



Stadhuis (City Hall)

Bruges' City Hall (1376) is one of the oldest in the Low Countries. It is from here that the city has been governed for more than 600 years. An absolute masterpiece is the Gothic Hall, with its late 19th-century murals and polychrome vault. The adjoining historic hall calls up the city council's history with a number of authentic documents and works of art. A multimedia exhibition on the ground floor illustrates the evolution of the Burg Square.

The Bruges town hall was built in 1376, which makes it one of the oldest town halls in the Low Countries. The city has been ruled from here for over 600 years. The gothic hall is a work of art in itself, with its splendid 19th century murals and a colourful vaulted ceiling. The painted figures depict Bruges' glorious past. The theme 'citizens and government' sheds light on the eternal power struggle between the city government, the sovereigns, and the people of Bruges.

History

Following the murder of Charles the Good in 1127, Bruges received a city charter, leading to further political autonomy became and its own council. In 1376 building work began for a town hall on Burg Square. Its construction lasted for centuries, due in part to constant problems with a lack of space. At the end of the 19th century, city architect Delacenserie performed a radical 20-year long renovation, (e.g. the new Gothic Hall). During a restoration of the façade in 1959, the statues were deemed to be of poor quality and were removed. The argument in Bruges over how to fill the empty alcoves lasted until 1989. Eventually the City requested sculptors to reinstate the original statues of rulers and biblical figures.

Museum

In the main hall, original 14th century consoles and imposing portraits of rulers dominate the room. Contemporary multimedia sheds light on the construction history of the Town Hall and Burg Square. Anyone interested in the power struggle between citizens and the rulers should certainly visit the Gothic Hall and the Historic Hall. Amongst other things, the display cases feature the first coins used in Bruges, archive pieces such as the great seal, and a copy of Galbert of Bruges' historical account.

Time information

from 01-01-2014 to 31-12-2016

Monday 09:30 - 17:00 h (enkel op afspraak)
Tuesday 09:30 - 17:00 h (enkel op afspraak)
Wednesday 09:30 - 17:00 h (enkel op afspraak)
Thursday 09:30 - 17:00 h (enkel op afspraak)
Friday 09:30 - 17:00 h (enkel op afspraak)
Saturday 09:30 - 17:00 h (enkel op afspraak)
Sunday 09:30 - 17:00 h (enkel op afspraak)

additional closing dates

1 January 2017
25 December 2016
2 September 2016

2014-01-01 - 2016-12-31 Last admission: 4.30 p.m.

Schools

vanaf 01-01-2014

Monday Open
Tuesday Open
Wednesday Open

Thursday Open
Friday Open
Saturday Open
Sunday Open

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1 January 2017
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Price information

Individuals

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Free

Locatie

Burg 12 , Brugge

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Accessibility

 Establishment fully accessible

Facilities

↑↓ Lift

 Wifi (draadloos internet)

[Toon route](#)

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