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# Where is the Vendée?

The Vendée is an area of Western France which lies on the Atlantic Coast, south of the Loire, between the cities of Nantes and La Rochelle. It is about 600 km from the UK.



## By air (about 1 hour):

**To Nantes-Atlantique Airport (83 km from the Vendée):**

From London City (Air France by Cityjet)

From Manchester, Southampton (Flybe code share Air France)

From Liverpool, London Gatwick (Easyjet)

From Dublin and Shannon (Ryanair)

From Glasgow

**To La Rochelle/Ile de Ré Airport (94 km from the Vendée):**

From London Stansted, East Midlands and Dublin (Ryanair)

From London Gatwick and Bristol (Easyjet)

From Birmingham, Manchester and Southampton (Flybe)

From Leeds-Bradford and Edinburgh (Jet2)

## By rail (about 6 hours):

From London Saint Pancras to Lille Europe (Eurostar), then TGV from Lille Europe to La Roche sur Yon/Les Sables d'Olonne

From London Saint Pancras to Paris Gare du Nord (Eurostar), then TGV from Paris Gare Montparnasse to La Roche sur Yon/Les Sables d'Olonne

**Main stations in the Vendée:** La Roche sur Yon, Challans, Saint Gilles Croix de Vie, Les Sables d'Olonne, Montaigu, Luçon.

## By road via ferry/tunnel (about 7 hours):

**To Saint Malo (265 km from the Vendée):**

From Portsmouth (Brittany Ferries)

From Weymouth, via the Channel Islands

From Poole (Condor Ferries)

**To Caen (393 km from the Vendée):**

From Portsmouth (Brittany Ferries)

**To Roscoff (402 km from the Vendée):**

From Plymouth and Cork (Brittany Ferries)

**To Le Havre (421 km from the Vendée):**

From Portsmouth (LD Lines and Brittany Ferries)

**To Cherbourg (428 km from the Vendée):**

From Portsmouth (Brittany Ferries)

From Poole (Brittany Ferries)

**To Dieppe (484 km from the Vendée):**

From Newhaven (LD Lines)

**To Boulogne (604 km from the Vendée):**

From Ramsgate (Euroferries)

From Dover (Speedferries)

**To Calais (636 km from the Vendée):**

From Dover (P&O Ferries and LD Lines)

From Folkestone (Eurotunnel and Speedferries)

**To Dunkerque (676 km from the Vendée):**

From Dover (DFDS Seaways)

**To Saint Nazaire (52 km from the Vendée):**

From Roselare (LD Lines)

# Highlights

## A dynamic tourism economy:

- Tourism is a top-tier component of the Vendée economy,
- The first tourism département in France on the Atlantic seaboard with nearly 35.8 million nights booked for tourism,
- 5 million tourists welcomed each year,
- 87% are French clients (Western France, Paris region, etc.),
- 13% are international clients (from Great Britain, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, etc.),
- Reception capacity of 820,000 beds,
- Average trip duration is 10.5 days,
- The tourist season now lasts six months from April to September with nearly 90% of nights booked,
- A strong trend towards year-round attraction.



## A diverse, high-quality tourism offering:

- A diverse, high-quality accommodation offering,
- 250 km of coastlines with 80% protection, 140 km of fine sandy beaches,
- An unexpected variety of landscapes including dunes and forests, wild, rocky coastlines, bocages and wetlands,
- Over 100 natural, protected areas covering more than 2,000 hectares,
- Two islands (Yeu and Noirmoutier), 18 seaside resorts and eight marinas (moorings for 6,400 vessels),
- Two convention centres, two thalassotherapy centres, five 18-hole golf courses and one 9-hole course,
- Over 1,600 km of cycling tracks,
- A vast range of water activities for every season,
- Fine cuisine takes centre stage with six Michelin-starred restaurants,
- Over 500 events held every year,
- World-famous events: Vendée Globe, Tour de France,
- Over 300 sites to visit or for leisure activities,
- A unique sight-seeing venue that now welcomes over 2,2 million visitors each year: le Puy du Fou® (voted the best theme park in the world in 2014 and best attraction in the world in 2016).

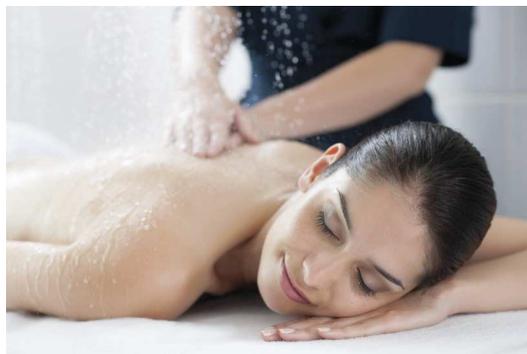
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## On the Vendée coast

Do you like fine sandy beaches and a wild coastline? The Vendéen coastline is sure to please with its 250 km of protected coast which includes 140 km of sandy beaches. It boasts excellent bathing water quality and gently sloping beaches which guarantee fun and safety for all the family on holiday in Vendée.



### Les villas du Port à Port Joinville (Ile d'Yeu)

This charming, perfectly presented, peaceful and relaxing property is located in Port-Joinville. The grounds feature an alleyway that leads to the 3 bedrooms and the family suite, all of which are available to guests. Each bedroom has its own, small outdoor garden surrounded by a stone wall.

The house has a dining room and terrace, where breakfasts and meals prepared by the hosts are served. The outdoor relaxation area includes a spa.



**New for 2017:** a brighter dining room serving up generous breakfasts.

*Price: from €85 per room, based on 2 people sharing (including breakfast and tourist tax)*

*Les Villas du Port – 1 impasse des Ramendeuses - Port Joinville – Ile d'Yeu*

*[www.lesvillasduport.fr](http://www.lesvillasduport.fr) – Tel. 00 33 (0)2 28 12 99 46*

*Contact: Marie-Louise et Dominique*



### Blanc Marine (Ile de Noirmoutier)

#### News for 2017

The large, shaded, flower-lined garden is planted with mimosas, holly oaks and Mexican orange trees. It is a place dominated by white – laurels, rose bushes, wisteria, bougainvillea, geraniums, lavender and lilac. The large garden area is the perfect place to relax around the heated pool (depending on the season).

A generous sweet and savoury breakfast, featuring traditional island produce, is served in the dining room. Each room has its own separate entrance and a private terrace, each shower room has a steam room where you can relax and unwind after a day's walking or cycling.

#### A loft in the middle of the garden

This loft sits beneath a glass-roofed terrace in the middle of the garden, offering an exceptional view of the pool. It comes with all mod cons, including a kitchenette, so it's the ideal place to enjoy full independence during your stay.



*Blanc Marine - 1 bis rue de l'Acquenette – Noirmoutier en l'île*

*Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 39 99 11- [www.blanc-marine.net](http://www.blanc-marine.net)*

*Contact: Jean Dalric*

## Chambres d'Hôtes Marie-Jeanne (Saint Gervais)

The Marie-Jeanne B&B is on the outskirts of the Marais Breton and just a few minutes from the sea. In 2016 the owner, Pascale, created a new attic room in an outbuilding near her home, complete with a shower room/toilet, separate entrance and kitchenette. The room has a private outdoor area with garden furniture.

Pascale also has self-catering properties for 3 and 5 people in the grounds. Private car park. Walking and cycling on site. Fishing lake 200 m away.

From €65 per night.

Gîte Marie-Jeanne – Saint Gervais

Owner: Pascale Sorin

Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 68 64 42 – 00 33 (0)6 89 58 01 19



## La Maison Joséphine (Saint Gilles Croix de Vie)

In 2015, this house was converted into two B&B rooms, making it the ideal place for a short break in the town centre. This cosy property stands in a residential district between the port and the beach. Each room has a TV and shower room/toilet, as well as a private terrace. There is a small communal room where guests can enjoy breakfast, equipped with a microwave oven, fridge, kettle and electric coffee-maker. Private car park.

From €75 per night.

Maison Joséphine – Saint Gilles Croix de Vie

Owner: Béatrice Alday

Tel. 00 33 (0)6 25 82 45 29



## Le Manoir de l'Eolière (Landevielle – near to Saint Gilles Croix de Vie)

Boasting the ideal location between Les Sables d'Olonne and Saint Gilles Croix de Vie, Le Manoir de l'Eolière (part of which dates back to 1885, and was built by the Count of Graslin) stands in stunning natural surroundings, just a few minutes from the beaches of Bretignolles sur Mer. The bedroom and two suites (each covering 29-34 m<sup>2</sup>) are located in the former servants' quarters of the manor house. They offer peace and quiet, private access, luxury amenities and individual terraces with a view over the estate. Guests enjoy unrestricted access to the 3-hectare grounds, which feature a variety of different plant species, including several stunning, ancient trees. The estate is well-stocked with game, including deer, hares and other woodland species. In 2016, 15 beehives were installed in the grounds – bee-lovers can take a tour on request.

**New for 2017:** artist Véronique LG Morin's paintings are on display in the Manoir's rooms. The "La Belle Époque" room features blue fish, while the "Monarque" room is adorned with images of the schist rock formations at Bretignolles sur Mer.

Each room now also has its own, secure Wi-Fi network.

Price: from €95 per room, based on 2 people sharing (including breakfast)

Le Manoir de l'Eolière - Lieu dit "L'éolière" - Landevielle

[www.manoir-eoliere.fr](http://www.manoir-eoliere.fr)

Tel. 00 33 (0)6 32 31 66 85

Contact: Etienne et Céline Chaillot



## Villa Les Grenadines (Les Sables d'Olonne)

Villa Les Grenadines was built in the early 1900s. It still retains its original elegance and architectural quality, reflecting the bourgeois residences of the era. Located just 100 m from the main beach of Les Sables-d'Olonne, this large, charming house was fully renovated in 2015 to showcase its interior and exterior heritage.

The villa was decorated in a warm, cosy style, with no stone left unturned to make the four rooms – "La Blanche", "La Colombine", "Au Balcon" and "Au Papillon" – and the communal areas as comfortable as possible for guests.

**New for 2017:** "L'appartement", a new, independent, fully-furnished, three-star dwelling on the ground floor, with all mod cons and capable of accommodating up to 4 guests (1 bedroom and 1 sofa bed).

*Price: from €90 per room, based on 2 people sharing (including breakfast).*

*Villa Les Grenadines - 17 rue Guynemer  
Les Sables d'Olonne*

*www.villa-les-grenadines.fr*

*Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 04 26 07*

*Contact: Marie Rocard*



## Le Logis de la Vénérie (Olonne sur Mer)

Gîtes de France - 3 épis

Standing on the outskirts of Les Sables d'Olonne, Elisabeth and Fabien welcome guests to their charming home, an 18th century house with a fascinating history.

Make the most of the proximity of Les Sables d'Olonne from here whilst breathing in the countryside and its peace. The 5 guest rooms have been tastefully decorated. The tree-lined grounds and heated swimming pool are the perfect place for adults and children alike to spend sunny days.

**New for 2017: a new, small self-catering property – L'Armandèche**

L'Armandèche is a self-catering property for 2 people in the heart of the grounds. With 45 m<sup>2</sup> of surface area, it boasts a range of amenities including a living room with fully equipped kitchen, dining room, lounge, TV, one double bedroom, shower room and separate toilet. Direct access to the grounds and the swimming pool between May and September (depending on opening hours and subject to compliance with the house rules).



*Le Logis de la Vénérie – 7 rue des Hanneçons – Olonne sur Mer*

*Tel. 00 33 (0)9 54 00 86 04 - 00 33 (0)6 21 43 58 84*

*logisdela venerie@yahoo.fr*

## Les Fermes de Terre Neuve (L'Île d'Olonne)

### The first B&B in Vendée to receive a "5 épis" rating (2015)

This former stone house is the ideal place to appreciate the life of luxury, with its vast library and Renaissance-period fireplace, its antique furniture and family portraits. It boasts three luxury bedrooms, delicious and sumptuous breakfasts and candlelit evenings in the company of the hosts.

The building stands among grounds of more than 450 hectares. The property is a fully renovated haven of peace and tranquillity close to the sea but far from the hustle and bustle of the beaches. It features a 20-metre, non-chlorinated pool (heated in summer), various relaxation areas where guests can read or simply do nothing, and a number of footpaths and trails for invigorating walks in the adjoining woodland. Guests come here for the environment and for the warm welcome offered by the owner, Marie-France!

*Price: from €140 per room, based on 2 people sharing (including breakfast).*

*Les Fermes de Terre Neuve – 4 épis Gîtes de France - La Girardière  
L'Île d'Olonne*

*<http://lesfermesdeterreneuve.com>*

*Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 23 17 39 / 00 33 (0)6 16 72 74 50*

*Contact: Marie-France de Vaivre*



## La Maison salée (L'Aiguillon sur Mer)

Dolores welcomes guests to La Maison Salée in the heart of L'Aiguillon sur Mer – a small mussel and oyster farming port in southern Vendée. The first room – "La Chambre au Trophée" – boasts exposed stone walls. It is a cocoon that remains cool in summer and features a wood-burning stove to keep warm in winter.

