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Saint-Roch procession and military march

Event planned for the month of August 2021



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This traditional procession takes place in and around the village of Ham-sur-Heure. The march always take place on the Sunday following August 15.

The march, bringing together several guilds, will leave the castle around noon and will only return 4 hours later. The statues and relics of the saint will be carried through the city, stopping here and there/

The following Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, guilds and drummers will continue walking through the village endlessly. Each day finishes with a torchlit procession at 9 pm, going from the castle to the Grand Place, where each torch will feed a bonfire. The participants will then dance around it until 10 pm.

Origin of the Napoleonic marches

First religious, later influenced by the Napoleonic era, the marches evolved through the 20th century to what they are today. 20,000 persons join each year, putting on a costume to keep tradition alive. Each event has its own rules.

This march has been listed as Intangible Heritage by UNESCO

More information on [#link\[node|7382|the marches of the Entre-Sambre-et-Meuse here\]](#).

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