

MONS

Cœur en Neige

FROM **5 DECEMBER 2026**
TO **3 JANUARY 2027**



GRAND-PLACE

MARCHÉ AUX HERBES

PLACE LÉOPOLD



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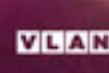
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MONS

Cœur en Neige

22ND EDITION !

3 MAGICAL LOCATIONS FOR ALL AGES



1. Christmas Market

2. Ice rink

3. Christmas Food
And Drink Village

P Covered car parks

P Car parks near the railway

ADCV Mons city centre development
agency

i VisitMons (tourist office)

Public Toilets Public toilets

Charity Chalet (free soup)

The little christmas train

OFFICIAL OPENING ON MONS GRAND-PLACE

Join us on Saturday 5 December at 18:30 at the foot of the Magic Bandstand for the official opening of «Mons Cœur en Neige», in the presence of Mayor Nicolas Martin, members of the Municipal Executive, event designer David Jeanmotte, event ambassadors Jérémy Moriau, and Santa and Mrs Claus!

Following the official speeches, a family-friendly evening with a DJ will continue until 23:00.

Open to everyone, with free admission !

A SHOW TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING! Discover «Parade Amoureuse» (Parade of Love) by the Remue-Ménage company! Departure at 16:30 from the Grand-Place. Free - Accessible to people with reduced mobility.

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Jérémy Moriau



1. GRAND-PLACE, MONS: THE TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

*** The Christmas Market (from 5 December 2026 to 3 January 2027)**

As you explore, discover a wonderful selection of gift ideas: candles, jewellery, handmade creations and many more treasures to place under the Christmas tree. Food lovers are in for a treat too! Cognous, chocolates, spices, cured meats and other delicacies will delight your taste buds, alongside seasonal favourites such as tartiflette, winter sweet treats and hot drinks to enjoy with family or friends. Find the full list of exhibitors here.

List of artisans (product list is not exhaustive)

1. Kreative Jewelry	Gifts: handmade jewellery made in Petit-Enghien and a collection of men's leather bracelets made in Genval.
2. Le Chalet de traverse	Gifts: magic wands, sweets, figurines and more. Discover the world of Harry Potter.
3. Kya Création	Gifts: enchanting natural-stone jewellery, cosplay canes, Steampunk hats, books and dragon figurines, etc.
4. Hook-a-duck	Games for children.
5. Chez Charly	Gifts: porcelain tealight holders and illuminated crystal globes.
6. Symboli-K	Gifts: jewellery made from natural materials (silver, brass, mother-of-pearl, wood, etc.).
7. La Boutique du Chat	Jewellery, candles, kimonos, crochet creations and more; all handmade with a cat theme.
8. Loun Bags	Leather goods: unique, colourful and original items.
9. Les 3 petits savons	Gifts: natural beauty products such as soaps, perfumes, body lotions, etc. Marseille soaps and donkey-milk soaps.
10. Maeri & Bellistri's	Personalised dog collars, balaclavas/gloves/mittens/fingerless gloves, beanies/hats, jumpers, pyjamas, accessories, candles, etc.
11. Kelly Hallaert	Gifts: hats, headbands and other Christmas accessories, licensed soft toys.
12. Carterie et Découverte	Gifts: Christmas decorations, presents, fragrances and teas, Christmas textiles.
13. Aux fantaisies d'Aramite	Gifts: handmade fashion jewellery and fashion accessories.
14. Ma Gâtée Bijoux	Gifts: stainless-steel jewellery with natural stones.
15. Tête de choco	A sweet treat made with a wafer base and mousse, coated in chocolate and available in 25 varieties.
16. Les Gayettes	Les Gayettes du Pays Noir chocolates in several varieties.
17. La Maison du Cougnou	Handmade cougnous and cookies.
18. Kingaufra	Liège waffles, crêpes, hot chocolate and coffee.
19. Candy Paradise	Candy floss, toffee apples, caramelised peanuts, popcorn, nougat, waffles and crêpes, etc.