**New for 2017:** A second room – "La Chambre aux miroirs".

La Maison Salée has expanded to reveal a new room – "La Chambre aux miroirs". Just like "La Chambre au Trophée", it is an attractive room of 25 m<sup>2</sup>, fully independent, with direct access onto the internal courtyard. At the centre of "La Chambre aux miroirs" is the sleeping area with double bed. It also features a bathroom with walk-in shower and a small "snack" area where guests can enjoy a peaceful breakfast. The idea behind the room is to give guests a moment of privacy and tranquillity.

Dolorès offers guests a generous breakfast, and a gluten-free option is available on request. Bicycles are also available to guests.

*Price: from €60 per room, based on 2 people sharing (including breakfast).*

*La Maison salée – 29 bis rue Jacques Moreau – L'Aiguillon sur Mer*

*<http://lamaisonsalee.jimdo.com> - Tel. 00 33 (0)6 10 33 29 92*

*Contact: Dolorès Paitraud*

## Southern Vendée

A remnant of the former Gulf of Poitou, the Marais Poitevin is one of the most beautiful man-made landscapes there is. A stone's throw from the marshes are picturesque villages nestled around the Mervent-Vouvant forest.



### Beaux Esprits (Fontenay le Comte)

Located in the old centre of Fontenay le Comte, in a tastefully restored and decorated 18th century town house. It features three charming rooms, each with their own style and era. There is also the "Charles Louis Perreau" meeting room, which can accommodate 20 to 30 people, on the ground floor of the property.

Caroline, the owner, organises a range of events and meetings, such as workshops, demonstrations, private sales, exhibitions, reading sessions, artist meetings, lectures, philosophy discussions, literary discussions, knitting and tea workshops and crochet workshops. So whether you're into needles or words... there's something for everyone!

At Beaux Esprits, guests can also book "keep cool", fitness or cardio sessions with a qualified personal trainer. One-hour session: €30 for 1 person, €50 for 2 people.

#### New for 2017: "un hibou sur le toit"

The "un hibou sur le toit" self-catering property is located in an outbuilding of the 18th-century town house. The building, nestled close to the age-old lime tree, offers a comfortable 40 m<sup>2</sup> of accommodation for 1-4 guests all year round. The self-catering property has been tastefully decorated in the style of its era, using ancient materials such as lime render, hemp, wood and stone, and with the same attention to detail that the owner gives to her own home.

Price: from €80 per room, based on 2 people sharing (including breakfast).

Beaux esprits - 9 rue Goupilleau – Fontenay Le Comte

www.beauxesprits.com - Tel. 00 33 (0)9 81 45 08 77 – 00 33 (0)6 09 42 64 30

Contact: Caroline Blanc Gillier

### Le Portail (Moreilles)

Le Portail boasts five rooms in the outbuildings of Le Château (itself a romantic B&B located in a former Cistercian Abbey in the Marais Poitevin, where Richelieu was ordained). Each room is on the ground floor, with separate access, and has its own private terrace with sunloungers... just like a Secret Garden.

**In 2016 :** The Père Saint Joseph suite: This simple yet luxurious suite is truly unique. Standing at the centre of the 36 m<sup>2</sup> room is a vast, round water bed (with 2 water "pockets" for added comfort). Just behind that, slightly hidden by the head board, is a round, 2-seater jacuzzi tub. The suite also boasts a separate shower room, with walk-in hydro-massage shower, and a private garden.

Price: from €199 (special offer) for the Père Saint Joseph suite, plus generous breakfast for €15.

#### New for 2017: Le Château de l'Abbaye

The new "Pierre de Nivelles" room boasts stunning exposed stonework and delicate materials. The 2-metre-wide king-sized four-poster bed is truly majestic, and the room also has a bathroom with a vast tiled bath and rainwater-effect shower.

Price: from €129 (special offer) per night for the Pierre de Nivelles room, plus generous breakfast for €15.



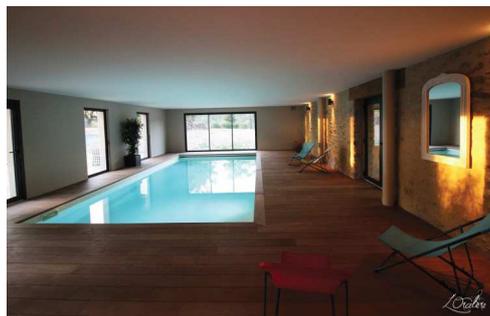
Le Portail – Le Château - 5 clés Clévacances - Moreilles

www.portail-marais-poitevin.com – Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 56 17 56

Contact: Renaud-Pierre Renard

## The Bocage Vendéen

In the Bocage, history and verdant nature combine around broom bushes, winding rivers, abbeys and châteaux. History can be found round every corner. Must-visit destination: Le Puy du Fou, the world's best theme park.



### Chambre d'hôtes L'Orcelière (Aizenay)

**New 2016**

L'Orcelière is located in the town of Aizenay in central Vendée, 30 km from the coast. This charming property has been recently renovated and converted into a B&B by the owner, Marie-France.

L'Orcelière features four rooms, each tastefully and elegantly decorated – the Gabrielle and Eugénie rooms (king-sized bed or twin beds) and the Justine and Marinette rooms (queen-sized bed).

All rooms have a private terrace, complete with garden furniture, overlooking the grounds. Each room has a shower room with multi-jet shower, double washbasin, robes, slippers, complimentary products, private toilet, flat-screen TV and lounge area.

On the outskirts of the property, visitors can access the footpaths that run along the river Vie.

Each morning, Marie prepares a small breakfast consisting of pastries, bread, crêpes, preserves, fruit salads, hot drinks and fruit juices – all served in the dining room or, on request, on the private terrace of each room.

In the evenings, she also offers a "table d'hôtes" dinner service (booking required). In summer, this is a great opportunity to enjoy grilled meats from the barbecue, vegetables from the property's own garden, and the hostess' very own home-made ice creams.

Contact: Marie-France Robin  
tel. 00 33 (0)6 19 70 81 67  
marie@lorceliere.fr  
<http://www.lorceliere.fr/>



### La Closerie de la Glossetière (Saint Etienne du Bois)

At La Closerie de la Glossetière, calm and comfort are the watch-words! This former 18th-century farm, nestled between the land and the ocean, is the ideal place to come and recharge your batteries. The "Les Moineaux Rigolos" master suite, located in an independent maisonette, is particularly noteworthy.

The hostess offers a range of beginners' workshops in "picassiette" mosaic art and scrap-booking, as well as laughter workshops. Guests have access to garden furniture, a pool and terraces. A "table d'hôtes" service is also available (prior booking required).

**New for 2017: Wine trail:** whether you're an expert or amateur foodie or simply curious, the guests at La Glossetière can take a journey through the Vendée vineyards and learn more about local produce.

Price: from €66 per room, based on 2 people sharing (including breakfast).  
La Closerie – 3 épis Gîtes de France – 21 La Glossetière - Saint Etienne du Bois  
<http://lacloserie-vendee.fr> – Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 40 70 04 – 00 33 (0)6 88 30 42 08

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### L'Un et l'Hôte, une ancienne blanchisserie (Saint Laurent sur Sèvre)

#### New for 2017

L'Un et l'Hôte stands at the meeting point of Vendée, Maine et Loire and Deux-Sèvres. Open all year round, it is situated in the former Saint Joseph wash-house in Saint Laurent sur Sèvre. Just 10 minutes from Le Puy du Fou, the building has been tastefully renovated and now features three guest rooms in an idyllic setting on the banks of the Sèvre.

A potted history: There is one mill every 300 metres in Saint Laurent sur Sèvre. Some, like the Bodet mill, were in operation until the 20th century. Bought in 1867, this mill was converted into the Saint Joseph wash-house. "L'Un et l'Hôte" is a B&B created in part of the former wash-house, a listed Bâtiments de France building. The 3 rooms have been tastefully decorated. Guests have full access to the heated outdoor pool.

The owners are proud of their community and the work of their artist friends and neighbours, and have created an exhibition space known as "La Galerie" to showcase their work.

Price: from €86 per room, based on 2 people sharing  
Route de Roger – Saint Laurent sur Sèvre  
Tél. 00 33 (0)6 35 19 14 14 - [www.lunetlhote.fr](http://www.lunetlhote.fr)  
Contact: Agathe Cadoux



### Le vieux Logis de la Galocherie (Essarts en Bocage)

In spring 2016, Cécile Charliot opened this two-room B&B in Le Vieux Logis de la Galocherie, an 18th-century residence in the tranquil Bocage Vendéen that stands in part of a traditional farmhouse – a "Petit Patrimoine" listed building. The first room (2 guests) is on the ground floor and boasts direct access to the pool. The second room, on the first floor, is a suite that can accommodate 4 guests. At La Galocherie, guests are treated to generous breakfasts.

Le Puy du Fou is just 20 minutes away by car. Cécile also offers picnic hampers and a "table d'hôtes" service for guests in the evening. "I only use local produce and cook everything myself," explains Carole.



Price: from €70 per room, based on 2 people sharing  
La Galocherie - Sainte Florence La Galocherie  
85140 Essarts en Bocage  
Tel. 00 33 (0)6 37 92 50 97

## Le Petit Château des Cèdres (Mouchamps)

### Opening in May 2017

The owner, Lyon-based businessman Mr. Auclair, has invested heavily in this new project, **which is scheduled to open in May 2017**. The château, dating back to 1863, will feature 5 guest rooms, each with all mod cons, generous in size and with outstanding facilities.

There will also be a small self-catering property for 2-3 people next door to the château. The rear outbuildings also offer scope for future development into charming rooms. This is also the ideal location for business tourism events (seminars, lunches and conferences).

*Le Petit Château des Cèdres*  
 3 rue du Commandant Guilbaud  
 85640 Mouchamps  
 Tel. 00 33 (0)6 18 62 04 21  
[frederic.auclair67@gmail.com](mailto:frederic.auclair67@gmail.com)  
 Contact: Frédéric Auclair



## Le Château de Flocellière: un lieu historique (La Flocellière)

**Le Château de la Flocellière** is situated in the Bocage Vendéen, on a quiet family-owned estate just 8 km from Le Puy du Fou. In summer, there is a heated pool (located away from the rooms) for guests staying at the château and residents of the two self-catering properties on site. The 15 hectare grounds boast age-old trees – the ideal place to explore the peaceful, quiet surroundings and architecture dating back 1,000 years.

The 5 guest rooms are located in the main wing of the château: Guests who stay in the guest rooms get an insight into the day-to-day workings of the château. Each room has its own unique décor and ambience. The lounges are a great place to relax, read or enjoy a cup of tea by the fire.

**New for 2017:** 2 new historic self-catering properties. This place, steeped in history and a listed "Historic Monument", features two new self-catering properties – Le Donjon (for 10 guests) and Le Pavillon Louis XIII (for 12-14 guests). Each property has its own separate entrance and gardens or a terrace where guests can relax in the peaceful surroundings or dine outdoors. Guests can also take a walk in the landscaped grounds, or enjoy a spot of fishing or canoeing on the lake.

*Vicomte et Vicomtesse Patrice Vignial*  
 Château de la Flocelliere - 30 rue du Château - 85700 La Flocellière  
 Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 57 22 03 - [flocelliere.chateau@gmail.com](mailto:flocelliere.chateau@gmail.com)



# Exceptional self-catering properties in Vendée

## Le Chromatic, a self-catering property for musicians (Grosbreuil)

France (designer, decorator and musician) and David (artistic director and former music label director) left the hustle and bustle of big city life to set up in the country and live a different lifestyle. By combining their skills and experience, they wanted to give the place artistic colour and share their passion for music, cinema, literature, painting and more.

Together, they converted the former stables into an unusual self-catering property where the charm of the stonework combines with pure, contemporary lines. The décor is inspired by the work of leading, fashionable designers, but also features recycled furniture. The architecture is resolutely modern with its metal structure, large glazed surfaces and polished concrete flooring. The soft touch in the interiors comes from birch wood and stonework.

The "Le Chromatic" self-catering property offers unusual accommodation in Vendée with an indoor 10-metre pool heated to 29°C all year long, accommodated in a 70 m<sup>2</sup> lounge. Live at the pace of the seasons, in a 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> property in the middle of fields but near the sea and without overlooking neighbours.

### New: workshops at Le Chromatic

France, the founder of the "Les Jolies Choses" brand, offers **knitting lessons** with brand co-founder Marcelle "Mummy" Durez.

Pénélope, France's friend, also visits Le Chromatic to offer hand-made **doll creation workshops**, where you can make your own "Happy To See You" doll.

*Gîte « Le Chromatic » – 4 clés Clévacances - 4 étoiles - La Coutancière – Grosbreuil (17 km des Sables d'Olonne)*

*Capacity: 6 à 12 personnes*

*Information and rates: [www.lechromatic.com](http://www.lechromatic.com) – tel. 00 33 (0)6 62 82 02 22*

*Contact: France et David*



## O'Prieur, a designer, "suspended" self-catering property (Nieul le Dolent)

This renovated barn, with its raw, contemporary styling, offers exceptional views across the surrounding, uninhabited, undulating countryside.

The vast 300 m<sup>2</sup> hangar houses a 10-metre pool, which is heated to 29°C all year round. The pool surround, covering 150 m<sup>2</sup>, features a number of different spaces: a vintage lounge area overlooking the pool, a central lounge adjoining a winter garden, a dining area, and "solarium" terrace where guests can relax with a stunning panoramic view across the grounds.

