

# LA VENDÉE

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# THE VENDÉE

## A DYNAMIC TERRITORY

The Vendée is located in the west of France, on the Atlantic coast, south of the Loire, between the cities of Nantes and La Rochelle. It has several attractions that make the area a must visit tourist destination:

- The Puy du Fou, Park was voted the Best Theme Park in the World in 2014 and Best Attraction in the World in November 2015;
- The diversity of scenery with stunning coast, undulating landscape of the "Bocage" and marsh;
- The dynamic economy

In terms of accommodation the Vendée has more than any other department on the Atlantic coast and the area has an average of 5 million visitors per year\*.

\* According to the study "Les chiffres clés 2017 du tourisme en Vendée" published by Vendée Expansion.

## HOW TO GET TO THE VENDÉE ?

### **BY CAR :** 2 MOTORWAYS (A83 AND A87)

424 km from Paris	803 km from Londres
70 km from Nantes	922 km from Amsterdam
255 km from Bordeaux	1468 km from Berlin
493 km from Toulouse	735 km from Bruxelles
1052 km from Nice	786 km from Luxembourg
894 km from Marseille	935 km from Berne
631 km from Lyon	1714 km from Rome
638 km from Lille	986 km from Madrid

### **BY PLANE :**

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

[www.nantes.aeroport.fr](http://www.nantes.aeroport.fr)

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

[www.larochelle.aeroport.fr](http://www.larochelle.aeroport.fr)

**Aérodrome Les Ajoncs - La Roche sur Yon**

[www.larochesuryon.fr/aeroport](http://www.larochesuryon.fr/aeroport)

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**Closest TGV stations :** La Roche sur Yon, Les Sables d'Olonne.

**Stations SNCF in connections :** Challans, Saint Gilles Croix de Vie, Montaigu, Luçon.

[www.oui.sncf](http://www.oui.sncf)

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From Portsmouth to Cherbourg: Brittany Ferries  
From Portsmouth to Saint Malo: Brittany Ferries  
From Portsmouth to Caen: Brittany Ferries



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# THE VENDÉE IN NUMBERS



14

MARINAS

250 km

OF PROTECTED  
COASTLINE

140 km

OF SANDY  
BEACHES



2

ISLANDS



18

SEASIDE  
RESORTS

+ than 300

LEISURE  
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# Latest Trends: getting closer to nature in the Vendée

Being close to nature is also what makes the Vendée so charming. Let's turn the spotlight on some of the "must-see places" and the professionals committed to providing offers related to nature.

## The Pointe d'Arçay Biological Reserve celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Created on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 1982, the Pointe d'Arçay Biological Reserve (RBD) celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year! The site extends over nearly 750 hectares in the recently renamed community of "L'Aiguillon La Presqu'île" (following the amalgamation of La Faute sur Mer and L'Aiguillon sur mer). Run by the National Forestry (ONF) in collaboration with the French Biodiversity Office (OFB), this remarkable site represents an exceptional natural refuge for a wide range of precious habitats. Here 246 species of birds and 350 different varieties of plant coexist and flourish. The aim of ONF, together with the OFB, has always been to protect this refuge and increase the biodiversity of this outstanding site.

[www.onf.fr](http://www.onf.fr)



## Biotopia : Raising environmental awareness issues for all ages

Get ready to discover the coast and the National Forest! Biotopia is a unique place in the Vendée that promotes environmental awareness in a fun and interactive way. Located on the edge of a wild preserved forest, Biotopia provides the clues on how to explore the area, either on your own or with a guide. In the summer, nature walks can be pre-booked and could be subject to government directives:

- Walks between the forest and the beach, Bee's Secrets
- Fun and creative activities – Rendez-vous des petits (Fun time for the little one's), Treasure Hunt, Nature workshops
- Outdoor trail " Nagomi et les bienfaits de la forêt » (Nagomi and the benefits of the forest) Theme closely linked with Japan. With the aid of a tablet, visitors can enjoy an interactive walk through the forest and discover many hidden benefits. Like a collaborative game, the aim of which is to regenerate the virtual character Nagomi by making him earn vitality points.

Time : 1h30. Circuit : 1,8km.

### The 2022 Biotopia events not to be missed:

- 5<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> February: La Belle Action - A beach clean-up operation
- 17<sup>th</sup> February: A Nature Afternoon
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Let's meet the forester
- 20<sup>th</sup> March: International Day of Forests
- 24<sup>th</sup> August: Ciné Nature (Nature cinema) – free

50 avenue Abbé Thibaud, Notre Dame de Monts  
[www.biotopia.fr](http://www.biotopia.fr)





### Brilliant idea: Porcelain born from the sea

Each year, out of the 180,000 tons of oyster shells produced, only 60,000 tons are recycled. In the light of this observation, Philippe Gaboriau, the former mayor of Dompierre sur Yon and Alegina's founding President decided to join forces. Along with Thierry Didelon, the Manager of Didelon machine tools and the ceramist Dominique Girardeau they reviewed the different assets of oyster shells. They created the "Kaomer brand", a ceramic paste for tableware and jewellery. Some Vendean Chefs have already succumbed to the charm of this new generation of porcelain for their restaurants.

*50 Rue du Séjour, Le Poiré sur Vie  
www.alegina.fr*



### New : Sleep in the heart of the Marais Poitevin in "La Maison flottante" a floating house

A unique address in the southern Vendée region! This villa sleeps 6 and is located in a preserved natural environment in the heart of the Marais Poitevin, set in the middle of a 12 hectare private park (with ponds, woods and meadows). This 120m<sup>2</sup> floating house is built on a 200m<sup>2</sup> platform with a beautiful south-facing terrace. The house is made up of 3 bedrooms, a bathroom with hammam shower, spa bath and sauna and provides top of the range comfort and quality services as well as a unique experience in the heart of nature.

*Clévacances - 4 star – fully equipped accommodation  
14 bis route de Chaillé-les-Marais, Le Langon*



### Clé Verte Label : an example with Les Pinèdes de la Caillauderie\*\* campsite

Located between Saint Jean de Monts and Saint Hilaire de Riez, Les Pinèdes de la Caillauderie 2 star campsite is above all a family affair. It all began on the family farm in 1968, and then just 10 years ago it was taken over by Cédric Burgaud (son) and his wife Marion. The couple decided to leave Pau and their respective jobs to run the campsite and avoid the site being turned into a housing estate. The owners are committed to preserving this ideal setting - between the sand dunes and the forest of pines, holm oaks and poplars. They have put in place several ideas which has enabled them to obtain the Clef Verte label /award:

- The creation of a chicken coop and compost waste reduction system
- A Donation box that enables holiday makers to leave items purchased on site (beach games, body boards etc...)
- The installation of nesting boxes and water supplies for insects and birds.
- A fallow land area containing several melliferous plants and tree branch shredding to make mulch (wood chips) for covering or fertilising.

*111 route de la Caillauderie, Saint Jean de Monts  
www.camping-pinedes-caillauderie.com*

**Discover the 17 Clef Verte label campsites in the Vendée: [www.vendee-tourism.co.uk/campsites-vendee#path=search\\_api\\_cluster\\_23/Clef+Verte](http://www.vendee-tourism.co.uk/campsites-vendee#path=search_api_cluster_23/Clef+Verte)**

# For connoisseurs of fine food

## Our Chefs have talent

With one 2-star Michelin restaurant and five 1-star Michelin restaurants, the Vendée has confirmed its position as a new gastronomic destination for several years.



### Alexandre Couillon – Chef 2 star – La Marine Noirmoutier en l'Île

In Noirmoutier en l'Île, Chef Alexandre Couillon and his restaurant La Marine are joining the gastronomic elite.

At the beginning of 2013, the restaurant received its second star in the Michelin Guide. As good news never comes on its own, in October of the same year, Alexandre was awarded a 4th Toque by Gault et Millau. He then went on to win a string of awards, being elected Chef of the Year by the Champérad Guide in 2015. He was described as a "sensitive cook, an artist in perpetual motion" as well as an "outstanding innovator". In 2017, he received another distinction with the title "Chef of the Year, awarded by Gault et Millau, and received his 5<sup>th</sup> Toque in the 2018 edition of the gastronomic guide. The Chef's second restaurant, La Table d'Elise is adjacent to La Marine. It is simply decorated with wooden tables, red painted beams, and nautical accessories on the walls. Alexandre proposes a "bistronomic" cuisine based on a rigorous selection of both quality and seasonal local products.



3 Rue Marie Lemonnier – Noirmoutier en l'Île  
[www.alexandrecoillon.com](http://www.alexandrecoillon.com)



### THE "BIB GOURMANDS" IN VENDÉE

#### La Chaize Gourmande

2 Place du marché - La Chaize Giraud  
[www.lachaizegourmande.com](http://www.lachaizegourmande.com)

#### L'Assiette au Jardin

9 Rue du Robinet - Noirmoutier en l'Île  
[lassietteaujardin.fr](http://lassietteaujardin.fr)

#### Le Café des Arts

2 Rue de la Poste - Beaulieu sous la Roche  
[www.lecafedesarts-beaulieu.com](http://www.lecafedesarts-beaulieu.com)

#### Les Reflets

227 Rue Roger Salengro - La Roche sur Yon  
[www.restaurantlesreflets.fr](http://www.restaurantlesreflets.fr)

#### L'Auberge de la Rivière

Rue du Port de la Fouarne - Les Velluire sur Vendée  
[www.hotel-riviere-vendee.com](http://www.hotel-riviere-vendee.com)

#### La Table d'Elise

5 Rue Marie Lemonnier - Noirmoutier en l'Île  
[facebook/Restaurant-La-table-dElise-Noirmoutier](https://facebook.com/Restaurant-La-table-dElise-Noirmoutier)

#### Le Petit Saint Thomas

25 Rue de Lattre de Tassigny - La Garnache  
[www.restaurant-petit-st-thomas.com](http://www.restaurant-petit-st-thomas.com)

#### L'Envers du décor

23 Rue de la Bienfaisance - Les Herbiers  
[www.envers-du-decor.fr](http://www.envers-du-decor.fr)



### THE OTHER STARS IN VENDÉE

**Jean-Marc Pérochon** – Chef 1 star  
Les Brisants – Brétignolles sur Mer  
[www.lesbrisants.com](http://www.lesbrisants.com)

**Nicolas Coutand** – Chef 1 star  
Les Genêts – Brem sur Mer  
[www.restaurant-les-genets.fr](http://www.restaurant-les-genets.fr)

**Xavier Giraudet** – Chef 1 star  
La Robe – Montaigu-Vendée  
[www.restaurant-la-robe.com](http://www.restaurant-la-robe.com)

**Anthony Lumet** – Chef 1 star  
Le Pousse Pied – La Tranche sur Mer  
[www.lepousseped.fr](http://www.lepousseped.fr)

**Valentin Morice** – Chef 1 star  
La Table du Boisniard – Chanverrie  
[www.chateau-boisniard.com](http://www.chateau-boisniard.com)

# The best tables to try out...

## Exceptional spots

### Le Domaine des Noces

Philippe and Christine Lelot, the owners of the Domaine des Noces since 2010, have many projects for this 18<sup>th</sup> chateau. After the creation of the guest rooms, the orangery was renovated to accommodate a restaurant managed by Christine. After training at the prestigious Paul Bocuse Institute, the chef decided to take advantage of the setting and location to create a Bistronomic restaurant, which could accommodate up to 50 guests. Thanks to its 270m<sup>2</sup> terrace, the restaurant offers a breath-taking view of the French Garden, where one of the Vendée's largest magnolias is located.

