



WHAT'S NEW !

Marseille, at the heart of Provence, never ceases to surprise with its rich and varied offer, and above all, its constant renewal. Discover the latest news and events to look forward to in the coming months and years, which continue to make Marseille as lively, vibrant and attractive as ever!



First anniversary

THE COSQUER CAVE

As worldwide announced, the replica of the prehistorical Cosquer cave opened on July 4th, and it is phe-no-me-nal ! On the first weekend, more than 10 000 people came to visit this new cultural gem, and a year later the goal of 800 000 visitors was reached. Tourists, locals, families, seniors, everyone was won over by the 35-minutes visit of the cave in the little electric and silent trolleys with the comments on your ear (available in 6 languages), but also by the film on the incredible story of Henri Cosquer during his discovery, the life-size reconstructions of animals now extinct represented in the cave, the landscape of the Calanques 30,000 years ago, plus the differents spaces dedicated to climate and rising sea levels.

Historical reminder : in the 1990s, the diver Henri Cosquer found in the Calanques, at a depth of 37 meters, a cave decorated with more than 500 Paleolithic drawings, later dated between -27,000 and -19,000 BC. Because of the difficulty of accessibility the cave remains closed to the public, hence the opening of the replica on the Villa Méditerranée, just next to the Mucem.



Some news in the gastronomic scene :

LES GRANDES HALLES DU VIEUX-PORT

Since July 2022, Marseille has a new place for foodies : les Grandes Halles, located as says the name just next to the old port. A place where gastronomy, conviviality, quality and generosity mix. On this well decorated 2000 meters square, locals and visitors can come any time of the day for coffee or drinks, and during lunch and dinner hours to enjoy diverse quality food, all linked to the Mediterranean : lebanese food, spanish tapas, pizzas, seafood, italian trattoria ... A perfect spot to enjoy some fine food with many choices, in a chill and relax atmosphere !

In the spring of 2023, on the same square, the market opened, to complete the restaurant part. You can find various quality products: bread, cheese, cold cuts, but also fresh pasta, a truffle grower ...

Keeping the traditions alive :

THE RICARD MUSEUM MX

Opened after the covid crises, MX as in Mix, just like the 3 elements you have to mix to get a perfect pastis apero : water, ice and Ricard ! No other city could have opened a place like this one. The MX is many things, an experiential journey, a concept store, a bar, a restaurant, an event center, all built around an emblematic Marseille flavor, anise. Through your visit, you'll learn which herbs are used to create this very specific flavor and how to recognize all of them, you can learn how to make pastis cocktail at the bar during the mixology workshops, taste the different dishes of the restaurant all based on a slight anis flavour, and of course finish your experience with the most marseillais sport you'll ever find, a game of pétanque !





A futur extension on :

MAISONS DU MONDE HOTEL & SUITES

After a very encouraging start on the banks of the old port, the Maison du Monde hotel is expanding its offer. Since January 2023, 16 suites, designed as flats, complete the existing range of rooms. Each suite, named after famous characters from Marcel Pagnol's novels (Marius, César, Panisse ...) is adopting the same concept as the hotel rooms: an inspiring and singular style, comfort and services that will invite all guests to well-being and escape, in a "home from home" atmosphere. A perfect way to live a real experience in the city of Marseille, whether you are on a business or leisure trip.

IGH continues to grow :

OPENING OF THE CROWN PLAZA

After the emblematic Intercontinental Hôtel Dieu above the old port, and the Holiday Inn at Saint-Charles rail station, IHG will open on the summer 2023 the Crown Plaza****, on the economic and upcoming neighborhood of les Chartreux. Located just next to the biggest concert venue of Marseille (Le Dôme, 8000 seats), this luxury hotel will count 138 rooms, a restaurant Cucina Victoria with a bar, coworking spaces and meeting rooms, plus a fitness center, an outdoor swimming pool and a private parking, not always easy to find on marseillais hotels. Intended mainly for business customers, the hotel is indeed located on a strategic point, close to the highway going North, but also at the crossroads of ways to the city center. 80 to 90 jobs are expected upon opening.



Keeping the

GREEN ATTITUDE

With great tourism comes great responsibility !
As one of France's most popular destination and second largest city, Marseille is strongly committed to a policy of preserving its natural and urban landscape.

