

EUROPE
SUMMER
SPAN
LA TOMANITA FESTIVAL



• *Dates of Organizations:*



✚ *La Tomatina festival in Spanish called the festival of tomatoes, is the largest fruit-throwing festival in Europe, and is held on the last Wednesday of August in the town of Bunol, Valencia City, Spain.*



✚ A week-long festival in the town of Bunol, Valencian, Spain. However, the special thing is that only about 8% of Spaniards participate in the festival, the rest are mostly tourists from Australia, Japan, the UK and the US.

● *Festival Details:*



✚ *Tomato festival is celebrated to coincide with the day of Saint Luis Bertran - the patron saint of the city, and the Virgin Mary Mare de Déu dels Desemparats. This has been a very popular tradition in Bunol since 1944, 1945.*



✚ The festival has become a ritual used by locals to pray for a good harvest to come and also to honor the city's patron saints - Luis Bertran and Mare de Deu dels Desemparats - titles of the Virgin Mary.



✚ The festival attracts tens of thousands of people from all over the world who flock here to participate in a harmless and extremely fun "war", with more than a ton of ripe tomatoes thrown on the streets. Before 2013, as many as 40,000 to 50,000 people came from all over to join this giant tomato war, while the population of Bunol town was only 9,000 people.




✚ Starting early in the morning, people put on clothes they knew they could never wear again, taking crowded trains from Valencia to Bunol. Then they joined the masses heading to the city center, stopping occasionally to buy some roadside food and drink.



+ There are at least 150 tons of tomatoes used by more than 20,000 people as "weapon" in the world's largest "meal" of food, which takes place every year in Spain. 2018 is the 73rd time this festival takes place.



 This noisy, chaotic battle with tomatoes will last for about 1 to 2 hours. People threw tomatoes at each other, and at the trucks that were pouring in with large piles of tomatoes. The streets of the town were dyed bright red, and tomatoes were smeared all over their faces, bodies, houses, and streets. In addition, tomatoes are also natural cleaning agents. The Spaniards believe that, after attending the festival, impurities will be washed away.