

# THE GAZETTE

Published for members of the SHAPE/Chièvres, Brussels and Schinnen communities

## Benelux news briefs

### GOV fuel pumps close

The Chièvres fuel pumps will be unavailable May 16 to 20.

Ensure your organization fills up its government-leased vehicles May 13 to 15.

### It's motorcycle season

To ride a motorcycle legally in Europe, the Army requires you to possess a valid MSF card.

The Installation Safety Office will conduct the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Experienced Rider Course on the MSF Range on Chièvres Air Base May 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the classroom portion in Building 20134 in the Provost Marshal Office's Room 119.

To register, call DSN 361-6114/1470 or civilian 068-276114/1470.

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### Belgians commemorate Victory in Europe

A flag bearer from the local patriotic association lowers the flag to honor military and civilian victims of World War II during a Victory in Europe remembrance in Brugelette Sunday, May 8, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Cis Spook)

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# Ceremonies recall sacrifice that brought about V-E Day



V-E Day marks the unconditional surrender of Germany's armed forces and the formal acceptance of that surrender by the Allies May 8, 1945. It thus marked the end of World War II in Europe: Victory in Europe. Almost every Belgian city held a ceremony at its monument honoring the military and civilian victims of WWII. (Clockwise from top) The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Color Guard — composed of Pfc. Carl Brown, Staff Sgt. Charles Yates, Sgt. Pamela Hill and Spc. Zachary Yahn — participate in the Brugelette V-E Day ceremony Sunday, May 8, 2016. • Provost Marshal Maj. Cesar Ocasio salutes after laying a wreath with Mayor André Desmarlières at the war victims monument in Brugelette Sunday, May 8, 2016. • Capt. Jeffrey Paul, the commander of USAG Benelux Headquarters and Headquarters Company, stands at the monument with Chièvres Mayor Bruno Lefèbvre during the V-E Day commemoration in Chièvres Sunday, May 8, 2016. • Pfc. Carl Brown presents arms during the playing of the national anthems at the ceremony in Brugelette Sunday, May 8, 2016. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook except where otherwise indicated)



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# Make plans to remember the fallen Memorial Day

## Special to the Gazette

Whether you attend Memorial Day ceremonies annually or are thinking of attending for the first time, the American Overseas Memorial Day Association Belgium cordially invites you to join Belgians, Americans and people from around the globe who come to honor the men and women who gave their lives for Europe's freedom.

This year's ceremonies at the American military cemeteries in Belgium will take place May 28 and May 29. Ceremonies at the isolated graves will take place May 26, May 27, May 29, May 30 and May 31. For details, visit <http://aomda.org>.

Commemorations of America's commitment to the safeguarding of freedom for have been held each Memorial Day weekend in Belgium since 1923. One meaningful role Americans play during their years here is taking part in these ceremonies.

Attending a Memorial Day ceremony is a chance to reflect upon the freedom enjoyed today, paid for in the 20th century by more than 345,000 American men and women who died during World Wars I and II. More than 14,000 American servicemen are buried in Belgium in three American military cemeteries.

Each gravestone marks the resting place of an American who died fighting in the name of human dignity and the freedom of mankind against tyranny and oppression. Each gravestone also represents the loss of a beloved husband, brother, father or son.

Memorial Day ceremonies in Belgium are not only a tribute to these fallen heroes. They are an unforgettable opportunity to remind everyone, young and old, of the reason America is called upon to fight wars that are never good, but sometimes necessary. Next of kin as well as American and Belgian veterans, senior military officers, diplomats, high-ranking government officials and other distinguished guests attend these ceremonies.

"A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers," American President John F. Kennedy once said.

Memorial Day ceremonies ensure that the heroic spirit of many brave men and women will live on in this century and the expensive lessons learned at the price of human blood will never be forgotten.

## Belgium

- **Aubel.** Wreath-laying and fly-over by the Belgian air force at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery May 28 at 4 p.m.

- **Neupré.** Wreath-laying and Air Force fly-over at Ardennes American Cemetery May 28 at 10 a.m.

- **Bastogne.** Wreath-laying ceremony at Mardasson Memorial in Bastogne June 3 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Visit <http://www.bastogne.be/events/memorial-day/view>.

- **Waregem.** Wreath-laying and fly-over by the Belgian air force at Flanders Field American Cemetery May 29 at 3 p.m.

- **Isolated graves.** For dates, times, addresses and GPS locations of Memorial Day ceremonies at the isolated graves in Belgium, visit <http://aomda.org/index.php?lang=en&pid=119>.

