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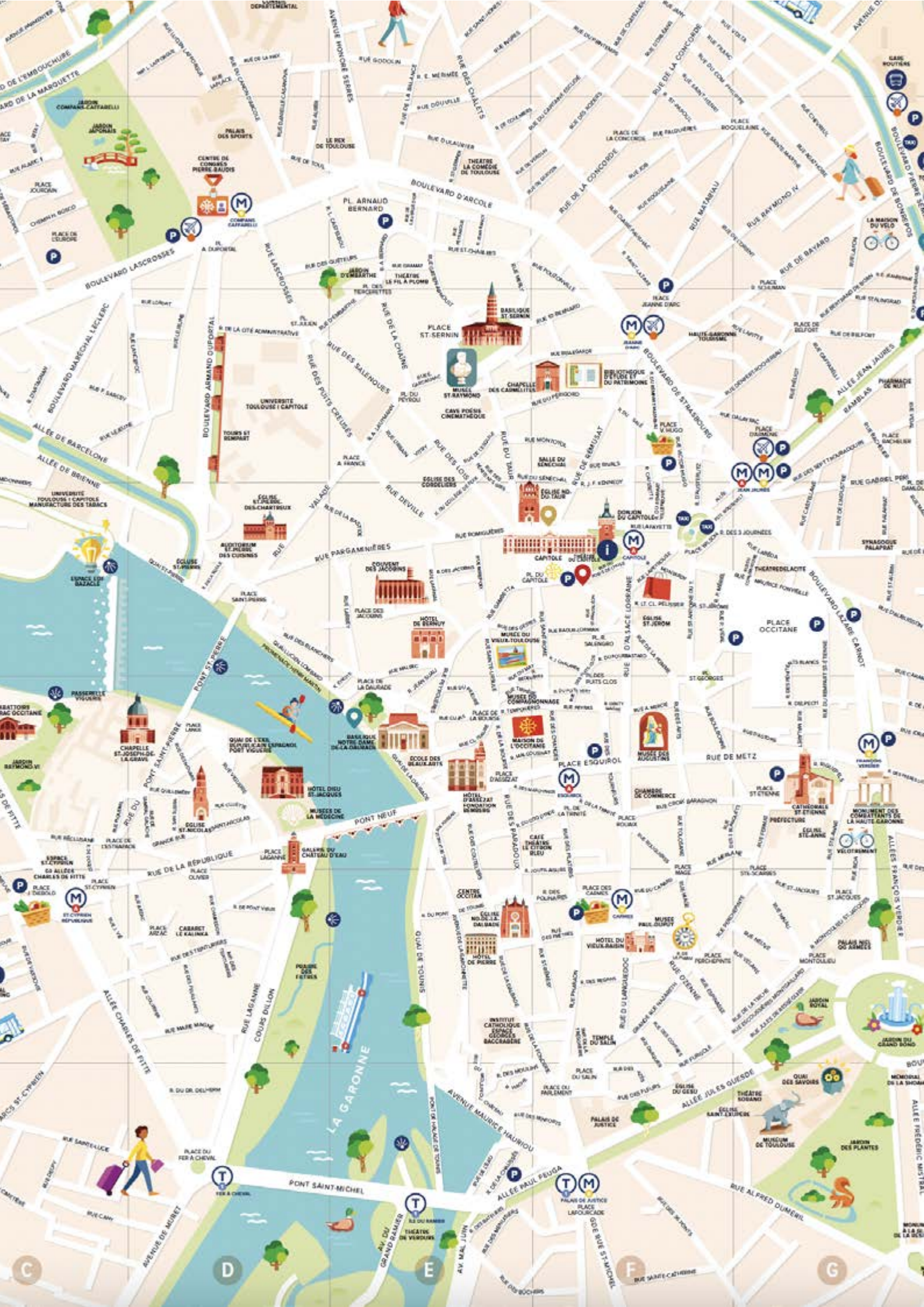


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Toulouse Team, the attractiveness agency of Toulouse Métropole

Toulouse Team brings together the structures responsible for the outreach and economic development of the Toulouse area. Created in 2016, at the initiative of Toulouse Métropole and the City of Toulouse, this agency includes several entities, such as Toulouse Team Tourist Office (leisure tourism), Toulouse Team Meetings (business tourism), Toulouse Team Invest (economic development), and Toulouse Team Filming (film production support).

By working closely with the Toulouse Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Toulouse Team strives to enhance the city's reputation on both national and international stages, while supporting local initiatives and promoting job creation. The agency also handles territorial marketing activities, connections with economic sectors, and the Ambassadors Club.

Thanks to this structure, Toulouse continues to position itself as a dynamic and attractive metropolis, ready to welcome visitors, investors, and professionals from around the world.

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handi.toulouse-tourisme.com



TOULOUSE TOP CITY TO VISIT IN 2025

according to Lonely Planet

Located in the heart of southwestern France, Toulouse has, for the first time in 2025, topped the list of the best cities to visit in the world, according to Lonely Planet's «Best in Travel» guide.

A global tourism reference, this guide shares a selection of the best destinations to visit each year. This ranking is established by their own experts who evaluate hundreds of places around the world to identify the most inspiring and must-visit destinations.

