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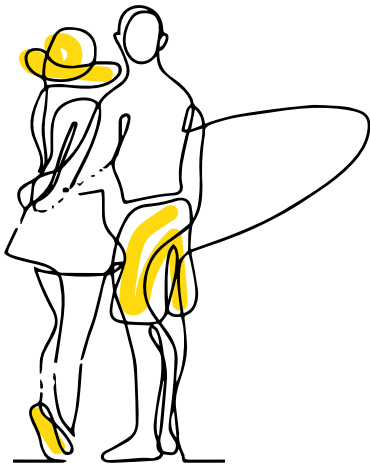
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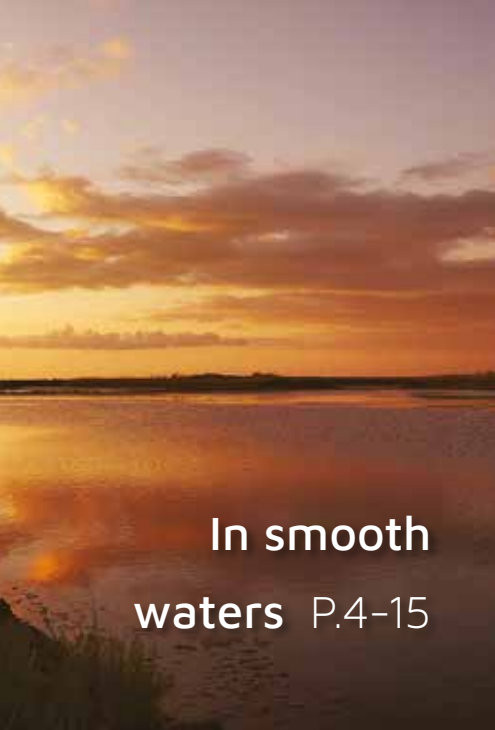
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*The Sud-Vendée
is a land of great
outdoor spaces,
unspoiled nature
and open
landscapes...*

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**"Die Sud Vendée ist
ein Land der großen
Freiräume, der
unberührten Natur
und der weitläufigen
Landschaften..."**

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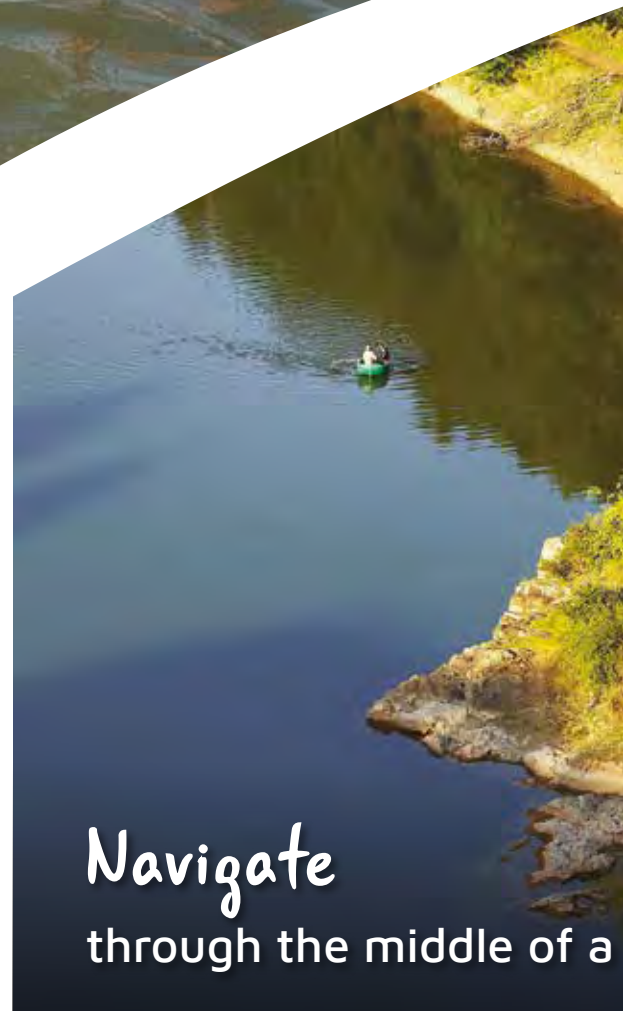




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Glittering water everywhere - You're in the Sud Vendée!

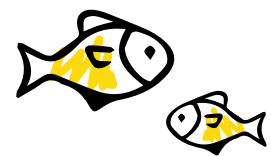
Wherever your location between the beaches and the marshes, water is literally everywhere. Whether salty, sweet, still, or stirred, it has much to the benefit of all shaped the landscapes, be it for purposes of leisure or livelihood as in the case of the barrages in the heart of the Mervent forest massif. Here water is the source for both life and pleasure.



Entlang des Wassers. Ob salzig, süß, still oder wild, Wasser ist das prägende Merkmal der Landschaften, die sich zwischen dem Strand und den Marschen der Südvendée erstrecken.



Plage à la Tranche-sur-Mer
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IN SMOOTH WATERS

Move, bask and breathe... your feet in the water!

Caressed by the Atlantic Ocean, the Sud Vendée coastline can boast with attractive beaches, of which everyone is different to the other. Be it at the far end of a shopping street, next to a pine forest, or hidden behind the dunes, each one has its own charm.



"Here in the bay we are tributary to nature. We combine forces with her to produce exclusively local seafood of first-rate quality. Between the ocean and the marshes, this is an exceptional environment to work in, and I love to share this with our guests."

Grégory Gaudin

In a food-mood

The air is saturated with iodine. Salicornia cover the surrounding dry flats, while a boat and a tractor set the scene: this is where 'Greg' lives. His cottage is next to the road that leads to the Pointe de l'Aiguillon. You will also find him at the market at La Tranche-sur-Mer. Grégory Gaudin has been an oyster farmer at Aiguillon-sur-Mer for 10 years. His produce is mainly oysters and prawns.

All are bred 100% locally in a well-thought-out collaboration with nature. In April, Grégory sets out the shrimp larvae, three per square metre to be precise, where they feed naturally on the bed without extra help. As they grow, they stir up particles from the ground and liberate the nutrients for the oysters just above. The meaty and nutty taste of the latter have made them popular also among holidaymakers. Now one can get them at any time of the day. Just go to cabin no. 5 in the port of l'Aiguillon where a refrigerated distributor will provide you with a full pack containing oysters, croutons, butter, lemon, and salmon rillettes, ideal for a spontaneous snack!

📍 **Chez Greg**
Route de La Pointe
L'AIGUILLON-SUR-MER
06 60 33 47 74

In the action mode

The sea front will also entice you to a host of more sporty activities: wave riding on surfboards, land-sailing on empty beaches, solitary outings in sea kayaks, or in groups in Hawaiian pirogues, or otherwise bouncing above waves while clinging to a towed buoys.

Otherwise, get into your wetsuits and do some workout during wave-walks half submerged in the water. Enjoy the thrills of a ride on a rented catamaran, or try kite-surfing after a previous training session on the Maupas water reservoir at La Tranche-sur-Mer.

You can also follow the hair-raising catamaran regattas between La Tranche-sur-Mer and the Ile de Ré on giant screens mounted on the central beach.



Ob im Zen-, Gourmet-, Sport- oder Entspannungsmodus, die Atlantikküste der Vendée kann mit einer sehr abwechslungsreichen Erlebnispalette bieten: Wie wär's mit Yoga auf dem Paddelboard, Austern- und Meeresfrüchteverkostung zu jeder Tageszeit, Kajakfahrten, Ausflüchten auf hawaiianischen Pirogen, Schleppbojenspass oder auch nur Beobachten von Zugvögeln an der Pointe de l'Aiguillon.



In a contemplative mode

Away from the noise and the crowds, explore the empty beaches of La Faute-sur-Mer and l'Aiguillon-sur-Mer. You get to them by walking through the pine forests and dunes. Being protected by the nearby Ile de Ré, the waves are softer here than elsewhere.

The neighbouring islands Oléron, Ré, and Aix are perfect destinations for daytrips. Throughout the summer a boat takes there on scheduled cruises from La Tranche-sur-Mer. If you just prefer to walk, you can go on a lengthy stroll along the beach from the 'Porte des îles' to the 'Belle Henriette' natural reserve.

At the end of the summer season go birdwatching at the far end of 'la pointe de l'Aiguillon' where halting migration birds teem in the surrounding's numerous nature reserves. Also take a walk at low tide to the 'Corps de Garde' beach at La Tranche-sur-Mer. Here a restored barrier system in the shape of a U gives insight to the ways fish were caught in the past during the retreating tide. Smart!

Did you know that the Sud Vendée beach add up to totally 28 km?

In a zen mode

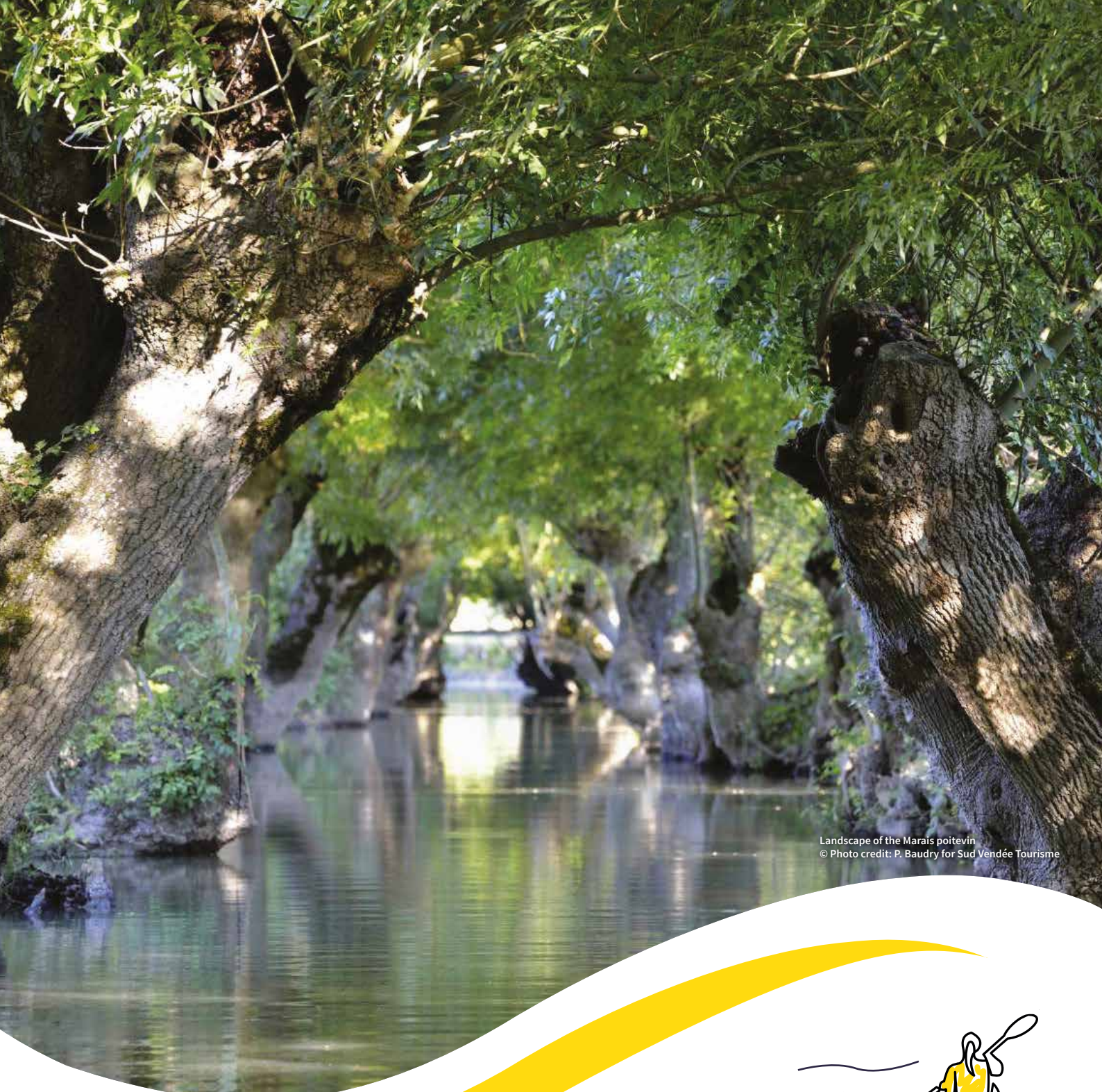
It's morning. At the yet inaudible beach near the pier at La Tranche-sur-Mer, paddle boards are about to set off on their early unhurried glide. Yoga groups find their equilibrium amidst sand and water. On Tuesdays and Sundays during the summer, a yoga teacher offers his new courses at lunchtime.