The main living space is located in the heart of the house, and covers 120 m<sup>2</sup>. With its 6-metre-high ceilings, it is a truly imposing space. The interior is laid out like a loft apartment, with an entrance hall, a luxury fitted kitchen, a library, a lounge and an office. At night time, the ground floor boasts three large bedrooms, each with its own bathroom and a terrace overlooking the countryside. On the first floor, there are four smaller bedrooms and a relaxation area, which appear to be "suspended" in the air, like tree houses.

*Gîte « O'Prieur » - lieu-dit le prieur - Nieul Le Dolent*

*Capacity: 14 personnes*

*[www.oprieur.com](http://www.oprieur.com) – Tel. 00 33 (0)6 60 76 17 77*

*Contact: Morgane Soland et David Chausse*



## Le Gîte du Vieux Château (Le Poiroux)

With its round tower at the corner of the building, tapered granite lintel, window seat, vast fireplace and folded-style panel door, Le Vieux Château is a truly stunning sight to behold, nestled among 1 hectare of landscaped, tree-lined grounds boasting a wide variety of species including alders, hazels, apple trees, holly oaks, pines, bay trees and poplars.

This spacious, 263 m<sup>2</sup> property can accommodate 10 guests comfortably, with a range of high-spec facilities. With vast spaces arranged over two floors, the interior is perfectly designed with privacy in mind.

The self-catering property boasts 4 bedrooms, each with a private bathroom. With brand-new, top-of-the-range facilities and outstanding WiFi coverage, no stone has been left unturned to bring guests the ultimate in luxury and freedom – by the water's edge with the murmuring stream as a backdrop, in the preserved, wild part of the grounds under the shade of the poplars, on the raised wooden terrace, or on one of the many small footpaths.

The hanging terraces are a sight to behold.

**New for 2017:** Cookery sessions.

Cookery lessons delivered by a Michelin-starred chef, and a chance for little ones to prepare a delicious snack of their own.

Wellness sessions: Le Gîte du Vieux Château offers individual or group yoga sessions in the grounds (depending on the weather), invigorating treatments, wellness massages and foot reflexology sessions.

*Orice by week from €1400 to €2600 all inclusives.*

*22 impasse du vieux Château – Poiroux*

*Tel. 00 33 (0)7 82 70 77 27 - [www.legiteduvieuxchateau.com](http://www.legiteduvieuxchateau.com)*

*Contact: Isabelle Mathé*



## La Ferme du Marais Girard (Bretignolles sur Mer)

La Ferme du Marais Girard is an ecolodge, an innovative living space and a vast environmental project located in Bretignolles sur Mer, a seaside resort half-way between Les Sables d'Olonne et Saint Gilles Croix de Vie.

The property stands on the site of a former farm located 300 m from the beach. This extraordinary holiday destination forms part of a vast environmental project. Interestingly, Damien and Marylène Lamy (known as Marylou) used many of the old materials removed from the demolished farmhouse and the former barn. The entire project has been designed to reduce the overall environmental impact.

**The luxury holiday village** features pontoon villas on stilts (the only examples of this particular design in France), studios in a former farm building that retain their original charm, and a non-chlorinated pool.

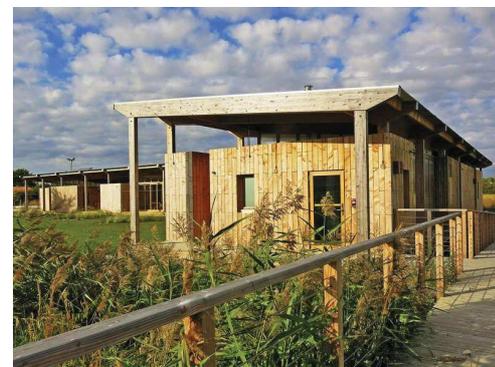
**The former barn, known as "Le Comptoir"**, is designed as a shared living space for holiday-makers and locals, and is entirely dedicated to organic produce. This multi-purpose space, which is particularly suited to hosting family events, features the "Garde-Manger" (a small organic delicatessen), an exhibition and organic market space that can be transformed into a function room, and a bar area. To the rear, the former cowshed has been converted into a stunning tearoom, where guests can relax on hay bales.

La Ferme du Marais Girard also offers a range of other services, including **organic catering and support for local producers (new)**. The "Garde-Manger" is equipped with a professional kitchen, where Marylou and Petra create primarily vegetable-based organic dishes, which are then sold in the market area, and where a local market gardener from Brem sur Mer sells organic fruit and vegetables directly to customers.

*La Ferme du Marais Girard – 116 rue du Marais Girard – Bretignolles sur Mer*

*[www.lafermedumaraisgirard.fr](http://www.lafermedumaraisgirard.fr) – tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 33 08 70*

*Contact: Marylène et Damien Lamy Papin*



# Remarkable hotels in Vendée

## Alexandre Couillon's Hotel (Noirmoutier en l'Île)

### News for 2017

Alexandre and Céline Couillon are continuing their rise to fame at the tip of Noirmoutier Island? producing masterful cooking at their Michelin-starred restaurant, La Marine\*\*. And while 2016 was crowned with the title of Gault & Milau Chef of the Year, 2017 will be a chance for them to pursue another dream. After several delays, work has finally begun on their new project. Céline and Alexandre will soon be welcoming their first guests to their new boutique hotel, open all year round. Located in a small house adjoining La Marine\*\*, with private access near the entrance to the kitchens at the restaurant, the 5 rooms hotel will open in spring 2017.

Decorated in line with their personal tastes, the property will feature materials and colours chosen by Alexandre and Céline that reflect the island – wood, micro top concrete, stone, and timeless colours echoing the dunes. Here, it's all about plants and the sea.

They wanted to create somewhere spacious and bright, with glass roofs to bring the island's truly unique light flooding in. The property will boast a lounge where guests can socialise or share a coffee or snack, as well as an area that can be booked privately for families. In short, no stone has been left unturned to create a place that reflects the owners and their love of the island – and that promises unforgettable experiences for guests. Alexandre and Céline are heading for new horizons – able sailors with a new vessel and the wind in their sails.

*Restaurant La Marine – 5 rue Marie Lemonnier Port de l'Herbaudière – Noirmoutier en l'île  
www.alexandrecouillon.com - Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 39 23 09  
Contact: Alexandre et Céline Couillon*



## L'Hostellerie du Général d'Elbée (Noirmoutier Island)

### The hotel was awarded a 4-star rating in December 2016.

The new owners, directors of a Vendée-based manufacturing firm, acquired the stunning Le Général d'Elbée hotel, having fallen for the charms of Noirmoutier Island and its riches in their childhood. This 18th-century building – a listed Historic Monument located at the heart of Noirmoutier-en-l'Île, overlooking the old port and close to local shops and businesses, nestled between the mediaeval castle and the famous Jacobsen jetty – has now been given a new lease of life.

The hotel features 26 individually designed rooms, ranging from traditional double rooms to the "Général" suite and the family apartment. The proprietors have commissioned the services of Chantal Peyrat to help bring this charming and surprising vision to life.

In summer, guests can enjoy the pool in the middle of the lush, green gardens and admire the sunset from the bar, with views over the port. In winter, they can relax by the warmth of the fire in the lounge after enjoying a relaxing session in the wellness area (in partnership with NUXE) or a romantic walk along the Jacobsen jetty. The lounge areas are also available for private seminars, family functions or business meetings.

*L'Hostellerie du Général d'Elbée \*\*\*\*  
1 Place d'Armes, 2 Quai Cassard – Noirmoutier en l'île  
Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 39 10 29 ou 00 33 (0)6 77 10 28 26  
Contact: Emilie Frelon et Vincent Leboutellier*



## Hôtel Vent d'Eden Park (Saint Hilaire de Riez)

### New for 2017



Behind this project lie the Collinets – a family with strong ties in the heart of this popular Vendée destination. They chose to tastefully renovate an existing building, drawing inspiration from the surrounding nature.

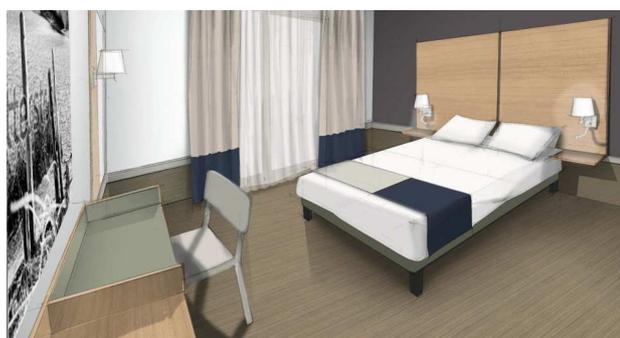
Just a few metres from the hotel is a small footpath that runs through the Pays de Monts state forest, leading directly to a vast, fine-sand beach.

This 3-star hotel with 75 rooms is open all year round, making it the ideal place for families, groups, friends or business seminars, with rooms for one to four people and high-spec facilities including reversible air conditioning, private bathroom with walk-in shower, hair dryer, complimentary refreshments, desk, direct-line telephone, satellite TV and free Wi-Fi. Each room also has a private terrace or balcony and access to the indoor heated pool and hot tub.

The food is based primarily on regional produce, with elegant dishes cooked from fresh, seasonal ingredients.

Hôtel Vent d'Eden Park offers group & seminar services, with a dedicated project coordinator. There is also a fully equipped meeting room.

*Hôtel Vent d'Eden Park*  
 40 avenue des Mésanges – 85270 Saint Hilaire De Riez  
 contact@vent-deden.com  
 www.vent-deden.com  
 Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 68 99 35



## Atlantic Hôtel & Spa (Les Sables d'Olonne)

The Atlantic Hotel stands on the promenade along the beach in Les Sables d'Olonne and is one of the resort's finest establishments. It boasts **34 bedrooms**, including 15 rooms with a private loggia overlooking the sea, and 3 superior rooms with a sea view and terrace on the 6th floor. The hotel has been fully renovated and is now a warm, intimate and carefully designed space, equipped with the very latest technology. Guests can relax in the hotel's very own swimming pool, which is heated to 29°C. The Le Sloop restaurant serves up exquisite dishes all year round. The head chef composes mouth-watering dishes with tastes that switch between land and sea. It is a style of cooking that glorifies local products and highlights their quality and freshness.

A brand new spa opened at the Atlantic Hotel in 2015. The spa is a dedicated area for total relaxation, with an infinity jacuzzi, a steam room with twinkling ceiling lights, an ice fountain, an infrared sauna, a multi-sensory dual shower and a tea room. The treatment area features two "single or dual" cabins.

**New for 2017:** All rooms at the hotel have been fully renovated. Now brighter than ever, each room comes with luxury bedding and décor by Christian Lacroix. And there's an added local touch, with Les Sables-d'Olonne-based artist Yann Lecompte exhibiting his photographs at the hotel.



*Atlantic Hôtel – 4 étoiles – 5 Promenade Georges Godet – Les Sables d'Olonne*  
 www.atlantichotel.fr – tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 95 37 71  
 Contact: Jean-Etienne Blanchard

## Côte Ouest Hôtel, Thalasso et Spa MGallery by Sofitel (Les Sables d'Olonne)

In 2016, the Côte Ouest hotel joined the MGallery by Sofitel family, known for its unique qualities, elegance and exclusivity.

The Côte Ouest Hotel Thalasso & Spa\*\*\*\* faces the ocean with an outstanding view of Les Sables d'Olonne bay. Tucked away in a 3.5-hectare pine forest by a lake, the establishment makes the most of its west-facing exposure which provides great light from sunrise to sunset. The site's features guided the renovation style for the hotel in 2013: Destination Côte Ouest, the ambiance of a cruise ship in the 1930s.

"Set your sights on the lighthouse, put down your luggage and untie the mooring ropes!"

Côte Ouest was born out of a passion for the sea and antiques. It is an imaginary, yet authentic cruise ship that invites observers into the mythical world of grand cruises and round-the-world adventures.

Outside, a huge lighthouse guides you to canopies that protect you from the weather. Although the sand-bottom infinity pool draws the gaze, the 200 parking places are hidden by the pine forest.

In reception the tone is set: a desk evocative of old trunks, metal beams... in the lounge bar are club armchairs, Chesterfields, old pedestal tables, all creating an atmosphere with a hint of "British Empire" to it.

The restaurant faces the sea and is reminiscent of an old, restored ship hangar with its old bricks and metal beams. The place is given that extra touch thanks to huge light fixtures with crystal pendants (Timothy Oulton). There is a lovely cosy feel to the staircase. The 94 rooms and three suites have been entirely redecorated in a "cabin" style with paintings by Rod Stribley (an English painter who specialises in old ships) and lights by Eicholtz, Flamant and Chehoma. Warm colours, thick carpets and all rooms come with balconies.

### New for 2017:

A bespoke, "made in France" beauty experience with leading brand Carita, a new cryotherapy service, and a private cinema room.

*Hôtel Côte Ouest - 4 étoiles - Route du Tour de France - Lac de Tanchet - CS 20339 – 85109 Les Sables d'Olonne Cedex 9*  
 Owner: Sylvie et Jean-Paul Dubreuil  
[www.hotel-coteouest.com](http://www.hotel-coteouest.com) — [H1078@accor.com](mailto:H1078@accor.com)  
 tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 21 77 77



## Best Western Hôtel OMNUBO (Saint Mars La Réorthe)

Opening on 9 June 2017

Nestled at the heart of the Bocage Vendéen, this hotel will be the ideal place for leisure or business trips, located just 2 minutes from the Grand Parc du Puy du Fou® and 8 minutes from the motorway junction.