## The Netherlands

- **Margraten.** Memorial Day ceremony at Netherlands American Cemetery May 29 at 3 p.m.

- **Isolated graves.** Find out more about Americans buried in isolated graves at <http://www.fieldsofhonor-database.com/index.php/isolated-graves>.



At a Memorial Day ceremony in Margraten, the Netherlands, distinguished visitors lay one of the 77 wreaths that were laid at Netherlands American Cemetery Sunday, May 24, 2015. More than 6,000 people attended. One of the many commemorations in Belgium and the Netherlands, this year's Margraten event will be held May 29. (Archive photo)

## Honor Wereth 11

A ceremony will be held at the War Victims monument next to the church in the village of Wereth, Belgium, May 21 at 11 a.m. to honor the memory of the Wereth 11, who had been the last-surviving Soldiers of the 333rd Field Artillery Battalion.

Taken prisoner by the SS, these African-American Soldiers were tortured and murdered during WWII's Battle of the Bulge. The Wereth Massacre occurred the same day as the Malmedy Massacre.

The ceremony will include a wreath-laying, the Vogelweh Gospel Choir and a bugler from Bugles Across America as well as presentations by Belgian and American VIPs and Belgian students. For details, visit <http://www.wereth.org/en/home>.

# Strong B.A.N.D.S. brings fun, healthy activities to Benelux

## Special to the Gazette

Strong B.A.N.D.S. is a resiliency initiative whose initials stand for "Balance, Activity, Nutrition, Determination and Strength."

Army garrisons worldwide are banding together for the Sixth Annual Strong B.A.N.D.S. campaign through May 31, in recognition of National Physical Fitness and Sports Month.

Programs and activities that support readiness and resiliency, and encourage individual fitness will be held at Army locations across the globe.

Army wellness experts encourage you



As part of the Strong B.A.N.D.S. health initiative, Erik Fuentes and Odin participate in a 5k/3k starting at Chièvres Kennel Saturday, May 7, 2016. Dogs went through agility obstacles along the route. (U.S. Army photo by Monica Young)

to participate in a Strong B.A.N.D.S. event, wear your band to show your commitment to a healthy lifestyle and visit <http://www.armymwr.com/strongbands.aspx> to learn more.

**Brussels** community has several events planned. For more information, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

- Strong B.A.N.D.S.: 23 Days/250K Pounds Squat Challenge continues through May 23 at the Brussels Fitness Center. Competitors have 23 days to lift a total of 250,000 pounds. Awards will be given to the first competitor to reach 250,000 pounds in male and female categories.

- Strong B.A.N.D.S.: Fitness Endurance Challenge will take place in the Brussels Fitness Center May 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. This team-challenge event consists of a two-mile run, tire flip, pushups and chinups. Awards will be given to the first team with the best times in male and female categories.

**SHAPE/Chièvres** community plans fitness fun for adults and children. All NATO welcome.

For details, call DSN 361-5463 or civilian 068-275463.

- Bubble Soccer/Rodeo at Chièvres Fitness Center May 12 at 4 p.m. Bubble soccer has two teams playing regular soccer, but each player is inside a plastic bubble. The rodeo will have a mechanical bull.

- Free Throw/3 Point Contest at Chièvres Fitness Center May 13 at 5:30 p.m. Contest for baskets made from the 3-point line and free-throw line. Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, Program will provide food sales.

- Functional 5k Run starting at Chièvres Fitness Center May 14 at 11 a.m. A 5k run inspired by functional fitness. Along the route there will be kettlebell swings, box jumps, burpees and much more.

- For Reps Lifting Competition at Chièvres Fitness Center May 17 at 6 p.m. Lifting competition will have the three major lifts, squat, bench press, and deadlift. Participants will do all three lifts as many times as they can.

- Playoga at SHAPE International Library May 18 at 3:45 p.m. A child-friendly yoga that teaches proper movement along with some fun.

- Basic Vehicle Maintenance 101 at Chièvres Auto Skills Center May 19 at noon. This class will cover basic automotive maintenance and shop orientation for women.

- Fun For Kids at Chièvres Fitness Center May 20 at 5 p.m. Featuring bouncy castles and games for children of all ages.

- Taste Testing at Chièvres Army Lodging May 21 at 10:30 a.m. A fitness-inspired cookbook with recipes submitted by community members, along with a taste testing of all submitted recipes.

