

# LA VENDÉE

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**2019** collection

# 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)

### **BY TRAIN :**

**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 Douvres to Calais: DFDS Seaways and P&O  
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From Newhaven to Dieppe: DFDS Seaways  
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From Poole to Cherbourg: Brittany Ferries  
From Portsmouth to Saint Malo: Brittany Ferries  
From Portsmouth to Caen: Brittany Ferries  
From Portsmouth to Havre: 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

more than  
**300**  
LEISURE  
ATTRACTIONS



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# New destinations to checkout



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1. Soaps made in  
Les Sables d'Olonne

Patricia, a laboratory assistant for 26 years in the medical sector has left everything to launch her business: a soap that protects your skin and respects the environment. Thanks to her method using cold saponification, she produces marbled soaps and other ecological cosmetics created from 100% natural ingredients, mostly biological (vegetable oils, butters, plant powders, etc.). What is more, it is possible to order online for deliveries in France, a chance to prolong the delicious smell of holidays in Les Sables d'Olonne.

**La Savonnerie Sablaise**  
11 Rue Joseph Benatier  
Les Sables d'Olonne  
[www.la-savonnerie-sablaise.com](http://www.la-savonnerie-sablaise.com)

2. 50 shades of blue at  
Banc de Sable

A place to discover the world of a mother and daughter, painter and ceramist Annette van Ryhsen and stylist Ana Deman. T-shirts inspired by the ocean, marine ceramics in celestial blue, linens with touches of indigo ... you can dive into the world of these two artists.

**Le Banc de Sable**  
769 avenue du docteur Joussemet  
Longeville sur Mer  
[www.ana-deman.com](http://www.ana-deman.com)  
**Showroom Atelier Annette van Ryhsen**  
99 chemin des oiseaux  
Longeville sur Mer  
by appointment only : +33 (0)6 50 06 15 94

3. Amanda Chocolaterie or  
the perfect excuse to in-  
dulge yourself

Since March 2018, the chocolate and confectionery shop Amanda has moved to Resistance Square in Les Sables d'Olonne, facing the embankment. With an on-site production workshop, a tea room and an outdoor terrace, Amanda Chocolaterie entices you to indulge yourself with sumptuous desserts to be savored, if possible, on the spot so you can also enjoy the sea view.

**Amanda Chocolaterie**  
2 Place de la Résistance  
Les Sables d'Olonne  
[www.facebook.com/amandachocolats](http://www.facebook.com/amandachocolats)

4. Matthew Ives knows  
how to make good coffee

Opened in February 2018, this intimate coffee house is worth a visit. Matthew Ives, from Great Britain is the proud owner. This barista offers coffee ground on the spot and made with a piston machine which enhances the flavours of the coffee. Don't hesitate, take a cup accompanied by authentic British cakes, what else?

**1987 Coffee House**  
101 boulevard Aristide Briand  
La Roche sur Yon  
[www.facebook.com/1987CoffeeHouse](http://www.facebook.com/1987CoffeeHouse)



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5. The chocolatier with the golden hands

Vincent Vallée, elected World Chocolate Master at the 2015 Chocolate Fair in Paris, decided to return to his hometown to open his own chocolate shop in September 2018 in Olonne sur Mer. Worthy of a goldsmith's work, the talented chocolatier makes boxes of chocolates to savour with the eyes as well as the palate.

**Chocolaterie Vincent Vallée**  
2 bis Allée Titouan Lamazou  
Olonne sur Mer  
[www.facebook.com/vincent.pastery](http://www.facebook.com/vincent.pastery)

6. A sweet interlude in Fontenay le Comte

Brigitte Lescout has opened her tea room in the heart of Fontenay le Comte. The name, "Jeanne's Boudoir", is a nod to her mother Jeanne and the former owners, the Cantrean family, who made biscuits. The establishment has three charming salons, dedicated to the clientele, a cozy terrace in the garden and a gourmet shop space. It is open all year and is well worth a visit, both for its setting and its exceptional products.

**Le Boudoir de Jeanne**  
41 rue de la République  
Fontenay le Comte  
[www.leboudoirdejeanne.fr](http://www.leboudoirdejeanne.fr)

7. Le Marché au Beurre : Made with love

Looking through the window you can't help but be attracted by the elegance and style of this new destination. Laure Marquis, the owner, has created the perfect place to stop for a lunch, tea or to browse the delicatessen. Vintage touches give Le Marché au Beurre a homely feel. Sit on the mustard sofa and enjoy tea accompanied by homemade savoury tart, nothing could be more relaxing.

**Le Marché au beurre**  
3 Rue du Marché  
Les Herbiers  
[www.lemarcheaubeurre.fr](http://www.lemarcheaubeurre.fr)

8. A mother-son duo at the controls of an organic beer brewery

Caroline and Antoine Thomas opened their brewery in October 2018. More than just a place of production, they open their doors to those who wish to discover the processes of a brewery and leave with their own brew. They sell a range of 5 organic beers with local names such as "Grosse Terre" or "Trou du diable". To complete their project, they want to hire people in need of a second chance.

**Brasserie Les Brasseurs de la Vie**  
50 rue des Couvreur  
Saint Gilles Croix de Vie



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Bar à thé

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9. Dream sellers

Matthieu and Gwenaëlle Berthomé, brother and sister, settled in March 2018 in a seaside villa at Saint Gilles Croix de Vie dating from 1901 and named "Le Rêve" (The Dream). Together, they realized theirs: to create a boutique house combining their two passions, decoration and tea. In the area known as "quartier de la grande plage", this graceful house hides a tea bar, library and on the ground floor, decorative products and furnishings are for sale, the majority of which are "made in France". Well worth a visit after a trip to the seaside.

**Maison Boutique Le Rêve**

4 avenue Notre Dame  
Saint Gilles Croix de Vie  
[www.reve-laboutique.com/la-boutique](http://www.reve-laboutique.com/la-boutique)

10. For Souvenirs of Noirmoutier

Following a first shop located in La Guérinière, Vents d'Ouest is now located on the pedestrian side street in Noirmoutier en l'Île. This decorative products shop offers not only furniture, soft furnishings and lighting, but also exclusive objects with the "Île de Noirmoutier" motif. Cushions with the "NO" Noirmoutier trade mark, and bags emblazoned with the image of the island, glasses with the names of the famous neighborhoods ... there is something for everyone!

**Vents d'Ouest**

3 rue de la Maduère  
Noirmoutier en l'Île  
[vents-douest.fr](http://vents-douest.fr)



# For connoisseurs of fine food



Alexandre Couillon is in the Top 10  
"100 Chefs of the Year"

Alexandre Couillon, Chef of the 2 Michelin stars restaurant La Marine on the island of Noirmoutier continues to shine. After winning the title "Chef of the Year" in 2017 awarded by the French restaurant guide Gault Millau, he now ranks 9<sup>th</sup> in the 2019 world ranking of the "100 Chefs of the Year" chosen by the professional magazine Le Chef. To qualify for this prestigious classification, it is necessary to be a 2 or 3 Michelin Star Chef, present food of indisputable quality and to respect the values of the profession. In January 2019, La Marine joined the 180 Best Tables in the World. Only 5 French people have this award. We wish good luck to this captain of gastronomy and his pearl of the Atlantic, La Marine.

La Marine\*\*  
5 Rue Marie Lemonnier - Noirmoutier en l'Île  
[alexandrecouillon.com](http://alexandrecouillon.com)



## L'Atable restaurant opens its delicatessen in La Roche sur Yon

Open since 2013, the restaurant L'Atable, located near the Place de la Vendée, is enhanced by a new concept for 2019: a delicatessen in the heart of the restaurant. The objective is to provide rapid service and showcase various quality products, particularly Vendéen specialties. Sardines "La Perle des Dieux", fleur de sel (high quality sea salt) from Noirmoutier, Vendéen organic saffron, gourmet dishes and Maison Mont Bocaux preserves, Maison Royer's snails ... there are so many excellent products to find and in addition Chef Christophe Teillet offers a dish of the day to take away without the need to order in advance. This new project is a perfect illustration of Christophe Teillet's desire to be attentive and in touch with the needs of his clientele. A native of La Roche sur Yon, the Chef trained at the Branly Hotel School. He worked in the United States, Florida, Walt Disney World Resort, for Chefs Paul Bocuse, Verger and Lenôtre, then in Paris at Jacques Cagna. He was Chef Director at the restaurant Le Jardin de l'Humeau in Les Essarts for 10 years, before opening L'Atable in 2013. Since then, he has obtained an assiette entry in the Michelin Guide and a Toque in the Guide Gault & Millau.

L'Atable  
20b rue Raymond Poincaré - La Roche sur Yon  
[www.latable-larochesuryon.net](http://www.latable-larochesuryon.net)



## Food triumph for Les Reflets

In the district of Saint André d'Ornay in La Roche sur Yon, there is a restaurant that the Guide Gault & Millau highlights in its 2019 list as a young talent 2019: Les Reflets. Accompanied by his wife Solen Pineau, Chef Nathan Cretney prepares daily creative and healthy dishes, reflecting the flavors of the season. Organic smoked egg, burnt avocado with radish dressing, squab pigeon 3 ways, a manifestation of Belle-Hélène pear, the chef delights the palate with his dishes as well as his homemade bread, butter and ice cream. Originally from Wales, Nathan Cretney has travelled extensively for his work and inspired by his encounters uses his skill in marrying textures and tastes. With Les Reflets lunchtime menus (from € 15) or Les Reflets evening menus with 2 to 5 dishes (from € 26 to € 41), there is something for every appetite and every budget. The restaurant has about twenty seats and an open kitchen with the chef's table (4 seats maximum) giving the opportunity for customers to observe the working of a professional kitchen and see their dishes prepared in front of them. The owners share their passion with pleasure, and all this in a cosy and intimate environment.

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

## A Bib Gourmand for La Suite S'il Vous Plait !

In January 2018, the restaurant La Suite S'il vous Plait, located in Les Sables d'Olonne was awarded a Bib Gourmand by Michelin for its excellent value for money. Modern, refined and original, so many adjectives can describe the cuisine of Mélanie Sire, the Chef. She changes her menu according to the seasons, every two and a half months. Duck gyoza, artichoke mousse, Vietnamese fondue, grapefruit panna cotta, rice millefeuille and matcha cream... this is fusion cooking with a twist using flavours with a bit of daring. Mélanie Sire notably earned her spurs at Paul Bocuse in Florida and Atelier Etoile at Joël Robuchon in Paris (2 Stars in the Michelin Guide).

With Pierre-Yves Nouchet, the front of house Manager, they welcome their clients with a distinctly modern bistro atmosphere, close to the beach and the port. With their gourmet dishes, without doubt leaving the customer waiting for the next course to extend this culinary journey.



La Suite S'il Vous plait  
20 boulevard Franklin Roosevelt - Les Sables d'Olonne  
[www.lasuitesvp.com](http://www.lasuitesvp.com)



L'assiette au jardin  
9 rue du Robinet - Noirmoutier en l'Île  
Facebook : L'Assiette au jardin

## A pastoral restaurant for gourmets

Behind the Château, you have to pass through a small door under the wisteria to discover a charming verdant courtyard in the heart of Noirmoutier en l'Île. Welcome to L'assiette au jardin, an original address that has become a must. This restaurant-delicatessen, opened in the spring of 2018, offering family cooking serving fresh and seasonal products. It is Dominique Soret and her companion Eric Giudicelli who are the authors of this new venture which is open all year. Former advertising, director and caterer, Dominique Soret left Paris to return to the island where her family originate from. With her team, she offers retro dishes such as apricot pie roasted with honey and rosemary or pork tenderloin with crème de curé nantais (cream cheese). But in the Chef's repertoire there are specialties inspired by her travels such as Hake Bangkok style with prawn tempura or oatmeal pavé with vegetables. Under the flowery patio or under the cosy lamps in the restaurant, the curious food lover relaxes into the cooking and warmth of the place, until feeling perfect blessed.

