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Playful and creative, vibrant and young, Nantes has been literally turned upside down by art! Located in the south of Brittany, the city is just 45 minutes away from the Atlantic Ocean. Visit its magnificent castle of the dukes of Brittany, follow the footsteps of Jules Verne (born in Nantes) and ride on the Grand Elephant at Les Machines de l'île. Stroll in the medieval quarter, enjoy a collection of contemporary artworks displayed in the city and along the estuary of the Loire river !

Machines de l'île © F. Tomps



Château des ducs de Bretagne © P. Piron



Ile de Nantes, playground "On va marcher sur la lune" Detroit architectes.© F.Tomps









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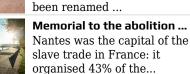
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# THE CITY



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France's sixth-largest city, lies on the Loire estuary in the west of France, some 50 km from the coast. A former commercial and maritime centre of Brittany, the city boats a strong historical and cultural heritage.

Nantes was the capital of the independent Duchy of Brittany back in the Middle Ages and came to be a key trading port in the 18th century, thanks to its strategic position at the Loire, Erdre and Sevre rivers. Today, the city remains a prosperous and popular part of Western France. Its impressive Castle of the dukes of Brittany, the cobbled streets and the charming half-timbered houses in the medieval Bouffay quarter still remind visitors of Nantes' glamorous past, but the city has more to offer than just history. It boasts a lively art scene, a strong culinary background as well as a thriving nightlife. Live performances, exhibitions, concerts and tourist attractions interact with an original and coherent offer.

The figureheads of these numerous suggestions are: the Castle of the Dukes of Brittany and the Machines de l'île.

### Nantes truly creative and attractive



Over the last thirty years Nantes has become one of the most dynamic and inventive city in France. An impressive array of cultural events are rolled

out over the year, some of which stretch out across the globe: The 'musical madness' of the "Folle Journée" classical musical festival, the giants created by the street theatre company "Royal de Luxe", Estuaire (permanent open-air collection), or the "Machines de l'Ile" mechanical animals, and don't miss the summer event Le Voyage à Nantes !

Photo: Place du Bouffay, Éloge du pas de côté, P. Ramette© P.Piron

### **Green Capital**



In 2013 Nantes became the first French town to be awarded the title of European Green Capital. This European award is the recognition of many

years of political will that encompasses urban development and mobility (tramway, busway, etc.), fighting against global warming and preserving the natural heritage around the Loire estuary.

Photo: Jardin des Plantes, Filili Viridi, Le Ratisseur, J. Jullien© J. F Fayolles

### **Cycle-Friendly**



Located at the crossroads of two international stars of bike travel beloved by the public – "La Vélodyssée" (EuroVelo 1) and "La Loire à Vélo" (EuroVelo 6) – and with its 586 km (364 mi.) of bike paths and more than 2,900 parking spots and 7,000 bike racks, Nantes and its surrounding region love cycling and have never stopped promoting cycling. Whether it's for everyday travel or for just getting around town.

Photo: lle de Nantes à vélo © M. Argyroglo Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/nantes-by-bike/

### DO & SEE



La ligne verte du Voyage à Nantes © M. Argyroglo

The green line painted on the ground will take you to the heart of downtown and make sure you won't miss out on any of Le Voyage à Nantes itinerary of the city's best cultural stops, major monuments and must-visit sites.

Each year, this trail is revived and filled with contemporary installations, street furniture where you can sit down with friends, and even more surprising shop signs throughout the city.

### Machines de l'Ile



The Machines de l'Ile is an artistic, touristic and cultural site in Nantes since 2007. Three major artworks, the Great Elephant (2007), the

Merry Go Round of the Marine Worlds (2012), and the next project of the Heron Tree symbolise doors to the world of dreams and magical journeys. A mixture between the invented worlds of Jules Verne and the mechanical universe of Leonardo da Vinci.

Photo: Les Machines de l'île © Franck Tomps / LVAN Address: Les Chantiers - Bd Léon Bureau, Nantes Public Transport: Tramway line 1 stop at: "Chantiers Navals" Phone: +33 251 174 989 Internet: www.lesmachines-nantes.fr/en/

### Château des ducs de Bretagne



The Castle of the dukes of Brittany houses the Nantes History Museum. This former ducal palace also holds temporary exhibitions and cultural

events all year round. A free-access rampart offers many viewpoints of the fortress and of the city.

Photo: Château des ducs de Bretagne © P. Piron Address: 4 Place Marc Elder, Nantes Public Transport: Tramway line 1 stop at: "Duchesse Anne" Phone: +33 272 640 479 Internet: www.chateaunantes.fr/en/

### Musée d'arts



Renovated and extended in June 2017, the Fine Arts Museum has been renamed the Musée d'arts . Steered by the Stanton-Williams Agency

(Royal National Theatre, Tower of London, Belgrade Theatre, etc...), it houses a total of 17,000 m2, several exhibition halls and an auditorium. A key change is a 30% increase in exhibition space for one of the only 'generalist' museums in France. It is the only one outside of Paris able to present such an extensive and broad panorama of art stretching from the thirteenth to the twenty-first century. It has 10,000 works of art (paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints and contemporary installations), and several hundred masterpieces painted by De la Tour, Ingres, Courbet, Chagall, Kandinsky, Picasso...