## Volunteers recognized

At far left, Kim Wayland, the deputy garrison manager of USAG Benelux-Schinnen, who presented Presidential Volunteer Awards at the volunteer recognition ceremony, poses with the recipients Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Front row: Jaclyn Stamos, Kim Coronado (for the American Spouses Club), Chelsey Valdez and Air Force Master Sgt. Wendy Carlson. Back row: Maria Param, Daniel Ligon, John Langrell and Abel Salazar. Winners of other awards at the ceremony were: Organization of the Year - American Spouse Club, DGM Spotlight Award - Chelsey Valdez, Youth Volunteer of the Year - Anna Galeano, Military Volunteer of the Year - Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Jaclyn Stamos, Family Member/Civilian Volunteer of the Year - John Langrell and Carmen Maldonado. (U.S. Army photo by Fons IJpelaar)



Asian-American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

# Three-part theme embraces differences



ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

EMBRACE DIFFERENCES BUILD LEGACIES

USAG Benelux auditorium in Caserne Daumerie's Building 30 in Chièvres May 19 from noon to 1 p.m.

The Asian-American Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance will be held in the USAG Benelux auditorium in Caserne Daumerie's Building 30 in Chièvres May 19 from noon to 1 p.m.

All members of the USAG Benelux and SHAPE footprint are invited.

Chaplain (Capt.) Ikjin Daniel Moon, who was born in South Korea, will be the guest speaker. Moon is currently assigned as the chaplain at 39th Signal Battalion on Caserne Daumerie in Chièvres.

The theme is "Walk Together, Embrace Differences, Build Legacies."

Serving as a call to action, the theme acknowledges the challenges that still exist and

acts as a three-part directive for today's Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI):

- **Walk Together** encourages everyone to collaboratively share their diverse perspectives and find common ground to move forward in a united, cooperative effort.

- **Embrace Differences** recognizes the diverse backgrounds and contributions of AAPI's in America and encourages everyone to accept those differences as a strength in the work force.

- **Build Legacies** encourages everyone to remain focused on their efforts toward the mission. This places emphasis on making impact career decisions that will provide a lasting effect for future generations.

Together these three imperatives serve as guiding principles to promote equal representation in the work force and to remove barriers in developing diverse leaders.



Chaplain (Capt.) Ikjin Daniel Moon

## Temporary changes made to operating hours

Several services in the Benelux will adjust their hours of operation temporarily.

**SHAPE**

**SHAPE Healthcare Facility** will operate on a Belgian/SHAPE holiday schedule May 16 in observance of Whit Monday, or Pentecost Monday:

- The Acute Care Walk-in Clinic will be open from 8 to 10 a.m.

**Chièvres**

**Chièvres Library** has changed its hours of operation for the near future.

"As we train and transition new staff, we have adjusted our hours," said David Sherrick, chief of business and recreation

at the USAG Benelux Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. "Thank you for your understanding while we build an award-winning library team."

The new hours are as follows:  
Closed May 13 to 16, May 20 to 23 and May 27 to 31.

Open from noon to 6 p.m. May 12, May 17 to 19 and May 24 to 26.

During this time, Chièvres Library patrons may continue to use SHAPE International Library for all their needs, including picking up and dropping off material borrowed from the Chièvres Library.

SHAPE International Library is open

Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call SHAPE International Library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631.

**Grandma's Attic** has moved to Building 70007 on Caserne Daumerie in Chièvres during the renovation of its usual retail space on Chièvres Air Base.

The temporary location is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. until further notice.

Consignment hours are Thursdays and the first and third Saturdays of the month from 9:30 to 11 a.m.



**KEEPING YOU CONNECTED**  
The Official Website of the American Forces Network Benelux  
AFN BENELUX 360 Internet Radio <http://benelux.afneurope.net>  
Brussels: 101.7 FM – Chièvres 107.9 FM – SHAPE 106.5 FM – Tri-Border Area 99.7, 96.9 FM

**FRENGLISH PAGE**

**Interns help US community with French touch**

**Special to the Gazette**

Each week, English speakers will be in contact with French language in a friendly way. The interns' page is divided into three sections. The first one (Useful expressions) is dedicated to commonly used expressions translated into English and accompanied by a phonetic transcription. The second part (Word search) is a fun way to learn French words, along with their English translation. The last part (Dialog) is brightened up with a French dialog and its English translation.

**Useful expressions**

- À emporter /ah ahn-port-eh/ Take away
- J'ai faim /zhay fah/ I am hungry
- J'ai soif /zhay swahf/ I am thirsty
- Je suis malade /zhuh swee mah-lahd/ I am sick

**Word search**

Here are some words in French related to the theme "couleur/color" /coo-luhr/ that you can find in the grid. Letters in parentheses are only lightly pronounced. Have fun!