The Best Western Hôtel Omnubo is located in the heart of a lush, green valley in the Bocage. With its sweeping windows, and architecture that combines modernity and eco-design, this hotel is the perfect place to relax and socialise, in peaceful surroundings, and recharge your batteries in a calm, friendly setting.

Léo Marchais (30) and Sabrina Dorian (33), the young pair behind the new hotel, worked with local suppliers on the construction. Decorated in soft, timeless colours, the Best Western Hôtel Omnubo is designed to reflect the surrounding nature. Nestled in a cosy, lush environment, the property boasts design-inspired, soft, warm and friendly spaces that reflect the hotel's core value – to be a home from home. The 40 rooms are divided into five different themes, echoing the 21 m<sup>2</sup> family room with its 10 m<sup>2</sup> terrace overlooking the valleys.

**New concept in Vendée:** all services are free of charge, including luggage storage, a 24-hour reception, Wi-Fi, parking, lift, air-conditioning, unlimited calls to French land line and mobile numbers, a communal PC and printer, and local and national press titles. Each room comes with a free bottle of water and complimentary tray of refreshments, including tea and coffee (no supplement).

### Meals: no supplement

Full breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., or express breakfast from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m.

Nespresso® and juice bar between 12 noon and 6 p.m.

Pre-dinner: cakes served between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Wine bar open from 6 p.m. (one glass of wine per adult per day...)

Dinner available after the Cinéscenie® show at around 2 a.m. on request.

Only supplement: room service provided by a local catering firm.

<http://www.meunier1874.com/petits-plats.php>

*The hotel is open all year round.*

Contact: Léo Marchais et Sabrina

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## Terragora Lodges (Les Epesses)

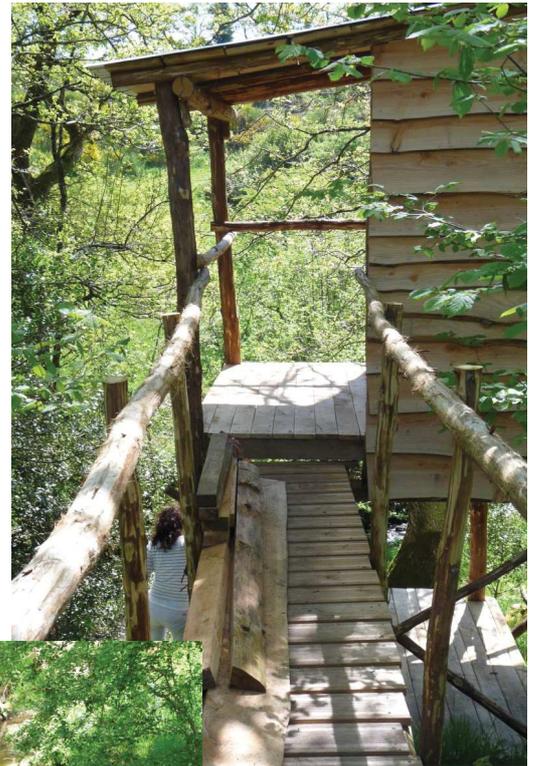
### A charming, unusual and eco-friendly hotel

In Les Epesses (the same municipality as Le Puy du Fou), "Terragora Lodges" has invented a new universe with its hotel complex focusing on eco-tourism. Close to the Sèvre Nantaise area, in a natural valley bathed in silence, combining stone, water and woodland along with flowering meadows, the new Eco Lodges complex was created for the start of summer 2013. Standing in 19-hectare, protected grounds, the complex boasts 8 unusually shaped lodges, 16 cabins and a central 250 sq. m. area for the living area (library and lounge) with fireplace. The complex is open all year round, and is particularly popular with lovers of the great outdoors.

The "Nymphéa" rooms, on stilts, overlook the wetlands and are adorned in silver birch. Sleek lines contrast with lush nature in the midst of nature... The "Terrier" rooms in bare earth emerge like lunar igloos to round out the space. The "Chrysalide" cocoon rooms are decorated in copper, wood and zinc, stretching up towards the treetops. Cabins in chestnut wood blend into the forest and overlook the stream meandering between blocks of granite. Three cabin themes make for very comfortable havens in touch with nature.

Some 70% of the hot water is produced using solar energy and heating is provided in part by stoves and fireplaces. For the owners, the ecological consistency of the project is paramount. It includes both energy-saving criteria and a choice of natural materials along with a certain ideological approach to life in nature with harmonious and aesthetic constructions.

*Terragora Lodges – La Poizelière – Les Epesses  
[www.terradora-lodges.com](http://www.terradora-lodges.com) – tel. 00 33 (0)6 24 70 75 99  
 Contact: Sylvie et Jean-Pierre Gaborit*



## Domaine de la Chabotterie (Montréverd)

### New restaurant: "Bistrot Côté Potager"

Near the Logis de la Chabotterie and the restaurant with two Michelin stars, Chef Thierry Drapeau has opened a unique luxury hotel in a pure style in harmony with nature. It is strongly bound to the atmosphere that can be felt in the restaurant and in the fine cuisine of Thierry Drapeau... The idea being to ensure continuity after dinner.

The 14 rooms are certainly luxurious with contrasting colours. Designed to be part of nature, the hotel has 6 "Superior" rooms, 5 Junior Suites and 3 suites. Each room features a flat-screen television, mini bar, access to free broadband WiFi, a safe, an Illy coffee machine and a terrace overlooking the countryside. There is even a heliport for those in a hurry.

The **unique concept** of the Thierry Drapeau hotel is based on the **creation of a bakery, chocolate shop and tea room and boutique selling products** made on site at the heart of the hotel. What could be better than to wake up in the morning to the scent of fresh pastries? Prize-winning chef Thierry Drapeau comes to meet his customers every morning at breakfast (served in three services). At weekends, groups of families and friends can come and enjoy "brunch" on Saturdays and Sundays (from €29 per person). There is a **wellness area** with jacuzzi and sauna for the ultimate in relaxation.

### The "Bistrot Côté Potager" restaurant by Thierry Drapeau

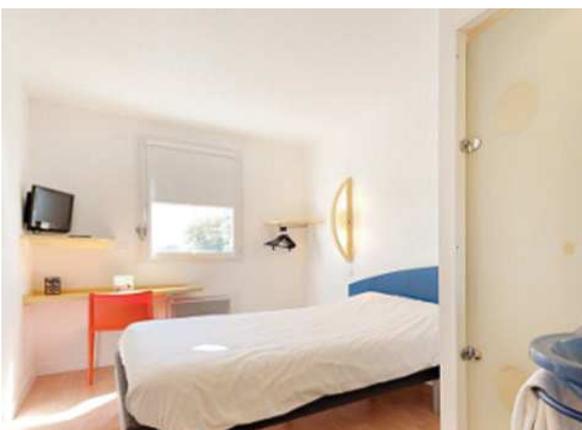
In **February 2016**, Thierry Drapeau will be opening the Bistrot Côté Potager restaurant on the ground floor of the 4-star hotel. The restaurant will be located in open countryside and 200 m from the fine-dining restaurant opened in 2001 in the former servants' quarters of the Logis de la Chabotterie. The chef is returning to his roots, producing dishes such as hay-smoked veal with butternut and leek cream, or fish "cotriade". And for dessert, Thierry will be serving up a unique trolley of around 15 different pastries.

*Hôtel Domaine de la Chabotterie – 4 étoiles – La Chabotterie– Montréverd  
www.restaurant-thierrydrapeau.com – tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 40 00 03  
Contact: Thierry Drapeau*



## Hôtels Ibis et Ibis budget

(Mouilleron le Captif - La Roche sur Yon)



The **Ibis Hotel** in La Roche sur Yon has sought to reduce paper consumption by buying 5 iPads for use in the restaurant. The hotel is having a facelift in 2017, with 4 fully equipped, 30 m<sup>2</sup> rooms for people with reduced mobility.

In 2017, **the Ibis and Ibis Budget Hotels** will have a new fibre broadband connection and an Edenya gym. There will be various outdoor activities available on site.

*Hôtel Ibis - 160 Rue du Clair Bocage – Mouilleron le Captif  
Hôtel Ibis budget - 180 Rue du Clair Bocage – Mouilleron le Captif  
Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 37 82 82 ou 00 33 (0)6 32 53 16 16  
Contact: Mathieu Parent*

# Remarkable hotels in Vendée

## Château Hôtel du Boisniard (Chambretaud)

### 5 stars hotel in Vendée



On the slopes of Le Boisniard stand a château, a small manor, annexes and... wooden houses. It is here that Jean-Michel and Louisianne decided to restore the Château du Boisniard to its former glory and to make it a focal point for fine living in Vendée.

In the château and manor, fine rooms with evocative names give free rein to dreams and romance. The newly arrived wooden houses blend into the green landscape of the grounds of the château... like a prestigious, comfortable version of Robin Hood. The hotel's exceptional services include a spa, and cookery lessons given by the chef from the "La Table du Boisniard" restaurant.

### New for 2017: "Valentin Morice takes over the reins at La Table du Boisniard"



La Table du Boisniard has three red forks and a red knife-and-fork symbol in the Michelin Guide. It is a member of France's Culinary College, has been awarded the title of Master Restaurateur, and is listed in the Tables et Auberges guide. This fine-dining restaurant has welcomed a new head chef, Valentin Morice – a 23-year-old from Vendée who has decided to return to his roots. After learning his trade at the Michelin-starred Domaine de La Bretesch in Missillac, Valentin joined La Table du Boisniard in October 2015. After proving his worth in just a few short months, he has now taken over from Aurélien Jousseume. He studied at the Notre Dame Du Roc hospitality school in Vendée and now enjoys the backing of a sous-chef who has also learned his craft at various Michelin-starred restaurants, including L'Epicurien in Val-Thorens. The chef de partie, meanwhile, comes from Les Sources de Caudalie—two restaurants each with a Michelin star.



The exceptionally talented young chef has a wealth of experience in leading French restaurants, including Michelin-starred fine-dining venue La Bastide Saint Antoine in Grasse and Le Relais Plaza in Paris. Since arriving at La Table du Boisniard, he has been serving up elegant, creative dishes using local, sustainable and organically grown produce. The sommelier has also hand-picked a wine list featuring organic or Demeter vintages.

*Château Boisniard – 5 étoiles - Restaurant – 2 fourchettes au Guide Michelin  
85500 Chambretaud – tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 67 50 01  
[www.chateau-boisniard.com](http://www.chateau-boisniard.com)*



# Wellness and thalassotherapy in Vendée

## Côte Ouest Hôtel, Thalasso et Spa MGallery by Sofitel (Les Sables d'Olonne)

In Les Sables d'Olonne, the Hôtel Côte Ouest\*\*\*\* faces the ocean with an outstanding view of Les Sables d'Olonne bay. Tucked away in a 3.5-hectare pine forest by the Lac de Tanchet, the establishment makes the most of its west-facing exposure which provides great light from sunrise to sunset. Côte Ouest was born out of a passion for the sea and antiques. It is an imaginary, yet authentic cruise ship that invites observers into the mythical world of grand cruises and round-the-world adventures.

### Thalassotherapy & Spa: the benefits of the sea

The tides, rocks and algae – all with powerful ionisation properties – were the determining factors in the decision to locate the Les Sables d'Olonne thalassotherapy centre on the banks of the Lac de Tanchet. Some 250 m from the edge of the beach is a 10-metre-deep well from which sea water is pumped, in line with the tides. The thalassotherapy centre draws on the expertise of Maison Phelippeau (a family-owned business that has already worked with the Relais Thalasso in La Baule, Bénodet and Ile de Ré). The Relais Thalasso in Les Sables d'Olonne is the first such centre operated as a franchise. The thalassotherapy & spa centre covers a total area of 1,490 m<sup>2</sup>, and features 8 attractive treatment cabins and a dual cabin overlooking the sea. Wraps, baths, underwater jets and sculpting massages are all "flagship" rituals in thalassotherapy. In the lounges or at the Bar de la Tisanerie, waiting times become a moment to take a break. The centre relies on the knowledge and expertise of a team of water therapists, physiotherapists and beauty specialists in addition to skills in nutrition, fitness coaching and relaxation.

For an unforgettable spa break, the new cocoon area with eight booths, three of which face the sea, offers massages, relaxation and beauty treatments. Guests can also indulge in a dual multi-sensory experience overlooking the sea in a VIP suite – a space fully devoted to wellness.

Wellness à la carte! Personal guidance and assistance from health and wellness professionals, to help you understand and modify some habits that can upset your day-to-day balance: a great way to take stock of your general health and get your body in perfect harmony (booking required). Enjoy the pleasures of a pair wellness ritual, including steam room, massage, salt water jacuzzi... a glass of champagne and a few delicious treats!

Further health benefits can be enjoyed using "hydromarin" treatments: sea-water pool heated to 32°C, counterflow walking, underwater jets and an area for aqua-aerobics. The wellness area also includes a gym, a sauna, an oriental steam room and an aromatherapy room. A range of specially selected products is used to extend the beneficial effects of the marine environment (Labiomer cosmetics, Décléor beauty products, Hormeta luxury products).

