Tourist Office Toulouse

What’s new for 2018?
Welcome to Toulouse, Capital of Occitanie

A short hop from the Pyrenees and the Mediterranean, Toulouse is ideally situated in the South-West of France. Toulouse is an active, bustling city whose pronounced taste for celebration makes it similar to nearby Spain. Toulouse is also a city of Science and boasts a unique ecosystem of companies, universities and research centers that makes it a leading hub for science and innovation at European level. In 2018 this dynamism is celebrated with the title « European City of science ».

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Toulouse – European city of Science 2018

Toulouse, European capital of space and aeronautics celebrates its scientific pedigree as the European City of Science 2018.

After Manchester in 2016 and Barcelona, Munich or Dublin previously, the city has been chosen to host for the first time in France the EuroScience Open Forum*, from 9th to 14th July 2018. This event is the largest European interdisciplinary meeting about science, innovation and their relations with society, gathering more than 4000 researchers, companies, media and science policy makers coming from all over the world.

A special component of ESOF called “Science in the City Festival” is dedicated to the general public. The motto chosen for this 8th ESOF edition is "Sharing Science: towards new horizons" which is in line with one of the priorities of the city, which develops the actions of transfer of scientific knowledge to the general public and school children through major sites : le Quai des saviors, La Cité de l’espace, Aeroscopia...

All year long, special events, conferences and exhibitions will also be organised within the framework of the “European City of Science 2018” to highlight the « savoir-faire » of Toulouse scientific environment and help the general public to engage and interact with science and researchers.

*At ESOF meetings leading scientists, researchers, young researchers, business people, entrepreneurs and innovators, policy makers, science and technology communicators and the general public from all over Europe discuss new discoveries and debate the direction that research is taking in the sciences, humanities and social sciences

Previsional Program:

- February 2018: exhibition at the Quai des Savoirs « the human of tomorrow »
- From March 29 to Sept. 30 2018: Gravity exhibition at the Abattoirs (Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art) around the CNES collection
- 7-15 July 2018: Science in the City Festival
- 9-14 July 2018: EuroScience Open Forum
To go further ...

La Cité de l’espace

A stone's throw from the centre of Toulouse, the Cité de l’Espace is the gateway to the Universe. Explore space in an original manner thanks to 2,500 m² of interactive exhibitions. Train like an astronaut with a moon walk simulator and rotational seat, and then discover the life size space rockets in the gardens. With the IMAX® 3D cinema on a giant screen and and the next generation interactive planetarium in place since 2017, you will become special guests on a journey to the edge of the cosmos.

The “Cité de l’Espace” celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2017 and has since July a planetarium of the latest generation. In addition, negotiations are currently underway to purchase the spacecraft Soyuz. This brought Astronaut Thomas Pesquet back to Earth after his Proxima mission.

Aeroscopia

Built in the style of a plane’s fuselage, this 7,000 m² edifice dedicated to the history of aviation houses an exceptional collection: iconic aircraft, scale models, a large historic fresco...

Step aboard some legendary aircraft: Concorde, an Airbus A300B with a glass floor or even the Super Guppy. Interactive themed spaces also await you: build an airplane, discover what happens behind the scenes on a flight, delve into aeronautical archaeology and try the brand new A380 flight simulator. There are visits for everyone, independent, guided or video-guided, covering the techniques, sociological themes and history.
La Piste des Géants

This year Toulouse celebrates the 100th anniversary of the first Latécoère lines and the first heroes of the skies.

Why is Toulouse the European capital of aeronautics?

The aeronautical destiny of Toulouse was set as early as 1890, when Clément Ader, originally from the nearby town of Muret, invented « Eole », the very first motor vehicle with propeller in the form of a bat; known nowadays as an airplane.

It was during the First World War in 1917 that this story really took off, when Latécoère, the very first airplane manufacturers in France, began to look for premises for a factory far from the front line so that it could deliver Salmson military aircraft to meet the orders of the State. Toulouse, situated in the heart of the South-West of France and far from the fighting, was selected as their base of operations.

800 military aircraft were supplied from here by Latécoère up until the Armistice. Following the War, the company moved into commercial aviation with the establishment of Lignes Aériennes Latécoère (LAL) in the Montaudran quarter. Toulouse became the main base for international airlines serving France, West Africa and South America; the starting point for France’s longest air route.