- Rouge: red /roozh/
- Vert: green /vair/
- Bleu: blue /bluh/
- Jaune: yellow /zhohn/
- Violet: purple /vee-oh-leh/
- Rose: pink /rohzh/
- Blanc: white /blah(n)/
- Noir: black /nwah(r)/
- Gris: gray /gree/
- Brun: brown /brah(n)/
- Orange: orange /oh-rahnh-zh/
- Beige: beige /behzh/
- Or: golden /oh(r)/
- Argent: silver /ah(r)-zhaw(n)/
- Cuivre: copper /kwee-v(r)/

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**Dialog: Book a room**

- A: Bonjour! Comment puis-je vous aider ? A: Hello! How can I help you?
- B: Bonjour! J'aimerais faire une réservation. B: Hello! I would like to make a reservation.
- A: Bien sûr. Désirez-vous une chambre simple ou double ? A: Of course. Would you like a single or a double room?
- B : Une chambre double, s'il-vous plaît. B : A double room, please.
- A : Combien de nuits voulez-vous rester? A: For how many nights would you like to stay?
- B : Juste une. B : Just one.
- A : D'accord. Et quel est votre nom monsieur ? A: All right. And what is your name, Sir?
- B : Mr. Smith. B : Mr Smith.
- A : Désirez-vous le petit-déjeuner au matin? A: Would you like breakfast in the morning?
- B : Oui, s'il vous plaît. B : Yes, please.
- A : Il a lieu dans la salle principale, de 7h à 9h. A: It is in the main room, from 7 to 9 a.m.
- B : Est-il compris dans le prix de la chambre ? B: Is it included in the price of the room?
- A : Non, il y a un supplément de 8€ par personne. A: No, there is an extra charge of €8 per person.

**All USAG Benelux interns, Maréva Baudart, Roxane Rasneur, Jérémy De Leeuw, Pauline Chevalier, Adeline Durot, Julie Anicotte, Margaux Warnotte, Alessio Stincheddu and Gemma Tirabassi have contributed to this page.**

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

### Make reservations now

- **Asian-Pacific Night at the 3 Star** - Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month by enjoying the tastes of Asia and the Pacific Islands **May 20** from 6 to 9 p.m. The menu will include lumpia (spring roll), chicken teriyaki, chicken skewers with peanut sauce, and pansit (noodles). Cost: adults \$8, children, ages 12 and under, \$4. Reserve by May 19 at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

### Register now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Schinnen Army Community Service or SHAPE ACS by video-teleconference. To sign up, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783:
  - **Interviewing Tips and Techniques Workshop** - Learn to ace any interview with these tips on how to prepare for an interview, get into the right mind set, and convince potential employers you are a perfect fit for the position. VTC-projected from SHAPE **May 17** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
  - **Résumé Writing Workshop** - Learn to write résumés that capture your experience and expertise, and include accomplishments that get you noticed. VTC-projected from SHAPE **May 18** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
  - **Résumé Writing Workshop** - Make your résumés match your experience and expertise so that perspective employers sit up and take notice. Given in person at Brussels ACS **May 19** from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

### May 12, 13

- **BOSS Movie Night** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts free movies "Kung Fu Panda" (PG) May 12 and "Fifty Shades of Black" (R) May 13 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the BOSS Movie Area on the third floor of Building 1. Make your reservation soon at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

### May 15

- **Sunday Story Time** - Join the staff of Brussels Library from noon to 1 p.m. for fun that includes crafts, socializing and reading stories together. The topic this month is "Blankies." The Brussels Library welcomes all children, ages of 3 to 10, and their parents to Sunday Story Time.

### May 19

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy all-you-can-eat pizza from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Cost: adults \$12, children, ages 12 and under, \$6. (Alternate children's menu: chicken strips with potato wedges, \$5.) Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

### May 19, 24, 25, 27

- **Welcome, newcomers** - Brussels Army Community Service invites all service members, civilians and their families to participate in free newcomers events next week. May 19: Hospital Guided Tour is conducted from 9:30 a.m. to noon. May 24: Supermarket Guided Tour is conducted from 8:30 to 11 a.m. May 25: The deputy garrison manager's welcome and USAG Benelux-Brussels site brief start at 8:45 a.m. and are followed by a cultural acclimatization (local customs as well as basic French and Dutch), which ends at 12:30 p.m. May 27: Metro Madness (in which newcomers learn to use public transportation) runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meet in the ACS conference room in Building 4 half an hour before start time to get settled, get a snack or get ready to leave as a group for a tour, if applicable. Register by calling DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