*Lieu-dit Pulteau, Bazoges en Pareds*

[www.domainedesnoces.com](http://www.domainedesnoces.com)



### Restaurant La Closeraie in the Domaine de la Barbinière

The gastronomic restaurant, La Closeraie opened in November 2021 and is located in the Chateau de la Barbiniere at just 10 minutes from the Puy du Fou. The decor has a poetic style, blending the walls, the charcoal and bright white furniture perfectly, and offers a revisited traditional cuisine. Each dish privileges local products, such as the "Le Brill de nos côtes" dish, consisting of langoustines, peanuts and pak-choï (a type of cabbage). Le Closeraie is open for lunch - Thursday to Sunday, by reservation only.

*La Barbinière, Saint Laurent sur Sèvre*

[www.chateau-barbiniere.com/restaurant-saint-laurent-sur-sevre/a-la-closeraie-369.php](http://www.chateau-barbiniere.com/restaurant-saint-laurent-sur-sevre/a-la-closeraie-369.php)

## Local and seasonal cuisine

### Le P'tit Challans

Opened in June 2021, Le P'tit Challans quickly established itself as one of the gourmet and friendly addresses in Challans town centre, just opposite the post office. The Le P'tit Challans' manager, Arthur Biclet is also known for another essential address on the Island of Noirmoutier, where he opened a restaurant Le P'tit Noirmout, nearly eight years ago. Both restaurants propose enticing menus with seasonal dishes made from local products and always including a vegetarian option. Noirmoutrine oysters, duck from Challans, and the Vendée's well known Brioche.... this young owner and his staff is teeming with ideas to offer pleasant lunchtime meals and evening dinners.

*16 rue Carnot, Challans*

[www.le-ptit-noirmout.com](http://www.le-ptit-noirmout.com)



### At EpiQrien

In July 2021, Quentin Poterau and Alizé Dubourd took over the former gourmet restaurant L'Apart in Challans to create their own bistronomic cocoon. Originally from Challans, Quentin Poterau imagines his menu with fresh seasonal products, while Alizé and their staff takes care of the welcoming their clients. The menus are changed every fortnight to adjust to the season and always offer new flavours to passing connoisseurs. The restaurants can seat 46 and a further 15 place setting on an outdoor terrace.

*38 Rte de Soullans, Challans*

### L'auberge des Etiers

L'auberge des Etiers was taken over in 2020 by Karine and Fabien Grangier. The Auberge has three guest rooms and a restaurant. Located in the heart of the Breton marshes, this restaurant is a showcase for local products such as eels, Vendean sausages and oysters. After several different experiences primarily with the renowned Chef Pierre Gagnaire, Fabien Grangier refines these products with smoke, a secret that he alone knows.

*Route de Fromentine, L' ampan, D22, Beauvoir sur Mer*

[www.aubergedesetiers.com](http://www.aubergedesetiers.com)



## La Grand'Roche

La Grand'Roche is open all year round, 7 days a week for lunch or dinner. The restaurant is ideally situated on the seafront of one of the rocky coves near the Marais Girard beach. Recently renovated, its sunny terrace offers an amazing view of this unique site on the Atlantic coast. The Chef Patrick Rougeon serves many seafood specialities as well as his original savoury creations. He is also a Disciple d'Escoffier and a Euro-Toques member and defends local products.

*17 avenue de La Grand'Roche, Brétignolles sur Mer*  
[www.restaurant-lagrand-roche.com](http://www.restaurant-lagrand-roche.com)



## For brunch or afterwork



## Angani

The Angani restaurant is an invitation to soar high into the skies and escape from noon to midnight. Located on the rooftop of the Ylium a shopping centre in Les Sables d'Olonne, Angani offers a contemporary designer setting where you can sip a signature cocktail or enjoy the rotisserie. Valentin Roux, Head Chef, and his companion Blandine Naulleau, Pastry Chef, manage the restaurant and are committed to offering a menu that combines French traditions and generosity. After training in the greatest Parisian palaces (Pavillon Ledoyen, Ritz, Bristol, Prince de Galles, Jean François Piège), they are proud to be back in their native region to offer their culinary creations in a warm ambience, inspired by cabinets filled with curiosities.

*87 avenue François Mitterrand*  
*Centre commercial Ylium, Les Sables d'Olonne*  
[www.angani-lessables.fr](http://www.angani-lessables.fr)

## Blue Café in Noirmoutier

The Blue Café, near the castle of Noirmoutier en l'Île, offers homemade snacks that can be enjoyed for breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea. On the menu: grilled cheese, avocado toast, poke bowl (a raw marinated fish dish) or even brioche perdu (sweet French toast)... a wide choice adapted to everyone's appetite!

*13 rue du Robinet, Noirmoutier en l'Île*  
[www.instagram.com/bluecafe](https://www.instagram.com/bluecafe)



## Get sand between your toes!



## Moments Café

If you are looking for an address this summer where you can put your feet in the sand and enjoy a meal, look no further! Located on the Bouil beach, near the "Ocean Players" sailing school, the Moments Café restaurant is ideal for a treat after an invigorating breath of sea air. As its name suggests, everything is tied to the present moment. The decor is "au naturel" in keeping with its setting, a pleasant terrace with a breath-taking sea view, the organic homemade gourmet cuisine, and with a "no fuss" attitude .... everything you need to recharge your batteries.

*Chemin des Oursins, Longeville sur Mer*  
[www.oceanplayers.fr/se-restaurer](http://www.oceanplayers.fr/se-restaurer)

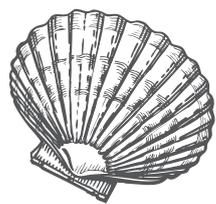
## Et à Laure

In Les Sables d'Olonne, on « Tanchet » beach, a new summer restaurant has opened: "Et à Laure". The play on words of the owner's name, Laure Rosset. In a beautiful natural setting, with rattan benches and old-style crockery, Laure wanted to recreate a homely atmosphere. The menu offers an extensive choice with salads, burgers, poke bowls (marinated raw fish dishes) and even a fish "dish of the day" according to what's on auction at the local fish market.

*Plage de Tanchet, Les Sables d'Olonne*  
[www.facebook.com/etalaureplagedetanchet](https://www.facebook.com/etalaureplagedetanchet)



# Shellfish and crustaceans



For some visitors once they have arrived on the Vendean coast, their preoccupation is to find a seafood platter and top up on the fresh sea air. The Vendée has many seafood restaurants...discover these new establishments where the essentials are "seafood experiences" and as a bonus, the holidays!



## La Terrasse du Ponton

Are you keen to taste some 1st prize winning oysters from the "Concours Agricole de Paris in 2019"? Come and join us at La Terrasse du Ponton in La Barre de Monts. Here, you can taste Cape Horn oysters while sitting at the water's edge. Open daily (except Sunday afternoons) from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. These Cape Horn oysters are above all the story of four generations who have managed to preserve local traditions and their "savoir-faire" to produce quality shellfish. Sébastien Vairé, the current family hier, is so successful that he sells his products in Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

*Le Pont Neuf,*

*La Barre de Monts*

[www.leshuitresducaphorn.com](http://www.leshuitresducaphorn.com)



## Paye ta moule naturelle

Since 1930 the "GAEC de l'Océan" has specialised in the production of mussels. Based in the Aiguillon Bay, the company opened a mussel bar in July 2021. This ideal location enables you to savour this local speciality while watching the sun go down.

*Chemin du Fort,  
L'Aiguillon sur Mer*



# Sleep in Vendée



# New guest rooms

## La Villa du 5



For a calm and relaxing break, this 42m<sup>2</sup> guest house enjoys an exceptional location just a short distance from the Boisvinet Beach and the lighthouse the Grosse Terre. Each decorative object has been carefully selected to create a warm and uncluttered atmosphere, ideal for recharging your batteries. The room is accessible via the patio where a homemade breakfast is served every morning. La Villa du 5 has a heated lap pool and several restaurants are within walking distance. As an option it is possible to rent bikes, book a yoga class or have a massage.

*5 sentier des Parées  
85270 Saint Hilaire de Riez  
[www.lavilladu5.business.site](http://www.lavilladu5.business.site)*

## Casa Upupa



Nestling under palm trees and cordylines plants, this atypical villa offers a high-quality guest room, near the l'Aiguillon sur mer seaside town. The "Santorini" guest room is spacious and tastefully decorated, it invites its guests to relax and really switch off while lounging at the azure blue swimming pool. The B&B measures 28m<sup>2</sup> and includes a dining area so that guests remain totally independent.

*106 rue du Marais, Baude,  
Montreuil  
[www.casaupupa.fr](http://www.casaupupa.fr)*

## Maison d'hôtes L'Envie



Located in the heart of the old town of Saint Gilles Croix de Vie, this guest house offers a breath of well-being, steeped with invigorating sea air and serenaded by the seagulls songs. The guest rooms represent the 4 elements and are an invitation to enjoy a relaxing stay. The outdoor swimming pool and its terrace situated in the heart of the property are an undeniable bonus for couples during their stay. Laurence and Jean-Philippe are responsible for this charming residence. As the house name suggests, they want a "take things easy" approach and to share all the important things that they encountered in this resort – their passion for boats and meeting new people. It is also an imaginative and poetic way to describe the ever changing and beautiful "La Vie" river that flows through Saint Gilles Croix de Vie.

*3 bis rue du Calvaire,  
Saint Gilles Croix de Vie  
[www.maisondhotes-lenvie.fr](http://www.maisondhotes-lenvie.fr)*

## Rêves d'Autise

Bed and Breakfast Reference



This new guest house is set in the heart of Nieul sur l'Autise, a town labelled "Petite cité de caractère". Catherine, the owner, welcomes guests all year round while offering two charming rooms from which you can admire the Abbey and its exceptional architectural heritage.

*2 Rue des Noisetiers,  
Rives d'Autise*

## Le Château de la Cressonnière



The Château de la Cressonnière dates back to the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. It is one of the oldest feudal dwellings in Southern Vendée. Listed as a Historical Monument, the entrance porch is the most majestic in the Vendée. The gardens extend over 10 000m<sup>2</sup> inside and around the Chateau.

In 2021, one of the Medieval towers has been converted into a guest room. A fully renovated soldier's cell (nearly 500 years old) enables guests to experiment a "privileged night in a castle" where all modern comforts are available - access to the professional kitchen, the small lounge, the bar, and the swimming pool which is heated in the summer.

Le Chateau de la Cressonnière can also be rented for family receptions or professional meetings. The stable room can accommodate up to 200 people. This room has an undeniable charm and unique character due to its eight-metre-high cathedral ceiling, its mezzanine and the exposed stones constituting its walls.

*Château de la Cressonnière,  
Cezaix  
[www.chateaudelacressonniere.com](http://www.chateaudelacressonniere.com)*

## Maison L'Or du Temps



Eve and Ghislain, a young couple in their 30s, fell in love with this family home in 2019. After buying the property and turning it into their home, they created two guest rooms. The "Yvonne" room is located on the 1st floor and offers a friendly setting elegantly decorated in pearl grey tones. The second "Jeannette" bedroom, showing a saffron yellow chromatic scheme, has two beds and can be rented with the Yvonne bedroom for family stays. These rooms are available for rent all year round. Furthermore, your hosts also offer themed stays to fully enjoy a getaway break in the Vendée. For example - Romantic weekends with dinner at the Presbytery in Tiffauges, and a massage for the couple – same place, same time, or a weekend "Reconnecting with yourself" with body treatments and various activities to choose from, on Saturday mornings. Alternatively, the "In contact with your family" weekend aims to reunite loved ones through fun activities. The owners have no shortage of ideas for making people forget their daily routine with a short break.

*13 le pont léger,  
La Boissière de Montaigu  
[www.maisonlordutemps.com](http://www.maisonlordutemps.com)*

## La Belle Etoile 3 Epis Gîtes de France



Recently renovated, La Belle Etoile offers two guest rooms in the heart of the Marais Breton, near Saint Jean de Monts. Both rooms, the "Glajou" and the "Roseau" can each accommodate 2 people. The soft, warm tones create a real cosy atmosphere. The charm of this accommodation extends outdoors with a beautiful swimming pool, surrounded by a wooden terrace. A pond also enables you to fully enjoy the surrounding nature.