Latécoère Airlines, which was succeeded in 1927 by Aéropostale, began by transporting mail, followed later by freight and finally, from 1920 onwards, the very first passengers. This company and the history of the city will forever be inextricably linked with the names of famous pilots and their legendary exploits; Mermoz, Guillaumet, Saint Exupéry.
Aerospace Valley Toulouse

Situated in Toulouse, on the historic Montaudran site from which the earliest pioneers of civil aviation took off, Toulouse Aerospace is a new genre of district that spans 56 hectares: a place in which to live and work, but also one of culture and, thanks to Innovation Campus, a hub of industry and research that sits at the cutting edge of innovation and focuses on the aeronautics, space and on-board systems sectors.

To celebrate the centenary of the first flight undertaken by Aéropostale, as of October 2018 Toulouse Aerospace will be home to a unique cultural site: La Piste des Géants (the Runway of Giants).

The Runway of Giants will be made up of 3 spaces:

La Halle La Machine
A great 6,000m² contemporary hall whose roof is built in the form of aircraft wings and is designed by architect Patrick Arotcharen, this vast space will be devoted to street arts that blend invention and technology.

La Halle will house around 150 mechanical machines, a project by artist François Delarozière who is already well-known for his impressive works in Nantes. In Toulouse, a giant Minotaur will head out to meet visitors and passers-by on the former runway that stretches for 2km. More than 250,000 visitors are expected annually.

La Piste des Géants aviation museum
This space dedicated to the memory of the pioneers of the Latécoère and Aéropostale airlines, as well as the Montaudran quarter – the cradle of aeronautics in Toulouse – will host a permanent exhibition covering more than 1,000m².

It will offer an immersion into the adventure of these pioneers and a chance to discover the history of the site itself.

The Airline Gardens
Situated along the former Aéropostale runway, the 3-hectare gardens present the ambiance of all 3 continents crossed by these aviators.

It is a way to relive the adventures of the pioneers of aeronautics, featuring 8 different landscapes and varying environments that range from Toulouse to Valparaiso in Chile.

These gardens also include children's playgrounds, rest areas and interactive terminals that inform visitors and explore the various countries, creating an enjoyable experience to be shared with all the family. (Terminals available from late 2018).

Toulouse-metropole.fr
20th anniversary of the city’s UNESCO listing as part of the Ways of Saint James

The Ways of Saint James are made up of four historic routes. The route located in the south, the Via Tolosana (GR653) or Voie d’Arles, passes the basilica of Saint-Sernin (the largest Roman church still standing in Europe) and the Hôtel Dieu hospital of Toulouse.

In 2018, Toulouse celebrates the 20th anniversary of the classification of these sites on UNESCO’s World heritage list.

The city has also launched new renovation works in order to apply for UNESCO classification for its city centre. The banks of the River Garonne, the construction of the Ramblas promenade and even the creation of a Toulouse «Central Park» are just some of the projects involved.

Event Program:
2nd April – 2nd December 2018: Photography exhibition at the basilica of Saint-Sernin entitled «Pilgrimage: A way of life».

To go further ...
The basilica of Saint-Sernin

Listed as a Unesco World Heritage site as a major stop on the way of St. James, the basilica was built from the 11th to the 14th century. It is one of the largest Romanesque churches in Europe. It is characterized by a portly architecture and a rich sculpted decor. The relic’s treasure of this main pilgrimage church is shown along the saint bodies’ ambulatory trail and the two level crypt.

Hotel-Dieu Saint-Jacques

The former Hotel-Dieu gave shelter in the 12th century to paupers, orphans and St. James pilgrims. Within its walls, two museums are dedicated to history and medical instruments.

Visits and tours of the Tourist Office

On the Way of St. James

In the 9th century, a star revealed the site of the remains of St. James the Apostle. Since then, millions of pilgrims have walked to Compostela. In Toulouse, dis- cover the sites that evoke and pave the way along this famous trail.
EXHIBITIONS

Toulouse, a city with an exceptional heritage, has some wonderful surprises in store for you. Private mansions from the golden age of woad (a plant grown in the 16th century for its blue pigment), religious buildings with brick and stone decorations, rich collections in museums based in remarkable monuments and converted industrial sites: so many amazing places to see!


The Renaissance in Toulouse is defined by the quality of its architecture and the significance of its humanist movement, expressions of an ostentatious period often associated with the economic success of the region.

It was during the Renaissance that the majestic mansion houses of the city were built thanks to the fortunes made by pastel merchants. This plant, cultivated in the Golden Triangle formed by Toulouse, Albi and Carcassonne, was the only way of dyeing textiles blue prior to the arrival of indigo.

