

# THE ARES NEWS

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## The Belgian chocolate

Belgium is known for a number of specialities, in particular for its chocolate. Belgians manufacturers stand out for the quality of their chocolate -with a 43 % cacao content-, their craftsmanship and world-renowned brands like *Bruyere, Côte d'Or, Leonidas,...*



### History

The history of the Belgian chocolate goes back a long way. Meurisse was the pioneer in the manufacture of chocolate, joined by Berwaerts in 1840, who produced the first chocolate bars. In 1883, one of the famous brands of chocolate was born: *Cote d'Or*. The first pralines were created by Neuhaus in 1912 and have become one of Belgium's best known chocolate varieties. The bundles will be created later.

### Speciality in memory of Charleroi's past

In Charleroi, there is a local chocolate specialty called «Les Gayettes du pays noir». They are called that because they are black like coal, a colour that reminds us of the mining past of Charleroi. The Gayettes were created in 1987 by the merchants of Charleroi to celebrate the History of the city. The Gayettes are shaped like small balls of dark chocolate in a crispy sugar coating and they are sold in a small cart-shaped box to remind people of the carts which were used in the mines.



You can find them in most bakeries/chocolate shops so don't hesitate to taste them! Come on!! You're missing out!