

## 電子報四\_Carnival



### Carnival Maastricht programme

In 2018, the Maastricht Carnival programme was as follows:

➤ Saturday, February 10

As a prelude to the festival, Prince Carnival is picked up at the station at 1.11pm, followed by a festive parade to city hall, where a festive reception will be held in the evening.

➤ Sunday, February 11

The Prince's Flag is raised, and at 12.11pm, 11 cannon shots start the Carnival. At 1.33pm, the big parade starts at Maastricht Central Station and processes through the city centre.

➤ Monday, February 12

Carnival Monday is Family Day in Maastricht, with a family parade at 2.11pm.

➤ Tuesday, February 13

Parade the Zate Hermeniekes Concours passes by throughout the day, starting at 12.30pm.

- Central Station

At 1.11pm on the Saturday before Carnival, Prince Carnival is given a festive welcome at the Central Station, after which he leads a parade from the station to the Markt. Central Station also serves as the starting point for a great many Carnival participants, and many cafes can be found in the area.

- Markt/City Hall

The Markt is where the Key Ceremony traditionally takes place, although this event is accessible by invitation only. In addition, every Carnival evening at 8.33pm, the Cramignon dance starts on the Markt, and everyone can accompany the brass band and experience the ultimate Carnival sensation in the streets. The Markt is also home to the Mooswief, a statue of the patroness of the Maastricht, and many vibrant cafes line the square.

- Vrijthof

Vrijthof Square is the beating heart of Maastricht during Carnival. Alongside the passage of the grand Carnival parade, the kaleidoscope of festive sights and sounds and the multitude of crowded cafes, a variety of special Carnival festivities also take place here. Carnival is officially opened at the Vrijthof on Sunday, by shots fired from the “Momus cannon” and by raising a Mooswief doll on a high pole. On Carnival Tuesday, the Zate Hermeniekes Concours (brass bands competition) also takes place at the Vrijthof.

- Onze Lieve Vrouweplein

Considered by many to be the most beautiful square in Maastricht, this area is a magnet for many Carnival goers. In the chapel of the Onze Lieve Vrouwebasiliek (Basilica of Our Lady), you can also light a candle during Carnival. Areas that feature great celebrations are the Stokstraat district, the Jeker district, the Tongersestraat, the Wolfstraat and the Bredestraat.