



VONS COEUR en NEIGE

FROM 6 TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

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MONS COEUR en NEIGE 21ST EDITION!

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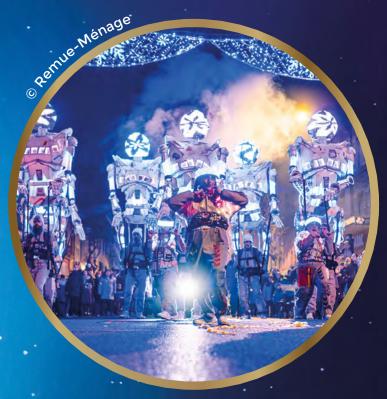
OFFICIAL OPENING AT MONS' GRAND PLACE

Let's meet on Saturday, December 6 at 5:00 PM at the foot of the Magic Kiosk for the opening of Mons Cœur en Neige, in the presence of Mayor Nicolas Martin, members of the city council, designer David Jeanmotte, this edition's godfather Kody Kim, and of course Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus!

After the speeches, enjoy a cozy family gathering with a DJ until 10:00 PM.

Everyone is welcome - free entry!

UNIQUE OPENING SHOW! Discover "BE HOP" by the Remue-Ménage company! Departure at 4:30 PM from the Grand Place. Free entry - accessible for people with reduced mobility.





1. GRAND PLACE OF MONS: THE TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

* The traditional chalets

From December 6 to 31, 2025, the Grand Place of Mons transforms into a true Christmas village. About fifty chalets offer original gift ideas, delicious local products, and a varied selection of food and drinks. Lights, spicy scents, laughter, and music create a warm, magical Christmas atmosphere in the heart of Mons - perfect to enjoy with family or friends.

Symboli-k	Gifts: jewelry made from natural materials and semi-precious stones.
Chez Charly	Gifts: candle holders, decorative crystal balls, candles.
Lampe 3D	Gifts: 3D lamps with illuminated base and engraved/laser-cut plexiglass plate.
Concept Bijoux	Gifts: handmade fashion jewelry and accessories.
Carterie et Découverte	Gifts: Christmas decorations, gifts, scents, teas, and holiday textiles.
Cajune	Gifts: engraved glasses, personalized decorations.
Pêche aux canards	Duck fishing for children.
Les 3 Petits Savons	Gifts: natural beauty products like soaps, perfumes, body lotions; Marseille soap and donkey milk soap.
Peluche Bouillotte	Gifts: plush-shaped heat pads, headbands, slippers, bottles; French-made.
Kya Création	Gifts: jewelry made from natural resin, Steampunk hats, minerals.
Hallaert	Gifts: hats, headbands, other Christmas accessories, licensed plush toys.
Kreative Jewelry	Gifts: handmade jewelry.
Taverne Henri	Horeca : Christmas sausages, burgers, hot dogs, peket, Saint-Feuillien Christmas beer, beer gift boxes, etc.
Maxime's	Horeca : Greek pita, Diôle Christmas beer, hot chocolate, peket, Irish coffee, Jägermeister, etc.
Le Carillon	Horeca : Tartiflette, sauerkraut, hot dogs, chicken burgers, Délirium Christmas beer, mulled wine, hot chocolate, etc.
La Maison des Brasseurs	Horeca: Beef burgers, beers, peket, bombardino, mulled wine, hot chocolate (with Amaretto), etc.
Le Teddy's	Horeca: Truffle croquettes, Teddy's potatoes, arrosticini, Champagne Vranken, Paix Dieu, etc.
La Manitas	Horeca: Raclette bread with cured meats, Ruffus, Chouffe beers, shooters, champagne, hot drinks, peket, etc.

