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Brussels & Bruges Christmas Markets

From £649 per person // 5 days



Take a festive break to Belgium for two great Christmas market destinations. Spend time in Brussels' Winter Wonders, featuring a ferris-wheel, ice rink and nightly sound and light show in the magnificent Grand Place, before moving on to lovely Bruges, with its pretty canals and central Christmas market.

The Essentials

- Eurostar to Brussels and then connecting train to Bruges
- A full day in Brussels to experience Winter Wonders and a 200-stall market
- A full day in Bruges to shop local boutiques, browse the markets and sightsee
- Return to London with far more luggage than you came with!

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 4 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Easy-to-follow travel documentation
- Despatch of tickets by email, post or collection from our London office

Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade your hotels
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - London To Bruges

Make your way to London St Pancras today for your Eurostar service to Brussels. There are plenty of tempting shops and cafés at the station before you even head through security to board your train! Once in Brussels, connect onto a regional service to Bruges, arriving in the late afternoon. Check in for a 2-night stay at the Dukes Palace Residence (or similar) and, once you've settled in, head out to explore for your first evening.



Day 2 - Bruges

Bruges is a very walkable city, with cobbled streets and canals criss-crossed with bridges. There are two Christmas markets here, offering around 150 stalls between them. The larger market on the Grote Markt is the more traditional. The other market is on Simon Stevinplein and features more artisanal products. You can also enjoy regular performances by local choirs and other festive treats throughout the Christmas market period.



Day 3 - Bruges To Brussels

You have an 'open' ticket to get you back to Brussels today, so you can catch any train. The journey takes 50 minutes and once you arrive into the Belgian capital, you'll be checking in at the Dominican Hotel (or similar) for a 2-night stay. The hotel is very centrally located so you can easily make your way to the famous Grand Place this evening to catch the nightly sound-and-light show which plays across the lovely guild houses around the square.



Day 4 - Brussels

Enjoy a free festive day out in Brussels. There's plenty to see here if you want to focus on Christmas-related activities. You can shop at a choice of markets dotted around the city centre. You can take a ride on the big ferris wheel on the Place Sainte-Catherine or take a turn around the ice rink. There are also regular opportunities for glühwein and chocolate tasting. Elsewhere, you can also pay a visit to the Chocolate Museum or the iconic Atomium with its fascinating exhibitions.



Day 5 - Brussels To London

Depending on where you're based in the UK, you'll probably have plenty of time for another morning in Brussels before you need to collect your bags from your hotel and make your way back to the Gare du Midi for your return journey back to London.

Pricing

From £649 per person

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.