This exhibition at the Augustins aims to present the Toulouse Renaissance, from its beginnings to its development and, finally, its decline, from the 1500s up until the dawn of the XVII Century. It showcases all the historical complexities of this long period by using « classic ambition » as its connecting thread, something that has always driven the elites and the work of artists.

Summer 2018 « Street-art festivals »

One year before the next edition of the Rose Béton Festival, a new biennale devoted to urban arts in Toulouse, the city celebrates the influence of street art with a variety of rendezvous throughout summer 2018.

The city was at the origins of the Truskool movement in the 1990s, a team of graffiti artists known all over Europe and across the Atlantic. For several decades, Toulouse has served as a testing ground for countless artists from the world of street art.

It is the former cradle of aviation, the brownfield site of Montaudran where the Latécoère factories were once located, that was selected as the site for 50cinq, a hotbed of urban art since 2014. In June 2018, spend a weekend exploring the Open Summer Festival. Graffiti works created by more than 40 artists decorate the outer walls of the 50cinq, as well as a creative market outside the building. In October, "Mister Freeze", the biggest exhibition of contemporary urban art in France, provides a free invitation to curious visitors to spend 10 days discovering more than 45 international artists on display across the 13,000m² of the 50Cinq. The façades and walls of the former Latécoère factory and all other available spaces are used for giving free rein to the artists’ imaginations.

Visits and tours of the Tourist Office

Graff tour

The Tourist Office is launching its 2h30min « Graff Tour » visit, which combines walking tours with a trail by bus in search of the iconic venues for urban art in Toulouse. This visit is led by a professional graffiti artist who offers technical commentary, as well as a guide from the Tourist Office who can explain the historical side.
3rd July 2018 – 30th June 2019:

The « Easter Island: the navel of the world » exhibition at the Natural History Museum

A land at the end of the world, isolated in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, Easter Island never ceases to feed the collective imagination of the West. How was it possible, on such a small and sparsely populated territory, to construct more than 800 Moai? What happened for the environment to change so much in such a short space of time? Where did the island’s very first inhabitants come from, bringing all their symbolism and knowledge with them? How could we survive nowadays in such an extreme and isolated location?

The Museum of Toulouse, the Musée Fenaille in Rodez and the Musée Champollion, museum of writings of Figeac, have come together to present « Journey to Easter Island: a museum circuit through Occitania » for summer 2018.

Thanks to this circuit through Occitania, every visitor will be able to explore the multiple facets of this island that has continued to fascinate mankind since its discovery by Dutch sailor Jakob Roggeveen on Easter Day, 6th April 1722.

museum.toulouse.fr

Julii 2018 – Januari 2019:

Exhibition „Tintin, Hergé et les avions“ in the Aeroscopia Museum

Program available in february
http://www.musee-aeroscopia.fr/en
FESTIVALS

In Toulouse, vibrant city of science, festivals are held throughout the year. Cosmopolitan and Latin American, its cultural life gives free rein to creativity and emerging new trends in arts, music and gastronomy.

February 2018 - Fête de la violette
Every year in February, during the flowering season of this highly-perfumed little flower, the Festival de la Violette is organised by Les Amis de la Violette.

The violet is the emblematic flower of Toulouse, and has been cultivated by the market gardeners in the north of the city since the 19th century. Nowadays, “La Violette de Toulouse” is a registered trademark, to be found on a wide variety of products (sweets, perfume, liqueur, etc.) and offers an excellent reason to celebrate as well as to explore Toulouse - the City of Violets!
http://www.toulouse.fr/

1st to 30th June 2018 - MAP 10th edition
MAP Toulouse is the photography festival for the Ville Rose, a meeting point for young talent and major names in photography. Over several weeks, the entire city transforms into an immense gallery of images, accessible and free for all members of the public.
http://www.map-photo.fr

14th-17th June 2018 - Rio Loco
The 2018 edition of the Rio Loco Festival places the focus on the Rumba, born in Cuba, and a blend of music and dance from Spain and Africa, reflecting in this way a startlingly rich harmony and rhythm. 3 days of festivals on the banks of the Garonne to explore the music and cultures of the world.
http://www.rio-loco.org/

