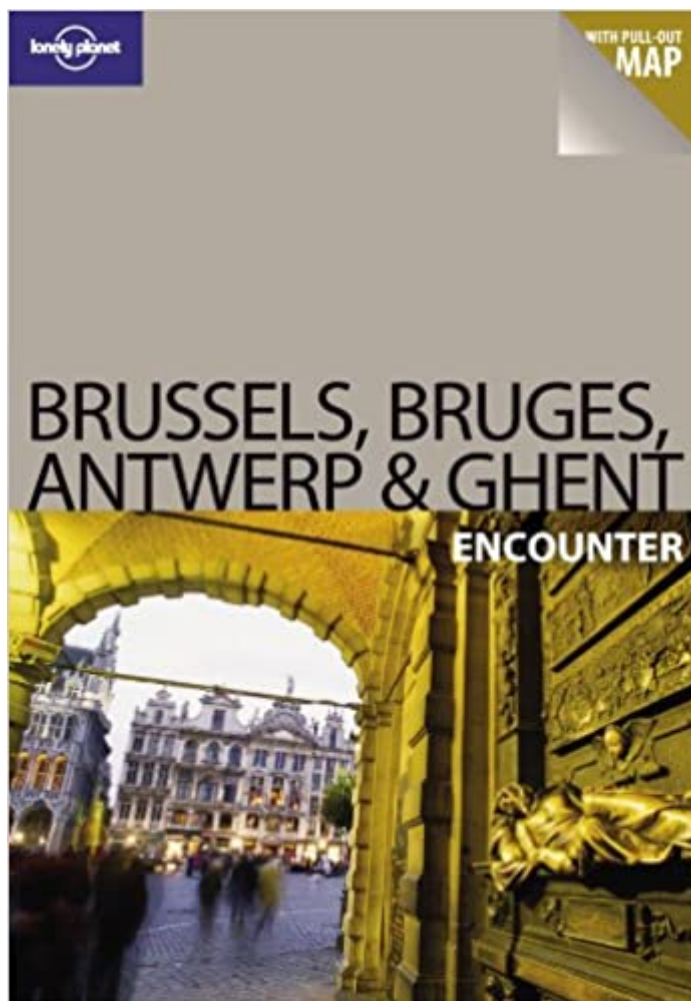


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For sheer global reach and dogged research, attention must be paid to Lonely Planet's --Los Angeles Times, February 2, 2003 --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

There are some great tips, specially the recommendations for beers and some of the less crowded spots in the cities, but it could use an update in prices and definetly better maps. The maps included are very small and it is very hard to use them.

This was very helpful and easy to carry as someone from the US visiting Brussels and Bruges.

I have quite a collection of Lonely Planets and usually I find them most helpful. The 'Brussels, Bruges, Antwerp and Ghent' edition was a big disappointment to me though. The restaurants mentioned in the LP were so-so for Brussels, very touristy with prices charged exceeding the quality offered by far. Luckily we knew some locals who showed us around but even without their help better restaurants than the ones recommended by the LP could be found in abundance. Brussels is a great and vibrant city and this LP does not do it justice. Overall, the guide seems to be written commercially; they just filled up the pages with some random places which in my opinion demonstrates a lack of respect for the readers. Two suggestions for those of you who consider going to Brussels (both not in LP):* Definitely visit the Delirium pub which holds the world record for the most beers sold in a pub (2004 on January 1st 2004). In the evenings there is often live music and the place is the meeting spot for a younger crowd (students and yuppies).* Babeko restaurant near St Catherine has FANTASTIC food (try for example the ostrich or the tortellini) and prices for main courses are ranging from 13-18 euros (amazing!).

We used this perfectly sized guide in both Brussels and Bruges, and we really enjoyed all of its recommendations. What really sets it apart, however, is its stellar food recommendations. 'T Kelderke, which specializes in traditional food, was our absolute favorite place we visited in Brussels. The crockpot of mussels was so good we went twice :-). And the book definitely does Belgian chocolate justice. Highly recommended!

this book would be better if it have more detailed maps and information about public transport

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