

# Visit Tour & Taxis





## HISTORY, HERITAGE & ARCHITECTURE

**There is no other place like Tour & Taxis in the world.** The beautiful site you see today was once marshland owned by the noble *von Thurn und Tassis* family, who established Europe's first international postal service in the 1500s.

From **1902 to 1907**, it was on this land that **Europe's largest multi-modal freight transport platform** was constructed to receive goods arriving from around the world by water, road, and rail. **Tour & Taxis stimulated the industrial and economic development of Brussels**, until the end of the twentieth century when other means of transporting goods became more popular.

The heritage buildings at Tour & Taxis were immaculately built using

brick, glass, metal and wood. **The Entrepot Royal, the Sheds, the Gare Maritime, the Hotel de la Poste and the Hotel des Douanes**, while no longer used to for trade and industry, have withstood the test of time and **gained a modern purpose**. Today they are a place where people from Brussels and beyond come to **play, work, shop, dine, explore and experience**.



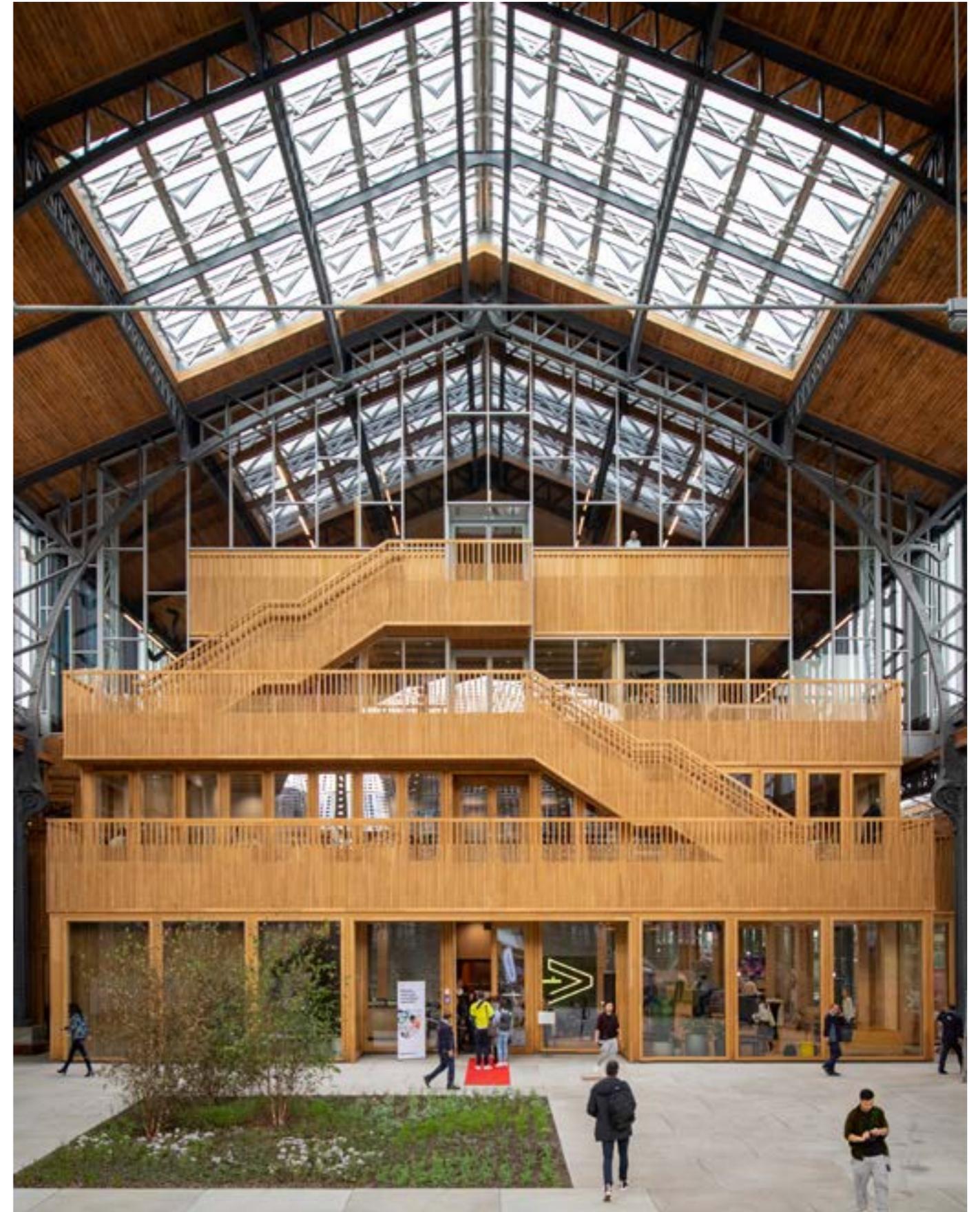
## DEVELOPMENTS

Tour & Taxis, which is developed by Extensa, will soon be home to **a new lively city quarter**. Renovations are underway on **the Gare Maritime**: the beautiful former freight station will become **an urban destination with facilities for shopping, leisure activities, working, eating and drinking, and events**. Residents and tourists alike will enjoy the green, open spaces under the Gare Maritime's massive roof, no matter what the season, thanks to an eco-friendly climate regulation system.

