



## Morlanwelz carnival and folkloric traditions

Event planned for the month of February 2025



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### **Love folklore? Come and see the Morlanwelz' colourful carnival.**

The carnival of Morlanwelz takes place on the first Sunday following the mardi gras: The bonfire (or *Feureu* in Wallonia) is lit, smiles are all around. This might be a small carnival but it's a fun one: the participants dress up as Scottish, Indian, Emirs and the likes... All of them will join in the traditional Gille dance.

### **The "Vîs Grands Pés" candlelit walk**

Anyone can join but you will need an outfit! Everyone in the crowd wears a center and nightcap, long white boxers, clogs... and holds a lit candle. The crowd walks behind drums, being played all the way. Quite a fantastic atmosphere.

## Sunday

- On Sunday morning, the Gilles get up early: by 5 am, they are on his way to the town centre and music is being played already. The different guilds are being received officially by the communal authorities at the City Hall.
- At 11 am, they will perform a *rondeau* (traditional dance) on the Grand Place and at 4 pm, they will walk through the city. People come from everywhere in the region to see it. The Gilles distribute oranges as they go along.
- At 6 pm, the last traditional dance will take place in front of the town hall

## Monday

- Monday is quite special too. At 9 am, the young folk of the area organize an outing to the church, playing music there.
- At 6.30 pm, a large procession walks through the city, followed by the crowd. Once they reach the Place du Marché, the bonfire is lit.
- The festivities conclude with stunning fireworks.

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