*49 Rte de la Joue,  
Saint Jean de Monts*

## Les Corderies



Les Corderies guest rooms are located in Les Sables d'Olonne's town centre just a few metres from La Grande Plage (main beach). Built in 1860, this attractive "Sablaise" villa is listed by the Batiments de France (heritage protection authority) and has an authentic charm and rich history. It blends perfectly with all modern comforts – as well as being in a quiet area. This beautiful residence can be identified through its architectural curiosities and details. From the ground floor, the eye is drawn upwards to the high ceilings, decorated with period chandeliers, ceiling roses and plaster cornices. This 240m<sup>2</sup> house has three stories and offers five bedrooms ranging from 11 to 28m<sup>2</sup>.

*7 rue Jean Yole,  
Les Sables d'Olonne  
[www.lescorderies.fr](http://www.lescorderies.fr)*

## Entre Sel et Mer Chambre d'hôtes Mardi Gras 4 Epis Gîtes de France



The large family house "Entre Sel et Mer" is bathed in coastal light, at just 5 minutes from the beach of Saint Jean de Monts and 10 minutes from the town centre. Located in the small village of L'Epine, this property offers an independent self-catering gîte for 4, the "Mardi Gras" sleeps 2. New for 2022, La Luzérone is a guest room adapted for disabled guests. All accommodation has a private terrace, perfect for watching the setting sun.

*20 rue Viaud Grand Marais,  
[www.entre-seletmer.fr](http://www.entre-seletmer.fr)*

## Le Clos des Chênes 3 Epis Gîtes de France



Le Clos des Chênes in Challans offers three guest rooms for 2, 3 or 4 people. Each has its own entrance; the double and quadruple guest rooms have private shower room and the room for 3 has a bathroom. The latter also has a private terrace overlooking the garden. The guest house is located at the gates of the Marais Breton (marshes), at just 15 kilometres from Saint Jean de Monts, 20 kilometres from Noirmoutier and 25 kilometres from the pier for sea trips to Ile d'Yeu. Ideally located near to Challans town centre, its numerous shops and the well-known market renowned for the quality of its products.

*25 Chem. des Alloues,  
Challans  
[www.chambres-hotes-challans.fr](http://www.chambres-hotes-challans.fr)*

## Maison d'hôtes Cale 32



This typical Vendean house in Saint Jean de Monts is situated near the forest and less than one kilometre from the beach. Hélène the owner, offers three tastefully decorated bedrooms, each with an independent entrance. Breakfast is served every morning in the common room - with fruit, dairy products, cereals, cold meats, hot drinks, brioche (a Vendean speciality) as well as home-made pastries are on the menu. A lounge area and equipped kitchenette is also at your disposition.

Guests can also enjoy a nicely decorated and floral patio, the heated spa in the garden (available all year round) and the use of the bicycles. All visitors are offered a welcome drink and snack upon their arrival. This gives Hélène the opportunity to promote the region she loves so much. A mini shop the "Cale 32 bis" allows you to discover the carefully selected local products for their quality and authentic ingredients.

*32 route du Chenal,  
Saint Jean de Monts*

# Remarkable self-catering accommodation

## *Luxurious self-catering accommodation*

### **The 7 Merlettes** – La Rabatelière

5 Epis Gîtes de France

This exceptional cottage is housed in a wing of the Château de La Rabatelière, a listed Historical monument dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. On the ground floor, the entrance leads to the kitchen, a living room with fireplace, a gym with weight machines and sauna as well as a bedroom with an open bathroom. Upstairs, there is a lounge area with a snooker and chess table, four bedrooms each with a bathroom. Outside, the grounds of 24-hectare has a jacuzzi that accommodates up to 5 people. This cottage and its top-of-the-range services is located in the Vendean bocage (countryside), less than an hour from Nantes.

*Le Château, La Rabatelière*

[www.chateaudelarabateliere.com](http://www.chateaudelarabateliere.com)



### **Villa Océans** - Brétignolles sur Mer

5 Star - Capacity: 15 people

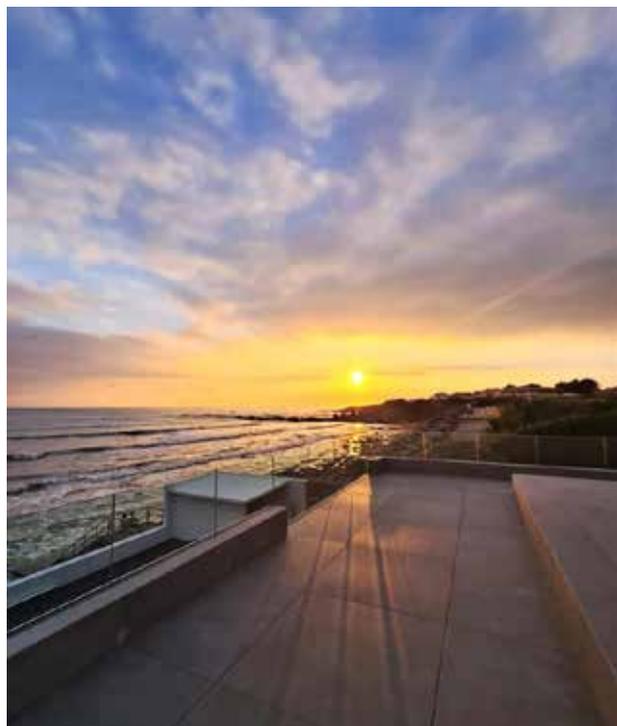
The Villa Océans (5-star) is a family house dating from 1969, it has been completely renovated and tastefully decorated by local artists. Its large 180° sea view terrace enjoys an exceptional setting with incredible sunsets!

This upmarket and spacious villa consists of five double bedrooms and a children's dormitory (six single beds) for a capacity of up to 15 people. A real invitation to switch-off and relax, it has an indoor wellness area with a jacuzzi, sauna and hammam - shower as well as a heated outdoor swimming pool (available from May to September). In the basement, a beautiful reception area opens out onto a large terrace with beautiful sea view, allowing you to organise private or professional events (available for independent rental or in addition to the Villa).

A concierge service is available to offer personalised services and advice to discover the Vendée and its activities for an unforgettable stay (caterers, personal chefs, restaurants, outings, yoga classes, etc.). The Villa Océans has an exceptional location, sitting on a rocky coastline facing the sea, ideal for a private secluded break. Open all year round, close to the beach and cycle paths, all you need for a relaxing stay!

*28 avenue de la Corniche, Brétignolles sur Mer*

[www.villa-oceans.fr](http://www.villa-oceans.fr)



### **La Villa L'Ancre** - Les Sables d'Olonne

Clévacances - 4 Clés

Built in 2020, this villa is located in Le Chateau d'Olonne area, at just 10 minutes by car from Les Sables d'Olonne and its numerous attractions. The villa can accommodate six people and has many quality facilities where comfort, relaxation and leisure are priority. The house surrounds an 80 m<sup>2</sup> private patio on which a Jacuzzi (6-seats), garden furniture and a plancha-grill can be found. The indoor swimming pool (8m / 4m) heated at 28 /30°, is equipped with two exercise pools, where guests can relax, have fun or workout. An oriental Hammam (6-seats) is also located in the pool area. The 65m<sup>2</sup> living room and kitchen opened out onto the lounge area, includes an office style workspace. In the living room area, a 189 cm connected TV and a piano will delight experienced musicians. Among the three bedrooms, one is on the ground floor and the two others are upstairs. Each has a private bathroom, one of which has an asymmetrical bathtub.

*13 impasse des Castelannes, Les Sables d'Olonne*

[www.villaauxsables.fr](http://www.villaauxsables.fr)



## Maison Coli - Saint Gilles Croix de Vie

Clévacances - 4 Clés

La Maison Coli is a very beautiful upmarket family property, situated in a quiet, peaceful area of Boisvinet in Saint Gilles Croix de Vie, 450 metres from the beach and 750 metres from the town centre. Large gilded mirror, a seagrass rug, carefully selected furniture... each element makes the Coli house a true haven of peace. The main house consists of a large living room and a beautiful kitchen, opening onto a magnificent French garden, with a shaded pergola, and heated swimming pool. The sleeping area consists of two double bedrooms, and another bedroom with two single beds, as well as a bathroom. An annex bedroom, adjoining the house, opens onto the courtyard. It offers a double bed and a bathroom.

*19 bis rue des Anières, Saint Gilles Croix de Vie*

[www.maisoncoli.com](http://www.maisoncoli.com)

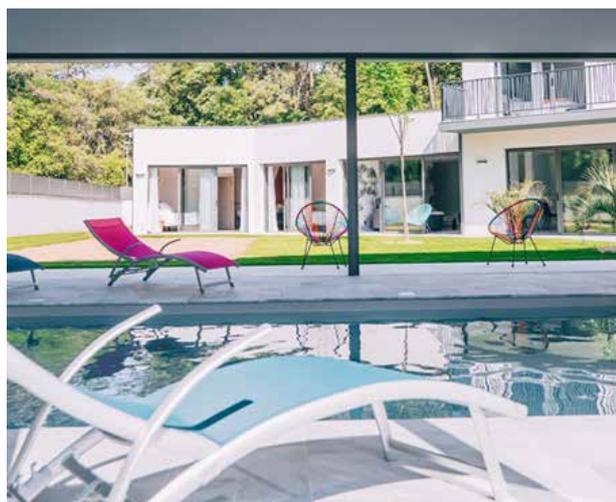


## Villa des Dunes\*\*\*\*\* - La Tranche sur Mer

New, very high-end modern villa for 14 people, quiet, ideally close to shops, Located at 15 minutes walk away from the sea and on the edge of the forest. This 500m<sup>2</sup> house offers optimal comfort: swimming pool, hammam, spa, gym, high-end furniture and a spacious 100m<sup>2</sup> patio. The villa operates on self-consumption of electricity in order to preserve its environmental impact.

*31 chemin de la Savinière, La Tranche sur Mer*

[www.villa-vendee.com](http://www.villa-vendee.com)



## To recharge your batteries

### The Lay of Calm - Mareuil sur Lay Dissais

The Lay of Calm opened in summer 2021 and offers an environment entirely dedicated to well-being and tranquillity. This luxury private house with spa also offers a 4-seater jacuzzi, a hammam and a traditional sauna. This 160m<sup>2</sup> "cocoon" allows guests to experience a magical moment by taking the time to enjoy every minute. The house has two bedrooms and can accommodate up to 6 people. Among the other services provided on site - party decorations and birthday cakes made of sweets, flower petals and massage tables are available for a romantic weekend, a catering service is also at your disposal.

*20 Rue du Marchiou, Mareuil sur Lay Dissais*

[www.thelayofcalm.fr](http://www.thelayofcalm.fr)



## Villa Litore Oya - Saint Jean de Monts

Villa Litore Oya is ideally located near the sea and the national forest of Saint Jean de Monts. Its name is inspired by the legendary beach of fine sand "Pont d'Yeu", which is just a few steps from the villa by following an inspirational forest path. This beach, facing the Ile d'Yeu, is a protected site where free swimming is permitted. Composed of four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a private garden and a veranda, the villa offers many other services, imagined in the slightest detail. Among them - an equipped kitchen with wine cellar, a lounge with a high-tech TV, a private spa (available from February 2022), access to the heated swimming pool at La Forêt \*\*\*\* campsite, or the loan of a kayak. The property allows you to take full advantage of a holiday by the sea, in a place where walks in the forest, bike rides, lazing on the beach are everyday things.