20. La Cabane à Mario	Food specialties: Canadian maple-syrup specialties and gifts (recipe books, candles, etc.).
21. Janka	Food specialties: handmade pastries including brioche French toast, sugar-rimmed shortbread biscuits, jams and caramels, spiced honey cake, etc.
22. Au comptoir des Indes	Artisan spice and tea blends, customisable gift boxes.
23. Mayta	Peruvian empanadas, Christmas treats: dulce de leche shortbread biscuits, purple-corn drink, hot herbal drinks, South American soft drinks, etc.
24. L'Herbieristerie	Food specialties: herbal products and teas made in their workshop in Ath, accessories, smudging supplies and esoteric products.
25. La Ferme de Bouret	Food specialties: duck breasts, smoked ham joints, saucissons, dry-cured sausages, etc. Direct from their farm in Braine-le-Comte.
26. Lefèvre - Dupont	Food specialties: terrines, pastry-crustéd pâté, Christmas sausages, foie gras, saucissons, etc.
27. Churros Alvarez	Food specialties: churros and buñuelos.
28. Maxime's	Food and drink: Greek pitta, Diôle Christmas beer, hot chocolate, péket, Irish coffee, Jagermeister, etc.
29. Le Carillon	Food and drink: tartiflette, sauerkraut, hot dogs and chicken burgers, Délirium Christmas beer, mulled wine and hot chocolate, etc.
30. Taverne Henri	Food and drink: jumbo Christmas sausage, hamburgers, péket, Saint Feuillien Christmas beer, beer gift packs, etc.
31. Le Copenhagen	Food and drink: Savoyard-style tacos, croque-monsieur in all its variations, Saint-Feuillien beers, mulled wine, hot chocolate, etc.
32. Pastella	Food and drink: pastiflette, Alpine-style bruschetta, fried pizza-dough bites with Nutella, fried gnocchi, squid skewers, etc.
33. Le Teddy's	Food and drink: homemade croquettes, arrosticini, Vranken Champagne, Paix Dieu, Cuvée Teddy's, etc.
34. L'Art des Mets	Food and drink: oysters, foie gras, smoked salmon, Belgian royal caviar, hot dogs, champagne, white wine, etc.
35. Le Chalet Catalan	Food and drink: tapas platters, Cava and Catalan wines, cocktails made with Catalan wines, etc.
36. La Manitas	Food and drink: Ruffus, shots, mulled wine and hot chocolate, péket, La Montoise beer, etc.
37. Le Hype	Food and drink: Christmas croque-monsieur, eggnog, mulled wine, hot chocolate, Christmas Spritz and other cocktails, shots, cinnamon rolls, etc.
38. La Cervoise	Food and drink: beers, péket, mulled wine and hot chocolate, Flemish beef stew, etc.
39. Le Get à pinte	Food and drink: potato with foie gras, porchetta sandwiches, raclette sandwiches, A l'ancienne Triple Christmas beer, Urine, mulled wine, Esprit d'Orge, Chartreuse, etc.
40. L'Alhambar	Food and drink: soup bar, Mont des Anges, Scotch beer, Kasteel, infused rum, etc.
41. La Pampa	Food and drink: Argentinian specialties such as sandwiches, empanadas and locro, mulled wine, Myo wine, etc.
42. Le Verde	Food and drink: Brazilian beef steak sandwiches, halal chicken fillet sandwiches, Bombardino, Bellini, hot Spritz, etc.
43. Ma'Breizh	Food and drink: Breton galettes, hot cider, Chimay beers, etc.
44. Domaine du Chant d'Eole	Food and drink: Chant d'Eole, Elixir Saint-Georges, Belgian Eole Spritz, etc.
45. Le Chinchin	Food and drink: Chinchin and its variations, Faluche du Montagnard, lemon tartlet with Chinchin (Matouroux), Crémant, etc.
46. Les Bronzés	Food and drink: Les Bronzés burger, arrosticini, onion soup, Christmas sausage, Gauflette, mulled wine, cocktails, hot chocolate, beers, Irish coffee, Les Bronzés cocktail, Saint-Lazare, etc.