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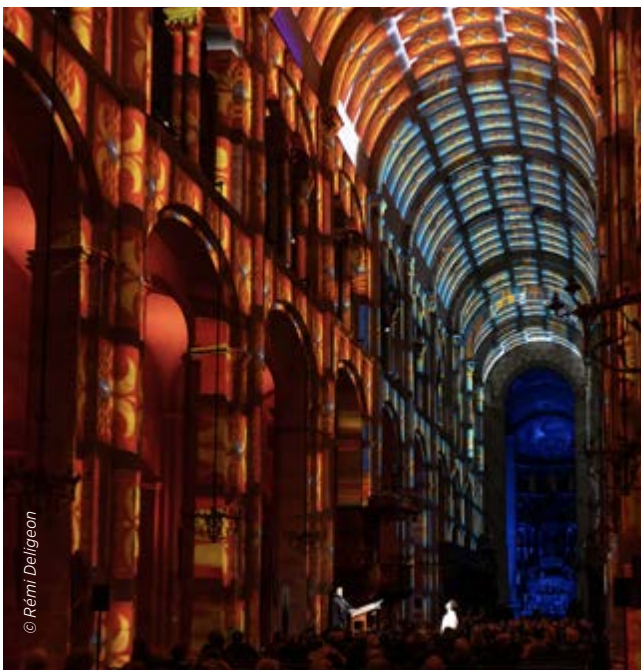
For Lonely Planet, its art galleries, repurposed industrial sites, lively cafes, high-level cuisine, and the leisurely atmosphere along its sun-drenched banks, from the Garonne to the Canal du Midi, make this «miniature Paris» an attractive destination. Toulouse is booming (its population is expected to increase by 90,000 people over the next decade), which means it is time, according to the guide, to enjoy its captivating lifestyle and visit the city.

CULTURE & HERITAGE



The Basilica of Saint-Sernin: New Stained Glass and Immersive Show

The world-renowned artist Jean-Michel Othoniel has created the new stained glass window for the rose window at the main entrance of the Basilica of Saint-Sernin. This contemporary work, made with the support of the best master glassmakers in France, marks the end of the renovation project of the basilica launched in 2017.



In the first half of the year, the site will also host «Toulouse Cœur de Lumière», an unprecedented immersive sound and light show that illuminates the basilica from January 2 to April 8, 2025, combining monumental 3D projections, original music, and theatrical performances to offer a unique visual and auditory experience.

With 142 performances, including 20 special evenings with the Schola Cantorum choir and the Grand Organ of Saint-Sernin, this journey invites spectators to (re)discover the history of this jewel of Toulouse heritage, the martyr Saint Saturnin, the birth of the basilica, its construction and consecration, its medieval frescoes and treasures, and the pilgrims of yesterday, today, and tomorrow!

toulouse.coeurdelumieres.fr

Les Abattoirs, Musée-FRAC Occitanie Toulouse & the Galerie du Château d'Eau

Until May 18, Les Abattoirs, Musée-FRAC Occitanie Toulouse, and the Galerie du Château d'Eau (currently under renovation, with reopening scheduled for November 2025) are offering the public nearly 300 photographic works from the collections of both establishments.

This extensive panorama of the 20th and 21st centuries brings together renowned names with artists to discover: Brassai, Sophie Calle, Denis Darzacq, Jean Dieuzaide, Robert Doisneau, Ouka Leele, Agnès Varda, etc.

Two other exhibitions are scheduled for 2025:

- Until May 4, 2025, the rapper Oli, from the Toulouse duo Bigflo & Oli, is invited to share his perspective on the museum's collections. The exhibition, titled «Le Musée imaginaire d'Oli,» reflects his artistic influences and personal journey, enriched by his visits to Les Abattoirs. Various events such as concerts, workshops, open stages, film screenings, etc., will punctuate the exhibition
- Starting June 13, the museum will present a monograph of the American artist Mickalene Thomas, the final stage of an international tour that has included the Hayward Gallery in London.



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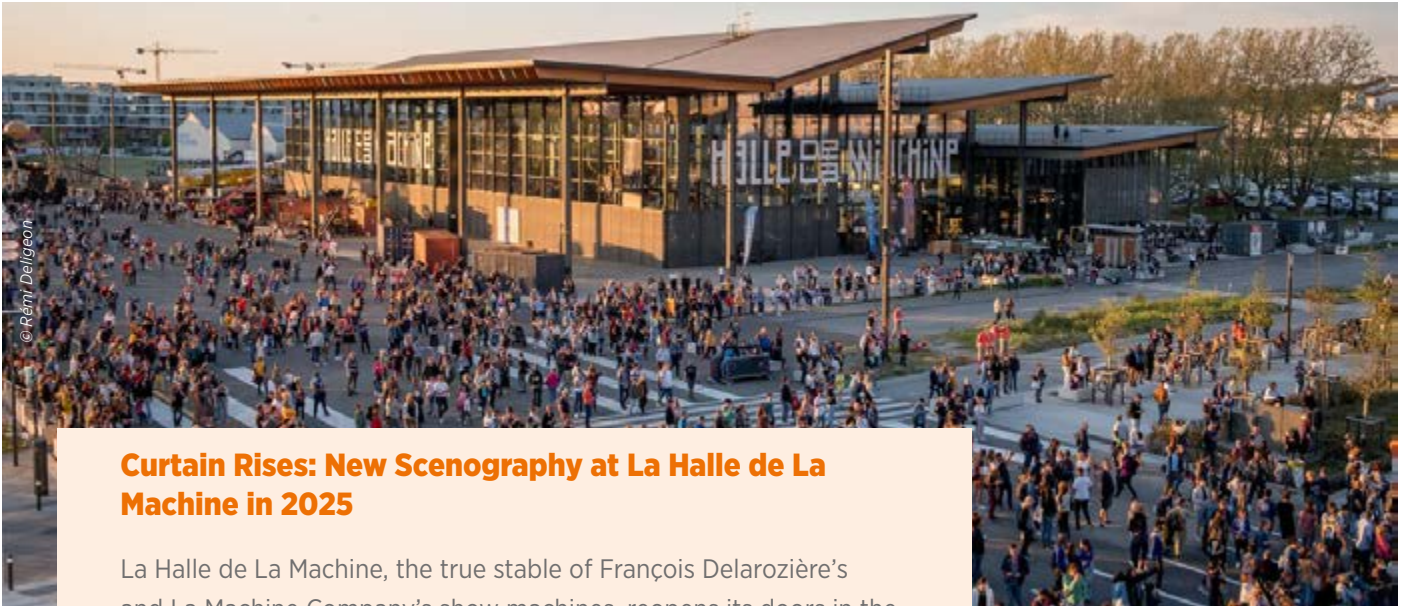
At the end of 2025, Les Abattoirs will present an exhibition dedicated to Jean-Charles de Castelbajac, stylist and art collector. This will replace the Roy Lichtenstein exhibition, initially scheduled for 2025 and postponed to 2026. Castelbajac is known for his artistic collaborations and rich collection, blending art, fashion, and pop culture.