## Les P'tits Ventres de Terre restaurant just got a whole lot bigger!

Les P'tits Ventres de Terre restaurant is located next to its former address, at 87-89 boulevard Maréchal Leclerc at La Roche sur Yon. A small move but a big change since the new premises can now accommodate 70 covers indoors plus 60 on the terrace. This new, welcoming and generous space reflects the cooking of Chef Lionel Guilbaud. Previously, the Chef, who notably worked for 13 years at the Plaza Athénée, received prestigious awards: a Michelin Star at the Logis de la Chabotterie and a Michelin Macaroon at the Auberge du Parc in Saint-Vincent-Sterlanges. He then decided to refocus on local country cuisine and created Les P'tits Ventres de Terre restaurant, a must in this Napoleonic city. With its gourmet dishes cooked in small terracotta pots, the name refers to the pots that simmered in the fireplaces of yesteryear. Marinated bluefin tuna; poached chicken with soft boiled egg and baby vegetables; brioche with ice cream and salted butter caramel... so many tasty mouth watering options from the starters to the desserts.



Les P'tits Ventres de Terre  
87 boulevard du Maréchal Leclerc  
La Roche sur Yon  
[www.les-ptits-ventres-de-terre.fr](http://www.les-ptits-ventres-de-terre.fr)

## A new coastal restaurant on Ile d'Yeu

Ideally located on the Port and opened in 2018, Les Barrés is a new friendly restaurant, an ideal place to have a good time with friends or family in a quirky and fun filled atmosphere with equally fun dishes. Here, you can enjoy seafood platters as well as comfort food (burgers, sushi on Sunday evening, cheesecake, brioche perdue ...). Thanks to the enthusiastic young team, guests are sure to have a good time indoors or on the terrace. They regularly organize theme nights for a unique and memorable Ile d'Yeu experience.

Les Barrés  
6 Place de la Norvège - L'Île d'Yeu  
[www.facebook.com/LesBarresYeu](http://www.facebook.com/LesBarresYeu)



## A traditional restaurant that's not so different

Opened in December 2018, the O'Bell Endroit restaurant is a family project that is very close to the hearts of its creators, Fabienne, Sonia and Valentin. They have employed 4 people with learning disabilities, including the third member of the team, Valentin who is 21. This initiative was born of a family searching for a future for Valentin their brother. The intention is to provide job opportunities that promote integration into a normal environment and to develop the social life of their employees through a fulfilling profession. It is also a way to improve self-confidence and develop social skills and independence. This has been the case for Valentin who, from the beginning, has been fully involved in the project. He even designed the cutlery for the logo of the restaurant. In the kitchen, Chef Rebecca Le Carrouer prepares dishes that she describes as traditional and inventive. Previously, she taught children with learning difficulties, now she can marry her passion for cooking with her past experience. To launch this great humanitarian adventure, the family has set up crowdfunding via the Vendée'UP platform. On Facebook, more than 700 people support this project both by their likes and their positive comments.



O'Bell'Endroit  
24 rue Charles Bourseul - La Roche sur Yon  
[www.facebook.com/obellendroit](http://www.facebook.com/obellendroit)



Domaine Mourat  
Route de La Roche sur Yon - Mareuil sur Lay Dissais  
[vignobles-mourat.fr/oenotourisme](http://vignobles-mourat.fr/oenotourisme)



A gourmet trip in the  
heart of the vineyards

On a 20-kilometer route, by bike or electric car, both equipped with a GPS, tourists can independently discover the vineyards of the Lay Valley. The point of departure is the cellar of Domaine Mourat, who devised this original initiative. The circuit leads to the foot of a windmill where, in a beautiful pastoral setting, families or groups of friends can take a break around a delicious gastronomic picnic accompanied by appellation Fiefs Vendéens Mourat wines.

# New restaurants with stunning views

## New Lodge: a holiday experience in a verdant setting

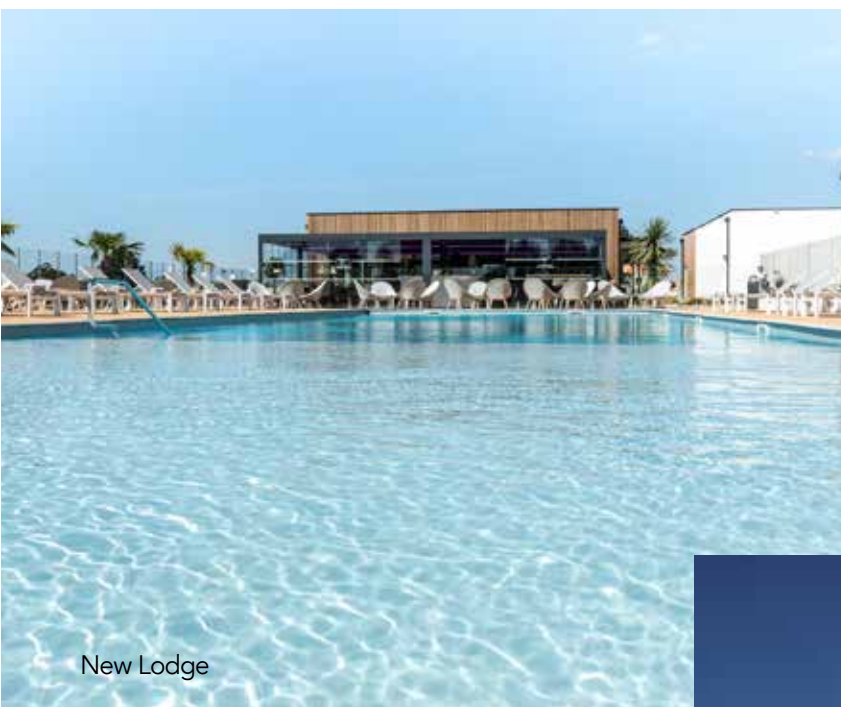
10 minutes from Les Sables d'Olonne, the small town of Sainte Foy has a new must see location opened in July 2018: the New Lodge. Facing Lake Sainte Foy, in a smart setting, food lovers can come and enjoy authentic cuisine with fresh and seasonal produce. Chef Pierre Gendre offers tasty dishes and a large wine list enabling you to tour the wine regions of France from your glass. For an aperitif, guests can even enjoy tapas around the pool. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner from Thursday to Monday and every day during summer.

New Lodge  
828 rue de la Boule - Sainte Foy  
[www.new-lodge.fr](http://www.new-lodge.fr)

## L'Orangerie: new traditional restaurant at Château de la Barbinière

Located in the heart of the Château de la Barbinière, the new traditional restaurant L'Orangerie offers elaborate food and a warm welcome in an idyllic setting. With its new menu, the Château de la Barbinière now offers the chance to enjoy a typical Chateau style meal, close to the Puy du Fou®. Under a large glass roof, in a friendly setting, guests can survey the castle park and soak up the history. The menu is seasonal and there is a wine list with more than 500 entries. At Lunchtime, the menu of the day is very affordable at 22 euros. This place is perfect for a private dinner, a business lunch or a business seminar.

Château de la Barbinière  
La Barbinière - Saint Laurent sur Sèvre  
[www.chateau-barbiniere.com](http://www.chateau-barbiniere.com)



New Lodge



L'Orangerie

## La Villa: a restaurant with sea view

With its superb ocean view terrace, "La Villa" a new bar restaurant at 41 avenue de la Plage in La Tranche sur Mer, offers seafood dishes. The owners have given a soul to the villa Martha, while maintaining the seaside spirit of this majestic home.

Inside, there are 24 covers with 120 on the terrace so you can fully enjoy the sea air and views. Coming soon, an oyster bar showcasing the quality of the local produce and a kitchen worthy of a great restaurant. There are also planned theme nights throughout the year.

La Villa  
41 avenue de la Plage - La Tranche sur Mer  
[www.facebook.com/La-villa-Bar-Resto](http://www.facebook.com/La-villa-Bar-Resto)



La Villa

# New guest rooms



The Corner  
Noirmoutier en l'île

4 fleurs, Fleurs de Soleil

Located in the heart of Noirmoutier en l'île, a few steps from the market hall, "The Corner" is as intriguing as its English name. It is however a perfect reflexion of its owners Diane and Raphael Lafont. She is American and he is French. In their style, the establishment is a place where cultures mingle and where you can put the world to rights in the cosy lounge over brunch or in the charming courtyard, around the barbecue. This stone house dates from 1814 and housed the first notary and the first mayor of Noirmoutier en l'île. It now serves as a guest house with 3 bedrooms and 2 family suites, all with king-size beds. As an added bonus, guests have the free use of bikes to fully enjoy the island. The Corner is also a table d'hôtes where Raphaël relies on his French origins and his past as a Chef in the United States to revisit specialties of Noirmoutier and serve American and French fusion cuisine. The owners also open their establishment for seminars and other private events.

2 Rue du General Leclerc  
Noirmoutier en l'île  
[www.thecorner-no.fr](http://www.thecorner-no.fr)



Le Céladon  
Montaigu

Chambre d'hôtes référence

Celadon is a charming Vendéen guest house which has belonged to a family of notaries for four generations. Restored with taste, the house has preserved its ancient tiled floors, stucco ceilings, wood panelling, fireplaces and original parquet floors. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors are home to 4 double bedrooms, and a large private lounge dedicated to welcoming guests to Celadon. Breakfast is served on the terrace in summer weather permitting, or in the cosy kitchen with its range cooker. Whilst the interior of the house is to be admired, the layout of the grounds also has some nice surprises with secluded corners to sit and relax. Next to the century-old park and a pond close to the terrace, guests can enjoy a beautiful private swimming pool and a fully equipped modern pool-house. To take full advantage of the surroundings, Le Céladon provides bicycles for its residents.

13 Place du Champ de Foire - Montaigu  
[www.le-celadon.fr](http://www.le-celadon.fr)



Le Château des Tourelles  
La Gaubretière

3 clés CléVacances  
for the guest rooms  
2 clés Clévacances for the gites

Opened in 2018, the Château des Tourelles is located 14 km from Puy du Fou®, in the Vendée's bocage area. It has 4 guest rooms in the Chateau and 3 gites in the converted outbuildings. Collectively the gites can accommodate up to 10 people simultaneously. The building is full of hidden treasures such as the Napoleonic reception hall illuminated by Murano glass chandeliers and the unusual fountain dating back to 1850. But Château des Tourelles is above all an ambitious project for Jérémy Dufour and his family. Together, they decided to launch "A Chateau for all", ensuring access for visitors of reduced mobility. They want to create a unique and flexible place in a French building steeped in history. At the same time, Jérémy and his family are full of ideas to give a new outlook to Chateau life with their "art gites" where they have used local craftsmen and artists to decorate and furnish the gites.

18 rue de la Frérie - La Gaubretière  
[www.lechateaudestourellesenvendee.com](http://www.lechateaudestourellesenvendee.com)



**Le Logis du Grand Moulin**  
Les Epesses

Meublé de tourisme 3 Etoiles

Only 5 minutes from Puy du Fou®, this 17<sup>th</sup> century building has had many uses. Before becoming a charming bed and breakfast, it was successively a grain mill attached to the domain of the Puy du Fou, a counter-revolutionary printing works, a paper mill and then a spinning mill until 1960. With its verdant setting on the edge of Sèvre Nantaise, the Logis du Grand Moulin offers a charming change of scenery for city dwellers who want to relax and get back to nature. The house has 4 large bedrooms that can accommodate families of 2 to 4 people (2 adults and 2 children). Each room is approximately 25 m<sup>2</sup> and each of them includes a walk-in shower and separate toilet. From Marie Louise to Pondichery, passing through Edinburgh or Provence, the names of the rooms are as sweet and elegant as their decorations. Next to the Logis, a stone house of 35 m<sup>2</sup> serves as a Gite for 2 people. Renovated with charm, this converted wool loft, on 2 levels, has an independent terrace. Outside the Logis, a spa facing the river, invites you to let go and relax, this facility is available to all residents.

