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*your*  
Stay

## **Wifi**

We have high speed wifi available in every apartment.

WIFI: Villa C ezar

Password: Brugge8000

## **Safety and Health**

Villa C ezar is certified on safety regulations by Vincotte and tourism Flanders.

There is a fire blanket in the kitchen and a fire extinguisher at the front door.  
The necessary signs will help you in an emergency.

If you have a problem regarding your whereabouts, you can reach us by phone:  
+32 478 669 777 (Hart)  
+32 486 963 774 (St ephanie)

For urgent health problems that can't wait for the next working day,  
you can contact the out-of-hours GP service by calling 1733.

For the nearest pharmacy on call: <http://www.apotheek.be>

For information about the on-call duty of the dentists, you are referred to the following  
webpage: <http://www.tandarts.be/wachtdienst>

The general emergency number for police is 100 for ambulance or fire brigade,  
101 for police.

The international emergency number 112 also provides a connection to the above  
emergency numbers.

# Welcome

Dear guest,

Welcome to the Villa César.

This authentic Bruges house was long inhabited as a practice. We bought it after a long period of vacancy and completely renovated it into a guesthouse where we want to provide you with all the comfort and tranquillity.

You have the opportunity to park your car in one of our garages and easily walk to the Centre of Bruges.

Villa César was named after our youngest son.

We also have several other guesthouses run by our family:

- Maison de Marcel (named after our eldest son)
- ABC Boutique Apartments (flats for 2 and 4 people)
- La Tourelle (guesthouse for 12 people).

We hope to have provided you with everything you need. However, if you have any suggestions that would add value, they are most welcome.

You can write to us at [sleep@villacezar.be](mailto:sleep@villacezar.be)

We wish you a pleasant stay.

Stéphanie & Hart

## Activities in Bruges

Would you like to know what activities there are in Bruges during your stay?

Take a look at this website:

<https://visitbruges.com>

# Parking

We have 1 covered car park at your disposal. Here are the instructions to reach these car park. In the corridor you will find wooden shelves with information about Bruges. There you will find the key to the garage. Please put it back in the right place when you leave.

1. Turn left outside and the first street on the left (just around the corner), turn into Diksmuidse Heerweg. Then take the first left (Sint-Sebastiaanstraat)



2. Immediately on your right you will find the driveway to the garage box



3. Drive on until you come across the garage boxes at the end. The parking box is on the right, 6th box.



Please keep the other parking spaces free for other people. If you are with several cars, you can always park the car in the street. Please note. In this street and the other streets of Bruges, putting a blue disc is compulsory. A 'Blue Zone' has been introduced around the city centre. In this zone, you can park for free between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. for a limited amount of time (max. 4 hours). The blue zone ends just past the crossroads at the Lukoil filling station (numbers 191 and 178), where you can park your car for free 24 hours a day:





In Bruges, the 'must-see' museum in the city center is the Groeninge Museum with its rich collection of Flemish Primitives. This is the name of a group of painters from the Low Countries of the 15th and early 16th centuries, mainly engaged in flourishing Flemish cities with Bruges in a leading role. They were the pinnacle in the art history of the old Netherlands. Thanks to the international trade in Bruges, the works of the Flemish Primitives quickly became known throughout Europe and the Flemish style influenced painting from Italy to the Baltic Sea.

The 'Oud Sint-Janshospitaal' or 'Oud Sint-Jan' is a collection of nineteenth-century buildings in the center of Bruges. In 1977 the buildings were abandoned by the hospital. The medieval hospital has become a museum.

The Church of Our Lady is the oldest place of worship in Bruges. The 115.6 meters high tower, built entirely in brick, dominates the cityscape of Bruges and is the second tallest brick building in the world.

Michelangelo's world-famous work, Madonna and Child, is one of the most important works of art preserved there.

The church is known, among other things, because Mary of Burgundy is buried there next to the tomb of Charles the Bold, which is half a century younger.

The Gruuthuse Museum is a museum of history and applied art in Bruges.

The museum is housed in the 15th-century city palace of the lords of Gruuthuse aan de Dijver in the old center of the city and was recently completely renovated.

The Folklore Museum in the Balstraat in Bruges, which consists of eight 17th-century workmen's houses, with a contemporary architectural extension that house a collection of old objects by theme in different decors from the past.

We recommend the programming of the Concertgebouw for melomaniacs.

Contemporary architecture in function of perfect acoustics.