L'Excelsior	Horeca: Sweet and savory waffles, sauerkraut, roasted chestnuts, Christmas beer, peket, champagne, mulled wine, hot chocolate, Irish coffee, etc.
L'Art des Mets	Horeca: Oysters, foie gras, smoked salmon, Belgian caviar, hot dogs, champagne, white wine, etc.
Pastella	Horeca: Pastiflette, bruschetta, Nutella-filled pizza dough fritters, limoncello, prosecco, Aperol and Limoncello spritz, etc.
La Cervoise	Horeca: Foie gras, pizza, mixed platters, beers, peket, mulled wine, hot chocolate, etc.
La Pampa	Horeca : Argentine specialties: sandwiches, empanadas, locro, mulled wine, etc.
Le Vintage	Horeca : Scallop tartare, snails, aperitif platters, Dupond beers, hot chocolate, cava, champagne, etc.
Tomo Ramen/Le Paysan	Horeca: Japanese fried chicken, Korean corndogs, yakitori, Okami beer (Mons), mulled wine, spritz, etc.
Le Chalet Catalan	Horeca: Tapas, cheese & charcuterie boards, Catalan cava & wine, hot red and white wine, cocktails with Catalan wine, etc.
Get A Pinte	Horeca: Foie gras potatoes, porchetta sandwiches, Brasserie d'Orge Christmas beer, Urine, wine, mulled wine, Prosecco, Esprit d'Orge, Chartreuse, etc.
Le Hype	Horeca : Christmas croque-monsieur, eggnog, mulled wine, Mont des Anges, hot chocolate, spritz and other Christmas cocktails, shots, etc.
Jekyll	Horeca : Jekyll's meatballs, mulled wine, apple juice or hot chocolate, Fireball, Chartreuse, peket, spritz, Jekyll, Saint-Feuillien, etc.
Le Copenhagen Tavern	Horeca: Beef mitraillette, croque-monsieurs of all kinds, Grimbergen beer, spritz and hot spritz, mulled wine, hot chocolate, etc.
Domaine du Chant d'Eole	Horeca : finger foods by Benoît Neusy, Chant d'Eole, Elixir Saint-Georges, Belgian Eole Spritz, etc.
Les Bronzés (The Play/Soho/No Maison)	Horeca: Burgers, arrosticini, onion soup, mulled wine, cocktails, hot chocolate, beers, Irish coffee, Saint-Lazare, etc.
Eventservices	Horeca : Mulled wine, seasonal drinks, etc.
Au Régal des Gourmets	Delicatessen : Festive charcuterie, blood sausages, savory macarons, foie gras, Ardennes cold cuts, etc.
Ferme du Bouret	Delicatessen : Various duck breasts and dried sausages.
Chocolaterie Les Gayettes	Delicatessen : Authentic <i>Gayettes du Pays Noir</i> : chocolate truffles, pralines, candied orange peel.
Kingaufra	Delicatessen : Liège waffles, pancakes, hot chocolate, flavored coffee.
Candy Paradise	Delicatessen : Sweets, nougat, pancakes, waffles, candied peanuts.
Au Comptoir des Indes	Delicatessen : Artisanal spice mixes, teas, personalized gift sets.
La Maison du Cougnou	Delicatessen: Artisanal cougnous with frangipane, speculoos, chocolate chips, pearl sugar, or raisins.
La Cabane à Mario	Delicatessen : Canadian specialties with maple syrup, gift items (cookbooks, candles, etc.).
Churros Alvarez	Delicatessen : Spanish churros and fritters.
Bella Corsica	Delicatessen : Corsican charcuterie and cheeses.
Au Campagnard	Delicatessen : Artisanal puff pastries (Blaugies specialty), marzipan.
L'Herbioristerie	Delicatessen: Teas, herbal teas, spices, liqueur herbs, accessories, esoteric products, gift sets.
Janka, Pâtisserie de Voyage(s)	Delicatessen : Homemade spreads (jams, caramel, etc.) and cookies.

Dates and opening hours of the Christmas Village - Grand Place of Mons

Open daily from December 6 to 31, 2025. Closed on December 25.

Sunday to Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

(extended hours possible until 10:00 PM)

Thursday to Saturday: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

(extended hours possible until 1:00 AM)

Christmas Eve - December 24: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(extended hours possible until 8:00 PM)

New Year's Eve - December 31: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (no extended hours).