### New for 2017: A revolution in cosmetics: augmented beauty by Carita

Carita is the only professional luxury beauty brand that offers an "alternative to cosmetic surgery", with the combined efficacy of high-performance products and an exclusive device, the Cinetic Lift Expert®. This miracle technology uses three types of energy to target the skin: LED, ultrasound and micro-currents. You can now discover Carita's pamper treatments at the Hôtel Côte Ouest & Relais Thalasso Spa.

### Cryotherapy:

This year, Côte Ouest is offering this new, cutting-edge wellness technology – an effective prevention, health and well-being method that eliminates stress and fatigue and burns calories in just 3 minutes. Cryotherapy is a form of low-temperature therapy that allows the body to repair and relieve itself, leaving you with toned skin, a cleansed body and plenty of energy! Price: €50 per session.

Côte Ouest Hôtel (4 étoiles), Thalasso et Spa MGallery by Sofitel - Route du Tour de France - Lac de Tanchet - Les Sables d'Olonne

Contact presse: Cloé Martineau - Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 21 77 81

[www.hotel-coteouest.com](http://www.hotel-coteouest.com) – Tel. 00 33 2 51 21 77 77



## Sea Mud: exclusive to the Thalasso (Saint Jean de Monts)

The Thalasso de Saint Jean de Monts is the only salt-water spa treatment centre that capitalises on the benefits of sea mud from Bourgneuf bay. This fresh, non-recycled mud is applied at a temperature of 45°C or less, according to the doctor's prescription. This mud is rich in mineral nutrients and possess analgesic, healing properties. It comes from the nearby Bourgneuf bay, which is famous for the quality of its water, rich in plankton and responsible for the development of a vast oyster population between the mainland and Noirmoutier Island.

The mud is made up of fine sediments transported by the tides of the Loire and carved out of the banks by the sea. Over time, they are washed repeatedly by the waves and the tides, accumulating slowly on the bed of the bay. These rich terrestrial compounds are supplemented by marine elements such as plankton, algae and mineral salts, deposited in layers to create complex, microscopic structures known as "honeycombs", which trap molecules of sea water inside.

### New for 2017: Fitnext® – the whole-body detox cure with long-lasting benefits

The Fitnext® thalasso cure is based on a coming-together of thalasso expertise and the Fitnext® method created by Erwann Menthéour, former cyclist, sports coach and nutrition expert. It combines a balanced diet, exercise and relaxation – all with one-on-one support. It helps you gain renewed energy, lose weight and keep it off, or gain muscle mass.

### New for 2017: Cryotherapy.

A first in Vendée: Relieve your muscle and joint pain, eliminate your fatigue, and find the energy you need to tackle life's day-to-day challenges. Cryotherapy has pain-killing benefits and helps stimulate your bodily fluids, so your legs feel light again after just one session! When the body comes into contact with extreme cold (-130°), this triggers hormonal and biochemical effects that considerably improve its pain-killing abilities, thereby relieving pain throughout the body. A full-body cryotherapy session is an effective way to eliminate fatigue, relax tense muscles, tackle muscle and joint pain (through its anti-inflammatory properties), and combat circulatory issues (heavy legs, etc.). A single 3-minute session costs €50, and five sessions cost €199.

### New for 2017: Treatments à la carte

Relaxation therapy, massages inspired by Chinese traditions, yoga sessions...

### The Atlantic Thalasso Hotel

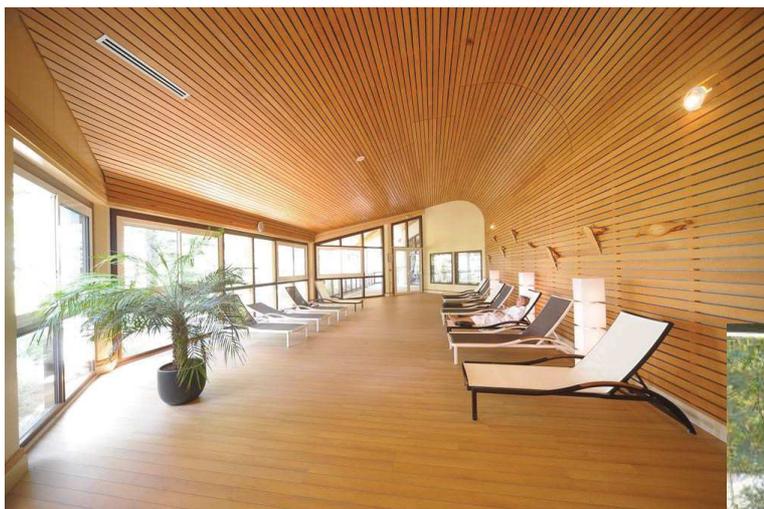
The Best Western hotel is connected directly with the thalassotherapy centre. It offers an elegant combination of harmony, refinement and high-quality service.

The hotel has introduced three new "Suite Bulle" rooms, with a private indoor jacuzzi bath or outdoor jacuzzi bath on a private terrace ("Suite Bulle Horizon"). Each room has a lounge area, is south-facing and is fully air-conditioned.

*Thalasso Saint Jean de Monts – Hôtel 3 étoiles Atlantic Thalasso - 12 Avenue des Pays de Monts – Saint Jean de Monts*

*Thalasso.com – Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 59 15 15*

*Contact: Emeline Diard*



# More well-being in Vendée

## Spa Atlantic hôtel (Les Sables d'Olonne)

A brand new spa opened at the Atlantic Hotel in 2015. The spa is a dedicated area for total relaxation, with an infinity jacuzzi, a steam room with twinkling ceiling lights, an ice fountain, an infrared sauna, a multi-sensory dual shower and a tea room. The treatment area features two "single or dual" cabins.

### New for 2017: Omnisens spa

The Omnisens collection and treatments, with poetic and evocative names, transport you to a soft, dream-like world. The light textures and delicate fragrances stimulate the senses.

With its combination of simplicity, serenity, softness and premium quality, Omnisens brings you a whole world of treatments.

Explore the new treatment menu, including "private hire" of the spa for intimate moments as a couple "on a cloud" and "as in a dream", or "with friends" to celebrate a birthday or hen party.

In 2017, the Atlantic Hotel Spa and Lovely Box are offering guests the chance to build their own experience. With fine dining, wellness, breaks or bespoke packages, there truly is something to suit every taste and budget. And you can opt for a gift set for an individual or business.

Atlantic Hôtel – 4 étoiles – 5 Promenade Georges Godet  
Les Sables d'Olonne  
www.atlantichotel.fr – tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 95 37 71  
Contact: Jean-Etienne Blanchard



## "Inner wellness" at the Résidence Belle Plage (La Tranche sur Mer)

The Résidence Belle Plage, in partnership with Santé Forma, offers a range of "inner wellness" courses for members of the public and professionals.

The property boasts an exceptional setting facing the sea, and features all mod cons, making it the ideal place to enjoy these training courses. So head to La Tranche sur Mer for a truly serene experience!

### New for 2017: Wellness offers

**"Special self-awareness course"** by therapist Alain Guicheteau.

This programme will help you learn more about yourself and understand how your body works and how this manifests itself physically, and identify and work on your reticence and hesitations when dealing with others. You'll learn how to adopt a position and express yourself within a group.

Full courses of 2, 3 or 5 days, with or without accommodation (a shared apartment).

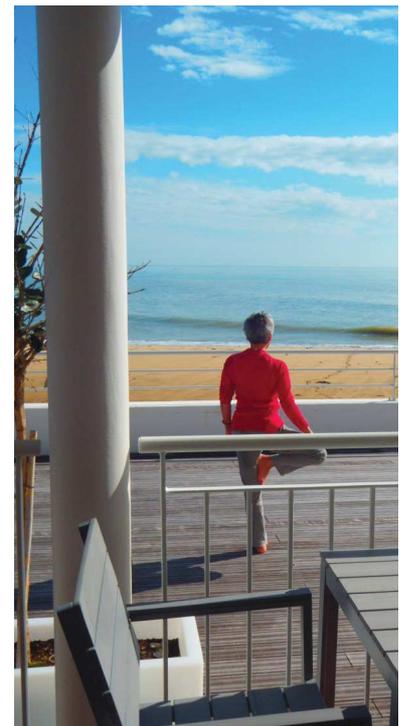
Dates: 17-24 February, 6-10 March, 14-21 April, 30 June-7 July, 1-8 September

Link to our website: <http://www.residencebelleplage.com>.

**"Wellness break in Vendée"** by therapist Yannick Gautier.

"Come and spend some time in a pleasant, friendly setting in calm, peaceful surroundings, with personal attention from health and wellness professionals." 2 sessions per year, in March and October.

Résidence Belle Plage – 41 bis rue Anatole France – La Tranche sur Mer  
Contact: Alain Guicheteau  
www.residencebelleplage.com – tel. 00 33 (0)6 80 43 72 51



# What's new in Vendée camping

From traditional campsites to 5-star complexes, Vendée offers an ever-expanding range of outdoor accommodation options to suit all tastes and budgets. Campers can get the very best of the "camping lifestyle" without compromising on relaxation and comfort. Vendée's campsites and services continue to improve year on year, keeping customers happy and following the latest trends and demands.

The region's campsites now boast bigger pitches, unusual and comfortable accommodation options, water parks, WiFi internet and restaurants – firmly marking its place on the map. In fact, Vendée has the largest number of facilities listed by Atout France. Campsite professionals always put the customer first. It is this special relationship that has made Vendée the leading luxury outdoor accommodation destination in France, with 40% of campsites rated 4 or 5 stars.

## MAJOR INVESTMENTS



### Camping Le Petit Paris (Château d'Olonne)

Le Petit Paris straddles land and sea at the end of the Côte de Lumière in Vendée. It is a haven of peace, where unusual accommodation such as wooden mobile homes, lodge-tents and caravans stand side-by-side among natural surroundings. The campsite boasts a warm, family-friendly atmosphere, the surroundings are lush and green, and there are plenty of activities for everyone, including walks and bike rides along the paths, picnics in the forest, relaxing on the beach, visiting the marshland and oyster farms, and dining at great restaurants – the ultimate Vendée lifestyle.

**New for 2017:** this year, Le Petit Paris has a new beach area at the lagoon, supplementing the existing water park and confirming the campsite's vocation as a family-oriented destination.

*Camping Flower Le Petit Paris—4 étoiles - 41 rue du Petit Versailles  
Château d'Olonne  
[www.campingpetitparis.com](http://www.campingpetitparis.com) - tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 22 04 44  
Contact: Philippe Rafin*



## MAJOR INVESTMENTS

### Camping les Dinosaurés (Talmont Saint Hilaire)



Camping Les Dinosaurés is located just 800 m from Plage du Veillon beach and Port de Bourgenay and has everything that a bigger site boasts!

**New for 2017:** "Abri Des Dinos", the campsite's new area with reception, bar, restaurant, snack bar, delicatessen, games room and launderette. A 440 m<sup>2</sup> space full of new things and surprises! Camping des Dinosaurés is a small, friendly campsite with a warm, family-oriented atmosphere, a 280 m<sup>2</sup> water park with slides, a nine-hole astroturf golf course and free entertainment during the day and in the evenings for the whole family. And that's not all! Nearby, you'll find Plage du Veillon beach (one of Vendée's best beaches), cycle trails on the outskirts of the site, shops, bicycle hire facilities, and various tourist attractions for the whole family. The on-site team offers a warm welcome to all guests – it's the best campsite this side of the Jurassic!

*Camping les Dinosaurés – 4 étoiles - 360 av de la plage – Talmont Saint Hilaire*  
<http://www.campinglesdinosaurés.com> tel. 00 33 (0)2.51.22.20.10  
 Contact: Céline Favreau



### Camping Domaine des Salins (Saint Hilaire de Riez)

Le Domaine des Salins is a campsite that never ceases to surprise its guests. Year after year, the campsite aims to bring pleasure and an unforgettable stay. It's all about customer service, with the owners doing everything possible to keep their guests happy. How do they do it? By listening, being friendly, acting with discretion, and creating a friendly environment throughout the site.

The campsite's facilities for holidaymakers include an outdoor heated pool with water slide, outdoor jacuzzi and wading pool, a large recently installed outdoor play area, brand-new outdoor fitness equipment, and the snack bar/games room, the hub of the campsite. If you're hungry in the morning, you'll find bread baked on-site in the campsite's bread oven – and there's plenty of entertainment for the little ones, too. You'll also see the dancers, by day and by night!

**En 2017, Le Domaine des Salins** is breaking new ground and is proud to announce a new "luxury" service in keeping with its recently acquired 4-star rating – an indoor pool with a sleek, modern design and the very latest facilities. In 2017, holidaymakers will have a chance to make even more new memories in the pool, indoor spa and fun wading pool! And our all-important customers will also find a brand new toilet block with all the usual facilities and amenities.

*Camping Domaine des Salins – 4 étoiles - 43 chemin du Quart du Matelot - Saint Hilaire de Riez*  
[www.domainedessalins.com](http://www.domainedessalins.com) - tel. 00 33 (02) 51 59 36 28 - Contact: Céline VRIGNAUD



### Camping Les Blancs Chênes (La Tranche sur Mer)

Camping Les Blancs Chênes is a warm, friendly 4-star campsite located in La Tranche sur Mer in Vendée. Boredom is a thing of the past! In summer, this club-style village boasts a range of entertainment, cabarets and shows. And while the little ones are at the children's and teenagers' clubs, adults can stretch out in the sun and enjoy the facilities, including a heated indoor pool and outdoor water park, bar/restaurant, minimarket and gym. The campsite is just 10 minutes from the beach and the town centre, and there is a shuttle bus service in summer!