Christmas Market dates and opening hours - Grand-Place Mons

Open daily from 5 December 2026 to 3 January 2027. Closed on 25 December 2026 and 1 January 2027.

Sunday to Wednesday: 11:00-20:00 (extended opening permitted until 23:00).

Thursday to Saturday: 11:00-21:00 (extended opening permitted until 01:00).

24 December: 11:00-16:00 (extended opening permitted until 20:00).

31 December: 11:00-16:00 (no extended opening permitted). New Year's Eve party from 22:00.



Also at the Christmas Market:

- * **The large Christmas Tower**, serving seasonal snacks and hot drinks.

- * **3 pop-up artisan chalets: a celebration of creativity and craftsmanship!**
At the heart of the Christmas Market, discover chalets specially dedicated to passionate makers who take turns sharing their creative worlds and their work. Crafts, jewellery, candles, decorations, customisable gifts and original creations: plenty of inspiration for finding a unique gift to put under the tree, or simply treating yourself!

* **The Charity Chalet:** do a good deed by visiting the volunteers at this chalet dedicated to promoting charitable organisations supporting animal welfare, young people, vulnerable children and more. Every day: free soup from 11:00 to 19:30, with support from the National Lottery.

Programme (subject to change):

- *Scouts de Cuesmes (Scouting is a worldwide youth movement based on learning by doing, outdoor life and service to others).*
- *Au Bonheur Animal non-profit association (Au Bonheur Animal works to protect animals and promote their welfare).*
- *Maison des Jeunes de Mons (A welcoming space offering activities for young people, generally aged 12 to 26).*
- *Le Chalet des Hirschons (An accredited CREAVES wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre dedicated exclusively to hedgehogs. It also provides information and advice to people who have found other species).*
- *Oxfam (A shop in Mons offering a wide range of second-hand clothes, shoes and accessories).*
- *Gaia (Belgium's most influential animal protection organisation and one of its best known).*
- *La Pilerie (A residential centre for people with disabilities).*
- *Les Petits Vieux (A retirement home for animals).*
- *Nothing But Pets (A collective for animal lovers).*
- *Jeunes Socialistes de Mons-Borinage (A political youth movement).*
- *Chat-Bidou (An association that supports small organisations by providing food).*
- *La Ligue Belge de la Sclérose en Plaques (Promoting the well-being and quality of life of people living with multiple sclerosis).*

* **The Magic Bandstand:** meet Santa and Mrs Claus and their friends every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 14:00 to 18:00*. *9, 12, 13, 16, 19, 20 and 23 December.

* **Enchanting decorations and illuminations:** marvel at the Grand-Place, decorated and lit up for the occasion with magical lights, the «King of the Forest» (from the Belgian Ardennes), the Christmas nativity scene, themed decorations and more.

* **The Enchanted Christmas Tree Ride for all ages:** climb aboard this spectacular attraction combining the magic of a traditional fairground ride with the enchanting world of Christmas.

* *The carousel and hook-a-duck for the little ones.*

2. MARCHÉ AUX HERBES: CHRISTMAS FOOD AND DRINK VILLAGE AND A CANOPY OF LIGHTS

* **Just a stone's throw from the Grand-Place**, discover a small Christmas village with a more intimate atmosphere, offering hot drinks and seasonal snacks. Organised by the businesses of the Marché aux Herbes.

* Featuring a canopy of lights.

Christmas Food and Drink Village dates and opening hours (subject to change):

Open daily from 5 December 2026 to 3 January 2027. Closed on 25 December 2026 and 1 January 2027.

Sunday to Wednesday: 11:00-20:00 (extended opening permitted until 23:00).

Thursday to Saturday: 11:00-21:00 (extended opening permitted until 01:00).

Christmas Eve, 24 December: 11:00-16:00 (extended opening permitted until 20:00).

New Year's Eve, 31 December: 11:00-16:00 (extended opening permitted until 20:00).



3. PLACE LÉOPOLD: A REAL ICE RINK!

*** A 600 m² covered ice rink!** Enjoy a 600 m² real ice rink for children and adults alike! A covered area is provided for putting on skates (EU sizes 32 to 46). Double-bladed skates are available to help the youngest skaters get started. Skate hire is included in the admission price, but you are also welcome to bring your own skates.