From 10:00 PM: closing party with New Year's Eve celebrations





Also in the Christmas Village:

The Grand Christmas Tower: Enjoy seasonal snacks and warming drinks.

Artisan pop-up chalets - Grand Place: This year, discover three pop-up chalets at the Grand Place! Throughout the Christmas market, passionate artisans will showcase their unique, local, and original creations.

List of artisans - Pop-up chalets

Mirelys	Sparkling liqueurs with dazzling effects. Flavors: curação, strawberry, melon, cuberdon, violet, pear, limoncello, amaretto.
Do hozard à Bassin Arts by N/dé	
De bazard à Beaux-Arts by N'dé	Jewelry and table decorations, Christmas ornaments, and bag hooks
	made from old dishes.
La Ferme de l'Ornoy	Pralines, Domes, Ornoysettes, Pralinettes, Truffettes, and chocolate
	lollipops.
Boulangerie Le P'tit Garin	Cougnous, Christmas cookies, festive breads, panettone, "baisers
	montois," etc.
La Bamboutique	Bamboo craftsmanship – tableware: bowls, trays, baskets, sugar
	bowls made from lacquered bamboo/eggshell/mother-of-pearl.
	Lacquered coconut bowls with mother-of-pearl.
La Casa del puro dominicano	Sale of Carabela-Club rum, their own brand, produced in Mons.

Scented candles, wax blocks, burners, decorations, and gift boxes.
Partena offers artisans the chance to win a chalet; winners to be
announced soon.
Gift baskets, Italian meats and cheeses, wines, panettone, torrone,
etc.
Selection of ethnic coffees, sold as whole beans or ground (fine,
coarse, or medium).
Handmade stainless steel jewelry with various chains and pearls.
Stel'Art: cards, photo albums, reusable advent calendars, and paper
goods.
Crea'Thalie: wooden objects painted with watercolors and decorated
with dried natural elements.
Items inspired by Mons and the Doudou: slate boards, appetizer
boards, puzzles, card games, cloths, lamps, coasters, T-shirts,
keyrings, mugs, etc.
Fresh dog meals, free from harmful additives. Home delivery. Sale of
11 different meals.
Aperitifs made from wine macerated with honey, fruits, or spices,
inspired by history. 11 varieties.
Handmade candles. Candle sand bags. Unique Jesmonite creations.
Pastries with optical illusions ("trompe-l'œil").
Nuts and derivatives: caramelized nuts, salted nuts (with cumin,
curry, parsley, truffle, Provençal herbs, Mexican spices, wasabi,
cheese, boletus, etc.), walnut oil, walnut flour, gingerbread with nuts,
walnut jam.
Copper lamps and bracelets, leather bags and poufs, interior
decorations, etc.

• The Solidarity chalet: Do a good deed by visiting the volunteers at this chalet, entirely dedicated to promoting charitable organizations. Every day: free soup from 11:00 AM to 7:30 PM, thanks to the support of the National Lottery.

Programme (subject to change):

- Cuesmes Scouts: December 6
- Le Chalet des Hirchons (hedgehog care): December 7; December 13

- Oxfam: December 8-11
- Cuesmes Youth Centrum: December 12
- Gaia (animal protection): December 14
- La Pilerie (care centre for people with disabilities): December 15-17; December 22-23
- Les Petits Vieux (animal retirement home): December 18-19
- Nothing But Pets (collective for animal lovers): December 20-21
- Young Socialists of Mons: December 24 and 30
- Chat-Bidou (association supporting small shelters with food): December 26-28
- Belgian Multiple Sclerosis League (promoting well-being of MS patients): December 29
- Young MR: December 31

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus and their friends welcome well-behaved children in an enchanting atmosphere on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM*.

*December 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 20, and 21

Magical decorations and lighting: Be enchanted by the Grand Place, adorned with magical lights, the King of the Forest (from the Belgian Ardennes), the nativity scene, thematic decorations, and more.

"Sapin Enchanté" Carousel: Fun for young and old alike.

Children's Activities: Even the little ones are not forgotten with a carousel and duck fishing!



