



The American Club of Brussels

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An International Club with an American Heart

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Antwerp Tasting Tour



Antwerp! Beautiful city, international port, diamond capital of the world, Europe's most avant-garde fashion center and food lovers paradise.

This city has it all. Sixteenth to 21st century art, historical buildings, modern architecture, magnificent Concept Stores, and an intriguing history with many tales and legends.


Would you like to get an insider's tour of this marvelous city? Join us for an entertaining excursion.

On this tour, you will get a taste of this wonderful city and some of its local specialties.

Let's meet on the Grote Markt (Grand Place) for an appetizing walk.

Your guide will share some of Antwerp's most famous anecdotes, linked to a couple of unique, local delicacies.

For example:

	The famous 'Antwerpse Handjes' (Antwerp hands). They are a must have souvenir, and after tasting them, you will never forget how the city got its name.
	Elixir d'Anvers: the expensive and delicious golden liquor in its beautiful bottle is not only served after a lavish meal, it has also saved the life of many a horse over the centuries.
	Mokatine: the oldest local little candy looks quite exotic. When it was first introduced to the people of Antwerp, not only the looks, but also the taste was revolutionary.

Thanks to the port this city offers an interesting mix in population, culture, and flavors.

We end our tour about 2 hours later in a local pub for a fresh Antwerp "Bolleke van 't vat", amber colored draft beer.



Event Details

Date: Sunday, September 7

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: Grote Markt, 2000 Antwerpen

Price: € 20 for ACB members; €25 for non-members (includes the tour and tastings)

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, September 3, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996.870). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "A taste of Antwerp" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, September 3. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Dates to Remember

- August 29: Final Friday
- September 7: Antwerp Tasting Tour
- September 14: Guided Tour of "Glamour 30's Fashion"
- September 18: Antwerp ExPat Welcome Party
- September 18: Brussels American Community Fair
- September 25: Joint ACB/AmCham Ambassador's Dinner
- September 26: Final Friday
- September 30: Meet the Board
- October 4: Guided Tour of Rubens exhibition "Sensation and Sensuality"
- October 22: Pioneers' Dinner with US Lieutenant General David Hogg
- October 31: Joint ACB/AmCham Halloween Party
- November 22: Guided Visit to "Paintings From Siena"
- November 27: ACB Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner
- December 11: "Nuts!" Night – Please note change of date.

Attention! New telephone number:

0476/996.870

Please change your records as the current landline will be cancelled soon.

Final Friday Cocktails

**Friday, August 29
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**



**Scott's Bar
Rue Montage aux Herbes Potagères 2
1000 Brussels**

The [American Club of Brussels](#) is happy to welcome our friends from [The Brussels British Network](#) and anyone else that would like to join us...

Cash bar open to all.
Newcomers to Belgium and prospective ACB members are especially welcome.
No reservation is required. Bring a guest or two.

A Guided Visit to the Exhibition *Glamour 30's Fashion*



Join us on Sunday, September 14 for a guided visit of the gorgeous exhibition *Glamour 30's Fashion*.

Squeezed between the 1929 stock market crash and the start of the Second World War, 1930s fashion is often neglected.

After the Roaring Twenties and the flappers who gave themselves up to every extravagance, women returned to more discretion and unostentatious luxury, in keeping with the crisis of the times. They rediscovered their figures, enhanced by skillful cuts and fabrics used on the bias, hugging the body. Appropriate underwear sculpted the silhouette, which was now slender. Hair was worn longer and waved, hairstyles became more voluminous. Outfits were set off by a small hat, worn on the side of the head.

The dress code was extremely complicated and this complexity increased further up the social scale. Rich socialites leading a life of leisure chose their outfits according to the time of day and their occupations. The list of outfits was long and drawing up an accurate typology can be a minefield: indoor dresses, morning dresses, day or evening suits, dinner dresses, afternoon dresses, garden-party dresses, gala, casino, ball dresses, dresses for small evening parties, dresses for grand evening parties, etc.

Glamour and sophistication became the watchwords of the decade. Women of all social classes wanted to dress like Jean Harlow, Marlène Dietrich or Greta Garbo – those Hollywood stars with their breathtaking black and white outfits.

Please note that this visit is limited to 20 people.

Event Details:**Date:** Sunday, September 15, 2014**Time:** 2:45 p.m.**Place:** Musée du Costume et de la Dentelle, Rue de la Violette 12, 1000 Brussels**Price:** €15 for members, €25 for non-members.**Public Transportation:** Gare Centrale/Centraal Station: Metro lines 1 & 5, buses 29, 38, 63, 65, 66 and 71. Brussels Parliament: buses 48 and 95; Bourse/Beurs: trams 3 & 4.**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, September 10, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org) or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996.870). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Fashion" in the communications section of the virement. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, September 10. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

The Antwerp Expat Welcome Party

September 18, 2014

Thursday, September 18 at 18.30

The Antwerp Expat Welcome Party 2014

Exclusively for CEOs, HRD & HRM, Corporate Mobility Managers and newly-arrived and resident expatriates.*

Looking for: a new home, living tips, expat clubs and associations, contacts in Antwerp's community, international schooling, news and information, ideas on what to do.