M.C. Escher at the Espaces EDF Bazacle

The Espaces EDF Bazacle in Toulouse are hosting, for the first time in France, a major exhibition dedicated to Maurits Cornelius Escher, the artist of geometries and impossible worlds, one of the most appreciated artists of the 20th century.

More than 100 original works by the Dutch master of optical illusions will be exhibited at the Espaces EDF Bazacle until March 30, 2025.



Curtain Rises: New Scenography at La Halle de La Machine in 2025

La Halle de La Machine, the true stable of François Delarozière's and La Machine Company's show machines, reopens its doors in the Montaudran district after a one-month annual closure. Just steps from L'Envol des Pionniers, under the gaze of the giant Minotaur Astérion, visitors will discover the new scenography of the place, «Anatomy of a Show,» starting Saturday, February 8.

With «Anatomy of a Show,» La Halle offers a real spotlight on the secrets of the Urban Opera «The Guardian of the Temple, the Gate of Darkness,» which brought together more than a million people in the streets of Toulouse from Friday, October 25 to Sunday, October 27, 2024.

The new scenography will highlight the work of machinists and «shadow» artisans, who enabled Astérion the Minotaur, protector of the city, Ariane the Spider of the labyrinth, and Lilith the Guardian of Darkness to roam the streets of downtown Toulouse during a spectacular show.



The Return of Lilith, from February 15 to June 9, 2025

The highlight of the exhibition planned in the new scenography around the behind-the-scenes of the Urban Opera «Anatomy of a Show,» Lilith the scorpion-woman will return and come to life in La Halle during school holidays and weekends, before rejoining the amazed festival-goers of Hellfest, the extreme music festival that owns her.

Note:

The Orchestre national du Capitole will be in concert at the Halle de La Machine on Saturday 1 March at 8.30pm. Conducted by Tarmo Peltokoski, the musicians will be performing Bruckner's 4th Symphony, Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 3 and more.





2025

France's Most Original Tourist Office Celebrates its 500th Anniversary

Since 1948, the Toulouse Tourist Office has been housed in the oldest standing building of the communal house of Toulouse, the ancestor of the neighboring town hall. Built in 1525 to store gunpowder and archives guaranteeing municipal freedom, it has been commonly called the «Donjon du Capitole» since the restoration by Viollet-le-Duc in the 19th century, which gave it its belfry appearance.

To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Donjon, Toulouse Team Tourist Office has developed a rich and varied program to encourage visitors and locals to step through the doors of this iconic place. An anniversary poster and postcard will be on sale in limited edition throughout 2025; Paris Mint coins will return to the Donjon at the end of January; two «board game» evenings will be organized within the building on April 26 and October 31, 2025; a roller skating evening in collaboration with Roulez Rose will start and end at the foot of the Donjon on May 16, 2025, for a 12 km circuit; a creators' market will be held in front of the Donjon from 2 PM to 10 PM on June 13, 2025, and a children's drawing contest will take place from May to the end of August, with posters and Paris Mint coins to be won.



To discover the history of the place, 30-minute flash visits (in French) will start on February 21, for the International Tourist Guide Day, and will continue every first Sunday of the month, at 2 PM, 2:45 PM, and 3:30 PM. A dual-voice visit with a guide and a travel advisor from Toulouse Team Tourist Office.

toulouse-tourisme.com/agenda/donjon-du-capitole/



Eva Jospin at the Chapelle de La Grave

Until March 30, 2025, at the Chapelle de La Grave, an emblematic building of the Toulouse landscape classified as a historical monument, the artist Eva Jospin dialogues her works with the architecture of the place.

Nymphs, gothic architectures, chasms, and dark forests, her sculptures and installations mainly made of cardboard, are both subtle and monumental.

Paul-Dupuy Museum of Precious Arts

The Paul-Dupuy Museum has one of the finest collections of graphic and decorative arts in southern France.