Photo: Musée d'arts de Nantes © C. Clos Address: 10, rue Georges-Clemenceau, 44000 Nantes Phone: +33 251 174 500 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/places/nantes-arts-museum/

### Memorial to the abolition of slavery



Nantes was the capital of the slave trade in France: it organised 43% of the French slave trade shipments in the XVIII century. The City wants

to assume its past and give shape to the memory via a powerful political gesture. The Memorial to the Abolition of Slavery in Nantes is the biggest in Europe. Located on the Quai de la Fosse, a symbolic place in the city that has seen many slave ships to Africa, the Memorial has been open to the public since March 2012. Following an international competition, the city of Nantes has entrusted the design of the Memorial to Krzysztof Wodiczko, a Polish artist and Julian Bonder, an Argentinian architect.

Photo: Mémorial de l'abolition de l'esclavage © F. Tomps Address: Quai de la Fosse, 44000 Nantes Phone: +33 272 640 479 Internet: https://memorial.nantes.fr/en/

### Jardin des Plantes



Visit the botanical garden, a priceless collection of exotic plants. Trees from America, Asia and Africa.Nantes boasts 1,000 hectares of green areas open to the public, with some 1 million plants produced every year.

Photo: Jardin des Plantes, Filili Viridi, L'arroseur arrosé, J. Jullien© J. F Fayolles Address: Rue Stanislas-Baudry, Nantes Public Transport: Tramway line 1 stop at: "Gare SNCF" (train station) Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/places/jardin-des-plantes/

### Saint-Pierre Saint-Paul Cathedral



Cathedral closed following a fire in July 2020. This impressive cathedral is home to the tombs of Francois II, the last Duke of Brittany, and

his second wife Marguerite de Foix. Construction of the Gothic building started in 1434 and lasted for four centuries.

Photo: Tombeau de François II et Marguerite de Foix © M. Domage

Address: Place Saint Pierre, Nantes Public Transport: Bus stop at: "Foch Cathedrale" Phone: +33 272 640 479 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/places/cathedral-saint-p ierre-and-saint-paul/

#### Lieu Unique



Located alongside the Canal Saint-Felix, the old biscuit factory LU revamped by the architect Patrick Bouchain lives to the

rhythm of an atypical art centre: the Lieu Unique. Here, you will find a bar, a shop, a theatre, a hammam, a day nursery and the picturesque tower of the old LU biscuit factory.

Photo: lieu unique, Tour LU© M. Cortès. Address: Quai Ferdinand Favre, Nantes

Public Transport: Bus stop at "Duchesse Anne" Phone: +33 240 121 434 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/places/the-lieu-unique/

### lle de Nantes



Formerly occupied by the shipyards (closed in 1987) and by industries, this area is in complete rehabilitation and finds some harmony between

the conservation of industrial heritage and the development of a new modern space. The Isle of Nantes is a perpetually changing area with contemporary architecture. On both sides of this territory perched on the Loire river are standing resolutely original and innovative buildings built by the greatest international architects: Jean Nouvel, Alexandre Chemetoff, Christian de Portzamparc, Marcel Smets...

Photo: lle de Nantes © F. Tomps Address: lle de Nantes Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/to-see/the-endless-journ ey/the-districts-of-nantes/ile-de-nantes-district

### Estuaire Nantes <> Saint-Nazaire



All year long, from Nantes to Saint Nazaire it's an open air art collection. Each creation, signed by an internationally renowned

artist leads you to an atypical place or to a remarkable site of the estuary of the Loire river. Since 2007, over 33 artworks have now been the stones of a monument scattered along 60 km. This artistic trail will make you discover a fascinating territory, its heritage and its natural resources.

#### Photo: Martin Argyroglo / LVAN

Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/itineraries/stages-map-

#### estuaire-art-trail-nantes-saint-nazaire/

### Théâtre Graslin



Built in 1788, the Graslin Theater is an impressive building with an entrance boasting eight Corinthian columns and marble, gold and royal blue velvet

inside. It is home to the Opera of Nantes and marks the focal point of the Place Graslin. The famous brasserie La Cigale is in front of it.

Photo: Théâtre Graslin © F. Tomps Address: Place Graslin, Nantes Phone: +33 240 697 718 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/places/graslin-theatre/

### Musée Jules Verne



The museum inside this great bourgeois mansion depicts the life and works of writer Jules Verne (born in Nantes in 1828), one of Nantes' most

famous citizens.

Photo: Butte Sainte-Anne. Musée Jules Verne © Jean-Luc Cochard Address: 3 Rue de l'Hermitage, Nantes Phone: +33 240 697 252 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/places/jules-verne-museum/

### Planétarium



Embark on a voyage through space as the planetarium brings our universe to life. Located near the Jules Verne museum.

