

Activities

Festival de Loire, first French festival of fluvial navy!

Festival de Loire, created in 2003, occurs every two years at the beginning of autumn and brings more than 200 boats together in order to go back to the legendary era of the Loire golden age. This festival recounts the ancient boatmen's traditions and makes of Orléans the capital fluvial city of France.

The festivities last 5 days and are regularly punctuated with animations, original nautical demonstrations and wonderful water shows. On the evening, the Loire River sets ablaze with the city lights, street spectacles, light shows, night demonstrations.

On the banks, the atmosphere is likely what it used to be when the Loire river had a dense traffic: street theatre, gigs, craft industry, shipyard, open-air cafes, restaurants, regional products, exhibitions.

In order to fulfill you stay, the city and its partners propose symposiums and conferences about the way the cities' fluvial patrimony is now used.

Site: <http://www.festivaldeloire.com>

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Festive journey along the Loire River: Caravane de Loire coming soon !

Caravane de Loire, proposed every year by the Loiret council, is the biggest itinerant show of France. With around 500 artists, bargees and brotherhoods, Caravane de Loire undertakes every year a ten days journey on the Loire River, Orléans and Briare canals, reuniting every time numerous shows and animations. 30 street theatre companies propose those animations as they are docked in each city served by this event. In every city along the circuit, you can find parades, street shows and gathering of traditional boats, with Loire bargees singing bargees' songs, loaded with barrels and local products ready to be savoured ashore. Pyrotechnic spectacles,

street animations, inland water shipping and gastronomy, that's the programme of Caravane de Loire, a unique itinerant event.

Site: <http://www.caravaneloire.com>
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In 2000, UNESCO registered the Loire Valley on the World Heritage of Humanity's list as an evolving and living cultural landscape.

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