*220 Chemin. de la Rive, Saint Jean de Monts*

[www.villalitoreoya.com](http://www.villalitoreoya.com)



## **Villa Les Bains de Mer – La Barre de Monts**

3 Clés Clévacances – 3 Star self-catering accommodation

Set in the heart of Fromentine, these twin villas with direct access to the beach, are located near the Barre de Monts, the gateway leading to the islands of Noirmoutier and L'île d'Yeu. "La Noirmoutrine" and "Insula Oya" can accommodate 4 people in a \*\*\*star comfort category. They each offer a sea view from the living room and the master bedroom; their second bedroom looks out onto the forest. In a second property "Les Bains de Mer", there are two villas "La Pêcherie" and "La Fromentine" that can also accommodate 4 people. La "Fromentine" is a single-story villa adapted for disabled visitors. Groups of up to 20 people are welcome by adapting the 4 villas and using the "Insula Oya's" large lounge area. The location is listed as part of seaside Heritage, remarkable buildings and heritage ensembles.

*19 Esplanade de la Mer,  
La Barre de Monts  
[www.villaslesbainsdemerfromentine.fr](http://www.villaslesbainsdemerfromentine.fr)*



## **La Maison de Simone - Noirmoutier en l'île**

Clévacances - 3 Clés

La Maison de Simone in Noirmoutier faces the sea and is near to the port of l'Herbaudière. This real haven of peace can accommodate up to 6 people thanks to its large living room/lounge and equipped kitchen. This Noirmoutrine house includes a cabin bedroom with bunk beds and shower room. There are two other bedrooms upstairs and a second shower room. Here, guests wake up to the sound of the waves and fall asleep facing the sea.

*4 rue Piet,  
Noirmoutier en l'île*



## **Le Parc des Mimosas - Noirmoutier en l'île**

In the historic centre of Noirmoutier en l'île, the Parc des Mimosas is home to three renovated individual houses with independent access. The properties sit in a verdant park of 1.5 hectares on the edge of the salt marshes, and are decorated in a very refined style where natural materials take pride of place. The Parc des Mimosas accommodates 4 to 8 people and offers a refreshing break. Its swimming pool is heated from May to September.

*Rue de la Charraud Courte,  
Noirmoutier en l'île  
[www.parcdesmimosas.fr](http://www.parcdesmimosas.fr)*



## Group accommodation

### Gîte de l'Echaudi - La Réorthe

Gîtes de France 4 Star - Capacity: 14 people

In the spring of 2021, Laetitia and Guillaume opened this group accommodation at just 40 minutes from the Vendean coast and the Puy du Fou. Ideal for stays with family or friends, it has four bedrooms including a dormitory with eight beds and two bathrooms. A perfectly designed large living area of 70 m<sup>2</sup> with exposed stone walls reveals its authentic character.

19 rue du Puits Sans Tour, La Réorthe

[www.gite-de-lechaudi.business.site](http://www.gite-de-lechaudi.business.site)



### Domaine du Bois Menias - Faymoreau

Capacity: 16 people

This new domain has group accommodation for 16 people, as well as a reception room for family or professional events. These two properties can be rented separately. The colourful, stylish cottage has lots of character, consisting of 3 bedrooms, a dormitory as well as many outdoor activities such as a swimming pool, table tennis...

The reception room with its stone walls and glass roof can be adapted according to individual needs and has numerous possibilities...

Le Bois Ménias, Faymoreau

[www.domaineduboismenias.fr](http://www.domaineduboismenias.fr)



### Domaine des 4 Plumes - Les Landes Génusson

4 Star - Capacity: 15 people

Located in a rural setting, this Japandi-style cottage (a combination of Scandinavian style and Japanese spirit) accommodates up to 15 people with six bedrooms including two family suites. The bright lounge area of 160 m<sup>2</sup> is adaptable and opens out onto its natural surroundings. The indoor swimming pool and the wooden spa overlooks a covered wooden terrace of 60 m<sup>2</sup>.

Le Moulin, Les Landes Génusson

Facebook/ [domainequatreplumes](https://www.facebook.com/domainequatreplumes)



### Le Clos de la Duchesse - Mortagne sur Sèvre

Gîtes de France – 3 Star - Capacity: 12 people

Renovated in 2021, this cottage is adjacent to three other gîtes and in total can accommodate up to 12 people. Located on the banks of the Sèvre Nantaise river at just 12 kilometres from the Puy du Fou, this idyllic place is covered with numerous hiking trails. A perfect place to combine leisure, walks, cycling and fishing. On the ground floor, the living room / lounge with a wood burner creates a "cosy" atmosphere. Upstairs the wooden beams of the old building are visible in the bathroom and two bedrooms, creating a certain charm for visitors.

Le Domaine, Mortagne sur Sèvre



### La Clavelière - Saint Fulgent

4 Star – 4 Clés Clévacances - Capacity: 15 people

This fully renovated house of approximately 300m<sup>2</sup> is located in Saint Fulgent, halfway between the Puy du Fou and La Roche sur Yon. The property is divided into three levels and can accommodate up to 15 people. It consists of a raised ground floor, an entrance leading to the living room and an open fitted and fully equipped kitchen. The living room opens onto a closed raised terrace with spa and 4 bedrooms including a dormitory with seven beds. Entirely renovated, the "souplex" (a house with various stories but where the lower level consists of a furnished basement) is accessible to people with reduced mobility. The shaded enclosed park of 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> is idyllic, even more so, with access to the jacuzzi.

53 rue Paul Chauvin, Saint Fulgent





## Gîte du Gallais - Le Perrier

1 Star

Capacity: 12 people

This typical Vendean house, located in Perrier (awarded the Station Verte label) is near the seaside resort of Saint Jean de Monts. Renovated in 2018, it has a simple and contemporary style which respects the history of the building. The cottage can accommodate up to 12 people. It consists of three bedrooms, two bathrooms, as well as a dormitory on the mezzanine that can accommodate up to 5 people. Angélique, the owner, a former seasoned traveller, wanted this place to be a space of tranquillity when dealing with the frenzy of everyday life. She offers many workshops: discovering aromatherapy, making homemade cosmetics or even Dien Chen, a therapeutic technique to relieve intense pain. Located in a rural setting, this cottage is perfect for taking a break to rediscover the taste for simple things.

*4 chemin du Gallais, Le Perrier  
www.gitedugallais.fr*

## Les Clés du Chant - Saint Prouant

Gîtes de France – 4 Epis

Capacity: 10 people

This comfortable air-conditioned self-catering cottage can accommodate up to 10 people. Near the Puy du Fou and the Priure de Grammont, the cottage is equipped with a swimming pool and indoor spa. The cottage has a surface area of 380 m<sup>2</sup> on a property covering 2900m<sup>2</sup>, it includes four bedrooms with bathrooms. Its open plan areas with its charming, exposed stones includes a common room of 80m<sup>2</sup> and a kitchen of 41m<sup>2</sup>, it is ideal for family get-togethers and a relaxing break. The Les Clés du Chant gîte also offers a space dedicated to "artist in residence" opportunities due to its good acoustics where it is possible to perform in front of a local audience.

*Grammont, Saint Prouant  
www.gite-lesclesduchant.fr*



## Maison de la randonnée La Borderie - Vairé

Capacity : 26 people

Welcome to « La Borderie » a house built in 1889 which has been entirely renovated while respecting its authenticity and has become "La Maison des Randonnées et Loisirs". The house is situated at the intersection of various hiking paths, near Saint Gilles Croix de Vie, Les Sables d'Olonne and La Mothe Archard. So whether it is a group holiday, a family break, or a solo trip..., on foot, by bike or as a stopover, here you can relax and enjoy numerous activities, the surrounding countryside and walking trails. The house offers twenty-six beds, divided between five rooms and sleeps 4 to 6 people, as well as a dormitory for 8. In a friendly atmosphere, this visit to La Borderie will offer interesting encounters and beautiful memories to share. Whether you are an amateur or an experienced hiker, the Vendée proposes several circuits, starting out from Vairé. For example, you can join the Route du Sel (Salt route), more commonly known as the GR 364. This hiking trail links the Poitou region with the ocean. There is also the Vélodyssée, the longest traffic-free cycle route in France, with more than 1,200 km of signposted and landscaped cycle trails.

*15 Rue Rabelais, Vairé  
www.laborderie-rando.fr*



# Remarkable hotels

## What's new!



### **Hôtel Les Hautes Mers - Île d'Yeu**

The "Domaines de Fontenille" have set sail and accosted in Ile d'Yeu, a preserved location in the Gulf of Gascony, just off the Vendean coast. From 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022, Les Domaines de Fontenille will have taken up residence in a new quarter, just a few hundred metres from the Port-Joinville landing pier, facing the sea. After five months renovation work, this new hotel will offer 17 rooms and suites, all with private terraces, most of which open out onto a sea view.

This renovation will also see the creation of a restaurant with about forty place settings, which will also be open to non-residents and whose menu will propose mainly seafood products.

The hotel extension project will be deployed over two years during the winter months, with the creation of an indoor swimming pool and spa, 8 additional rooms and a conference room.

*27 Rue Pierre Henry, L'Île-d'Yeu*  
[www.villaslesbainsdemerfromentine.fr](http://www.villaslesbainsdemerfromentine.fr)



### **La Villa Métis - Les Herbiers**

This mansion house consists of a restaurant and a hotel, its architectural elegance combining authenticity and modernity. A mix of styles that can be found in the rooms and on your plate, through a gourmet cuisine. The garden, the trademark of Villa Métis, invites itself into the house, thanks to a contrast of materials and colours. Cosy seating areas, make it is possible to enjoy a view of the surrounding estate and its magnificent century-old trees.

*47 rue de Saumur, Les Herbiers*  
[www.villa-metis.fr](http://www.villa-metis.fr)

## the unavoidable



### **Villa Arthus-Bertrand - Noirmoutier en l'île**

Currently owned by the Arthus-Bertrand family, this unique property has had one hundred and one different lives. Part of the Pélavé farm building, this romantic style Villa has been christened "Ker Joyeux" (happy place) and dates to the end of the 18th century. In the 1990's, further renovation were carried out to create a restaurant hotel called the Chateau du Pélavé. The establishment opened in 2021 as a 4-star boutique hotel.

Ideally located near to the legendary Bois de la Chaise, the Villa is made up of 18 tastefully designed bedrooms, a restaurant with 60 place settings and an outdoor swimming pool near to a replanted palm grove.

*9 allée de Chaillot, Noirmoutier en l'île*  
[www.villa-arthusbertrand.com](http://www.villa-arthusbertrand.com)

## La Maison Moizeau- L'Herbaudière

At the far end of the island of Noirmoutier in L'Herbaudière, Alexandre and Céline Couillon continue to impress, enhancing the region with their expertise, helmsmen of La Marine , their \*\* star Michelin restaurant. At the back of the Marine \*\*restaurant there is a small adjacent house with private access.

This charming hotel "La Maison Moizeau" was created in the summer of 2017, and offers 5 rooms. The owners chose materials and colours that reflect their island: wood, polished concrete, the rocks, and the different shades of the dunes.

"Marine et Végétale" (Marine and Vegetable) is their motto. They wanted open spaces and windows to capture the island's light and offer their guests an unforgettable moment, while sharing their love for the island.

*7 rue Marie Lemmonier, l'Herbaudière, Ile de Noirmoutier*

[www.alexandrecouillon.com](http://www.alexandrecouillon.com)



## L'hôtel Château la Richerie\*\*\*\* - Beaurepaire

This 20-bedroom castle sits in the middle of a 94-hectare floral park planted with century-old trees, far from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

In addition to its splendid natural setting, the site offers its guests all modern comforts in a 19<sup>th</sup> century whose furniture rubs shoulders with superb works of art - a delight to the eyes. Two rivers, La Grande Maine and le Mal Palu, flow through the grounds. Numerous marked paths provide plenty of options for walkers, small sanctuaries hollowed out in various cliffs where holy prayer texts are written on their walls, are unusual and intriguing to visit.

