

# Visit the land of **THE 24 HOURS OF LE MANS**

TRAVEL BOOK



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GOOD REASONS  
FOR VISITING

*Le Mans & La Sarthe*

Le Mans is **THE world capital** for motor sports!

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Le Mans is the birthplace of an **English royal dynasty**: the Plantagenets.

Le Mans is home to one of the **most beautiful cathedrals** in France.

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Le Mans has one of the **greatest Roman walls** in Europe.

La Sarthe is home to one of the rare **Loire Valley castles** to be inhabited.

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La Sarthe's forests are among **the most beautiful forests** in France.

# RACE TRACK CALENDAR 2022

■ **18/03 - 20/03**

*Exclusive Drive*

■ **26/03 - 27/03**

*French Superbike  
Championships*

■ **29/03 - 30/03**

*24 Hours of Le Mans  
motorcycle race test day*

■ **01/04 - 03/04**

*Fun Racing Cars*

■ **16/04 - 17/04**

*24 Hours of Le Mans  
motorcycle race*

■ **26/04**

*Tour Auto*

■ **30/04 - 01/05**

*Classic Days*

■ **07/05**

*Sarthe Moto Rally*

■ **13/05 - 15/05**

*French motorcycle Grand  
Prix*

■ **05/06**

*24 Hours of Le Mans  
Test Day*

■ **11/06 - 12/06**

*24 Hours of Le Mans*

■ **30/06 - 03/07**

*Le Mans Classic*

■ **09/07 - 10/07**

*24 Hours Rollerblades*

■ **26/07 - 30/07**

*Rotax Max Challenge*

■ **19/08 - 21/08**

*The Big Car Show*

■ **27/08 - 28/08**

*24 Hours Bicycle*

■ **23/09 - 25/09**

*24 Hours Karting*

■ **24/09 - 25/09**

*24 Hours Trucks*

■ **21/10 - 22/10**

*Porsche Sprint Challenge*

■ **29/10 - 30/10**

*Inter-Ecuries*

■ **11/11 - 13/11**

*Endurance Tourism Trophy*





ANNIVERSARY

## 1923 – 2023: 100 years of the 24 Hours of Le Mans!

It will soon be a hundred years since the first 24 Hours of Le Mans, the race that attracts a following of millions around the world and whose popularity has never dwindled.

Major manufacturers Accura, Alpine, Audi, BMW, Cadillac, Ferrari, Glickenhaus, Peugeot, Porsche and Toyota and are already gearing up for the centenary race, which is set to be historic in more ways than one.

This anniversary is a unique opportunity to pay tribute to the race's founding fathers and to all those for whom this event represents a dream, a goal, a livelihood or a lifestyle.



More information at:

[www.24h-lemans.com](http://www.24h-lemans.com)

# LE MANS & MOTORSPORTS

Created in 1923, the 24 Hours of Le Mans is the world's biggest endurance race, watched by millions of viewers on TV each year and live by around 260,000 spectators.

Recognized worldwide as the most difficult challenge in car racing, the myth of Le Mans is above all a story of men and machines. It is also a week of festivities. Drivers' Parade attracts over 150,000 spectators from all over the world. On the second Saturday in June at 4 p.m., more than 160 drivers start the race along the 13.6 km long circuit.

## The circuit: driving and visits all year long

The Automobile Club de l'Ouest offers test drives on the prestigious Le Mans circuits. Ride a motorcycle and enjoy a unique experience!

[www.lemansdriver.fr](http://www.lemansdriver.fr)

Le Mans International Go-Karting is the largest go-karting complex in Europe. It has three tracks for competition and recreational races.

[www.lemans-karting.com](http://www.lemans-karting.com)

Visit the circuit takes you behind the scenes of the world's biggest endurance race via self-guided or guided tours. Discover the history of the race from a different angle.

[www.lemans.org](http://www.lemans.org)



# 24 Hours Immersion

## Porsche Sport Driving School

This exclusive concept combines pleasure, learning and thrills. Porsche driving courses in Porsche Sport Driving School vehicles or in your own Porsche.