Photo: Planétarium Nantes Address: 8 Rue des Acadiens, Nantes Phone: +33 240 739 923 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/places/planetarium/

### **Discover the Nantes vineyard**



The Muscadet vineyards are just a stone-throw away and are easily accessible from Nantes. A special itinerary has been put in place to make the

most of what this authentic region can offer: visit of Clisson, a lovely city with Italian-style architecture, wine tasting and specific viewpoints. Discover the new belvedere in Chateau Thebaud!

Photo: Le Porte-Vue, E. Ritz, Belvédère de Château-Thébaud © V. Joncheray

Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/itineraries/the-journey-i n-the-vineyard/

### Cruise on the Loire river "Estuaire Nantes-Saint Nazaire"



Take advantage of a river cruise to reach the point where the Loire runs into the ocean and see the estuary from the unique viewpoint of... the river:

working docks, remarkable natural areas, and the Estuaire art installations communicating with their surroundings. Embark on a colourful rhythmic night time river cruise from July to October.

Photo: Couëron, La Maison dans la Loire - Jean-Luc Courcoult © A. Pasquier Phone: + 33 240 694 040

Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/activities/cruise-estuair e-nantes-saint-nazaire/

#### **Guided Tours**



Pre-recorded audio-guide all year long Possibility for 4 different trails translated in 5 langages (French, English, German, Spanish, Italian)

to discover Nantes.

Strolling Nantes Nantes in the middle ages Nantes from history to memory The isle of Nantes Western tip

Photo: Anouk Ricard Address: 9 Rue des États, 44000 Nantes Public Transport: Tramway line 1 stop at: "Duchesse Anne" or "Bouffay" Phone: +33 272 640 479 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/to-do/guided-tours/

### Shop Signs



Since 2014, artists have been commissioned to imagine the signs for a series of shops in Nantes. Along the green line, discover this collection of

shop signs. Like unexpected apparitions, these artists' works disturb the continuum of signs in the downtown streets of Nantes.

Photo: Viva Las Vegas! De l'art des enseignes, par Quentin Faucompré, Olivier Texier et Pascal Lebrain Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/artworks/shop-signs/

### DINING



Little Atlantic Brewery © C. Bornet by Kristo

The area boasts some of France's finest produce, recipes and wines. Wherever you go, seafood, straight out of the Atlantic, is on the menu. Want a simple grilled fish? Eat it with a beurre blanc sauce, created right here in town and surroundings. Need a pinch of sea salt? The very best comes from Guérande. This is also France's kitchen garden, producing flavourful, tender vegetables. Partner it all with a glass of Muscadet, the local white wine that goes so well with oysters or fish, mussels or crab. Award-winning winemakers and chefs guarantee

Award-winning winemakers and chefs guarantee memorable meals.

### Roza\*



The location (across from the Natural History Museum's entrance and tree-lined square) could not be more ideal for this up-and-coming restaurant

run by the intrepid young chef Jean-François Pantaléon. With his extensive experience in some of the greatest kitchens (La Mare aux Oiseaux, La Duchesse Anne, La Grande Cascade, Le Meurice, Apicius) and his own culinary venture (Coretta, Paris 17th arrondissement), he will delight you with a sophisticated, intuitive and delicate cuisine, served in a stylish setting (bearing the signature of Brune de la Guerrande), that will surely impress. Well-paced service. 1 star Michelin.

# Photo: Roza

Address: 3 Place de la Monnaie 44000 Nantes Phone: +33 240 540 187 Internet: www.lestablesdenantes.fr/en/restaurants/roza/

### Pickles



This brilliant neo-bistro lives up to its word-of-mouth reputation. Run by an English chef, Dominic Quirke cooks local and

ethnic dishes, made with great precision, often unexpected, and all served in a relaxed and contemporary space. Label Rouge salmon, miso, cucumber pickles, horseradish yogurt, nori; lean roast beef, pan-fried young greens, sesame rice, chestnut crumble, verbena emulsion, parsley. Gault et Millau 2 toques.

Photo: Restaurant Pickles © C. Bornet by Kristo Address: 2 rue du Marais Phone: + 33 251 841 189 Internet: www.lestablesdenantes.fr/en/restaurants/pickles/

### **Little Atlantic Brewery**



In the heart of the Docks of Chantenay of Nantes, in this building loaded with the naval and cultural history of the neighborhood (Chantier

de l'Esclain, Bloc 13, Atelier du Dahu...), people meet to have a drink with friends, eat a piece with family, Enjoy diverse cultural programming. Or simply stroll along the Loire. Here, year-round, five beers are brewed with passion as well as specialties in limited brews.

Photo: Little Atlantic Brewery © C. Bornet by Kristo



Address: 23 Boulevard de Chantenay Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/places/little-atlantique-brewery/

### Le Manoir de la Régate\*



Backed by his sister Anne-Charlotte in the dining room, Mathieu Pérou took over from his father as head of this family restaurant and

skilfully enchants delights diners with the products of his terroir (fish from the river Erdre, seaweed from the Le Croisic, wild plants), through a gastronomic cuisine of great finesse. The chef prepares delightful dishes with ingredients sourced from local producers. Le Manoir de la Régate is the first restaurant in the area to be rewarded by the Michelin Guide for its sustainable gastronomy (Green star). 1 star Michelin.

