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I dislike feeling at home when I am abroad. ~George Bernard Shaw

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Antwerp, Belgium

It's not just about over-priced bubble gum

Joining [Milan](#) among international fashion capitals on the *New York Times's* "41 Places to Go in 2011", Antwerp isn't exactly the kind of place where an independent traveler is likely to fill out his or her wardrobe. It does, however, offer browsing pleasures galore for frugal fashionistas. It also hosts several inexpensive lodgings that manage to offer up stylish design without the high price tag. At [Antwerp Backpackers Hostel](#), you'll pay \$28 for a dorm bed in a space that thankfully bears little resemblance to the stereotypical hostel image. More conveniently located to all the boutiques and galleries mentioned by the *Times* is [Hotel Scheldezicht](#), where \$68 gets you a private single room, and \$95 a double.



The stylish surroundings at Mabuhay Bed and Breakfast

Perhaps the best lodging deal in Antwerp though, if you're willing to make your base a bit further from the city's fashion center, can be found at [Mabuhay Bed and Breakfast](#). Choose between cozy single (\$67) and double (\$86) rooms or, for just a few Euro more you can upgrade to a private studio or apartment amongst the Art-Nouveau, Neo-Gothic and Baroque architectural eclecticism of Zurenborg. You'll only be a short bike ride away from all the cutting-edge couture, but far enough to avoid any foolish temptation to sample that 2-euro pack of bubble gum.

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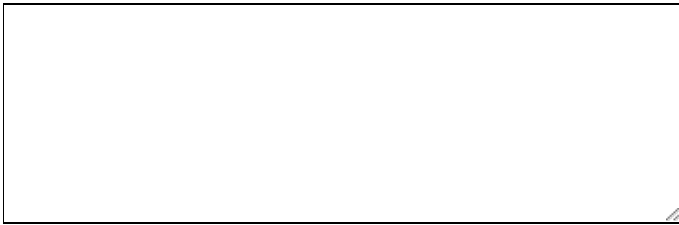
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