

WHAT CAN YOU FIND IN THE MUSEUM?

The world of money...

The National Bank of Belgium's rich collection of means of payment. Money from the past and present: information, stories, facts and figures.







... and the role of the National Bank

A modern central bank that is responsible for safeguarding price stability, for supervising financial institutions, for putting notes and coins into circulation, and publishing studies and economic data.

- interactive tours with the help of an auto-guide: videos, multimedia tools and games
- museum open to groups and individual visitors
- entrance and guided tours free of charge
- adapted tours
- group bookings / information on the website www.nbbmuseum.be



-  Train: 10 minutes' walk from Brussels-Central station
-  Metro: Gare Centrale / De Brouckère
-  Bus: 29, 66, 71, 86 (Arenberg stop)
-  Coach parking: Boulevard de Berlaumont (150m)

MUSEUM OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF BELGIUM

- Open Monday to Friday
- Opening hours: from 9 am to 5 pm
- Admission and guided tours (min. 10 participants, reservation essential) free

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MONEY IN ALL ITS FORMS

Money has existed for a very long time and can be found across all cultures, although not always in the form that we know it today (coins, notes, payment cards, etc.).


Come and see all the amazing items that have been used as money, like shells, pearls, salt and many more, not just objects used in the distant past, but also those still in use now.

In the meantime, the world of money continues to evolve, moving increasingly away from tangible money for various sorts of electronic or “virtual” payment means.



The museum attaches great importance to the educational aspect by offering free guided tours and presentations adapted for and geared towards all levels of education, from primary school to university level. In this way, you will gain a better understanding of economic and financial matters.

PRICES THROUGH THE CENTURIES



Prices that are rising too fast trigger inflation. And inflation has been the cause of a good many problems in the past, even as early as the Roman Empire 2000 years ago!



BUT WHAT DOES THE NATIONAL BANK DO?

The National Bank of Belgium is part of the Euro-system that groups together the European Central Bank and the central banks of the countries using the euro.

The Eurosystem has two key missions: it ensures price stability and supervision of financial institutions.

The Eurosystem also puts banknotes and coins into circulation and provides reliable data on the economy by gathering and publishing all sorts of information.

DO IT YOURSELF!


With the help of videos, multimedia tools and interactive games that give you a chance to take on the role of the National Bank, you will get an idea of how things work.

A real challenge! Will you hold down price rises? Will you make sure the banknotes get to the cashpoints on time? Will you make an accurate assessment of the risk taken by the banks?

EURO BANKNOTES REVEAL THEIR SECRETS

Trust, that is capital for every central bank. So, banknotes have a whole series of security features, both visible and invisible, to protect them against forgery so you can be sure that the notes you have are always real ones.

Come and check out these security features for yourself and see how to tell a real note from a counterfeit!



The National Bank of Belgium's new museum is housed in an old commercial bank building dating back to the 19th century, which was restored in all its magnificence a few years ago.

The combination of old and new, the most modern techniques, multimedia applications and games make a trip to the museum a unique experience!