For the 2017 season, the outdoor water park at Les Blancs Chênes is having a facelift!

**New for 2017: an 800 m<sup>2</sup> waterpark**

The new-look facility will boast 800 m<sup>2</sup> of pools and water play areas, including 2 pools connected by a counter-current stream (one play pool and one swimming pool), hydro-massage benches, jacuzzi, water jets, a brand new slide (in addition to the existing rubber-ring slide), and a solarium with deck chairs. Open in July.

*Camping Les Blancs Chênes - 4 étoiles – Route de la Roche sur Yon – La Tranche sur Mer*  
[www.camping-vagues-oceanes.com/camping-vendee/blancs-chenes](http://www.camping-vagues-oceanes.com/camping-vendee/blancs-chenes)  
 Tel. 00 33 0(0)2 51 28 28 31 - Contact: Cécile Pelletier



## CAMPING, A PARADISE FOR KIDS!

### Camping Bel Air (Château d'Olonne)



Camping Le Bel Air is located on the outskirts of Les Sables d'Olonne, just 2 km from the local beaches and 3 km from the nearest monitored beach. The site boasts all the comforts of a 5-star campsite, including fully equipped, well laid-out accommodation with TV, grill and covered (or semi-covered) terrace included in the rental price, plus special pitches for tents, mobile homes and caravans. Outdoor pool and indoor water park heated to 29°C: sauna, spa, counter-current rapids, wading pool with equipment, slide, and gym area. Brasserie, snack bar, bar and delicatessen. Kids' clubs (infants, junior and teenagers). Bicycle hire available. Daytime and evening entertainment between 1 April and 5 November 2017.

**New for 2017:** Brasserie with veranda and kids' play area!

The play area will include a 25-metre zip-wire, maze, slides, climbing frame, rope bridge, spider net, climbing wall and other equipment to keep your little ones happy (from 6 months to 14 years)!

*Camping Bel Air - 5 étoiles - Château d'Olonne*  
[www.campingdubelair.com](http://www.campingdubelair.com) - Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 22 09 67  
 Contact: Marine Oillac

### Camping la Ventouse (Jard sur Mer)

Camping La Ventouse is located in Jard sur Mer, 20 km south of Les Sables d'Olonne. It is well-situated, just 300 m from the sea and the town centre. You can get everywhere on foot or by bike, so there's no need to drive.

Guests looking for a holiday close to nature can come and stay at this 7-hectare site in the heart of the forest. The relaxing, peaceful environment is a great place to recharge your batteries, rest and spend quality time with your loved ones. The on-site team is on hand at all times, offering a warm, personal service to make sure your stay is as comfortable and enjoyable as possible.

**New for 2017:** a gym area with outdoor fitness equipment, a new play area, and a kids' club for children aged 4-12 – a great place to make new friends!

*Camping La Ventouse - 3 étoiles - Jard sur Mer*  
[www.campinglaventouse.com](http://www.campinglaventouse.com) - Tél. 00 33 (0)2 51 33 58 65  
 Contact: Philippe CAILLAUD



## CAMPING, A PARADISE FOR KIDS!

### Camping les Vagues (Bretignolles sur Mer)



Camping Les Vagues is just 900 m from the beaches and 200 m from the centre of Bretignolles sur Mer with its shops. The campsite offers a wide range of facilities, in a tree-lined, family-oriented setting. It boasts a water park with several pools (heated, indoor and outdoor), jacuzzi, water slide, sauna, gym, tennis court, bar and restaurant. This is where most of the daytime and evening entertainment takes place.

**In 2017, the play area and water park for children** has had a complete overhaul, with a main section comprising two structures and springers. The 150 m<sup>2</sup> space also includes water play areas. The new facilities are of the very highest quality, reflecting customer demands for a higher standard of equipment.

*Camping caravanning Les Vagues – 4 étoiles (Bretignolles sur mer)*  
[www.campinglesvagues.fr](http://www.campinglesvagues.fr) - tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 90 19 48  
 Contact: Raingard Gilles

### Camping La Pomme de Pin (Saint Hilaire de Riez)

This 4-star campsite is ideally situated just 200 m from the sea, with direct access to a large, fine-sand beach and local shops and amenities. Guests can access the Plage des Mouettes on foot, without a car, via a coastal path across the dune. The Yelloh! Village La Pomme de Pin provides a lush, green environment for guests, with trees and flowers. Holiday-makers have access to a range of services on site, including an aquatic area, a bar, restaurant, delicatessen, a wellness area, a gym, entertainment and a children's club. Cycle trails and shuttle bus services are available at the entrance to the campsite.

The campsite also offers services and entertainment between April and September! While the little ones are at the "kids' club", parents can relax in the wellness area complete with sauna, steam room and spa. The campsite boasts a range of accommodation options, from mobile homes with 1-3 bedrooms, to fully equipped lodge tents – so you're guaranteed to find what you're looking for!

**New for 2017:** The beach area around the pool has been expanded to accommodate more sunloungers, and there is a new outdoor aquasplash area for children, complete with a fountain, hoops and water games. On the accommodation front, there are new 3-4 flower cottages and a fully equipped, fishing hut-style lodge tent.

*Yelloh ! Village La Pomme de Pin – 6 avenue des Becs- 85270 Saint Hilaire de Riez*  
[www.campingpommedepin.fr](http://www.campingpommedepin.fr) - Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 58 21 26  
 Contact: Gaëlle Puaud

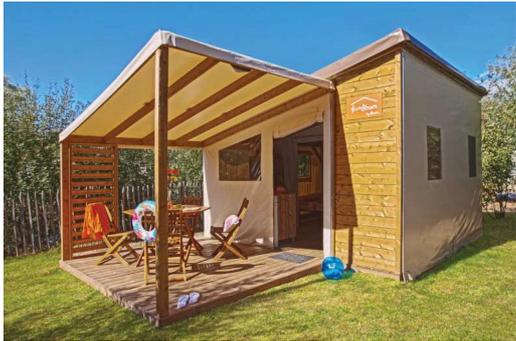


## FOCUS ON...

### Bicycle touring is all the rage!

In recent years, we have seen more and more touring visitors come to Vendée. With the Vélodyssée cycling route – more than 1000 km of cycle trails through the bocage and marshlands and along the coastline – our region has plenty to offer. That's why 58 campsites across Vendée have signed up for the "Accueil Vélo" (Bikes Welcome) mark, providing high-quality facilities and services tailored to the needs of cyclists. Here at Vendée's campsites, you'll find "Camp'étoile" accommodation (eco-friendly tent on stilts above a relaxation area where you can park your bikes), "special" rates and a range of other facilities and services specifically for touring cyclists.

## CAMPING IS ALL ABOUT NATURE!



### Le Lac de la Chausselière (La Guyonnière)

This campsite is nestled in a stunning natural environment, on the banks of **Lac de la Chausselière** and near to **Le Puy du Fou**. The site is run and maintained by Line and Pierre Bougaud, who have owned it for three years. Here, it's all about respect for nature, quality and warmth.

Guests will appreciate the peace and quiet on offer at the 33 comfortable, fully-equipped rentals – wooden chalets (18-46 m<sup>2</sup>, 2-8 people), mobile homes (2 or 3 bedrooms, up to 6 people), and more unusual options such as lodge tents on stilts and "Cocosweet" mobile homes.

The pitches are spacious and landscaped and stand in a stunning natural setting among 30 hectares of woodland on the banks of the 14-hectare Lac de la Chausselière. The toilet block, fully renovated in 2016, boasts top-quality materials, a user-friendly environment, and full disabled access.

#### New for 2017:

A new solar thermal hot water production system in partnership with the French Environment and Energy Management Agency (ADEME) and Vendée Expansion. The campsite has a pool shelter and will now be able to offer guests a covered, heated pool between April and late September. The site also boasts a range of other leisure activities, including a children's play area (renovated in 2015), a multi-sports pitch, a kids' club and a miniature farm. And in keeping with the local environment, there are water sports on the lake, with a leisure centre directly accessible from the campsite (bicycle hire, canoes, sailing boats, etc.), footpaths starting at the campsite, and 18 pontoons where grown-ups and little ones alike can enjoy a spot of fishing.

The campsite has also added new, boutique accommodation options, with 2 luxury wooden cabins on stilts and open to the elements – SweetFlower (43 m<sup>2</sup>) and CosyFlower (38 m<sup>2</sup>), offering style, comfort and space! Each cabin boasts 2 bedrooms, a spacious, fully-equipped kitchen, a cosy lounge with TV, a bathroom and toilet, and a large, raised terrace.

And **in 2017**, the campsite will introduce a new waste disposal area for mobile home users at the entrance to the site, to make life a little easier for these guests.

*Flower Camping du Lac de La Chausselière—3 étoiles—Route des Herbiers— La Guyonnière  
www.chausseliere.fr— Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 41 98 40 - Contact: Line et Pierre Bougaud*

### FOCUS ON ...

#### TUCAMPESFACILE.COM

"Camping boxes are THE holiday trend for 2017. You can go camping with nothing more than a suitcase!" "Tucampesfacile.com" is a business that emerged from an idea of going back to basics while making camping easy and accessible for every family. Located in Les Herbiers, Vendée, the company has spread throughout France, offering a brand new service to the rapidly expanding camping world. The concept is truly ground-breaking – the first of its kind for campers in France. The aim is to provide bring the very essence of camping holidays to both confirmed campers and new campers alike. The company supplies "ready-to-camp" boxes, including everything the camper needs, based on their requirements.

Our customers range from students to sole travellers, families and retirees – in short, anyone who wants to go on a camping holiday. We deliver a "ready-to-camp box" to the site on the date of the customer's arrival, tailored to their needs, containing :

- all the camping equipment they'll need (tents and other essential items)
- to a reserved pitch at the campsite of their choice.

The box can also include optional extras, according to the customer's preferences or desired level of comfort.

For more details, visit: [www.tucampesfacile.com](http://www.tucampesfacile.com)



## CAMPING IS ALL ABOUT NATURE!

### Le Colombier, the naturist complex

(Saint Martin Lars en Sainte Hermine)

Le Colombier is a four-star naturist complex that has been awarded the "Clef Verte" label in southern Vendée. It is a haven of peace and tranquillity, set in natural surroundings close to the Atlantic beaches and among a landscape of undulating valleys, making it the perfect base for walking and cycling.

Le Colombier covers an area of 50 hectares within a valley with a stream, lake and meadows, surrounded by 14 hectares of forest. The centre of the resort is where the entertainment takes place, around a former manor farm and tower dating from the middle ages, and a large heated pool and wellness area (sauna, steam room and jacuzzi). The campsite provides everything guests need for a relaxing holiday away from the hustle and bustle of daily life. It boasts spacious pitches, unusual rental options such as the Pili-Pili chalet and, **new for 2017, the Luxury Lodge.**

Le Colombier is the ideal place to discover naturism in a warm, family-friendly environment. As part of the site's commitment to the environment, the toilet and washroom facilities are equipped with solar panels. The campsite is the ideal place to explore part of the vast Marais Poitevin.

*Le Colombier – lieu-dit Le Colombier – Saint Martin Lars en Sainte Hermine*

*www.lecolombier-naturisme.com – tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 27 83 84*

*Contact: Yves et Rianne Hannard*



### Camping Ô P'tit Marais (Vix)



"Ô P'tit Marais" was created to provide a place for people to meet, socialise and have fun. It is open to holidaymakers and local residents. Located on the water's edge on the Sèvre Niortaise, in the heart of the Marais Poitevin in the town of Vix, "Ô P'tit Marais" has a real countryside, rustic feel, complete with a campsite, **open-air café, landing stage and yurt.**

The campsite has 25 spacious, semi-shaded pitches (approx. 100 m<sup>2</sup>), covering a total area of 1 hectare. Each pitch has an electricity point, whether you're staying in a tent, caravan or mobile home. The site is accessible for people with reduced mobility.

**The Ô bord de l'eau open-air café** is a great place to relax and enjoy a drink or snack with friends, and is open at lunch time and in the evening in July and August. This fun, sociable space is open to both campers and local residents. Sharing a drink and enjoying entertainment with local people is a great way to learn about the region and its culture. Every Friday evening, the open-air café hosts a musical Apéro, while the Après-Midi Guinguette takes place each Sunday!

With the Marais Poitevin close at hand, guests can explore the natural surroundings by canoe, pedalo or bike (available to hire).

The 100 m<sup>2</sup> fully equipped yurt, meanwhile comes with a sound system, video projector, lighting, WiFi access and TV point – the ideal place to host family, business or charity events. It can accommodate up to 70 people for a sit-down meal, 100 people for a meeting or show, or 120 people for a standing concert. So if you love nature, the simple life and socialising, you're more than welcome!

