



## Thuin Saint-Roch folkloric march

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**Come and see the Saint Roch festivities in Thuin, with its folkloric march bringing the ramparts to life. This procession has been declared intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO.**

## The history of Thuin Saint-Roch march

- Part of the Entre-Sambre-et-Meuse marches, this military procession pays tribute to Saint-Roch, patron saint of pilgrims, brotherhoods and corporations.
- First started when an epidemic of cholera devastated Thuin in 1866, this military now fascinates visitors.
- 2,000 join the procession, most of them in costumes inspired by the Napoleonic times.

## The march

- Saturday evening: gathering on the ramparts in the Ville Haute, the lighting of the *campes* (rosaries of large firecrackers), torch-lit procession
- Sunday morning: blessing at the Chapel, taking down of the relics of Saint Roh, stop at the memorial to remember those who have died in the war
- Sunday afternoon, at 1.30 pm: start of the procession at the "Chant des Oiseaux" location
- Monday morning: mass, procession towards the *maladrie*



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