



Tintin in Brussels

With the discovery of an antique model ship, the gallant reporter Tintin is thrust into international intrigue in the comic book *The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn*. Director Steven Spielberg is turning the story into a 3-D animated feature film of the same name, which is scheduled to open in the U.S. on December 23. While Tintin travels the world solving mysteries, he, like his creator Hergé, is a native of Brussels,

Belgium. Hergé first brought Tintin and Snowy, his faithful fox terrier, to life in a children's newspaper in 1929, and he wrote 24 Tintin books. Visitors can trace the history of Hergé and Tintin in the center of Brussels at the **Belgian Comic Strip Center** (011-32-2-219-1980; comicscenter.net/en/home) and at the **Musée Hergé** (museeherge.com). And you can find murals featuring Tintin, along with other Belgian comic book heroes, on walls all around the city. See 30 of them by following the **Comic Strip Trail** (maps at visitbrussels.be). —Kristin Conard

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