



‘Les Fetes de Wallonie’: celebrations in Namur

From Thursday 12 September 2024 to Monday 16 September 2024



WB-T-Dominik Ketz

Namur – 5000

Phone number (main contact): +32

81 22 29 99

<http://www.fetesdewallonie.be/>

‘Les Fetes de Wallonie’ (Wallonia’s festival) celebrate Belgian independence, patriotism and Walloon identity, commemorating the famous revolutionary days of September 1830 when the country was officially formed.

Although marked across southern Belgium, the biggest celebrations are in Wallonia’s capital city, Namur, where as many as 250,000 people descend for the festivities every year.

A joyful spirit

Highlights include a heartwarming mass said in Walloon on the Monday morning as well as traditional dances by the Frairie des Masuis et Cotelis Jambois, famous throughout Belgium

The ‘Combat de l’Echasse d’Or’, or the [Fight for the Golden Stilt](#), which takes place on Place St. Aubain on the Sunday afternoon, is much looked forward. During this ancient and near-sacred bout, two groups of stilt-wearing contestants stand in opposing lines,

then move into battle to the sound of drums. The aim is to make their direct opponent fall using only their elbows or stilts, with the last man standing hailed the champion. Needless to say, strong beer follows!

The information contained herein is provided as a guide only.

We recommend that you check with the local supplier before you leave.

Website editor

Etienne CLAUDE, Wallonia Belgium Tourism Chief Executive Officer (WBT NPO).

© Wallonia Belgium Tourism (WBT asbl). Avenue Comte de Smet de Nayer 14 . 5000
Namur. Belgium + 32 (0)81 84 41 00 <https://visitwallonia.be>
info@walloniabelgiumtourism.co.uk

The information contained in this document is provided and has been compiled very carefully by Wallonia Belgium Tourism (WBT NPO). The editor cannot be held responsible for possible changes that could have occurred between the collection of data and their presence in this document.

Unless otherwise specified, the information you find in this document belongs to Wallonia Belgium Tourism (WBT NPO).

Any use or reproduction of the information require a prior written permission

Wallonia Belgium Tourism (WBT NPO) reserves all intellectual property rights in this document