Soon it will be possible to live at Tour & Taxis. **Our Park Lane residences will provide beautiful accommodations in a quiet and car-free location** next to the Gare Maritime.

Tour & Taxis is home to the largest park developed in Brussels since the time of King Leopold II. **Nine hectares of rolling green grass and walking trails are open to the public** and offer a place to relax and enjoy nature.

The newest additions to the Tour & Taxis site, the **Brussels Environment** building and **Herman Teirlinck** building, utilise the **latest eco-friendly technologies** and meet Europe's highest sustainability standards. The Herman Teirlinck building is also the largest passive office building in Belgium.



## EVENTS

Each year, **more than 350.000 visitors** come to **Tour & Taxis** to take part in some of the **most exciting cultural and artistic events** Brussels and Belgium have to offer. **BRAFA Art Fair, Art Brussels Comic Con Brussels, Brussels Design Market, the International Brussels Tattoo Convention, Brussels Beer Fest, and Color Run Belgium** are just a few of the events that attract people from Belgium, Europe, and around the world to Tour & Taxis.

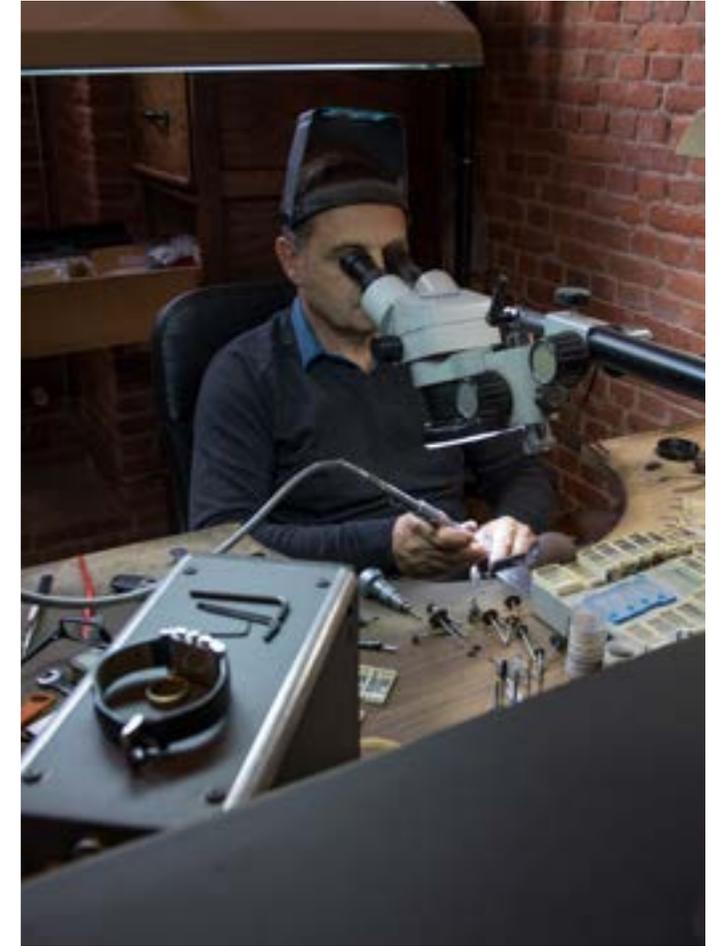


## PROJECTS

Fancy a side of oyster mushrooms with your coffee? **Tour & Taxis is home to innovative initiatives like PermaFungi.** This urban agriculture and **circular economy project** sells organic mushrooms that they grow at Tour & Taxis using recycled coffee grounds. We're delighted to be a part of this movement towards sustainable and environmentally friendly production.

