



Saint-Roch procession (Ham-sur-Heure)

From Saturday 17 August 2024 to Wednesday 21 August 2024



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This traditional procession takes place in and around the village of Ham-sur-Heure. The march, listed as Intangible Heritage by UNESCO, happens 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.

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