Lieu-dit "Le Grand Moulin" - Les Epesses  
[www.logisdugrandmoulin.com](http://www.logisdugrandmoulin.com)



**Les 4 chênes**  
Les Herbiers

4 clés Clévacances

Near the Mont des Alouettes, the Domaine les 4 Chênes offers a stay in communion with nature. Located on the slope of a hill, the surrounding park offers visitors walks and the chance to interact with farm animals in the heart of the bocage, an area of farm land criss-crossed by hedges and trees. To aid relaxation, the hosts Geneviève and Maurice provide an outdoor sauna and a swimming spa sheltered under an ancient communal washing place. The Domaine des 4 Chênes has 2 gites to accommodate up to 6 people and 5 guest rooms named after trees including Le Tilleul (The Lime) which references the majestic two hundred year old tree that can be admired from the balcony.

16 rue du Maréchal Ferrant - Les Herbiers  
[les4chenes.fr](http://les4chenes.fr)



**L'Etang Neuf**  
Sèvremont

Guest room 4 clés Clévacances

La Maison de l'Etang  
Gites de France 4 Epis

In a farmhouse renovated with taste, the owners Sylvie and Dominique Belrepeyre, offer 5 guest rooms consisting of 4 doubles and an independent family unit which includes a master bedroom and a living room with 3 beds for children. All these rooms have a terrace bordered by nature or a pond. The Etang Neuf also has a Gite, La Maison de l'Etang, which can accommodate up to 8 people. Nestled in 2.5 hectares, this renovated spacious barn gives 140 m<sup>2</sup> which provides a large living room with a wood burning stove, 2 bedrooms with shower rooms and 1 bedroom with a bathroom. Among the on-site activities, guests can enjoy the heated swimming pool from May to September or fish in the lake on site. For those who want a more breathtaking experience, the Puy du Fou® is only 15 minutes by car.

La Flocellière - Sèvremont  
[www.letangneuf.fr](http://www.letangneuf.fr)



Château La Pierre Levée  
La Gaubretière

Gites de France 4 Epis

Château La Pierre Levée is located 500 meters from the village center of La Gaubretière, in wooded grounds of 8,000 m<sup>2</sup>. It can accommodate up to 8 people in three guest rooms. On the first floor, the Royal Room includes a four-poster bed (with the possibility of adding a child's bed) an ensuite shower and toilet. The Fleurie Room overlooking the garden and pool, has a king sized bed with a bathroom and toilet on the landing. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, a family suite with marine themed decor has two bedrooms with a private lounge, a bathroom and toilets. Outside, are the exceptional grounds with beautiful old trees, a scenic pond and several secluded corners for relaxation: there is also a swimming pool heated from May to September, interior spa and Turkish bath are available to book. There is no shortage of places to visit around the Chateau. Guests can visit the City of Birds, located 5 kilometers from the estate at Landes-Genusson; the Castle Tiffauges 10 kilometers, or the Grand Park Puy du Fou® just 13 kilometres away.

37 rue Jacques Forestier - La Gaubretière  
[www.chateaulapierrelevee.com](http://www.chateaulapierrelevee.com)



La Maison du Pinier  
Breuil-Barret

Gites de France 4 Epis

The Pinier is a former Vendéen presbytery built in 1868, overlooking the countryside and the village. Transformed into a charming guest house, La Maison du Pinier can accommodate up to 10 people in 1 suite and 2 guestrooms with a cosy but refined atmosphere. For breakfast, the owners take great care and offer local produce (vendéen gâche, freshly squeezed juice, eggs from their hens and homemade yogurt ...) all to be enjoyed in the spacious kitchen. Thanks to the 8,000 m<sup>2</sup> of rolling park land, visitors can picnic in the countryside, play tennis or enjoy a relaxing moment in the new above-ground pool and relaxation area. But La Maison du Pinier does not stop there. For 2019, the house now offers a new exclusive experience: **the Escape Room**, a live escape game in a charming house. This independent creation will allow players to progress through rooms by solving a customised puzzle. An amazing activity for a bed and breakfast, but especially exhilarating for families or friends looking for a shared experience.

19 Rue Jacques Charles Guichet  
Breuil-Barret  
[lamaisondupinier.fr](http://lamaisondupinier.fr) - [www.lescapehouse.fr](http://www.lescapehouse.fr)



L'Esprit des Lieux  
Luçon

4 Clés CléVacances pour  
L'Invitation au Voyage et Songe  
d'une nuit d'été

Nestled in the historic city of Luçon, the charming guest house L'Esprit des Lieux has opened its doors in an eighteenth century building which has been renovated with taste. It has 3 guestrooms with poetic names: L'invitation au voyage (An invitation to travel), Songe d'une nuit d'été (A Dream of a summer night) and a new room Le temps retrouvé (Time rediscovered). They all offer a view of the beautiful secluded garden to allowing you to fully enjoy a tranquil setting in the heart of town. The same atmosphere can be found inside, with an authentic decoration adorned with vintage objects. A refined and sophisticated style in muted hues of taupe, white, linen and green. Whether in the library next to the piano, in the dining room enjoying a gourmet breakfast or during a stroll in Luçon, everything has the potential to help you unwind and recharge in the South of Vendée.

60 rue de la vieille cure - Luçon  
[maisonlespritdeslieux.fr](http://maisonlespritdeslieux.fr)



A l'intérieur de la Grange  
Luçon



La Maison de Thiré  
Thiré



Le Portail en Marais poitevin  
Moreilles

3 Clés CléVacances

5 Clés CléVacances

A l'intérieur de la Grange (Inside the Barn), life is good... Between the town and the marsh, this charming guest house from the nineteenth century has 2 guest bedrooms upstairs and can accommodate up to 6 people. The first room next to the orchard is spacious, sunny and warm thanks to its white and gray tones. The second room next to the courtyard is equally spacious but more flamboyant due to its taupe and red colours. On the first floor there is a reading room and on the ground floor, in keeping with the original building, a large bathroom and a kitchen where the owners collection of ancient porcelain is displayed. The property is set in 1 hectare of landscaped grounds tastefully adorned with antique and flea market finds together with a sheltered terrace furnished with deckchairs enabling you to enjoy the sun in private, perhaps under a hundred year old tree.

**Stop Press:** Notice to bargain hunters, the owner Nelly Le Carrou also runs a Brocante (secondhand shop) with a showroom and an online store La Brocante de Nel, maybe you can find that perfect curio to take home.

Lovers of old stone buildings, welcome to La Maison de Thiré. In the heart of a picturesque village in southern Vendée, this guest house offers 2 guest suites. On the ground floor is The Living room Suite which includes a spacious bedroom with ensuite shower and toilet plus a small adjoining lounge. The French windows open onto a small independent terrace in the front garden. Upstairs, The Family Suite has 2 bedrooms separated by a landing converted into a reading area. This second option is ideal for a family or a group of friends up to 5 people. In season, it is possible to have breakfast on the terrace, enjoying unparalleled views of the outdoor pool and garden. The property also offers bicycle rental for those wishing to explore the area on a two-wheels. Note: the house is very close to the famous musical festival "Dans les jardins de William Christie", an event not to be missed by music lovers, held in late August - early September.

This family home is the old gate house of the Abbey of Moreilles, in the historic heart of the Marais poitevin. It has beautiful Cistercian outbuildings from the seventeenth century with typical architecture composed of limestone walls, traditional terracotta roof tiles, ancient floor tiles and exposed beams. More than a trip back in time, Le Portail en Marais poitevin offers a true romantic escape for lovers. It has 5 guest rooms including the Père Joseph Suite listed 5 Keys CléVacances since 2018. This luxurious suite of 36 m<sup>2</sup> has a round waterbed bed 2m30 in diameter and a round jacuzzi just for 2. In addition to the comfort of the rooms, the house has a heated pool in the grounds (which cover 2 hectares) and offers table d'hôtes. The latter offers sublime fresh and mostly local products in authentic dishes. A simple and delicate cuisine that also inspires, the Table d'hôtes Le Portail en Marais poitevin has received the distinction "Good Table" from the Guides de Charme and has been recommended by the Michelin guide since 2007. Furthermore, several services are offered: candlelit dinner, provision of bicycles, room service ...

Le Prieuré - Luçon  
lamaisondenel.canalblog.com

20 rue de l'Eglise - Thiré  
www.lamaisondethire.com

2 impasse du Portail-Moreilles  
www.portail-marais-poitevin.com



# Gites for all occasions

## *To unwind in a luxurious villa*



Impasse de Cayola - Talmont Saint Hilaire  
[www.francedurez.com](http://www.francedurez.com)

### La Villa Cayola – Talmont Saint Hilaire

Welcome to Villa Cayola, new upmarket accommodation with sea view, located in Talmont Saint Hilaire, 5 minutes from Les Sables d'Olonne. With its expansive sea view, its generous rooftop terrace of 75 m<sup>2</sup>, its proximity to a creek (100 meters) and cycle paths, the villa offers a stay in a breathtaking setting, in communion with nature. This venture is led by the decorator France Durez, who has renovated several other exceptional buildings in the Vendée, such as the O'Prieur Gite in Nieul le Dolent and Le Chromatic in Grosbreuil. Providing 250 m<sup>2</sup> of living space, this new villa offers 12 beds in 4 double rooms and a dormitory for children. Beyond this vast open space, is the kitchen, the living room and the reading room, the house has a 10 meter by 2.5 meter swimming lane and offers surfing equipment to ensure you fully enjoy the sea air. Villa Cayola also has several partners offering even more specialized services: bike and boat rentals, beauty treatments and home massage ...

**Villa Cayola will open in the summer of 2019.**

## *To live the Château life*



4 Le Retail - Saint Hilaire des Loges  
[www.chateauleretail.com](http://www.chateauleretail.com)

### Château Le Retail – Saint Hilaire des Loges

Meublé de Tourisme 4 Etoiles

In the Vendée countryside, near the forest of Mervent, you will find the small Château Le Retail, transformed into a charming holiday home ready to accommodate up to 6 guests. The main house dates back to 1341, some exterior features and a medieval vaulted cellar date back to the 11<sup>th</sup> century. More than just a gite, visitors benefit from spacious, tastefully decorated accommodation and tailor-made services for birthdays, dinners and picnics. The house has 3 bedrooms each with a bathroom and private toilet.



La Brédurière - Moutiers sur le Lay  
[www.chateau-breduriere.com](http://www.chateau-breduriere.com)

### Château de la Brédurière - Moutiers sur le Lay

3 Clés CléVacances

This gite with the charm of yesteryear is on the wine estate of the Château de la Brédurière in the heart of the wine trail around Mareuil. Within an outbuilding of the Château, everything has been done to make the most of this exceptional environment and to preserve this site of 6 hectares. The heated, communal pool is ideally located in the sun. An enclosed garden around the Gite allows you to take your meals in a setting conducive to relaxation. The gite can accommodate 5 people, has a large living area on the ground floor with 3 bedrooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The historic buildings of the estate: the dovecote, the stables, the kennel, the sacred spring and the winery add to the sense of history and privilege.



14 rue du château - Bourneau  
chateaubourneau.com

## Château de Bourneau

The Château de Bourneau is a Renaissance-style castle Château, inspired by the Châteaux of Azay-le-Rideau and Anet, headed by a thirty something French-English couple. Their story is worthy of a fairy tale. After living together in Scotland for almost 10 years, the mechanical engineer Jean-Baptiste Gois and the doctor Erin Choa left everything to buy the Château de Bourneau and transform its outbuildings into accommodation. In the grounds of the Château, the former outbuildings are now converted into 4 spacious Gites that can accommodate between 8 and 12 people. Each is equipped with a private pool and garden and offers the opportunity to enjoy the surrounding countryside, while benefiting from the proximity of the village of Bourneau.

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**TO FOLLOW THE STORY:** Through her account on Instagram **@theintrepidchatelaine**, Erin Choa shows behind the scenes of the life of the two new chatelaines. Between monumental works, rustic tea time and Cornelian dilemma for interior decoration, you can enjoy following the hectic life of this endearing duo.