You will find dance and performance in the Stadsschouwburg.

# BRUGES

There are places that get under your skin, although you can never fully understand them. Bruges is such a special place. A city on a human scale, made great by its compelling history, which earned the Unesco label of World Heritage City.

Bruges is a city with a lot of cultural heritage and museums. The historic center is very well preserved. The inner city is an open-air museum of the neo-Gothic in the 19th century.

The canals, the Minnewater, the beguinage, the shopping streets and alleys as well as the culinary spots attract many people to this city. To be discovered on foot, but also by bicycle, horse-drawn carriage, with City-Tour buses or the recommended boat trip on the canals to explore and discover the center of Bruges.

The first signs of life on the current territory of Bruges date from the 2nd century AD, when there was a Gallo-Roman settlement. Between the 9th and 12th centuries, the city grew into an international trade center thanks to its important port. For a while, the port feared to be threatened by the silting up of the area between Bruges and the current coastal strip. However, the emergence of the Zwin, the navigation channel between Bruges and the sea, in 1134 ensured that the connection was maintained.

In 1089, Bruges was proclaimed the 'capital' of the county of Flanders and from the 13th to the 15th century, Bruges could safely be regarded as the economic capital of northwestern Europe.

The 14th century can be called the Golden Age of Bruges. At that time, the city had 46,000 inhabitants. The city center was given a second city wall, of which some gates have stood the test of time to this day. The Burgundian royal family had Bruges become her residence city and attracted many outstanding artists, including painters and architects. This resulted in an enormous enrichment of the city on an architectural, artistic and cultural level. The monumental town hall is a good example of this, but many impressive churches and houses also date from that period.

However, the death of Mary of Burgundy in 1482 marked a turning point and the royal family soon withdrew from the city. The end of Bruges as an international trading metropolis was in sight and Bruges fell into complete disrepair. The Spanish king was also Count of Flanders from 1592 to 1713. This was followed by an Austrian rule, a French annexation, a reunited Netherlands and Belgian independence. According to some, Bruges was one of the poorest cities in the Netherlands from 1600 to 1885. Because the industrial revolution passed Bruges by in the nineteenth century, the medieval character of the city was preserved.

The exhibition of the Flemish Primitives in 1902 was the starting signal for the strong cultural and tourist development that has characterized the city ever since. During the two world wars, Bruges was almost completely spared from destruction. In 2000, the city center was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List. During the year 2002, Bruges was the European Capital of Culture.

The surrounding area with historic Damme and Lissewege and the proximity to the sea will leave a lasting impression on your stay.

# CARPE DIEM

The Latin proverb meaning Seize the day comes from the Roman poet Horace. Later, carpe diem was also interpreted hedonistically as “enjoy the present day as much as possible”.

Villa César as a base are practical, contemporary and comfortable to explore Bruges from there.

At 100 meters from your accommodation, you will arrive at the city walls and from there, you can start your discovery of the entire city center on foot.

For bon vivants there are the famous Bruges culinary houses and cozy restaurants. The proximity to the sea guarantees fresh fish, which you can discover at the historic fish market. The fertile polder soil between Bruges and the sea with its ‘fat’ meadows where regional cattle breeds graze.

The Bruges cafes where, in addition to the city-brewed Brugse Zot beer and many of the more than 1000 types of Belgian beers, run from their taps.

The obligatory Belgian chocolate, the typical biscuits: chatterboxes and madeleins.

The surrounding area is both for the eye and for the inner person, relaxation and enjoyment.

# GENERAL HOUSE RULES

- Pets are not allowed in the apartment
- Smoking is not allowed in the flat. An ashtray can be found in the kitchen cupboard for outdoor use.
- Something broken/broken? Can happen, but please give us a call!
- To go upstairs, we ask that shoes be taken off. A shoe rack is provided at the stairs.
- We ask that you sort your rubbish like a good housekeeper/mother. There are two large bins with black bags, one for PMD and one for residual waste (see logos). When you leave, you may re-sort these the large containers outside. This way, we can make sure the waste collection is done correctly. Glass can be left in the grey curvy box in the storeroom.
- Do you wish to use the BBQ? Gladly! But it should be left clean again. Cleaning products can be found in the storeroom. - Please respect our neighbours, no noise after 10pm.