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  - **Interviewing Tips and Techniques Workshop** - Learn to ace any interview with these tips on how to prepare for an interview, get into the right mind set, and convince potential employers you are a perfect fit for the position. VTC-projected from SHAPE **May 17** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
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### May 13

- **Military Spouse Appreciation Night** - Hosted by the Geilenkirchen A&FRC, the event will be held at 6 p.m., E-3A Club. The theme for the night is "NATO Rocks" and will include a Lip Sync Battle competition. All military spouses are invited to attend. Admission: €5. Spouses can sign up by calling DSN 458-6015 or civilian +49 (0) 2451-633791 or sending an email to 470abs.dpf2@us.af.mil. Child care will be provided.

### May 14

- **Flea market** - Schinnen Outdoor Recreation will host a flea market inside the Schinnen Activity Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information, call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY *continued*

### May 19 to 20

- **Welcome, newcomers** - Learn what you need to know at Schinnen Army Community Service. All newcomers must attend the Host-Nation Orientation on Day 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to learn local customs, culture, language and an overview of Tri-Border services. On Day 2, meet at ACS to take the Newcomers Tour from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The group goes beyond the gate to learn and use the public transportation to visit local points of interest. Contact DSN 360-7218/7500 or civilian 046-4437218/7500.

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

### Sign up now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Brussels, Schinnen or SHAPE Army Community Service by video-teleconference. To sign up, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824:
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### Tickets now available

- **Jazz Brunch** - This charity event will fill the SHAPE Events Centre with music **May 14** at 10:30 a.m. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Alpha Alpha Theta Zeta Chapter, also known as the Belgium Zetas, will put on the event to benefit its scholarship fund. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/belgiumzetas>. Cost: €40 (includes a full champagne buffet and a live band); children, ages 8 and under, free admission with a paying adult.
- **Army Ball** - Celebrate the Army birthday with a night of military tradition at the Army Ball in the SHAPE Club ballroom **June 25** from 5 p.m. to midnight. Social hour, which features an open bar, starts at 5 p.m. Members of the receiving line will greet guests at 6 p.m. Cost: €60 per person (includes a meal and an event memento). Contact your unit representative about tickets and child care, or call DSN 361-5288 or civilian 068-275288.

### May 12 to 15, 19 to 22

- **"Disney's The Little Mermaid"** - Based on one of Hans Christian Anderson's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, "Disney's The Little Mermaid," this musical play includes memorable Disney melodies. The SHAPE Performing Arts Centre will put on this production May 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. The curtain goes up on matinee performances May 15 and 22 at 3 p.m. Cost: €16; students, €8. For tickets, call the box office Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. at DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312.

### May 14

- **Belgian Shooting Range and Barbecue** - Join Chièvres Outdoor Recreation on a visit to a local gun club May 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Adults (ages 18 and older) will have the opportunity to participate in handgun target practice. All NATO welcome, but spaces are limited. Deadline for signup is today at 6 p.m. Cost: \$79, which includes handgun target shooting with different calibers and approximately 120 bullets, a soft drink or coffee during the break and a full Belgian barbecue after the event. To register, call DSN 361-6268 or civilian 068-276268.

### May 19

- **Food-handler training** - SHAPE Healthcare Facility offers this training at 3 p.m. in the second-floor conference room in the Washington, D.C., wing (yellow wing). The course is designed for all family readiness groups, Group 2 activities and volunteer groups that intend to sell food at 2016 SHAPE Morale and Welfare Branch/Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or MWB/MWR, events and functions at SHAPE and USAG Benelux facilities. To register for this date or any of the six other dates, call DSN 566-5336 or civilian 065-325336.

## Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates — 2D movies: adults, €6.50; children, ages 12 and under, €3.75. 3D movies: adults, €8.50; children, ages 12 and under, €5.75. Visit <http://www.shape2day.com>, and click "Cinema Schedule" icon. Thrifty Thursday means half-price popcorn and free movies from the same film series (or related subject matter) as an upcoming film as well as half-price pizza and calzone at the Pizza Bowl.

## Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Rates — adults, €6.50; children, ages 11 and under, €3.75. For the movie schedule, visit <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146>.

## Travel the Benelux

# The Brussels cathedral of Saint Michael and Saint Gudula is the purest flowering of Gothic style

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The Gothic cathedral of Saint Michael and Saint Gudula in Brussels is where royal weddings and funerals take place.

The Roman style church dates back to the 11th century and was later renovated in the Gothic style. It was only granted cathedral status in 1962.