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## *To enjoy the seaside*



3 ter rue de la Croix Champion  
Noirmoutier en l'Île

## Gite Mr et Mme Lerat - Noirmoutier en l'Île

3 Clés CléVacances

This stylish and bright holiday home seduces you from the start with its trendy decoration. Located 600 meters from the village of Noirmoutier en l'Île, 1.6 km from the beach of Clère and near the Bois de la Chaise, its location offers several routes to explore the area on bikes or on foot. On the ground floor, the house has a kitchen open to the living room, a sitting area, two bedrooms, a bathroom and separate toilet. Upstairs, there is a bedroom with 4 single beds 2 of which are bunk beds and a bathroom with toilet. To relax in fine weather, before a swim in the sea, guests can enjoy the wooden deck overlooking a walled garden.



Le Vieil – Noirmoutier en l'Île

## Gite Mr et Mme Pifalo - Noirmoutier en l'Île

4 Clés CléVacances

Ideally located in a typical district of Vieil, this holiday home for 8 people, built in 2018, is halfway between the beaches of Madeleine (150 m) and Petit Vieil (300 m). It benefits from a pretty closed garden which is not overlooked and has a small heated swimming pool with balneo spa. On the ground floor there is a large living area overlooking the outside as well as a kitchen, dining and sitting space with a wood pellet stove, a bedroom with an ensuite bathroom, a laundry and a garage. Upstairs, there is a room for two people with a shower room, a dormitory room for four people and a bathroom. Six bicycles are available free of charge for touring the island as well as an electric scooter. As a bonus, tenants can take advantage of a concierge service to manage their arrivals and departures from Noirmoutier.

## To relax in the green

### Gite Venise Vendéenne - Damvix

Gites de France 3 Epis - Meublé de Tourisme 4 Etoiles

The Gite Venise Vendéenne is a house in the Marais poitevin built of stone dating from 1860-1870, and is fully restored. It is located on the edge of the Sèvre Niortaise, 900 meters from the village of Damvix and can accommodate up to 6 people in an area of 150m<sup>2</sup>. On the ground floor, there is a kitchen / dining room, a living room with a fireplace for a cosy atmosphere, and a bedroom with an ensuite shower room. Upstairs, there is another bedroom with a kingsize bed and 2 pull-out single beds. There is also an ensuite with a walk-in shower. The enclosed landscaped garden has a terrace, garden furniture, barbecue and loungers making this a high quality and secure accommodation for a family with children.

3 Les Loges - Damvix



La Grande Borderie Saint Gervais  
[www.lesgitesdelagrandeborderie.com](http://www.lesgitesdelagrandeborderie.com)

### Gite La Bourrine – Saint Gervais

Gites de France 3 Epis - Meublé de Tourisme 3 Etoiles

This unusual Gite of 37 m<sup>2</sup> has everything to appeal to couples. Housed in a former henhouse, it allows you to relax in the heart of the Vendée Breton Marsh, in a 1.5 hectare property surrounded by trees. It has a living room/kitchen, a bedroom closed by a curtain and a bathroom with toilet. Guests can relax on the private terrace overlooking the marsh with garden furniture, barbecue and deckchairs provided. There are also bicycles available and a swing.

### Gite L'Escale – Saint Gervais

Gites de France 3 Epis - Meublé de tourisme 4 Etoiles

In the immediate vicinity of La Bourrine, gite L'Escale can accommodate 4 people in two bedrooms, one of which is accessible to people with reduced mobility. Immersed in the same idyllic setting as the cottage La Bourrine, the cottage L'Escale has an area of 77 m<sup>2</sup> and all the comforts for an enchanting weekend.

## Large capacity Gites

### Maison familiale Oasis Lorraine – Saint Hilaire de Riez

2 Clés CléVacances – 24 personnes

At 300 meters from the beach of Demoiselles and 2 kilometers from the center of Saint Jean de Monts, La Maison Oasis-Lorraine welcomes up to 24 people. Designed for group stays, it includes 8 rooms and several entrances and facilities dedicated to people with reduced mobility. Located on two levels, it has a living room of 63 m<sup>2</sup>, a kitchen area and a seating area overlooking a terrace of 45 m<sup>2</sup> as well as an indoor heated pool with hot tub and fitness area.

55 Avenue Azalées - Saint Hilaire de Riez  
[alvvf.fr/ol\\_accueil\\_fr.html](http://alvvf.fr/ol_accueil_fr.html)



### L'Île du Marais - Maillé

Meublé de tourisme 4 Etoiles – 12 personnes

With family or friends, discover L'Île du Marais, a house typical of the Marais, located in Maillé in the heart of the magnificent Marais poitevin Regional Nature Park, on a plot of over 3,500 m<sup>2</sup> surrounded by conches (navigable waterways crisscrossing the Marais Poitevin). A true haven of peace and well-being, the lodging has 12 beds, 4 rooms and 1 mezzanine. To fully enjoy the tranquility of the place, the Gite has a pool with a swim jet, which can be used from May to September there are also a boat and canoe provided for free.

La Hausse - Maillé





## Château Le Chêne Bertin - Bournezeau

Meublé de tourisme 5 Etoiles – 14 personnes

Classified as a 5-star Gîte by Atout France in 2018, the Chêne Bertin is a beautiful house of approximately 600 m<sup>2</sup> on 2 levels, comprising 7 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms or shower rooms with toilets, a living room, a salon and dining room and a fully equipped kitchen. This majestic place, surrounded by a park of 8 hectares can accommodate up to 14 people. It offers Château life for a stay of 2 to 7 nights for large families or a group of friends. A truly charming place, the park is home to a golf driving range and a fishing lake to share unforgettable moments surrounded by nature.

Le Chêne Bertin - Bournezeau  
[chateau-du-chene-bertin.com](http://chateau-du-chene-bertin.com)



## Gites de la Vallée de Poupet - Saint Malo du Bois

Meublé de tourisme 3 Etoiles – 30 personnes

The Gites de la Vallée de Poupet are perfect for family gatherings or stays with friends. Up to 30 people can be accommodated in two large interconnected gites which offer all the necessary comforts for an enjoyable stay. There are 8 rooms including 1 accessible to wheelchairs, each with an ensuite bathroom, a large comfortable living room, two kitchens and separate terraces. Located on the edge of Sèvre, the Gites de la Vallée de Poupet offers a superb setting for summer nights and the opportunity to enjoy magical moments in July at the famous Festival de Poupet, located 50 meters away.

Gites de la Vallée de Poupet  
Saint Malo du Bois  
[www.valleedepoupet.com](http://www.valleedepoupet.com)



## Le Saint Bernard - Talmont Saint Hilaire

Meublé de tourisme 3 Etoiles – 14 personnes

Close to the beach of Veillon (shuttle bus in July and August) and bike paths, this cottage offers a truly tranquil setting with all the comforts and facilities necessary for group holidays. The Saint Bernard can accommodate on, 2 floors, a maximum of 14 people in 4 bedrooms including 1 room of 23 m<sup>2</sup> with wheelchair access. In summer, families or friends can enjoy a lunch in the shade of the pergola or cool off in the heated pool.

2154 avenue de l'Atlantique  
Talmont Saint Hilaire  
[www.gites-du-veillon.fr](http://www.gites-du-veillon.fr)



## O Coteau - Péault

4 Clés CléVacances – 11 personnes

This old stone farmhouse from the nineteenth century, restored as a gîte for 11 people, retains its original character while providing all the comforts for a wonderful holiday. From the swimming area with heated indoor pool, guests can enjoy an unobstructed panoramic view of the rolling countryside. Direct access to a branch of the lower River Lay is via a wooden walkway. The house has 1 master suite on the ground floor and 3 bedrooms upstairs including a children's room of 25 m<sup>2</sup> with 5 beds. Bicycles are available and the Gîte is close to both the Indian Forest and O'Gliss Parks.

12 rue du Coteau Gourdon - Péault

# New charming residences



## Résidence Le Rêve - La Tranche sur Mer

Résidence de Tourisme 3 étoiles

In the heart of La Tranche sur Mer, on the seafront and close to the city centre, the Residence Le Rêve is an idyllic place to spend your holidays in a dream setting. It has 24 luxury apartments (3 star tourist residence) and 10 apartments in a second block. With direct access to the sea, heated pool, paddling pool and spa, the Residence Le Rêve is ideal for families. Especially since it is located in La Tranche sur Mer, a seaside resort that is family friendly.

**The residence Le Rêve will open its doors from June 2019.**

16 rue du Perthuis Breton - La Tranche sur Mer  
[www.residencelereve.fr](http://www.residencelereve.fr)



## Casita del Mar Appart's - Saint Jean de Monts

Résidence de Tourisme 3 étoiles

Opened in 2018, Casita del Mar apartments now replaces the former hotel de la forêt. The Iberian name of the hotel refers to the Spanish origins of the maternal grandparents of current owner Caroline Barbeau. Located in the heart of Saint Jean de Monts, on the edge of the forest and just a few hundred meters from the beach, the aparthotel Casita del Mar apartments offers all the comforts for a warm and friendly family holiday. The place has 12 studios for 2 to 4 people, each with a kitchenette allowing you to prepare meals should you wish to. This reasonably sized hotel also has a swimming pool and serves breakfasts with local products. The breakfast room can also be transformed into a professional presentation room for seminars in the seaside resort of Saint Jean de Monts.

13 rue Pouvreau - Saint Jean de Monts  
[www.casita-delmar.com](http://www.casita-delmar.com)

# Remarkable hotels



5 rue Marie Lemonnier - Port de l'Herbaudière  
Noirmoutier en l'île  
[www.alexandrecouillon.com](http://www.alexandrecouillon.com)

## La Maison Moizeau Noirmoutier en l'île

Alexandre and Céline Couillon are continuing their rise to fame at the tip of Noirmoutier Island, producing masterful cooking at their Michelin-starred restaurant, La Marine\*\*. Located in a small house adjoining La Marine\*\*, with private access near the entrance to the kitchens at the restaurant, the 5 rooms hotel opened in summer 2017. Decorated in line with their personal tastes, the property will feature materials and colours chosen by Alexandre and Céline that reflect the island – wood, micro top concrete, stone, and timeless colours echoing the dunes. Here, it's all about plants and the sea. They wanted to create somewhere spacious and bright, with glass roofs to bring the island's truly unique light flooding in. The property will boast a lounge where guests can socialise or share a coffee or snack, as well as an area that can be booked privately for families. In short, no stone has been left unturned to create a place that reflects the owners and their love of the island – and that promises unforgettable experiences for guests.



1 Place d'Armes - 2 Quai Cassard  
Noirmoutier en l'île  
[www.generaldelbee.fr](http://www.generaldelbee.fr)

## L'Hostellerie du Général d'Elbée\*\*\*\* - Noirmoutier en l'île

Drop anchor in a 4 star  
XVIII<sup>th</sup> century property

This 18 century listed Historic Monument has been transformed into a stunning 4-star hotel, steeped in tradition yet with a touch of the quirky and contemporary. It is situated in the heart of Noirmoutier en l'île, overlooking the old port and close to local shops and businesses, nestled between the mediaeval castle and the famous Jacobsen jetty. The owners, who fell for the charms of the island in childhood, have restored this 1,800 m<sup>2</sup> property to its former glory, enlisting the help of others including interior architect Chantal Peyrat. The hotel features 26 custom-designed rooms, from the classic double and the family apartment, to the Général suite. This luxury hotel also boasts elegant lounges, and a small landscaped garden with pool and a Nuxe spa.

## Château Hôtel du Boisniard\*\*\*\*\*

### Chambretau

5 stars hotel in Vendée

The château's private grounds – an LPO bird sanctuary – are a true feast for the eyes, playing host to common cranes, parrots, geese, swans, ducks, chickens, wallabies, emus and many other species. The diverse wildlife stands testament to the owners' passion for animals. Mr and Mrs Mousset take their cue from Lord Concise, who owned "Bois-Nyard" in the 17 century and used to display exotic birds collected on his travel in aviaries. In the château and manor, 27 fine rooms with evocative names give free rein to dreams and romance. The wooden houses on stilts blend into the green landscape of the grounds of the château – like a prestigious, comfortable version of Robin Hood. The hotel also boasts a spa area, pool and Kusmi Tea® tea room – perfect for a relaxing, tranquil break.