Fishing enthusiasts can cast their lines in these rivers or in two vast ponds (three hectares and 6000 m<sup>2</sup>). In this natural environment richly adorned with remarkable trees, some of them centenarians, walkers will be able to observe a varied fauna, or even encounter wild boars, deer, hares, rabbits, and foxes. There is also a multitude of wild birds: ducks, herons, partridges, pheasants ...

*Beaurepaire*

[www.chateaularicherie.com](http://www.chateaularicherie.com)



## Hôtel et Spa Le Général d'Elbée - Noirmoutier en l'île

Le Général d'Elbee Hotel & Spa is listed as a Historic Monument.

This 15<sup>th</sup> century building is now an exceptional 4-star hotel, full of authenticity and tastefully renovated with the help of interior designer Chantal Peyrat.

With 25 customised rooms, the exclusive hotel also has elegant lounges, a "petit jardin de cure" (a monastic garden) with a swimming pool and a spa by Nuxe.

An ideal place to drop anchor right in the heart of Noirmoutier en l'île, between the medieval castle and the famous Jacobsen pier.

*1 Place d'Armes, 2 quai Cassard, Noirmoutier en l'île*

[www.generaldelbee.fr](http://www.generaldelbee.fr)

## Atlantic Hôtel & Spa - Les Sables d'Olonne

The Atlantic Hotel & Spa offers a fantastic panorama overlooking the "Baie des Sables" and the sea.

The rooms have a refined and relaxing atmosphere, with light colours, top-of-the-range furniture and designer wallpaper and fabrics.

Everything is designed to make your stay unforgettable: a friendly and customised service, a heated indoor swimming pool and the Spa by Omnisens and Le Scoop restaurant known for its delicious "cuisine".

*5 promenade Georges Godet, Les Sables d'Olonne*

[www.atlantichotel.fr](http://www.atlantichotel.fr)





## **Hôtel\*\*\*\* - Restaurant Château de la Barbinière** Saint Laurent sur Sèvre

The Château de la Barbinière 4-star hotel is open all year round and only 10 minutes from the Puy du Fou .

Whether it be in the chateau or in the annexe buildings, the 30 rooms or suites offer a simple and minimalist interior design. Its magnificent 13-hectare estate presents its architecture in a quiet and peaceful environment, for a truly luxurious and yet modern stay.

Guests can also take advantage of the heated outdoor swimming pool, the golf course and L'Orangerie, the hotel's superb restaurant.

The restaurant offers a seasonal menu and a Cellar book with over 500 wine references.

*La Barbinière, Saint Laurent sur Sèvre*  
[www.chateau-barbiniere.com](http://www.chateau-barbiniere.com)

## **Le Grand Siècle\*\*\*\* at the Puy du Fou.** Invite yourself into the Royal Court of the Roi Soleil

In 2020, the famous park the "Puy du Fou" opened a 6<sup>th</sup> 4-star hotel, with 96 double or quadruple rooms. This hotel was inspired by the most intimate chateau of Louis XIV (Roi soleil), who had created Versailles to receive different ambassadors and his court members. The original palace was built around another castle in Marly which the King said was reserved for his intimate friends. Destroyed during the French Revolution, this castle has now been recreated at the Puy du Fou. There are 8 resplendent pavilions and a magnificent restaurant, La Table des Ambassadeurs, which can seat over 500 guests. The charming French gardens enhance the entire estate and make the hotel a restful place. The little extras: for the deaf or hard of hearing, vibrating pillows are available (on request and subject to availability). For the visually impaired or blind, large button remote controls are available (on request and subject to availability).

*Les Epesses*  
[www.puydufou.com](http://www.puydufou.com)



## **Hôtel\*\*\*\* - Restaurant Château Le Boisniard** Chanverrie

Erected in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, the Chateau du Boisniard stands proudly on its hill, welcoming its guests with magnificence. The hotel is located at just 3 minutes from the Puy du Fou .

The tasteful decor, the 27 luxurious rooms, the gastronomic restaurant, and the staff's warm welcome, make this 5-star hotel a peaceful place to stay.

On this vast estate, the "Maison des bois" (wooden cottages) are built on stilts and blend perfectly into the green landscape, just like Robin Hood but in a more sophisticated and comfortable way.

There is also a Spa and Beauty Centre on site, not to mention the "Table du Boisniard, the gastronomic restaurant whose Chef Valentin Morice was awarded a 1-star in the Michelin Guide in 2020.

*Rue du Boisniard, Chanverrie*  
[www.chateau-boisniard.com](http://www.chateau-boisniard.com)



# Well being in Vendée



## Le Domaine Le Sherwood and the new jungle spa

The Sherwood... land of Robin Hood. This evocative name perfectly reflects the natural environment in which this estate is situated. With the national forest on one side and access to the ocean on the other, le Domaine Le Sherwood is an invitation to relax in a calm and friendly atmosphere, surrounded by nature. Being a former summer camp, the site has been completely re designed, evoking far-off warmer climates: Tanzania, Canada, Korea, Morocco, Brazil, India....

Open all year round, its seventeen somewhat unusual dwellings, located in a car free zone, invite you on an interesting journey.

This top-of-the-range accommodation is spacious and can accommodate from 1 to 15 people. All are provided with quality equipment including a fitted kitchen, as well as a private garden with jacuzzi.

### New for 2022 – a jungle spa

A jungle spa, an oasis of well-being in the heart of nature

The Jungle spa at the heart of the Domaine's tropical garden is a unique concept. Set in a natural environment, it is ideal for recharging your batteries, relaxing, and listening to birdsongs. In this charming setting, you will experience an outdoor sauna for a full body detox, a 38° jacuzzi for relaxing both mind and body, a self-service tiki bar (bar decorated in a Polynesian theme) for hot or cold drinks, and cosy haven to decompress and chill out. On site, different treatments are available: facials, body care, massages, energising therapy and waxing.



*78 rue de la Braie, Notre Dame de Monts*

*[www.lesherwood.com](http://www.lesherwood.com)*

*[www.thejunglespa.fr](http://www.thejunglespa.fr)*

## Chilling out at Valdys Resort- Hotel , Thalassotherapy & spa at Saint Jean de Monts

The Thalassotherapy at Saint Jean de Monts is located in the heart of pine forest and offers tranquillity and “get away from it all” breaks. Various options are on offer: lounge areas, exclusive algotherapy and hydrotherapy treatments : using mud from the Bourgneuf bay. This rich mud has lots of oligo-elements well known for rheumatism and skin problems.

### Hôtel Spa Valdys – Les Pins\*\*\*

The Spa Valdys Hotel - Les Pins\*\*\* has an ideal location, opposite the pine forest facing the ocean, next to an 18 hole golf course and linked to the Thalasso. The hotel has 44 spacious rooms and 3 luxurious suites decorated in a modern style and equipped with a hot tub and terrace. In this delightful setting, the Valdys resort’s restaurant the Bois Cendré offers “land and sea” style cuisine – with the use of rare spices, cooked on a Japanese barbecue and then slightly smoked.



#### New for 2022 :

- **The Ayurveda break (6 days and a 3 day mini-cure)**

This break is inspired by the benefits of the traditional Ayurvedic medicine and combines - learning how to relax, how to determine your doshas (these shape the physical body according to a natural constitution established at birth), yoga-relaxation and oxygenation sessions... Valdys offers an escape using powerful ancestral techniques renowned through-out the world.

- **Alternative fasting break (6 days)**

This break combines the gentle approach of thalassotherapy treatments with a deeper method that stimulates relaxation. It consists of sporting activities, a care program, and a personalised diet, an approach that takes into account the needs of everyone. This is the perfect time to give your body a real rest and replenish your batteries.

#### Exclusive to Saint Jean de Monts :

- **The Burn out break (6 days and mini cure over 3 days)**

To regain confidence after a period of physical and psychological exhaustion, there is nothing like a “get away from it all break” to soothe the body and mind and recharge your batteries. The Valdys Resort in Saint Jean de Monts has created a real “cocooning” universe, where well-being is the key word. From Bach flower rituals to thalassotherapy treatments, everything is designed around complete relaxation. Throughout your stay, spa guests benefit from individual moments with professional coaches trained by a relaxation therapist.

- **Mini-golf cure over 2 to 4 days**

This exclusive package is intended for golf enthusiasts wanting to take advantage of a thalassotherapy setting while combining muscle relaxation and sportif development in a natural environment. To accompany these golf enthusiasts, the professionals have imagined this break to correspond with their capabilities.

Among the services provided in this well-being package, there is one osteopathy session as well as one “back and posture” workshop included.

The little extras: The Saint Jean de Monts golf course is located at just 500m from the resort. This 18-hole golf course is ranked among the 30 most beautiful French courses, and is an exceptional natural site.

- **The Diabetes Response break (available over 6 days)**

The Diabetes Response cure allows you to develop a daily routine, using an exclusive program based on food re balancing and remineralisation of the body. Guests follow a personalised dietary briefing, they also benefit from relaxation treatments, circulation stimulation therapy, remineralising and general toning up of the body.

The Thalassotherapy is open daily from 8.30am to 7.30pm.

12 avenue des Pays de Monts, Saint-Jean de Monts  
[www.thalasso.com/destination/saint-jean-de-monts](http://www.thalasso.com/destination/saint-jean-de-monts)

## A Stop over at the 4-star Thalassotherapy and spa hotel MGallery, Cote Ouest in Les Sables d'Olonne

The Côte Ouest\*\*\*\* Hotel faces the Atlantic Ocean and has an exceptional view of the Les Sables d'Olonne beautiful bay.. The hotel is situated in a 3,5 hectare pine forest, on the banks of Lake Tanchet. Staying at the Côte Ouest Hotel is like being on board an ocean liner. The atmosphere here is reminiscent of a top-of-the-range cruise, with antique trunks, a model ship, cane chairs and caring staff.... it's a pleasure to sail in this charming establishment, where nothing is left to chance.

### **The Thalassotherapy centre & Spa, the benefits of a marine environment**

The tides, rocks, and seaweed, as vehicles for ionisation, have determined the location of the thalassotherapy in Les Sables d'Olonne. Negative ions are those small molecules found in the sea air that make us feel so good when we are near the ocean. At 250 metres from the beach, a 10-metre deep well enables sea water to be pumped in function of tide times. The Thalassotherapy centre was renovated in 2019 and has a friendly atmosphere offering 26 treatment rooms in an area covering 1,500 m<sup>2</sup>.

### **Premium packages :**

#### • **The Plenitude & well-being cruise (6 days)**

This 6-day cure includes 19 thalassotherapy treatments, of which there is 1 marine rain Exfoliant scrub, 2 laminaria seaweed wraps, and 5 Beauty Spa treatments, with a Phytomer facial and 1 Kansu bowl foot massage for a moment of total relaxation.

#### • **The Sensation Voyage cruise (6 days)**

This cruise allows you to explore skin care technics from other countries. It includes 13 thalassotherapy treatments and 5 modelling (massages) from around the world, for example a Polynesian massage or an Ayurvedic treatment using oriental powders.

#### • **Destination sport (6 days)**

In 2022, are you ready to get back into sport? This offer is ideal for helping you keep your new year resolution, and benefit from a 100% personalised coaching. The aim of it is to develop or improve physical abilities and fitness skills. This package includes 12 Thalassotherapy treatments and 9 fitness sessions, with: 1 physical fitness evaluation, 2 cryotherapy sessions, 5 sports coaching sessions and 1 fitness assessment.

### **New in 2022 :**

#### **Beauty by the sea with Phytomer**

For almost 50 years, Phytomer has been transforming the sea into skin care treatment to better reveal the natural beauty of women and men.

