



## Cerfontaine's Saint-Lambert folkloric march

Event planned for the month of August 2024



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**Join the Saint Lambert folkloric procession in Cerfontaine on August 15th. This march to military music, which features Napoleonic inspired costumes, has been declared intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO.**

## The history of the Cerfontaine Napoleonic march

Cerfontaine is one of 40 villages in the Entre-Sambre et Meuse to have been **integrated to the French territory in 1793** and stayed so until December 1815. Cerfontaine's Saint-Lambert march was created to **honour the memory of the local conscripts** who fought throughout Europe as part of Napoleon's great army.

Among the survivors, **many received the Sainte Hélène cross**, examples of which you can see at the **Musée de la vie régionale de Cerfontaine**.

## The March

Cerfontaine's Saint-Lambert march takes place every year on August 15th. Firemen, grenadiers, policemen, Zouaves, Voltigeurs and artillery men then march to the sound of drums and fifres.

- 10 am: mass
- 11 am: start of the march
- 12.30 pm: the march returns
- 8 pm: the companies and squads return

The Saint-Lambert march is characterised by an additional **50 cavaliers** as well as how details the **Empire uniforms** have been reproduced.

## Origins of the marches

Religious at first, influenced by the Napoleonian era, the processions evolved through the 20th century to the actual format.

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