## Respect neighbours

Villa César is right next to the city centre where you live among the Bruges population. We want to respect our neighbours at all times. Therefore, we would urge you:

- not to throw parties in the house with loud music,
- not to use the billiard table after 10 p.m.
- not to play music outside after 10 p.m.
- In other words, please treat the neighbours as you would want to be treated at home.

## Check out

We opted for a code lock. This way, you are always free to arrive whenever you wish and there is no stress of being at our door by a certain hour. Check-in is possible from 16h onwards. Earlier check

- in is only possible if our cleaning team is ready earlier. There is always a possibility to drop off suitcases earlier (from 11h).
- Please collect the used linen in the hallway (used towels and sheets)
- Kitchen towels and small used towels can also be collected in the hallway on the floor
- Dishes must be done and the dishwasher emptied.
- Rubbish in the containers outside.
- Leave all equipment back in its original place.
- Leaving the rooms swept clean
- Ready to leave? Please send us a message via the booking app!

**We thank you in advance for visiting!**



## Hart's Bruges addresses

### **BONES Bruges**

Tasty ribs - even better if you do take away.

It is a noisy ribs restaurant where you can eat very tasty ribs.

Please note: everything is served quickly, so not for an extensive evening.

<http://www.bonesbrugge.be>

### **COOKIES**

Taparestaurant near the Grote Markt and the Burg of Bruges.

Nice cafe next door 'De Garre'.

<http://www.cookiescafe.be>

### **GROOT VLAENDEREN**

Tasty cocktails and nice apero bar.

For a pleasant evening or romantic evening.

<https://grootvlaenderen.wpcomstaging.com>

### **NOUS**

Sharing food restaurant. Super tasty in the center of Bruges.

<https://restonous.be>

### **BAVET**

For a tasty spaghetti at Simon Stevensplein.

<https://www.bavet.eu/>

## **BAR RAN**

Very original top cocktails. Located right in the center – Kuipersstraat

<https://barranbrugge.com>

## **BLEND**

Wine bar/wine shop

BLEND was founded in 2008 by Luk De Rooze and Kees Dobbelaar, respectively “Best sommelier of Belgium 2002” and “Best sommelier of Belgium 2009”. Later Bernard Buys also joined the company; owner of a part of the legendary “Clos Vougeot” vineyard and also owner of “Le Muricce” a top domain in Greve in Tuscany, the most beautiful village in the field of Italian wine. With the many years of experience of Luk and Kees as sommeliers in various top shops such as “De Karmeliet”, “Danny Horseele”, “Oud Sluis”... they know better than anyone what the modern wine lover wants in his glass. With this knowledge in their pocket, they look for a range of fine wines in various price ranges. Because not only are they the exclusive importer of some legendary top wines, they also offer a wide choice of wines under 10 euros, all of which are gems within their region or designation of origin.

<https://www.blendwijnhandel.be>

## **LION BELGE**

Tasty, affordable, hearty Flemish food – definitely make a reservation if you want to go.

<https://www.lionbelge.eu>

## **DE VERLOREN HOEK**

Flemish food. Terrace overlooking the mills.

Good price/quality! Definitely make a reservation if you want to go.

[+32 050 69 80 19](tel:+32050698019)

## **RESTAURANT SINT-JORIS**

For me the most reliable kitchen on the market with a view of the Halletoren.

Very simple kitchen but correct.

<http://www.restaurant-sintjoris.be/nl/>

## **BRUUT**

Fine wine and dinner.

<https://www.bistrobruut.be>

## **L.E.S.S.**

Bistro. Always good food.

<https://l-e-s-s.be>

## **BAR BOUTIQUE**

Located in the Minnewater park.

Very cozy to have a drink or to eat indoors both in summer and winter (fires).

<https://www.fraeyhuis.be/nl/>



## Stéphanie's Bruges addresses

### Restaurant HET VISIOEN

If you do not want to walk too far after your arrival at your accommodation.

If you still want to find a nice bite to eat, then you have come to the right place in 'heet Visioen'.

The restaurant is located at a good 100 m walk to the Katelijnebrug

Just across the bridge.

<https://www.hetvisioen.com>

### ZET'JOE

Chef Geert Van Hecke is the godfather of many top chefs.

He himself was awarded 3 Michelin stars for years with his restaurant De Karmeliet

Until a few years ago - when he had reached retirement age - he decided to withdraw at a more modest level into his sympathetic repulsion. It soon received a Michelin star as well.

He now limits himself to his 'classics', but they are still of absolute top class.

This culinary master will never disappoint you!