There's nothing like putting up your feet on a pleasant beach in summer with a good book in your hands! Pick up a crime novel or reread a classic. The public library at La Faute-sur-Mer is in fact quite close your towel on the beach. After your read and swim, grab a bucket and a net when the tide is low and see if you can find some cockles, clams or razor fish that garnish your plate at sunset!

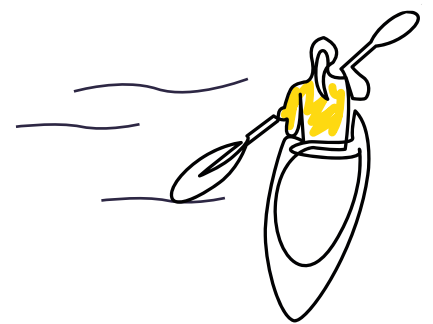
The zen attitude is that taken by families and groups of friends who frequent the vast naturist beaches at La Faute-sur-Mer and La Terrière. Here, the watchwords are politeness and tolerance.

***Be mindful of the protection rules with regard to the accepted shell calibres and quantities you may catch. They are freely available together with the current tide schedules at the tourist offices.**





Landscape of the Marais poitevin
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IN SMOOTH WATERS

The many facets of the Poitevin Marshes

Though preserved, and much taken care of, the Poitevin marshes are everything but an impenetrable sanctuary. On the contrary, everyone is welcome here and there are many things to enjoy.

Easy-going outings in a boat or on a bike

What are the best ways of exploring this unspoiled and secluded landscape riddled with networks of lush and shady paths and quiet, tapering canals?

Cycling is a perfect solution, as the area is covered by a cycling track system ('Velodyssée', 'Vélofrancette'). Its generally flat lanes are dedicated exclusively to bicycles and are well-adapted for family outings. The loops you make vary mostly between ten and twenty kilometres as you follow the canals and rivers and pass through charming villages. During your breaks you might be tempted to step inside a picturesque Romanesque church, or stop for a picnic near an alluring waterfront. Whatever your itinerary, you will pass along small wharfs and landing piers. You may then choose to continue your journey in a punt or a canoe. There again, an infinite variety of tours on offer are bound to satisfy your hopes, be it a solitary journey through the 'Venise Verte' within an hour, or why not two hours in company of a local boatman, who will share with you his expertise about the region. The more enthusiastic depart on canoeing trips that may last from a half day to several days including bivouacs.

📍 Office de Tourisme Sud Vendée Marais poitevin
MAILLEZAIS - 02 51 87 23 01
www.maraispoitevin-vendee.com



Bike ride through the Poitevin marshes
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So-called 'Poitou Baudets' at the 'Maison du Maître de Dignes'

'Main rouge' and his nocturnal friends

At dusk, parts of the marshes awaken. A secluded and remote world unveils itself to the one with the right approach.

Guides who are available at the Autize wharf of Saint-Sigismond will take you to an unforgettable event. "When the night sets in, your eyesight changes entirely" says Vincent Liébot, the wharf supervisor and devoted expert of the marshes. "At night, plants and animals change and hardly bear any resemblance to their appearance during daylight. One can barely perceive their movements but can see eyes peering through the silent dark of the wild marshes." The nocturnal sceneries evoke legends of the fairy Mélusine, the frightful 'Red Hand', and even the 'Swamp Dragon'. "A full moon even enhances this extraordinary spectacle" Vincent adds.

📍 Embarcadère de l'Autize
SAINT-SIGISMOND - 02 51 52 97 45
www.embarcadereautize.com



Die tausend und eine Facetten des poitevinischen Marschlandes. Wanderungen, Ausflüge per Boot oder per Fahrrad, nächtliche Streifzüge auf der Spur von Legenden, Paddelfahrten oder auch ein Besuch im Haus des 'Maître de Dignes', alle sind bereits Grund genug, um auf spannender Weise das reiche Naturerbe im zweitgrößten Feuchtgebiet Frankreichs zu entdecken.

'Le maître de digues'

To learn more about one of the largest wetlands in France, visitors are invited to explore the different landscapes of the Poitevin marshes: the wet marsh and the dry marsh.

The latter covers two-thirds of the marshlands' surface. It consists of open and drained flats under cultivation that alternate with meadows. The diversity of this largely man-made landscape is probably explained best during your visit at the 'Maison du maître de digues', the house of the dike warden. Here you will learn about the role of the dikes in the Poitevin marshlands, their history since the Middle Ages, and everyday life of their inhabitants in the 19th century. You and your family can also take the guided tour all dressed-up in the local traditional garb. You will fall for the local charm which is propped by the long-coated Poitou donkeys and Poitevin goats!

📍 La Maison du maître de digues
CHAILLÉ-LES-MARAIS - 02 51 56 77 30
www.maisondumaitrededignes.fr



Standing on water

With the unrelenting popularity of stand-up paddling, standing on water has lost much of its once miraculous connotations : "The upright posture in fact changes a lot, as we feel more in control, we see better, and it feels nice too." says Jérémy Caquineau, the manager of the Venise wharf at Mazeau. In addition to the traditional punts and boats, he now also rents out paddle boards to his customers. The large size of the boards gives them extra stability and getting on to them has become a cinch. "Once you're up you really get a sense of security. The board is easily manoeuvrable. It has nothing to do with surfing." Whether kneeling or standing, paddle-boarding has the advantage of being highly intuitive. From the Mazeau pier you can glide beyond the village limits into the wild marshes and onto the wider flow of the Sèvre River.

📍 Embarcadère de la Venise-Verte
LE MAZEAU - 02 51 52 90 73
www.la-venise-verte.com





Did you know that the Poitevin marshes has 600 km of waterways?





The numerous facets of the Poitevin marshes

Le Poitevin marshes, a titanic creation

UNIQUE HYDRAULIC INSTALLATIONS TO EXPLORE DURING YOUR ITINERARIES

- At the Maillé aqueduct the waters of the Autise and the Vix canal intersect without mixing.
- The 'gouffre' at l'Île d'Elle, representing a shaft pit, was built in 1663-1664 to avoid the waters of the Vendée river and the Vix Canal to mix.
- The Varenne locks at Triaize are among the last still in use and have been refurbished recently.
- The 'porte des Cinq Abbés' at Sainte-Radégonde-des-Noyers, on the eponymous canal where the structure is duplicated.
- The 'porte des Grands Greniers' at Sainte-Radégonde-des-Noyers on the canal de Clain, the 'Bourdeau' locks at Triaize and the 'Chapitre' locks at Champagné-les-Marais.

The Poitevin marshes were formerly a maritime bay called la 'Baie des Pictons'. Its draining was initiated by monks at the end of the 10th century to exploit the land has resulted to an exceptional region covering 100,000 hectares.

By the 20th century more than 8200 km of waterways and 594 hydraulic structures had been created that consist of dams, locks, flood gates, and salt water barriers. Some structures regulate the water level in the marshes and protect the land at high tides, while others form passages from one levee to the other,

such as footbridges and chain ferries. This heritage is indeed inseparable from the Poitevin marsh-landscape and extends over all of its territory. There is much to explore!

To do so, join for instance Yanis, a #sudvendee ambassador, during his walk on a nice and sunny day "along the levees leading to the sea between Puyravault and Sainte-Radégonde-des-Noyers, near the border between the Vendée and the Charente-Maritime. The dikes here were raised between the 17th and the 19th centuries to gain land on the silted Baie de l'Aiguillon.



Yanis Suire, Sud Vendée ambassador

This supposedly impermeable line of protection is occasionally interrupted by flood gates at the mouth of each major drainage canal. In an open landscape where nothing stops the panorama between La Rochelle, the Baie de l'Aiguillon, and the Ile de Ré, the walk will take you along the last meanders of the Sèvre Niortaise from the Canal de l'Epine to the locks at Brault."



Entlang seinen insgesamt 600 km langen Wasserstraßen enthüllt der Marais Poitevin ebenfalls beeindruckende hydraulische Anlagen, wie zum Beispiel das Aquädukt bei Maillé, die Toranlagen bei Triaize, Champagné les Marais und St. Radégonde des Noyers, oder der Abfluss bei Ile d'Elle. Verpassen Sie nicht den Genuss die umgebende Natur bei Kanu- oder Bootsfahrten vom Wasser aus zu entdecken, mit oder ohne Begleitung!

The wharfs in the Poitevin marshes

THE WET MARSHES DAMVIX

📍 Embarcadère de la Grenouille Bleue
02 51 87 14 00
www.lagrenouillededamvix.fr
Boat rental with or without guide, canoes and pedal boats. Animals accepted.

MAILLÉ

📍 Le Passage de la Venise verte
02 51 00 62 61
www.bateaux-balades-marais-poitevin.com
Boat rental, boats and canoes without guide. Animals accepted.

📍 Embarcadère Les Capucines - Le Port
02 51 87 07 52
www.ville-maille.fr

Electric boats. Guided tours by reservation.

MAILLEZAIS

📍 Embarcadère de l'Abbaye
02 51 87 21 87
www.marais-poitevin-tourisme.com
Boat rental with or without guide, canoes. Animals accepted.

📍 Embarcadère du Petit Port Sauvage

06 75 48 39 98
www.auberge-de-abbaye85.fr
Boat rental with or without guide.

LE GUÉ-DE-VELLUIRE

📍 Embarcadère Le Guétréen
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Boat and canoe rental for unguided excursions on the Vendée river.

LE MAZEAU

📍 Embarcadère de la Venise Verte

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www.la-venise-verte.com
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SAINT-SIGISMOND

📍 Embarcadère de l'Autize
02 51 52 97 45
www.embarcadereautize.com
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THE DRY MARSHES MAREUIL-SUR-LAY-DISSAIS

📍 Port des Gabbares
06 87 04 40 66
www.baladefluviale-vendee.com
Boat rental; canoes, boats, pedal boats, electric boats and paddle boards.

NEAR THE COAST TRIAIZE

📍 Embarcadère Le Tri Mar
06 79 97 44 78
www.tri-mar85.com
Boat rental, canoes, pedal boats.

LA TRANCHE-SUR-MER

📍 Croisières Inter-Îles
05 46 50 55 54
www.inter-iles.com
Regular cruises to the Ile de Ré, Ile d'Aix, and Fort Boyard.



Lakeside leisure base at Xanton-Chassenon

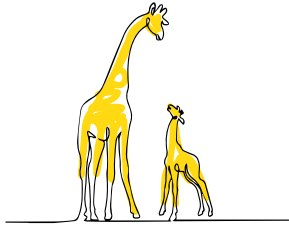


IN SMOOTH WATERS

Navigating in the middle of a vast forest

Both the outdoor enthusiasts and sportspeople will be delighted with all the activities on offer at the sweet water reservoirs erected right in the middle of the Mervent Vouvant forest massif.

Not to be missed!



VISIT THE ZOO!

The Mervent zoo takes full advantage of its privileged setting to present its animals and also to engage in the protection of exotic fauna. The Natur'Zoo is continuously busy with the acquisition new animals. Among its most eminent residents are the tigers, lions, lemurs, wolves, giraffes, cheetahs, and the red pandas. Less known are the lycaons, servals, watusis, capuchins and squirrel monkeys, but they also bring a lot of joy to both young and old, especially during the feeding hours.

NEW

One way of spending an exciting day at the zoo is to assist the personnel in preparing the food and feeding the animals. Learn more about them in your observations and during the cleaning of the enclosures and stalls.

📍 **Natur'Zoo**
Le Gros Roc - MERVENT
 02 51 00 07 59
www.naturzoomervent.com



SWIMMING IN FRESHWATER UNDER THE 'PAVILLON BLEU'

Lake Chassenon at Xanton is an artificial barrage on the Vendée river serving for recreation. Here you can benefit from its fine sandy beach, paddling pool, shady lawns, water slides, playgrounds and picnic areas, pedal boats etc.

The green natural surroundings suit both young and old, and the reservoir's water quality has earned the leisure park the so-called 'Pavillon Bleu', or blue flag label, each year since 2014.