### Valentin Morice: an up-and-coming Chef at La Table du Boisniard

La Table du Boisniard is a fine-dining restaurant listed in the Michelin Guide 2019 and listed in the Tables et Auberges guide. The head chef is local Valentin Morice, a rising star known for his visually stunning dishes with divine flavours.

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

## Hôtel Thierry Drapeau\*\*\*\*

### Montréverd

Near the Logis de la Chabotterie and the restaurant with one Michelin star, Chef Thierry Drapeau has opened a unique luxury hotel in a pure style in harmony with nature. It is strongly bound to the atmosphere that can be felt in the restaurant and in the fine cuisine of Thierry Drapeau... The idea being to ensure continuity after dinner. The 14 rooms are certainly luxurious with contrasting colours. Designed to be part of nature, the hotel has 6 "Superior" rooms, 5 junior suites and 3 suites. Each room features a flat-screen television, mini bar, access to free broadband WiFi, a safe, an Illy coffee machine and a terrace overlooking the countryside. There is even a heliport for those in a hurry. The unique concept of the Thierry Drapeau hotel is based on the creation of a bakery, chocolate shop and tea room and boutique selling products made on site at the heart of the hotel. There is a wellness area with jacuzzi and sauna for the ultimate in relaxation.



La Chabotterie - Montréverd  
[www.restaurant-thierrydrapeau.com/hotel](http://www.restaurant-thierrydrapeau.com/hotel)

# Well-being offer in the Vendée



## Let go at the Thalasso Valdys in Saint Jean de Monts

The Thalasso de Saint Jean de Monts is a 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> wellness centre in the heart of the pine forest. The centre features outstanding relaxation, algae therapy and hydrotherapy areas, plus exclusive Bourgneuf Bay mud wraps. The ionrich mud's healing properties make it ideal for soothing rheumatism and treating skin conditions.

4 essential treatments in 2019:

### **NEW 2019: Body sculpting with Bach Flower Oils (50 minutes)**

This massage is performed on the entire body, respecting the energy meridian pathways. It consists of relaxation massage techniques for the entire body ending with the face. The massage oil is mixed with the Bach flowers and is personalised according to the needs and emotions of the Individual.

### **NEW 2019: Energy Meridian Stimulation (20 minutes)**

Lying on your back, the practitioner exerts pressure with the thumbs on the main meridians, chosen and stimulated according to the individual's symptoms. This energy stimulation facilitates the management of stress and emotions, improves concentration, restores physical and psychic energy and reduces pain.

### **The slimming cure (6 days - 24 treatments)**

A cure firmly aimed at the objectives: slim down and refine the body's contours efficiently and lastingly! A thorough and complete diagnosis precisely targets the needs and areas of the body to be treated (nutritional balance, measurement taking, defining long-term goals.)

### **The Zen and sleep cure (6 days - 24 treatments)**

To meet the demands of our modern society, our bodies and minds are put to the test. Inactivity, over stimulation, stress, insomnia, it becomes difficult to take care of yourself and keep calm. Our wellbeing and health experts have come up with a treatment program to restore restful sleep and ease the tensions of everyday life. On the program: thalassotherapy treatments for total remineralisation, relaxation sessions to meet each individuals needs, massages to stimulate the energy points to rebalance the body or Bach flower massage to relax.

### **Hôtel Atlantic Thalasso & Spa Valdys\*\*\***

The 3-star Hotel Atlantic Thalasso & Spa Valdys adjoins the Thalasso centre opposite the pine forest, facing the ocean and next to the 18-hole golf course. The hotel boasts 44 spacious rooms and 3 luxury suites kitted out in trendy decor and complete with a jacuzzi and spacious terrace.

Thalasso Valdys de Saint Jean de Monts  
Hôtel\*\*\* Atlantic Thalasso  
12 avenue des Pays de Monts - Saint Jean de Monts  
[www.thalasso.com](http://www.thalasso.com)





## Make your well-being a priority with the MGallery thalasso and spa at the Hôtel Côte Ouest in Les Sables d'Olonne

In Les Sables d'Olonne, the Hotel Côte Ouest\*\*\*\* faces the ocean with an outstanding view of Les Sables d'Olonne bay. Tucked away in a 3.5-hectare pine forest by the Lac de Tanchet, the establishment makes the most of its west-facing exposure which provides great light from sunrise to sunset.

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

The tides, rocks and algae – all with powerful ionisation properties – were the determining factors in the decision to locate the Les Sables d'Olonne thalasso centre on the banks of the Lac de Tanchet. Some 250 metres from the edge of the beach is a 10-metres-deep well from which sea water is pumped, in line with the tides. The thalasso centre draws on the expertise of Maison Phelippeau (a family-owned business that has already worked with the Relais Thalasso in La Baule, Bénodet and Ile de Ré). The Relais Thalasso in Les Sables d'Olonne is the first such centre operated as a franchise. The thalasso & spa centre covers a total area of 1,490 m<sup>2</sup>, and features 8 attractive treatment cabins and a dual cabin overlooking the sea. Wraps, baths, underwater jets and sculpting massages are all “flagship” rituals in thalasso. In the lounges or at the Bar de la Tisanerie, waiting times become a moment to take a break. The centre relies on the knowledge and expertise of a team of water therapists, physiotherapists and beauty specialists in addition to skills in nutrition, fitness coaching and relaxation. For an unforgettable spa break, the new cocoon area with eight booths, three of which face the sea, offers massages, relaxation and beauty treatments. Guests can also indulge in a dual multi-sensory experience overlooking the sea in a VIP suite – a space fully devoted to wellness. A range of specially selected products is used to extend the beneficial effects of the marine environment: Labiomer cosmetics, Décléor beauty products, Carita Paris.

### A revolution in cosmetics: augmented beauty by Carita

Carita is the only professional luxury beauty brand that offers an “alternative to cosmetic surgery”, with the combined efficacy of high-performance products and an exclusive device, the Cinetic Lift Expert. This miracle technology uses three types of energy to target the skin: LED, ultrasound and micro-currents.

Hôtel\*\*\*\* Côte Ouest, Thalasso et spa MGallery by Sofitel  
Route du Tour de France - Lac de Tanchet  
Les Sables d'Olonne  
[www.hotel-coteouest.com](http://www.hotel-coteouest.com)



## New and unusual well-being activities to try

### Paddle yoga at La Tranche sur Mer

Go to the pier at the beach in La Tranche sur Mer every Sunday morning in July and August and discover new sensations by practicing yoga on a paddle board with Maud Chevalier, in partnership with Wave School.

**More information on:** [yogavendee.com](http://yogavendee.com)

### Hammock yoga in Saint Mathurin

Ideal for letting go, hammock yoga or fly yoga is accessible to all. The courses take place in the form of a 2 hour practical session morning or evening.

**More information on:** [www.saintmathurin.com/yoga-saint-math-nouvelles-activites](http://www.saintmathurin.com/yoga-saint-math-nouvelles-activites)

### Yoga and surf retreats at Domaine Jolly Château au Bernard

The surfing school Esprit Surf in Longeville sur Mer joins forces with Domaine Jolly Château to create yoga and surf retreats for up to 12 people. An original way to recharge your batteries both in the water and in the verdant garden of this charming residence.

**More information on:** [www.jollychateau.net](http://www.jollychateau.net)

### Meditation outings in the forest at Olonne sur Mer

Josianne Melier, organiser and eco-exponent for the Environmental Defence Association in the Vendée, offers workshops in the heart of the forest of Olonne sur mer, an intimate encounter between yourself and nature.

**More information on:** [lesateliersdejomelier.fr](http://lesateliersdejomelier.fr)

### Paddle outings with l'embarcadere de la Venise Vert

Along the waterways, l'embarcadere de la Venise Vert at Le Mazeau in the South Vendee, offers new paddle rides in the heart of the Marais Poitevin. After the boat and the canoe, this new activity allows you to recharge your batteries in a privileged setting.

**More information on:** [www.la-venise-verte.com](http://www.la-venise-verte.com)

# Latest innovations for campsites in the vendée

## Major investments

### A new premium quarter at the campsite La Pomme de Pin \*\*\*\*



On almost 1 hectare, in Saint Hilaire de Riez, the 4-star campsite La Pomme de Pin has a new premium area with 31 new high-end cottages. They are located in a paved and landscaped area and designed to suit all tastes with 4 different zones.

For families with children: the campsite offers mobile homes adapted for young children. They can accommodate 4 to 6 people and are grouped in islands around a children's games area.

For large groups: the "big space" environment offers pitches with 2 modules called mobile home Duo. The first is ideal for a couple and the second perfect to accommodate those with children since it can accommodate 5 people. These modules are equipped with a large terrace where up to 7 people can gather together.

To enjoy a deluxe location: the Pomme de Pin offers high-end mobile homes for up to 5 people, with a terrace including a private spa.

For lovers of glamping: the campsite also offers luxurious tents perfectly integrated into the surrounding landscape allowing you to immerse yourself in nature in

Les Mouettes, 6 Avenue des Becs - Saint Hilaire de Riez  
[www.campingpommedepin.fr](http://www.campingpommedepin.fr)

### New premium mobile homes at Le Petit Rocher campsite \*\*\*\*



In Longeville sur Mer, located in the forest and 150 meters from a sandy beach, camping Le Petit Rocher invites you to escape. In 2019, this 4-star campsite will rent Premium Trio mobile homes and Premium Suite Duo mobile homes with 2 bathrooms. These new homes are equipped with WiFi access, air conditioning and offer excellent services, namely beds made on arrival and end of stay cleaning included.

1250 Avenue du Dr Mathevet - Longeville sur Mer  
[petitrocher.camp-atlantique.com](http://petitrocher.camp-atlantique.com)

### A new owner at Camping du Lac



Madame Lemaire took over the Camping du Lac site and has modernized it ready to open in April 2019. It is located on a lake, in a panoramic rural setting, in the heart of the beautiful hills of Pouzauges. The campsite offers different types of accommodation, mobile homes, lodges and "coco sweet" unusual accommodation somewhere between a mobile home and a tent. A new bar will be opening in the spring.

L'espérance - Pouzauges  
[www.campingpouzauges.net](http://www.campingpouzauges.net)

### A new area OHANA Premium at Camping Yelloh! Village Le Chaponnet \*\*\*\*



Welcome to the new OHANA Premium area of the 4 star camp site Yelloh! Village, Le Chaponnet. In a landscaped area with footpaths and exotic plants, this premium locality offers modern and high quality wooden chalets with 2 or 3 bedrooms which can accommodate 4 to 6 people depending on the model. Each chalet has a terrace with garden furniture and deckchairs and a plancha to make the most of the outdoor setting.

16 rue du Chaponnet - Brem sur Mer  
[www.le-chaponnet.com](http://www.le-chaponnet.com)



## An area dedicated to families at Camping Yelloh! Village Le Pin Parasol \*\*\*\*\*

Within domaine Sensations, the 5 stars campsite Yelloh! Village Le Pin Parasol now has a specialised district with cottages adapted to the needs of extended families, comfort is optimized for an enjoyable holiday, games designed exclusively for this family area with footpaths and planting to provide a tranquil setting. This campsite is ideally located 50 meters from Lake Jaunay and 10 minutes from the Vendée beaches. In 2018, this campsite opened the Nature & Senses Park, a unique creation in the Vendée in the outdoor hotel industry. Designed as a haven of peace, this new neighborhood offers several relaxation areas: a lake of 2500 m<sup>2</sup> with fishing huts, a botanical garden, a wellbeing and fitness area and a 2500m<sup>2</sup> aquatic realm.

6 Châteaulong - La Chapelle Hermier  
[www.campingpinparasol.fr](http://www.campingpinparasol.fr)

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## *New water parks*

This year, several campsites have invested to create or complete their water parks. These sociable spaces, suitable for both children and adults are often the heart of the campsite and confirm their desire to go upmarket with creative and innovative designs.