Thus, new actions are implemented or perpetuated each year in the tourism industry :
Marseille boasts the highest number of Green Key labels (considering the ratio of the number of hotels in the city), with 32 hotels awarded the label in 2023. By the end of 2024, with the help of the Accor branch, which has positioned itself as the official leader of the label, almost 20 hotels in total will have received the official green recognition, which highlights good management in terms of water, energy, sustainable food and waste. The label's criteria also include good working conditions for employees.

Marseille is also increasing the number of "Ecotable" restaurants, guaranteeing ecological excellence in the kitchen. No fewer than 38 restaurants have joined the scheme, with 22 awarded the label. Like Green Key, Ecotable checks the origin of products, seasonality, the fight against food waste, waste treatment, etc.

The coming summer also marks the return of bookings to the Calanques National Park, a first in France. Following the success of 2022, when 400 people a day were able to visit the Calanque de Sugiton in complete peace (compared with 2,500 a day previously), the operation has been renewed for weekends in June and September, and every day in July and August. Visitors can now enjoy an area that is as calm as it is clean, and the local flora and fauna are protected and preserved for a better future.



Choose your activity on :

MARSEILLE EXPERIENCE

What better way to enjoy Marseille than through a unique experience ? Choose the one that fits you the most, among the many propositions : you're here with your family ? Take an electric bike trip all together along the coast and on the small secret streets of Marseille. You're a thrill seeker ? Go climb on the Calanques hills with a breathtaking view on the Mediterranean. Looking for the fun night with friends ? Take the apero on a sailing boat around Marseille islands. You will also have a choice between many themed guided tours : exploring street art, gastronomy, meeting the locals, discover the outlying neighborhoods, the biodiversity ...

www.marseilleexperience.com



MARSEILLE STADE VÉLODROME

POOL D **ENGLAND v ARGENTINA**
Sat, 9 Sept

POOL B **SOUTH AFRICA v SCOTLAND**
Sun, 10 Sept

POOL A **FRANCE v NAMIBIA**
Thurs, 21 Sept

POOL B **SOUTH AFRICA v TONGA**
Sun, 1 Oct

QF1 **WINNER POOL C v RUNNER-UP POOL D**
Sat, 14 Oct

QF3 **WINNER POOL D v RUNNER-UP POOL C**
Sun, 15 Oct

Getting ready for :

THE RUGBY WORLD CUP 2023

RWC is right around the corner ! In september-october 2023, Marseille will be swarming with fans from all over the world, with 6 games being held in the mythical Orange Velodrome stadium and its 60 000 seats. 7 countries are already listed to play in Marseille, including France and South Africa, current champion, which will transform the streets in a giant rugby fiesta !

Of course, nothing will keep the football fans away from their team the Olympique de Marseille, who play twice a month in front of a nearly-full stadium. A true experience not to be missed for tourists also !

In 2022, Marseille was selected by the Time as one of the 50 destinations to visit in the world !



In 2024 :

THE PARIS OLYMPIC GAMES

In 2024, the Paris Olympic Games will also be held in Marseille, which has been chosen to host the sailing events, in addition to some soccer games. An amazing opportunity to rediscover the variety of beaches in Marseille coast, and all the activities they provide.

Marseille will host the sailing events of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games at the Olympic Marina, on the harbour of Marseille, plus 10 Olympic football games in the Stade Vélodrome.

As a city naturally turned towards the sea, Marseille benefits from a harbour offering exceptional sailing conditions. The city's internationally recognised know-how in hosting and organising nautical events have made the city and its Marina the ideal site for hosting the Olympic events.

Marseille benefits from a unique stretch of water, a natural asset recognised by the greatest sailors and as one of the best in the world. The harbour of Marseille offers all the conditions for a high quality sporting show, and for the competitors.

More than 70 athletes from the French national team train daily on this stretch of water, as part of the « Pôle France de Voile » (installed in Marseille since 1996), and the Pôles Espoir de Voile and Kayak in the Roucas Blanc area. The French athletes have been joined recently by numerous delegations of international teams who also train in good conditions, as a foretaste of the Olympic Games.

It hosts more than 100 nautical events per year, ranging from local regattas to the Tour de France, and to major international sailing competitions.

Extra info: Marseille will be the first city in France to welcome the Olympic flame! At the beginning of May 2024 (date not yet defined), the flame will leave from Olympia and disembark in the Vieux-Port on board the legendary sailing ship Belem, before starting its journey to Paris, the host city of the Games. This distinction is an obvious nod to the historical link between Marseille and Greece since the beginning of its history.