Nestled within the Tour & Taxis park, you will find **ParckFarm T&T, a volunteer-run "edible park."** With over ten ongoing environmental and social projects, this community garden offers classes on topics like nutrition, cooking, gardening, and medicinal plant use.

Tour & Taxis is also home to **Les Bijoux de Marie France.** In tours of Marie France's workshop visitors can **discover how she transforms precious metals into one-of-a-kind fine jewellery.**



## FOODHALL

Dining will be **an immersive experience at the spacious foodhall** of the newly reimagined Gare Maritime. Locals and tourists alike will **explore the world's cultures via the delicious creations of national and international chefs.** It will be a relaxing place for people of all backgrounds to gather together and enjoy one of life's most essential and inspiring pleasures - cuisine.



## GUIDED TOURS

Tour & Taxis offers **thematic tours** for visitors to discover the **architecture, design, cuisine, and craft beer scene** of Brussels.

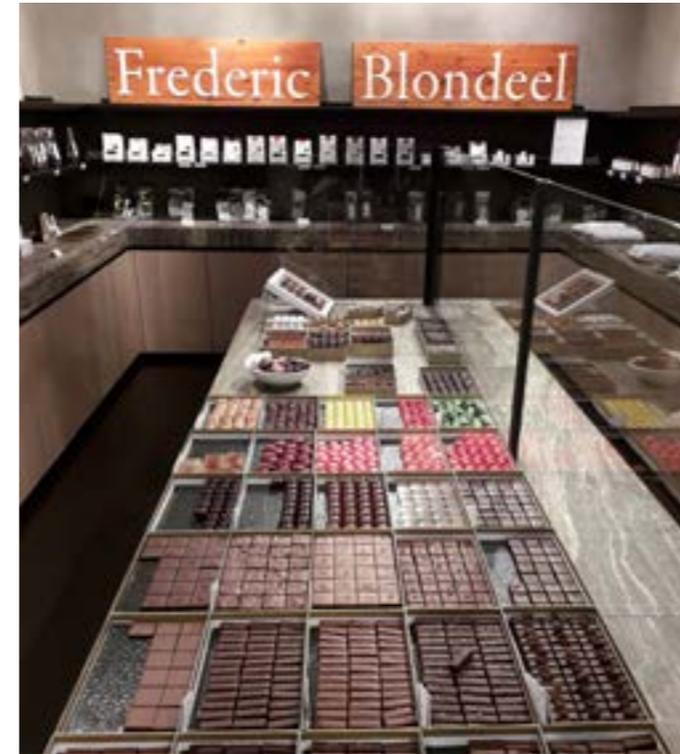
If you love all things **architecture and design**, our guided tours in partnership with **Korei** are for you! You'll discover the heritage buildings of Tour & Taxis, the passive office buildings recently constructed on the site, and the newly renovated Gare Maritime. You'll also explore **the Brussels canal zone, the ADAM Brussels Design Museum, the iconic Atomium, and the newly reimagined Kanal - Centre Pompidou.**



Brussels is **experiencing a craft beer revival** - learn about the history of beer and industry via a guided tour **with Once in Brussels**, which includes an exclusive tour of **En Stoemelings brewery, Tour & Taxis, Brasserie de la Senne**, and plenty of tastings along the way!



Foodies will love our **“Flavours of the Canal District” tour with Once in Brussels**. Start your day at the atelier of famed **chocolatier Frédéric Blondeel** where you will discover his chocolate making process and taste his delicious creations. Enjoy lunch at Tour & Taxis, followed by a tour of the PermaFungi project and the neighbouring **Be-Here project** - delicious biscuits from **MADLAB**, chocolate from **Chocolao**, fermented foods from **Fermenthings**, and beer from **La Source** are waiting!



# Book your guided tour

## ARCHITECTURE

Contact **Korei Guided Tours** at least 4 weeks before the visit.

Send your request via **email to [info@korei.be](mailto:info@korei.be)**

## GASTRONOMY AND BEERS

Contact **Once in Brussels** before the visit.

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