Photo: Le Manoir de la Régate © Paul Stefanaggi Address: 155 route de Gachet, 44300 Nantes Phone: +33 240 180 297 Internet: www.lestablesdenantes.fr/en/restaurants/le-manoirde-la-regate/

### L'Atlantide 1874\* - Maison Guého



This famous, award-winning restaurant

is considered to be one of the best in town. Chef Jean-Yves Gueho is well-known for creating

innovative dishes, such as lobster salad with yellow wine sauce.

1 star Michelin.

Possibility to sleep on the spot with 4 rooms with the view on the Loire river.

Photo: Maison Guého Address: 5 Rue de l'Hermitage, 44100 Nantes Phone: +33 240 732 323 Internet: www.lestablesdenantes.fr/en/restaurants/l-atlantide/

### La Cigale



Considered as one of the most beautiful brasserie in France since the 19th century. La Cigale is a good place for oysters and offers some

mouth-watering desserts. The place to be.

Photo: Nautilus LVAN Address: 4 Place Graslin, Nantes Phone: +33 251 849 494 Internet: www.lestablesdenantes.fr/en/restaurants/brasserie-la-cigale/

### Lulu Rouget\*



Ludovic Pouzelgues, aka Lulu Rouget, had held every position at l'Atlantide (including pastry chef), was trained by chocolatier-pâtissier

Vincent Guerlais, before joining the staff at Maison Troisgros in Roanne. Thanks to this exceptional experience, his personality expresses itself today through a true cuisine d'auteur (different everyday!) praising the ocean's riches to high heaven. His signature dish is "le roug(et) noir de Lulu" ("Lulu's red and black mullet"). 1 star Michelin.

Photo: LVAN Address: 4 Place Albert Camus, 44200 Nantes Phone: +33 204 474 798 Internet: www.lestablesdenantes.fr/en/restaurants/lulurouget/

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### Les Chants d'Avril



An almost religious attachment to quality produce, technical cooking methods and a Mystery Prix-fixe menu are the foundations of

this delicious haunt. The chef, Christophe François, took over this Nantes institution.

Photo: Les Chants d'Avril Address: 2 Rue Laënnec, Nantes Phone: +33 240 893 476 Internet: www.lestablesdenantes.fr/en/restaurants/les-chants-d-avril/

### Crêperie Heb Ken



In the shopping area, have a traditional crepe or a galette.Not far from the famous Place Royale.

Photo: LVAN Address: 5 Rue de Guérande, Nantes Phone: +33 240 487 903 Internet: www.lestablesdenantes.fr/en/restaurants/creperie-heb-ken/

### La Civelle



Everything is perfect, decoration, food and the location, on the bank of Loire. A reference in Nantes! On the other side of the river Loire, take

the ferry, in 10 minutes you will be arrived.

Photo: LVAN Address: 21 Quai Marcel Boissard, Rezé 44000 Phone: +33 240 754 660 Internet: www.lestablesdenantes.fr/en/restaurants/la-civelle/

#### Lamaccotte



Near the cathedral, Maxime Bocquier cooks with local products. To discover !

Photo: Lamaccotte Address: 7 rue Saint-Denis 44000 Nantes Phone: + 33 285 374 230 Internet: www.lestablesdenantes.fr/en/restaurants/lamaccotte/

### Le Petit Boucot



Situated near the theatre Graslin, the restaurant owned by young chef Frédéric Chiron is recommended by Gilles Pudlowsky.

Photo: LVAN Address: 3 rue Lekain 44000 Nantes Phone: + 33 253 970 404 Internet: www.lestablesdenantes.fr/en/restaurants/le-petit-boucot/

### Villa Mon Rêve



Based inside a charming 19th-century villa with a large garden, chef Jérôme Ponchelle's menu boats delicious fresh fish and seafood as well as French

specialities.

Photo: Villa Mon Rêve Address: 2 Levée de la divatte - Route des Bords de Loire -Basse Goulaine Phone: +33 240 035 550 Internet: www.lestablesdenantes.fr/en/restaurants/villa-mon-reve/



### L'Abelia



Housed in an immaculate stone mansion, dating from 1900, L'Abelia serves fine, traditional French cuisine peppered with modern touches,

including sea bass in foamed cream sauce, and a crème brulée to die for. Fresh food from the day market.

Photo: L'abélia Address: 125 Bd des Poilus, Nantes Phone: +33 240 354 000 Internet: www.lestablesdenantes.fr/en/restaurants/l-abelia/

# CAFES



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The city offers many places to relax and where you can have a break around a coffee and Nantes' sweetmeats like BN or biscuits LU, "berlingot" and "rigolette" sweets, butter-scotch caramels, "fouace" starshaped sweet bread, Nantes cake, chocolates, coffee...

### Le Select



After a visit in the castle of the Dukes of Brittany nearby, enjoy having a rest in this tiny art deco place, where you can eat too. Photo: Café Le Select Address: 14 Rue du Château, Nantes Phone: +33 665 677 082 Internet: www.leselect-nantes.com/

#### Le Bar du Coin



This 'corner bar' in the heart of the medieval Bouffay quarter is where most Nantais nights out get started.

