

Group Mobility BELGIUM 11-2024

Cultural excursion to Brussels

On Thursday, the Austrian and Belgian students travelled together to Brussels for a cultural excursion. The day began with a **city treasure hunt in mixed teams** of Austrian and Belgian students, which encouraged teamwork, orientation skills, and cultural exchange. During this activity, the groups explored several of the city's landmarks such as the **Grand Place**, **Manneken Pis**, the **Royal Palace**, and the **Mont des Arts**.

Several students highlighted how impressed they were by the capital. One participant shared: *"Brussels is a very beautiful city, and I enjoyed discovering its architecture and lively atmosphere."* Another added: *"I was surprised that the waffles here taste so much better than at home."*



Photos of "Schnitzeljagd" with buddies in Brussels



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In the afternoon, the group visited the **Choco-Story Museum**, where students learned about the history and production of chocolate, including the cultivation of cacao beans, different production steps, and the characteristics of various chocolate types. Several students noted that tasting the chocolate was a highlight. As one student put it: *“Yes, we tried different kinds of chocolate, but honestly, Austrian chocolate tastes quite different – still, the Belgian one was delicious.”*



Photos of **Chocolate Museum “Choco Story”**

The day concluded with a visit to Brussels’ most famous landmark, the **Atomium**. The futuristic structure impressed the group not only with its architectural design but also with the **panoramic views of the city** and its **scientific exhibitions**. One student commented: *“The Atomium was my favorite because it sparkled so beautifully at night and the view over Brussels was breathtaking.”*



Photo with buddies and accompanying teachers at Atomium



From the survey, the students highlighted several attractions that impressed them most during the Brussels excursion:

- **Atomium** – mentioned **5 times**

Reasons included *“because it looked really cool”, “the design and architecture”, and “the amazing view over Brussels.”*

- **Manneken Pis** – mentioned **1 time**

Appreciated for its cultural significance and fun factor.

Overall Result:

- **83% of students (5 out of 6)** named the **Atomium** as their highlight.
- **17% (1 student)** chose **Manneken Pis** as their favorite sight.

This clearly shows that the **Atomium stood out as the most memorable and impressive attraction** for the group, both for its architectural uniqueness and the panoramic view it offered over Brussels.