*"Ô P'tit Marais" - Drapelle - 85770 Vix— [www.optitmarais.fr](http://www.optitmarais.fr) - tel. 00 33 (0)2 28 13 96 89*

*Contact: Anthony Girardeau – Gérant*

### Camping La Vallée de Poupet (Saint Malo du Bois)

La Vallée de Poupet, nestled in green surroundings on the banks of the Sèvre Nantaise and just 10 minutes from Le Puy du Fou®, merits more than a fleeting visit. With its rustic setting and wide range of activities, the campsite has plenty to offer. In this corner of the Bocage Vendéen, it's all about a warm welcome and good humour. Guests enjoy a welcome drink, evening entertainment, hard-working cleaning and surveillance staff, and access to the owner whenever needed.

*Camping La Vallée de Poupet—3 étoiles—Saint Malo du Bois*

*www.valleedepoupet.com— Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 92 31 45*

*Contact: Emilie Truffley*



## NATURAL YEAR

### Camping du Lac de la Tricherie (Mesnard la Barotière)



Camping du Lac de la Tricherie is nestled in lush green surroundings, offering guests a peaceful, friendly environment just 15 km from the Grand Parc du Puy du Fou®. This corner of Vendée paradise is the perfect place for a **family camping holiday** – a pleasant, relaxing break in 100% natural surroundings. The 72 pitches and rental properties, some sunny and others shaded, stretch out across a preserved natural setting. The Lac de la Tricherie site covers 34 hectares of water, forest and stunning landscapes. Camping du Lac de la Tricherie has its own leisure centre, offering a range of activities in stunning natural surroundings, including swimming (with lifeguards in July and August), fishing, canoeing, kayaking, pedalos, walks, mini-golf, trampoline, play area, carousel and adventure park. And guests can take a break to enjoy an ice cream, crêpe, or buckwheat galette, with a stunning view across the lake.



**New for 2017:** Camping du Lac de la Tricherie is launching a range of new, unusual accommodation options, including a POD and a quirky cabin (the "Cabane des Leprechauns").

The POD is a well-known staple in quirky camping options, while the Cabane des Leprechauns is a lesser-known accommodation option. It's a small cabin that echoes the world of the mythical creatures known for their farcical antics and gold-counting tendencies. The exterior, with its strange, vaulted appearance, is guaranteed to transport you to another world. Come and explore this new, unusual accommodation for yourself in Mesnard la Barotière.

*Camping du Lac de la Tricherie – 3 étoiles – 85500 Mesnard la Barotière*

*[www.lacdelatricherie.com](http://www.lacdelatricherie.com) – Tél. 00 33 (0)2 51 66 04 31*

*Contact relation presse: Jean-Marc LE BOLES*

### Camping La Dive (Saint Michel en l'Herm)

Located in southern Vendée, just 5 km from the beaches at La Faute sur Mer, La Dive is a traditional, family-run campsite. Spanning 9 hectares, it offers a wide range of accommodation options including mobile homes, chalets, caravans and cabins on stilts, as well as spacious, marked-out pitches for campers. Standing on the **VÉLODYSSÉE** cycle route and marking the last stopping point before La Rochelle, La Dive has introduced a new accommodation option for this year – the "Camp'étoile", a 100% wooden structure with a relaxation area. And when it's time to sleep, guests can stretch out comfortably on the canvas, under the sky and the stars.

For those who prefer relaxing holidays, the campsite also has new 3-room chalets with private spa – perfect for a comfortable, relaxing VIP holiday.

And here, there's plenty for the little ones too – play areas, multi-sports pitch, inflatable structures, free kids' club, heated water park with slides, mini-golf, and beach football, beach volleyball and homeball pitches. And the 3-hectare animal park is a great place for kids to feed the animals and enjoy a pony ride.

**New for 2017:** a skate and scooter park!

A family tradition dating back more than 12 years. Céline offers guests a warm, traditional welcome. Her parents Evelyne and Pascal, former restaurant-owners, run the restaurant from May onwards. Guests can take a seat at a poolside table and enjoy the chef's delicious pizzas, washed down with a glass of the finest Mareuil Vendéen.



*Camping La Dive – 4 étoiles - 85580 – Saint Michel en l'herm*

*[www.camping-la-dive.com](http://www.camping-la-dive.com) - Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 30 26 94*

*Contact: Céline Lahorte*

# GLAMPING AND UNUSUAL ACCOMMODATION IN VENDÉE

## Camping Château de la Forêt (Saint Julien des Landes)

Camping Château La Forêt, near the beaches of Bretignolles sur Mer, stands in the 50-hectare grounds of a 19th-century château – a truly "royal" holiday experience! The campsite, straddling land and sea, is the perfect place for an à la carte holiday. Guests can choose from large pitches, top-quality rental accommodation, and some quirkier options, including the "bubble room" and the tree cabin, suspended above the lakes.

The campsite boasts a number of large spaces, a 3-hectare fishing lake, 2 aquatic centres (including an indoor pool heated to 27°C with a wading pool and slides) and **new for 2017** – a 66-metre-long twisting and turning slide. There's plenty to keep adults and children alike occupied in this safe, natural environment, including a tree-top adventure course, paintball, a petting zoo, mini-golf, billiards, pétanque, tennis, a games room, fishing, wellness treatments and, of course, the play areas and kids' club.

### New for 2017: L'Orangerie du Château

The Eiffel Tower-style structure with glass walls and a total surface area of 250 m<sup>2</sup> is the ideal place to host seminars, weddings and summer events. **L'Orangerie du Château** is bathed in natural light, making it perfect for businesses that want to hold a customer or staff reception in a prestigious setting. Château La Forêt has plenty of activities on-site – ideal for team-building, guest entertainment or challenges. The château also organises team-building activities (paintball and tree-top adventure course).

The campsite boasts top-quality accommodation to meet the needs of wedding guests or event delegates.

*Camping le Château de la Forêt – 4 étoiles – Saint Julien des Landes*

[www.chateaudelaforet.com](http://www.chateaudelaforet.com) – Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 46 62 11 - Contact: Axel De Mauduit



## Le Village de la Guyonnière - (Saint Julien des Landes)

The village is located near the Lac du Jaunay and can be accessed directly from the campsite. It stands among green, relaxing surroundings. Situated near the beaches at Bretignolles sur Mer, Camping La Guyonnière is the ideal base for exploring the riches of Vendée and enjoying the variety of cultural, fun and sporting activities on offer. At the campsite, guests can rent chalets, mobile homes and pitches for tents, caravans or motor-homes. The grass pitches, each of which measures an average of 225 m<sup>2</sup>, feature open, shaded or semi-shaded spaces and are designed with comfort and privacy in mind. La Guyonnière also offers a range of unusual "Glamping" accommodation options, including safari lodges on stilts, "Woody Lodges", and the very latest addition in 2015, the **FAMILY ZEN**.

This product offers a **luxury, VIP camping experience**. These lodges, located on the "Les Coteaux" field, can accommodate up to **4 people**. These properties offer all the comfort and equipment of a mobile home, but with an **attractive wood frame construction** and **untreated wood furnishings**. Each lodge has a private Zen area where guests can relax in the great outdoors (incorporated into the terrace), as well as a raised private solarium with a **panoramic view** over the Grand Pré field and the pond.

*Village de la Guyonnière – 5 étoiles - "La Guyonnière" - Saint Julien des Landes*

[www.camping-guyonniere.com](http://www.camping-guyonniere.com) - Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 46 62 59 - Contact: Pierre Jaspers



## Camping Le Bellevue (La Tranche sur Mer)

Standing on the coast between La Tranche sur Mer and La Faute sur Mer, Le Bellevue is a 4-star campsite that offers a welcoming, shaded environment. With 47 pitches, this Zen-style campsite is a genuine haven of peace and tranquillity. There is a large fine-sand beach just 900 metres away (accessible directly from the campsite). On-site, guests can relax in the outdoor heated pool and enjoy the range of services on offer (snack bar, delicatessen and launderette). And holidaymakers staying at Le Bellevue can use the water park facilities and enjoy the entertainment and services on offer at the Les Blancs Chênes campsite (a 10 minute drive away).

Le Bellevue also boasts modern, spacious VIP chalets with sea view. Guests who opt for this accommodation get access to a range of services and benefits, including integrated terrace with jacuzzi, free Wi-Fi, TV, dishwasher, bedding and linen (for stays of at least one week), grill, and free use of the mini-golf course.

*Camping Le Bellevue - 4 étoiles - 85360 La Tranche sur Mer*

<http://www.camping-vagues-oceanes.com/camping-vendee/blancs-chenes.html>

Tél camping: 00 33 (0)2 51 28 28 31 - Contact: Cécile Pelletier



# Tourist sites in Vendée: what's new

## LEISURE PARKS

### Le Puy du Fou, the world's best theme park (Les Epesses)

#### The Grand Parc du Puy du Fou celebrates its 40th birthday

Le Puy du Fou was voted the world's best theme park in 2014 and the world's best attraction in 2015. It offers a range of spellbinding shows and adventures for the whole family. The park covers more than 50 hectares of stunning natural grounds, featuring several villages, such as the Fort de l'An Mil, the 18th Century Village, the Market Town in 1900 and the Renaissance City.

At Le Puy du Fou, natural and authentic are the watch-words. The thatched huts at the Fort de l'An Mil and the drawbridge in the Cité Médiévale are completely genuine. To ensure the authenticity of the location, Le Puy du Fou has hired the very best specialists, artisans and historians.

There are **five major shows** that take visitors right to the heart of the action: "Triumph's Sign" (35 min), "The Vikings" (28 min), "The Secret of the Lance" (28 min), "The Phantom Birds' Dance" (33 min), and "Richelieu's Musketeer" (36 min).

Le Puy du Fou is a haven for **over 1,400 animals** that sometimes play a major role! In its Académie Équestre, the park **boasts the largest show stables in Europe** (around 175 horses). The Académie de Fauconnerie boasts 500 birds of prey from 80 different species.

#### New show at the Grand Parc: "The Last Panache"

This is the most daring and stunning show ever conceived at Le Puy du Fou!

In 2016, an unforgettable show venue plays host to the latest Le Puy du Fou creation: The Last Panache! A fast-paced, epic and moving show against a unique backdrop found nowhere else in the world!

This sixth major show is a record-breaking feat by Le Puy du Fou, in terms of budget, size and the technology needed to create the hall and the show itself. In 2016, the park invested €25 million to build a monumental 2,500-seater auditorium. It is a truly innovative construction, with pivoting terraces to change the angle of view towards land or sea to alter the scenery as required.

#### New for 2017:

**La Citadelle Hotel:** In 2017, the "Night-time City" at Le Puy du Fou is expanding to welcome a fifth themed hotel – La Citadelle.

Pass through the portcullis and step back in time to the Middle Ages! Spend the night behind the ramparts, protected by the knights of Le Puy du Fou.

Guests staying at the Night-time City hotels have a chance to take part in a unique experience (in the yellow and green seasons, excluding July and August) known as "Exploring Falconry" – a discovery workshop for all ages led by Le Puy du Fou staff.

Master falconers will reveal their secrets. Learn about the art of falconry with the 500 birds of prey at Le Puy du Fou. Find out what it takes to look after the theme park's birds and the 80 chicks born each year. For guests staying at the Night-time City.

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes - maximum 16 people - Price: €20 per person.

#### Brand new, original show: The Great Bells

**The Great Bells** is an incredible musical show, set in the 18th Century Village, that will take you back in time.

The bell-ringers, 16 metres above the ground, perform breathtaking manoeuvres and strike the 70 giant bells to the sound of famous pieces of music in a stunning show that combines melody and choreography.

**2 new restaurants: L'Écuyer Tranchant:** a generous buffet including delicious grilled meats from the kitchens of "La Citadelle".

La Mijoterie du Roy Henry: menus to suit all appetites, in stunning Renaissance-era décor and several themed settings.

#### The Cinéscénie at Le Puy du Fou

With over 10 million spectators already, 1,200 actors on a 23-hectare stage, 24,000 costumes, 1 hour and 40 minutes of show time and many new features... the greatest night-time show in the world has become a must-see legend.

Grand Parc du Puy du Fou – Les Epesses

Contact: Sabine Tommy-Martin

[www.puydufou.com](http://www.puydufou.com) - Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 64 24 14

Opening Dates of the Grand Parc: from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 24 September 2017



## O'Gliss Parc (Moutiers Les Mauxfaits)

### Europe's third-biggest water park

In 2016, the team behind "Indian Forest" opened a brand new water park in Moutiers les Mauxfaits.

The park is divided into four fun areas:

- Lud'O Parc: an area entirely dedicated to children
- Sunset Playa beach: a beach with waves amplified by a giant ball
- ExporalO: white-water rapids
- Delir'space: water slides – not for the faint-hearted!

The park is designed to both amuse and relax – a place where families can enjoy quality time together, in a magical setting surrounded by plants. The park offers a selection of tapas bars and a traditional restaurant.

*Opening Dates: from 24 June to 3 September*  
 O'Gliss Park – Route de la Tranche – Le Bernard  
 www.oglisspark.fr – Tél. 00 33 (0)2 51 48 12 12



## Indian Forest (Moutiers Les Mauxfaits)

### France's biggest adventure park.

Ideal for a weekend break with friends or a family holiday, with a range of activities on offer including adventure courses, maxi zip-wires, paintball, mini-golf and the "défi-fun" challenge.

**The Water Jump: a brand new attraction:** The Water Jump is a new Indian Forest attraction, unlike any other in western France, that opened in spring 2014. Various tracks and trampolines are available to test your skills in skiing, surfing, BMX biking, rubber ring-riding, and bodysurfing.