Photo: Le Bar du coin Address: 21 Rue de la Juiverie, Nantes Phone: +33 240 475 505

### Café Le Flesselles



This bar organises events calles "cafés philo" to discuss on philosophy, around a drink.

Photo: Le Flesselles / LVAN Address: 3 Allee Flesselles, Nantes Phone: +33 240 476 614

### Restaurant café de l'Orangerie



Located in the Jardin des Plantes, enjoy a nice time on the terrace which enjoys breathtaking views over the garden and greenhouses...

Photo: A. Peluquere Address: 15 Rue Gambetta, Nantes Phone: +33 228 442 708 Internet: www.lestablesdenantes.fr/en/restaurants/cafe-de-l-orangerie/

# **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



Daniel Buren et Patrick Bouchain, Les Anneaux / LVAN

Nantes has a thriving and young nightlife, thanks largely to its growing student population. Whether you are looking for an arty bar to discuss philosophy with like-minded people, or if you just fancy bogeying all night long – Nantes has something for everyone.

### **Quartier Bouffay**



West of the Cathedral lies the historic medieval quarter of Bouffay, which has retained much of its old charm. A stroll alongside the cobblestone

streets and half-timbered houses – some dating back to the 15th century – feels like a jump in time back to the Middle Ages. The place to have a drink with friends!

Photo: Gino Maccarinelli Address: Quartier Bouffay, Nantes Public Transport: Tramway stop: "Bouffay"

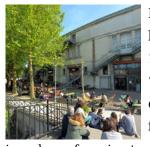
### Hangar à bananes



Addresses of bars and ideas to go out, have a drink, go to concerts and dance in this new part of Nantes, west part of the isle of Nantes, near the Buren art rings. The place to have fun with friends until the end of the night!

Photo: VAN Address: Ile de Nantes - 21, Quai des Antilles, Nantes

### Le bar du Lieu Unique



Housed in the former LU biscuit factory since the 1st January 2000, the "lieu unique" is a friendly, cultural melting pot, ripe for artistic exploration. It

is a place of coming together and as well as its own dedicated creative spaces there are a number of retail activities including: bar, restaurant, bookshop, steam room, nursery.Orphan to her twin tower, lost in 1974, the LU tower was restored to its exact original when the factory was reconverted into a national arts venue. As a symbol of Nantes' industrial heritage, the tower is once again recognised locally as a figurehead, this time for the lieu unique.

Photo: P. Gérard Address: Quai Ferdinand Favre, Nantes Phone: +33 251 720 555 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/places/the-lieu-unique/

### La Maison Café



A café/bar in the design of a 1970s house, with a large terrace for the hot summer evenings. Come here to sip a glass of wine on the living room sofa or

inside the bathtub.

Photo: La maison café Address: 4 Rue Lebrun, Nantes Phone: +33 240 370 412



### Stereolux



Part of La Fabrique on the Île de Nantes, Stereolux is an arts and culture project focused on contemporary musics and digital creation. It

stands next to Les Nefs of Les Machines de l'île, not far from the city centre, in a neighbourhood it shares with other cultural projects, together with higher education institutions, tourist attractions and creative and cutting-edge industries.

Photo: J Do Billaud Address: 4, bd Léon-Bureau 44200 Nantes Phone: +33 240 432 043 Internet: www.stereolux.org/

### Café Cult'



Squeezed inside a darkened half-timbered house and hung with local art, this bohemian place draws a student crowd and sometimes

hosts concerts. During the day it serves mega cheap but palate-pleasing lunches.

Photo: VAN Address: 2 Rue des Carmes, Nantes Phone: +33 240 471 849 Internet: www.cafe-cult.com/

### John McByrne



beers and whiskies.

A traditional Irish pub in the heart of Bouffay quarter. In addition to the classical drinks list you will find at the John Mc Byrne a large variety of Photo: Gino Maccarinelli

Address: 21 rue des Petites Écuries, 44000 Nantes Phone: +33 240 896 446 Internet: http://johnmcbyrne.free.fr/english-index.html

# EVENTS



### LVAN

A port-town, a student-town, a cultural and friendly place to be, Nantes rarely goes to sleep at the end of the day. Night-time activities light up the town. Theatre or opera, cinema, concerts, dance shows or circus, night-time exhibitions, festivals and all sorts of events in and around Nantes sowing the seeds for an exciting night out. Even well into the night the lights don't dim, as Nantes is a port-town...

### La Folle Journée



The Folle Journée has become a major classical music event for Nantes since 28 years. The concept is to provide a classical weekend like no

other in the world, presenting dozens of concerts, shorter deals and more affordability.

Photo: La Folle Journée de Nantes, Artiste Renaud Capuçon © Simon Vergniaud Address: Cité des congrès, Nantes, lieu unique... Opening hours: End January / Beginning February Phone: +33 251 882 140 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/events/la-folle-journee-of-nantes/

### Le Voyage à Nantes



Every summer, discover this poetic urban trail. Artists, designers, architects are invited to express themselves in the public arena. It is the

occasion for the town to go a little bit further off-beat than normal! Ephemeral installations, works of art, places where it's good to meet lead you on a journey of discovery across the town. Save the date !

