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Hotel Amigo: The Place To Stay in Wonderful Brussels

Hotel Amigo is set among the cobbled streets of Brussels, just around the corner from the picturesque Grand Place, one of the most beautiful squares in the world.

All of the rooms have complimentary Wi-Fi, interactive entertainment and have generously sized marbled bathrooms.

The hotel boasts 154 rooms and 19 suites, all with VIP amenities and programs specially designed for younger guests.

Ristorante Bocconi serves simple yet sophisticated Italian cuisine made with Belgium's fresh local produce. Also, the continental breakfast that the hotel provides is lovely and quite complete.

Whether strictly for business meetings or a private party, the hotel has a special team that will ensure that every detail is done correctly.

The hotel ballroom is dividable into two separate rooms. It has a marble foyer and private entrance and will accommodate up to 300 guests.

The Amigo also boasts a 24 hour business center which I used a few times.

One feature I didn't use but which looked rather nice was the 24 hour gym.

The location, in a pedestrianonly historic district, is near enough to any number of shops, restaurants, the financial district, and even the Town Hall.

The lobby decor is muted... a Spanish Renaissance building decorated with ancient Brussels flagstones, prints from the Belgian artists René Magritte and Marcel Broodthaers, and even illustrations of Hergé's Tintin.

I liked the accents in the guest rooms as well; Brussels linens and Flemish antique furnishings sit alongside sleek modern pieces.

The Amigo is easily among the top hotels in Brussels. The attractive lodging will make you forget it's a business hotel, and with such pleasures as the allyou-can-eat breakfast buffet and the Belgian chocolates at turndown, you may think you are in a tourist setting.

My only complaint was the loud street noise in the alley below... it seems that every night is a college party night and when the bars close, groups of loud, often singing, students make their way past the hotel to wherever the next party is. Try to book a room as high up as you can.

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