Enjoy: a welcome buffet party, practical information, tombola, meeting expats and locals / all for free.

Register on www.xpats.com/AntwerpWelcomeParty before September 12

Voka - Chamber of Commerce and Industry Antwerp-Waasland
Markgravestraat 12, 2000 Antwerp

PUBLIC PARKING
Van Dijk, Ekanstraat 9, 2000 Antwerp

* Others wanting to attend will be charged €50 p.p.

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Looking for a new home, living tips, expat clubs and associations, contacts in Antwerp's community, news and information, ideas on what to do? Then be sure to sign up for this annual event organized by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Antwerp-Waasland. You can enjoy a welcome buffet party, practical information, a tombola, and the opportunity to meet expats and locals. The event is free for CEOs, HRD & HRM Corporate Mobility Managers and newly-arrived resident expatriates. Others wishing to attend will be charged € 50 per person.

You may register by September 12 online at: www.xpats.com/AntwerpWelcomeParty

Brussels American Community Fall Bazaar and Info Fair

September 18, 2014

New to Brussels? Or an old-timer curious about what's new in town? Then this an event for you! The U.S. Tri-Mission Brussels and the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux-Brussels are once again collaborating to host this event on September 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Brussels American School.

Various clubs, associations and organizations will be present to provide you with information on their activities. There will be a bazaar with "Best of Belgium" items for sale. Vendors will have cheese, beer, chocolate, and organic food for tasting, and other popular items for sale.



A day to enjoy with your family, friends, and even your houseguests! Please note that pre-registration is required. If you would like to attend, please provide the CLO office (CLOBrussels@state.gov) with the following information for each person attending:

- Last name, first name
- Date of birth
- Nationality
- U.S. Passport Number or Belgian National ID Number or Passport Number/Country for third country nationals

It will be a great event for all with something for everyone!

Joint ACB/AmCham Gala Dinner for Ambassador Bauer

(waiting list only)

AmCham Belgium and the American Club of Brussels are pleased to invite you to their prestigious Joint Gala Dinner. We are delighted to have, once again, as our guest of honor, the US Ambassador to Belgium, Denise Campbell Bauer. This is an excellent opportunity to hear Ambassador Campbell Bauer speak on the most relevant topics for the Belgian-American business community.

Denise Campbell Bauer has been serving as U.S. Ambassador to Belgium since September 2013. After presenting her credentials to King Philippe and officially taking up her duties, she used the occasion of last year's Joint Gala Dinner to give her first public address.

Spouses and partners are welcome to attend.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, September 25

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Le Châtelain Boutique Hotel, Rue du Châtelain 17, 1000 Brussels

Dress Code: Black Tie preferred

Price: €125 for ACB and AmCham members; €250 for non-members

Sign up: Reservations must be made by September 19 to Dawn Smith via email: dsmith@amcham.be or via the AmCham website: www.amcham.be. Please indicate if you require a vegetarian meal. Cancellations are possible until close of business on Friday, September 19. Participants cancelling after this time, as well as no-shows, will be billed the full cost of the event.

Final Friday Cocktails

**Friday, September 26
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**



**Husa Presidents Park
Boulevard du Roi Albert II 44
1000 Bruxelles**

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Meet the Board

The American Club of Brussels extends an invitation to its valued members to a 'meet the board' event. This is an exclusive members-only event, aimed at bringing together new members as well as longtime members of the Club. The event will be hosted at the Metropole Hotel and our Board of Governors will be on hand to meet and greet. The Club is also interested in hearing your thoughts and ideas on the Club and any future events or member benefits to better serve you.

The event will be held in the Metropole's historic Rubinstein Room. The Club invites you to a welcome drink (champagne, cava, wine) and canapés, followed by a cash bar. This is an ideal event for meeting fellow American Club members - young, old, new as well as the fixtures - and networking within our Brussels-based community. Some of our corporate members, including the Metropole Hotel, will also attend, so you can learn more about their organizations and activities.

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2014

Place: Metropole Hotel, De Brouckèreplein 31 Place De Brouckère, 1000 Brussels. Tel: +32(0)2 217 23 00

Public Transportation: Metro 1, 5; Trams 3, 4, 31, 32 (De Brouckere)

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Price: Welcome drink on the Club, followed by cash bar

Registration: No later than noon on Saturday, September, 27. You may register online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by e-mail to info@americanclubbrussels.org or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996.870).

Cancellations will be taken until noon on Monday, September 29.