Maxime Tissot, director of the Metropolitan Tourist Office and Convention Bureau :

« In 2024, all eyes will be on the harbour of Marseille, the most beautiful in the world. Hosting the sailing events Olympic Games in our magnificent city is a showcase for the beauty and richness of our coastline. »



[NEW]

MUSÉE DE L'ILLUSION

Located at the foot of La Major Cathedral, this museum, which has already conquered cities such as Toronto and New York, is coming to Marseille for an unlimited period. It's an immersive space for young and old alike, where all your senses will be turned upside down, thanks to activities combining trompe-l'oeil, optical illusions, sensory challenges, mirror games, vortex tunnels, holograms and more. The fun is guaranteed, with scientific explanations to help you better understand the link between reality and perception, and how our intellect works when faced with all these visions that turn our brains upside down.

Open every day

www.museedelillusion.fr/en



THE CITADEL OPENS ITS GATES

Summer 2023

Also known as Fort Saint-Nicolas, and facing its neighbour Fort Saint-Jean, this listed Historical Monument opens its doors in the summer of 2023! Come and discover the secrets of this former military fort overlooking the Old Port, and follow the progress of its restoration since its creation in the 17th century. A place of inclusion and transmission, it will host a wide range of events throughout the summer, including concerts, open-air cinema, workshops and festivals.

Open according to program

www.lacitadelledemarseille.org/en



Regards de Provence Museum

LA COLLECTION - SES 25 ANS

Until March 31 2024

To mark the museum's 10th anniversary and the 25th anniversary of the Fondation et Association Regards de Provence, the latter is staging an exhibition entitled "The Collection - 25 Years", featuring some forty 19th and 20th century paintings from the Foundation's collection. The exhibition takes visitors on a journey back in time through Marseille, the southern coast and the Provençal countryside, highlighting the beauty and realism of the works of landscape painters and the talent of naturalist, Fauvist and Expressionist colourists.

Open every day except on Mondays

www.museeregardsdeprovence.com/en



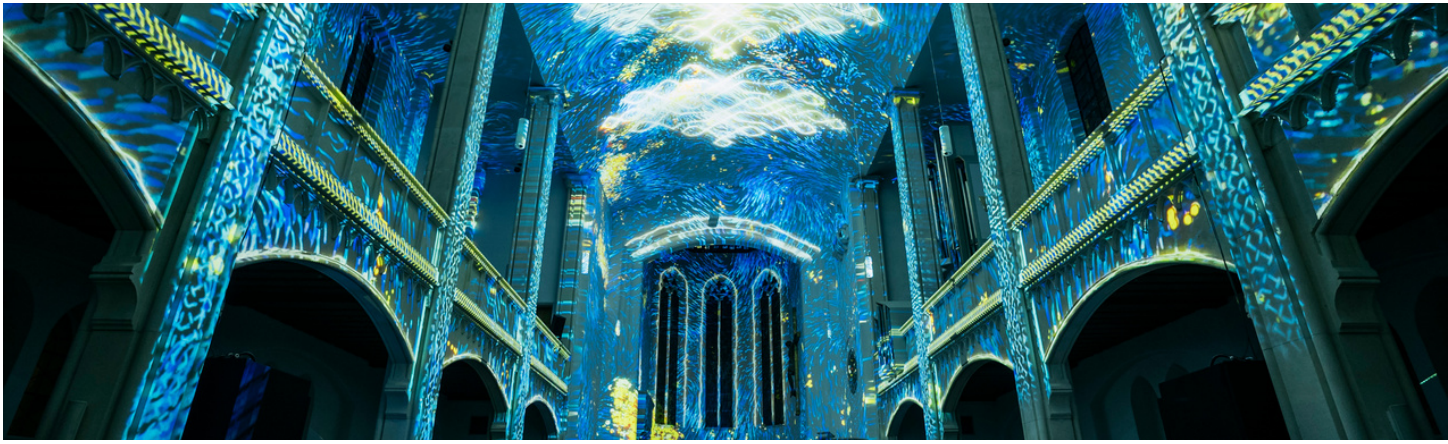
Centre de la Vieille Charité

BAYA, UNE HÉROÏNE ALGÉRIENNE DE L'ART MODERNE

With over 100 works, the exhibition looks back over the entire artistic career of Baya, a 20th-century Algerian artist. Until 24 September at the Centre de la Vieille Charité, visitors will be able to rediscover this singular figure of Mediterranean art, through an assembly of various paintings, ceramics and drawings, complemented by previously unpublished archives from Baya's private collection, ranging from personal letters to press articles from the period.

