

Frequently asked questions

King's Day Maastricht 2020

Visitors

During the Royal Family's visit to Maastricht, we plan to give the rest of the Netherlands a fantastic impression of life in our city and region. We will be announcing the programme of activities along the Royal route at a special press conference in March. But, of course, there will also be plenty of other things to do here during King's Day Maastricht. Below we tell you more about that.

From flea market to fireworks

The traditional flea market in Stadspark is being held as usual, but at a different location. To make room for the Royal visit, this year we are shifting the flea market towards Poort Waerachtig on Begijnenstraat. From there, the market stretches all the way to the Tapijnkazerne. Shops in the city centre are also open from 12 noon on King's Day.

In and around the city centre, you can enjoy numerous events during King's Day Maastricht. The programme along the Royal route continues until 19:00 hrs, long after the departure of the Royal Family. And we will be concluding this unforgettable day with an amazing firework display at De Griend.

Residents

Residents in the city centre will need to bear in mind that traffic restrictions are necessary to ensure that, like other major events, King's Day is a party for everyone. For example, part of the city centre will be closed to motor vehicles between 11:00 hrs on Sunday 26 April and 19:00 hrs on Monday 27 April. Ground-level car parks, multistorey car parks, and parking spaces within the restricted area will be closed, and motorists cannot drive in or out. View the map with the Royal route and traffic restrictions [here](#).

As a resident, you are sure to have questions about King's Day Maastricht. Below are those we are asked most frequently, with their answers.

- **I live on the Royal route. Can I reach my front door during King's Day?**
Yes, your front door will remain accessible on foot.
- **I use a mobility scooter. Will I be able to pass through the barriers?**
We are aiming to keep vantage points along the route as accessible as possible, but please bear in mind that you may be hindered by crowds and narrow streets.
- **Can I invite visitors?**
No problem, we hope you and your guests enjoy a fantastic King's Day Maastricht together!
- **I want to open my home to the press/public/spectators. Is that permitted?**
Yes, you can make your home available, but you are responsible for safety. For example, you may need to limit the number of people who can stand at a window or follow the festivities from a balcony.
- **I need home care. Will this be affected by King's Day Maastricht?**
Home care and other outreach services are being updated on the situation by the community health service (GGD). Your visits should not be affected.
- **Can the emergency services reach my home?**
Yes, the emergency services are closely involved in the organization of King's Day Maastricht. Your home is always accessible if necessary.
- **What about refuse collection?**

The recycling containers in the city centre will be until 7:00 PM on Sunday 26 April. They will then be closed until 7:00 AM on Tuesday 28 April.

- **I always park my car in the garage at my home. Can it stay there?**

Ground-level car parks, multistorey car parks, and parking spaces in the city centre will be closed between 11:00 AM on Sunday 26 April and 7:00 PM on Monday 27 April. Cars already parked can remain there, but you won't be able to drive out during the aforementioned times.

Businesses

Shops, cafés, and restaurants in the city centre can expect an exceptionally busy but very enjoyable King's Day Maastricht. Within the restricted area along the Royal route, however, they will need to plan well in advance. Deliveries must be received no later than Sunday morning, 26 April. And both customers and staff will have to park further away or come in by bicycle or on foot. Below are the questions we are asked most frequently by businesses, with their answers.

- **What are our permitted opening hours during King's Day Maastricht?**

King's Day Maastricht is a national holiday, so the Sunday regulations for businesses apply. Shops, cafés, and restaurants may observe their regular Sunday hours.

- **Will my business be accessible during King's Day Maastricht?**

Shops, cafés, and restaurants can always be reached on foot. Please make sure that you receive all you necessary deliveries in time, before 11:00 hrs on Sunday 26 April.

- **Can I open my premises to the press/public/spectators?**

Yes, you can make your premises available, but you are responsible for safety. For example, you may need to limit the number of people who can stand at a window or follow the festivities from a balcony.

- **Can I set up a terrace?**

If you do not already have a valid terrace permit, this is strictly forbidden. If you do have a permit, there is also a possibility that you will not be able to set up your terrace. If this is case, we will contact you well in advance.

- **Can I sell food/alcohol along the Royal route?**

No. There is a blanket ban on street trading of food and alcohol in Maastricht city centre on King's Day.

- **Can I organize a party in the afternoon?**

It's great that you want to add to the fun on King's Day Maastricht! If you need a permit for your party, you must apply at least eight weeks in advance. This means that your application for an event on King's Day itself must be received no later than 2 March.

- **Can I organize an event in the weekend before King's Day?**

Thank you for helping make the run-up to King's Day Maastricht enjoyable! Please check whether you need a permit for your event and, if you do, make sure that you apply on time: at least eight weeks in advance. Applications for events on Friday 24 April must be received no later than 28 February, those for Saturday 25 April no later than 29 February, and those for Sunday 26 April no later than 1 March.