A Guided Visit to the Exhibition *Sensation and Sensuality: Rubens and his Legacy*



Join us on Saturday, October 4th for a guided visit of the fabulous exhibition *Sensation and Sensuality: Rubens and his Legacy*.

Rubens was the Quentin Tarantino of his day, making Flanders one of the world's foremost regions for painting. The Flemish master-painter developed his own personal style, crafting scenes that exuded lust and were marked by violence, as well as compassion and elegance. These themes inspired artists all over the world for many centuries to come. In this unique exhibition by BOZAR, in collaboration with the Royal Museum of Fine Arts Antwerp and the Royal Academy of Arts in London, you can rediscover the work of this indomitable genius that has withstood the test of time as well as that of his heirs. You can also see canvases by Van Dyck, Watteau, Delacroix, Manet and Kokoschka as well as engravings by Rembrandt and Picasso.

Our guide will be once again Lieve De Jonghe.

Please note that this visit is limited to 15 people and is a 'Members Priority' event. Non-members will be accepted after September 24 on a 'space available' basis.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, October 4, 2014

Time: 1:45 p.m.

Place: BOZAR, rue Ravenstein 23, 1000 Brussels

Price: €25 for members, €35 for non-members.

Public Transportation: Metro: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station; buses 38 and 71: Bozar

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, October 1, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org) or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996.870). Non-members will be accepted after September 24 on a 'space available' basis. Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Rubens" in the communications section of the virement. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, October 1. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Pioneers' Dinner



The Pioneers' Club of the ACB is pleased to announce that its next traditional dinner will be at the Château Sainte-Anne on the evening of October 22.

As is customary, the dinner will feature a prominent guest speaker, who in this case will be US Lt. Gen. David R. Hogg, the US Military Representative to the NATO Military Committee.

This black-tie dinner is a 'Members Priority' event with limited spaces. First priority will be given to the members of the Pioneers' Club, followed by all other members of the American Club of Brussels. Reservations for the event for non-members of the Pioneer's Club will be accepted beginning on September 15 through the offices of the American Club of Brussels.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Château Sainte-Anne, Rue du Vieux Moulin 103, 1160 Auderghem

Price: €70

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Friday, October 17 by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (0476/996.870). Non-members will be accepted after September 15 on a 'space available' basis. Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Pioneers" in the communications section of the virement. Cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, October 17. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Introducing



We are pleased to introduce to you this month the fourteenth corporate member to be profiled in News & Events.

How to convert money – effectively!

As an expat in Belgium there are a number of reasons why you may need to transfer funds overseas. You may be buying a property here, paying a mortgage or maintenance on a property you already own elsewhere, or simply sending money to loved ones abroad.

The banks here in Belgium are not known for their expertise in the money transfer sector. Exchange rates can be poor and the process lengthy. This may not be a huge problem or inconvenience for you if you have a small requirement every so often. But if you need to pay a house deposit of €30,000 or are placing €60,000 into an investment fund and are drawing the monies from the USA, for example, then the exchange rate along with the timing of the transaction become crucial.

The American Club of Brussels is delighted to introduce its newest corporate member, Moneycorp, a specialist currency exchange provider whose sole function is to help individuals and businesses save money on their international payments. As a specialist, they can concentrate on providing the best exchange rates, typically up to 3% better than the banks, and transfer for the lowest fees.

Each customer is assigned a personal account manager to guide you through the best options when transferring money, and timing is a key part of this. Their online transfer service also gives you total freedom to make a payment around the world 24/7.

Who is Moneycorp?

Moneycorp has been trading currencies for clients since 1979 and is the largest integrated foreign exchange provider in the UK. They are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), have a top credit rating of 4A1 and hold all client funds in segregated accounts. Their headquarters are in London and they have offices in France, Spain, Ireland and the US (Florida).

If you would like to know more, please email Tanya.uniacke@moneycorp.com.

Community News



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for our Helpline

Every year thousands of adults and adolescents contact CHS in need of help. The CHS Helpline provides a 24/7 anonymous and confidential information, support and crisis telephone service to the English speaking community.

We are currently looking for volunteers for this highly rewarding role. No previous experience is necessary as comprehensive training and professional supervision are provided.

We are looking for people who are:

- *Good listeners*
- *Non judgmental*
- *Empathetic*
- *Fluent in English*

**We are now inviting applicants for training in
October 2014.**

For more information please call **02 647 6780**,
email susi4chs@yahoo.com
or visit www.chs-belgium.org



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The American Club of Brussels is one of the oldest American clubs in Europe, founded in 1921 to foster Belgian-American relations. Although our members comprise more than twenty other nationalities from all walks of life, the ACB retains its American flavor. Some of us are long-time residents in Belgium. Many of us are newcomers. We all enjoy ourselves and the club's wide variety of social and cultural activities.

The ACB is a great way to expand your circle of friends and to discover more of the delights of Belgium. Try us.