Photo: In a silent way, Nathalie Talec © Martin Argyroglo / LVAN Address: 9 Rue des États, Nantes Opening hours: July + August Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/events/the-summer-journey/

### La Cantine du Voyage / The Canteen



Open from May to mid October, The Cantine du Voyage is a friendly and welcoming place. A place to eat, to have a drink. You can find a bookshop,

children's playgrounds, French boules and table football.

Photo: La Cantine du Voyage © Philippe Piron / LVAN Address: Quai des Antilles 44000 Nantes Internet:

www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/artworks/la-cantine-du-voyage/

### Aux Heures d'Eté



An all summer festival based on different cultures from near and far. Loads of events in town for all the family. Photo: Aux Heures d'Eté Opening hours: July + August Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/events/aux-heures-dete/

### Les Rendez-Vous de l'Erdre



Hugely popular jazz festival along the quays of the Erdre river. Boats, river and music combining to create a great atmosphere.

Photo: Les Rendez-Vous de l'Erdre Address: ile de Versailles 44000 Nantes, river Erdre Opening hours: end of August Tickets: . Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/events/rendez-vous-de-lerdre/

### Scopitone



Multimedia and eletronic music festival where artists, musicians, videomakers, graphic designers work together for art.

Photo: Scopitone Address: 4 Boulevard Léon Bureau, 44200 Nantes Opening hours: in September Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/events/scopitone/

### Les Utopiales



International Science Fiction Festival grouping cinema, literature and cartoons.

Photo: Les Utopiales Address: La Cité des Congrès, Nantes Opening hours: end of October Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/events/les-utopiales/

# Noël aux Nefs



The Christmas spirit comes to the ship-building sheds with its Christmas trees, ice sculptures, roasted chestnuts, hot chocolate,

mulled wine and Christmas lights at nightfall...

Photo: Noël aux Nefs 2021 ©D. Gallard Address: Les Machines de l'Île, Nantes Opening hours: Christmas holidays Internet: www.lesmachines-nantes.fr/en/noel-aux-nefs/

### Festival of 3 continents



This international film festival presents the cinematography of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. With exclusive premieres of works of fiction,

retrospective, tribute to an actor.

Photo: Festival des trois continents Opening hours: In November Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/events/festival-of-3-continents

# SHOPPING



Opéra Graslin © F. Tomps

If you like shopping, you will love Nantes ! When people go window-shopping, they talk about "crébillonner" - which comes from Rue Crébillon the city's most famous shopping street and its area. Rue Crébillon houses the most important designer stores as well as a range of interesting local labels. The street leads to the famous Passage Pommeraye, a stunning 19th-century arcade with chic boutiques: a must-see for Nantes visitors. Don't miss the Marché de Talensac on Place de Talensac, which is the town's biggest market – open every day except Monday.

Bargain-hunters should go to the shops on Rue Jean Jaurès and around Place Viarme, where the city's flea market kicks off every Saturday morning.

### Passage Pommeraye



Built in 1843 and still unchanged in the 21st century. Built on a steep incline, the three floors are flanked by numerous shops and a monumental

decorative staircase. It's a heaven for shoppers needing a fix and has inspired many artists, the film-maker Demy and the designer Tardi. A new extension has been built in 2015, this forms part of a new arcade opening out onto the rue Santeuil.

Photo: Passage Pommeraye © F.Tomps Address: Passage Pommeraye, Rue de la Fosse, 44000 Nantes Internet:

www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/places/passage-pommeraye/

### **Crébillon Street**



Can you "Crébillonner"? Yes you can! Because it means window shopping while strolling up and down the road of the same name!

Photo: Ville de Nantes Address: Rue Crébillon 44000 Nantes

### **Bouffay Area**



Timber-framed houses, visible remnants of the 15th and 16th centuries blend in with today's shops, bars and restaurants in every

imaginable style. It's a place of crossroads and chance meetings; for going out, for shopping or just wandering through with the ever-present crowds.

Photo: Quartier Bouffay © P. Piron

### Shopping center, the Centre Beaulieu



With more than 100 shops, the Centre Beaulieu is the largest shopping place in the city center of Nantes. One of the top places of " fashion

culture", with its bold and modern architecture realized by the talented Patrick Bouchain gives it a real personality .

Photo: Centre Beaulieu Address: Boulevard du Général de Gaulle, Nantes Phone: +33 240 470 026 Internet: https://beaulieu.klepierre.fr/

### Fromagerie Beillevaire



Very good cheese-monger shop in Nantes with local homemade products ! Also in the Marché de Talensac.

Photo: Fromagerie Beillevaire Address: 8 Rue Contrescarpe, Nantes Phone: +33 240 120 270 Internet: www.fromagerie-beillevaire.com/

### Les Rigolettes Nantaises



If you have a sweet tooth, go to the shop of Les Rigolettes Nantaises, which are local sweets and present other specialities.

Photo: Les Rigolettes Nantaises Address: 18 Rue de Verdun, Nantes Phone: +33 240 480 039 Internet: www.les-rigolettes-nantaises.com

### Chocolaterie Debotté



The great specialist and also the best old place to buy chocolates and specialities of Nantes.