#### **The Beauty spa proposes a new exceptional brand: Sothys Paris, Nature serving beauty.**

Founded in 1946, Sothys is a French family business, with a long tradition of quality and distinction. An innovative brand, eco-responsible and derived from plants active ingredients. Facials and rituals body treatments are available at the Spa Beauté.

*Route du Tour de France – Lac de Tanchet, Les Sables d'Olonne*

[www.hotel-coteouest.com](http://www.hotel-coteouest.com)



# What's new in the campsites

## Major investments

### The Vnaya Village group wants to establish itself on a long-term basis in the Vendée

The Vnaya Village group is a campsite tour operator who is looking to expand on the Atlantic coast and particularly in the Vendée, due to the renowned quality of its campsites. It has just raised 4,4 million euros from Epopée Gestion, an investment company with a territorial impact. The group already owns two campsites in the Vendée : La Fresnerie \*\*\*\* in Saint Gervais and La Guilloterie \*\*\*\* at Notre Dame de Monts. The group's objective is to make the region more dynamic while adopting a solid CRS (Corporate Social Responsibility) approach.

*37 impasse du Petit Brandeau, Le Perrier*  
[www.naya-village.fr](http://www.naya-village.fr)



### Lac de la Chausselière\*\*\* campsite

The Lac de la Chausselière campsite, located a few minutes from the Puy du Fou, was awarded the "Clef Verte" label in 2022. This distinction rewards campsites that take steps to preserve the surrounding nature.

In 2022, the campsite will be equipped with a tree house. This premium accommodation has a surface area of 30m<sup>2</sup> and is perched at 4 metres from the ground. It can sleep up to 6 people and has a private spa. In addition, the tree house has a fully equipped kitchen, a master bedroom and a 20m<sup>2</sup> mezzanine with two separate sleeping areas, a bathroom and a 40m<sup>2</sup> XXL terrace.

With its view over the Chausselière lake, it offers a beautiful "get away" feeling as soon as you wake up.

The campsite also offers two premium areas, entirely pedestrian, with new modern, spacious accommodation, made in wood so that they blend perfectly with the natural surroundings. The first area is located at the campsite's entrance in a quiet and unspoiled setting. There are premium chalets the "Ottawa" and "Noumea" as well as premium mobile homes. The new "Côté Nature" area is located at the back of the campsite. It offers a panoramic view of the lake and consists of two wooden chalets "Camélia" and "Agapanthe".

*Route des Herbiers, La Guyonnière*  
[www.chausseliere.com](http://www.chausseliere.com)



### Le Bois Joly \*\*\*\* campsite

Le Bois Joly \*\*\*\* campsite covers 8.2 hectares, consisting of 368 quality pitches all bordered by hedges. The campsite offers standard pitches, mobile homes, premium cottages as well as ecolodges, chalets and gypsy style caravans.

Le Bois Joly is ideally located, being the closest campsite to Saint Jean de Monts town centre and a mere 1.6 km from the fine sandy beaches of our Atlantic coast.

In 2022, the campsite will open some "VIP Lodges" where the environment has been closely considered. With a fully equipped surface area of 34m<sup>2</sup>, they are furnished with two bedrooms and can accommodate up to 5 people.

*46 Rue de Notre Dame, Saint-Jean-de-Monts*  
[www.camping-leboisjoly.com](http://www.camping-leboisjoly.com)





## Le Petit Rocher \*\*\*\* campsite

Le Petit Rocher campsite is situated in the dune, shaded by pine trees, at just a stone's throw from a long 6km sandy beach cove. The campsite is in Longeville sur Mer, a resort awarded the 2-star surfing town label. Le Petit Rocher has 199 lodgings and 6 different types of accommodation, ranging from: large capacity, top of the range, comfort, unusual, reduced mobility and standard camping pitches.

In 2022, the Petit Rocher will have a new village in the heart of the forest, with wooden accommodation on stilts. These units are totally private, enabling guests to fully enjoy the large outdoor terrace, benches, and summer kitchen. There is also a new covered and heated water playground that includes 2 fun slides, an upside down watering cans as well as an elephant spray water feature... A paradise for children!

*1250 Av. du Dr Mathevet, Longeville-sur-Mer*  
[www.olela.fr/campings/camping-petit-rocher](http://www.olela.fr/campings/camping-petit-rocher)



## Sunélia Domaine de la Michelière\*\*\*\* campsite

The Domaine de la Michelière is a family campsite, located at two kilometres from Saint Gilles Croix de Vie. It is also close to the Vendean beaches and "La Prairie des Daims" a natural quarter unique in the Vendée. In 2022 a new pedestrian quarter will see the light of day. It consists of 23 Prestige Premium mobile homes with a view overlooking the deer prairie. An ideal spot to enjoy the natural surroundings, and who knows... even catch a glimpse of a deer!

*La Micheière, Givrand*  
[www.domainemicheliere.fr](http://www.domainemicheliere.fr)

## Les Biches\*\*\*\*\*campsite

Situated in the Saint Hilaire de Riez community near the beaches at Saint Gilles Croix de Vie, the campsite sits in the heart of a 10-hectare pine forest. Following the creation of the "Nature" and "Family" areas, the campsite will be equipped for 2022 with a new intimate quarter called "Côté Jardin".

This entire space is pedestrian and has a reserved garden for even more privacy. It also contains an outdoor bath ideal for bathing children following a trip to the beach. Or why not soak up the sun while relaxing in the hammock and enjoy this natural environment during a 100% "good life" holiday! The double-sided chalets are designed in a modern and refined way.

*Route de Notre Dame de Riez - Chemin de Petite Baisse, Saint-Hilaire de Riez*  
[www.camping-les-biches.com](http://www.camping-les-biches.com)



## For a natural holiday



### O'Beau Laurier \*\* campsite

Located only 300 metres from the Saint Denis du Payre nature reserve, the O'Beau Laurier campsite (formally La Fraignaye) offers a relaxing setting to those looking for peace and quiet, or a getting back to nature approach. The new owners, Christelle and Nicolas, offer 70 pitches, which includes 24 pitches for tents, caravans, or motorhomes and 46 pitches with accommodation. This campsite has a family atmosphere and a perfect location, only 12 minutes from the sea. It is also a great spot for bird watching.

*Rue du Beau laurier, Saint Denis du Payré*  
[www.camping-obeaulaurier.fr](http://www.camping-obeaulaurier.fr)

### Castel La Garangeoire\*\*\*\*\*campsite

In Saint Julien des Landes, the Castel La Garangeoire \*\*\*\*\*campsite enjoys a preserved natural environment set in a 22-hectare wooded park. Here, you can take advantage of large pitches, comfortable accommodation, the lagoon with its 1 000m<sup>2</sup> beach, the aquatic area and its spa, the equestrian centre as well as a restaurant open throughout the entire season.

Since 2011, La Garangeoire has had the European Ecolabel, which rewards the efforts made to implement a global environment policy. This covers various aspects: energy, water and waste management, responsible purchasing, and environmental education. Taking things further, La Garangeoire also offers activities and entertainment directly related to nature: land'art, fauna and flora discovery outings, trees and woodland animals theme orientation courses.

This 5-star campsite is committed to the reduction of waste, by reducing packaging and unnecessary wastefulness. They propose loose and non-pre-packed food product in the campsite shop

*Route de La Chapelle Hermier, D21, Saint Julien des Landes*  
[www.camping-la-garangeoire.com](http://www.camping-la-garangeoire.com)

## Fun places



### L'Île aux Oiseaux\*\*\* campsite

The L'Île aux Oiseaux \*\*\* campsite is located at 7 kilometres from Les Sables d'Olonne, close to salt marshes and a bird sanctuary. Its original decoration, notably the "enchanted nest" is an invitation to take to the skies and escape. Breakfast is served every morning in this cosy and welcoming place. With its black wood and branches, this place gives us a little peek into the marshes which surround the campsite and the salt workers wooden huts.

L'Île aux Oiseaux has 226 pitches delimited by hedges and are spread over 5.2 hectares. The campsite offers a unique experience: mopeds can be hired for a rural and sea-air filled outing! Ride through the salt marshes, then on along the coast .... an unusual way to discover the charm of the Vendée.

*36 rue du Pré Neuf, L'île d'Olonne*  
[www.ile-aux-oiseaux.fr](http://www.ile-aux-oiseaux.fr)

### Les Brunelles\*\*\*\*\*campsite

This 5-star campsite belonging to MS Vacances, is located only 800 metres from the beach in Longville sur Mer. It has more than 600 pitches available for rent, a heated aquatic area with slides, a "Zen" pool, a relaxation area; a bar, restaurant, a campsite shop plus a fitness room.

For the little ones, a 500m<sup>2</sup> covered paddling pool with games, two slides, water pistols and a rocking bucket allows them to have fun without causing any worries for their parents.

*341 Chemin. de la Parée, Longeville sur Mer*  
[www.ms-vacances.com/camping-club-ms/camping-club-les-brunelles/decouvrir-le-club/](http://www.ms-vacances.com/camping-club-ms/camping-club-les-brunelles/decouvrir-le-club/)

## Initiatives for the environment



# Going out in the Vendée



Emotions are eternal

Original creations, sumptuous sets, great shows, technical achievement and a dive into History and its legends; get ready to experience a spectacular journey through time!



### Travel across the centuries

Unparalleled throughout the world, the Puy du Fou has invented a unique artistic model within the entertainment world. Offering its visitors magnificent shows, it promises an immersion in the most fabulous periods of our history. With its 20 daytime and night-time shows, its 4 period villages, its 26 restaurants and its 6 themed hotels, you will set off on a spectacular journey through time, from the Romans to the present day.

### And every evening, the dream continues with the nocturnal magic of "Les Noces de Feu"

At nightfall, the violinist Muse and the virtuoso pianist celebrate their eternal love in a magic of water and fire. Dancers and giant sets emerge from the depths of the lake. You are invited to the most romantic of weddings to experience an unforgettable party. This night show is included in the Puy du Fou visit during the green period (see 2022 opening calendar).



### An anniversary year

In 2022, the Puy du Fou will make you live an extraordinary year to celebrate its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary and offers you two major events:

- La Nuit des Feux Follets : a major international pyrotechnic festival that will bring together the world's elite in this discipline. An unforgettable evening at the Puy du Fou on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September.
- On the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of October, the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of La Foulée des Géants will bring together nearly 5 ,000 runners to experience two unique night races in the heart of the Puy du Fou itself. A new race dedicated to little hero's will also be organised on Sunday morning.



Practical information :

Puy du Fou, Les Epesses

[www.puydufou.com](http://www.puydufou.com)

Open from 9th April to 9th November 2022

## In the air

### Les Ailes vendéennes (ULM)

Situated near Les Sables d'Olonne, Les Ailes Vendéennes is the only 3-axis microlight and gyroplane flying school in the Vendée. Created in 2019, the company offers pilot training, maiden flights and parachute jumps from a gyroplane. All in a friendly and safe atmosphere.

**4 impasse Henri Guillaumet, Les Sables d'Olonne**

[www.lesailesvendeennes.fr](http://www.lesailesvendeennes.fr)



### Aéroclub de Vendée

Would you like to fly over Les Sables d'Olonne's bay, which in 2021 was classed among the most beautiful bays in the world by the eponym association? Or would you like to admire the salt marshes, the oyster beds, or the wild beaches from the air? So, if you want to take to the skies, just visit the Aéroclub de Vendée. Here, you will find a flying school open to anyone over 15 years old, initiation flights with an instructor are also available. Furthermore, the club offers discovery flights for one to three people (from 5 years old).

**14 rue du Petit Versailles, Les Sables d'Olonne**

[www.aeroclubvendee.pagesperso-orange.fr](http://www.aeroclubvendee.pagesperso-orange.fr)

## The pace of (big) children



### Explora Parc

Explora Parc, is a leisure and recreation park set in the heart of the Pays de Monts national forest. It offers entertainment for the entire family (from 3 years), with sporting and various unusual activities. Lots of fun for everyone, while discovering the forest in a totally different way.