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## L'Ambois\*\*\* - Moulleron Le Captif

This 3-star campsite on 8 hectares of land, located 2 kilometers from La Roche sur Yon, is home to a new water park area with 1 indoor pool, 1 outdoor pool and a large paddling pool.

Ambois - Moulleron Le Captif  
[www.campingambois.com](http://www.campingambois.com)



## Campilô\*\*\* – Aubigny

Campilô now offers a water park for young and old at the gates of La Roche sur Yon. This space completes the indoor heated swimming pool nestled in an incredible setting of 16 hectares with a pine forest, a poplar plantation and two large lakes.

Lieu dit L'Auroire - Aubigny  
[www.campilo.com](http://www.campilo.com)



### Europa\*\*\*\* – Givrand

Camping Europa, just 5 minutes drive from the maritime town of Saint Gilles Croix de Vie, has a new water park. Outdoor heated pool, jacuzzis, water slide, rocks, waterfalls, paddling pool with mini slide ... all elements to create the perfect space for families.

Le Petit Bois de Givrand - Givrand  
[www.europacamp.com](http://www.europacamp.com)



### Camping Club Les Brunelles\*\*\*\*\* – Longeville sur Mer

In addition to a 9-hole mini-golf course, the 5-star Les Brunelles campsite club has a new 11-meter high water pipe so you can enjoy a 116-meter glide down!

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)



### Camping Club Le Trianon\*\*\*\*\* – Les Sables d'Olonne

Ideally located in the heart of Les Sables d'Olonne, the 5-star camping club Le Trianon offers a new waterslide sensations for 2019, perched at 11 meters high called the Wave. This new equipment completes the incredible water park area of 1,100 m<sup>2</sup> with slides, river massage, jacuzzi and paddling pool.

Prom. du Maréchal Joffre - Les Sables d'Olonne  
[www.ms-vacances.com/camping-club-ms/camping-club-le-trianon/decouvrir-le-club](http://www.ms-vacances.com/camping-club-ms/camping-club-le-trianon/decouvrir-le-club)



### Les Jardins de l'Atlantique\*\*\*\* - Saint Jean de Monts

At the edge of the pine forest, about 1.8 kilometers from the sandy beaches, Les Jardins de l'Atlantique in Saint Jean de Monts has improved its water park area with new slides and a water garden.

100 Route de la Caillauderie - Saint Jean de Monts  
[www.camping-jardins-atlantique.com](http://www.camping-jardins-atlantique.com)



### Le Brandais\*\*\* – Brem sur Mer

The campsite Le Brandais located in Brem sur Mer is investing to expand its water park area. From the summer of 2019, holidaymakers will be able to enjoy the 2 new outdoor water slides and the aquasplash specially designed for children. These new additions complete the water park area of the campsite which already had an indoor pool and an outdoor pool both heated.

Rue du Sablais - Brem sur Mer  
[www.camping-vagues-oceanes.com/camping-vendee/brandais.html](http://www.camping-vagues-oceanes.com/camping-vendee/brandais.html)

## Large Sites



### Les Blancs Chênes\*\*\*\* – La Tranche sur Mer

This 4 star family campsite is located in La Tranche sur Mer, more commonly known as "Little California" for its 300 days of annual sunshine. In addition to its varied styles of accommodation, it offers a club atmosphere with daily entertainment in July and August. It also has 2 children's clubs and a teen club.

**NEW FOR 2019:** Creation of family accommodation consisting of 2 twin mobile homes with 2 or 3 bedrooms that can accommodate 8 to 14 people depending on the model. The 2 mobile homes are connected by a wooden terrace which is semi-covered.

Route de la Roche sur Yon - La Tranche sur Mer  
[www.camping-vagues-oceanes.com/camping-vendee/blancs-chenes.html](http://www.camping-vagues-oceanes.com/camping-vendee/blancs-chenes.html)



### Bel Air\*\*\*\* – L'Aiguillon sur Mer

Just 900 meters from a landscaped seawater lagoon, supervised in the summer and 1800 meters from the ocean, the Bel Air 4-star campsite has 358 emplacements (including 178 rental units) which are spacious and bordered, spread over 7.5 hectares.

**NEW FOR 2019:** Installation of mobile homes from 2 to 4 bedrooms, accommodating up to 12 people.

2 Route de Bel air - L'Aiguillon sur Mer  
[belair.camp-atlantique.com](http://belair.camp-atlantique.com)



### La Ventouse\*\*\*\* – Jard sur Mer

Located in Jard sur Mer 20 km south of Les Sables d'Olonne, the 4-star campsite La Ventouse welcomes holidaymakers in an exceptional setting just 500 meters from the town center and 300 meters from the seaside. It has 178 pitches including 126 for camping-caravan lovers.

**NEW FOR 2019:** New accommodation with 4 bedrooms including 2 doubles, 2 bathrooms, 2 separate toilets, a living room of 18 m<sup>2</sup> and an outside terrace.

18 bis Rue Pierre Curie - Jard sur Mer  
[www.campinglaventouse.com](http://www.campinglaventouse.com)

## We had to think about it



### ON YOUR BIKE!



The 2-star campsite Les Dunes in Talmont Saint Hilaire has designed a hut for cyclists as part of the "Accueil Vélo" label. The hut with an attached bike shelter is designed for hikers and cyclists who don't want to set up a tent. They have access to bike specific tools and as well as hot showers, a reception open until 11pm plus tables and chairs.

"Accueil Vélo" is a national organisation whose objective is to promote tourism and leisure services located near marked and secure cycle routes (meeting the national specifications of cycle routes and green routes) and providing for the needs of those touring on bikes. The Vendée has more than 150 establishments under the Accueil Vélo label.

To know all "Accueil Vélo" actors in Vendée, go to: [vendeevelo.vendee-tourism.co.uk](http://vendeevelo.vendee-tourism.co.uk).

Les Dunes\*\*  
539 Rue du Mazeau - Talmont Saint Hilaire  
[www.lesdunescamping.fr](http://www.lesdunescamping.fr)

### THEY HAVE GREEN FINGERS



**The Domaine de L'Oiselière\*\*\*\*** has created a vegetable garden for those who want to try gardening during their stay in the Vendée. There is free access to the garden, perfect for picking cherry tomatoes for aperitif!

L'Oiselière - Chauché\*\*\*\*  
[www.loiseliere.com](http://www.loiseliere.com)

**The Grand' Métairie\*\*\*\*** wants to promote local produce. That's why every Sunday evening, in season, holidaymakers can find the local market in this 4-star campsite. In addition children will now be able to participate in gardening workshops.

La Grand' Métairie\*\*\*\*  
8 Rue de la Vineuse en Plaine - Saint Hilaire la Forêt  
[www.la-grand-metairie.com](http://www.la-grand-metairie.com)



La Grand' Métairie



### THE CURRENT FLOWS !

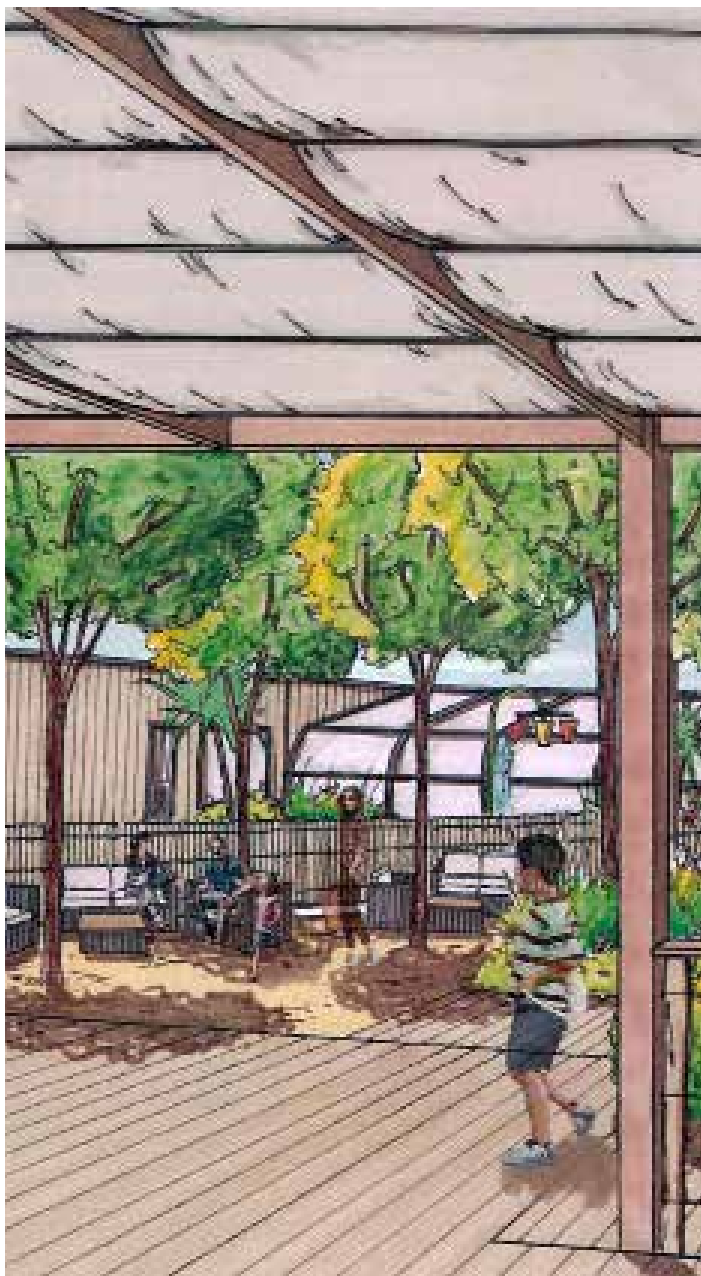
These campsites are equipped with charging stations:

**Le Bel Air\*\*\*\*\***  
6 Chemin de Bel air - Les Sables d'Olonne  
[www.campingdubelair.com](http://www.campingdubelair.com)

**Camping L'Océan\*\*\*\*\***  
17 Rue du Brandais - Brem sur Mer  
[www.campingdelocean.fr](http://www.campingdelocean.fr)

**Camping Sol à Gogo\*\*\*\***  
61 Avenue de la Pége - Saint Hilaire de Riez  
[www.solagogo.com](http://www.solagogo.com)

## It's their birthday!



### Domaine de l'Orée \*\*\*\* celebrates 50 years

For its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Domaine de l'Orée, 4 stars, has looked at the big picture to meet the needs of the whole family and completely redesigned the site between dune and forest:

- A range of activities for children: acrobatic-park, zipline, paddling pool and a new playground;
- A new terrace, put your feet in the sand at La Paillote bar;
- A new eco range: new model of accommodation made entirely in wood for glamping style happy holidays.

Le Domaine de l'Orée\*\*\*\*  
13 Route des Amis de la Nature - Olonne sur Mer  
[www.l-oree.com](http://www.l-oree.com)



### The campsite Au Pré de l'Etang \*\* celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Au Pré de l'Etang celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019. For the occasion, the campsite is modernizing and offers the following two novelties:

- Premium OTELLO SOLO accommodations;
- A completely redesigned playground.

Au Pré de l'Etang\*\*  
L'Elemière - Sainte Foy  
[www.camping-aupredeletang.com](http://www.camping-aupredeletang.com)



# New in tourist sites



Le Dernier Panache

## Puy du Fou.

### The Best Theme Park in the World

Voted the World's Best Theme Park in 2014, World's Best Attraction in November 2015, Puy du Fou® offers a multitude of grandiose spectacles and adventures for the whole family. Set in over 55 hectares of magnificent natural grounds, the villages take visitors back in time with Fort de l'An Mil, to the 18<sup>th</sup> century village, the Bourg 1900, and to the Middle Ages in the Cité Médiévale.