2. MARCHÉ AUX HERBES : CHRISTMAS MARKET AND ILLUMINATED SKY

NEW! A central bar area and traditional wooden chalets offering gifts, delicacies, and snacks, organized by the businesses of the Marché aux Herbes.

Illuminated sky and enchanting decorations

Entertainment and animations

Dates and opening hours of the Christmas market (subject to change):

Open daily from December 6 to 31, 2025. Closed on December 25.

Sunday to Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (extended hours possible until 10:00 PM)

Thursday to Saturday: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM (extended hours possible until 1:00 AM)

Christmas Eve - December 24: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (extended hours possible until 8:00 PM)

New Year's Eve - December 31: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (extended hours possible until 8:00 PM)





3. PLACE LÉOPOLD : ICE RINK AND CHRISTMAS MARKET

Covered Ice Rink - 600 m²! Enjoy a 600 m² ice rink, open to young and old! The covered space allows everyone to put on skates (sizes 32 to 46). For the little ones, double skates are available to help them learn. Skate rental is included in the entrance ticket, but you may also bring your own skates.

The ice rink is open until January 4, 2026, and is accessible for people with reduced mobility, with skating aids available upon request.

Admission fees (including skate rental):

- 12 years: €5/hour + 12 years: €9/hour

Ice rink opening hours:

From December 6, 2025, to January 4, 2026 (closed on December 25 and January 1)

Sunday to Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (extended hours possible until 10:00 PM)

Thursday to Saturday: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM (extended hours possible until 1:00 AM)

December 24: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (extended hours possible until 8:00 PM)
December 31: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

NEW! Christmas market - 1st edition - December 6 to 31

About fifteen traditional wooden chalets offer gifts, delicacies, and snacks on a brand-new square at the foot of the sparkling ice rink, in a modern, enchanting, and cozy setting. The train station, parking, and public transport are all within walking distance... Everything you need for a delightful experience with family or friends.

Dates and opening hours of the Christmas market:

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Thursday to Saturday: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM (extended hours possible until 1:00 AM)

December 24: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (extended hours possible until 8:00 PM) December 31: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Presence of the « Luna Park de Noël »

Decorations and lighting: Large natural Christmas tree with lights, thematic decorations, and the XXL letters "I Love Mons".



NEW! THE ENCHANTING CHRISTMAS TRAIN

Hop on board the train that takes you through the streets of the city center and the three magical zones: Grand Place, Place Léopold, and Marché aux Herbes.

Dates & times: December 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 27, and 28, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Free entry and accessible for people with reduced mobility.



CHRISTMAS IN THE SHOPPING DISTRICTS

(Re)discover the shopping districts in December in a cozy Christmas atmosphere!

FREE WALKING PERFORMANCES: Experience the magic of Christmas with colorful free shows: stilt walkers, brass bands, light shows, and more.

SPECIAL SUNDAY SHOP OPENINGS: Some shops will also open on Sundays, December 7, 14, and 21. Certain stores will also open on Sunday, January 4, 2026, for the winter sale! Find all city center shops at www.monscentreville.be

THEMED DECORATIONS Natural Christmas trees are placed near the shops to give the shopping streets a unique festive atmosphere!

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS WINDOW

To make the festive spirit shine in the shopping streets, the "Most Beautiful Christmas Window" contest will be held from December 1 to 26, 2025. Visitors are invited to vote for their favorite window display and submit their entry form at visitMons, at the reception of the Agence de développement centre-ville de Mons, or at the Solidarity chalet. Participating windows are marked with a "I'm participating" sticker. Prizes: 4 tickets to Disneyland Paris (worth €578)!

At the same time, an external jury will select the three most beautiful windows, which will receive separate prizes.

Blank entry forms are available at visitMons (Grand-Place 27), the Solidarity chalet, the reception of the Agence de développement centre-ville de Mons, and in participating city center shops.

More info: www.monscentreville.be

UNMISSABLE EVENTS

Saturday, December 6, 2025

11:00 AM: Opening of Mons Cœur en Neige

2:00 - 6:00 PM: Tourist Train through the shopping districts connecting the three magical zones (Grand Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free entry and accessible for people with reduced mobility.