<https://porsche-experience-center.fr/driving-experience/pte> / +33 2 43 400 911



PORSCHE

## PROGRAMME

From  
€ 1 195  
per person

- 8.00 am** Arrival at the circuit. Welcome, coffee and pastries.
- 8.30 am** Porsche briefing. Description of the day. Safety instructions and driving techniques.
- 9.00 am** Practice the driving areas specifically designed for our races. (Low grip areas and wide spaces for practical manoeuvres - spectacular and safe- individual advice.  
Braking and loss of grip exercises.
- 12.15 pm** Lunch at the Porsche Experience Center restaurant.
- 2.00 pm** Two coaching sessions for each participant with a race instructor.
- 4.45 pm** Hot laps: Two laps as passenger with your race instructor in order to visualise the efficiency of the techniques you have learned, but implemented at a more dynamic pace.
- 5.15 pm** Assessment of safety distances.
- 5.50 pm** Cocktail to round off the day.  
Presentation of Racing Certificates.
- 6.00 pm** If you wish extend the Porsche Experience with us, we offer you the possibility of experiencing the Off Road range as a passenger on our specially adapted track.

*Free soft drinks throughout the day*

## Behind the scenes of the race at the 24 Hours of Le Mans Museum



Almost 140 vehicles are on display in this large museum. Visitors will be able to get a flavour of the fervour that is present each year during the famous race. The museum holds a number of temporary exhibitions: Toyota, the Time of Victory looks back at the history of the Japanese brand in Le Mans while Le Mans 66 takes us back in time to the Ford/Ferrari duel with sets and costumes from the film of the same name that was released in 2019.

[www.lemans-musee24h.com](http://www.lemans-musee24h.com)



## Le Mans Classic

30 JUNE - 3 JULY, 2022



If the 24 Hours of Le Mans race creates history then the Le Mans Classic tells it! Four days of festivities in vintage mode, almost 600 cars from 1923 to 1993. 1,000 drivers competing on a legendary circuit revive the story of the most famous endurance race in the world. While the engines roar on the race track, nearly 8,500 vintage cars of 60 different brands showcase their exceptional features in the different «villages» set up around the circuit. Lots of different activities animate the event: American-style drive-ins, vintage bus tour, concerts, dance floors straight out of the sixties, auction of vintage cars, etc.

[www.lemansclassic.com](http://www.lemansclassic.com)



# THE 24 HOURS OF LE

**FRIDAY 3 JUNE TO SATURDAY 4 JUNE 2022**

## Administrative checking and scrutineering

The Place de la République in Le Mans city centre becomes a hive of activity! The 62 competitors invited to the race undergo a 'scrutineering' procedure, known in French as 'le pesage'. The "show" is free and the 62 cars and 186 drivers draw huge crowds. The drivers sign autographs and pose for photos.

**SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022**

## « 24 Hours of Le Mans » Test Day

In the 24 Hours of Le Mans Test Day, competitors take part in an official test day, a few days before the race begins. Entry is free to spectators who have tickets to the actual race. The Test Day comprises two 4-hour sessions. The sessions are timed, but admission to the race is not affected. Other than rookies, new cars (at least one car per model) and new competitors, i.e., members of teams who have never yet taken part, are also obliged to complete the Test Day.

**TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2022**

## Pit walk and autograph sessions

This is the second opportunity for fans to get close to the drivers. There are signatures on everything - photos, posters, caps, t-shirts... The atmosphere is always friendly and warm. Spectators may stroll along the pit lane, watch the mechanics, try and get that all-important selfie with their favourite driver, then, once it is posted on social media.

**WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE TO THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2022**

## Free Practice, Qualifying Practice Session and Hyperpole

Everyone pretends that pole position is of no importance for a 24-hour endurance race. Rubbish! The qualifying sessions are always the scene of the first achievements and sometimes also of the first moments of anguish as drivers test their car's limits.



# LE MANS PROGRAMME

**FRIDAY 10 JUNE 2022**

## Drivers' Parade

The Drivers' Parade is the unmissable rendez-vous between the drivers and the public the day before the race. In the late afternoon all the drivers will parade through downtown Le Mans in classic cars. The organizers will pull out all the stops to give the spectators an unforgettablely festive show along the specially prepared route that winds through the streets of the town.

**SATURDAY 11 JUNE 2022**

## Warm-up

The big day has arrived – at last! Before the race starts, drivers and cars have a final 45-minute free practice session in the morning in order to carry out final preparations. The warm up is the last opportunity for the 62 participants to adjust their vehicles.

## Start

Those long minutes before the race starts are legendary. After the morning's entertainment and races, the tension mounts as the cars line up along the grandstand straight. It goes up another notch as the band plays the national anthems. Adrenaline peaks at 4pm when the green flag hails the beginning of 24 hours of excitement and intensity.