From February 13 to June 22, 2025, the museum will host «Ink and Matter. Precious China» an exhibition tracing China from yesterday and today through furniture and porcelains from the legacy of Simone Brunau and contemporary paintings by Li Jinyuan and Ye XingQian.



Bemberg Foundation, Renaissance Jewel

Located on Place d'Assézat in the city center, the Bemberg Foundation opened its doors in 1995, within the Hôtel d'Assézat, classified as a historical monument. The Foundation's collection consists of an exceptional ensemble of paintings, sculptures, furniture, and art objects, covering more than five centuries, from the late 15th century to World War II. After three years of significant renovation, the museum reopened in 2024.

The exhibition «Gold and Brilliance, Renaissance Jewelry» (D'or et d'éclat. Le bijou à la Renaissance), presented from April 4 to July 27, 2025, will be the first dedicated to Renaissance jewelry, forty years after the one held by the Victoria and Albert Museum in London in 1980. Four decades later, this project is an important step to report on research advances and present to the public a lesser-known field of the history of precious ornament and Renaissance decorative arts.



Le Nouveau Printemps Festival

Guided by the unique vision of the associated artist, the contemporary art festival Le Nouveau Printemps reinvents itself and invests in a different neighborhood of Toulouse each year. From May 23 to June 22, 2025, the artist Kiddy Smile, DJ, and producer, will offer a unique perspective on the Saint-Sernin neighborhood.

Musée des Augustins – Reopening Late 2025 NEW

First opened during the Revolution, this fine arts museum is one of the oldest in France. Its typically Toulouse architecture offers an exceptional setting for paintings and sculptures dating from the Middle Ages to the 20th century. The convent cloister, ideal for strolling, leads to rooms where more than 700 pieces, including true masterpieces, are exhibited. The significant renovation undertaken since 2018 will be completed by the end of 2025. This prolonged closure has allowed for numerous works, including the creation of a new reception area, open onto a tree-lined forecourt, perfectly meeting accessibility standards, as well as the restoration of the cloister. The museum's closure also provided the opportunity to reorganize the layout of certain rooms.



SCIENCE & THE CITY

A true metropolis of knowledge, Toulouse has science embedded in its DNA. Since its status as the European Capital of Science in 2018, the city now boasts 5 emblematic sites that bear witness to scientific and technological epics, past, present, and future.



1. Aeroscopia

Bringing together more than forty legendary aircraft, Aeroscopia, celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2025, creates a link between the past, present, and future of aeronautics. Whether at the controls of a flight simulator, aboard the Concorde, or the imposing A380, the visit promises to be fun, interactive, and unforgettable.

To complement the aeronautics theme, it is possible to combine a visit to the Aeroscopia museum with one of the three Airbus factory tours organized by the Manatour group: the AIRBUS A350 tour, the AIRBUS KIDS tour adapted for families, and the new AIRBUS A321 tour. **NEW**

Launched at the end of 2024, this circuit invites you to embark on the Final Assembly Line (FAL) Jean-Luc Lagardère, initially dedicated to the A380, right next to the museum, and dive into the world of aeronautical manufacturing by exploring the cutting-edge facilities of the European leader. On the program: a 180° panoramic view to enter the assembly lines, up close to the Airbus A321, the company's flagship aircraft.



Note:

The Concorde, a legend in aeronautical history whose first flight took off from Toulouse-Blagnac airport in 1969, is now protected as a historical monument, as an immovable object. This is a first in France, and it is happening in Toulouse, as the first example of this mythical supersonic aircraft, the Concorde 201 F-WTSB, is housed inside Aeroscopia. An anniversary weekend will be celebrated on March 1 and 2, 2025. As a reminder, 20 supersonic aircraft were built worldwide, 10 in France, in Toulouse, and 10 in England, in Bristol.

2. Cité de l'espace

With 4,000 m² of exhibitions, 4 hectares of gardens, an IMAX® 3D theater, a telescope, and two planetariums, the Cité de l'espace, a unique scientific and educational center in Europe dedicated to space exploration, is one of the most visited tourist sites in Toulouse. Here, the animations and exhibitions to discover are closely linked to space news.

The Cité de l'espace allows the public to understand the scientific challenges facing space agencies, explore the Martian terrain and its animations featuring replicas of the Perseverance and Zhurong rovers... A space is also dedicated to the James Webb telescope to contemplate the images taken by this powerful space telescope and understand its role in observing and understanding the Universe.

With the new immersive experience LuneXplorer, visitors can experience a lunar mission like European astronauts!



Note:

The exhibition «Space and Sport» around themes that unite top athletes and astronauts (the body, the mind, team spirit), is extended until the end of December 2025.



3. Envol des Pionniers

Located on the historic site that saw the birth of the greatest human adventure in French aeronautics, L'Envol des Pionniers offers an immersive visit to discover legendary pilots: Saint-Exupéry, Mermoz, Guillaumet, and their peers.

At the end of World War I, the Latécoère Air Lines, then the Compagnie Générale Aéropostale, wove air links from Toulouse between countries and continents, when no aircraft was yet capable of doing so, by transporting mail and then the first passengers.

From February 15, 2025, a temporary and immersive exhibition titled «Air France, a History of Elegance» invites visitors to explore the history and timeless values of the airline from 1933 to today, through immersive settings, rare objects, haute couture uniforms, and models of mythical aircraft.

This exhibition is also an opportunity to rediscover the strong relationship that has always united Toulouse with the company, in historic buildings operated by Air France for 70 years.