4:30 PM - Departure from the Grand Place: Unique in Mons! BE HOP - Explore the stars, travel to the moon, dream about the future, invent a new world. A moving light artwork on the streets with fixed choreographed scenes.

5:00 PM - Grand Place (Magical Kiosk): OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

In the presence of Nicolas Martin, Mayor of Mons, members of the city council, designer David Jeanmotte, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and this edition's godfather, Kody Kim.

Following the speeches: performance by the "Gospel Grâce" choir on the kiosk.

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM: DJ Night to celebrate the opening - free and open to everyone!







Sunday, December 7, 2025

2:00 - 6:00 PM: Tourist Train through the shopping districts connecting the three magical zones (Grand Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free entry and accessible for people with reduced mobility.

2:00 - 6:00 PM - Christmas Village: Santa, Mrs. Claus and Friends at the Magical Kiosk.

2:00 – 6:00 PM – Shopping Districts: WALKING ENTERTAINMENT: stilt walkers and live music.

Some shops will open their doors for your holiday shopping!

Wednesday, December 10 and Thursday, December 11, 2025



12:00 - 6:00 PM - Reception Center (29-31 Rue Lamir, 7000 Mons): SO-LIDARITY CHRISTMAS MARKET by the CPAS of Mons. In support of the CPAS partner organizations. Opening ceremony on December 10 at 12:00 PM.

2:00 - 6:00 PM: Tourist Train through the shopping districts connecting the three magical zones (Grand Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free entry and accessible for people with reduced mobility.

2:00 - 6:00 PM - Christmas Village: Santa, Mrs. Claus and Friends at the Magical Kiosk.

Saturday, December 13, 2025

2:00 – 6:00 PM: Tourist Train through the shopping districts connecting the three magical zones (Grand Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free entry and accessible for people with reduced mobility.

2:00 - 6:00 PM - Christmas Village: Santa, Mrs. Claus and Friends at the Magical Kiosk.

From 2:00 PM – Belfry Park: CHRISTMAS AT THE BELFRY – Join us in Belfry Park to celebrate Christmas with family or friends in a warm and festive atmosphere. On the programme: craft market, delicious treats, creative workshops, carillon concert, live entertainment, Christmas carols, brass bands, and Santa's spectacular descent from the Belfry! Food and drinks available in Belfry Park and at the Youth Hostel. Don't miss Santa's musical descent from the Belfry at 6:00 PM! An event organized by the City of Mons, in collaboration with Quartier du Beffroi asbl, Youth Hostel Mons, La Farandole, and the Agence de développement centre-ville de Mons. More info and full programme: www.visitmons.be

5:00 PM - Departure from Place Léopold: THE LIGHT PARADE - This illuminated procession will take participants from Place Léopold to the Belfry, with music and light effects along the way. In collaboration with Maison Citoyenne de Mons, which will host lantern-making workshops. Route (approx. 1 km): Rue Rogier, Rue de la Petite Guirlande, Rue des Capucins, Grand'Rue Piétonne, Rue des Fripiers, Rue de la Coupe, Grand'Place, and Rue des Clercs.





5:00 PM and 6:15 PM - Saint-Elizabeth Church: CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY LOCAL BANDS

5:00 PM: Mons Saint-Georges Brass Band

6:15 PM: Royal Fanfare of Ghlin

Sunday, December 14, 2025

2:00 - 6:00 PM: Tourist Train through the shopping districts connecting the three magical zones (Grand Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free entry and accessible for people with reduced mobility.

2:00 - 6:00 PM - Christmas Village: Santa, Mrs. Claus and Friends at the Magical Kiosk.

2:00 - 6:00 PM - Shopping Districts: THE CHRISTMAS TEDDIES - Walking, dancing, and playful Christmas bears bring cheer to the streets!



Some shops will open their doors for your holiday shopping!

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

2:00 - 6:00 PM - Christmas Village: Santa, Mrs. Claus and Friends at the Magical Kiosk.