Visitors are transported by 7 extraordinary shows: Le Signe du Triomphe (40 min), Les Vikings (26 min), Le Secret de la Lance (29 min), Le Bal des Oiseaux Fantômes (33 min), Mousquetaire de Richelieu (32 min), Le Dernier Panache (33 min) and an evening show, Les Orgues de Feu (33 min). Puy du Fou is also a haven for more than 1500 animals, some of them fully-fledged actors! With its Equestrian Academy, Puy du Fou has the largest show stable in Europe (with 206 horses). With the Falconry Academy, there are 530 birds of prey with 73 different species represented.

### Best Creation of Europe 2018 for Le Mystère de La Pérouse

Opened in 2018, this original attraction "Le Mystère de La Pérouse" was awarded on 5 October the title "Best Creation in Europe of 2018", organized by "Parksmania Awards", the largest community of theme park enthusiasts in Europe. A few days earlier, this original creation received the prize of "Best Show of the Year 2018" by the "Park World Excellence Awards 2018". "Le Mystère de La Pérouse" takes visitors on one of the ships of the explorer of Monsieur de La Pérouse. Leaving the port of Brest, they set off to face the unknown and take part in great discoveries, from Cape Horn to Alaska, to Vanikoro. This new creation allows visitors to experience life from inside the odyssey of an unrepeatabe expedition: the mysterious journey of La Pérouse!

### New : Puy du Fou España

Puy du Fou España will open its doors in Toledo in 2019 with a great night show and a large park covering 30 hectares of countryside opens in 2021.



### New original creation in 2019: "Le Premier Royaume" (the First Kingdom)

In the 5<sup>th</sup> century, with the fall of the Roman Empire, just devastated by the hordes of Attila, visitors will follow the fate of Clovis, king of the Franks. They will relive his conquests, but also the doubts of this great strategist, divided between the ancestral traditions of his people and the new path he could take to found the first kingdom.

**Opening date of the Grand Parc from 6 April to 3 November 2019.**

Puy du Fou - Les Épesses  
[www.puydufou.com](http://www.puydufou.com)

**Stop press:** The Puy du Fou's app for mobiles allows visitors to organize their visit to get the best out of it and is in addition to the Visitors Guide, available daily at the entrance to the Grand Parc. This app is free and available on the App Store and Google Play. Foreign visitors can benefit from free simultaneous translation of the main shows of the Grand Parc and Cinéscénie (English, German, Spanish and Dutch). In the app simply go to the card for the show for which a translation is required to start a simultaneous translation at the beginning of the performance (headphones are needed).

# Places for artists

## Le Quartier des Artistes

### The cultural and artistic campus to watch

Now Les Arts Florissants ensemble is pursuing its ambition with the construction of the Quartier des Artistes being developed in the very heart of the village, an international artistic and cultural center devoted to exchange and communication. It has been labelled a "Cultural Encounter Centre" by the Ministry of Culture in 2017. The Quartier des artistes, a stone's throw from William Christie's gardens, offers residencies to young artists, musicologists and landscape garden designers throughout the year, as well as a program of concerts, educational workshops, discussions and public rehearsals. The winners of the Jardin Éphémère (competition for young landscape garden designers) have been welcomed as creative residence since 2015 and the biennial academy for young singers, Le Jardin des Voix moved there in 2017.

The Heritage Foundation has been supporting the Quartier des Artistes since 2017. It is the first independent national private organization to promote knowledge, conservation and enhancement of unprotected heritage. It is recognized as being of value to the general public. Through a popular patronage campaign, the Heritage Foundation sponsors the renovation of Thiré's buildings such as the ballroom and the former café.

Le Quartier des Artistes - Thiré  
[www.arts-florissants.com/quartier-des-artistes.html](http://www.arts-florissants.com/quartier-des-artistes.html)



## Jazz au Lac Festival

Jazz au Lac is a relaxed festival with a family atmosphere held at the end of summer, to the rhythm of swing guitars. It is the annual meeting place for all lovers of jazz and music !

You will find the swing spirit of jazz on the lake at Saint Vincent sur Graon, in the south-west of the Vendée. A 100% jazz swing program and excellent performances to make both young and old dance.

In the heart of an idyllic setting, the audience will have the chance to listen to the greatest swing and flamenco artists:

- Tchavolo Schmitt
- Jerónimo Maya
- Salvador Paterna
- Potzi

**23 and 24 August 2019**

Jazz au Lac – Saint Vincent sur Graon  
[www.jazzaulac.com](http://www.jazzaulac.com)



## The Gardens of Chaligny – Sainte Pexine

Between Sainte Hermine and Luçon, in the commune of Sainte Pexine, the Logis de Chaligny is a treasured example of the architecture of the Renaissance in Bas-Poitou. Several distinct spaces flow from one to another with remarkable harmony: a walled garden; fruit garden surrounded by rose covered trellis; vegetable garden; herb garden; pergola with roses, vines and clematis; white water lilies and aquatic plants along the river; wood land filled with hornbeams. All come together to make this a deeply serene place.

Chaligny's interest lies in the integrated preservation of its buildings, gardens and landscape. The buildings are classified in their entirety in the l'Inventaire Supplémentaire des Monuments Historiques (the regional list of historic monuments). Furthermore the garden has been awarded the title Jardin Remarquable (Outstanding Garden) by the Ministry of Culture.

In 2019, the Logis de Chaligny will host several events not to be missed:

- **June 2019:** Organisation of a picnic concert in association with the Pays de la Loire region.

- **7, 8 and 9 June 2019:** Garden open days: The Ministry of Culture continues for the 17<sup>th</sup> year in a row to promote "Rendez-vous aux jardins". This cultural event allows the general public to discover sumptuous gardens such as the gardens of Chaligny.

- **21 and 22 September 2019:** Heritage Days.

Jardins de Chaligny - Chaligny – Sainte Pexine  
[jardindechaligny.wordpress.com](http://jardindechaligny.wordpress.com)

# Art for all



## Abbey Museum of Sainte Croix Les Sables d'Olonne

The Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art (MASC) is housed in a former Benedictine priory Sainte Croix, founded in 1622. In its 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> there are exceptional collections of Georg Baselitz, Marcelle Cahn, Gaston Chaissac, Marc Desgrandchamps and Blaise Drummond ... In 2018, the city of Les Sables d'Olonne acquired 2 works by Victor Brauner at an auction at Christie's in London. They are part of the series of "onomatomanies" composed of 37 small paintings. These works complete the 17 others already bequeathed to the museum by the painter's widow.

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

## Espace Gaston Chaissac – Sainte Florence

The painter and poet Gaston Chaissac is also in the spotlight at the place that bears his name in Sainte Florence in the Vendée's bocage area. This former public school has been restored externally to be as it was formerly, when Gaston Chaissac lived there. In the courtyard, not far from the covered playground, there are latrines painted by the artist and listed as a Historic Monument. To raise children's awareness of the artist's work, the Vendée Vallée Tourist Office has set up animated tours for families.

"Gaston et la lettre mystère" (Gaston and the mystery letter): 9 sensory and playful games to reconstruct the letter of the artist and discover the secret of his success. (1 hour 45 minutes from age 6 years, for 5 to 15 players, Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school holidays for zone B)

"Z'avez pas vu Zamba" (Didn't you see Zamba?): A treasure hunt to go in search of the artist's cat through the town of Saint Florence. (from 6 years old, Wednesdays and Thursdays summer school holidays)



1 Rue de la Scierie - Sainte Florence  
[www.gastonchaissac-sainteflorence.fr](http://www.gastonchaissac-sainteflorence.fr)



## Vendée Vitrail - stained glass with an art deco centerpiece

Located in the heart of Saint-Hilaire church in Mortagne sur Sèvre, Vendée Vitrail offers its visitors a fun and interactive discovery of the Art of Stained Glass. Entrusted by the DRAC Ile-de-France to Vendée Vitrail, the work of the Vendéen master-glassmaker Louis Mazetier made in 1937 is to be found on the site. Previously, it was exhibited at Notre Dame in Paris.

Place de l'Eglise, Quartier Saint Hilaire  
Mortagne sur Sèvre  
[vendeevitrail.com](http://vendeevitrail.com)

# In the natural world



## A new hiking trail to walk the universe

The Chapelle aux Lys is a special place to observe the stars thanks to its low light pollution. With the association Astrolys which each year organizes an astronomy festival, the local council decided to create an original and educational hiking trail: the Chemin aux étoiles (star tails). Through 2 figure of eight-shaped tours, visitors can travel back in time and discover the history of the universe. The 1<sup>st</sup> circuit is 4.6 kilometers with a scale of 3 million years per meter traveled. This course represents the Big Bang, the birth of galaxies and stars and the disappearance of the dinosaurs. The second 1.7 kilometer circuit explains the solar system from the birth of the sun to the creation of planets. Many projects are being looked at to improve this route such as a mobile app or a game for children.

Association ASTROLYS - Mairie  
16 rue de la petite chapelle  
La Chapelle aux Lys



## La Maison de la Rivière

At La Maison de la Rivière, board La Grande Maine for an exceptional experience with friends and family. Around a gourmet aperitif prepared with local produce, small groups can fully enjoy summer Saturdays until dusk. In parallel, the site offers, during the day, a new artistic exhibition and a treasure hunt for families.

Rue du Gué des Joncs  
Saint Georges de Montaigu  
[www.maisonriviere.terresdemontaigu.fr](http://www.maisonriviere.terresdemontaigu.fr)



## Le Donjon de Bazoges

### Did you know ?

Since 2018, the medieval-inspired garden Le Donjon de Bazoges has been voted a "remarkable garden". It complements the 3 other gardens elected in the Vendée: the Logis de Chaligny Gardens in Sainte Pexine, the Jardin du Bâtiment in Thiré and the Parc de l'Auneau in Chantonay. This garden consists of 16 squares with a sundial at its center. Each square is delimited by a chestnut palisade. There is a kitchen garden, aromatic, and medicinal plants as well as those used in witchcraft. The visit also includes a 14<sup>th</sup> century restored and furnished dungeon and a museum of art and popular traditions.

12 Cour du Château - Bazoges en Pareds  
[www.bazoges-en-pareds.fr/fr/information/47002/donjon-jardin-medieval-musee](http://www.bazoges-en-pareds.fr/fr/information/47002/donjon-jardin-medieval-musee)



## La Pointe du But

Located on Ile d'Yeu, the natural site of Pointe du But is the most western point of the island. A spot well known to admire sunsets, it is a place particularly steeped in history, principally during the second world war. The site has remained in original condition since the departure of the Germans at the end of the war and you can see the semaphore and the two dynamited lighthouses. It is also an area dangerous to shipping and has witnessed several shipwrecks. To improve this place of memories, the local council launched a development program inaugurated in 2018. The site has been cleaned up, the rubble removed, the walls consolidated and 3 orientation tables placed on the site of the old German battery. They represent views of the coast of La Pointe du But, on which are located 24 boats stranded between the eighteenth and twentieth century. These enamelled decorations are made by the illustrator Jean-Benoît Héron who received, in 2018, a literary prize from the Marine Academy and ACORAM for his book "Les Bateaux de ma bibliothèque" (The Boats of my library)

La Pointe du But - Ile d'Yeu

# Maritime heritage



## Atelier de la Sardine Saint Gilles Croix de Vie

Opened in July 2018, the Atelier de la Sardine has 3 elements : a museum, an art gallery and a shop. This new space created by the La Perle des Dieux cannery allows you to discover all the secrets of the Vendée sardines industry and meet the men and women who have made this fish a local star. It is not for nothing that the sardines of Saint Gilles Croix de Vie are considered to have a remarkable flavour. The museum traces the history of sardine fishing in Saint Gilles Croix de Vie from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the present day. Beyond fishing, visitors discover the evolution of the cannery, which, thanks to its expertise of 130 years has allowed the small blue fish to conquer our plates. Visit of the museum, tasting of the specialities La Perle des Dieux, screening of a film "La Sardine est dans la boîte"... everything is done to awaken the senses of the visitor!

