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## A local's guide to South Brussels



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*The city center of Brussels welcomes each day a lot of tourists who came to the European capital in order to visit the Grand- Place or to admire the Manneken-Pis. But if you already went to the city center you probably noticed that locals are not there.*

*The “communes” in south Brussels such as Uccle, Ixelles or Saint Gilles are the new places to be. If you are looking for trendy and dynamic places to visit you must go to south Brussels. Here are four things to do for a successful day or week end in southern Brussels.*

## Where to drink: Bar du Matin

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Inside, a huge wall wooden made and an old red carpet that make you feel like in a warm duvet during the cold days of December. The sound of glasses being clinked mixes with the soft ambient music and with the clients laughing. The glass bays bring light into the room and protect you during raining days.



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Outside, a big terrace with a hundred yellow or blue chairs and a garland which participates in the spirit of the places. During winter only the most courageous enjoy a hot chocolate watching cars and the passers-by. During summer, countless friends, lovers or singles delight in the sun, drinking a cold beer or a tasty cocktail with a plate of Belgian cheeses.

All year round you will fall under the spell of this café which, contrary to its name, is only open at the end of the day.

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Opening hours: Monday-Saturday from 4pm to 1am

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## What to do: Escape Hunt

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In recent years, a large number of escape games have been created. If you didn't test one of them don't worry, we find the perfect one for you: Escape Hunt. Located in the famous French neighborhood "Le Chatelain" this place is going to transport in another universe. Indoors, ancient chesterfields, subdued light and vintage tapestry make you feel like in an old Scottish castle.

Escape Hunt offers four different escape rooms: intrusion at the Japanese tower, mystery at the canal pub, the robbery of the Manneken-Pis and our favorite the green house. The speech: a famous botanist create a dangerous plant which is rapidly spreading across Brussels, you have 60 minutes to find an antidote and save the city. The scenes take place in a copy of the royal greenhouse in Laeken.



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## **Where to relax: Wolvendael Park**

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You must know that Brussels is the European city that count the most green areas. A lot of parks are located in south Brussels, Wolvendael is one of the coolest. During spring and summer the park is so alive: family meet around a hug pick nick, friends playing Molky<sup>1</sup>, children swinging until touching the sky, dog running everywhere.



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The park is divided in two areas, the upper and the lower parts. If you want to feel the vibes of the park, we advise you to go to the upper part. Here the sun is shining until the end of the day, parents can have a drinks on the terrace of the café "The woodpecker" while their child are in the playground.

If you want to relax, we recommend you to take a cover and a good book and to lie down on the grass. The lucky ones may see a family of squirrels passing by.

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Address: Parc Wolvendael, 1180 Uccle

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday from 6 am to 10pm

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<sup>1</sup> Finnish wooden skittle set

## Where to eat: Knees to chin

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Brussel is known for being a cosmopolitan city, Knee to chin is not restaurant it's more a street food corner where you can eat delicious rice paper rolls. They created a fusion between Asian food and local foods, that's maybe why their rolls are so popular. In Brussels there are 4 different Knee to Chin, the most comfortable one is located in "Le Chatelain".

The smell of hot rice and glazed pork fills the room and the voices of the Vietnamese cooks create a sweet melody in the restaurant.



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Don't know what to eat? Try the coco egg omelet rice paper roll; a good compromise in originality, freshness and comfort; add a miso soup and a chocolate brownie.

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