**GHENT INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS**

So below some information which travelers might find useful.

**1. Transport**

* **Arriving in Ghent**: Ghent is easily accessible by train from Brussels Airport (Zaventem) and Brussels South Airport (Charleroi). For detailed instructions on getting here (including driving and public transport), visit:
<https://visit.gent.be/en/good-know/practical-information/how-reach-ghent>
* Video how to get to Ghent: <https://youtu.be/iAbikxK22IU>
* **Getting Around**: Ghent has an excellent public transport network (buses and trams). Delegates can find schedules, ticket info, and tips here:
<https://visit.gent.be/en/good-know/practical-information/getting-around/public-transport-ghent>

**2. Safety**

Ghent is generally safe, but as with any city, delegates should keep an eye on their belongings and be mindful in crowded areas. The local police are helpful and there is a 24-hour emergency number. For more tips, check:
<https://visit.gent.be/en/good-know/practical-information/useful-locations/emergency-services>

**3. Electricity**

Belgium uses **230V, 50Hz**, with **Type C/E plugs** (two round pins). Visitors from countries with different standards should bring an adapter or purchase one locally.

**4. Banking**

* **Currency**: Belgium uses the Euro (EUR).
* **ATMs / Credit Cards**: ATMs (“Bancontact”) are widely available. Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants, and shops.
* **Bank Hours**: Typically open from Monday to Friday, 09:00–16:00, some branches also on Saturday (shorter hours).

**5. Weather**

In November, Ghent usually experiences mild but cooler weather, with temperatures ranging between **5°C and 10°C (41°F to 50°F)**. We recommend warm clothing and an umbrella or raincoat as showers are common.
<https://visit.gent.be/en/ghent-no-matter-when>

**6. Taxes / VAT**

Belgium applies a standard **21% VAT** (Value Added Tax) on most goods and services. Non-EU residents may be eligible for a tax refund on certain purchases—check customs regulations for details.

**7. Map of Ghent**

For an online map you can embed or reference, see:
<https://visit.gent.be/en/good-know/practical-information/publications>
This map helps delegates get oriented and locate key landmarks, hotels, and the ICC.

**8. Additional Practical Information**

* **CityCard Gent**: Consider mentioning the CityCard, which grants access to numerous museums and attractions:
[CityCard Ghent – Visit Gent](https://visit.gent.be/en/citycard)
* **Languages**: Dutch is the main language, but English is widely spoken.