📍 **Espace de Loisirs du lac de Chassenon**
Route de Parthenay
XANTON-CHASSENON
 02 51 87 23 01
www.cc-vsa.com/culture-et-tourisme/lac-de-chassenon/



Watersports at Mervent



The recreation base at Mervent
 Photo credit : A. Lamoureux / Vendée Expansion

It's like in a dream: get away from it all in a boat, far away from everyone else in the middle of a densely forested landscape, amidst enormous trees and accompanied by birdsong.

Leaving the recreation base at Mervent in a rented vessel, you can opt between three different routes and more than 21 km of navigable itineraries that partly take you to remote corners and marvellous viewpoints. The most difficult task will be to choose between a canoe, a sailboat, an electric boat, a rowing boat, or a paddle board? You can also try the giant paddle board which guarantees for a lot of fun and laughs.

On land the most enthusiastic may like to go on a mountain bike ride, have a go at bow and arrows, do some rock climbing, or participate in an orienteering challenge.

📍 **Base de loisirs Mervent**
150 route touristique - MERVENT - 02 51 00 22 13
www.loisirs-sudvendee.fr

Walks and belvederes suppr. 'provides'

Depending on your preferences, you can choose between tougher and easier loops. A marked trail leads you over more than 14 km around the large lake behind the St. Luc dam barring the Vendée river. The itinerary takes you along the lake's dramatic panoramas, from both close and afar.

The track following the river Mère takes you to the dam of Pierre Brune and its plateau offering breath-taking views over the river and the Vendée's largest forest that spreads over 5000 hectares hilly terrain.

Some ramblers prefer to choose the village of Mervent as their starting point. There the town hall gardens overlook the vast expanses of the oak trees below. A rocky outcrop also ~~provides~~ offers a view over the remains of the medieval castle.

Hikers and ramblers from all backgrounds as well as mountain bikers can follow about 230 km of marked-out trails to reconnect with nature in plentiful ways.

📍 **Information at the Office de Tourisme Pays de Fontenay-Vendée**
FONTENAY-LE-COMTE - 02 51 69 44 99
www.fontenay-vendee-tourisme.com



Das Mervent-Vouvant-Waldmassiv ist das größte seiner Art in der Vendée! An der 'Base de loisirs' können Sie einer großen Auswahl an Wassersportarten nachgehen. Insgesamt 230 km ausgeschilderte, an atemberaubenden Panoramen vorbeiführende Wanderwege stehen Ihnen ebenfalls zur Verfügung. Der Natur'Zoo sowie das unter dem 'pavillon bleu' stehende saubere Wasser am Badestrand des Chassenon-Sees bieten Sport- und Naturliebhabern viel Freude.

'Address book'
comme dans le
texte !

IN
SMOOTH
WATERS

Adresses book



The following addresses are in one way or the other connected to water which be it at the coast, in the countryside, in the marshes, or in the forest, is omnipresent in the Sud Vendée.

LEGEND

- 📍 Coordinates
- 👤 Capacity



for more addresses, click on
www.sudvendeeetourisme.com

Some addresses

... ACCOMODATIONS

L'ÎLE DU MARAIS ****



📍 La Hausse - 85420 MAILLÉ
07 67 69 31 26

👤 12 guests - 4 rooms

This market gardening home with its 3500 m2 terrain is surrounded by canals and navigable waterways criss-crossing the typical landscape of the Poitevin marshes. This spacious cottage, a true haven of peace, is very comfortable and further has a swimming pool with a current for endless swimming. Guests can further use the boat and the canoe for expeditions into the bucolic neighbourhoods.



Und hier eine
Auswahl an Adressen
rundum das Wasser!

L'ÉGLANTINE



📍 1 rue Emile Zola
85370 NALLIERS
02 51 62 76 82

👤 6 guests in 3 rooms

This charming and tastefully renovated home welcomes its guests for a stay right next to the marshes' biosphere reserve. Games, bikes, and a swimming pool at disposal for young and old.

CAMPING *** DES CONCHES



📍 Route du grand Port
85420 DAMVIX
02 51 87 17 06

www.camping-des-conches.fr

👤 106 plots snugly located on the river banks in the heart of the Venise Verte. The campsite will reconnect you with nature and its authentic and friendly environment. Whether with family, friends, or in a couple, you can choose between basic and comfortable accommodation and enjoy the heated pool and the bicycles out for rent.

CAMPING ** O P'TIT MARAIS



📍 Marais de Drapelle - 85770 VIX
02 28 13 96 89

www.optitmarais.fr

👤 25 plots

On the banks of the Sèvre Niortaise, O P'tit Marais is set in an idyllic and lush, natural environment. Guests can choose the plot for their stay, and there are also canvas bungalows and tepees. O P'tit Marais further runs a novel project based on conviviality and leisure: canoe rentals, 'guinguette' afternoons and concert aperitifs in summer.

ANGLING HOLIDAYS

In all, 17 accommodations specialise in angling holidays. All are located close to the best fishing grounds. The cottages and guestrooms are fully equipped with dedicated workshops, and freshwater outlets so that the guests can fully benefit from their stay.



ANGÉLIQUE AU BORD DU LAC

CléVacances
certified accommodation



📍 8 rue du Lac
85320 CHÂTEAU-GUIBERT
05 49 35 29 21 - 06 12 83 99 95
www.aubordeleau.info
👤 6 guests

Relax in a natural setting in this fully renovated (2011) village house near the lake Marillet. Its two covered terraces offer a stunning view of the lake, and the SPA under the oak tree is simply exceptional. Go for walks and let your host take you out on a fishing trip to this highly camera-friendly lake.

LE DOMAINE DES GUIFETTES ***



📍 Route de la Clairaye
85400 LUÇON
02 51 56 17 16
www.camping-apv.com

The venue holds the 'Natura 2000' label and is located in a natural setting along the banks of an angling pond. Guests can rent bungalows, cottages, mobile homes as well as vacant plots that guarantee a comfortable stay! Hosts of activities are on offer here: aquatic playground, swimming pool, sauna/spa, tennis, mini-golf... Bike rentals and entertainment in summer. Reception area for motorhomes.

RÉSIDENCE BELLE PLAGE ***



📍 41 bis rue Anatole France
85360 LA TRANCHE-SUR-MER
02 51 28 78 62
www.residencebelleplage.com

The Belle Plage residence welcomes its residents in 12 seafront apartments sharing a total bed capacity of 130. The atmosphere here is pleasant and cosy. Make it your home for the time of your stay. Facing the sea and yet in the city-centre, each apartment is equipped with an open kitchen and a private terrace offering an exceptional view over the Baie d'Aunis.

LA MAISON FLOTTANTE ****



📍 14 bis route de Chaillé-les-Marais
85370 LE LANGON
06 48 90 56 98

👤 6 guests in 3 rooms
Unique in the Sud Vendée, this houseboat will seduce you with its great comfort and the tranquillity of its surroundings. The heated pool and the terrace overlook an angling pond in a breath-taking panorama. Also enjoy its sauna, steam shower and hot-tub after your fishing trips and walks.

GÎTE LES MAZES ***



📍 Les Mazes
85390 BAZOGES-EN-PAREDS
06 15 50 67 68 - 06 61 16 69 48
👤 6 beds - 2 rooms

Here, guests become acquainted with the sweetness of life in the Vendée bocage countryside in a charming and comfortably fitted house! A fully equipped terrace and a large garden bounded by a fish-rich river with an outstanding water quality allow for instant relaxation. Yet, there is no shortage of things to do; go for walks take the mountain bikes, and go angling.

... RESTAURANTS

L'AUBERGE DE LA RIVIÈRE



📍 2 rue du port de la Fourarne
85770 LES VELLUIRE-SUR-VENDEE
02 51 52 32 15 - 06 63 94 53 55
www.hotel-riviere-vendee.com

This charming hotel exemplifies the gourmet getaway par excellence by its unique setting in the countryside shaded by weeping willows and poplars while lulled by the river Vendée. The passionate and creative chef, Fabrice Riefolo, will take you on an amazing journey through tastes and flavours.

L'AUBRAIE

📍 6 rue du Pont Eiffel - Lavaud - 85320 PÉAULT
02 51 97 78 74 - www.laubraie.com

The restaurant is located at the foot of the pont Eiffel in a 4000m2 wooded park and welcomes up to 90 guests on its heated and covered terrace. There is also an outdoor terrace overlooking the river Lay and a playground for children.

BATEAU CROISIÈRE LE COLLIBERT II

📍 Le port - 85420 DAMVIX
02 51 87 19 16 - 06 07 02 21 52
www.lecollibert.com

This imaginative gourmet cruise will take you through the marshy landscapes of the Venise Verte and the Sèvre Niortaise. On board the chef will prepare for you local dishes from locally produced foods. As you pass through the locks on this cheerful and yet bucolic outing, you will also appreciate the explanations about your journey.

AU BORD DE L'EAU

📍 40 rue du Port - 85420 LE MAZEAU
02 51 51 20 71 - www.restaurantauborddeleau.com

A place out in the countryside the way we like it, serving seasonal dishes from locally grown products. Come barefoot if you like, relax, and why not indulge to a 'jeu de palets' on the right bank of the Rigole! Also ask for picnic baskets to take along on your boat excursion!

LE MANGOUSTAN

📍 2 route du lac - 85200 MERVENT
02 51 00 20 30

Take a break in this bar and restaurant and enjoy the view over the Mervent lake in a friendly atmosphere. Great menu with seasonal dishes and generous cocktails...

JULIE DANS LA CUISINE

📍 86 route de le Pointe - 85460 L'AIGUILLON-SUR-MER
02 51 56 27 67
www.julie-dans-la-cuisine.fr

As a Vendée girl, Julie prepares local dishes and products in her kitchen. The mussels and oysters she serves are raised in a family-owned park nearby.

VOGUE ET VAGUE

This is a new local label with preferential offers for families practicing water sports.



For more information, call the tourist offices:
LA TRANCHE-SUR-MER - 02 51 30 33 96
Sud Vendée Littoral Tourisme - 02 51 56 37 37



THE SUD VENDEE BY CAR

✓ TO DO LIST

- Take some time for an excursion by boat in the Poitevin marshes.
- Get onto your bike for a short ride.
- Discover the firmament and the milky-way at Chapelle-aux-Lys.
- Enjoy a glass of wine from the 'Fiefs de Vendée' in Mareuil-sur-Lay, Vix, or Pissotte.
- Watch the sunset at the beach.
- Download the 'Baludik' app and accomplish at least one loop.

SHOPPING / SOUVENIRS

L'ÉCHOPPE DU MARAIS

📍 4 place des peupliers -
85420 LE MAZEAU
02 51 52 91 83
www.eshopdumarais.com
Try the 'biscuits de la Venise Verte' or the 'olé Bon' biscuits.

RHUM D'AMOUR

📍 34 route de Fontenay
85570 POUILLÉ
07 53 41 35 59
www.rhum-damour.com

MORE IDEAS

Get valuable advice on shopping at the tourist offices of La Tranche-sur-Mer, Maillezais and Fontenay-le-Comte.

Three sightseeing tours by car

Walks, sightseeing, wine and food tasting. Take a weekend or even a week and bring home suitcases filled with unforgettable memories!

The must-do's

IN 3 DAYS

DAY 1 - THE POITEVIN MARSHES

📍 **Maillezais**
Boat excursion from one of the wharfs (p.11)
Abbaye du Marais

DAY 2 - FONTENAY-LE-COMTE

📍 **Fontenay-le-Comte**
Centre Historique du Château de Terre Neuve, Museum

DAY 3 - AT THE SEASIDE

📍 **L'Aiguillon-sur-Mer**
Atlantic Wake Park
📍 **La Faute-sur-Mer**
📍 **La Tranche-sur-Mer**
Market

Essentials

IN 5 DAYS

DAY 1 - SEASIDE

📍 **L'Aiguillon-sur-Mer**
📍 **La Faute-sur-Mer**
📍 **La Tranche-sur-Mer**
Beach, oyster, and seafood tasting, bike rides and water sports.

DAY 2 - LUÇON AND ITS ENVIRONS

📍 **Luçon**
Cathédrale Notre-Dame, Jardin Dumaine.
📍 **Chaillé-les-Marais**
La Maison du Maître de Dignes.
📍 **Saint-Denis-du-Payré**
Réserve naturelle nationale.
📍 **Mareuil-sur-Lay**
Visite the vineyards.

