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## Special points of interest:

- Upcoming festivals

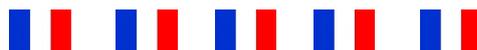
## La Tomatina



La Tomatina is a festival held on the **last Wednesday of August** each year in the town of **Buñol in the Valencia region of Spain**. Many people come from all over the world to throw one hundred tons of over-ripe tomatoes in the streets. This is purely for entertainment.



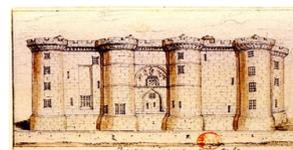
## La Fête Nationale



One of the most important dates in France is the **14 July**. This is known as **Bastille Day** and it is a national holiday. In France it is called **La Fête Nationale**. It is a celebration of the storming of the **prison in Paris called Bastille Saint-Antoine on 14 July 1789**. The storming of the Bastille is called *La Prise de la Bastille* in French.

On that day, angry peasants invaded the prison, released the prisoners (there were only a few prisoners inside at the time) and seized the weapons stored there. This was the beginning of the French Revolution.

The poor people hated the Bastille because so many had been imprisoned there without having a fair trial. Nowadays, on 14 July, there is a big parade in Paris, the French flag flies from L'Arc de Triomphe and there are celebrations and fireworks all over France.



## San Fermin



The festival of San Fermín is a week long, historically rooted celebration held annually in the city of **Pamplona, Navarra, in northern Spain**. The celebrations start at **noon on 6 July** and continue until **midnight on 14 July**. A firework starts off the celebrations and the popular song **Pobre de mí** is sung at the end. The most famous event is the **running of the bulls** which starts at 8 in the morning from 6 to 14 July, but the festival involves many other traditional and folkloric events. It is known locally as Sanfermines and is held in honour of Saint Fermin, the co-patron of Navarre.