28th June – 1st July 2018 - Siestes Électroniques (festival of electro music)
Siestes Électroniques is a festival in Toulouse devoted to emerging cultures, a niche event with great heart that, since its creation in the Ville Rose, has been taken to Paris and other major cities across Europe. The concept? Musical discoveries in a relaxed ambiance, stretching out across the lawns of the Compans Caffarelli public gardens.
les-siistes-electroniques.com
29th June – 8th July 2018 – Tangopostale 10th edition
A nod to Aéropostale, which connected Toulouse and Argentina, and a chance to celebrate singer Carlos Gardel, born in Toulouse, the « Tangopostale » international tango festival is set to make the city pulse once again! More than 80 events, concerts, shows, balls, conferences, exhibitions and films will bring dancers and spectators together in this enchanting world. http://www.tangopostale.com/

From 6th July to 25th August – Open-air Cinema at Cinémathèque de Toulouse
To experience cinema “differently”, every summer the courtyard of the Cinémathèque de Toulouse transforms into an open-air movie theatre. The Open-air Cinema festival has become one of the highlights of the season at the Cinémathèque and on the Toulouse cultural calendar. Over seven weeks, around forty great films from the history of cinema will grace the big screen on the façade of the building. lacinemathequedetoulouse.com

July - August – Toulouse d’été
The Toulouse Summer Festival turned into the unavoidable Toulouse summer musical meeting place. Combining heritage and creation, it displays a music wandering through the most typical places of interest of the city, but also through its most unusual sites, where some confirmed and ready to become famous artists are sharing the show. From classical to jazz music, with worldwide music in between, rock music or songs, over fifty special events are shown to invent or re-invent the various music. toulousedete.org

September 2018 – Piano aux Jacobins (Piano concert)
Piano aux Jacobins is the most important festival dedicated to the piano in France. During the softly lit hours of the concert, Piano aux Jacobins offers a unique alchemy: the Jacobin Monastery, a place full of spirituality and history where the attention of the heart is combined with warm acoustics. pianojacobins.com/

21st September – 28th, October 2018 – Printemps de Septembre (Contemporary Art Festival)
Highlight for contemporary art in Toulouse, throughout the Printemps de septembre and in all the exhibition spaces, a variety of free, open events are designed to enhance visitors’ experience of the art. printempsdesemtobre.com/en/the-festival

October 2018 – Festival Toulouse les Orgues
Toulouse is the organ capital of Europe and there are plenty of good reasons for this. It is not by chance that this event has been brought to life by the people - and the organs - of Toulouse.

The city has a rich and varied organ heritage, including many different styles of instruments from all periods of history. The exceptional number of organs in the city (30, 9 of which are classified historical monuments) and the surrounding region (370) mean that all kinds of music can be played. toulouse-les-orgues.org/

Focus on:

Toulouse City of musics
Toulouse is undoubtedly one of the cities, Paris excepted, with one of the most intense cultural life in France. In addition to the museums, the city is home to fifteen theaters of every size. The most famous one, the first-class Théâtre du Capitole, is housed in the Cityhall building. Here operas and ballets are performed and offer a very sophisticated events schedule. In 2018: The Valkyrie, Carmen, Giselle, ...
http://www.theatreducapitole.fr

Orchestre National du Capitole
The 125 musicians of the Orchestre National du Capitole (ONCT) have been touring under the direction of Tugan Sokhiev, music director of the orchestra since 2008. It acts as both a symphony orchestra whose main residence is Toulouse’s Halle aux Grains, and the permanent orchestra of the Théâtre du Capitole in Toulouse. Now hailed as one of France’s finest orchestras, the musicians are touring Europe and Asia with Tugan Sokhiev, also Bolshoi-theater Principal Conductor and Music Director.
https://onct.toulouse.fr

Tourist Office Toulouse
RESTAURANTS

Enjoying the gentle way of life in the Toulouse area of Southern France means taking the time to live. Wander the bustling streets for a spot of shopping, stroll around the markets, or take a break on a café terrace. The atmosphere here reveals the personality of people in the South: authentic and friendly!

New openings

N°5 Wine Bar, Winebar
Rewarded by British magazine «The World of Fine Wine» for having the «Best Wine List in the World 2017» and the «Best By-the-Glass Wine List in the World 2017», this bar boasts more than 2,500 wines that can be sampled accompanied by delicious tapas.
5 rue de la Bourse, Toulouse
n5winebar.com/fr/

Maître renard, Winebar
46 rue Pharaon, Toulouse
maître-renard.fr

Les boulistes, bar à Pétanque
4-5 Rue Labeda
facebook.com/boulistes tsls/

Ma Biche sur le Toit, Rooftop Restaurant
Michelin Star chef Michel Sarran and the team at the chic «l’envol» bar in Toulouse opened a restaurant-bar on the roof of Galeries Lafayette at the end of 2017.
Galeries Lafayette, 4-8 Rue du Lieutenant Colonel Pelissier
mabichesuratoot.com

Late-night opening at the covered markets of Toulouse

The halls and high-end restaurants of the Victor-Hugo covered market host late-night visitors once more in 2018. Several times a year, market traders serve generous dishes packed with fresh regional produce that can be enjoyed with a glass of wine! Bands are also invited to bring music and rhythm to this ambiance and make sure these late nights are a success!