DAY 3 - THE FOREST MASSIF OF MERVENT-VOUVANT

📍 **Mervent**
Acquatic activities at the 'base de loisirs', Natur'Zoo, Parc de Pierre-Brune and JGN Paintball.
📍 **Vouvant** 📍 **Foussais-Payré**

📍 **Xanton-Chassenon**
Espace de loisirs du Lac.

DAY 4 - FONTENAY AND ENVIRONS

📍 **Bazoges-en-Pareds**
The castle keep.
📍 **Mouilleron-Saint-Germain**
Musée National Clemenceau-De Lattre, the 'Colline aux Moulins'.

📍 **Fontenay-le-Comte**
Château de Terre Neuve, Musée de Fontenay-le-Comte and the city's historical quarters.

DAY 5 - THE POITEVIN MARSHES

📍 **Maillezais** 📍 **Nieul-sur-l'Autise**
Boat ride departing from one of the wharfs cited on p.11, Sud Vendée abbeys.



**Auf der Strasse unterwegs:
Wählen Sie beispielsweise eins
der folgenden Kurzaufenthalte
in der Sud Vendée mit einer
Dauer von 3, 5 oder 8 Tagen,
und genießen Sie Ihre
Erholung in einer Mischung
zwischen Meer, Natur und
historischen Zentren!**

The time to discover

IN 8 DAYS

DAY 1 & 2 - THE POITEVIN MARSHES

Canoe or bicycle excursion with picnic, explore market garden villages.
📍 **Rives d'Autise - Nieul sur l'Autise**
Abbaye Saint Vincent.
La Maison de la Meunerie.
📍 **Maillezais**
Abbaye Saint Pierre.

DAY 3 & 4 - MERVENT-VOUVANT AND FONTENAY-LE-COMTE

📍 **Mervent** 📍 **Vouvant**
📍 **Fontenay-le-Comte** 📍 **Faymoreau**
📍 **Xanton-Chassenon**
Choose from the destinations mentioned above, see the panoramas during your walks and don't miss the Faymoreau mining centre nor a break for a swim at Chassenon lake.

DAY 5 - LUÇON AND ITS ENVIRONS

📍 **Luçon**
Le jardin Dumaine, Cathédrale Notre Dame.
📍 **Sainte-Pexine**
Les jardins de Chaligny.
📍 **Mareuil-sur-Lay**
A walk and wine tasting in the vineyard.

DAY 6 - THE SEASIDE

📍 **L'Aiguillon-sur-Mer**
📍 **La Faute-sur-Mer**
📍 **La Tranche-sur-Mer**
Beach, markets, bike, excursion out on the sea together with Louise on the 'Vogue' and a guided walk in the 'Rade d'Amour' or along the bay.

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The Poitevin marshes by bike

 3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS  FROM 220€



2 nights at the hotel including breakfast (double room)
Dinner at the hotel (excluding drinks)
Guided boat trip through the Venise Verte (1h30)
Bike tour option including maps and detailed itineraries: 25 €/person for 2 days

Week-end retreat in the countryside

 3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS  FROM 80€/PERS.



2 nights in a charming cottage, breakfast included.
Towels and bedlinen prepared before arrival.
Free access to the spa
Optional: massage and beauty treatment, end-of-stay household

More information at
Vendée Résa - 02 51 62 76 82
www.vendee-tourisme.com

Wellness weekend at la Tranche-sur-Mer

 2 DAYS 1 NIGHTS  FROM 113.50€



Yoga course on stand-up paddle board
30-minute massage (Ayurvedic, or back care)
Basic instructions for a healthy diet.
1 night at 3-star hotel or apartment in la Tranche sur Mer, including breakfast

Along the wine road

 1 DAY  FROM 79€/PERS.

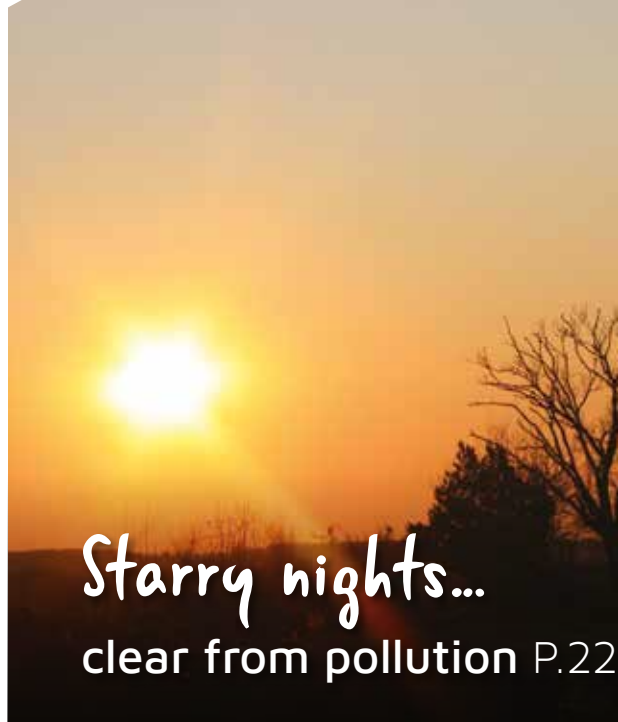


Visit 2 wine producers
One bottle of wine offered
Lunch "pairing food and wine" in a gourmet restaurant





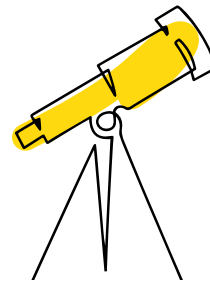
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clear from pollution P.22



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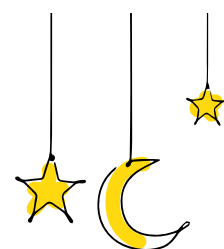
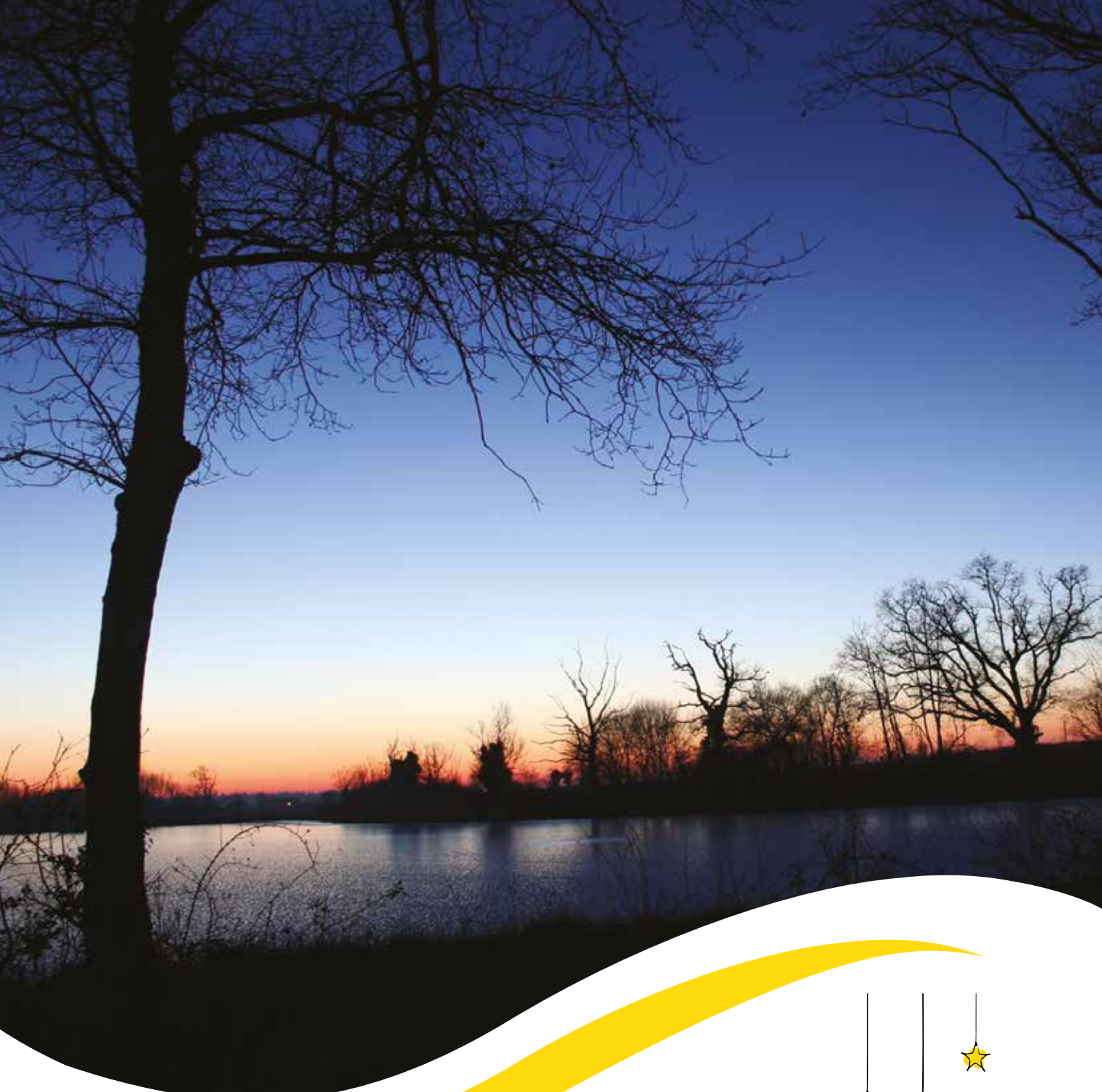


The Sud Vendée - where the skies are brightly lit and fascinating.

"Nothing will match the charm of a starry night. Contemplating the sumptuousness of outer space sky makes you inevitably wonder about man's place in the universe and the likelihood of life elsewhere..." Olivier Sauzereau



Ein mit Sternen gefüllter Traum. "Nichts kommt dem Charme einer sternenerfüllten Nacht gleich. Die wundersame Pracht eines hellerleuchteten Sternenhimmels kann schon manch einen über seinen Platz im Universum und die Möglichkeit anderer Lebensformen im All befragen" O. Sauzereau - Astrophysiker



STAR-LIT DREAMS

Starry nights... clear of light pollution

Far from the halos of large conurbations, some municipalities have chosen to reduce their light pollution in order to reclaim the beauty of the night-skies. Four have already been certified in the Sud Vendée by the National association for the protection of the night-sky and environment (ANPCEN*).

Villages étoiles

"I discovered the ANPCEN* at the Astrolys** festival and it comforted me in my decision to reduce the night lighting in my commune." Louis Marie Briffaud has been mayor in Breuil-Barret since 2008. The reduction of light pollution has been a gradual process: "We first ended the street lighting between 10:30 p.m. and 6 a.m., then extended the stop from 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. However, movement detectors were installed

near the multipurpose hall, and protracted lighting periods were implemented during public events. At the same time, we changed the 110 bulbs of the village's street lights. We thereby managed to reduce our lighting bill by half, while gaining the benefit of admiring the glow of the night skies."

Like la Chapelle-aux-Lys, Marillet and Saint-Denis-du-Payré, and Breuil-

Barret were awarded the 'Star Village' label, which recognises efforts to promote the quality of the night. Limiting lighting is essential for observing the skies and also helps to preserve the biodiversity and nocturnal species.

"These measures are a response to a raised awareness for the natural habitat" says Louis Marie Briffaud. This is a general trend that will advance in the future, and I am pleased to have gained Breuil-Barret in this movement. Jokingly, he adds: "Here, at night, all cats continue to stay grey..."

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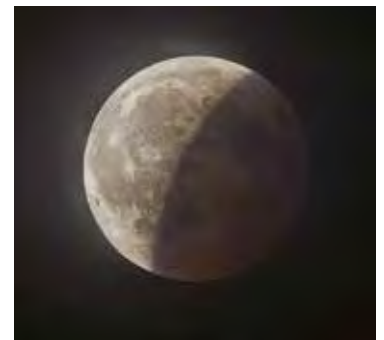
"Here, at night, all cats continue to stay grey..."