Friday, December 19, 2025

2:00 – 6:00 PM: Tourist Train through the shopping districts connecting the three magical zones (Grand Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free entry and accessible for people with reduced mobility.

5:00 - 9:00 PM - Grand Place: MAKE-A-WISH stand at the foot of the Christmas tree.

Saturday, December 20, 2025

11:00 AM - 9:00 PM - Grand Place: MAKE-A-WISH stand at the foot of the Christmas tree.

2:00 - 6:00 PM - Christmas Village: Santa, Mrs. Claus and Friends at the Magical Kiosk.

2:00 - 6:00 PM: Tourist Train through the shopping districts connecting the three magical zones (Grand Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free entry and accessible for people with reduced mobility.

4:00 - 6:00 PM - Grand Place (Magical Kiosk): Performance by the Gospel Grâce choir.

5:00 PM, 6:15 PM & 7:30 PM - Saint-Elizabeth Church: CHRISTMAS CONCERTS BY LOCAL BANDS - 5:00 PM: Royal Philharmonic of Ghlin; 6:15 PM: Royal Philharmonic of Saint-Symphorien; 7:30 PM: Mons Havré Band "1869"

6:00 PM - Grand Place: ELYSIUM by PYRONIX - A dazzling light show combining LED effects and cold pyrotechnics, for young and old alike. Free and accessible for people with reduced mobility.



Sunday, December 21, 2025

11:00 AM - 9:00 PM - Grand Place: MAKE-A-WISH stand at the foot of the Christmas tree.

2:00 - 6:00 PM: Tourist Train through the shopping districts connecting the three magical zones (Grand Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free entry and accessible for people with reduced mobility.

2:00 - 6:00 PM - Christmas Village: Santa, Mrs. Claus and Friends at the Magical Kiosk.

2:00 - 6:00 PM - Shopping Districts: Stilt walkers and live music bring festive cheer to the streets.

5:30 PM - Place du Chapitre: THE TORCHLIGHT PARADE : Gather at 5:15 PM at the Collegiate church of Saint-Waltrude to collect torches. The parade arrives at the Grand Place around 6:00 PM, where the dean delivers a peace message from the Magical Kiosk, near the traditional nativity scene.



Shops open for your holiday shopping!

Saturday, December 27, 2025

2:00 - 6:00 PM: Tourist Train through the shopping districts connecting the three magical zones (Grand Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free entry and accessible for people with reduced mobility.

2:00 - 6:00 PM - Christmas Village: "Nutcracker" mascots.

2:00 - 5:00 PM - Shopping Districts: Performance by the Gospel Grâce choir.

Sunday, December 28, 2025

2:00 - 6:00 PM: Tourist Train through the shopping districts connecting the three magical zones (Grand Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free entry and accessible for people with reduced mobility.

2:00 - 6:00 PM - Christmas Village: "Nutcracker" mascots.

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM - Christmas Village: NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION - Festive evening with a DJ and midnight fireworks to welcome the new year! Free and open to everyone.

Programme subject to change

THE CHRISTMAS CULTURE PACKAGE

Solo Package (€30): 1 ticket to a museum or exhibition at the Pôle muséal; 1 ticket to a performance or concert at Mars; 1 ticket for a guided tour organized by VisitMons; 1 ticket to a film at Plaza Arthouse Cinema; 1 gift from the VisitMons shop.

Duo Package (€50): 2 tickets to a museum or exhibition at the Pôle muséal; 2 tickets to a performance or concert at Mars; 2 tickets for a guided tour organized by VisitMons; 2 tickets to a film at Plaza Arthouse Cinema; 1 gift from the VisitMons shop.

More info: www.visitmons.be



SOLIDARITY INITIATIVES BY THE CPAS SOLIDARITY CHRISTMAS MARKET & MERRY BOX

Solidarity Christmas Market

The third edition of the CPAS Christmas Market will take place on December 10 and 11, from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the former Saint-Quentin Chapel, Rue Lamir 29-31. The market features about ten stalls from partner associations, small information corners, and a unique cultural space showcasing works by regional artists. Visitors will have the chance to discover original creations from the Social Integral Center "Le Plein Air" (decorative wooden objects, small gifts, and curiosities). Many other surprises await visitors. The opening ceremony is on December 10 at 12:00 PM, with a performance by the children's choir of the Mons Music Academy, presenting some of the most beautiful Christmas songs. This Christmas market is organized in support of the participating associations.