4. Muséum

The scientific adventure in Toulouse begins in the heart of the city, in the science district, where the Muséum paved the way for this spirit of shared and transmitted knowledge to the greatest number. Renovated in 2008, the Muséum is now considered the second largest natural history museum in France, positioned at the crossroads of all sciences on the relationships between humans, nature, and the environment, pedagogy, and leisure.

On the occasion of the exhibition «Giants» visible until June 29, 2025, the Muséum invites young and old to follow in the footsteps of eight little-known species from the Cenozoic era, such as *Gastornis laurenti*, the smilodon, and the woolly mammoth.



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«Natural Mechanics,» an unprecedented collaboration between the Muséum de Toulouse and La Halle de La Machine. The two sites are joining forces to offer the public a cross-view between scientific and artistic representations of the animal world. Until April 29, 2025, a unique cross-programming allows you to immerse yourself in a captivating universe, where science and imagination meet in perfect harmony.



5. Quai des Savoirs

A few meters from the Muséum, at the other end of the Jardin des Plantes, the discovery route continues at the Quai des Savoirs. This unique cultural space is dedicated to the dissemination and sharing of scientific, technical, and industrial culture, innovation, and digital technology. Like the Muséum, it occupies a historic home of the scientific adventure in Toulouse, the former Faculty of Sciences, which retains the memory of Paul Sabatier, whose work on organic chemistry was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1912. Through interactive exhibitions, workshops, and debates, curiosity is awakened in the service of sharing and scientific culture.

From January 31 to November 2, 2025, the Quai des Savoirs presents «Like Sheep?», the exhibition where there is a crowd that invites visitors to discover the fascinating mechanisms that govern crowds, whether they are compact, dilated, in the street, on the internet, following a precise or random movement.

The Explorers Pass, a great plan valid for five consecutive days, allows the whole family to enjoy free entry to the five scientific culture sites (€48 adult rate, €35 child rate).



GASTRONOMIE



Les Halles de la Cartoucherie

Toulouse first eco-district, La Cartoucherie, perfectly embodies sustainable urbanism and modern living. At the heart of this district, two large halls, Les Halles de la Cartoucherie, have been renovated to become a 13,500 m² third place, completed in September 2023.

This project, supported by several cooperatives working in the fields of social and solidarity economy, culture, sports, catering, and real estate, has invested in one of the last workshops of an industrial complex that, for two centuries, produced armament parts for the French armies.



Today, the Third Place invites residents and visitors to engage in various sports activities (climbing, squash, fitness, wellness, dance, and circus arts), work, shop, read... The Market Place, open every day of the year at the north entrance of the Halls, is a place for meeting and culinary discoveries, with 25 food stands, a bar, and a collaborative grocery store that welcomes more than a million visitors each year.

Les Compagnons du fromage, «cheese» Food tour

Starting in May, Les Compagnons du fromage invites you to experience a unique 2.5-hour outdoor tour, combining cultural discovery and cheese tastings. The program includes a five-step walk, stories, original pairings, sensory games, and encounters.





Toulouse and its Vineyard: Domaine de Candie

Few people know it, but Toulouse stands out as one of the few cities in France to have its own urban vineyard: Domaine de Candie. This historic estate, located south of Toulouse near Francazal airport, has been owned by the Toulouse City Hall since 1975 and covers 250 hectares, including 12 hectares of organically grown vines (wine from the Pays du Comté Tolosan Bio), with in its center, the only fortified castle in the city dating from the 13th century. Since 2022, it has supplied Toulouse school canteens with local and artisanal products from the estate's farm and also transforms into a guinguette during the summer period.

Le Déjeuner des Petites Mécaniques The Lunch of the Small Mechanics, Show and Gastronomy!

On Saturdays and Sundays, and during school holidays, from 12 PM to 3 PM, at the heart of La Halle de La Machine, the Minotaure Café sets a unique table and offers a revisited version of the grandiose show «Le Dîner des Petites Mécaniques,» a creation by François Delarozier | Cie La Machine. In this version transformed into lunch, the table is set to allow 24 guests to experience an original gastronomic experience with service provided by the True Machinists and their show machines.



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Ready-to-drink cocktails with Papilles Cocktails

With a wealth of experience behind him, Alexis Taoufiq, Meilleur Ouvrier de France Barman, has developed a business in Albi, Occitanie, specialising in the creation of top-of-the-range ready-to-drink cocktails, and has chosen Toulouse to open his second boutique. Inside, you'll find a selection of classic or revisited bottled cocktails, not forgetting the signature cocktail, a nod to Toulouse, 'La ville en rose', with its infusion of violets.



Summer guinguettes

The Toulouse summer rhymes with «guinguettes», ephemeral places, by the Garonne, in converted industrial sites, green spaces, or remarkable residences, offering a friendly and festive atmosphere, ideal for evenings with friends. With shaded terraces, string lights, and delicious local cuisine, each guinguette offers a unique experience, combining relaxation and gourmet pleasure, the perfect recipe to enjoy the Toulouse way of life this summer!

Toulouse in Foreign Languages, Food Tours in English and/or Spanish:

Taste of Toulouse

Imagined by American Jessica Hammer, Taste of Toulouse offers 3 gastronomic discovery circuits, combining encounters and tastings. The visit to the Victor Hugo market, discovering the largest covered market in France and its local products, the visit to the wine bars of Toulouse to discover often unknown endemic grape varieties, or the visit to the best chocolates and pastries, each guarantees culinary discoveries and lovely encounters with passionate local artisans from southwestern France.