People with reduced mobility are welcome on the ice rink, with skating seats available on request.

Ice rink admission (skate hire included): under 12: €7/hour; over 12: €10/hour.

Ice rink dates and opening hours:

Open from 5 December 2026 to 3 January 2027 inclusive (closed on 25 December and 1 January 2027).

Sunday to Wednesday: 11:00-20:00 (opening permitted until 23:00).

Thursday to Saturday: 11:00-21:00 (opening permitted until 01:00).

24 December: 11:00-16:00 (opening permitted until 20:00).

31 December: 11:00-16:00 (opening permitted until 20:00).

*** Featuring the Christmas Luna Park.**

*** Decorations and illuminations: a large illuminated natural Christmas tree and the «I Love Mons» lettering.**



THE LITTLE CHRISTMAS TRAIN

courtesy of Google

Climb aboard the train for a ride through the city-centre streets, linking the 3 magical locations: the Grand-Place, Place Léopold and the Marché aux Herbes.

On 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27 December 2026, and 2 and 3 January 2027, from 14:00 to 20:00. Free and accessible to people with reduced mobility.



CHRISTMAS ATMOSPHERE IN THE SHOPPING DISTRICTS

In December, discover or rediscover the shopping districts in a warm and welcoming atmosphere!

* **FREE ROAMING ENTERTAINMENT:** experience the magic of Christmas through colourful free performances: stilt walkers, brass bands, illuminated shows and more. Find the full programme here: [link to the events calendar page](#).

* **SUNDAY SHOP OPENINGS:** make the most of Sunday opening in the city-centre shops on 6, 13 and 20 December to find gifts, prepare for the celebrations and do your festive shopping in a warm and cheerful atmosphere!

Some shops will also open on Sunday 3 January 2027 for the winter sales! Find all city-centre shops at www.monscentreville.be

* **THEMED STREET DECORATIONS:** natural Christmas trees placed near the shops give the shopping streets a unique atmosphere!

«THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS SHOP WINDOW» COMPETITION

Vote for your favourite shop window for a chance to win 4 tickets to Disneyland Paris!

From 5 to 26 December 2026, explore the participating city-centre shops and choose the most beautiful window display!

Look out for the «Je participe» («I'm taking part») stickers in participating shop windows. Choose your favourite display and vote by placing your entry form in one of the ballot boxes at VisitMons (Grand-Place), at the reception of the Mons City Centre Development Agency (Îlot Grand-Place), or at the Charity Chalet in the Grand-Place Christmas Market.

ENTERTAINMENT NOT TO BE MISSED!

Saturday 5 December 2026

11:00 - MONS CŒUR EN NEIGE OPENS

14:00-20:00 - Shopping districts: LITTLE CHRISTMAS TRAIN courtesy of Google, linking the 3 magical locations (Grand-Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free and accessible to people with reduced mobility.

15:00-19:00 - CHRISTMAS VILLAGE: «NUTCRACKER» MASCOTS.

16:30 - DEPARTING FROM THE GRAND-PLACE: PARADE AMOUREUSE - A herd of stags and does perform surprising dances in an ode to love and a tribute to nature. An illuminated street spectacle in motion, interspersed with choreographed scenes performed at fixed locations.

18:00-18:30 - GRAND-PLACE: GOSPEL GRACE CHOIR ON THE MAGIC BANDSTAND.

18:30 - GRAND-PLACE (MAGIC BANDSTAND): OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CHRISTMAS MARKET, in the presence of the Mayor of Mons, Mr Nicolas Martin, members of the Municipal Executive, event designer David Jeanmotte, Santa and Mrs Claus, and event ambassador Jérémy Moriau.

19:00-23:00 - grand-place: DJ NIGHT - RTBF VIVACITÉ. Free and open to everyone!



Jérémy Moriau



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Sunday 6 December 2026

14:00-20:00 - SHOPPING DISTRICTS: LITTLE CHRISTMAS TRAIN
COURTESY OF GOOGLE, linking the 3 magical locations (Grand-Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free and accessible to people with reduced mobility.