Make sure you have a budget ;-)

<https://www.zetjoe.be/nl/>

### PARICK DEVOS

In the heart of the center of Bruges, you will certainly find what you are looking for if you like a spacious, historic and refined interior and you are served by ditto people. Patrick and Christine offer a correct price/quality offer.

<https://www.patrickdevos.be>

### HET NIEUW MUSEUM

Call it a 'bistro', where atmosphere and honest cuisine determine the charm.

The steaks on the grill, the offer of 100 beers, the unique atmosphere!

You are in Bruges, be welcome.

<https://www.nieuw-museum.com/copy-of-over-ons>

### CAFE VLISSINGHE

In 2015 they celebrated their 500th anniversary.

At the risk that this could be a 'tourist trap'.

### MARGAUX

Need a quick bite? Just across the door you'll find sandwich shop Margaux. She makes truly delicious sandwiches!

### BISTRO DE TIJL

The godfather of our eldest son has run bistro De Tijn on Sint-Michiels for many years. Rien welcomes you with his girlfriend Kirsty. The whole family can enjoy tasty and fresh dishes in a cosy setting. In summer, the terrace is open until late in the evening. Be sure to call ahead for a table as the place is popular! And be sure to say hi to Hart and Steph!

<https://detijl.be/>

## **OBER**

Could it be a bit more? Then you can visit Olivier in the new Ober restaurant, where he will be happy to pamper you with culinary delights. A very nice establishment, but slightly less suitable with young children.

<https://www.ober-brugge.be/>

## **TANUKI**

If you walk from the ABC to Bruges you come after the bridge in the Katelijnestraat and a little further is the Japanese restaurant Tanuki. A reference in its specialty for years.

<https://www.tanuki.be/nl>

## **STORES:**

### **Flowers of VAN PAMEL**

Frederiek Van Pamel is an international player in the field of floral arts and decoration. His shop in the Ezelstraat is well worth a visit.

His bouquets and creations are gems.

<https://www.frederiekvanpamel.be>

### **Bookstore DE REYGHERE**

On the market of Bruges you will find this bookstore where you can go for the better book, but also for tourist and travel books.

<https://www.dereyghere.be>

## Shops nearby

There are several shops, bakers and butchers nearby. These we recommend:

### **Baery:**

BAKK This bakery is quite a bit further down the street, though. (Gistelse Steenweg 604). In addition, there is a delicious bakery just opposite the vacation home.

### **Butcher:**

Sanders

For extremely friendly service, delicious meat and a choice of prepared/tapas boards, Sanders is the place to be. At literally a minute's walk you are there!

Gistelse steenweg 159.

### **Supermarket:**

De Versmarkt

Nog een kleine boodschap nodig? Iets vergeten? Dan kan je terecht aan de overkant, schuin over Villa Cezar. Je vindt er een assortiment aan drank, groenten, fruit, hapjes en kleine benodigdheden.

Gistelse steeweg 94

Carrefour Market

A 5-minute walk away you'll find a Carrefour market. This is also open on Sundays so super convenient! Of course, you can also go by car and a large car park is provided.

Torhoutse steenweg 130

Aldi

You'll find an Aldi 800 metres from Villa Cézar.

Zandstraat 140

Lidl

You will find a Lidl 600 metres from Villa Cézar.

Torhoutse steenweg 190

Carrefour Market

You will find a slightly larger Carrefour Market 900 metres from Villa Cézar. It is not open on Sundays.

Gistelse steenweg 344



## Heating

The heating of the house can be found next to the entrance door of the dining room and lounge. In the middle you will see the number of desired degrees you wish to achieve.

## TV

The television in the apartment is a SMART TV. This internet television allows you to watch streaming services or internet channels. You also have Youtube at your disposal. If you have your own login code for streaming services, you can use it. However, we already offer by default the one account of Villa Cezar for these channels:

- Netflix
- TV Vlaanderen

your television not logged in to one of these channels.  
Feel free to request your login code by calling 0032478669777



# Inventory

- Number of plain glasses present: 18
- Number of champagne glasses: 14
- Number of wine glasses: 14
- Number of forks/knives/spoons/small spoons: of each 20
- Large plates: 16
- Small plates: 16
- Coffee mugs: 16
- Small coffee bags: 8
- Small bowls: 16
- Large bowls: 16
- Soup bowls: 16
- Tea bags: 12
- Mug bags and coasters: 10

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