*Opening Dates: from 1st april to 24 September*  
 Indian Forest – Le Bois Lambert – Le Bernard - Moutiers Les Maufaits  
 www.indian-forest-atlantique.com – tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 48 12 12



## ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES IN VENDÉE

## Le Château des Aventuriers (Avrillé)

Le Château des Aventuriers stands in mostly wooded grounds of 86 hectares. It is a park packed with mysteries and steeped in history – perfect for the whole family. It boasts activities including mystery trails, tablet games, castle tours, inflatable toys and walks in the forest – all based around La Guignardière, a Renaissance castle and a listed Historic Monument.

The five mystery trails: Dinos & Prehistory: this interactive and educational game gives visitors a chance to test their knowledge (come face-to-face with a dozen dinosaurs, visit a small Neolithic village, explore Vendée's complete standing stone alignments...).

### The "Pirates' Treasure"

Pirates are an extremely popular theme loved by adults and children alike, evoking images of adventure in the great outdoors. The aim is to learn about the true history of pirates... and, of course, to have fun The Secrets of the Castle: visitors must solve the riddles spread throughout the rooms of the château using their smartphone or tablet. Around the world!: our young explorers travel across the five continents, trying out new things, handling objects, memorising, using their imagination... and winning a prize! Western City: children set out on an adventure to conquer the American Wild West, with four giant inflatable structures and games of skill.

**New for 2017:** With new augmented reality and mapping technologies, visitors can experience life among the dinosaurs for themselves!

T-REXPERIENCE, augmented reality: get inside the T-Rex's enclosure! DIN'ODYSSÉ, mapping technology: step back in time to the Jurassic and experience the life of the dinosaurs!

Visitors can relax and eat in the open-air or covered picnic areas, or enjoy the on-site snack bar, drinks bar and tea room. Throughout the year, Le Château des Aventuriers hosts events such as "Jurassic Easter" (27-28 March), the "Pirates' Festival" (3-4 August), the "Jack Sparrow" challenges (all school holidays), and "Cowboys and Indians" equestrian shows (every Friday in summer).

*Château de la Guignardière – Avrillé*  
*Opening period: from 2 April to 5 November 2017*  
*Rate (according to the pass): from €14 adult and €10 child.*  
 www.chateau-aventuriers.com – tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 22 33 06  
 Contact: Landry Quairault



## TO LIVE AN ADVENTURE IN VENDÉE

### Le Grand Défi (Saint Julien des Landes)

Le Grand Défi is an **adventure park** located in a natural and unique setting that visitors can explore surrounded by hundred-year-old trees, walking trails and lakes. In 2016, the park boasted **23 tree top courses**. These include 5 for children from 2 years old, over twenty zip-wires suspended above lakes and two black routes that pose extreme challenges, unique in the Vendée. With such a diverse range of courses, the whole family can enjoy themselves.



The tree top trails can now accommodate **700 people at the same time**, and more than double this during a full day at the height of the summer season, which is over **1500 people**.

Le Grand Défi park also offers the largest paintball experience in Vendée, with 3 specially designed sites featuring wooden structures (castles, fortresses).

With over 20 years' experience, Le Grand Défi is constantly developing, presenting one or several new challenges to its visitors every year.

#### New for 2017:

**Fun orienteering courses for 2-6 year-olds.** Following the orienteering courses and pony rides for children from 2 years old, a new activity will now be available for younger children. In a nature setting, young children accompanied by their parents will learn to get their bearings in the space while enjoying themselves.

**2 Educational and fun orienteering courses for children from 6 years old.** Courses created in partnership with the Saint Julien des Landes "Sainte Marie" school on the theme of fauna and flora. One of the courses relates to the French school cycle 2 programme (children 6 to 8 years old) and the other to the French school cycle 3 programme (children 9 to 11 years old). The courses are open to everyone. While walking through the park, visitors can learn more about its fauna and flora (using the illustrated boards).

**1 new paintball site.** Paintball is one of the park's flagship activities. This new 1-hectare site has been created to diversify this activity and accommodate participants in the best possible conditions at the height of the season.

**1 new tree top trail.** As every year since the park's opening, a new course will be opened from April (making 24 courses in total). In order to satisfy both new and regular visitors, the existing courses are changed regularly (new challenges) and new ones created. By increasing the number of courses every year and modifying the existing courses, the aim is to keep the courses flowing even on very busy days in high season.

**Improvement to the lasertag course.** The main development for the 2016 season was Galactic Laser (very high visitor numbers in 2016). The futuristic course created for this activity will undergo several improvements.

#### 2017 developments:

**New picnic areas (including a covered area).** Across the park, the picnic areas are accessible free of charge.

**Redesigned park paths.** Visitors can come to the park free of charge (no obligation to do an activity) and walk in the forest following the marked paths, or even just to feed the animals.

#### Le Grand Défi

Opening: from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 5 November 2017.

40 rue de l'Etoile – 85150 Saint Julien des Landes

Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 98 79 02 – [www.grand-defi.com](http://www.grand-defi.com)

Contact: Daniel Mourgues



# CULTURAL HERITAGE

## Biotopia (Notre Dame de Monts)

### Coastal scientific research (new for 2016/2017)

The Observatoire du Littoral (coastal observatory) run by the Océan-Marais de Monts Intercommunal Authority is carrying out a scientific research project in the Pays de Monts, initiated by the Geological and Mining Research Office (BRGM). **A first on the coast!** Scientists from the BRGM chose to study a dune in Vendée to gain a better understanding of coastal processes and changes to the coastline. If the research findings are positive, the methods could then be applied to the entire French coastline.

*Biotopia*  
50 avenue Abbé Thibaud  
85690 Notre Dame de Monts  
Tel. 00 33 (0)2 28 11 20 93



## The new Ecomusée du Marais Vendéen - Le Daviaud (La Barre de Monts)

### New for 2017

The newly renovated Le Daviaud is opening its doors to a world of magic and mystery on **12 May 2017!** The new museum is a natural, authentic site that retains its spirit yet is adapted to visitor needs. It is like a moment suspended in time – a bucolic, dream-like world where visitors hear from the inhabitants of yesteryear and today as they explore 800 m<sup>2</sup> of immersive exhibits.

The museum's seven separate areas take you from one world to the next, while the large fully renovated indoor space takes you to the heart of the Marais at the Le Daviaud site.

Open all year round, visitors can come to explore the marshland and its heritage in a sheltered setting. It boasts just the right dose of new technologies, with 250 m<sup>2</sup> of scenic exhibits in the main building. And with plenty of simple, hands-on attractions, the new Le Daviaud is set to become the favourite playground for adults and children alike. The seven outdoor areas, following a 1 km route, take visitors on a journey through the lagoons, the golden age of salt, agro-pastoral activities, the "Bourrine à Louise", the barn, the commemorative grain store, and, finally, chance to stop for a bite to eat and a drink! Le Daviaud (an accredited Musée de France) is the perfect place to learn more about the Marais Breton in Vendée!

**2017 opening times and practical information:** [www.ecomusee-ledaviaud.fr](http://www.ecomusee-ledaviaud.fr)

### A unique take on Le Daviaud: Le Daviaud escape game!

A team of 3-5 players is shut inside a mad professor's laboratory and has just 60 minutes to escape!

For information, contact the Océan-Marais de Monts Intercommunal Authority on +33 (0)2 51 58 07 89 or visit: [www.ecomusee-ledaviaud.fr](http://www.ecomusee-ledaviaud.fr)

**NB: Booking required** 48 hours prior to your visit



### Events at Le Daviaud in 2017

11 and 18 April - nature bike ride: explore the plants and wildlife at this unique natural site as you cycle along the paths along the beaches, and through the forest and marshland. At three stop-off points, your guide will recount the local history and its hidden treasures, By bike, age 12+ Bike not provided - starts at the La Barre de Monts/Fromentine tourist office

12 and 19 April - nature excursion: nature excursion around the eco-museum, led by a bird specialist, with a chance to see the birds living in the marshland.

26 May: family bike ride: explore the area's hidden treasures with a ride through the forest and marshland: maritime pine, elegant avocet and glasswort. By bike, age 7+ Bike not provided - starts at the La Barre de Monts/Fromentine tourist office.

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*Le Daviaud*  
85550 La Barre de Monts - Fromentine  
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[www.ecomusee-ledaviaud.fr](http://www.ecomusee-ledaviaud.fr)



## CULTURAL HERITAGE

### The Blockhouse (Les Sables d'Olonne)

#### New for 2017

From 1 July 2017, families will be able to visit this brand-new Second World War museum in Les Sables d'Olonne. The modern building provides an insight into the history of the region between 1939 and the Normandy landings, with illustrated boards, an educational film, and real-life scenes featuring mannequins in original clothing.

The tour continues in an authentic hospital bunker with fully functioning operating theatre in August 1944 following a naval and air battle just off the port of Les Sables d'Olonne, until the French Resistance forces arrived. The 20 rooms in this rare hospital blockhouse, which have remained in almost pristine condition from more than 70 years, have been carefully restored. Real-life reconstructions illustrate the history of this unique location on the Atlantic coast.

Treasure hunt for children aged 5-12 – become a hero yourself! Work your way through a labyrinth of rooms to find the mystery person. A real adventure game that adds action and fun to the tour, and everyone who solves the 8 riddles receives a certificate.

*Le Blockhaus Hôpital des Sables d'Olonne*  
 Rue de Verdun (à l'angle de l'avenue Alcide Gabaret)  
 85100 Les Sables d'Olonne  
[www.blockhaus-sables.com](http://www.blockhaus-sables.com)



### A brand new museum at Georges Clemenceau's birthplace (Mouilleron-en-Pareds)

#### Opening 2018

The museum, located in the house itself, will be a commemorative place devoted to the eminent thinker whose writings and actions are imprinted on the history of France.

The museum will be enjoyable to visit and easy to access, with a series of themed settings and a diverse array of informative and fun materials using new technologies.

Clemenceau's life and work will be situated in its era, but links will also be drawn with modern applications of his thoughts and actions. Visitors will get an insight into his many facets, looking beyond his reputation as "Father Victory".

The Clemenceau-de Lattre museum will span his two birthplaces, with Rue du Temple linking the two properties.

#### The museum by night: cultural events at the museum

The barn will also be fully renovated and converted into a cultural space to house exhibitions, concerts, screenings, conferences and lectures. At night, the museum will be a modular space that can be configured for various different uses, accommodating up to 99 seated spectators. It has been designed to operate separately from the museum.

*Maison de Georges Clemenceau*  
 85520 Saint Vincent sur Jard  
 Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 33 40 32



## Le Manoir des sciences (Réaumur)

Get right to the heart of science by following in the footsteps of eminent scientist René Antoine Ferchault de Réaumur.

Le Manoir des Sciences opens a new chapter in its history.

The Pays de Pouzauges Intercommunal Authority, which owns the site, has joined forces with Eugène and Scarabée to carry out major renovation work (building, scenery, landscaping) at a cost of €589,515.

The aim is to breathe new life into this unique location, where visitors play a proactive role and where experimentation and observation are the watchwords.

### A family adventure in science (new 2017)

The new Manoir des Sciences offers visitors an interactive and sensory experience, in the building and gardens of Réaumur. Come and touch, smell, feel and share... As you explore the museum, you'll discover:

the Age of Enlightenment (a key period in the history of ideas), Réaumur's office, the history of the thermometer, a journey to the 18th century, the natural history room, the experimental laboratory, the reading room, the gardener's workshop, and the sensory garden. Visitors can also take part in fun, scientific activities including a treasure hunt, where you'll need to gather the clues to open the boxes that hold new surprises.



Practical information: Le Manoir des Sciences de Réaumur is located in the heart of the Bocage Vendéen. 20 minutes from Le Puy du Fou\*. 2017 opening hours and prices: [www.manoirdessciencesdereaurmur.fr/](http://www.manoirdessciencesdereaurmur.fr/)

Opening and prices 2017: [www.manoirdessciencesdereaurmur.fr](http://www.manoirdessciencesdereaurmur.fr)  
8 Rue Ferchault - 85700 Réaumur  
Tel. 00 33 (0)2 51 57 99 46

## The major "Holidays in Vendée" exhibition at the Historial de la Vendée

This exhibition is all about holidays! Come to the Historial and learn about the history of holiday-making in Vendée (1816-1970).

To 12 May to 3 September 2017 (new)

Historial de la Vendée (Les Lucs sur Boulogne)

Holidays! Going on holiday is all about experiencing and learning about a new place, enjoying new scenery in summer, and having fun and enjoyment. The "Holidays in Vendée" exhibition is devoted to this dreamlike world – to a place that you stay in only temporarily but that remains etched in the memory.

At the Historial, the Vendée Department is holding an exhibition that tells the history of holidays in the Department, from seaside getaways in the 19th century to the longer holidays that became popular in the 1960s. The tour is like a travel itinerary, where visitors learn about the spread of holiday-makers along the Vendée coastline, and find out how locals have gone about attracting, welcoming and entertaining this new audience since the late 19th century, laying the foundations for the booming tourist economy of the 21st century.



New temporary exhibition from November 2017: 700 years of the Diocese of Luçon and Maillezais .

Historial de la Vendée  
Allée Paul Bazin - 85170 Les Lucs sur Boulogne  
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