14:00-18:00 - CHRISTMAS VILLAGE: SAINT NICHOLAS, PÈRE FOUETTARD AND THEIR FRIENDS ON THE MAGIC BANDSTAND.
Give Saint Nicholas a toy in good condition that you no longer use to bring joy to vulnerable children, and receive a surprise (for the first 100 participants). The toys will be passed on to the City of Mons CPAS. Soft toys, puzzles and battery-operated toys are not accepted.

A NEW SHOW: ETHERYS - 16:30-17:00, 17:45-18:15 and 19:00-19:30 -
Departing from the Grand-Place towards the shopping streets. An illuminated roaming performance featuring creatures on stilts from a future in which humanity lives in harmony with nature. Through their displays of light, they bring a message of hope, peace and unity.

SOME SHOPS WILL BE OPEN FOR YOUR FESTIVE SHOPPING!



Wednesday 9 December 2026

12:00-18:00 - Pôle d'Accueil (29-31 Rue Lamir, 7000 Mons): MONS CPAS CHARITY CHRISTMAS MARKET. In support of the CPAS partner associations.

14:00-18:00 - Christmas Village: SANTA & MRS CLAUS AND THEIR FRIENDS ON THE MAGIC BANDSTAND.

Thursday 10 December 2026

MONS CITY CENTRE: CHRISTMAS QUEST: A team orienteering race organised by MADRES, a nonprofit association, in a friendly and festive Christmas atmosphere! Equipped with a map, participants will need to use their navigation and reasoning skills to rise to the challenge. Registration and information: <https://cq.madresasbl.be>

Friday 11 December 2026

14:30-17:00 - GRAND-PLACE: LES AMBASSADEURS ON RTBF VIVACITÉ RADIO: the programme broadcasts live from Mons Cœur en Neige.

Two hostesses will also hand out VivaCité Christmas hats across the three Mons Cœur en Neige sites.

19:00-23:00 - GRAND-PLACE: DJ NIGHT. Free and open to everyone!

Saturday 12 December 2026

14:00-20:00 - SHOPPING DISTRICTS: LITTLE CHRISTMAS TRAIN COURTESY OF GOOGLE, linking the 3 magical locations (Grand-Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free and accessible to people with reduced mobility.

14:00-20:00 - CHRISTMAS VILLAGE: VIVA FOR LIFE CHALLENGE: Tipik speculoos biscuits on sale in the presence of TIPIK presenters.

14:00-18:00 - Christmas Village: SANTA & MRS CLAUS AND THEIR FRIENDS on the Magic Bandstand.

From 16:00 - Belfry park: CHRISTMAS AT THE BELFRY: come to the Belfry Park to celebrate Christmas with family or friends in a welcoming atmosphere. The programme includes a creative workshop, a carillon concert, entertainment, Christmas carols, a brass band and Santa's descent from the top of the Belfry at 18:00. Drinks and snacks will be on sale in the Belfry park and at the Youth Hostel, which will host an artisan market. An event organised by the City of Mons in collaboration with the Quartier du Beffroi non-profit association, Mons Youth Hostel, La Farandole, La Compagnie des Hallebardiers and the Mons City Centre Development Agency.

Information and full programme: www.visitmons.be

17:00-18:00 - Departing from Place Léopold: THE WALK OF LIGHTS: this procession takes participants from Place Léopold to the Belfry, with music and lights along the way. The lanterns are made in collaboration with the Maison Citoyenne de Mons. Route (approximately 1 km): Rue Rogier, Rue de la Petite Guirlande, Rue des Capucins, pedestrian Grand'Rue, Rue des Fripiers, Rue de la Coupe, Grand-Place and Rue des Clercs.



Sunday 13 December 2026

START AT 11 AM: GRAND-PLACE: JINGLE RUN - CORRIDA: A 5 or 10 km run (2 laps) starting from the Grand-Place and taking you past some of the city centre's iconic landmarks: Belfry Park, Place du Parc, Place

14:00-20:00 - Shopping districts: LITTLE CHRISTMAS TRAIN courtesy of Google, linking the 3 magical locations (Grand-Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free and accessible to people with reduced mobility.