Louis-Marie Briffaud

📍 * ANPCEN: association nationale pour la protection du ciel et de l'environnement nocturnes www.anpcen.fr (national association for the protection of the sky and nocturnal environments)



Das Label 'villages étoilés' entspricht einer landesweiten Auszeichnung, die es zum Ziel hat, Lichtverschmutzung zu reduzieren und die nächtliche Flora und Fauna zu schützen. In der Beobachtungsstation des 'Michel Brosselin' - Reservats stehen den Besuchern insgesamt 18 Ferngläser zur Verfügung, die bei zahlreichen Veranstaltungen, so beispielsweise bei den Dämmerungsvorführungen an Mittwochen und Donnerstagen im Sommer, zum Einsatz kommen



Réserve Naturelle Nationale "Michel Brosselin"
85570 SAINT-DENIS-DU-PAYRÉ
02 51 28 41 18
www.reservenaturelle-saintdenisdupayre.fr

Evening opening hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays in July and August with reservations.

Birdwatching at night, at the reserve 'Michel Brosselin'

Meet-up at the entrance to the Saint-Denis-du-Payré nature reserve on Wednesday evenings around nightfall. The daylight visits have ended, and only a small group led by a guide slowly moves down the stilted path (70 m long) towards the 18 telescopes of the observatory.

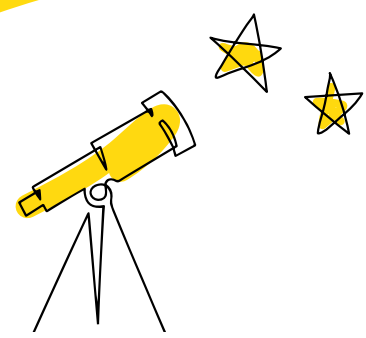
Here in the centre of the more than 200 hectare large nature reserve, the observatory opens to an exceptional panorama.

As darkness sets in over the group, the atmosphere becomes increasingly silent and calm. The only perceivable noise comes

from the distant birds as they gather for the night. At sunset, storks, spatulas, stilts and black-tailed barges land here to spend the night. It is this twilight ambiance that was dear to Victor Hugo and little by little, the shadows unfold in a rustle of wings.



The nature reserve 'Michel Brosselin' at Saint-Denis-du-Payré © photo credit LPO

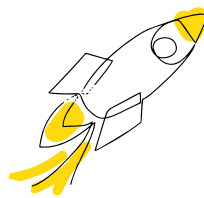


STAR-LIT DREAMS

Comet alignments at la Chapelle-aux-Lys

The village's 250 inhabitants do not have their heads in the clouds. It was after that Olivier Sauzereau, an astro-photographer and historian, laid his telescope and his suitcases here, that la Chapelle-aux-Lys began to haunt the stars.

On the way to the stars!



The star track and the planetarium

NEW

Follow the 8-shaped loop, the symbol of infinity. "We aim to bring together space and time in one place and to explain their relationship. This is a worldwide exclusivity! Explains Olivier Sauzereau, who together with the municipality created the path. The first loop is 4.5 km long and explains the formation of the galaxies, the stars, the sun, and the emergence of life. Time is represented by distance, with 1 m being equivalent to 3 million years."

In the second shorter loop, the visitors can continue their walk on a journey through space. Here 1 m symbolises 5 million km. All the planets in the solar system are magnificently presented in explanatory panels, whereas the journey takes the visitor as far

as Proxima Centauri, the so far nearest-known star to the sun.

A brand new planetarium has just opened slightly further away in this village. In fact, la Chapelle-aux-Lys is the smallest municipality in the world to be able to boast such sophisticated equipments. Below its dome tourists and enthusiasts can attend hemispheric projections and learn much about astronomy and about how recognising constellations. The centre is open all year round to those who like to come.

"To materialize time, 1 m is equivalent to 3 million years."

Olivier Sauzereau



Auf zu den Sternen, in la Chapelle-aux-Lys! Dies ist die welt kleinste Gemeinde im Besitz eines wahren Planetariums. Der Pfad zu den Sternen ist direkt nebenan. Es handelt sich dabei um einen Rundgang in Form einer Endlos-Doppelschleife, wobei ein zurückgelegter Meter zu Fuß fünf Millionen Kilometer im All entspricht!

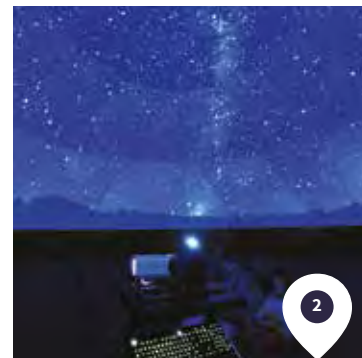
An observatory, a festival, sundials

"I was looking for a suitable location for the observatory and I chose la Chapelle-aux-Lys, because of the quality of the sky here".

That was 15 years ago and since then Olivier Sauzereau has been sharing his passion for astronomy with the rest of the village. At first he set out to build an observatory in an old farmstead, which was run by an association called 'becheurs d'étoiles'. During summer the observatory's roof can be retracted to give way to a large telescope. Families, neophytes and more expert audiences can then gaze at constellations, moon craters, Saturn rings, an even Jupiter cyclones.

Olivier shares his passion with all audiences, be it during organised workshops, discovery nights or just in 'ad hoc' sessions. In summer, amateur astronomers converge at la Chapelle-aux-Lys for the 'Astrolys' festival, during which optical instruments pointing at the sky crop up everywhere.

The village has yet another peculiarity, namely the sundial garden as imagined by its inhabitants. As we already live in a different space-time dimension, why set limits? Some dials are more than 4 m high and betray a local sense of unbounded creativity!



Observatory :
www.becheurs-detoiles.net

Festival Astrolys (15th and 16th August 2020) The star track :
www.astrolys.fr/

Planetarium
On Wednesdays, Sundays (and Fridays during holidays) at 4 pm. Reservations recommended at the **Office de Tourisme du Pays de La Châtaigneraie :**
02 51 52 62 37
www.tourisme-payschataigneraie.fr

Chapelle-aux-Lys
1: starwatching
2: the planetarium
3: the star track

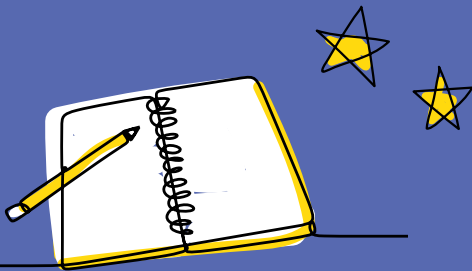
Some accommodations



Adressen, bei denen
sich alles um die
Sterne dreht.

STAR-LIT
DREAMS

Address book



Whether aiming at stars, or
just hoping for a lucky one,
remember to keep the stars
in your eyes!

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entre 'nights' et
'comfortably'

LEGEND

📍 Coordinates

👤 Capacity

... ACCOMODATIONS

LA MAISON DU PINIER



📍 19 Rue Jacques Charles Guichet
85120 BREUIL-BARRET
06 26 44 43 50
www.lamaisondupinier.fr
👤 10 beds - 3 rooms

Le Pinier is a former rectory built in 1868 and now transformed into a charming guesthouse in a village certified as 'village étoilé'. From here in the lofty heights of the boscaje, the view opens over an exceptional and multi-faceted landscape, including a hilly park of 8000 m² that stays appealing throughout the year.

LE FIEF D'ALLARD



📍 6 Allard
85110 LA JAUDONNIÈRE
02 51 51 20 13
06 83 06 89 02

👤 guests - 4 rooms
An upscale villa outstandingly comfortable in the middle of lush greenery, along the banks of the Loing river. Here nature lovers wake up in the morning with the birdsong soothed by the gentle murmur of the water. Benefit from a morning swim in a heated pool and gaze at the stars at your pleasure.

LE CHÂTEAU DE LA BRÉDURIÈRE ****



📍 La Brédurière
85320 MOUTIERS-SUR-LE-LAY
02 51 56 43 20
www.chateau-bredueriere.com
👤 27 guests.

In addition to its historical significance, this 6 hectare property also allures by its stunning views over the vineyards. Three guest rooms are located in the castle, whereas four luxurious lodges and two highly commodious and refined cottages warrant for a change of scenery.

LA FRELONNIÈRE



📍 La Frelonnière
85410 LA CAILLÈRE-ST-HILAIRE
02 51 51 56 49

www.bandbvendee.com
👤 8 guests - 4 rooms
La Frelonnière is a beautifully restored 18th century farmhouse where magic works! With no wifi around, your rural layover here will encourage you to a genuine reconnection with your human and natural surroundings. Enjoy star-lit evenings in the garden or under the wisteria by the pool with local dishes.

OLISA



NEW

📍 28 rue des remparts
85570 L'HERMEAULT
👤 12 guests - 3 rooms

This magnificent mansion located in the village centre, enjoy a cosy and refined décor in one of the three fully refurbished guest rooms. Benefit from the bucolic gardens and the starry nights comfortably seated in the sunbathing chairs by the pool or under the trees!



For more addresses, click on
www.sudvendeeetourisme.com

LA BOISNIÈRE



📍 **La Boisière**
85390 MOUILLERON-ST-GERMAIN
02 51 51 36 39 - 06 33 54 52 04
11 guests - 4 rooms

Located in a protected area way up on the 'Colline des Moulins', this fully renovated guest house welcomes you all year round. The pool overlooks the boschage, and the Clemenceau-Lattre national museum is close by, otherwise take a walk along the scenic hiking trails in hollow ways below century-old oak trees. Your holidays may begin!

LES ROULOTTES DE LA FERME DU MARAIS



📍 **Sainte Christine**
85490 BENET
02 51 52 98 38 - 06 80 68 38 78
www.ecuriedumarais.com
4 trailers for 4 guests respectively

Sleep under the stars - or almost... is there a better way to spend your holidays than in a trailer! The trailers are located in a remote setting in the middle of the Poitevin marshes, at some distance away from the camp site at the farm. Educational activities, donkey rides in the marshes, creative workshops and farm products enhance your 100% nature break!

... RESTAURANT

L'EQUINOXE

📍 **33 avenue Maurice Samson**
85360 LA TRANCHE-SUR-MER
02 51 30 11 12

www.equinoxvendee.com
 With its terrace plunging over the large beach, this restaurant offers a stunning view over the sea. Highly conducive to relaxed meals especially at dusk and under the first stars. Local products and seafood are the restaurant's specialties and have also earned its notoriety.

... FRONT RUNNER

EXPLORE THE VENISE VERTE WITH PIERRE VIALA

Pierre VIALA
06 18 82 71 11

Explore the marshes in a different way as you choose the accompany of a professional, a canoe guide and kayak instructor. Absorb the unique atmosphere in the marshes at the break of day, or at nightfall with the appearance of the first stars, and why not spend the night in a bivouac, an unforgettable experience!



... EVENTS

The night reveals itself to you as if it were a different world with unfamiliar atmospheres, lights, and fragrances. Whereas one part of nature has fallen asleep, another has just awakened!

FEBRUARY 22ND TO NOVEMBER 1ST 2020

EXHIBITION : "NUIT"

📍 **Centre Minier - FAYMOREAU - 02 51 00 48 48**
 Created and produced by the 'Muséum national d'histoire naturelle' (cf page 39).

SATURDAY MAY 9TH 2020

NUIT DES CATHÉDRALES
www.sudvendeeetourisme.com

SATURDAY MAI 16TH 2020

LONG NIGHT OF MUSEUMS
www.sudvendeeetourisme.com

JULY 2020

LES NUITS MUSICALES EN VENDÉE ROMANE



📍 **www.festival-vendee.com**

Supported by the association 'Petites Cités de Caractère de la Vendée' (small characterful cities), this festival welcomes highly talented artists of diverse backgrounds in a setting highlighting the architectural heritage.

BEGINNING OF AUGUST

LA NUIT DES ÉTOILES

📍 **Plaine des sports - FONTENAY-LE-COMTE**

Astro Club 85 - 06 86 98 38 12

Starwatching, open to all (slideshows and sky watch, and telescopes).

AUGUST 15TH AND 16TH 2020

FESTIVAL ASTROLYS

📍 **LA CHAPELLE-AUX-LYS - www.astrolys.fr**

Around the theme "Terre(s)."

LATE AUGUST

LA NUIT DE LA CHAUVÉ-SOURIS

LPO - 02 51 46 21 91 - www.vendee.lpo.fr

The LPO Vendée organises bat watching outings at night during the summer months.

MID OCTOBER

LE JOUR DE LA NUIT

📍 **Fontenay-le-Comte**

Awareness-raising event around light pollution through several activities: observation of the sky with astroclub85, candlelight dinner in partner restaurants, observation of night insects with the LPO, concerts.