In English.



Toulouse Gourmet Tour

Spanish chef Alejandro has developed a 4-hour gastronomic tour in a small group, combining the discovery of the city's main attractions and local culinary specialties, some of which are cooked on-site, thanks to the chef's cargo bike. 7 stops, 7 stories, 7 samples offered for one of the most delicious food tours.

In English and Spanish.



CITY OF MUSIC

Since October 31, 2023, Toulouse has been designated a «City of Music» by UNESCO, recognizing the city's commitment to supporting and promoting all kinds of music. In Toulouse, people grow up and live with music, whether popular or classical, all repertoires are celebrated.



The Orchestre National du Capitole

The Orchestre National du Capitole de Toulouse resonates all year round at the Halle aux Grains, while piano, Latin music, and electro are also highlighted during numerous festivals. As a spearhead of its musical heritage, the Orchestre National du Capitole will be touring Germany for its international tour in 2025:

- Berlin, Philharmonie de Berlin – Wednesday, March 5, 2025
- Dortmund, Konzerthaus Dortmund – Thursday, March 6, 2025
- Freiburg – Friday, March 7, 2025
- Hamburg, ElbPhilharmonie – Sunday, March 9, 2025
- Hanover (date pending)
- Cologne, Philharmonie de Cologne – Wednesday, March 12, 2025
- Düsseldorf, Tonhalle Düsseldorf – Thursday, March 13, 2025

The orchestra will also close the Festival de Toulouse with a grand pop symphony concert on July 14 at the Prairie des Filtres by the Garonne River and will be scheduled at the Philharmonie de Paris on March 4, 2025.

Toulouse Music Venues: An Extensive Offer

The Toulouse metropolitan area now has two new concert halls that complement the existing offer:

- Le Zénith Toulouse Métropole (11,000 seats)
- Le Phare in Tournefeuille (3,495 seats)
- La Halle aux Grains (2,200 seats)
- **NEW** **Interférence**: located a few minutes' walk from the Balma-Gramont metro station, this modular hall has a capacity of 2,000 people for concerts and features a rooftop that can accommodate 700 people
- Le Bikini in Ramonville Saint-Agne (1,300 seats)
- Le Casino Barrière Toulouse (1,200 seats)
- **NEW** **La Cabane des Halles de la Cartoucherie**: this venue complements the offer of the third place located in the city's first eco-district. With a capacity of 758 seats/standing, nearly 90 shows are scheduled annually, mixing contemporary music, classical music, humor, circus, and dance
- Le Metronum Toulouse (600 seats)
- Le Rex (500 seats)

Festival Agenda

RIO LOCO Celebrates its 30th Anniversary

June 11-15, 2025

On the banks of the Garonne, since 1995, the Rio Loco festival combines concerts, shows for young audiences, visual arts, and DJ sets in a festive and popular spirit, reflecting the diversity and richness of music from here and elsewhere. After welcoming 86,000 festival-goers in 2024, the 30th-anniversary edition titled «Supernova» will pay tribute to the constellation of artists who have performed at Rio Loco.

rio-loco.org

LES SIESTES ÉLECTRONIQUES

June 26-29, 2025

This free festival dedicated to so-called «adventurous» contemporary music offers a rich, sharp, and open program to the general public. In the early evening, for 4 days, the public is invited to lie down in the heart of Compans-Caffarelli Park to be carried away by outdoor DJ sets in a family-friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

les-siestes.com

FESTIVAL DE TOULOUSE

June 28 - July 11, 2025

Proposed by the Toulouse City Hall and coordinated by classical concert artist Julien Martineau, this new event mixes musical genres. For its new edition, the Festival de Toulouse invites the public on a new musical journey through different venues in the city, featuring classical, pop, jazz, blues, film scores, and Cuban music. Dance, theater, cinema, and visual arts will also be part of the celebration!

linktr.ee/festivaldetoulouse

HALLE NIGHT LONG

July and August 2025

Every Friday and Saturday evening in summer, starting in mid-July, La Halle de La Machine invites music lovers to the Halle Night Long festival. On the program: free outdoor concerts, guinguette atmosphere, and barbecue... And rides on the back of the Minotaur at sunset. Soul, hip hop, brass band, rock, or funk: a refreshing musical cocktail awaits you, with the best of the local scene in a friendly, summery, and joyful atmosphere.

halledelamachine.fr

BRICKS ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL

July 5-6, 2025

Two days of outdoor electro festival with the best DJs in the large wooded park of La Mounède and its 17th-century castle. The Bricks Festival aims to be a unifying event bringing together a wide range of electronic genres, transcending sub-genre boundaries to offer a unique musical experience and make Toulouse a major hub of electronic music. The lineup will be announced soon!

bricksfestival.com

PONEY CLUB

Starting June 11, 2025

More than a festival, the Poney Club is a true open-air concert hall that sets up every summer in the parking lot of Toulouse-Blagnac Airport. Carl Cox, Boris Brejcha, Parov Stelar, The Blaze, Petit Biscuit are the first names announced for 2025.

poneyclubtoulouse.fr

ROSE FESTIVAL EN OCCITANIE

August 29-31, 2025

Conceived and imagined by the Toulouse rap duo Bigflo & Oli and produced by Bleu Citron, this festival in the city's colors highlights urban music, rap, and electro. An innovative festival with multiple cultural facets that aims to establish itself in the long term on the Toulouse territory.

