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## Luxury focus Newsletter

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## News from VISITFLANDERS - High-end Flanders

Welcome to our Flanders press newsletter. This month, we are shining a spotlight on the luxurious side of Flanders. Discover the finest high-end offerings, from the exquisite culinary experiences of Flanders MICHELIN starred restaurants to the prestigious annual International Art Fairs, like BRAFA. Indulge in the abundance of our 5 and 4\* boutique hotels, where comfort and elegance meet. Whether you're a connoisseur of fine dining, art, or luxury accommodations, Flanders has something extraordinary to offer. Wishing you all a splendid month ahead!

### Arts and Heritage:

**An Astonishing Premium  
Destination– Antwerp in the  
spotlight**

## In Brussels 2025 is the year of the Art Deco!

### Brussels



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Art Deco, characterized by its geometric lines and ornamentation, was a defining artistic movement of the 1920s and 1930s. It flourished in furniture, decorative arts, and building facades, with Brussels' Palais des Beaux-Arts, designed by Victor Horta, leading the trend. This inspired many private mansions, bourgeois houses, and apartment buildings, making Brussels a European Art Deco jewel. In 2025, Brussels celebrates this architectural style with a special program of visits, activities, and events, opening the doors to the city's most beautiful Art Deco buildings.

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Antwerp is an astonishing destination for foodies, art-lovers and bon vivants. You'll find this international, cosmopolitan city just a few hours from Amsterdam, Paris, Cologne and London. Antwerp is only 30 minutes away from Brussels Airport and is connected by high-speed train to any of the cities mentioned above. Moreover, all of the attractions are within walking distance of each other. Prepare for an authentic trip, with a personalized welcome.

For fashion fans, Antwerp is a must-visit destination and surely deserves a place on your list alongside Paris, Milan or New York. It is home to the **Royal Academy of Fine Arts**, whose Master's program in Fashion enjoys worldwide fame. Meanwhile, the Fashion Museum and the innovative spirit of fashion designers also ensure that Antwerp can rightly call itself a city of fashion.

In 2026, MoMu will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the international breakthrough of the Antwerp Six. This will be the first time that a major exhibition is devoted to these six iconic fashion designers.



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## Celebrate 150 years at Museum Plantin-Moretus in 2026

### Antwerp

Unique heritage can be found at Museum Plantin-Moretus. This monument was the first museum ever to be included on UNESCO's World Heritage List. Admire the world's oldest printing presses, a magnificent art collection (including many works by Peter Paul Rubens) and a wonderful courtyard garden. A tour with a private guide is the way to get immersed in all of Antwerp's fascinating stories.

From September 13th onward, the museum will uncover 300 years of stories from women in this house. Stories that urgently need to be told. About daughters who corrected proofs from an early age. About maids and ladies. About women who not only climbed the social ladders but made the ladders too. Men are also welcome.

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## A+ Accommodations

**Botanic Sanctuary Antwerp**

## BRAFA

**January 25 - February 1, 2026**

**Brussels Expo, Halls 3 and 4**

BRAFA is a prestigious European art fair held at Brussels Expo, showcasing rare works from antiquity to the twenty-first century. Since its inception in 1956, it has evolved, grown internationally, and changed venues while maintaining its charm. Each year, 130 international galleries occupy 226,042 square feet (approx. 21,000 m<sup>2</sup>), presenting a mix of ancient and modern paintings, tribal art, jewelry, silverware, and design. Visitors experience a journey through diverse eras and styles, with the variety of specialties offering collectors the chance to explore new fields.

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**Corinthia Brussels - Grand Hotel  
Astoria**

## Antwerp

Awarded the five-star superior label, the Botanic Sanctuary Antwerp forms part of the prominent Leading Hotels of the World chain is built on the foundations of a 15th-century monastery. With 108 rooms and suites, five gourmet restaurants and a spa, the hotel offers everything for an immersive experience.

The hotel has an on-site 15th century originally decorated chapel for events and weddings. You can unwind in the monastic garden after a busy premium shopping spree or art tour along Antwerp's finest museums.

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## Brussels



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Located on Rue Royale in Notre-Dame-aux-Neiges, the Belle Époque gem by Henri Van Dievoet, now known as Corinthia Brussels, has witnessed the eras and events that have shaped Brussels. After a €150 million rebuild and restoration, the hotel reopened in December 2024, blending classic elegance with artistic hospitality. It aims to be a vibrant hub for the creative community and a top destination for both locals and international travelers, partnering with local talent to enhance its dining experiences. The hotel has partnered with Michelin-starred, Belgian chefs with dining concepts; *Le Petit Bon Bon* and *Palais Royal*, while Belgian mixologist bartending sensation Hannah von Ongevalle opens her first solo bar concept with *Under The Stairs*.

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## MICHELIN Guide Belgium 2025

**13 Restaurants are awarded a  
MICHELIN Star for the first time**

In Brussels, where Kobe Desramaults shows off his characteristic creativity with [Eliane](#). He penetrates

## Uncover the culinary treasures of Flanders—your next gourmet escape awaits



Image credit: Zilte, restaurant MAS Museum © Bart Van Leuven

The best of Belgian and Luxembourgish gastronomy gathered April 28, 2025 at the Handelsbeurs in Antwerp to discover the new 2025 MICHELIN Guide Belgium & Luxembourg. Among the highlights of this edition, two new restaurants receive two MICHELIN Stars, 13 new establishments have earned their first MICHELIN Star, and 3 venues were recognized for their commitment to more eco-responsible gastronomy with the MICHELIN Green Star. In total, this new selection includes 790 restaurants, of which 151 are starred, 104 restaurants in Flanders (incl. Brussels) with one or more Michelin stars.

The Green MICHELIN Star puts the spotlight on initiatives by pioneers who are putting their shoulders to the wheel in the transition to a more ecologically responsible gastronomy.

In Antwerp, in the North of the city, on the top floor of the MAS | Museum aan de Stroom, you will find restaurant Zilte\*\*\*. Both the unique dishes and the magnificent view of city, river and harbour are astounding.

to the depths of his products and takes guests on a playful walk full of explosive flavors. We also come across some well-known chefs at the new MICHELIN Stars in Flanders. Giuseppe Giacomazza is a regular guest on television, but that didn't stop him from refining the cuisine of family restaurant [La Botte](#) in Genk. His ode to the Sicilian terroir is both authentic and original.

Wouter Van Tichelen has moved to luxury hotel De Tuilerieën in Bruges to let his classical soul speak at [Mémoire](#), although he has deepened his finesse even further. Dimitri Proost lives up to the name of [HAUT](#) in Ostend. His meticulous creations make full use of top products from the North Sea and Japanese subtleties. At Sander Spreeuwers of [Modest](#) in Opglabbeek, guests will discover a sensitive mix of French depth, liveliness and Asian panache. And Davy Devlieghere? He moved to Lotenhulle with [Le Julien](#) and continues to convince with his ode to classic power.



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