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... EVENTS AT DUSK

RÉSERVE NATURELLE NATIONALE 'MICHEL BROSSELIN'

📍 **Pôle des Espaces naturels**
2 rue du 8 mai
85580 SAINT-DENIS-DU-PAYRÉ
02 51 28 41 18

www.reservenaturelle-saintdenisdupayre.fr

Approximately 270 bird species are recorded in the reserve each year. Access is given via a 400 m long stilted path. The observatory is equipped with 18 telescopes for the observation of this remarkable natural heritage.

DO NOT MISS

DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY
 "A la découverte de la Grue cendrée"
APRIL, JULY, AUGUST
 "Les ouvertures crépusculaires"
SEPTEMBER
 "La spatule au crépuscule"

ASTROCLUB 85

📍 **Rue du stade - SÉRIGNÉ**
06 86 98 38 12
www.astroclub85.wixsite.com/astroclub85/

On Friday evenings at 9 p.m., follow the astronomy news and observe the sky according to weather conditions. All audiences welcome.

GRAINES DE NATURE

📍 **VOUVANT - 06 67 75 92 83**
www.grainedenatureblog.wordpress.com
 Workshops, hikes, activities to raise awareness about the environment and sustainable development.

RÉSERVE BIOLOGIQUE DÉPARTEMENTALE

📍 **Maison de la Réserve NALLIERS MOUZEUIL-SAINT-MARTIN**
02 51 97 69 80
www.sitesnaturels.vendee.fr/reservenalliers
 146 hectares of an exceptional natural wealth accessible via trails, activities, exhibitions and workshops throughout the year.



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MEDIEVAL
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The middle ages still have their stories to tell

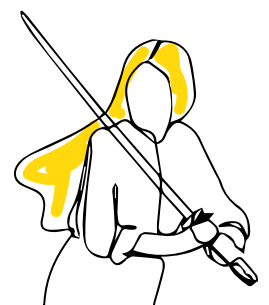
What happened a thousand years ago has not gone lost. The middle ages deeply marked the memory of the Sud Vendée. Today, the fairy Mélusine is still lingering just about everywhere. From Bazoges-en-Pareds to Fontenay-le-Comte and the 1000-year-old Vouvant, the walls and the gardens still call to mind this not-so-distant world.



Die mittelalterliche Sud Vendée. Schlösser, Bergfriede und Gärten; das Mittelalter hat hier viele Spuren hinterlassen.



Nighttime show at the Abbaye Royale Saint-Vincent at Nieul-sur-l'Autise
photo credit: © David Fugere



MEDIEVAL SUD VENDÉE

Medieval Circuit

Visitors need no magic formula to be transported back to the region's medieval ambiance. In the Sud Vendée the memory of this long-gone past is still very much alive.

The 'donjon' at Bazoges-en-Pareds



LE DONJON (CASTLE-KEEP)

The so-called 'donjon' consists of the surviving vestiges of the castle attributed to Jehan Girard. It was originally protected by a fortified area of about 1 hectare! Sixty people are thought to have lived there, including a dozen of knights. Its armoury, the chests, tables, beds and the other furniture resuscitate the original setting. Did you know that in those days people preferred to sleep seated, because the lying position was that of the dead? More than 30 m above the ground at the top of the curtain wall would-be knights turn into glorious defenders, as they hurl stones and boiling water at the assailants.

THE 'REMARQUABLE JARDIN'

The top of the keep also has a spectacular view over the distant boschage countryside and just below, over the typically square medieval garden with its medicinal and aromatic herbs, including those used in witchcraft. The garden has recently been awarded the label 'jardin remarquable' issued by the French ministry of culture. Similar rehabilitated gardens are on display to the public at Nieul, near the royal abbey, in Fontenay-le-Comte, and at Vouvant.

📍 Keep, garden and museum :
12 cour du Château
85390 BAZOGES-EN-PAREDS
02 51 51 23 10
www.bazoges-en-pareds.fr



In the region of the abbeys



THE MAILLEZAIS ABBEY

The most famous abbey in the Sud Vendée is Maillezais. Its majestic ruins still inspire the visitors' imaginations. Around the year 1000, when Maillezais was an island in the gulf of Pictons, now the Poitevin marshes, father Theodolin began the construction of a monastery overlooking the sea. With its growing

influence and wealth, it was elevated to the rank of a cathedral in 1317, counting seven bell towers. Today, its well preserved architecture is still unique. To find out more, follow the 3D and interactive museographic tour.

📍 MAILLEZAIS
02 51 53 66 80
www.sitesculturels.vendee.fr



THE ABBEY AT NIEUL-SUR-L'AUTISE

This abbey was founded in the 11th century by the knight of Vouvant with bestowments from the Dukes of Aquitaine. Eleanor of Aquitaine stayed here in 1141 when she was queen consort of France before accessing the throne of England. The abbey was then upgraded to the status of royal abbey. Since 1968, it has been the property of the Vendée department and today represents one of the most remarkable monastic complexes preserved so far. The visitors are drawn into the wider and lesser history during guided theatrical tours but also by aid of an innovative museography.

📍 Nieul-sur-l'Autise
RIVES-D'AUTISE - 02 51 50 43 00
www.sitesculturels.vendee.fr



THE ROYAL ABBEY

This is the Vendée's oldest monastery. It was founded in 682 by Saint Philibert and flourished during the 12th century thanks to its production of seasalt. Along with Nieul-sur-l'Autise, Maillezais, Saint-Maixent and Absie, it is one of the 5 founding abbeys in the Poitevin marshes.

📍 SAINT-MICHEL-EN-L'HERM
02 51 56 37 37 ou 06 83 31 57 21


Fontenay-le-Comte, city of art and history



Fontenay-le-Comte has been awarded the label 'ville d'art et d'histoire' by the Ministry of Culture. As from the middle ages the city rose to prosperity and its population grew, especially in the quarter called 'Loges', where workers, craftsmen and merchants settled in the 11th century. Numerous traces along the narrow alleys, the timber-framed houses, sections of the old ramparts, or the Parc Baron are clear witnesses to the city's long-lived history.

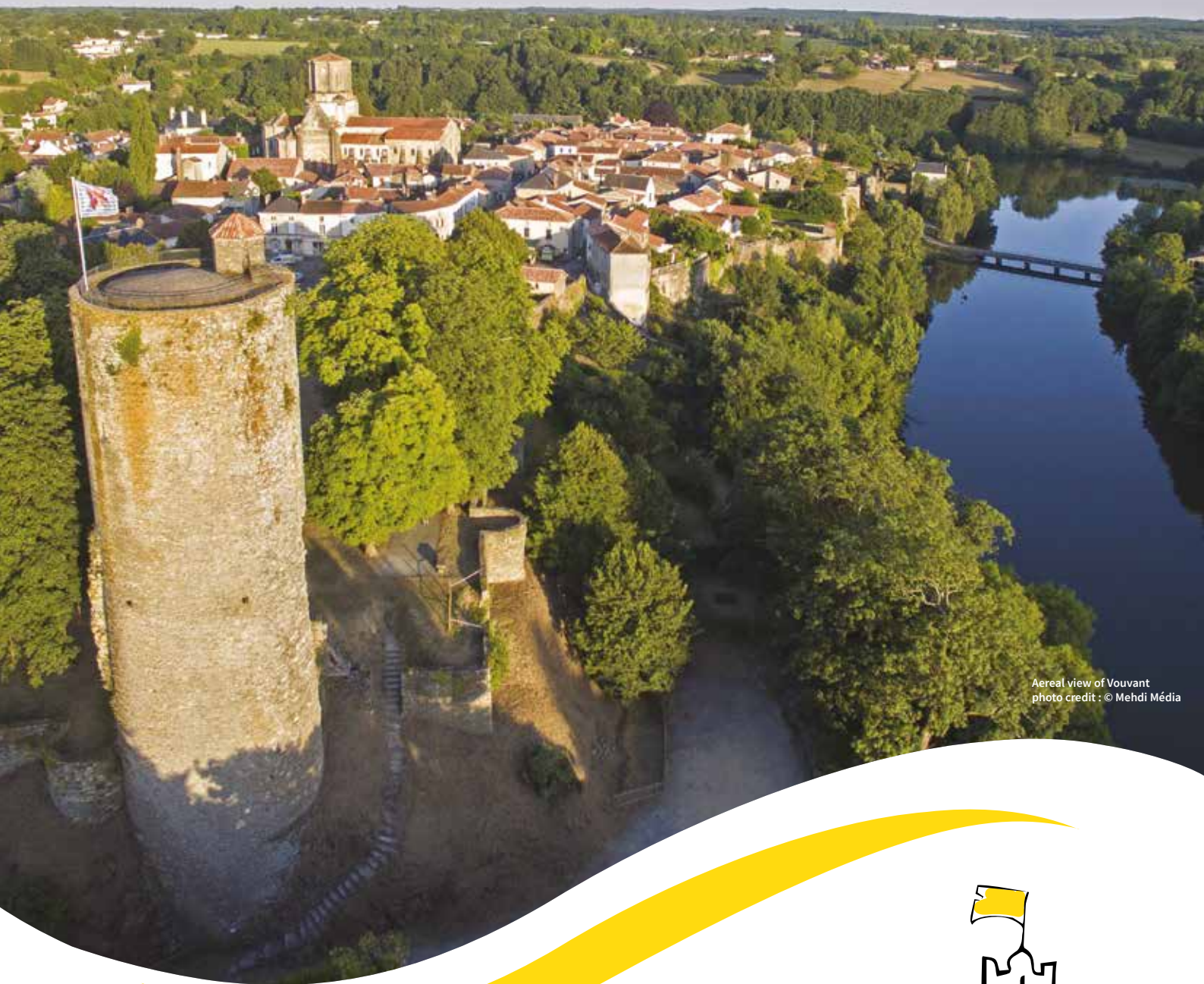
📍 Animations du Patrimoine
Office de Tourisme
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www.fontenay-vendee-tourisme.com

📍 Musée de Fontenay-le-Comte
Place du 137^{ème} RI
FONTENAY-LE-COMTE
02 51 53 40 04
www.fontenay-le-comte.fr

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Eine Schlaufe, bei der Sie in das mittelalterliche Erbe der Sud Vendée einführt werden und an folgenden Orten bringt: Bazoges en Pareds, den Abteien von Maillezais, Nieul sur l'Autise, St Michel en l'Herm und Fontenay le Comte.



Aerial view of Vouvant
photo credit : © Mehdi Média

MEDIEVAL SUD VENDÉE

1000 years of history at Vouvant

Vouvant is the only fortified village in the Vendée. At the request of William the Great, Duke of Aquitaine, the monks of Maillezais erected a fortified castle, a church, and a monastery at Vouvant. That was 1000 years ago, between 1010 and 1020, by its looks a short time ago.





Vouvant ist eine mittelalterliche Stadt, die ihr 1000-jähriges Bestehen feiert und sich zu diesem Anlass eine neue Turmorgel leistet! Vouvant hat sich ebenfalls zu einem Kunstort entwickelt, wo die Werke von vielen Malern und Künstlern in den örtlichen Galerien ausgestellt sind.

Stroll through the medieval city

A stroll through the medieval city may begin at the Tourist Office. Mélusine, the legendary half-woman half-snake fairy, has much marked the city's aspect. She is said to have built the castle of the Lusignan knights in one night only, of which the tower dating from 1242 is the chief remnant. Its top at 45 m above the ground offers a stunning view over the Mervent forest massif.

The 'place du bail' is the castle's former courtyard. Villagers took refuge there behind the formerly 2 km long ramparts during sieges. The latter overlook the river Mère flowing into the forest towards the village of Petit Château, the former hunting lodge of William V to whom Vouvant has much to owe. As you exit the square by a small blind alley, you arrive at the 'cour du miracle'. And from the 'rue du Duc d'Aquitaine', you reach the 'place du corps de garde'. Follow the 'rue basse des remparts', 'rue de la poterne' before arriving at a steep ramp leads you to last surviving of the city's former three gates: the 'porte de la poterne'.



If you then continue along the 'chemin des ranges' next to the ramparts, you will get to the Romanesque bridge and the washhouse. Going back to the village centre via the 'rue de la visitation' and the 'rue de l'escalier' you will come to the priory garden and the famously known Romanesque church built thousand years ago.