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The Gourmet-trail
Follow a trail around the markets of Toulouse. When heritage visits combine with sampling local gastronomy, it provides a feast for the eyes and for the taste buds!
HOTELS

With over 14,500 rooms, Toulouse and its wider area offer excellent hotel capacity in all categories of accommodation.

January 2018:
Renovation works
Hotel du Taur ***
Ibis-Styles Toulouse Capitole, former Hotel du Taur, is completely renovated right in the city-center, on Place du Capitole.

October 2018:
New opening
Mama Shelter
Mama Shelter is finishing its new Toulouse location: Forthcoming 3 Restaurants, a Rooftop, a cinema and the facade of the original building, the old cinema "Les Nouveautés"
www.mamashelter.com/fr

December 2018:
Renovation works
La Caravelle ***
NT Hotel gallery will supplement the renewal of 3* hotel La Caravelle in the centre of Toulouse, on the subject "aviation and Fotographie".

New opening
Hotel NH Toulouse Airport****
148 rooms and 1000m² Meeting rooms
www.nh-hotels.fr
PRACTICAL INFOS

Toulouse Métropole in figures

**4**

4th largest city in France

**3**

3rd university city of France

| LOCATION | THE GREAT OUTDOORS...
|----------|-----------------------
| 250 km from the Atlantic Ocean | 2,027 hours of sunshine per year on average |
| 110 km from the ski resorts of the Pyrenees | 650 millimetres of rainfall on average |
| 150 km from the Mediterranean Sea | 4 days of snow per year on average |
| 651 km south of Paris | 160 parks and gardens in the centre of Toulouse |

Pass tourisme

With the Pass Tourisme, you can enjoy free entry to the museums in the city centre, a guided visit from the Tourist Office and free travel on the local public transport network: metro, tram, bus and airport shuttle bus. You will also benefit from reduced rates at most tourist sites and in a number of shops.

Your card is personalised and is valid for 24h, 48h or 72h. It must be validated prior to accessing the platform when using the metro and every time you board a tram, bus or the airport shuttle bus, and it must be presented upon entry at all partner sites.

**Price:**
- 24 Hours > 18€
- 48 Hours > 28€
- 72 Hours > 35€

http://www.toulouse-visit.com/All-events/Pass-tourisme2
Arriving into Toulouse

Toulouse is a destination located just one hour by air from Paris. Connected by a comprehensive network of air and rail routes and by the motorways of southern France, the Ville Rose throws open its doors to you.

**TOULOUSE-BLAGNAC AIRPORT**
- 5th largest airport in France (8 Million Passengers)
- 41 daily flights between Paris and Toulouse (flight: 1h10)
- 67 scheduled international routes

Destinations served by Toulouse Airport:
Tramway links to the city centre
T2 line: Airport - Palais-de-justice
Connections with the metro at Arènes and Palais-de-justice stations.
Frequency: every 15 minutes. Journey time: 30 minutes.
Ticket price: €1.60.
Infos: www.tisséo.fr/en

Bus links to the city centre
Tisséo Airport Shuttle
Journey time: 20 Minutes.
Ticket price: 8€ per journey

Taxi
Average price for a journey from the airport to the city centre: €25.
A taxi rank is located on the ground floor, arrivals level, between gates B3 (hall B) and C1 (hall C).

TOULOUSE-MATABIAU STATION

Access:
Paris-Montparnasse > Toulouse: 4h17.
Barcelona > Toulouse: 3h30.
Bordeaux > Toulouse: 2h05.
Marseille > Toulouse: 4h.
Montpellier > Toulouse: 2h15.
Biarritz > Toulouse: 4h30

From the station to the city centre
By metro: A line, Marengo-SNCF station. Take the Basso-Cambo train to reach the city.

By bus: bus 14 and 22 (22S in the evening; busses run until 12:30 am during the week and until 1 am on Friday and Saturday nights).