**SUNDAY 12 JUNE 2022**

## Finish

Spectators throng to the grandstand from midday onwards. There are not many laps left, but anything can happen. At 4 pm, drivers and mechanics can breathe a sigh of relief. They have finished the 24 Hours. As the track is cleared of cars, apart from the winning machine, the crowds gather under the podium to applaud the winners. See you again next year!

[www.24h-lemans.com/en/program](http://www.24h-lemans.com/en/program)



# THE 24 HOURS OF LE MANS USEFUL INFO

## WHERE TO STAY?

To book your accommodation for the greatest events taking place on the circuit of Le Mans: GP Moto, Le Mans Classic, the 24 Hours of Le Mans...

Contact the Le Mans Tourist Office:

+33 (0) 2 43 28 17 22

[contact@lemans-tourisme.com](mailto:contact@lemans-tourisme.com)

[www.lemans-tourisme.com](http://www.lemans-tourisme.com)



Find your accommodation on: [www.sarthe-tourism.co.uk/where-sleep](http://www.sarthe-tourism.co.uk/where-sleep)

## HOW TO GET TO THE RACE TRACK?

Downtown / East Entrance of the Circuit – 150 m from the Tram (Terminus )

Travel time Le Mans Train Station to the Circuit: 20 mins

Tramway 24h non-stop during the week-end of the race

## YOUR 24 HOURS WEEK-END IN LE MANS

### PACKAGE INCLUDING

- **Accommodation Homestay** Accommodation or University Campus: bed and breakfast based on single occupancy (night of Saturday to Sunday)
- **Admission ticket** (valid all week)
- **Lanyard**
- **Public tram and buses pass** to go to the race
- **Welcome Pack** (city map, welcome guide, official poster, sticker)

*Possibility to add overnight stays (€60 per night), ticket for car park close to the circuit and grandstands (depending on availability at time of booking)*

