

## Favourite Activity in Brussels

On our third day in Brussels, we took a guided tour of the city with a local guide named Günter. Having lived in Brussels for many years, Günter offers guided tours for tourists as his full-time job. He knows a lot about the city's history, has lots of insider tips, and even knows how to make chocolate (which I will come back to later).



He started the tour by showing us the old fish market, which was the main trade route in the early days of Brussels. He also shared some fun facts, such as that all traffic lights in Brussels have red and white striped poles. He then took us to see a huge wall painted with a typical Belgian cartoon, explaining that the city has agreed to paint all empty facades with

famous cartoons from the country. Afterwards, we went to the Grand Place to look at the preparations for the upcoming Ommegang festival. Günter also showed us the "best place" to eat noodles outside of Asia. Unfortunately, it rained most of the time, which



isn't unusual for Brussels, as there are over 200 rainy days per year, as we learned from Günter. The last destination



of our tour was a chocolatier, where Günter showed us how the famous Belgian chocolate is made. We were able to observe the workers as they prepared the chocolate and made pralines. This was really interesting, and we even got to try the freshly made chocolate in its "raw" form and as pralines - both of which were delicious.

In conclusion, I can say that this guided tour was definitely worth it, as it was much more personal than other tours that only visit the usual tourist attractions and provide uninteresting facts. If you find yourself in Brussels someday, I would definitely recommend taking a tour like this, as you will learn insider knowledge and get to know the true face of the city.