14:00-18:00 - Christmas Village: SANTA & MRS CLAUS AND THEIR FRIENDS on the Magic Bandstand.

14:00-18:00 - CHRISTMAS VILLAGE: JAZZ CONCERT by Martyne Heutte on the Magic Bandstand. Let Martyne H's warm voice carry you away in a concert blending jazz and gospel sounds. The artist will revisit much-loved Christmas classics in French and English.

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Wednesday 16 December 2026

14:00-18:00 - Christmas Village: SANTA & MRS CLAUS AND THEIR FRIENDS on the Magic Bandstand.

Friday 18 December 2026

19:00-23:00 - GRAND-PLACE: DJ NIGHT. Free and open to everyone!

Saturday 19 December 2026

14:00-20:00 - Shopping districts: LITTLE CHRISTMAS TRAIN courtesy of Google, linking the 3 magical locations (Grand-Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free and accessible to people with reduced mobility.

14:00-18:00 - Christmas Village: SANTA & MRS CLAUS AND THEIR FRIENDS on the Magic Bandstand.

14:00-18:00 - GOSPEL GRACE Choir at the junction of Rue Samson and the pedestrian shopping street.

18:00-19:00 - Place Léopold: PYRONIX special MCN 2026 show: an illuminated performance with cold pyrotechnics and LEDs for all ages. Free and accessible to people with reduced mobility.

Sainte-Waudru Collegiate Church: **“PINOCCHIO” BY LUC PETIT**: an enchanting show inspired by Carlo Collodi’s famous tale. Let yourself be swept away by this magical adventure, combining poetry, music and emotion in an exceptional setting!

Sunday 20 December 2026

14:00-20:00 - Shopping districts: LITTLE CHRISTMAS TRAIN courtesy of Google, linking the 3 magical locations (Grand-Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free and accessible to people with reduced mobility.

14:00-16:00 - Christmas Village: SANTA & MRS CLAUS AND THEIR FRIENDS on the Magic Bandstand.

16:30-18:30 - Place du Chapitre: THE TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION: meet at 17:15 at Sainte-Waudru Collegiate Church for the distribution of torches. Arrival on the Grand-Place at around 17:45, where the Dean will deliver his message of peace from the Magic Bandstand, near the traditional nativity scene.

16:45-18:30 - AVE MARIA PERFORMED BY AN OPERA SINGER, and traditional Christmas carols by the Allegre Voci Choir.

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SHOPS OPEN FOR YOUR FESTIVE SHOPPING!

Tuesday 22 December 2026

15:30-19:20 - CHRISTMAS VILLAGE: VIVA FOR LIFE TOUR: a charity event founded by RTBF in 2013, raising funds to combat child poverty in Belgium's French-speaking Community. The Viva for Life Airstream will be set up at the heart of Mons Cœur en Neige for the first time.

Sainte-Waudru Collegiate Church: "PINOCCHIO" BY LUC PETIT: an enchanting show inspired by Carlo Collodi's famous tale. Let yourself be swept away by this magical adventure, combining poetry, music and emotion in an exceptional setting!

Wednesday 23 December 2026

14:00-18:00 - Christmas Village: SANTA & MRS CLAUS AND THEIR FRIENDS on the Magic Bandstand.

Sainte-Waudru Collegiate Church: "PINOCCHIO" BY LUC PETIT: an enchanting show inspired by Carlo Collodi's famous tale. Let yourself be swept away by this magical adventure, combining poetry, music and emotion in an exceptional setting!

Saturday 26 December 2026

14:00-20:00 - Shopping districts: LITTLE CHRISTMAS TRAIN COURTESY OF GOOGLE, linking the 3 magical locations (Grand-Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free and accessible to people with reduced mobility.

14:00-18:00 - Christmas Village: «NUTCRACKER» MASCOTS.

