

# Celebrate Carnival, have fun, but be safe!

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Carnaval or Fashing is an important local tradition in the southern part of the Netherlands celebrated this year February 23-25. Shops in Limburg and parts of Germany will close while pubs and bars will stay open until at least 3 a.m. The streets will overflow with Carnival revelers and parades. If held up by a parade, don't try to cut through the revelry. It could cause a serious accident and it shows a lack of respect for host nation cultural events. Due to recent incidents be careful and remain vigilant when in a large crowd or gathering.

If a parade is in progress, park the car and enjoy the festivities. But remember to be safe and don't drink and drive!

Following is the parade schedule for most of the towns in South-Limburg and, unless otherwise specified, all parades start around 2 p.m.

## Saturday, February 22

**Bingelrade:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Dorpsstraat.

**Brunssum:** Children parade starts at 2:33 p.m. on Schoolstraat.

**Doenrade:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. at Kerkstraat.

**Gulpen:** Children parade starts at 2 p.m. from Market Square.

**Heerlen:** Youth parade starts at 1:33 p.m. from Stationsplein.

**Heerlerheide:** Children parade starts at 2:11 p.m.

**Hoensbroek:** Children parade starts at 1:11 p.m. on Market Square.

**Kerkrade:** Youth parade starts at 2:11 p.m.

**Landgraaf:** Children parade starts at 12:30 p.m. on Heggenstraat.

**Maastricht:** Reception Prince Carnival in Train Station at 1:11 p.m., followed by a parade to Market Square.

**Mariahoop:** Main parade starts at 1 p.m.

**Puth:** Children parade starts at 2:11 p.m. from Market Square.

**Roermond:** Carnival manifestation at Train Station Square starts at noon.

**Simpelveld:** Youth parade starts at 1:11 p.m.

## Sunday, February 23

**Aachen (GE):** Children parade starts around noon in center.

**Beek:** Illuminated parade between 6:30 and 9 p.m. starts at Van Sonsbeecklaan.

**Born:** Main parade starts at 1 p.m. at Graaf van Loonstraat.

**Echt:** Main parade starts at 1:33 p.m. at Nieuwe Markt.

**Eijgelshoven:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. at Terheidenstraat.

**Eijsden:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m.

**Geleen:** Main parade starts at 1:49 p.m.

**Heerlen:** Main parade starts at 12:11 p.m.

**Kerkrade-West:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Grachterstraat.

**Maastricht:** Carnival festivities at Vrijthof start at 12:11 p.m. Main parade starts at 1:33 p.m. on Stationsstraat.

**Margraten:** Main parade starts at 2 p.m. on Prins Bernhardlaan.

**Merkelbeek:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Titus Brandsmastraat.

**Noorbeek:** Main parade starts at 1:30 p.m.

**Nuth:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Parallelstraat.

**Obbicht:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Market Square.  
**Oirsbeek:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on In Den Moel.  
**Puth:** Main parade starts at 1:11 p.m. on Bovenste Puth.  
**Schinveld:** Children parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Putbergstraat.  
**Simpelveld:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Stampstraat.  
**Sittard:** Main parade starts at 12:55 p.m.  
**Spaubeek:** Main parade starts at 2 p.m. on Kerkstraat.  
**Stein:** Main parade starts at 1:41 p.m. on Bergenkenstraat.  
**Ubach over Worms:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Groenstraat.  
**Valkenburg:** Children parade starts at 3:11 p.m. on Walramplein.  
**Voerendaal:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Heerlerweg.  
**Wijlre:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m.  
**Wijnandsrade:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Molenweg.