Office de Tourisme
Pays de Fontenay-Vendée
02 51 69 44 99
www.fontenay-vendee-tourisme.com



Vouvant, village of painters

The celebration of the village's millennium anniversary also included an exceptional exhibition prepared by the association 'Vouvant village de peintres'. It centred on twenty art works in the gemmail (enamel gem) that were put on display in the church's the nave.

"During two months, visitors were able to admire about twenty large gemmail formats, a stained glass technique", explains Guy Plagnol, the association's secretary. Gemmail is a forgotten art that deserves more interest yet for its special technique. Coloured pieces of glass are cut, pressed, and baked. The art works can reach up to 7 cm thickness. "They harmonise by their transparency, and their own light refraction." The resulting colours are truly striking. "That's why gemmail is closer to painting than stained glass." This particular form of art, which thrived in the 1930s, formerly seduced prestigious artists like Picasso, Braque, and Cocteau, but without really reaching the public. The Vouvant exhibition between July 5th and August 25th 2019 was widely acclaimed and of great cultural benefit.

MOVED BY THE VISUAL ARTS

The association celebrated its sixteenth summer season. "It was created under the leadership of Jacky Roy, the former mayor, who sought to revitalise the village, says Guy Plagnol. It worked out very well. Vouvant is not only an extremely attractive medieval village, it is also alive and kicking." The arts have greatly contributed to this. The association has 70 members, whilst about 10 workshops are open every summer. "Since the creation of the association, several artists have settled here". Up to 20,000 visitors admiring the building and its exhibitions are registered in the church's Theododelin nave every year. The program for 2020 can be obtained on demand.

www.vouvantvillagedepeintres.com

An organ for a millennium!

Vouvant will remember its millennium anniversary, as, thanks to crowdfunding, it was able to acquire an organ with more than a thousand pipes to upgrade its century-old church. The latter is in fact the first in Vendée to come under heritage protection by the initiative of the novelist Prosper Mérimée in 1840.

MUSIC, HERITAGE, AND CULTURAL TOURISM

"Yes, this is a heritage and music event, but it will also have a strong outcome on cultural tourism", says Yves Rousseau, the project's initiator. The project is unique in its kind and its

funding is assured mainly by donors. Anyone can hence participate in the protection of the heritage in the Sud Vendée. The construction of the instrument was entrusted to the organ builder Yves Fossaert. The organ will feature innovations consenting with a wide musical spectrum compatible with all audiences.

AN ORGAN AND A CULTURAL PROGRAMME

The organ aims at serving several purposes, including concerts, summer festivals, school and tourist activities, artist residencies, internships etc.



AN ORGAN FOR VOUVANT IN 2020

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ORGAN MANUFACTURE YVES FOUSSAIS



Gemmail 'L'enfant sauvage' by Jean Commère

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Here's our shortlist 100% medieval !

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👤 Capacity



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... ACCOMODATION

A L'INTÉRIEUR DE LA GRANGE



📍 Le prieuré
85400 LUCON
09 79 24 56 43
www.lamaisondeneel.canalblog.com

👤 6 guests - 2 rooms

A 19th century building now turned into a unique guesthouse only a stone-throw away from the village centre, next to the marshes. Suitable for all seasons. Unconventional blend of onetime and contemporary interior, harmony between colours and spaces! Boat and canoe are freely available to guests.

CHÂTEAU DE L'ABBAYE ET LE PORTAIL



📍 4 rue nationale
85450 MOREILLES
02 51 56 17 56

www.chateau-moreilles.com

The elegance and refinement of this history-laden guesthouse, a former Cistercian abbey founded in the 12th century, will enchant its guest: there are 4 guest rooms at the castle, 5 luxurious suites with private spa, a renowned table and a romantic park of 2 hectares planted in 1848.

LA MARRIENNE



📍 14 Rue de la Virée
85490 BENET
02 51 51 50 41

www.lamarienne.com

Remarkably and serenely set in a 15th century priory, with 4 judiciously restored guest rooms and a family suite. Cosy and quiet atmosphere, regional specialties, relaxing area with hot-tub and steam bath, wooded garden and indoor pool.

HÔTEL *** LE FONTARABIE



📍 57 rue de la République
85 200 FONTENAY-LE-COMTE
02 51 69 17 24

www.hotel-fontarabie.com

This former post office built under king Francis I in 1520 has 49 spacious and comfortable rooms. The hotel has kept its past charm while assuring for all the latest services. Stays for both professionals and holiday makers.

LE RELAIS DE LA GRANDE RUE



📍 26 Grande Rue
85120 VOUVANT
02 51 00 83 56 - 06 17 27 87 35
www.lerelaisdelagranderue.fr
👤 7 guests.

Near the abode of Melusine the fairy, this fully restored medieval guesthouse has two guest rooms: 'Mélior' has a monumental fireplace whose fireback refers to the royal wedding of Charles VIII and Duchess Anne of Brittany. 'Pressine' is equipped with a strong roof-frame and a country chimney.



LE ROSIER SAUVAGE



📍 1 rue de l'Abbaye
Nieul-sur-l'Autise
85240 RIVES-D'AUTISE
02 51 52 49 39
www.lerosiersauvage.c.la
👤 10 guests - 4 rooms

Find refuge in this 18th century house in a peaceful and charming atmosphere facing the royal abbey of Eleanor of Aquitaine (founded in 1068). The walled garden supplanted by a dovecote and the breakfast room in the former beautifully restored stables will add to the quality of your stay.

LES ÉCURIES DU CHÂTEAU



📍 44 rue de l'horloge - Denant
Nieul-sur-l'Autise
85240 RIVES-D'AUTISE
02 51 69 09 31 - 06 81 19 27 69
👤 'La Sellerie' 6 guests.

This charming cottage in the castle's former tack room from the 19th century has been included to the list of the 'Fondation du Patrimoine'. Located on a 3 hectare property, the 'Sellerie' overlooks Nieul-sur-L'Autise and its Royal abbey offering a unique panorama.

... RESTAURANTS

AUBERGE DE MAÎTRE PANNETIER

📍 8 place du Corps de Garde - 85120 VOUVANT
02 51 00 80 12
www.maitrepannetier.com

A short walk away from the superb Romanesque church, this restaurant serves traditional and inventive dishes in a typical and warm ambiance around the fireplace. Guests are also recommended to try the homemade cocktails!

NEW

MAISON DESAMY

📍 Place circulaire - MAREUIL-SUR-LAY-DISSAIS
02 51 52 69 43

Emmanuelle and Simon welcome their guest in the former Desamy clock factory, where the charms of old stones and the tranquillity of the river Lay blend in harmony with a modern environment and original design. Experience their tasty product-based dishes, which of course are local and seasonal.

CÔTÉ ABBAYE



📍 Impasse du Petit Versailles
85420 MAILLEZAIS
02 51 87 25 07 - 06 43 92 52 74
www.auberge-de-abbaye85.fr
👤 8 guests.

In this fully renovated stone annex, guests enjoy a magnificent view over the Maillezaais abbey. It also has direct access to the pier of the 'Petit Port Sauvage' with preferential rates at the boat rentals.

L'ANGÉLIQUE



NEW



📍 96 rue G. Clemenceau
85770 VIX
06 50 93 12 29

L'Angélique is among the village's oldest houses and the ideal place to take a break. Benefit from its large, well-wooded garden, small vegetable garden, and its heated swimming pool. Gérard, will serve his generous breakfasts in the dining room or on the terrace under the plum tree: homemade jams and pastries as well as local specialities. New: places to dine.

... ACTIVITIES

PARCABOUT / LE DONJON DES CIMES

📍 2 rue du Château féodal - Parc Baron
85200 FONTENAY-LE-COMTE
02 51 69 19 70

The uniqueness of this park is not just for its nets that stretch out up to 9 m above the ground, where you can safely and freely climb, jump, and run without restrictions from harnessing. It is also because the park supplants the ruins of an old castle, offering breath-taking views over Fontenay-le-Comte and its historic quarter.

PLACES TO VISIT

👉 All information available in the section 'Medieval Circuit in Sud Vendée' p. 31!

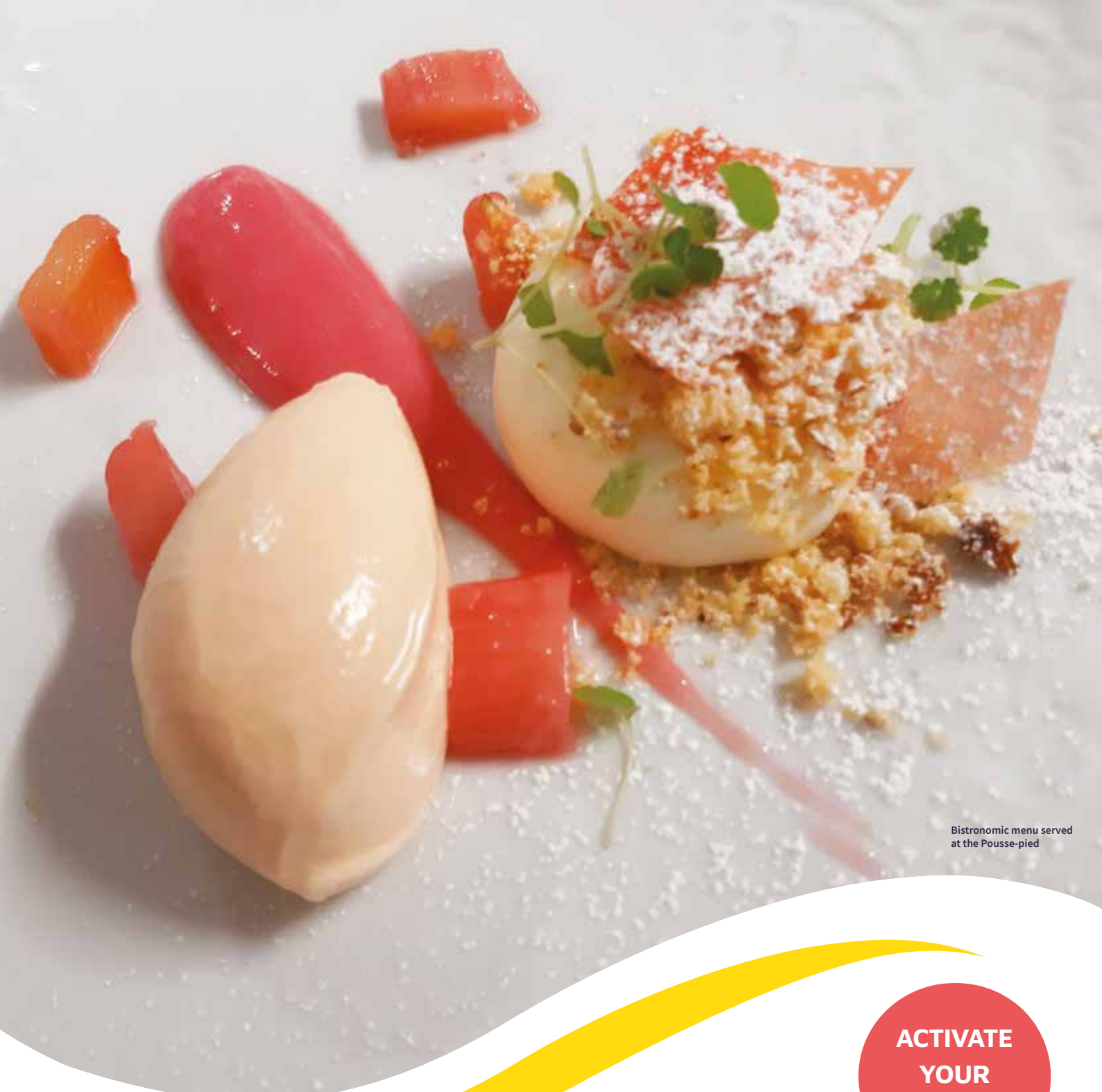
📍 ABBAYE SAINT VINCENT DE NIEUL-SUR-L'AUTISE

📍 ABBAYE SAINT PIERRE DE MAILLEZAIS

📍 ABBAYE ROYALE DE SAINT-MICHEL-EN-L'HERM

📍 DONJON DE BAZOGES-EN-PAREDS

📍 TOUR MÉLUSINE DE VOUVANT



Bistronic menu served at the Pousse-pied

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Gourmet delights in Sud Vendée

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Schärfen Sie Ihre fünf Sinne. Anthony Lumet, der Chef-Koch im Restaurant 'le Pousse-pied' hat seinen ersten Michelin-Stern bereits im Jahre 2017 verdient und begrüßt seine Gäste das ganze Jahr über.