Merry Box

The "Merry Box" initiative returns for its 6th edition! A solidarity project supporting the most vulnerable members of the community. Organized in collaboration with the City of Mons and the CPAS, this initiative grows bigger every year. In December 2024, an impressive 1,340 boxes were collected!

How it works:

Take a shoebox and fill it with small gifts. Boxes can be dropped off from December 1 to 16 at the Reception Center and the citizen houses.

What to put in the box:

- Something warm: scarf, gloves, etc.
- A leisure item
- A thoughtful note
- A treat
- A hygiene product
- For children: toys, sweets, a Christmas wish note, and something warm
- For babies: age-appropriate toys, diapers, and small clothing items Important: Clearly indicate for whom the box is intended: child (girl or boy, age), teenager, man, or woman.

All Merry Boxes are distributed a few days before Christmas to the local partner associations of the CPAS.

A big thank you for your generosity!

More info: www.mons.be

USEFUL INFORMATION

- Christmas Village (Grand Place): December 6 31, 2025
- Christmas Market (Marché aux Herbes) :
 December 6 31, 2025
- Ice Rink (Place Léopold): December 6, 2025
 - January 4, 2026
- Christmas Market (Place Léopold) :
 December 6 31, 2025

Cleanliness of the sites

City stewards and municipal staff ensure the cleanliness of all event sites and shopping streets.

Reusable cups for a cleaner Christmas market!

Drinks are served in reusable cups (glass or reusable plastic) to help maintain cleanliness and reduce intensive cleanup at the end of the evening, especially on weekends.

Public toilets

Mobile toilets are available near the Grand Place, close to the Christmas market.

Public toilets are accessible in the town hall courtyard, Monday to Saturday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM (including toilets for people with reduced mobility).

Paid public toilet (€0.50) located on Rue Samson (corner of the pedestrian zone).

Accessibility for people with reduced mobility

All locations are accessible. Reserved spaces are available at major attractions starting from the Grand Place. The ice rink is accessible thanks to gliding aids, available upon request.

More info: https://www.mons.be/fr/vivre-a-mons/mobilite-et-ges-tion-des-espaces-publics/mobilite/venir-et-se-garer-a-mons/parkings-pbs

GETTING AROUND MONS:

By train

The station is a 10-minute walk from the Grand Place and shopping streets.

- High-speed trains: Paris-Amsterdam, London via Lille or Brussels
- Frequent connections: Mons-Brussels, Mons-La Louvière-Charleroi-Namur-Liège, Mons-Lille. Good connections to Luxembourg, Aachen, Cologne.

Info and schedules: www.belgiantrain.be

By bus

TEC Hainaut buses connect Mons with the region and northern France (Maubeuge)

Info: www.letec.be

By car:

Motorway Paris-Brussels, exit 24 Mons. 1 hour from Lille, 1 hour from Brussels

- Covered parking: Halle and Grand Place (first hour free!)
- Street parking: 2 hours free; free after 5:00 PM Monday-Saturday, all day Sunday
- Near the station: P4 (via Boulevard Charles Quint) and P2 (via Avenue Melina Mercouri)

More info: https://www.monscentreville.be/mobilite-infos-pratiques/ou www.mons.be

By taxi

Several taxi companies operate in Mons at standard rates. Waiting areas are at the Grands-Prés and the train station.

By bike:

Mons city center is easily accessible by bike from surrounding municipalities.

Pro Velo also offers bike rentals from 2 hours to one week.

Would you like to combine your visit to the Christmas market with one of the many exhibitions or a city tour? All tourist information is available at www.visitmons.be (Tourist Office of the City of Mons and the Tourism House of the Mons Region). The visitor center is located at Grand-Place 27 and is open daily from 9:30 AM.

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