



Study Abroad Newsletter

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FOR LOVERS OF FRENCH SONGS

A great nightlife spot is “Cabaret aux Chansons”. The cabaret is situated in a mysterious, narrow dead end, on the famous "Pita" street, and housed in a small old renovated house with a transparent roof. Inside, the atmosphere is very cozy, with exposed beams and a nice open fire. If you want to hear French songs, this cabaret is a great destination! Suzanne Fery, the owner will welcome you personally and make sure you enjoy your evening! There is a show every Friday and Saturday at 9 pm.

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Address: Rue du Marché au Fromage, 22 bis, 1000 Brussels (near the Grand Place and in the "Pita" street).



JAZZ ON WEDNESDAYS

The music of the Pieter Vandergooten Quartet takes you on a journey to the jazz gods, This modern jazz quartet found its inspiration in the work of Joshua Redman, Steve Swallow and John Scottfield, to name but a few. But they also have quite a few of their own compositions with room for solos. With musician Pierre Anckaert in their midst, who attended a Master Class in Cuba, a touch of Latino is noticeable. The Quartet will perform Wednesday, February 25th at 9 p.m, at KulturKaffe on the VUB Campus. Entrance is free of charge! Get more information at www.pietervandergooten.be

Culture at -50% with Arsène

Tickets at half price for shows and concerts on the same evening. From Tuesday to Saturday from 12.30 till 17.30.

BOZAR



How to escape Brussels' everlasting rain? Head to the Centre for Fine Arts (www.bozar.be). Quality and artistic diversity is at the heart of its mission. It includes 8 departments: architecture, cinema, dance, expo, literature, music

(mainly classical music but also jazz, blues and world music), theater and studios. “Experience the wonders of the Far East Creativity”, the exhibition Made in Korea (until February 28) is an explosion of colours and a successful marriage of tradition and modernism.

DELIRIUM CAFÉ

In case you haven't been on a beer-tasting expedition since your arrival in Brussels, then Delirium Cafe is the place for you! It's pretty near the old centre of the city and it's a great place to spend the evening with your friends over a pint of beer. The atmosphere is just fantastic since the bar is always crowded and the music really loud. Just try and see: it'll just make you delirious with pleasure. Enjoy!

What's up in Brussels?

1. The Jazz Station is set in the amazing surroundings of an old train station. This venue is a unique place dedicated to jazz music. Live music sessions give it an extra taste of nostalgia. (193a-195 Chaussée de Louvain).
2. Le Café du Vaudeville - Settled in the Art-Nouveau style Galeries Royales, just beside the Grand Place, this café retains the old style, charm and splendour of the theatre it used to be (5 Galerie de la Reine).
3. Forest National / Voorst Nationaal (www.forestnational.be): one of the largest performing arts venue of Belgium with a capacity of 7000 people. Big names of rock and pop perform there. Shows such as "Holiday on Ice" and major musicals are also organized.
4. Visit the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (rue Vautier 29 - 1000 Brussel) on an unforgettable journey through the history of life. Skip in giant leaps through millions of years, from its very beginnings to the present day, and forward into the future. No fewer than 600 fossils and 400 animal exhibits tell the story of animal biodiversity over the years.