rosefestival.fr

PIANO AUX JACOBINS

Septembre 2025

Created in 1980 by Catherine d'Argoubet and Paul Arnaud Péjouan, this festival takes place every year throughout September in the cloister of the Couvent des Jacobins, a jewel of southern Gothic architecture, as well as in other Toulouse venues. A renowned event on the French and international music scene, it invites the public each year to discover young artists and listen to the great names of the piano.

pianojacobins.com

TOULOUSE LES ORGUES

October 1-12, 2025

The international festival Toulouse les Orgues, created in 1996, is one of the most important organ events in Europe and promotes the rich heritage of Toulouse and the Occitanie Region. Each year, more than 10,000 festival-goers, French and foreign, come to vibrate to the sounds of the king of instruments with some unmissable events: the Nuits du Jésus, the Nuit de l'orgue at the Basilica of Saint-Sernin dedicated this year to German music, the midday concerts, yoga sessions, and the free concert reserved for students.

toulouse-les-orgues.org

PINK PARADIZE

October 2025

Les Productions du Possible launched the hybrid self-produced festival Pink Paradize more than 10 years ago, which has now become THE annual autumn event in Toulouse. In 2025, the festival will kick off as before on the track in front of La Halle de La Machine, with «Mecanik Paradize,» for an electro program at the feet of François Delarozière's living machines. The big names behind the turntables will make festival-goers dance surrounded by the Minotaur and the Spider for three days of show, then the festival will take over different venues in the city with a diverse program mixing more intimate concerts and theater.

pinkparadizefestival.com



CYCLE TOURSIM

Faced with the environmental and urban challenges of the 21st century, Toulouse is continuing to transform itself through a series of green initiatives, such as the pedestrianisation of the city centre, the creation of major urban parks, and the development of cycling infrastructure for both daily and tourist travel. and tourism. With the hosting of the Tour de France, 2025 will be more synonymous than ever with cycling!



A few figures

808 km of cycling facilities

225 km of green network for cycling

3,300 VélôToulouse bicycles, 50% of which have been electric since August 2024

15 establishments with the Accueil Vélo label in Toulouse Métropole by 2025

A green and pink City

Thanks to an ever-expanding network of cycle paths and local initiatives to promote cycling, the city offers cycling enthusiasts an ideal setting in which to explore its riches. ideal setting in which to explore its riches. One of the most emblematic routes is the Canal du Midi. Bordered by plane trees and following the calm waters of the canal, it invites cyclists to discover a route combining nature and history. Toulouse is also a strategic strategic departure point for cycling excursions to the varied landscapes of the Occitanie region, with its vineyards, Pyrenean mountains and picturesque villages.

In November 2025, a new park will open on the Île du Ramier. Offering more than ten hectares of greenery, this area will feature pedestrian walkways, a bandstand and a playground.

Other large-scale urban development projects are also planned, such as the Grand Parc Canal and the Grand Parc Garonne. Their common ambition is to integrate more nature into the urban environment, to create islands of freshness and to rethink travel by favouring soft mobility along the canals and the banks of the Garonne.

Tour de France 2025

15 and 16 July 2025

Toulouse is a historic city for the Grande Boucle, having featured on the first route in 1903. It will host the Tour de France again in July 2025, after a final visit in 2019. On 15 July, the peloton will have its first rest day in the Pink City, before setting off on a 154km loop from Toulouse on 16 July for the 11th stage of the competition.



Tourist services

With self-service bike hire services like VélôToulouse, it's easy to get around the Pink City by bike, whether for a day or a week. Toulouse, gateway to the Canal du Midi, is often a must-see stop-off point along the Canal du Midi, and several tourist service providers offer bike hire:

- *La Maison du Vélo*, located opposite the Matabiau station along the Canal du Midi, bike hire, participatory workshops and a restaurant in the shade of a lime tree (*Le Vélo Sentimental*) maisonduvelotoulouse.com
- *Le VéloTrement*, hire of top-of-the-range electrically assisted bicycles, as well as guided tours and excursions by bicycle
levelotrement.com
- *Paulette bike*, Bike and equipment hire
paulette.bike/fr

In terms of accommodation, 15 establishments (11 hotels and 4 tourist residences) have been awarded the 'Accueil Vélo' label in Toulouse Métropole, a national mark guaranteeing a high-quality welcome and services for cyclists on their itineraries. This is a national label guaranteeing a high-quality welcome and services for cyclists on their travels.

Here are just a few examples:

- Hôtel Les Capitouls ****
- Hôtel de Brienne ****
- Hôtel Albert 1^{er} ***
- Grand Hôtel d'Orléans ***
- Hôtel Héliot ***

More infos : www.toulouse-tourisme.com/en/prepare-for-your-stay/getting-around-by-bike/



Toulouse by bike

Guided tours from the Tourist Office

Every year, from spring onwards, the Toulouse Tourist Office organises a cycle tour of the city in partnership with La Maison du vélo. Other service providers, such as Le VéloTrement and Toulouse Bike Tour, also offer this type of tour on two wheels!



