

# NANTES

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Nantes - La Cité des Congrès

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**Congress and Event Capacity : Up to 4 000 delegates**

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Nantes, located in the **heart of Europe**, is a logistical masterpiece for international events. Its international airport connects you effortlessly to major cities and hubs, while the high-speed train network ensures swift travel within Europe.

### **By plane:**

- Direct flights to 100 national and international destinations
- 1 hour from Paris and London
- All the European capital cities in less than 2 hours

### **By train:**

- less than 2 hours from Paris
- 21 round-trips/day to Paris every half-hour

## **Nantes, where innovation and sustainability meet**

Nantes embraces your vision with open arms. Experience unparalleled support from a community driven by **innovation**: Nantes is a prominent center for higher education and innovation with more **5,000 academic researchers**. Collaborate effortlessly with local businesses, and leverage Nantes' dynamic spirit to infuse your events with cutting-edge ideas. The city's commitment to sustainability aligns seamlessly with the evolving landscape of global events, ensuring your gatherings leave a positive impact.

## **Enchanting venues & accommodations**

As a meticulous business event planner, you sure will be enthralled by Nantes' diverse array of venues. From modern conference centers (**La Cité Nantes Congress Center**), to singular locations such **Les Machines de l'Île** to historic châteaux, each space exudes a unique charm. Accommodations are equally enchanting, offering a spectrum from boutique hotels to luxurious riverside retreats. Your events deserve an ambiance that resonates, and Nantes delivers.

## **Culinary excellence and cultural richness**

Indulge your attendees in a culinary journey through Nantes' gastronomic wonders. **From Michelin-starred restaurants to friendly bistros** such as La Cantine, the city's diverse offerings cater to every palate. Beyond gastronomy, immerse your events in the city's **rich cultural tapestry**. Art galleries, museums, and the vibrant arts scene provide a backdrop that elevates your gatherings to unforgettable heights.

## **Intelligence meets Innovation**

The economic dynamism of Nantes is powered by **competitiveness clusters** and **world-renowned industries of excellence** (health/biotechnologies, agri-food, composite and metallic materials, sciences of the sea (Marine Renewable Energy), aerospace...): the EMC2 cluster, dedicated to advanced manufacturing technologies, Atlanpole Biotherapies for healthcare/biotechnology, Images & Réseaux for information and telecom technologies, and of course the Brittany Atlantic Ocean Cluster for the maritime economy...

The destination is home to some **5,000 researchers** (public and private establishments), 200 laboratories, universities and specialist schools, including **over 60,000 students**. Nantes' modern and

vibrant economy is built on the presence of leading world companies such as STX, Vivalis, LU, Airbus, Alstom, Eurofins...

## Tips to (re)discover Nantes

### 1. Nantes, amazingly creative and friendly!

A gala dinner in Les Machines de l'Île with "the Grand Elephant" takes you on an imaginary voyage at the crossroads of Jules Verne's "invented worlds", Leonardo da Vinci's mechanical world and Nantes' industrial legacy.

### 2. The Nantes Events hosting Charter

Nantes stands out with the introduction of the Hospitality Charter with 24 commitments for a warm and personalised welcome for your delegates, with free services provided by all local partners.

### 3. Nantes, an environmentally responsible city

Nantes shows an ongoing commitment to protecting the environment and providing an excellent quality of life. 1st french city European Green Capital.



# 1 EASY TO ACCESS

Nantes is just a 2h train journey from Paris, 4h20 from Bordeaux, 4h50 from Lyon and 4h15 from Lille.



# 2 1 INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LOCATED

**20 MINUTES AWAY FROM THE CITY CENTRE**, connecting Nantes to all major European cities less than a 2-hour flight away.



**3 Nantes is a prominent center** for higher education and research with

**5,000 ACADEMIC RESEARCHERS**



**4 The city generates more digital jobs than anywhere else in France, hosts 500 events per year.**

and enjoys a thriving ecosystem for startups (with more than 250).

# 10 REASONS TO CHOOSE NANTES

Planning a convention, trade show or corporate seminar? Choose Nantes, birthplace of Jules Verne, and organize an unforgettable event in a creative and socially responsible city!

**3<sup>RD</sup> DISABILITY-FRIENDLY CITY 3**  
(APF France Handicap, January 2020)

Green city: **101 PARKS AND GARDENS IN NANTES**

**1<sup>ST</sup>** French city designated **EUROPEAN GREEN CAPITAL**

**3** auditoriums **6,000 m2** of multi-purpose

**8,700 HOTEL ROOMS** over 1,100 rooms within walking distance from La Cité Congress Centre

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