### Monday, February 24

**Aachen, Cologne, Düsseldorf** and other German cities and towns have their parades named Rosenmontag Zug. Start is around noon.  
**Amstenrade:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. at Hommerter Allee.  
**Beek:** Main parade starts at 2:30 p.m.  
**Bocholtz:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Heiweg.  
**Brunssum:** Main parade starts at 1:41 p.m. on Schinvelderstraat.  
**Geleen:** Children's parade at 2:11 p.m. in the center. Een "Kapelle Konkoer" brass band competition starts at 4 p.m. on Market Square.  
**Hoensbroek:** Main parade starts at 1:11 p.m. on Juliana Bernhardlaan.  
**Hulsberg:** Main parade starts at 1:30 p.m. on Kleingenhoustersteeg.  
**Kerkrade:** Main parade starts at 11:11 p.m. on Dr. Ackensplein.  
**Klimmen:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Klimmenderstraat.  
**Koningsbosch:** Main parade starts at 1 p.m.  
**Limbricht:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Burgemeester Coonenplein/Beekstraat.  
**Maastricht:** Children/Family parade starts at 2:33 p.m. at Lage Barakken Wyck and will end at Vrijthof.  
**Munstergeleen:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m.  
**Nieuwstadt:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Beijerstraat.  
**Roermond:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Roersingel.  
**Schimmert:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Nieuwstraat.  
**Schinnen:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Veeweg.  
**Schinveld:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Putbergstraat.  
**Sittard:** "Zate Hermeniekes-concours" brass band competition on Market Square starts at 2:33 p.m. and again at 8:11 p.m.  
**Susteren:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m.  
**Thorn:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m.  
**Treebeek:** Children's parade starts at 10:11 a.m. on Komeetstraat.  
**Urmond:** Main parade starts at 2:11 p.m.  
**Valkenburg:** Main parade starts at 1:11 p.m. on Daalhemerweg.

### Tuesday, February 25

**Born:** Children's parade starts at 1:30 p.m. on Market Square.  
**Echt:** Children's parade starts at 1:33 p.m. on Nieuwe Markt.  
**Geleen:** Brass Band competition in the center starts at 6:11 p.m.  
**Heerlen:** Illuminated parade starts at 8:11 p.m. on Geleenstraat/Pancratiusplein.  
**Jabeek:** Main parade starts at 4:11 p.m. on Maar.

**Landgraaf:** Main parade from Schaesberg to Nieuwenhagen starts at 1:11 p.m. on Market Square in Schaesberg.

**Maaseik (BE):** Clowns' parade starts at 8:11 p.m. in the center.

**Maastricht:** "Zate Hermeniekes-concours" Brass Band competition starts at 2:11 p.m. on Vrijthof. The Closure of Carnaval Ceremony starts at 11:55 p.m. also on Vrijthof.

**Munstergeleen:** Children's parade starts at 2:11 p.m.

**Neerbeek:** Main parade starts around 1 p.m.

**Nieuwstadt:** Children's parade starts at 2:11 on Delweide.

**Noorbeek:** Children's parade starts at 1:30 p.m. on Schoolstraat.

**Oud-Valkenburg:** Illuminated parade starts at 7 p.m.

**Schinnen:** Children's parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Nieuwe Markt.

**Sittard:** "Appelsienesjmiete" carnival event starts at 1:11 at Market Square.

**Susteren:** Children's parade starts at 2:11 p.m. on Gelderstraat.

**Valkenburg:** Illuminated parade starts at 8:33 p.m. on Walramplein.

### Activities

**Maastricht:** The Maastricht Prince Carnaval and his retinue will hold a reception at the city's train station on Saturday, **February 22**, 1.11 p.m. At 1:55 p.m. they will march to the Market Square where the Prince will lay a wreath at the statue of "'t Mooswief" (Cabbage Woman). There is also a Carnaval brass band contest on Monday, **February 24**, 2:11 p.m. on the Vrijthof in the center. Here the end of Carnaval will be conducted as well on Tuesday, **February 25**, starts 11:55 p.m.

**Sittard** has a Carnaval brass band contest on Monday, **February 24**, 3 p.m. at the Market Square. On Tuesday, **February 25**, 2:11 p.m., groups of costumed people give out oranges to kids and adults who yell: "APPELSIENE, APPELSIENE" (oranges, oranges).

**Aachen, Cologne, Düsseldorf** and other large cities in Germany stage parades, called "Rosenmontag Zug", Monday, **February 24**. They all start around noon. **Aachen** also has a Children's parade Sunday, **February 23**.

**Maaseik** in Belgium has a clowns' Parade in the center of town on Tuesday, **February 25**. The event starts at 8:11 p.m.

