Accommodation

Our Belgian hosts recommend booking a room in **hotel Serwir**. This hotel is located within walking distance (approx. 20 min. / 1.6 km) from the **Walburg Castle**.

**Hotel Serwir ****

Reservation

If you wish to make a reservation at Hotel Serwir, please send an email to **info@serwir.be** and refer to: ‘VVSG – groupbooking’. If you do this before May 15th, your stay will be guaranteed and you can enjoy our group discount. (€105 per night breakfast included)

Other available hotels are:
- **Hotel New Flanders ***
- **Hotel Moon***
- **Hotel de Spiegel**

Meeting venue and rooms

**Kasteel Walburg**
Walburg 35
9100 Sint-Niklaas
http://walburg.be/nl/contact/

Visa requirements for Belgium

If you are visiting Belgium and are a citizen of a non-EU country, you may need a visa. Please check https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/services/travel_to_belgium/visa_for_belgium.
Travel from airport (BRU) to Sint-Niklaas

There are multiple trains per hour going from Brussels Airport Zaventem to Sint-Niklaas station (€13 one way, €26 return). You can buy a ticket online, or at the station. The journey time is approximately 47 to 52 minutes. You will have to make a stop-over at Antwerpen-Berchem station. The train runs every 30 minutes from 6.11 a.m. to 10.41 p.m.
For accurate times, check the [NMBS Website](https://www NMBS Website).

From/to the airport to/from any place in Sint-Niklaas by taxi

From the airport to Sint-Niklaas: Airport taxis – book online or call +32 466 903 999
Price: app. €58 price depends on the kind of car
Duration: 45 minutes
From Sint-Niklaas to the airport and in Sint-Niklaas:
Taxi Waas – book online or call +32 470 440 534
Price to drive to the airport: €56

UBER-Services are also available in Sint-Niklaas.

Contact details

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the CIB Working Group secretariat at uclg.cib@vng.nl, +31 70 3737 8707.

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Information about Belgium/Sint-Niklaas

**Time zone**

CET (Central European Time) UTC/GMT + 1

**Voltage/electricity**

230 V (50Hz) and the power plugs and sockets are type C and E. This socket also works with plug F.

**Business hours in Belgium**

Monday till Friday 08:00/09:00 am – 06:00/07:00 pm
Saturday 08:00/09:00 am – 06:00 pm
Sunday: Several shops in the Brussel will be open.
All the shops in Sint-Niklaas close on Sundays, except for a few supermarkets
Banks and currency
Belgium belongs to the euro currency zone / Euro (EUR)
Most hotels and businesses accept Mastercard, Visa and Maestro. Only a few accept American Express.
All convertible currencies are accepted at the exchange offices at airports, major hotels, post offices, banks, tourist offices and other official currency exchange offices.

Banks usually are opened on
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 08:30 am – 00:30 pm and 14.00 pm – 17.00 pm
Thursday 08:30 am – 00:30 pm and 14.00 pm – 06.00 pm

Telephone country code & area code
+ 32 (Belgium)
9200 – Sint-Niklaas

Emergency phone numbers
112 – European emergency number
112 – Fire brigade
101 – Police
112 – Ambulance service