



Murten Light Festival 2026

Call for projects - English version

Dear light artists,

Hardly has the last Festival ended, and the next one is already on the horizon... A few weeks ago, nearly 63,000 visitors admired the light installations at the Festival over 12 unforgettable days. With 21 Arteplages, the public had the opportunity to discover a rich and varied program like never before.

But no rest! The Morat Light Festival 2026 is already in the works, and this edition will be especially special, as we will also be celebrating its 10th anniversary! Ten years of magic, creativity, and encounters around light. And we need you to help mark this exceptional event.

We are looking for passionate and inspired artists to contribute to the success of this anniversary edition. Projections on buildings, luminous sculptures, fire installations... Everything is allowed, imagination has no limits!

Become a member of the Morat Light Festival family and submit your application now. We can't wait to discover your creative projects for this memorable edition!

Luminous greetings,

The artistic direction of the MLF





About the MLF

- Since 2016
- 12 days
- 20 to 30 light installations in the old town, at the lakeside and in the museum
- 50,000 to 80,000 visitors

*The next Murten Light Festival will take place
from 21 January to 1 February 2026.
Anniversary edition - 10 years*

What are we looking for?

The aim is to create a balanced programme with local, national and international artists. The festival's goal is to present light in all its facets and to enchant the audience.

- No specific theme is given. However, each project should revolve around the theme of light/fire: projections on building facades, shadow plays, dances, music, illuminated objects are just a few examples.
- The aim is to create a colourful mix of show elements and poetic installations.
- The artists can choose between the suggested locations or propose their own new locations.
- The organiser supports all projects financially with a sponsor contribution and/or the provision of technical equipment.