Sunday 27 December 2026

14:00-20:00 - Shopping districts: LITTLE CHRISTMAS TRAIN COURTESY OF GOOGLE, linking the 3 magical locations (Grand-Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free and accessible to people with reduced mobility.

14:00-18:00 - GOSPEL SINGING ON THE BANDSTAND.

14:00-18:00 - Christmas Village: «**NUTCRACKER**» **MASCOTS**.

Wednesday 30 December 2026

14:00-18:00 - Christmas Village: «**NUTCRACKER**» **MASCOTS**.

Thursday 31 December 2026

22:00-02:00 - Christmas Village: **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**: a festive evening with a DJ and fireworks at midnight to welcome in the New Year! Free and open to everyone.

Saturday 2 January 2027

14:00-20:00 - Shopping districts: **LITTLE CHRISTMAS TRAIN COURTESY OF GOOGLE**, linking the 3 magical locations (Grand-Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free and accessible to people with reduced mobility.

15:00-16:00 and 17:00-18:00 - **VENICE CARNIVAL-THEMED ROAMING PERFORMERS**. We are delighted to welcome the Passione Veneziana non-profit association, a troupe with a passion for all things Venetian. With Christmas behind us, this will be an opportunity to celebrate the approach of Carnival with a colourful procession inspired by the traditions and elegance of the Venice Carnival.

14:00-18:00 - Christmas Village: «**NUTCRACKER**» **MASCOTS**.

Sunday 3 January 2027

14:00-20:00 - Shopping districts: **LITTLE CHRISTMAS TRAIN COURTESY OF GOOGLE**, linking the 3 magical locations (Grand-Place, Place Léopold, Marché aux Herbes). Free and accessible to people with reduced mobility.

14:00-18:00 - Christmas Village: «**NUTCRACKER**» **MASCOTS**.

**ALSO: THE LOTTO VAN WILL BE ON THE GRAND-PLACE
FROM 21 TO 30 DECEMBER!**

Programma onder voorbehoud van wijzigingen.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT INITIATIVES BY THE CPAS CHARITY CHRISTMAS MARKET & MERRY BOX

MERRY BOX INITIATIVE

The «Merry Box» initiative returns for its 7th edition, bringing support to the most disadvantaged. Organised jointly by the City of Mons and its CPAS (Public Centre for Social Welfare), this initiative grows bigger every year.

The idea is simple: take a shoebox and fill it with small gifts. Drop it off at the Pôle d'Accueil (Rue Lamir 29-31, 7000 Mons) between 1 and 15 December. What can you put in your box?

- Something to keep someone warm: a scarf, gloves, etc.
- Something for leisure or entertainment.
- A thoughtful note.
- A comforting treat.
- A personal hygiene product.
- For children, this could of course be a toy with some sweets, a short festive greeting and something to keep them warm. For babies, boxes can contain age-appropriate toys, nappies and small items of clothing.

Please clearly state who your box is intended for: a child (girl or boy, and their age), a teenager, a man or a woman. All Merry Boxes will be distributed to local CPAS partner organisations a few days before Christmas.

A heartfelt thank you in advance for your generosity!

INFORMATION:

www.mons.be

www.cpasmons.be



CHARITY CHRISTMAS MARKET

The third edition of the CPAS Christmas Market will take place on 9 December from 12:00 to 18:00 at the Pôle d'Accueil, 29-31 Rue Lamir. It will feature around ten stalls run by partner associations, Irish coffee and Christmas beers for sale, and a new cultural area showcasing work by local artists. Discover original creations from the «Le Plein Air» social and vocational integration centre (decorative wooden objects, small gifts and novelty items). Many more surprises await visitors.

Official opening on 9 December at 12:00.

This Christmas Market is held in support of the CPAS partner associations.

You can also drop off your Merry Box, which will be distributed to local associations. A simple gesture to help others!

INFORMATION: www.mons.be - www.cpas.mons.be.