Photo: Chocolaterie Debotté Address: 9 Rue de la Fosse, Nantes Phone: +33 240 482 319 Internet: www.debotte.fr/

### Chocolaterie Pâtisserie Vincent Guerlais



The pastry-chef Vincent Guerlais frequently invents new pastries and new chocolates with great talent. A shop is also at the Talensac

market.

Photo: Patisserie Vincent Guerlais Address: 11 Rue Franklin, Nantes Phone: +33 240 080 879 Internet: www.vincentguerlais.com/

### **Biscuiterie La Trinitaine**



The story of La Trinitaine, an iconic Breton heritage brand, revolves around a family and a specific area of expertise: that of biscuit-making. Passed

down through the generations, this expertise draws on original recipes, accompanied by a daring, open-minded approach to ensure continued innovation and the development of new products.

Photo: La Trinitaine Address: 4 Place Saint Pierre, Nantes Phone: +33 240 203 336 Internet: https://en.latrinitaine.com/

### **ABC Terroirs**



Find the best of the french products and the local specialities in one single shop !

Photo: LVAN Address: 5 Place Saint Pierre - 44000 NANTES Phone: +33 240 897 626 Internet: https://abcterroirs.com/

### **Galeries Lafayette**



Grand shop, temple to fashion. Find all the latest fashion trends, beauty products, lingerie, accessories, menswear, women's and children's

wear.

Photo: Galerie Lafayette / LVAN Address: 2-20 rue de la Marne 44000 Nantes Phone: +33 240 998 212 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/places/galeries-lafayette/

### **Boutique Hermès**



Leather bags, jewels, scarves to find the French tradition luxury in the prestigious Passage Pommeraye.

Photo: Hermès Address: 20 Passage Pommeraye, Nantes Phone: +33 240 121 206

### **Boutique Sonya Rikiel**



The shop to discover the collection of the famous French fashion.

Photo: Sonia Rykiel Address: 3 Rue Boileau, Nantes Phone: +33 251 849 000

### Boutique Swarovski



Jewels in Swarovski crystal.

Photo: Swarovski Address: 11 Rue Scribe, Nantes Phone: +33 251 826 585

# ACCOMMODATION



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With clients' comfort always on their minds, many local hoteliers frequently undertake renovation programmes. There has been a rise in the number of new hotels all authentic and unique. Eco friendly quality marks distinguish the products and services that respect the environment the most.

# Hôtel Radisson Blu \*\*\*\*



Have you ever slept in an old Court of Justice building? Opened in 2012, the Radisson Blu is housed in the 19th-century former

Court of Justice building, the Palais de Justice. Guests can eat in the former court room, relax at the deluxe spa, utilise the convenient public parking and employ any of the six meeting rooms for an event or conference. The location of this hotel offers the ultimate in convenience to guests travelling in Nantes.

Address: 6 Place Aristide Briand, Nantes Phone: +33 272 001 000 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/accommodations/hotel-r adisson-blu/

#### Sōzō Hotel \*\*\*\*



A great four star design boutique-hotel near the Jardin des Plantes and the railway station (Gare SNCF), in a completely transformed and

decorated 19th century chapel, the 24 rooms of the Sōzō Hotel offer a unique encounter between design and historical architecture. Experience the new sensoriel space : sauna, hammam, the "ice room" and the "sensory shower".

Address: 16 Rue Frederic Cailliaud, Nantes Phone: +33 251 824 000 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/accommodations/hotel-sozo/

### Grand Hôtel Mercure \*\*\*\*



The Grand Hotel Mercure is conveniently located only a short stroll from the place Royale with all the typical amenities for this price range. This

hotel has a room designed by an artist : in 2018, Elsa Tomkowiak dreamt up "Miranda#F98181" : an immersive experience in a painterly cocoon.

Address: 4 Rue du Couëdic, Nantes Phone: +33 251 821 000 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/accommodations/hotel-

mercure-nantes-centre-grand-hotel/

# Hôtel Okko \*\*\*\*



Okko is a french concept of downtown 4-stars hotels. Situated near the castle of the dukes of Brittany. Contemporary designed rooms

combining comfort and aestheticism. Discover the Club which is a kitchen offering Aperitivo at

6 pm, a business corner with computers and a printer, a shop offering carefully chosen local products and designer accessories and a selection of newspapers, magazines and books to browse at the hotel, while curled up in one of the Patrick Norguet-designed armchairs.

Address: 15 Rue de Strasbourg, Nantes Phone: +33 252 200 070 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/accommodations/okko/

### Hôtel La Pérouse \*\*\*\*



Just renovated, discover this trendy hotel that is well-known for its swanky architecture and designer furniture. All rooms are decorated to a high

standard.This a must of the 20th century architecture designed by the Barto + Barto architects classified "Label Patrimoine XXème siècle".

Address: 3 Allee Duquesne, Nantes Phone: +33 240 897 500 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/accommodations/hotel-l a-perouse/

### Best Western de la Régate\*\*\*\*



This hotel is perfectly integrated with its surroundings and boasts an excellent location on the banks of the Erdre. Centred on ecology and

sustainable development, savour its French charm and warm atmosphere.