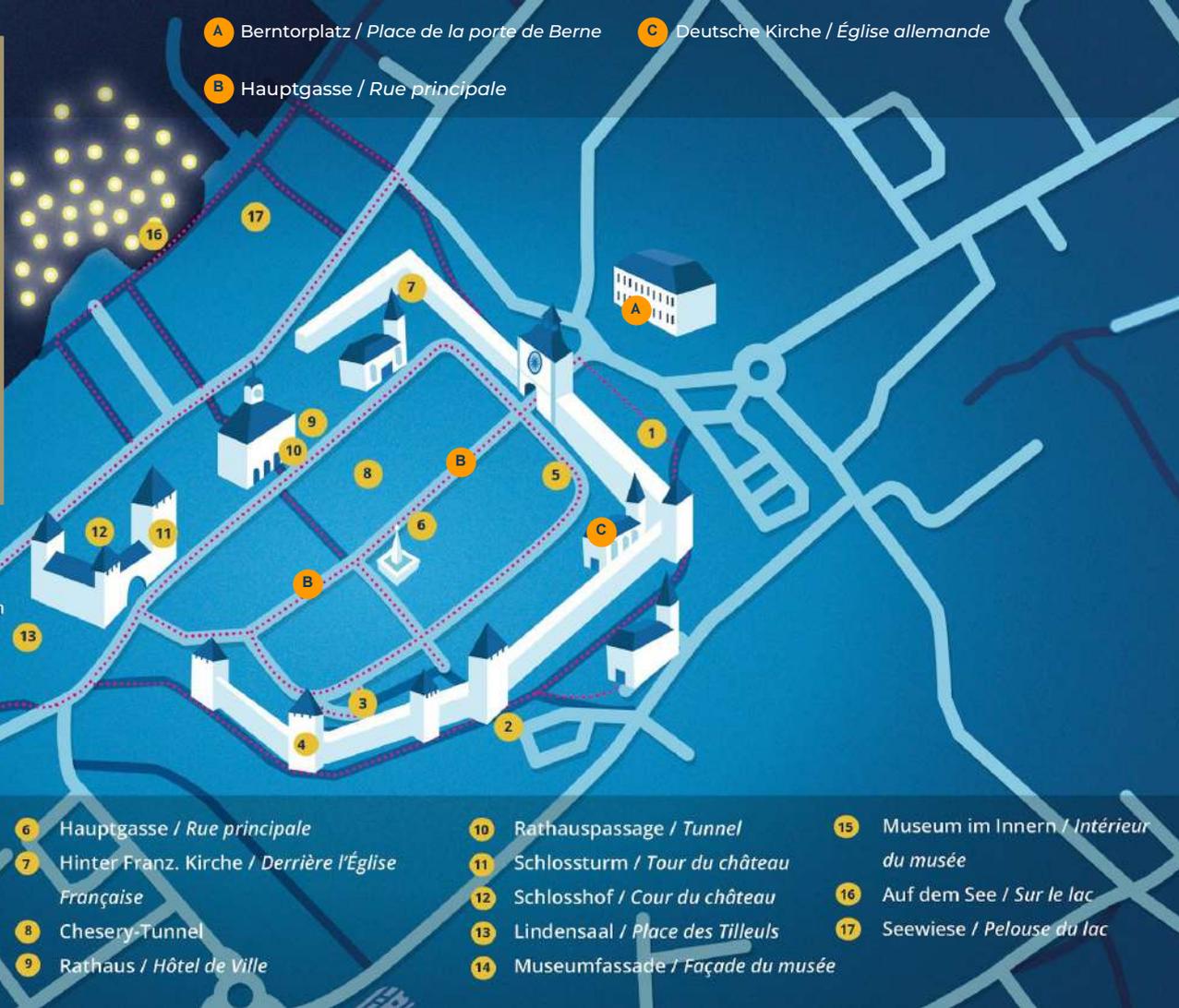


Locations

We distinguish between two types of projects:

- Large-scale projects
- Standard projects

<https://www.murtenlichtfestival.ch/standorte>



A Berntorplatz / Place de la porte de Berne

C Deutsche Kirche / Église allemande

B Hauptgasse / Rue principale

1 Stadtgraben / Ravin

6 Hauptgasse / Rue principale

10 Rathauspassage / Tunnel

15 Museum im Innern / Intérieur du musée

2 Törlplatz

7 Hinter Franz. Kirche / Derrière l'Église Française

11 Schlossturm / Tour du château

16 Auf dem See / Sur le lac

3 Pfisterplatz

8 Chesery-Tunnel

12 Schlosshof / Cour du château

17 Seewiese / Pelouse du lac

4 Hexenturm / Tour des sorcières

9 Rathaus / Hôtel de Ville

13 Lindensaal / Place des Tilleuls

5 Galerie Pellegrini

9 Rathaus / Hôtel de Ville

14 Museumfassade / Façade du musée

Flagship projects

These are well-defined projects, anchored in specific locations, with clear expectations. They can include multiple sub-projects, and the organizers work closely with the artists to ensure coherence and success.



Bern Gate Square

8-10 min Show



Main street

Animation of a
400-meter street



German Church

15 min Live Show



Bilingualism project

Cultural mediation with
children

If you are interested in a flagship project, please contact us via email at pro@regionmurtensee.ch. You will then receive all detailed information from us.

Standard projects

These are smaller-scale projects, but they are no less important for putting Murten in the spotlight.

While we have predefined some locations, this should not limit your creativity; we are also open to your suggestions..

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Operation

- The artists themselves are responsible for the realisation of the installation (including setup and dismantling).
- However, the organiser provides a coach to assist with the planning and realisation phases.
- The organiser supplies the necessary basic infrastructure to the agreed-upon location position (power connections).
- The installation takes into account seasonal external conditions (wind, rain, snow, cold).
- The installation complies with the regulations of the town of Murten (fire safety, parking, noise emission...).
 - All materials used at the visitor's eye level must be **non-flammable**.
- The installations will be **operational daily from 6pm - 10pm** throughout the event + main rehearsal duration (subject to change).



Selection process

until Friday 30th May
2025

Evaluation and selection of projects

- Evaluation and selection of projects by the program group
- Exchange with the artists in case of questions
- Communication of rejections

until Friday
26. September 2025

Reception of project proposals

- Filling in and submit the [registration form](#)
- If you are interested in a large-scale project, please contact via email at pro@regionmurtensee.ch

until Friday
29th August 2025

Final selection of the Festival of Lights

- Signing of the contract during the month of November
- Start of implementation AFTER the signing of the contract

Important dates



First artists' meeting Tuesday 9 December 2025 (online)

Setup Starts on 15 January 2026

Second artists' meeting 20 January 2026 / 4:30 pm

Main rehearsal 20 January 2026 / between 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Debriefing artists with aperitif 02 January 2026 / 11:00 am

Dismantling Until 02 February 2026



Services MLF

- Communication and advertisement through various channels.
- A personal coach who looks after and assists the artists in finding their location, solving technical and content issues, as well as obtaining permits.
- Volunteers who assist the artist(s) in the setting up, execution, and dismantling of the Arteplage.
- Financial support ranging from **CHF 500 to CHF 10,000**, as a sponsor contribution from the Light Festival. The artists may also seek additional financial support on their own independently.
- 10 admission tickets for the artist's free use.
- Discount on admission tickets (10%) and on VIP offers (20%)
- Overnight stay during setup and dismantling
- Lunch during setup and dismantling
- Supper during the festival
- Conclusion of technical insurance for used materials used
- Assumption of SUIISA fees, if necessary

What's next ?

Are you interested? Then send us your application! Fill in the [online form](#) and send us the requested documents. When completing the form, be prepared to provide us with the following information:

- Contact details
- Description of the project
- Logistical and electrical information about the project
- Prioritised locations
- Cost estimation

We look forward to receiving your application and will keep you informed.

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Questions?

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