#### New in 2022 :

- A second saferoller continuous lifeline yellow course for 3–5-year-olds. Higher and more impressive than the first yellow course, it allows young adventurers to prepare for the Green courses (from 6 years).
- The fourth blue course is suitable for the entire family (from 8 years). Fifteen new workshops, including a new 100-metre super zip line.....sharing sensations and emotions in the treetops!
- The fourth Explor'Aventure quest now joins the 3 existing adventures. This new adventure is reserved for explorers aged 11 and over, who will need to show signs of endurance, reflection, and skill to solve the mystery and find the treasure.

**Rue de la Parée Jésus, Saint Jean de Monts**

[www.exploraparc.com](http://www.exploraparc.com)

### La Route du Sel

In Sallertaine in the Breton Marshes, you can take a trip to discover this interesting region - by bike, on foot or even in a canoe (suitable for 2-16 people). Several options are available:

- Guided walks: unusual and surprising, they delight all who take part. Walks take place during the day and in the evening they include a candlelight dinner!
- Guided or self-guided walks where you can learn about the history of the site as well as the salt marshes.
- Trott'vent – an unusual walk through the "bocage" and marshes, which are generally in small groups, alternating between horses and canoes.
- Rent an electric or standard bicycle to discover the Breton marshes of the Vendée.

**49 Rue de Verdun, Sallertaine**

[www.laroutedusel.com](http://www.laroutedusel.com)



## O'Fun Park

O'Fun is one of the biggest leisure parks in France: it welcomes you to have lots of fun, filled with thrills, emotion and sensations! There are numerous attractions to suit all ages and all tastes! Located near the beaches of the "Côte de Lumière in the Vendée", O'Fun is the promise of an incredible day out. It offers a wide range of activities that will appeal to young and old alike, whatever their expectations: Fun Zone, Tree top climbing, Duel Arena, Water Jump, Paint ball and other "must do" activities called "Les immanquables"...

### New in 2022

- The creation of the crazy golf of terror! An original setting where the decor is scary and the end of the course is full of surprises.
- A Tapas bar the "Pow Wow" offers a dive into an atypical universe: rural decor and concerts are on the programme. A "campfire" and guitar atmosphere to enjoy cold meat and oyster platters.

*Le Bois Lambert, Le Bernard*

[www.ofunpark.fr](http://www.ofunpark.fr)



## O'Gliss Park

Nearby, O'Glisse Park, a life-size water park continues to attract sensation seekers thanks to its 5 universes: L'Île d'Ocayo, Sunset playa, Ludo'Park, Oxploal'O, Délir'space.

*Le Pont Rouge, route de la Tranche, Le Bernard*

[www.oglisspark.fr](http://www.oglisspark.fr)



## Le Grand Défi

Le Grand Défi is a multi-activity leisure park for adults and children from 2 years old. It is the largest tree climbing activity park in the world with 36 courses and numerous ziplines over the small lake. Other activities available are: paintball, Galactic laser, pony rides, orienteering courses, disc golf or the Quick jump.

### New in 2022

- Two new tree climbing courses: a green zip line course, accessible from 6 years old as well as a blue adventure course from 9 years old. In total there will be 36 tree courses, confirming its position as the largest tree climbing park in the world.
- Tree-climbing sessions will be held every Saturday from 10.30 am to 2 pm, suitable for people with reduced mobility and from the age of 6. An opportunity to challenge yourself by taking on the role of an acrobat and for the more adventurous among you..... a pendulum jump!
- If you need to blow out a new candle, perched birthday snacks are also organised every Saturday from 3 pm to 6.30 pm

*40 rue de l'étoile,  
Saint Julien des Landes  
[www.grand-defi.com](http://www.grand-defi.com)*

## Labyrinthe en délire

The Labyrinth en délire is an 8-hectare leisure park ideal for the entire family, located in Talmont Saint Hilaire at just two minutes from local oyster beds and a wild beach. In 2022, the park offers many activities to enjoy the site with the whole family: A unifying theme: knights

- Through the alleys of the labyrinth, visitors go in search of 26 letters of the alphabet. For each letter, riddles, enigmas, and games are proposed to enable visitors to enjoy an amusing time finding the answers together.
- A golf course – to have fun with a ball in a cornfield, a crazy golf version on an 18-hole course, unique in the Vendée.
- For two wheel enthusiasts, the maze is accessible to bikes.
- Nocturnal events every Thursday evening. Visitors can come in disguise and play in the dark in the maze... chills guaranteed!

*Rue du Port de la Guittière, Talmont Saint Hilaire*  
[www.labyrinthe-en-delire.com](http://www.labyrinthe-en-delire.com)



## Lovers of two wheels



### New cycle route : « ça roule au temps des menhirs »

The Vendée Grand Littoral already has 12 cycles routes, covering 290km. The region is crossed by well-known routes such as the Vélodyssée (32 km from north to south) and the Vendée Vélo (extending between Talmont and Luçon). In order to make Vendée Grand Littoral a cycling destination that is clearly identified and unique, the local Community council has decided to diversify its offer by creating themed cycle routes. This new cycle path is based on the theme of megaliths (standing stones) and covers 38 kilometres. It runs through Saint Vincent sur Jard, Longeville sur Mer, Le Bernard, Avrillé and Saint Hilaire la Forêt. Along the route, panels offer explanations on the visible megaliths. Intermediate routes of about 15 kilometres are available for those who do not wish to do the full loop. The circuit has five different starting points and no compulsory direction.

[www.vendeegrandlittoral.fr/actualites/ca-roule-au-temps-des-menhirs-decouvrez-les-megalithes-a-velo/](http://www.vendeegrandlittoral.fr/actualites/ca-roule-au-temps-des-menhirs-decouvrez-les-megalithes-a-velo/)





## Vélo rail

For an original outing with the family or friends, the Saint Gilles Croix de vie region offers rides on handcars from the Vélo-rail site. Leaving from Commequiers, you pedal along an old railway track before crossing the Vie river and then passing through the Saint Maixent sur Vie station. This 7 km journey (14 km round trip) offers a fun two-hour ride.

### New in 2022:

The Vélo rail offers another fun and family activity this year, with the possibility to rent rosalias (quadricycles) for 2 hours in July and August. This other equally entertaining means of transport allows you to go as far as the castle of Commequiers by while taking part in a treasure hunt – “Theo and the secret of the castle”. The purpose? To help Theo, a young archaeologist to solve the riddles surrounding a mysterious discovery in the castle. Above all, it’s an excellent excuse to have fun with the family.

*Route de Saint Gilles, Commequiers*

[www.velorail-vendee.fr](http://www.velorail-vendee.fr)

## La Vuelta Excursions

In Southern Vendée, this company offers guided bike rides. The tour lasts half a day with a stop off at a local craftsman or producer. For example, the “Balade iodée” tour offers a half day trip along the peninsula, from the Belle Henriette to the Rade d’Amour in La Faute sur Mer. The stop off point is at La Guittièrre, the smallest oyster port in the Vendée. Another tour offers to discover Longeville sur Mer, between the forest and marsh including a canoe experience. Visitors have the choice between a standard or electric bike.

[www.lavueltaexcursions.fr](http://www.lavueltaexcursions.fr)



## The sea side



## Ecole de voile du Bouil

The sailing school at Longeville changed hands in 2021. In addition to the catamarans, new activities have been set up: Yoga, sup (stand up paddle), kayaking and windsurfing. In July and August, catamaran day trips are available.

*Chemin des Oursins, Longeville sur Mer*

[www.oceanplayers.fr/ecole-voile-bouil](http://www.oceanplayers.fr/ecole-voile-bouil)

## Ohana Foil

Located in Jard sur Mer, Ohana Foil is a foil surfing school; that means surfing on a foil which is towed by a boat. This activity is a change from traditional water sports: the sensation of gliding is different. Foil surfing is accessible from 10 years old; the school offers sessions of different levels ranging from initiation to advanced. The sessions take place in small groups and last 2 hours with 30 minutes to practice. Safety equipment is provided.

*1 impasse de la Conchette, Jard sur Mer*

[www.ohanafoil.fr](http://www.ohanafoil.fr)



## Côte & Mer

Côte & Mer offers 2 hour guided boat trips (heading towards Les Sables d'Olonne or La Tranche sur Mer) as well as crossings to Ile de Ré (45 minutes), leaving from Jard sur Mer.

The boat is semi-rigid and 10 metres in length. It can accommodate 12 people in a comfortable and secure environment. The various services are accessible from the age of 3 and are aimed to suit everyone. The boat is also available for private hire. Open from April to the end of September.

*Rue de Morpoigne, Jard sur Mer*  
[www.coteetmer.com](http://www.coteetmer.com)



## Fun Evad

In Jard sur Mer, Fun Evad offers sailing trips. This is a hands-on trip where clients are involved in the activity and will learn more about sailing. The sailing boat can accommodate up to 12 people, from 5 years old. The guide adapts the outing to the public on board. Several formulas are available and tailor-made outings are possible for group events. The activity is open from April to the end of September.

*Le Port, Jard sur Mer*  
[www.funevad.fr](http://www.funevad.fr)

## Culture and heritage

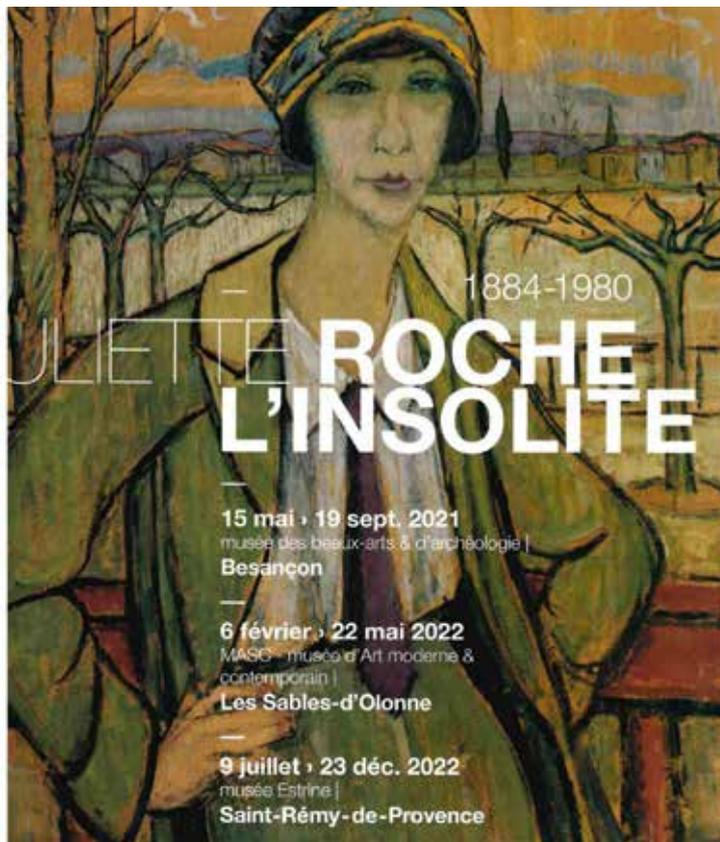
### Juliette Roche exhibition at the MASC Museum from 6th of February to 22nd of May 2022

The MASC Modern and Contemporary Art Museum in Les Sables d'Olonne will host the first retrospective exhibition of Juliette Roche (1884\* 1980) from 6th February to 22nd of May 2022.

Artist and scholar, she was also the wife of the cubist painter Albert Gleizes. She frequently corresponded with the artist Gaston Chaissac who lived in Sainte Florence in the Vendean bocage from 1948 to 1961.

