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AÉRONAUTIQUE

GORDON BENNETT 2025

5 SEPTEMBRE
FRESCATY - METZ

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
13:00 – 18:00	Check in for officials and teams	Hôtel Best Western – Metz Technopole

Thursday 4th September 2025

10:00 - 15:00	Filling sandbags	Launch site Frescaty-Metz
10:00 – 13:00	Check-in for teams	Hôtel Best Western – Metz Technopole
15:00 – 17:00	General Briefing (crews only)	Centre Pompidou, Metz
17:00 – 18:00	Free visit (crews & officials)	Museum Pompidou, Metz
18:00 – 20:00	Opening Ceremony (subject to invitation)	Centre Pompidou, Metz

Friday 5th September 2025

08:00	Opening launchsite	Launch site Frescaty-Metz
09:00	Balloons ready for inflation	Launch site Frescaty-Metz
16:30	Opening to the public	Launch site Frescaty-Metz
17:00	Evolution of an airship around the field	Launch site Frescaty-Metz
17 :30	Evolution of a second airship around the field	Launch site Frescaty-Metz
18:00	Takeoff of the first balloon outside of competition (Westfalen balloon)	Launch site Frescaty-Metz
19:00	Takeoff of the first competition balloon, followed every 3 minutes by another balloon	Launch site Frescaty-Metz
20:30	Takeoff of two balloons outside of competition	Launch site Frescaty-Metz
21:00	Night glow of hot air balloon	Launch site Frescaty-Metz
21:30	Drone show	Launch site Frescaty-Metz
22:00	Free concert “The Runners”	Launch site Frescaty-Metz

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Saturday 6th September 2025

Alternative date for launch of the Gordon Bennett competitors

Sunday 7th September 2025

Alternative date for launch of the Gordon Bennett competitors

Monday 8th September 2025

09:00 End of launch window

Friday 12th September 2025

19:00	Welcome back party (subject to invitation)	Plan d'eau Metz
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Saturday 13th September 2025

19:00	Closing Ceremony and banquet (subject to invitation)	Metz Town Hall
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