

LA TOMATINA



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What is the tomatina?

- The tomatina takes place in Buñol near Valencia.
- It is a festival. It's famous because people throw tomatoes at each other.
- It's celebrated on the last Wednesday of August, during the week of festivities of Bruñol.



What is the Origin?

- Tomatina started in 1945 when some young men staged a brawl. Since there was a vegetable stand nearby, they picked up tomatoes and used them as weapons.



The Description

- At 10 AM, the festivities begin with the first event of the Tomatina. It is the “*palo jabón*”, similar to the greasy pole.



- People dance while being showered in water from hoses.
- The tomatoes come from Extremadura, because they are cheap.

What is the rules of the festival?

- The tomatoes have to be squashed before throwing to avoid injuries.
- No other projectiles except tomatoes are allowed.
- Participants have to give way to the truck and lorries.
- The festival doesn't allow ripping off T-Shirts
- After the second shot indicative of ending the tomatoe hurt, no tomatoes should be thrown.



Do people celebrate tomatina in other countries?

- Since 2004 the Colombian town of Sutamarchán holds a similar event.
- In Costa Rica in San José de Trojas.
- In Dongguan, a province in China.
- In the City of Reno, Nevada in the United States...



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