Historians believe that a chapel dedicated to Saint Michael was built on the Treurenberg Hill in the 8th century. Three centuries later, the chapel was replaced by a romanesque church under the orders of Lambert II, Duke of Brabant. During the same period, the relics of Saint Gudula were transported from

the Saint Gaugericus Church on Saint-Géry Island (Brussels) to this church. The cathedral thus has two patron saints: Michael and Gudula, who are also the patrons of Brussels city.

The outside of the cathedral is as outstanding as the inside. It has even been described as “the purest flowering of the Gothic style,” according to Victor Hugo. The interior of the cathedral is less ornated than other gothic churches, but it has been designed in a refreshing quality. The most impressive features of the interior are the stained-glass windows.

Saint Michael, the defender of this Catholic church, is not technically a saint, but an archangel. He is frequently represented in armor, brandishing a spear or a sword, slaying the devil who lies at his feet. This representation symbolizes the victory of humility over pride, of good over evil. The Archangel is also weighing souls and escorts them to the afterlife.

Gudula of Brabant (7th-8th centuries) was born in Belgium. According to Vita Gudilae (her 11th-century



*Inside of the cathedral Saint Michael and Saint Gudula (Courtesy Photo)*

biography) written by a monk, she was the daughter of Witger, duke of Lotharingia, and Amalberga of Maubeuge. While the Archangel Michael is the patron of Brussels, Saint Gudula is considered to be the most worshipped patroness.

### **Opening Hours**

Mon to Fri: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sat: 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (visits from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. only)

Sun: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (visits from 2 p.m. only)

No entrance fees.

### **Address**

Cathédrale des Sts-Michel-et-Gudule  
Parvis sainte-Gudule  
1000, Brussels

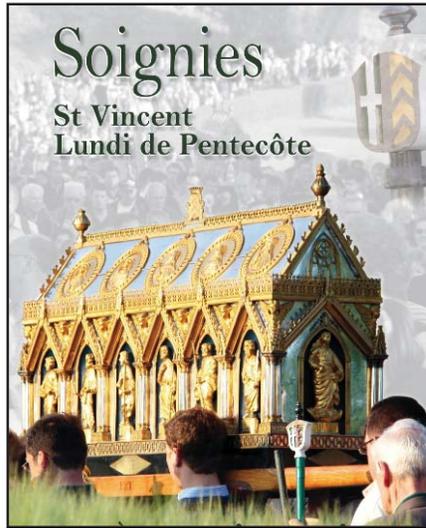
# Travel the Benelux

## Soignies to celebrate its roots, honor its founder

Whit Monday is a special day for Soignies and its citizens, highlighted by the "Tour Saint-Vincent" and its historical procession. Celebrated every year for more than 750 years, Whit Monday is the day people from Soignies gather and renew contact with, or discover for younger generations, the roots of the city.

The age-old Tour Saint-Vincent dates back to 1262; the historical procession has displayed living scenes honoring St. Vincent Madelgaire since 1921. Saint Vincent is considered the founder of Soignies and was also the husband of Waudru of Mons.

Madelgaire entered into religious life under the name of Vincent, and his virtues earned him to be honored as a saint. Whit Monday is also a powerful moment during which a community celebrates its roots. At 6 a.m., the great shrine is taken down from its upper chapel, to the altar. The pilgrims set out with the holy relic, for an 11-kilometer long walk around the city. Eight-



teen votive chapels line up the route. On the "Marais Tillériaux" (on Chaussée de Braine), a priest pronounces the panegyric of St. Vincent -- which sings his praises, so to speak. At the end of the Tour, an official ceremony gathers close to the Cense del Baille, on top of the "Chaussée d'Enghien," the local authorities, the clergy and representatives of St. Vincent's brotherhood as well as the procession committee. The procession then opens up a triumphal way to the holy relics.

### Program

#### May 14

Free concert by BJ Scott and La Smala at 8 p.m. on the Grand' Place.

#### May 16

- As of 6:15 a.m.: Tour Saint Vincent starting from the Collegiate Church.

- From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Historical procession starting from the Chaussée d'Enghien.

### Through the weekend

Fair on the Place Verte and Place Van Zeeland.

