6 REASONS WHY NANTES IS THE IDEAL DESTINATION

EASY TO GET TO

ATTRACTION

CREATIVE

AN ECO-DESTINATION

WARM WELCOME

PROFESSIONAL

NANTES CREATIVE, SUSTAINABLE WITH A FANTASTIC SENSE OF WELCOME

A fast-growing city on the French Atlantic coast, Nantes with its booming economy and thriving cultural scene is one of the new up and coming European destinations. Known for its eclectic sights and architecture, its dynamism, diverse cultural events and activities, its quality of life recognised by the European Green Capital label, Nantes regularly comes first of the most liveable cities. A « must go to » city for corporate meetings, Nantes has become a favourite amongst audacious event organisers.

From congresses to corporate meetings, Nantes and La Cité Nantes Congress Centre offers a wide selection of imaginative and sustainable solutions for organising events.

Nantes is the birth place of Jules Verne. The city’s audacity, imagination and collective spirit make it a highly attractive destination for event organisers.

Unsurprisingly, the Sunday Times once described Nantes as « the looniest city in France! »...
EASY TO GET TO

BY PLANE

Direct flights to 100 national and international destinations
➔ 1 hour from Paris and London, the leading European hubs
➔ daily flights to Paris Charles de Gaulle airport
➔ 4 daily flights to Paris Orly airport
➔ All European capital cities less than 2 hours away
➔ A 20-minute drive to La Cité Nantes Congress Centre by shuttle (every 30 min)

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BY TRAIN

Less than 2 hours from Paris
➔ A 5-minute walk to La Cité Nantes Congress Centre
➔ 2 hours away from Paris
➔ 21 daily return train journeys to Paris, every half hour
➔ Direct train journeys to Paris CDG airport
➔ Direct journeys to: Lille (4 hours) Lyon (4 hours and 35 minutes), Strasbourg (6 hours)
➔ BRUXELLES 1 direct return journey daily during the week

BY CAR

Nantes boasts an extensive road network to:
➔ Paris  A1 motorway to the East
➔ Bordeaux and Toulouse  A83 to the South
➔ Brest  N165/E60 to the West
➔ Rennes  N137 to the North
PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN NANTES:
Nantes has a multi-modal and eco-responsible public transport network allowing both locals and visitors to travel around the city easily and in comfort.

La Cité Nantes Congress Centre is within easy reach by public transport:

- **Tramway** : Line 1 stop « Duchesse Anne Château des Ducs de Bretagne » just one stop from the high-speed train station
- **Busway** : Line 4 stop « Cité des Congrès de Nantes » . Airport city-centre shuttle (every 20 minutes)
- « Bicloo » docking stations
- « Marguerite » self-drive car hire stations
- Taxi ranks

PARKING AT LA CITÉ NANTES CONGRESS CENTRE:
Jules Verne car park offers 420 spaces. On top of that, over 2,000 spaces are available in the nearby car parks.

Exhibitors can use a temporary parking area with direct access to the exhibitions spaces in La Cité.
A STUNNING HERITAGE, COMBINING TRADITION AND AUDACITY

Nantes, city of art and history, a source of inspiration for Jules Verne’s imagination, offers a wealth of stunning and diversified tourist attractions, from medieval sites to the major maritime adventures and industrial heritage. Definitely offbeat, the city cultivates a taste for astonishment.

Must-see attractions in the city centre:

- The Château of Anne de Bretagne, the last castle in the Loire Valley before the Atlantic Ocean
- Saint-Pierre & Saint-Paul cathedral
- The Musée d’arts de Nantes Museum
- Bouffay Quarter area with its many «crêperies»
- Place Royale
- The Pommeraye Passage, Shop in a 19th century arcade.
- The Graslin quarter, one of the most beautiful examples of 18th-19th century urban development
- La Cigale, a 19th century style brasserie, a listed historical monument
- Memorial to the Abolition of Slavery
- Former LU biscuit factory converted into a national artistic theatre, The Lieu Unique
- « Les Anneaux » by Daniel Buren and Patrick Bouchain

Last but not least, Les Machines de l’Ile, an unprecedented art project. Born from the imagination of François Delarozière and Pierre Orefice, this unique project takes you on an imaginary voyage at the crossroads of Jules Verne’s “invented worlds”, Leonardo da Vinci’s mechanical world and Nantes’ industrial legacy. It is situated on the amazing site of the former naval shipyards.

- The «Machines de l’Ile» an invitation to dream and travel.
- The «Grand Elephant» (The Great Elephant)
- The «Carrousel des Mondes Marins» (The Marine Worlds Carrousel / sea world Merry-Go-round)
- The «Arbre aux Hérons» (The Heron Tree)
HÔTELS & RESIDENCES

HÔTELS ****
- Novotel Nantes Centre Cité des Congrès
- Mercure Nantes Centre Cité des Congrès
- Mercure Nantes Centre Grand Hôtel
- Hôtel Radisson Blu
- Hôtel Scio

HÔTELS ***
- Hôtel Ibis Styles Nantes Centre Cité des Congrès
- Hôtel L’Hôtel
- Hôtel Ibis Styles Nantes Sud
- Hôtel Graslin
- Hôtel Ibis Styles Nantes Royal

HÔTELS **
- InterHôtel Novella
- Hôtel de la Gare
- Hôtel Voltaire Opéra
- Hôtel Dupuyer

HÔTELS *
- Océania Hôtel de France
- Hôtel de la Gare
- Hôtel Le Terminus
- Hôtel Voltaire Opéra

RÉSIDENCES HÔTELIÈRES & APARTHOTELS
- Appart’City Nantes Cité des Congrès
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- Appart’City Nantes Charles de Gaulle
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PARKING / CARPARKS
- Parkings
- Parkings relais
- Parkings ville

NAVETTES AÉROPORT
- Commerces / Gare Sud
- ↔ Aéroport Nantes Atlantique

TRAMWAY / BUSWAY
- Tramway 2 : François Mitterrand / Janicot ↔ Beaujoire / Ranzay
- Tramway 2 : Orvault / Grand Val ↔ Cité de Pont Rousseau
- Tramway 3 : Neustrie ↔ Marcel Paul
- Busway 4 : Foch Cathédrale ↔ Pont de Vertou