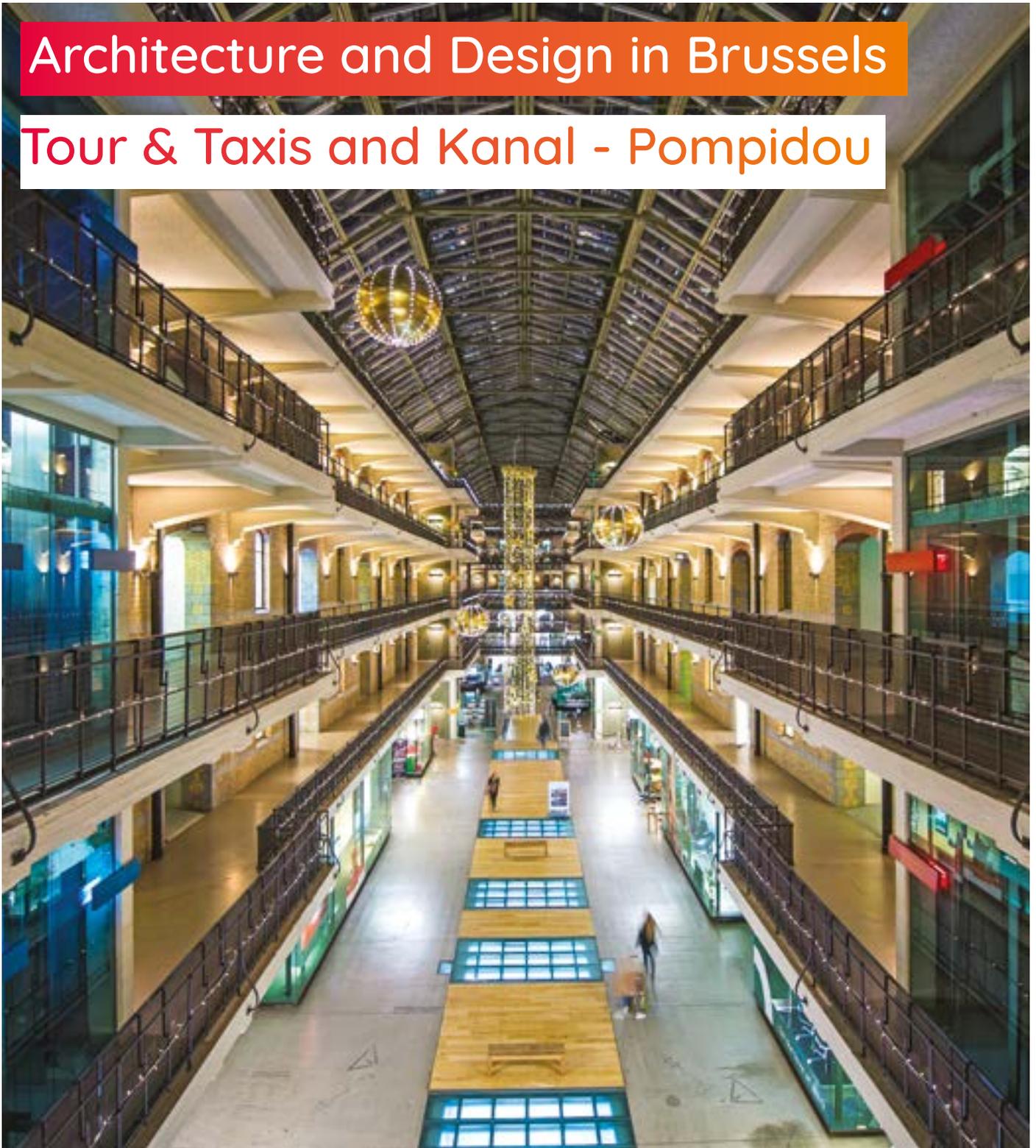


# Architecture and Design in Brussels

## Tour & Taxis and Kanal - Pompidou



**How do you convert an industrial zone in the centre of Brussels into an interesting, liveable, future-oriented place?**

The canal zone of Brussels is in a state of flux. Many interesting projects are breathing new life to the area, while **honouring the Canal District's rich history.**

This day-long program will introduce you to the **past**, but above all to the **present** and **future of this area.**

In addition, you will visit **two sites** in full metamorphosis: **Kanal - Centre Pompidou** and **Tour & Taxis.** **Step into the future but don't forget the past!**

### EXAMPLE OF A TYPICAL DAY

- 10:00 - 12:00: **Part 1:** Visit of Kanal Centre Pompidou
- 12:00 - 12:45: **Part 2:** Tour around the Canal zone
- 12:45 - 14:15: Lunch at Tour & Taxis
- 14:30 - 16:00: **Part 3:** Visit of Tour & Taxis