Open every day except on Mondays

www.musees.marseille.fr



Palais de la Bourse

GENESIS

From July 8 to September 6 2023

After the Mona Lisa and Sistine Chapel exhibitions, the Palais de la Bourse, right next to the Old Port, is hosting a spectacular show this summer that has already triumphed all over Europe: Genesis. Put on by Fever, already behind the Sistine Chapel exhibition, this sound and light show uses state-of-the-art technology to explore the origins of the world. A 30-minute show that will take you on a journey through the elements, as well as allowing you to (re)walk in the footsteps of the magnificent interior of the Palais de la Bourse, home to Europe's oldest Chamber of Commerce since 1860.

Open Thursday to Sunday

www.auroriumexperiences.com/marseille/genesis/



FRAC Sud

MARTHA WILSON, INVISIBLE - WORKS ON AGING (1972-2022)

From July 1 2023 to February 4 2024

The FRAC, Cité de l'art contemporain in the vibrant district of la Joliette, is hosting the first major monographic exhibition in France on Martha Wilson, a pioneering figure in feminist activism through art. In the 1970s, the now 75-year-old American artist was one of the first to use her body to question social representations of the feminine. The exhibition at the FRAC will retrace the trajectory of her career and the many challenges and obstacles she encountered, including the inevitable question of the passage of time, which renders women in their 70s invisible.

Open Wednesday to Sunday

www.fracsud.org



[MAC]

IT'S NOT MY JOB, IT'S YOUR JOB

Until August 6 2023

After 4 years of renovation work, the Musée d'Art Contemporain reopened its doors in April 2023, much to the delight of art lovers. To celebrate this grand opening and take advantage of this new jewel in Marseille, the artist Paola Pivi has been chosen for the first temporary exhibition. The Italian artist is already well known to the Marseilles public since her project 25,000 Covid Jokes, which was installed in the Chapelle of Centre de la Vieille Charité. Visitors will be as intrigued as they will be won over by the array of colours, objects and experiences on show in the artist's exhibition, all of which carry messages that will resonate with everyone. That's all there is to it - just step inside!

Open every day except on Mondays

www.musees.marseille.fr



Mucem

BARVALO

Until September 4 2023

For the summer of 2023, Mucem, the national museum celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, is offering an exhibition devoted to the history and diversity of Europe's Romani populations. Roma, Manouches, Gypsies, Travellers - the history of this community, which is still fighting against "anti-gypsyism", is highlighted in the first part, which focuses on the persecution and stereotypical representations it has suffered. The second part follows and completes the exhibition with reflections on the notions of belonging and identity. With works by Romani and non-Romani artists, sculptures, photos and paintings, visitors will be able to rediscover the past and present of these European minorities through 200 different items.

Open every day except on Tuesdays

www.mucem.org



Château Borély

L'ASIE FANTASMÉE

Until May 19 2024

As indicated in the apt name of the exhibition, Asia and its decorative traditions have always fascinated Western people. And what better museum to exhibit this collection than the Museum of Decorative Arts, Faience and Fashion? Because of its privileged position at the confluence of civilizations, the city of Marseille has always been a source of numerous exchanges, and today possesses an impressive array of diverse pieces that will be exhibited: furniture and wall decorations, prints and paintings, fans, bronze statuettes, jade, ivory, curiosities, goldsmith's and silversmith's pieces, antique textiles and of course earthenware and porcelain. An opportunity to revisit oriental art, and to remember the important place of Marseille as a multicultural city open to the world.

Open every day except on Mondays

www.musees.marseille.fr



Château de la Buzine

STEVEN & SPIELBERG - DE L'ORDINAIRE A L'EXTRAORDINAIRE

Until October 31 2023

Jaws, E.T., Indiana Jones, Jurassic Park ... Who hasn't dreamed of exploring the secrets of the genius director behind all these iconic works? In this exhibition dedicated 100% to the filmmaker and his films, come and discover the story behind the scenes, the story of the man who succeeded in scaring a whole generation of adults with his killer shark, and in melting the hearts of children with his devilishly endearing alien.

Transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary has always been Spielberg's goal, around themes that fascinate him and his audience: history, war, racism, family ... To understand the artist in order to better understand his works, this is the goal of this exhibition, once again, in the iconic Château de la Buzine dedicated to the world of cinema.

Open every day

www.labuzine.com