09.12.2026 | 12H - 18H

4^{ème} ÉDITION

MARCHÉ de NOËL SOLIDAIRE

+ point de collecte « Merry Box »

Inauguration
9 DÉCEMBRE À 12H

Pôle d'accueil
RUE LAMIR 29-31
7000 MONS

Stands associatifs et artisanat / Espace culturel /
Vente d'objets en bois et créations diverses du CISP
Au profit des associations solidaires partenaires du CPAS
Infos : 065 412 312 - www.cpas.mons.be

Boissons :
Irish Coffee
Bières de Noël

CPAS MONS

Éditeur responsable : Nicolas Wilschberger - Président du CPAS de Mons - Rue de Nazareth 13 7000 Mons

COMBINE CULTURE AND LEISURE

Keep the magic of Mons Cœur en Neige alive with a museum visit!

Between strolls through the illuminated streets and a visit to the Christmas Market, step inside CAP, the Mons Museum of Fine Arts, to discover the exhibition «Marc Chagall - Matières».

Explore the artist's colourful, poetic world through more than 200 works and documents, spanning painting, ceramics, stained glass and tapestry. A wonderful cultural outing to share during the festive season!

- CAP - Mons Museum of Fine Arts (Rue Neuve 8, 7000 Mons)
- Exhibition from 10 October 2026 to 14 February 2027.



USEFUL INFORMATION

- * **Christmas Market (Grand-Place): 5 December 2026 to 3 January 2027.**
- * **Christmas Food and Drink Village (Marché aux Herbes): 5 December 2026 to 3 January 2027.**
- * **Ice rink (Place Léopold): 5 December 2026 to 3 January 2027.**

Keeping the sites clean

City-centre stewards and municipal staff work to keep the various sites and shopping districts clean.

Reusable drinkware for a cleaner Christmas Market!

Drinks are served in reusable containers (glasses or reusable cups). This helps keep the site cleaner and avoids intensive cleaning at the end of the evening, particularly at weekends.

Public toilets

Portable toilets are available to the public in the Îlot de la Grand-Place, near the Christmas Market.

Public toilets are available in the Town Hall courtyard, Monday to Saturday from 10:00 to 18:00 (including an accessible toilet).

A paid public toilet (€0.50) is located on Rue Samson, at the junction with the pedestrian shopping street.

People with reduced mobility

The various sites are accessible to people with reduced mobility.

A designated area is reserved for people with reduced mobility or disabilities for the main performances departing from the Grand-Place.

People with reduced mobility are welcome on the ice rink, with skating seats available on request.

Where to park? <https://www.mons.be/fr/vivre-a-mons/mobilite-et-gestion-des-espaces-publics/mobilite/venir-et-se-garer-a-mons/parkings-pbs>

GETTING TO MONS

By train

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

- High-speed TGV connections on the Paris-Amsterdam route and to London via Lille or Brussels.
- Frequent trains: Mons-Brussels, Mons-La Louvière-Charleroi-Namur-Liège (two per hour), and Mons-Lille. Good connections with Luxembourg, Aachen and Cologne.

Timetable information: <https://www.belgiantrain.be/fr>

By bus

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

Routes and timetables: <https://www.letec.be/>

By car

Paris-Brussels motorway, exit 24 Mons. One hour from Lille and one hour from Brussels.

- In the «Halle» and «Grand-Place» covered car parks, the first hour of parking is free!
- On-street parking: two hours of free parking! Parking is free from 17:00 Monday to Saturday, and all day on Sunday!
- Near the railway station: P4 car park (access via Boulevard Charles Quint) and P2 car park (access via Avenue Melina Mercouri).

Full details of city-centre parking: <https://www.monscentreville.be/mobilite-in-fos-pratiques/> or www.mons.be

By taxi

Several taxi companies operate in Mons and charge the same rates. Taxi ranks are located at Les Grands-Prés and the railway station.

By bicycle

Mons city centre is easily accessible by bicycle from the surrounding municipalities. Pro Velo also offers bicycle hire for periods ranging from 2 hours to one week and provides all the practical information you need.

Would you like to combine your visit to the Christmas Market with one of the many exhibitions or a tour of the city? Find all tourist information at www.visitmons.be (City of Mons Tourist Office and Mons Region Tourist Office). The visitor information office is at 27 Grand-Place and opens every day from 09:30.



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