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Nantes

Congress and Event Capacity : Up to **5,500** delegates

Carte Nantes

Nantes, located in the **heart of Europe**, is a logistical masterpiece for international events. Its international airport connects you effortlessly to major cities and hubs, while the high-speed train network ensures swift travel within Europe.

By plane:
- Direct flights to 100 national and international destinations
- 1 hour from Paris and London
- All the european capital cities in less than 2 hours

By train:
- less than 2 hours from Paris
- 21 round-trips/day to Paris every half-hour

A city committed to societal and environmental transitions

We like to call it "**the city of the quarter-hour**": Nantes promotes soft mobility through the development of a dense public transport network (tram, bus / free at weekends). The city is also easily walkable or bikeable, with nearly **600 km of cycling paths**. It is a member of the European program “100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities”. Through its Convention Bureau, the city supports the transformation of the event industry with strong collective commitments and innovative experiments.

The first CSR metropolis with **39% of businesses engaged**, Nantes blends modernity with social tradition. As the birthplace of trade unions and a fertile ground for solidarity initiatives, the city embodies a collective spirit and a strong commitment to inclusion. Free public transport on weekends, citizen dialogue, and an active network of associations reinforce this inclusive model.

A city where you never get bored

Nantes is the event destination where you’ll never be bored. It was even named the "**loopiest City in France**" by the Sunday Times.

Driven by the spirit of **Jules Verne**, its touch of eccentricity is felt throughout the city, thanks to its open-air art installations. With its offering of unique venues (**Machines de l’Ile**, reinvented places like the former courthouse, old factories, industrial halls, castles, cultural sites, boats), it can host all kinds of events. Its convention center (**La Cité Nantes Congress Centre**) is committed to a responsible approach: the venue has been labeled as a Healthy Venue and is ISO 20121 certified, just like Exponantes, its exhibition park and its Convention Bureau.

Nantes is also a true cultural hub with exhibitions, concerts, and festivals all year round (e.g. La Folle Journée, RDV de l’Erdre, etc.).

Culinary excellence

Thanks to its close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean and its rich agricultural lands, Nantes offers a cuisine that blends land and sea. On the savory side, **beurre blanc** enhances fish and seafood, while **curé nantais** cheese and **Muscadet** wine delight cheese and wine lovers. On the sweet side, **gâteau nantais**, **berlingots**, and **LU biscuits** are must-tries. **Nantaise lamb’s lettuce** enriches this local cuisine. Between tradition and creativity, Nantes captivates all food lovers with its unique flavors.

Intelligence meets Innovation

The economic dynamism of Nantes is powered by **competitiveness clusters** and **world-renowned industries of excellence** (health/biotechnologies, agri-food, composite and metallic materials, sciences of the sea (Marine Renewable Energy), aerospace...): the EMC2 cluster, dedicated to advanced manufacturing technologies, Atlanpole Biotherapies for healthcare/biotechnology, Images & Réseaux for information and telecom technologies, and of course the Brittany Atlantic Ocean Cluster for the maritime economy…

The destination is home to some **5,000 researchers** (public and private establishments), 200 laboratories, universities and specialist schools, including **over 60,000 students**. Nantes' modern and vibrant economy is built on the presence of leading world companies such as STX, Vivalis, LU, Airbus, Alstom, Eurofins…

A city committed to fighting food waste

Nantes is the **first French destination to successfully engage in the fight against food waste in professional events** by integrating the entire event chain, showcasing its ability to innovate together. The network of the Convention Bureau consists of event venues, caterers, event agencies, service providers, accommodations, and more. All have signed a commitment charter aimed at raising awareness among clients and implementing actions to reduce food waste during corporate events. This local synergy allows organizers to benefit from tailored support and effective networking to ensure the success of the event.

Tips to (re)discover Nantes

1. Nantes, amazingly creative and friendly!
A gala dinner in Les Machines de l'Ile with the "Grand Elephant" - an extraordinary mechanical elephant - 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.

2. Nantes, an environmentally responsible city
Nantes shows an ongoing commitment to protecting the environment and providing an excellent quality of life. With more than 2,000 Green Key certified rooms, extensively developed soft mobility, local providers committed to organizing more responsible events, and a local policy focused on sustainable cities, Nantes is an ideal French destination to minimize the negative externalities of your event.

3. The Nantes Events hosting Charter
Nantes stands out with the introduction of the Hospitality Charter, which includes commitments to

offering a warm and personalised welcome for your delegates, with free services provided by all local partners.

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