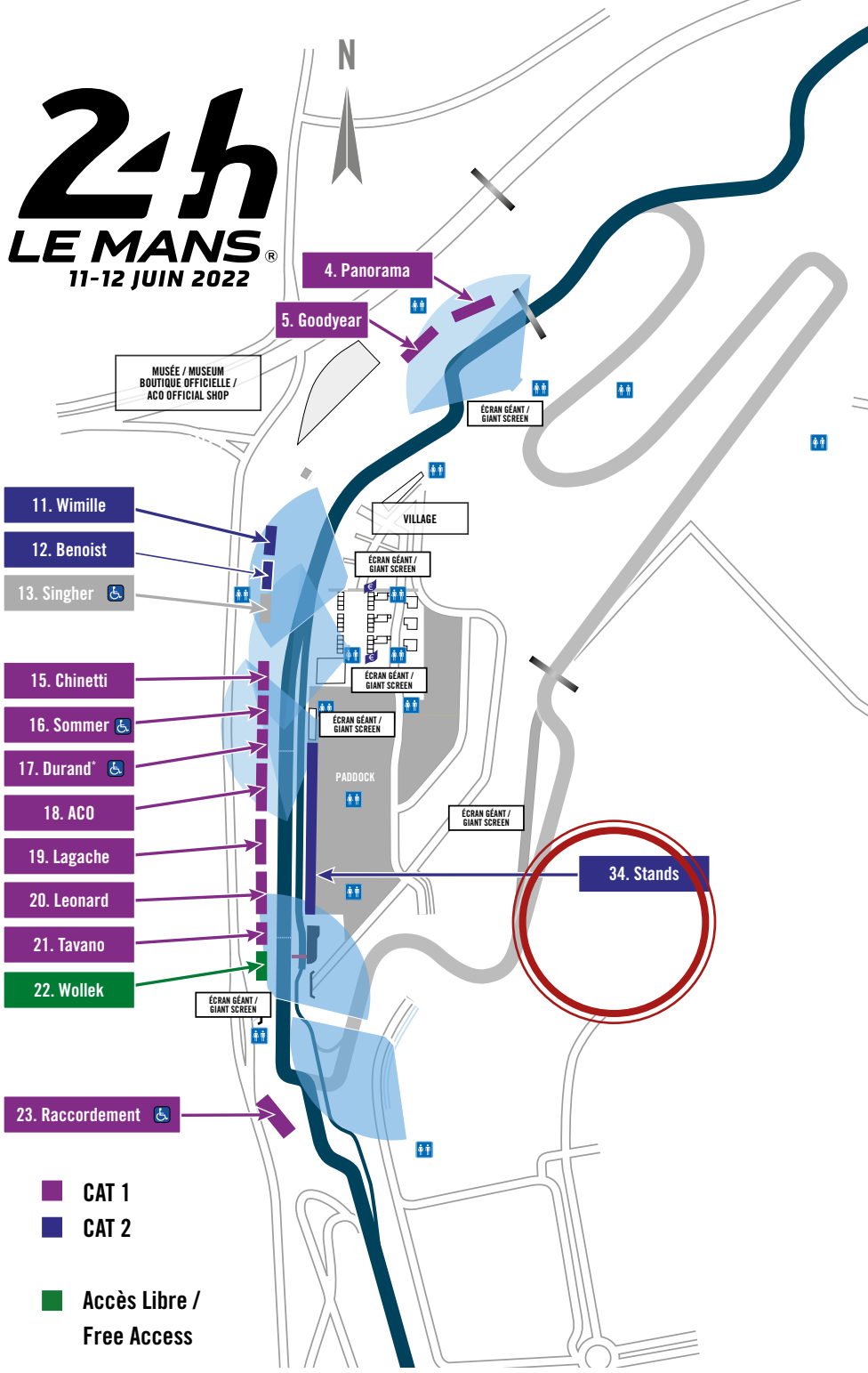
*Prices on request*

From  
€ 230  
per person

MORE INFORMATION: +33 (0) 2 43 28 17 22 / [contact@lemans-tourisme.com](mailto:contact@lemans-tourisme.com)  
[www.lemans-tourisme.com](http://www.lemans-tourisme.com)

# 24h LE MANS®

11-12 JUIN 2022



- 11. Wimille
- 12. Benoist
- 13. Singher

- 15. Chinetti
- 16. Sommer
- 17. Durand\*
- 18. ACO
- 19. Lagache
- 20. Leonard
- 21. Tavano
- 22. Wollek

23. Raccordement

# THE 24 HOURS EXPERIENCE

## Sleep in the ambiance of the 24 Hours of Le Mans



### Hôtel de France

In the world of motorsports, the Hôtel de France is probably the most famous establishment in France. It has hosted stars like Steve McQueen and, of course, motor sports celebrities like Sir Stirling Moss OBE and loyal 24 Hours follower Derek Bell MBE. Well-prepared itineraries for visits of the area will be proposed.

[www.lhoteldefrance.fr](http://www.lhoteldefrance.fr)



### Hôtel Ibis Le Mans

The Hotel Ibis Le Mans Centre Gare Nord located close to the city centre and opposite the railway station, has 90 rooms all soundproofed and air-conditioned. The hotel has based its interior design on the 24 Hours so that guests can enjoy an atmosphere that is a combination of sporty and cozy.

<https://www.sarthe-tourism.co.uk/hotel-erie/hotel-ibis-styles-le-mans-gare>

## Hôtel Ibis Styles

Located right on the Mulsanne bend of the famous Le Mans circuit, the Ibis Styles Le Mans Sud-Mulsanne will make you feel as if you are in the cockpit of a classic car, in which the upholstered leather seats guarantee a thrilling feeling...