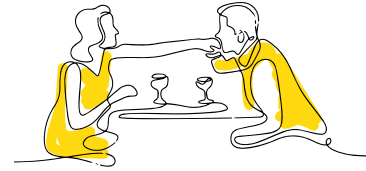
→ **Le Pousse-pied - among the best**



Anthony Lumet is a remarkable young chef, and the news is spreading. Although having been able to boast a Michelin star since 2018, he prefers to stay concentrated on his maritime food menus.

In January 2020, the Michelin Guide reconfirmed its star to the Pousse-pied in La Grière. Two years ago, the cook's culinary exploits fuelled the chronicle. Aged 27, he was one of the youngest chefs to be listed in the 2018 edition of the Michelin Guide. Despite all the honours, Anthony is no swank. "It's not that extraordinary. I took this distinction as a sign of encouragement and to continue to please customers". Calm and focussed, he carries on: "My menus are inspired by to the sea and observe its seasonality", says the young man native from La Tranche-sur-Mer.

'Pousse-pied' is the French word for gooseneck barnacle, a tasty crustacean so sought-after that its catches have been



"My menus are inspired by to the sea and observe its seasonality"

Anthony Lumet

severely regulated. The restaurant's name is intended to evoke quality, authenticity and respect for the environment. Anthony learned his trade at the hotel school in La Roche on Yon. He then went on to the restaurant 'La Marine de Noirmoutier', which recently has earned the distinction by the 'Grandes Tables du Monde'.

Le Pousse-pied is currently the only restaurant with a Michelin star in Sud Vendée, the 7th in this département.

📍 **Le Pousse-pied - 84 boulevard des Vendéens
La Grière - LA TRANCHE-SUR-MER
Tél. 02 51 56 23 95
www.lepousseped.fr**



Die Weine des Prieuré la Chaume haben Charakter, und Christian Chabirand stellt sie gerne im Rahmen von Kunstveranstaltungen vor. Neu in 2020 sind ein grünes Theater und das Festival 'Les Arts par Nature'.

Did you know

that the Domaine Coirier in Pissotte has been recently labelled 'Cave Touristique' just like the 'Preuré la Chaume' at Vix?



PRIEURÉ LA CHAUME



Christian Chabirand engaged in the challenging project to grow wine where no one has done so before. He planted his first vines in 1997. He is devoted to organic farming and preservation of the environment. The vineyard has been verified by ECOCERT on 14 hectares. The wines he produces are both characterful and of high quality. Christian's philosophy is to promote

his wines with the performing arts by creating a green theatre in the middle of the vineyard that among other things will host the summer program of the festival 'LES ARTS PAR NATURE'. The capacity and appeal of his cultural artistic wine tourism project will be increased by adding an orangery.

PRIEURE La CHAUME
35 chemin de la Chaume - 85770 VIX
TÉL 02 51 00 49 38 - contact@la-chaume.net
www.prieure-la-chaume.com





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Centre Minier de Faymoreau



60 years after the closure of the region's small coal mine, get to know its history and follow the black faces of the pitmen as they descend down the shaft. In this brand new museum you will just like the miners start your visit in the changing room before going down the pit and reappearing again in daylight. Walk along the working-class corridors of Faymoreau and admire Carmelo Zagari's stained glass windows in the chapel.
Night exhibition © MNHN from 22/02 to 01/11/2020, activities for children and their families. The exhibition has been conceived and produced by the 'Muséum national d'histoire naturelle'.

📍 La Cour - FAYMOREAU - 02 51 00 48 48
www.centreminier-vendee.fr



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Château de Terre Neuve



This Renaissance castle overlooking Fontenay-le-Comte is one of the city's main attractions. It was built around 1590 by Nicolas Rapin, Grand Prévot de la Connétablie Française and companion of king Henry IV. In addition to its richly furnished living rooms, it has several collections on exhibition, including a number of etchings by Octave de Rochebrune, famous aquafortist and the castle's owner in the 19th century.

NEW 2020 As from 2020, the kitchen is now open to the public.

📍 FONTENAY-LE-COMTE
02 51 69 17 75 - 02 51 69 99 41
www.chateau-terreneuve.com

Musée National Clemenceau - De Lattre



This new museum labelled 'Maisons des Illustres' composes of the birthplaces of two famous Frenchmen. The first is the birthplace of Jean de Lattre where the 19th century interior decorations and gardens have been preserved. The bilingual exhibition traces his life and both his military and political roles in French history of the 20th century. The second is only a few metres away and that of Georges Clemenceau. The recently inaugurated exhibition transcends the traditional image of the statesman commonly known as the 'Père la Victoire' by highlighting his various personal facets and avant-gardist ideas.

📍 MOUILLERON-SAINT-GERMAIN - 02 51 00 31 49
www.musee-clemenceau-delattre.fr



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La Maison de la Meunerie



This old cereal mill is still in operating condition and, while drawing its power from the Autize river, continues to connect with its immediate natural surroundings. Find out more about the site as you join the miller's daughter, Suzanne, who by aid of modern museography will explain its historical legacy and what life was like here in the 1920s. Also get to know the stories about the cat, the lavender and the baker!
Events include family activities, exhibitions and shows, production of flour and specialities.

📍 Nieul sur l'Autize- RIVES D'AUTISE
02 51 52 47 43 - www.maisondelameunerie-vendee.fr



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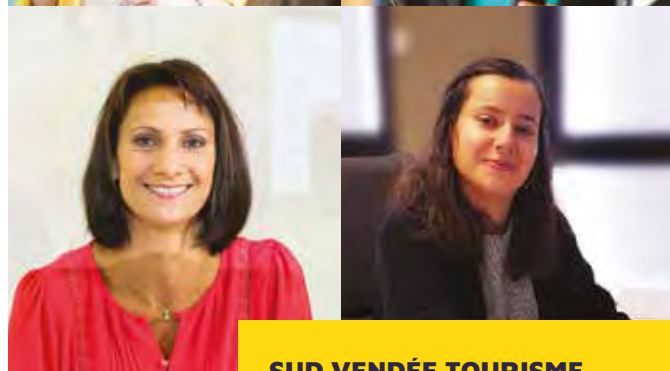


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 www.tourisme-payschataigneraie.fr



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 85120 VOUVANT
 Tél. : 02 51 00 86 80

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 1 rue Mélusine
 85240 FOUSSAIS-PAYRÉ
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 Mairie
 2 chemin des Douves
 85200 MERVENT
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HOW TO GET HERE?

Sud Vendée is in Western France and borders the Atlantic Ocean south of the river Loire, between Nantes and La Rochelle.

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Brussels: 749 km

London: 824 km

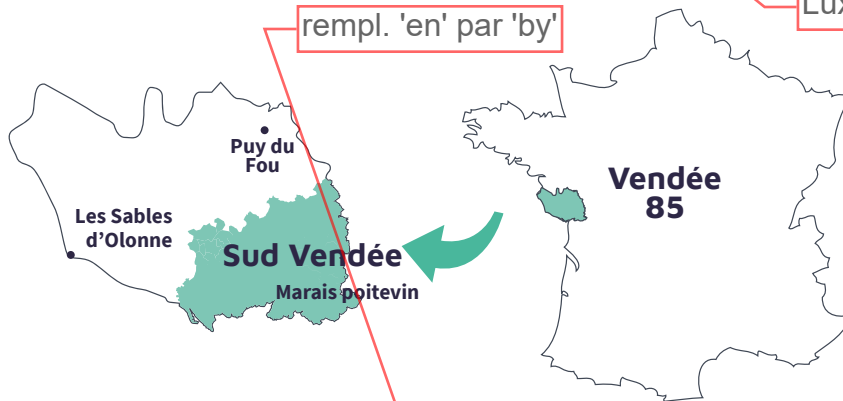
Luxembourg: 830 km

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Rome: 1 646 km



VENDÉE GLOBE

Join us at the departure village of the Vendée Globe from October 17th to November 8th, 2020: entertainment, games, local food and beverages.

BY CAR

Motorway A83 (Nantes-Niort) crosses the Sud Vendée where there are four exits to Sainte-Hermine, La Châtaigneraie, Fontenay-le-Comte, and Oulmes.

EN TRAIN

The closest TGV stations are at La Roche-sur-Yon, Les Sables d'Olonne, Nantes, Niort, and La Rochelle. Fontenay-le-Comte has a connecting SNCF train and bus station.
Timetables www.oui.sncf

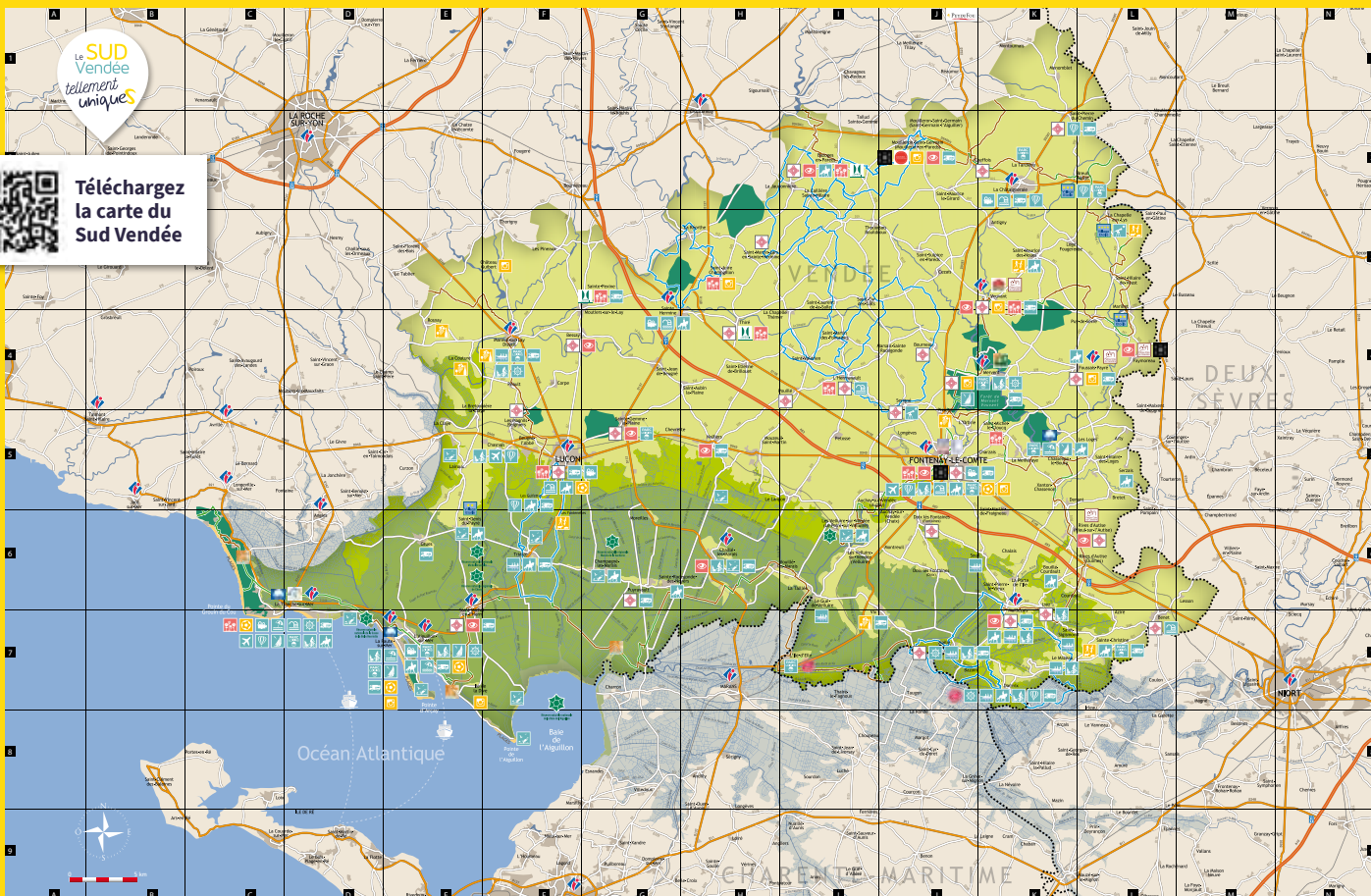
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