Although Juliette Roche's works fall within the traditional types of painting – portraits and self-portraits, landscape scenes, still life, biblical or mythological scenes – she nevertheless shows great freedom with her interpretation of formal categories. Affected by an extensive literary culture, by the "end of the century" spirit, the decadentism (a late-19th-century artistic and literary movement) influences the culture and aristocratic society of her youth. The artist, thus constructs her artwork in which contradictions logically blend in. The Exhibition is proposed by Albert Gleizes Foundation, in partnership with Besançon's Museum of Art and Archaeology and the Estrine Museum in Saint Rémy de Provence.

*Rue de Verdun, Les Sables d'Olonne*  
[www.lemasc.fr](http://www.lemasc.fr)





## Le Refuge de Grasla

This tourist site is a historical reconstruction of a 1794 village and its lodgings. Located in the heart of the Grasla forest massif, a lush forest with a rich and fascinating past. The Refuge de Grasla village recreates the daily lives of the local population, who took refuge in the forest during the Vendean War.

### New for 2022

- For this summer a new theatrical presentation, more information coming soon.
- The unusual and mysterious visits with an archaeologist are back !

**To note :** 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the Refuge du Livre on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> august.

*Forêt de Grasla, Les Brouzils*  
[www.refugedegrasla.fr](http://www.refugedegrasla.fr)

## Préhisto'site du CAIRN

In Saint Hilaire la Forêt, the Préhisto'site du Cairn is situated in the "land of Megaliths". This site takes visitors back to the Neolithic era for a fun, educational and immersive journey. The museum offers 3 interactive exhibition rooms to discover the daily life of prehistoric men and the megaliths of the region: a 3D film, models and touch screen monitors... The first step to fully enter into the lives of our ancestors and challenge preconceived ideas.

### New for 2022 :

- A new temporary exhibition « Neanderthal" from the National museum of Natural History
- A new treasure hunt in the museum ideal for rainy days.

*Rue de la Courolle, Saint Hilaire la Forêt*  
[www.cairn-prehistoire.com](http://www.cairn-prehistoire.com)



## The Donjon de Bazoges en Pareds and the medieval inspired garden

Built during the Hundred Year War around 1380, it was part of an older castle belonging to Jehan Luneau. Now restored and furnished on five floors, the keep offers an exceptional view of the surrounding Vendean countryside from its "chemin de ronde"(wall-walk).

The medieval-inspired garden, accessible to visitors with reduced mobility, poetically combines the colours and fragrances of the vegetables, flowers, and herb square plant beds.

A magnificent 16th century dovecote sits perfectly in this haven of greenery.

### Events in 2022 :

- Saturday 18th June: a "Slam" (a form of poetry/text recited to a musical background) discovery workshop with the artist Kanawa..
- From 2 pm to 3 pm: for 9-16 year olds. From 4 pm to 5.30 pm: for over 16 and adults.
- Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st July from 2.30 pm - Circus arts discovery workshops – from 3 years old and under parental supervision – Par Vent des Cirques.

*12 Cr du Château,*  
*Bazoges en Pareds*  
[www.bazoges-en-pareds.fr](http://www.bazoges-en-pareds.fr)

*Le Daviaud, the Charles Milcendeau Museum and the Kulmino are celebrating their 40th anniversary!*

In 2022 the Marais Breton (Breton Marshes) will be busy celebrating the 40th anniversary of three heritage sites: Le Daviaud, the Charles Milcendeau Museum and the Kulmino. An important anniversary, which will be the occasion for numerous festive and retrospective events throughout the year!

These sites, inaugurated in 1982 have evolved over time, thanks to local support (associations, inhabitants, local authorities, etc.). They have become over 40 years essential tourist sites in the region and a reference for the Marais Breton! Join us for new exhibitions, varied activities, and events, as well as unique artistic creations...

**Some dates to remember in 2022** (subject to sanitary conditions)

- Saturday 14th May – Le Daviaud’s 40th anniversary evening event.
- Saturday 21st May –Special 40th anniversary “Museum’s at Night” - at the Charles Milcendeau Museum
- Friday 19th August – Dance Night : 40 years of organised dances at Le Daviaud



**Le Daviaud**

Situated in a preserved natural environment, this Musée de France opens the doors to an authentic and poetic marsh in the Barre de Monts – Fromentine.

Le Daviaud presents more than 900 objects from its collections, combining technologies and history through the words of the inhabitants. The 800m<sup>2</sup> scenographic spaces offers visitors the opportunity to enter different worlds to understand how the marshes were formed and the life of the maraichins (local inhabitants).

All visitors, young and old alike, can also enjoy an immersive experience thanks to an outdoor walk highlighted by encounters and demonstrations of ancient know-how:

- The bourrines (old dwellings with earthen architecture)
- Visits to the salt marshes
- Yawl (Yole-a typical boat) demonstrations and ningle jumping (A ningle is a long chestnut stick, fitted with a pike)
- Wool spinning and butter making
- Bread making on Wednesdays from April to September
- Discover several old breeds of animals (maraichine cows, Breton trait, ewes from Belle-île, etc)

**New for 2022**

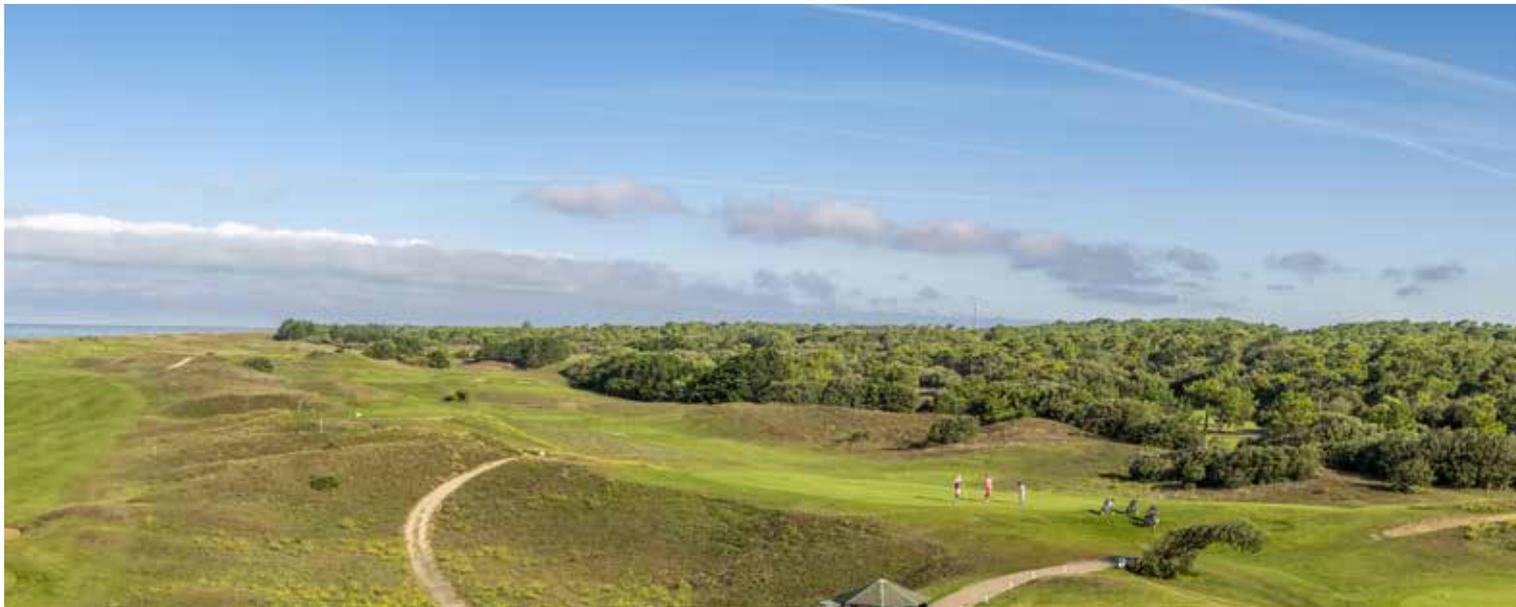
**• The renovation of the bourrine of Thoia for a trip back to the 1950’s**

The interior plunges visitors back into the marshes of the 1950’s. Inhabited up until the 1970’s, it was then transformed into a reception area for the eco-museum and then into a restaurant. For the first time at Le Daviaud the interior of this bourrine has been constructed in a post-war style.

**• The Salorge and its new exhibition on the history of salt**

Originally dedicated to the storage of salt, it has been completely redesigned to explain the history of salt. Various subjects are dealt with in the exhibition tracing the evolution of salt farming since the Middle Ages in the Breton marsh area.

Note : Le Daviaud salt marsh is the only one still in operation in the Breton marshes, operated by the salt worker Corentin Barbier.



### The Charles Milcendeau Museum

Charles Milcendeau was recognised by the greatest critics and lived from his art. He was trained by Gustave Moreau at the National School of Fine Arts alongside Matisse, Marguet and Roulx, with whom he became friends. In Soullans, his native town, you will discover more than 80 realistic works representing life in the marshes and landscapes inspired by his trips to Spain, Corsica, Brittany...

Charles Milcendeau's house, decorated with murals, is classed as a Historic Monument. This property, now a museum, consists of a maraichine house and a bourrine (thatched cottage) used as his workshop. Here the cosy and intimate atmosphere is much appreciated.

#### **New for 2022 :**

New works on display showing drawings and paintings never before exhibited.

*Chemin du Bois Durand, Soullans*  
[www.musee-milcendeau.fr](http://www.musee-milcendeau.fr)



### Kulmino a spectacular way to escape at Notre Dame de Monts

This water tower offers a breathtaking view from the platform 70 metres above the ground. You can observe the marshes, the dune, the forest and the Vendean islands...with the help of binoculars and the orientation tables. On site, two exhibitions enable you to find out more about water and its use, as well as renewable energies with offshore wind turbines.

#### **New for 2022 :**

This year, there will be unusual nocturnal events on Monday and Thursday evenings during the season, and on the 14th of July and 15th of August you can admire the sunsets and fireworks in the area.

*La Grande Croix, Notre Dame de Monts*  
[www.kulmino.fr](http://www.kulmino.fr)



## Le château d'Apremont

The Château d'Apremont is located on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Vallée de la Vie in Apremont. Built on the site of the old Medieval fortress by Philippe Chabot de Brion, Admiral of France and childhood friend of Francis the 1st. All that remains of this Renaissance castle today are the ramparts, the towers, and the impressive bridge ramp. This tourist site can be visited with the family and is an essential part of the charm of Apremont, known also as a "Petite Cité de Caractère". In 2022, the exhibition "Dressing in the Renaissance, the complete story" will be enriched with costumes and accessories. These objects are handmade by students taking a Show costume designer course at the Notre Dame du Roc High school in La Roche sur Yon. In addition, this exhibition is translated into English to be accessible to a wider public.

During July and August, in addition to their daily show, the Fabigan company offers Circus workshops for children and adults free of charge in the castle's courtyard.

### Place du Château, Apremont

[www.tourisme-vie-et-boulogne.fr/nos-experiences/patrimoine/chateau-apremont/](http://www.tourisme-vie-et-boulogne.fr/nos-experiences/patrimoine/chateau-apremont/)



## Maison de la Meunerie

Set in the heart of charming town of Nieul sur L'Autise and a few steps from the Royal Abbey, is the authentic and rustic site of the Maison de la Meunerie (Millar's House). A story reveals the life of bygone times in a rural environment at the beginning of the 20th century. In addition to this tour, the Maison de la Meunerie offers many other activities: sourdough bread workshops, waffle tasting, a visit with a miller, an exhibition and outdoor cinema...

### New in 2022

A new outdoor exhibition "Robin and Tom in the Marais Poitevin" by Jap, occurs in collaboration with the Marais Poitevin Regional Park.

### 16 Rue du Moulin, Nieul sur L'Autise, Rives d'Autise

[www.maisondelameunerie-vendee.fr](http://www.maisondelameunerie-vendee.fr)

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