1 chemin des Gabelous - Saint Gilles Croix de Vie  
[www.laperledesdieux.com/sites-touristiques](http://www.laperledesdieux.com/sites-touristiques)



## L'Hôtel Jacobsen - Noirmoutier en l'Île

L'Hôtel Jacobsen, the home of maritime heritage, opens its doors in the spring of 2019. This 18<sup>th</sup> century private hotel, enlarged under the Empire, entirely restored and accessible to people with reduced mobility, has majestic decorations and is listed as a Historic Monument. Inside, a series of ten spaces show the influence the sea has had on the island of Noirmoutier. You discover the trade and the maritime exchanges with the world, the decorative arts, the formation of the island and its habitats, land reclamation, the protection of the coast and population, and the seaside heritage. Using new interactive technologies, the site makes the visitors actors in their discovery of the island of Noirmoutier, born from the sea and shaped by man. From room to room, you discover the island and its inhabitants, and all that the sea has brought to the area, via the ports.

Entrée rue Saint Louis - Noirmoutier en l'Île

# Secret history



## Château de Terre Neuve - Fontenay le Comte

At the heart of its large park, overlooking the town of Art and History of Fontenay le Comte, the Château de Terre Neuve is a splendid 16<sup>th</sup> century building, listed as a Historic Monument, built in 1580 by Nicolas Rapin, provost of the constabulary of France and companion of King Henry IV. Octave de Rochebrune, famous engraver of the 19<sup>th</sup> added many embellishments. To discover: The castle has had a makeover and now offers new rooms to visit. Behind a hidden door, visitors can now discover the office of Octave de Rochebrune and its furniture from the Napoleon III period, Louis XVI style and a room with his own bed decorated with his initials and gold leaf.

Château de Terre Neuve - Fontenay le Comte  
[www.chateau-terreneuve.com](http://www.chateau-terreneuve.com)

La Cour - Faymoreau  
[www.centreminier-vendee.fr](http://www.centreminier-vendee.fr)



## Centre minier de Faymoreau : a new museum

The mining center of Faymoreau has modernized and expanded to offer an even more amazing journey to the land of coal mines in the Vendée and Deux-Sèvres. Through the voices of several miners, visitors can discover the story of the Vendée colliery industry, the mining route and the geology of the site. From the start of the visit, the visitor is put in the skin of a miner and goes down into the mine sinking into dark corridors, lamp in hand. Children are even put in the shoes of a galibot, the name given to the children who worked below ground, by donning the dress of the miner including the famous leather helmets. For 130 years, these men both local and from elsewhere, have punctuated the life of the small working town until 1958, the year the mines closed. As early as 1827, the Faymoreau mining area was mined to extract coal, the black gold of the time. Sixty years later ... the new museum retraces the industrial but especially the human history of this working town. You can take advantage of the visit to walk in Faymoreau, labelled Petite Cité de Caractère (Quaint Villages) with its mining villages that form this unexpected landscape in the heart of the bocage area.

# In the footsteps of Georges Clemenceau



National museum Clemenceau-De Lattre

## A national museum in the birthplace of Georges Clemenceau Mouilleron Saint Germain

This home-museum preserves the feel and memory of the place and shows the life of this man of ideas who marked the History of France with his thoughts and actions. The museographical project offers a pleasant and user-friendly experience through a variety of settings and a range of diverse and fun tools using new technologies. Clemenceau is presented in his century but also in the modernity of his ideas and actions. The visit shows many facets going beyond the traditional image of Père la Victoire (Father of the Victory). This museum Clemenceau-De Lattre is composed of two of the houses he lived in. La rue du temple is the link between the two properties, both of which have been called "Maison des Illustres" (House of the Illustrious).

## Georges Clemenceau's house in Saint Vincent sur Jard

This is the holiday home where Georges Clemenceau lived his last ten years. Since January 1, 2018, a new application of virtual reality implemented by the company SKYBOY allows the visitor to be immersed in a narration which takes place wherever they are and 360° around them where reality and virtual reality are perfectly superimposed. Each visitor can discover the private life of Georges Clemenceau on smartphones and tablets and relive scenes from the daily life of the Tiger. The application, downloadable for free on Google Play and Apple Store, is available in English and French. Tablets with the preloaded application are available for rent on site, priced at € 4.

## "Clemenceau's Vendée": a brand-new tour

The Vendée Departmental Council has unveiled a brand-new tour of eight communes across the department, paying homage to Georges Clemenceau's life and achievements.

- Museum at Georges Clemenceau's birthplace (Mouilleron Saint Germain)
- Château de l'Aubraie, the Clemenceau family residence (La Réorthe)
- Clemenceau's writing retreat (Saint Vincent sur Jard)
- First World War memorial (Sainte Hermine)
- Clemenceau's and his father's tombs (Mouchamps)
- The Stele of Reconciliation (La Roche sur Yon)
- Water tower – a symbol of modernity (Luçon)
- Hospital opened by Clemenceau (Montaigu)

National museum Clemenceau-De Lattre  
Mouilleron Saint Germain  
[musee-clemenceau-delattre.fr](http://musee-clemenceau-delattre.fr)

76, rue Georges Clemenceau  
Saint Vincent sur Jard  
[www.maison-de-clemenceau.fr](http://www.maison-de-clemenceau.fr)

For more information: [www.vendee.fr](http://www.vendee.fr), section Patrimoine : marcher dans les pas de Clemenceau

# Kids sensation



40 Rue de l'Étoile  
Saint Julien des Landes  
[www.grand-defi.com](http://www.grand-defi.com)

## Le Logis de la Chabotterie

New: an escape game at Logis de la Chabotterie

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> of February the Department of the Vendée has offered at the Logis de la Chabotterie an Escape Game, "Charette and the forgotten treasure", enabling you to discover the site and its history in a different way. By choosing to create a Game Area at the Logis de la Chabotterie, the Department wished to showcase this historic site in an original way. Built at the end of the XV<sup>th</sup> century, the Logis de la Chabotterie is a typical country residence of the Bas-Poitevin area, but it is also a significant site of the Vendée War, as it was the setting for the arrest of the Vendéen General Charette on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1796. In designing the Escape Game, the Department imagined a scenario related to the history of the site. The action takes place in 1796, a few days after the announcement of the execution of General Charette. Players learn through Grégoire, a Republican guard who greets you at the beginning of the game, that Charette left something for your attention in the stables where he was locked up alone for a few hours. You are invited to enter this room to solve the riddles and discover the ultimate secret...

## Le Grand Défi

Le Grand Défi (It's a Knockout) is an adventure park located in a natural and unique environment. The courses allow visitors to explore among centuries-old trees, hiking trails and lakes.

In 2019, the park was improved with new facilities offering more and more experiences to visitors:

- Tree climbing: construction of a new family course with zip line over the water, bringing to 29 the number of Grand Défi courses.
- Orientation: the launch of three new courses.
- Paintball: Creation of a new cowboy-themed child paintball ground.
- Explor Game: Improved animation "Explor game", a new concept in the Vendée where the player is guided for 2 hours by a geolocated tablet to find eleven challenges and puzzles in the forest.



Logis de la Chabotterie  
Saint Sulpice le Verdon - Montréverd  
[www.sitesculturels.vendee.fr/Logis-de-la-Chabotterie/Explorer-le-site/Escape-Game-Charette-et-le-tresor-oublie](http://www.sitesculturels.vendee.fr/Logis-de-la-Chabotterie/Explorer-le-site/Escape-Game-Charette-et-le-tresor-oublie)



Rue de la Parée Jésus  
Saint Jean de Monts  
[www.arbreaventure85.com](http://www.arbreaventure85.com)

## Explora Parc

In the heart of the forest of Saint Jean de Monts, near the sea, the site Nature and Sensations offers varied activities for young and old such as tree climbing, orienteering, laser tag (a laser game outside in the forest) and archery. This year, Explora Parc has made the most important changes to its park since it opened in 2003. Among the new features, the site has gone from 8 to 10 tree climbing courses, incorporates new scenarios with the Laser Tag and offers a new restaurant and a bar "under the branches".

**The 2019 high tech novelty:** The omni virtuiX (from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019) Omni virtuiX is a virtual reality gaming platform. Equipped with a helmet and joysticks, the player moves on a curved platform that captures his leg movements for a more complete experience. It is possible to play alone or with others during sessions of 20 to 30 minutes.





Château de la Guignardière  
 Route des Sables d'Olonne - D949 - Avrillé  
[www.chateau-aventuriers.com](http://www.chateau-aventuriers.com)

## Le Château des Aventuriers

On a 86 ha site mainly covered with woodland, the Château des Aventuriers is a park of puzzles and history for the whole family. Puzzle course, tablet game, visit the Château, inflatable games or walk in the forest... All these activities are around a Renaissance Château "La Guignardière", listed as a Historic Monument. In 2019, the site offers a new puzzle course: "The Haunted House". Visitors must unravel the mysteries of this place and challenge the ghosts to thwart their traps and solve their puzzles. Guaranteed thrills!

Accessible to children from 10 years old and translated into French and English, this activity lasts 50 minutes and is available on its own or in the Grande Aventure pass for the park. The pass enables you to discover 6 other puzzles such as "Pirate's Treasure" and "Dinos ... to prehistoric times" or the "Once upon a time" route for 2-6 year olds.

## Birthday !



## Le Parc de Pierre Brune celebrates 60 years of its little train

The theme park of Pierre Brune offers more than 40 attractions including "The Battle of the Elves" new in 2018. This is a water game aboard electric boats equipped with water guns. In 2019, in the enchanting setting in the forest of Mervent, Pierre Brune's theme park celebrates 60 years of its little train. For this occasion, various activities will take place throughout the year:

- On June 22: the former drivers of the small train (an association founded in 2006) will be invited to the Park for a meeting, a presentation of the Park and its trains as well as a special show on the History of the Park. This show will be open to the public and will also take place every Tuesday in July and August.
- End of July: a week of festive activities will take place in the Park.

Lieu-dit Pierre Brune  
 Mervent  
[www.parc-pierre-brune.fr](http://www.parc-pierre-brune.fr)

# Events

**May 11 and 12, 2019:** Vendée Gliss Events in Saint Jean de Monts  
More information on: [www.saint-jean-de-monts.com](http://www.saint-jean-de-monts.com)

**May 30, 31 and June 1 and 2, 2019:** 4 days in Chantonnay  
(hiking event)  
More information on: [www.vendee-randonnee.com](http://www.vendee-randonnee.com)

**June 2019:** Picnic concert in Logis de Chaligny  
More information on: [jardindechaligny.wordpress.com](http://jardindechaligny.wordpress.com)

**June 16, 2019:** IRONMAN 70.3 in Les Sables d'Olonne  
NEW: the only one on the French Atlantic coast

**From 24 to 30 June 2019:** International sliding week in  
La Tranche sur Mer

**From 1<sup>st</sup> to 19 July 2019:** Poupet festival in Saint Malô du Bois  
More information on: [www.festival-poupet.com](http://www.festival-poupet.com)

**July 13 and 14, 2019:** Tour de France under sail  
(Step in Les Sables d'Olonne)

**From 2 to 4 August 2019:** The regattas of Le Bois de la Chaise in  
Noirmoutier island  
More information on: [www.associationlacheloupe.org](http://www.associationlacheloupe.org)

**End of August / Beginning of September:** Festival "Dans les jardins  
de William Christie" in Thiré  
More information on: [www.evenements-vendee.fr](http://www.evenements-vendee.fr)

**September 29 and 30, 2019:** Caval'Océane in Saint Jean de Monts  
More information on: [www.saint-jean-de-monts.com](http://www.saint-jean-de-monts.com)

**September 2019:** Festival Face & Si  
More information on: [www.festival-faceetsi.fr](http://www.festival-faceetsi.fr)

**From 14 to 20 October 2019:** International Film Festival  
10th birthday in La Roche sur Yon  
More information on: [www.fif-85.com](http://www.fif-85.com)

**From 29 November 2019 to 19 January 2020:** La Féerie de Noël in  
Beaulieu sous la Roche  
More information on: [www.feeriesantons.fr](http://www.feeriesantons.fr)

**December 2019:** Christmas in cultural sites of Département of Vendée





Lac du Jaunay

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