

WHEN TO COME TO BRUGES



8-18 MARCH 2012

CINEMA NOVO = WORLD MOVIES

World movie festival in a cosy arthouse cinema in the centre of Bruges. No popcorn!

Prices online.

www.cinemanovo.be

1 APRIL 2012

THE TOUR OF FLANDERS

Today, you can walk over the heads in Bruges, but for once it's not the tourists' fault. Locals gather around by the thousands to get a glimpse of their heroes on bikes, at the start of the Tour of Flanders in the heart of Bruges. Yep, you will notice that cyclism is still big in Belgium. Act like a local, and try to get on television by standing behind the most famous cyclists.

Free.

www.rvv.be/en/

17 MAY 2012

HOLY BLOOD PROCESSION

On the day of the Holy Ascension, the whole city is out on the streets. The Blood of Jesus is the holiest relic in Belgium, and once a year it leaves the Holy Blood crypt to be carried around in a procession. People dress up like Roman soldiers and Jesus and the saints, and only the good kids can come along. The Holy Blood procession is a holy event, but in Belgium this especially means lots of eating and drinking.

Free.

www.holyblood.com

1 JULY, 5 AUGUST, 23 SEPT. 2012

BIG FLEA MARKET

These markets, right next to the station, are rreally big and well-known all over Belgium. No rich antique sellers, just people selling their old stuff. Best place for a 3D-View-master, a yoghurt machine, a local comic and an old Bowie record.

6-7-8 JULY 2012

CACTUS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Popular outdoor festival in the city park close to the station. Pop, rock and some new-fashioned world music. Last years line up included Staff Benda Bilili, Bryan Ferry, Isobel Campbell and Mark Lanegan, Janelle mon e and Mogwai. For 2012, Low has already confirmed they'll be playing the park.

Prices online.

exact line up: check www.cactusfestival.be

27 JULY - 11 AUGUST 2012

KLINKERS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Daily indoor and outdoor concerts on historical locations. Mix of alternative, classical and world music. Also some evening dj's on the Burg and Markt square. The last day of the festival is a climax with more dancing and loud fun all over the city.

Most outdoor concerts for free.

www.klinkers-brugge.be