*Your specific program can be adapted according to your needs and the time you have available.*





PART 1

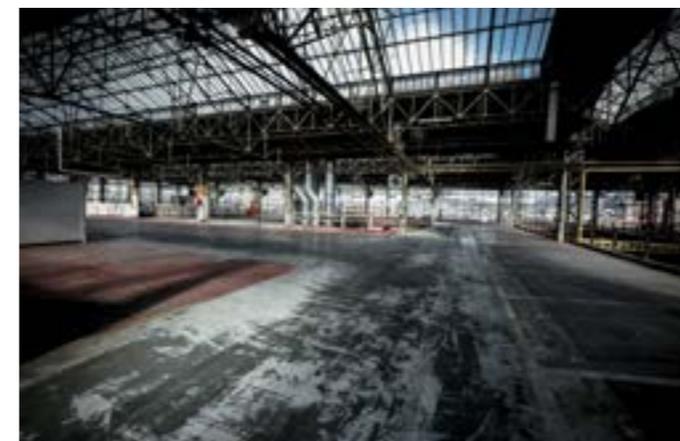
## KANAL - CENTRE POMPIDOU

**Kanal is a new cultural centre of attraction in Brussels**, the former Citroen garage. The building dates from the 1930s. Together with the French architect **Maurice-Jacques Ravazé**, the Belgian architects **Alexis Dumont** and **Marcel Van Goethem** designed a huge complex consisting mainly of glass and steel, entirely in the modernist style of the time.

Today, it is a **museum of modern and contemporary art** that collaborates with the **Centre Pompidou** in Paris and with the Brussels architecture **museum CIVA**.

Several spaces on the huge site of 42,000 square meters will be reserved for the **performing arts, an auditorium, a restaurant, a roof terrace, exhibitions and debate rooms**. The centre will provide a **platform for home-grown artists and a large fleet of art from Paris** (Centre Pompidou) so that the works can flirt with the industrial architecture.

The design will be done by **noAarchitecten** (Belgium) together with **EM2N** (Zurich) and **Sergison Bates Architects** (London). The iconic elements will be preserved during this renovation.



## LUNCH OPTIONS AT TOUR & TAXIS

**La Fabbrica:** Italian urban brasserie  
<https://www.lafabbrica.be>

**La Boutique Alimentaire:** quality cantine with fresh and healthy cuisine  
<http://www.laboutiquealimentaire.be>

**Le Pain Quotidien:** elegant boulangerie fare made with organic ingredients  
<https://www.lepainquotidien.com>





## PART 2

### DEVELOPMENT OF THE CANAL ZONE

On our journey from Kanal to Tour & Taxis, we'll learn about the new developments of the canal zone in the centre of Brussels:

Material Village (Tetra architects, 2018), TIR (work of art: Groot Orgel: Philippe Van Snick, 2014) The old Boating School (Jean Dubrucq, 1925), Greenbizz (architectesassoc), Byrrh (JZH&Partners-ozon-architecture - N.Creplet), etc.

## PART 3

### VISIT OF TOUR & TAXIS

#### AN ABSOLUTE CULTURAL AND ARCHITECTURAL ATTRACTION

Tour & Taxis was originally **Europe's first multimodal freight station**, depot and customs hub. While the immense and stunning industrial buildings, **built from 1902 to 1907**, have outlived their original purpose, a major redevelopment project has given them a second life as a cultural hotspot in Brussels. Today, the former buildings such as the **Royal Depot and the Sheds are home to restaurants, shops, offices and international events.**

The new centre of Tour & Taxis is the four-hectare '**Gare Maritime**'. The former freight station was **redesigned by the Neutelings Riedijk** architectural firm to include **workspaces, commercial spaces, events spaces and a food hall**. The construction of a **new residential area** has already started. For this project, the contract was won by the **Brussels architectural firm noArchitects together with the Antwerp AWG and the London-based Sergison Bates**. Other remarkable buildings on the site are the black coloured passive office building of **Bruxelles Environnement** (Cepezed, Philippe SAMYN and PARTNERS, architects & engineers, 2014) and the **Herman Teirlinck building** (Neutelings Riedijk Architects in collaboration with CONIX RDBM Architects, 2017).



### THE GUIDE

During the day your group will be accompanied by the professional guides of Korei Guided Tours. This organisation specialises in architecture, art and design, with Brussels as its centre of gravity and operating base.

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- the **language** of the visit
- the **number** of people

If you want a customized program, please mention it in the request and specify what you want.

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