<https://www.sarthe-tourism.co.uk/hotellerie/ibis-styles-le-mans-sud-mulsanne>

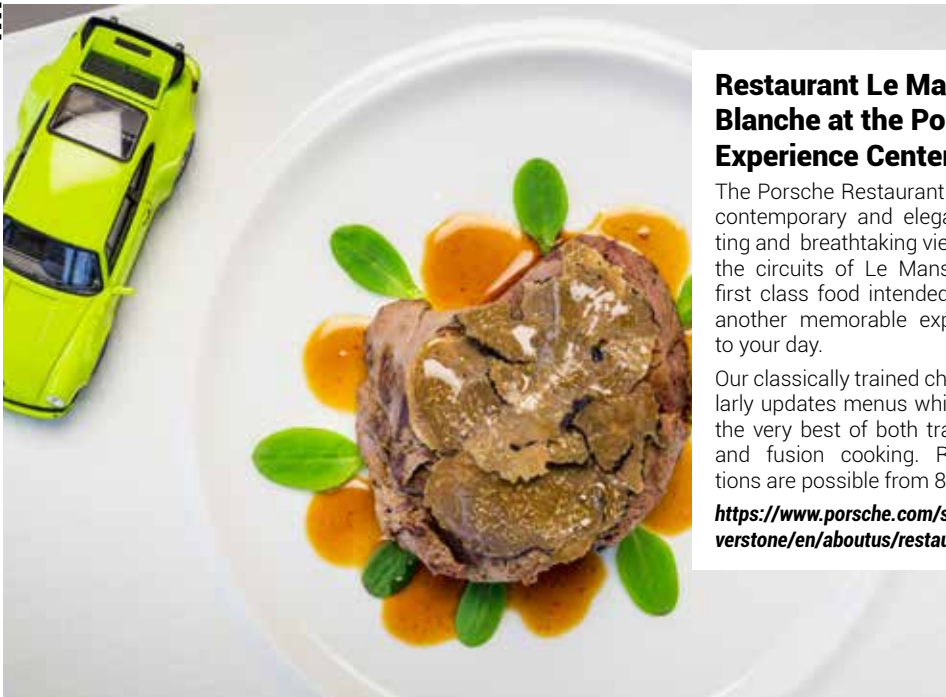


## Restaurant Le Maison Blanche at the Porsche Experience Center

The Porsche Restaurant with its contemporary and elegant setting and breathtaking views over the circuits of Le Mans, offers first class food intended to add another memorable experience to your day.

Our classically trained chef regularly updates menus which offer the very best of both traditional and fusion cooking. Reservations are possible from 8 people.

<https://www.porsche.com/silverstone/en/aboutus/restaurant/>



# Visit Le Mans and its Plantagenet City

City of art and history and candidate for UNESCO World Heritage status, Le Mans has a rich historical heritage dating back more than 7,000 years, that is greatly valued and preserved for future generations.

The Plantagenet City the historical part of the town, is renowned for the rich variety of its facades: more than a hundred half-timbered houses many of which date back to the 15th century. Le Mans is proud of its heritage shared with the Plantagenet family. Geoffrey V, was the first member of this dynasty. His son Henry II, King of England, and father of Richard Lion Heart, was born in Le Mans. This historical setting has been used as the set for historical films for a long time.

<https://www.sarthe-tourism.co.uk/city-tours>

## An exceptional Roman wall

Built between the 3rd and 4th centuries, this city wall that features more than 500 metres of polychrome walls, interspersed with 11 towers and 3 posterns, is one of the best preserved walls in the whole of Europe.



The Cathedral of Saint-Julien





*The Roman wall of Le Mans*



*The Plantagenet city*



*The Plantagenet city*



# The night of the Chimeras

## The Plantagenet City illuminated at nightfall...

In July and August, in Le Mans, the light shows abound; the cobblestones and facades of historical monuments are transformed under the spotlights. Four sites to explore during a free walk.

Every day at each site, as soon as night falls, the city is illuminated with a water feature, the royal porch and the apse.

[www.nuitdeschimeres.com](http://www.nuitdeschimeres.com)



# The History of Le Mans via its museums



FIAA museum

Regional Art Museum, Museum of Fine Arts and its Egyptian Gallery, Archaeology and History Museum, Natural History Museum and the FIAA... The Le Mans museums connect you with history, art and the sciences. They offer a variety of permanent and temporary exhibitions.

<https://www.sarthe-tourism.co.uk/cultural-activities>



Jean-Claude Boulard Carré Plantagenet Museum



Musée Vert



Tessé Museum

# Royal Épau Abbey



Founded in 1229 by Berengaria of Navarra, Richard the Lion-heart's widow, it is one of the most beautiful Cistercian abbeys in France. In 1229, Queen Berengaria decided to found the Piété-Dieu Abbey: the Épau. The abbey is now an important cultural centre with major exhibitions, music festivals and son et lumière shows at the end of the year.

**<https://www.sarthe-tourism.co.uk/patrimoine-culturel/abbaye-royale-de-lepau>**

# Visit the extraordinary castles

## Château de Courtanvaux

Hanging gardens that are mysterious and symmetric evoke the enchanting spirit of French gardens. A river with waterfalls, bridges and rock gardens, an exquisitely scented Osmanthus, a perfumed walk, catalpas and tulip trees from Virginia, all form a surprising decor.

<https://www.sarthe-tourism.co.uk/patrimoine-culturel/chateau-de-courtanvaux>

## Château de Poncé-sur-Le-Loir

An exceptional Renaissance staircase, a large 18th century dovecote, a remarkable listed garden, all at the foot of a tufa cliff, together form a harmonious composition of Renaissance castle and a formal French garden. A neo-Gothic wall overlooks a more intimate Italian garden.