Continuing with the theme

À toute vitesse ! L'âge d'or de la bicyclette (Full speed ahead! The golden age of the bicycle), at the Musée des Arts Précieux Paul-Dupuy

At the turn of the twentieth century, cycling took off rapidly, symbolising an era marked by industrial progress and the growth of leisure activities. Initially reserved for the leisure activities of the wealthy classes, the bicycle quickly became accessible to the working classes, to the point where, until the 1960s, it was the main means of transport for working people. The bicycle was also a factor of emancipation, allowing women to wear culottes and baggy trousers, which at the time were forbidden on the public highway. At the same time, cycling became a competitive sport, which in turn encouraged further technical improvements. The Tour de France was born in 1903. Advertising from the 1890s to the 1930s conveys in powerful images the atmosphere of technical and commercial emulation, as well as the changes in society during the golden age of the bicycle, and will be presented in a special exhibition at the Musée Paul-Dupuy from 8 July to 31 August 2025.



IN SLOW MODE

By adopting slow tourism, travellers can truly appreciate the cultural richness and conviviality of Toulouse, while contributing to more sustainable and environmentally-friendly tourism. After cycling, here are some other ideas for activities in slow mode!



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The little tourist train

The little tourist train, now electric, takes you around the city on a choice of 2 routes. On the Garonne or Canal du Midi side, seated in the carriage and listening to an audioguide, visitors can immerse themselves in the atmosphere of the city through Toulouse's famous narrow streets.

Note:

Spanish national railway company *Renfe* will launch a new international AVE train between Toulouse and Barcelona in the second quarter of 2025. The 3.5-hour link between the Pink City and the Catalan capital will operate seasonally until mid-September, with one train a day in each direction.

The tuk-tuk

You can also visit the Pink City in a private 100% electric Tuk-tuk, with audio commentary. Quiet and completely open, this is undoubtedly the best way to discover the charms and personality of this south-western city without getting tired!

NEW

New slow hôtel

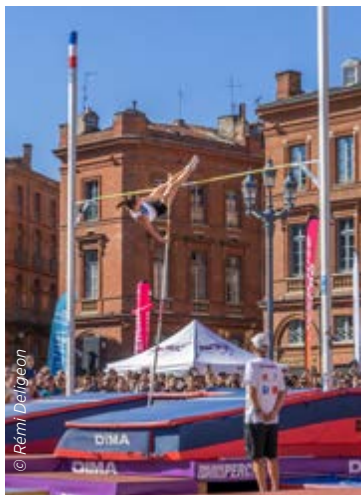
The Sangha Hôtel Toulouse*** has just opened its doors in the Cartoucherie eco-neighbourhood: 75 rooms spread over 5 levels, a rooftop with a breathtaking view of the renovated Halles, a lounge bar and wellness services. An urban cocoon inspired by Buddhist retreats, where well-being is the cornerstone for its guests and the local community.

Waterway activities

In Toulouse, the warmer weather heralds a return to river tourism and bucolic outings aboard one of the *Bateaux Toulousains*. Depending on the season, the guided cruises allow you to enjoy the peace and quiet of the Canal du Midi, lined with plane trees, or to admire the main monuments from the Garonne River by trying out a lock.

In summer, there are special tours on 14 July and night-time cruises to admire the reflection of Toulouse's lights from the Garonne.

During the summer months, *Granhota* offers one-hour canoe trips with commentary and supervision, so you can see Toulouse's main monuments from the river, as well as electric boat hire without a licence with *Les Caboteurs*.



The year's major sporting events

Women's football at the Stadium 21 February 2025

Le Stadium de Toulouse va bientôt accueillir un match de l'équipe de France féminine de football, dans le cadre de la Ligue des Nations, qui jouera contre l'équipe norvégienne.
Allez les Bleues !

Toulouse Capitoile Perche June 2025

In June, the world's greatest pole vaulters gather in Toulouse's main square for this international event, which has been awarded LABEL BRONZE status by WA (World Athletics). The athletes vault to the sound of music and the clamour of the public, hosted by a tandem of seasoned speakers. Alongside the professional athletes, introductory courses are available for young and old alike to discover this sporting discipline.

Eden Park WaterRugby From 3 to 6 July 2025

For the seventh year running, Toulouse will be hosting the Eden Park WaterRugby, the only rugby tournament with a floating pitch! This not-to-be-missed event celebrates the start of summer in the Pink City. Over the course of four days, more than 1,100 players will take to the field and dive into the Garonne. The highlight of the weekend is the EAU'LL STAR Tournament, where 50 legends of international rugby will get their shirts wet in front of a 600-seat grandstand and a host of supporters lining the quayside to cheer them on!

Launch of the Toulouse Triathlon 5 October 2025

Following the success of the first three editions of the Supertri in Toulouse, the organisers are announcing the first edition of the Toulouse Triathlon, which will take place on Sunday 5 October 2025 and will include S and M distance races. This event will take place ahead of the Supertri league professional race, in which Olympic champions and top-level professional athletes take part.

12th édition of the Garona Cup October 11, 2025

The Garona Cup, Toulouse's iconic and prestigious rowing regatta, sees students from the city's leading universities compete against each other on the Garonne. Unique in Europe for the diversity of its crews, which are made up of both men and women, the Garona Cup is also a competition for solidarity, with a fund-raising event organised in aid of the Toulouse Cancer Santé Foundation, which finances cancer research at the Toulouse Oncopole, a research centre with a European dimension.

Toulouse, a land of rugby

23-time winners of the Top 14, the national championship, and current holders of the European Championship title (which they have won 6 times), the Stade Toulousain rugby union club has an impressive track record! Matches at the Ernest-Wallon stadium are one of the must-see experiences when visiting Toulouse.





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