Rome. He has bar hopped down Hooker Hill in Seoul, and witnessed cows being ritualistically slaughtered behind the Süleymaniye Mosque in Istanbul, the streets running red with their blood, as well as many other acts of wild abandon far removed from the realm of everyday life. However, the place that he feels has the most to offer in terms of expat quality of life and varied experiences is in Brussels and Belgium.

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Customer Reviews

After two years living in Brussels we thought we knew this town inside and out, until we landed on a copy of The Expat Guide to Having Fun in Brussels & Belgium by Mr. Morris. There obviously was a lot of research that went into this guide which is replete with activities available and interesting places to visit. Some of my favorites usefully presented by month by month fashion were: cycling (especially on car-free Sunday), festivals, historic re-enactments, regattas, markets, tours, brasseries, cafes, creperies, ice cream parlors, museums (especially nocturnal visits), castles, the coast, the mountains, green parks, near and far Belgian and European top destinations, play centers, amusement parks, classes, and more) for young singles to families with kids, this guide is as comprehensive as it gets. Reading this guide one realizes how Brussels really is interesting in and of itself but also strategically placed for easily seeing much of Europe. The guide includes lists of books, publications, websites to do with living in Brussels and which I found invaluable to have all in one place. For example, when I wanted to publicize one of my sculpture exhibitions all I had to do is ask Mr. Morris and I instantly had access to a huge number of expats through all the channels of communications mentioned in this guide. I also loved the easy and convenient format in which Mr.

Morris made this guide available to his readers though and Lulu ready for use via smart phones and eReaders. This guide fulfills its claim to help us have fun while living in Brussels. Mr. Morris' happy, extrovert and generous nature surfaces throughout the guide sometimes with fun photos or comments but for me it does so especially in his Closing Remarks - Cultural Awareness parting words where he gives us a bit of his hard earned distilled experience and wisdom reached through years of living abroad. The Expat Guide to Having Fun in Brussels & Belgium is a must if you don't want to miss out on some of the most fun activities and events while you live here.

My family has followed the advice of Mr. Morris in navigating our way around Brussels. The book has been fantastic and has led us to many adventures and treasures we otherwise would have never known existed in Belgium. We would literally follow his advice in planning our weekends. From Omegang to Brugge to tucked away castles, there is so much in the country to explore and the Expat's Guide will lead you in the right direction!

Fantastic, and very well put together hand book for anyone living in Belgium. My family has been here for 4 years and this guide was great for finding more activities for our 2 young children as well as some date night ideas too. Easy to read and very well laid out. I will recommend this book to anyone who plans to call Belgium "home".

Comprehensive yet concise, fun to read and easy to use as a reference. Lists websites where you'll find the exact dates, times and venues of events that typically cannot be published well in advance. This book will make you thank your lucky stars you got to live in Belgium!

Happened upon this before travelling to Brussels in two weeks, really helped to get a understanding of what to expect and where to go, what to do, etc. I wish I would have had this earlier, booked my ticket a few days after a huge medieval festival ends...arghhh!

This book is simplistic and superficial. The author lists good events and activities, but the information provided is often incomplete. The reader then has to conduct his own research to determine the date(s) of the event, exact address, times of admission, and relevant fees. The text is based on the author's three years in Brussels writing a weekly e-newsletter for the US Government. His words are taken directly from this publication. They are no better written now than they were when originally published. Save your money.

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