## Upcoming organized trips

### Chièvres Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 361-6268 or civilian 068-276268.

- **Dinant Kayak Trip and Brewery Visit, June 11**

### SHAPE Trips and Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

- **Monet's House and Gardens, Giverny, France, May 21**
- **Dover Castle and Canterbury, Great Britain, May 28**
- **Normandy Beaches and Mont St-Michel, June 5 to 8**
- **Paris, June 11**
- **Amsterdam, June 18**
- **London, June 25**
- **Disney Paris, June 29**
- **Legoland, July 1 to 3**
- **Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, July 5 to 9**
- **Durbuy and Namur with the Citadelle, July 13**
- **EuropaPark and Strasbourg, France, July 16 to 17**
- **Tour of the Harry Potter Studios, July 18**
- **London: One Night, Two Musicals, July 20 to 21**
- **Grottes de Han, July 27**

- **Xanten (Germany) with Archaeological Park, July 30**

- **Rhine River Cruise, Cable Car and Fortress, Aug. 6**
- **Rotterdam with Splashtour, Aug. 9**
- **Copenhagen (Denmark), Aug. 12 to 15**
- **Moulin Rouge, Paris, Nov. 19**
- **Crete (Greece), Spa and Middelkerke (Belgium), all year**

### SHAPE Travel Group

Call civilian 0470-876369 for details.

- **Versailles, May 19**
- **Honfleur and Calvados, May 26**
- **Arnhem, June 7**
- **Canterbury, June 23**

### Schinnen Trips & Tours

Call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **London, May 28**
- **Day trip to Disneyland, Paris, France, June 4**
- **Berlin Express, Germany, June 25**
- **Weekend Trip to the D-Day Landing Beaches, Memorials & Battle Monuments in Normandy, France, July 15 to 18 (Payment due by May 6.)**
- **Regular Season NFL Game Washington Redskins vs. Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 29 to 31 (Pay by July 29.) Pickups at Schinnen and SHAPE.**



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**May 13**

- **Brussels orienteering clubs invite you to try out this discipline in Nivelles** - Every Friday between 6 and 7 p.m. at Garennnes du Panier Vert at Rue Samiette 162 in Nivelles. Participation fee: €3.

**May 13 to 14**

- **All Girls Rock Fest in Lens** - All groups are 100 percent female with concerts starting Friday at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday at 8 a.m. at Titans Club at Grand-Place 8. Admission: Friday, €5; Saturday, €7; weekend, €9.

**May 14**

- **Flower market in Saint-Ghislain** - The 10th edition of the flower market will be held on the square from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Summer Day Festival in Bauffe** - The second-annual Chièvres electronic music festival will be held at the Chièvres Fire Department site at Rue de la Croix 112 from 1 p.m. to 6 a.m. For additional information about the Summer Day Festival, visit its website at <http://www.summerdayfestival.be>.
- **Flea market in Fayt-lez-Manage (120 booths)** - At Cité de la Corderie from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Nimy (100 booths)** - At Cité des Wartons from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.



**May 14 to 15**

- **Mons'ter market in Mons** - Designers will sell their wares — jewelry, T-shirts, accessories and decorations, all related to the Mons Doudou Festival — at the youth hostel at Rampe du Château 2 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free admission.
- **Heli Days in Petit-Enghien** - International gathering of remote-controlled scale-model helicopters at the Enghien Aero Model Club on Chemin de Wattines. Open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.
- **Flea market in Bougnies (100 booths)** - On Rue Louis Piérard starting at 6 a.m.
- **Latino Festival in Aalst** will take place on Vredeplein. This free outdoor festival will have live music (salsa, flamenco, etc.); workshops; food; drinks and plenty of entertainment. Open Saturday from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. and Sunday from noon to 3 a.m.



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**Through May 16**

- **Food-truck festival in Utrecht** will be held at Griffpark. Open May 12 from 4 to 11 p.m.; May 13 from 4 p.m. to midnight; May 14 to 15 from noon to midnight and May 16 from noon to 10 p.m.
- **Keukenhof Gardens near Lisse** opens its gates once again to show an unprecedented wealth of spectacular floral displays. In keeping with its central theme "The Golden Age," the featured planting is the bulb-flower mosaic beside the Oranje Nassau Pavilion, which portrays a Delft Blue tile showing the sea trade and the houses alongside Amsterdam's canals. Open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ticket office closes at 6 p.m. Admission: €16; children, ages 4 to 11, €8. For details in English, visit <http://www.keukenhof.nl>.

**May 13 to 15**

- **Gourmet Market in Ahlen, Germany**, will take place at Werseufer (along the river) with a large choice of wines, culinary delicacies, pastries and more. Open May 13 from 6 to 11 p.m.; May 14 from 2 to 11 p.m. and May 15 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Spa-Classic in Spa, Belgium**, will be held at Francorchamps race circuit at Route du Circuit. Spa-Classic is one of Europe's most important classic race-car event. Open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission: from €25 to €35.