Address: 155 Route de Gachet, Nantes Phone: +33 240 502 222 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/accommodations/hotelbest-western-plus-hotel-de-la-regate/

### Hôtel Nantes Centre Passage Pommeraye \*\*\*\*



Located in a quiet area near the entrance of the Passage Pommeraye, this stylish completely renovated hotel offers good access to

restaurants, shops, museums and theatre.

Address: 2 Rue Boileau, Nantes Phone: +33 240 487 879 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/hebergements/hotel-mercu re-nantes-centre-passage-pommeraye/

### Hôtel de France Océania \*\*\*\*



Perfectly located in the heart of the city this 18th century hotel is a monument built in a Louis XVI style in 1857.

Address: 24 Rue Crébillon, Nantes Phone: +33 240 735 791

Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/accommodations/oceani a-hotel-de-france/

#### L'Hôtel \*\*\*



Comfortable, with modern furniture and 33 fully-equipped rooms. L'Hotel lies in the heart of Nantes offers a great view on the castle of the

dukes of Brittany, which is situated just opposite.

Address: 6 Rue Henri IV, Nantes Phone: +33 240 293 031 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/accommodations/lhotel/

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#### Hôtel Graslin \*\*\*



Situated in the heart of the cultural center of Nantes, just a step away from the Passage Pommeraye, the Cambronne court, the

brasserie La Cigale and the Theater, the Graslin hotel will know how to seduce you by its refinement and its inspiring Jules Verne atmosphere.

Address: 1 Rue Piron, Nantes Phone: +33 240 697 291 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/accommodations/best-w estern-hotel-graslin/

### Nantes Camping \*\*\*\*\*



Welcome to Nantes Camping, 8.5 hectares of fresh, contemporary accommodation in the great outdoors - yet just a few minutes from the

city-centre of Nantes! And beyond offering accommodation, its new services, and access to its leisure facilities : (Pool, Ice Rink) is sure to make your stay a pleasant one! Nantes Camping is open all year round.

Address: 21 Bd du Petit Port, Nantes Phone: +33 240 744 794 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/accommodations/nantes -camping/

### **TOURIST INFORMATION**



Rue des États © Franck Tomps

#### **Pass Nantes**



If you want to go sight-seeing and use the public transport system at the same time, the Pass Nantes is your best option. This city pass

includes free entrances to museums, monuments, guided tours and the public transport network (including the airport shuttle). Pass holders also get a range of discounts in shops, and other places in the vineyard and also in Saint-Nazaire. Rates: 24 hours at  $26 \notin / 48$ hours at  $35 \notin / 72$  hours at  $45 \notin / 7$  days at  $90 \notin$ .

### Photo: LVAN

Address: 9 Rue des États, Nantes Phone: +33 272 640 479 (from abroad) / 0 892 464 044 (0,35€/min from France) Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/to-do/nantes-city-pass/ Email: info@levoyageanantes.fr

### **Aeroport Nantes Atlantique**



The Aeroport Nantes Atlantique lies just south of Nantes and is the leading airport in the west of France. The bus TAN shuttle takes you, in

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about 20 minutes, near the railway station ("Gare SNCF Sud" stop) and then near the Convention centre ( "Lieu Unique" stop) or in the direct city centre ("Commerce" stop). Tickets (single:9 Euros) can be bought inside the TAN shuttle-buses and are valid for one hour throughout the local TAN public transport network.

A taxi stand is located at the entrance door of the airport terminal. A taxi ride to downtown Nantes takes around 25 minutes and will cost you between 40 to 50 Euros, depending on the distance and the time of day.

#### Photo: LVAN

Address: Aeroport Nantes Atlantique, 44346 Bouguenais Phone: +33 892 568 800 Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/places/nantes-atlantique-airport/

### Taxi

Taxis are available in the streets of Nantes especially at the Gare Sncf Sud or Place du Commerce.

Internet: www.levoyageanantes.fr/en/to-plan/coming-to-nantes/taxis/

### **Post Office**

Post Offices are located throughout the town : 2, Place de Bretagne (in front of Bretagne Tower) 17, allée des Tanneurs (cours des 50 Otages)

### **Emergency doctors**

Emergencies :

- dial 15

- or head to the CHU Hôtel-Dieu emergency room at 9 Quai Moncousu SOS Médecins :

- dial +33 240 503 030

- http://www.sosmedecins-nantes.fr/

#### Telephone

Country code: +33 Area code: 02

### Electricity

230 volts

**Population** 660,000 Nantes Metropole

Currency Euro / €

**Opening hours** Many shops are open Monday-Saturday 9am-7pm.

Internet https://www.levoyageanantes.fr/ https://metropole.nantes.fr/

**Newspapers** Ouest France Presse-Ocean

Emergency numbers Medical: 15 or 112 Police: 17 Fire: 18

Tourist information Le Voyage à Nantes Website: https://www.levoyageanantes.fr/ Address: 9 rue des Etats (opposite the castle of the dukes of Brittany) E-mail: info@levoyageanantes.fr Phone from France: 0 892 464 044 (0,35€/min + call price) Phone from abroad: +33 272 640 479



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