**May 13 to 16**

- **"Lepeltje Lepeltje Amersfoort" in Amersfoort** is a four-day cultural food festival held at Burgemeester Brouwerplantsoen. Open Friday and Saturday from noon to midnight; Sunday from noon to 1 a.m. and Monday from noon to 10 p.m. Free admission.
- **Castle Festival in Brügggen, Germany**, will be held in the center of town and on the grounds of the castle. It includes a flea market/arts-and-crafts market with rides, attractions and music.
- **Jazz in Duketown in Den Bosch** is an annual jazz festival held on several stages in the center of town. All concerts are free.
- **Appelparade in Lisse** is a four-day outdoor fest held on Landgoed (estate) de Olmenhorst at Lisserweg 481 with theater and music, crafts, regional products and more. Open Friday from noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday to Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Monday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission.

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**May 14 to 15 continued**

- **Quondam 2016 in Berlaar** will be held at 't Hooghuyts at Hemelshoek 235. This medieval festival will have knights tournament and camp; medieval market and many other medieval attractions and activities. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**May 15**

- **Volksmarch in Steenkerque for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Wihéries for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue de l'Eglise 19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Visit the fortified castle of Ecaussines-Lalaing** - The château, located Rue de Seneffe 1, will be open for visits from 2 to 6 p.m. Admission: adults, €8; children, €5.
- **Flea market at Imagipark, Mons (350 booths)** - On Rue du Grand-Large from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Nimy (150 booths)** - On the square from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ollignies (130 booths)** - On Rue Grand Marais from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- **Flea market in Rebecq-Rognon (120 booths)** - On Avenue des Croix de Feu from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Seneffe (150 booths)** - On Place Peine d'Agenais from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**May 14 to 16**

- **Military march Saint Roch in Thuin** - Folkloric march to the sound of flutes and drums. Festivities start Saturday at 9:30 p.m. with a torchlit procession. On Sunday, starting at 12:30 p.m., is the procession with 2,000 marchers, the majority of whom march in Napoleonic-era costumes. On Monday, the procession gets together again after the 9:15 a.m. Saint Roch Mass.



**May 16 (Whitmonday, Belgian holiday) - See also St. Vincent festivities inside this Gazette**

- **Volksmarch in Hautrage for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Place d'hautrage 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ostiches for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Route de Flobecq (at the mill) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Greek day in Enghien** - Greek dance demonstrations, Greek food and drink specialties, entertainment for both young and old at the park on Avenue Elisabeth. Admission: €5; children under 12, free admission.



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**May 14**

- **Asparagus Festival in Duisburg, Germany**, will be held on Königstrasse. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Sheep Shearing Fest and Year Market in Exloo** will be held in the center of town. The festival offers the Dutch Sheep Shearing Championship, a traditional-crafts market, music and activities. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**May 14 to 15**

- **Dutch National Windmill Days in the Netherlands** opens hundreds of wind- and watermills to the public during this annual weekend. A blue ribbon on or near the mill means you can visit.
- **Medieval activities in La Roche-en-Ardenne, Belgium**, will fill Château Féodal on Rue du Vieux Château with archery, falconry shows and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €7; children, ages 3 to 12, €5.
- **Castle of Dreams in Oud-Valkenburg** offers a two-day fantasy experience with actors in medieval costumes and lots of activities at Castle Schaloen at Oud Valkenburg 9. Open May 14 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and May 15 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: normal ticket, €12.50; ticket and barbecue, €31.95; ticket and dinner, €37.50; children 12 and under, free admission.
- **Militracks in Overloon**, site of the Battle of Overloon, will feature WWII military technology. A wide array of motorbikes, transporters and command cars as well as halftracks and tanks will be on display. They will also drive a 1-mile circuit around the war museum (which will be open). You can also visit a Military Equipment and Accessories Market. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €15.
- **May Market in Tilburg** brings 750 booths as well as live entertainment and street theater to the center of town. Opens Saturday at 10 p.m. Closes Sunday at 5 p.m. Free admission.

**May 14 to 16**

- **Garden Fair in Grefrath, Germany**, will be held at Niederrheinisches Freilichtmuseum. Fair-goers will see demonstrations of crafts, falconry and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €8; children 15 and under, free admission.

**May 15**

- **"Living" Statues in Thorn** make up the ToonBeeld Thorn Event in the historic center of the White City, so named because of its historic white houses. Open from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission: €2.50.

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