<https://www.sarthe-tourism.co.uk/patrimoine-culturel/chateau-de-ponce>

## Château du Lude

The Château du Lude and its magnificent gardens. Beyond its imposing aspect, Le Lude is above all a site with a soul that is palpable throughout the visit. It is one of very few of the great castles that is still inhabited, and has been well cared for by generations of the same family over the past 260 years.

<https://www.lelude.com/en/>





Château de Courtauvaux



Château du Lude

# Castle hostels and B&B

## Château du Grand Lucé

The castle has impressive 18<sup>th</sup> century tuffeau facades and stunning gardens. In the beautifully designed rooms guests get a feel of what life was like for the French nobility at the time. Condé Nast Traveller magazine named Le Grand-Lucé one of the 86 most beautiful hotels in the world in 2020. Also member of the leading hotels of the world (<https://fr.lhw.com>) and Mr & Mrs Smith ([www.mrandmrsmith.com](http://www.mrandmrsmith.com))

<https://chateaugrandluce.com>

## Château de La Groirie

The Château de La Groirie is located on the doorstep of Le Mans, a castle that is listed as a Monument Historique. The Hôtel de La Groirie is set in a 100 hectare park. The 13 modern rooms, all renovated in 2017, are atypical, unique and refined.

[www.lagroirie.com/en](http://www.lagroirie.com/en)

## Château Le Mans Country Club

This elegantly decorated former summer residence offers all the advantages of a contemporary hotel thanks to the fine detailing of the rooms. This is the ideal destination for a relaxing visit and a moment of well-being in the beauty salon.

[www.lemans-countryclub.com](http://www.lemans-countryclub.com)

## Château de Montmirail

The five guest rooms of this property that is nestled in an unspoiled setting, are located on the first floor and have exceptional views over the park and the Perche countryside. Lovers of fine architecture, who seek refinement, calm and authenticity will be delighted.

<https://chateaudemontmirail.com/home/>

## Château de Saint-Paterne

This Renaissance castle was where Henry IV's love life unfolded. The heated swimming pool is set in 10 hectares of grounds. Couples can also stay in the romantic dacha, a suite built in solid larch with a private sauna and a wooden jacuzzi built into the terrace.

<http://www.chateau-saintpaterne.com/en/>

## Château de Vaux

Enjoy the Château de Vaux, an 18th century property, renovated with old, natural and high-quality materials, located in the heart of a 20-hectare park.

<https://www.chateauveaux-lemans.com>



Château Le Mans Country Club



Château de Montmirail





Château de la Groirie



Château de Vaux



Château de Saint-Paterne



Château du Grand Lucé



Château du Grand Lucé

# Le Mans and nature

## **The Ark of Nature: 450 hectares of nature - open all year round, free of charge to everyone**

The Ark of Nature is 450 hectares of natural open space, freely accessible to the public at all times. Ten minutes from the heart of Le Mans and accessible by tram, the network of paths allows visitors to discover the river, the hedgerows and the forest on foot with access to the River House, the Forest Centre and the Prairie Farm.

[www.arche-nature.fr](http://www.arche-nature.fr)



## **The breathing heart of Le Mans - with gardens wherever you look**



The breathing heart of Le Mans - with gardens wherever you look: the Jardin des Plantes with its symmetrical design said to be French and the landscaped garden said to be English, the Tessaé Park, one of the oldest of the city with its giant hourglass, Assigned Time Eclipse. The Poets' Gardens, Avenue Rostov-sur-le-Don, the Théodore-Monod Park, the Banjan Park, the Ile aux Planches (along the banks of the River Sarthe), the Gourdaïne and Tannery Gardens, all places that are pleasant places for a stroll, to relax or where children can play.

# The most charming villages and gardens



*The garden of the Prieuré de Vauboin*

## Remarkable Gardens

La Sarthe boasts seven gardens classified as "Remarkable Gardens", a label attributed for exceptional design, botanical excellence and impeccable maintenance.

<https://www.sarthe-tourism.co.uk/poetic-journey-heart-gardens>

## Petite Cités de Caractère®

The Petites Cités de Caractère label has been allocated to eleven towns and villages in La Sarthe for their remarkable architectural and rural heritage.

[www.sarhetourisme.com/petites-cites-de-caractere](http://www.sarhetourisme.com/petites-cites-de-caractere)



# Family trips

## Sleep with grizzlies!

The Safari Lodge of The La Flèche Zoo is a unique concept. From the comfort of their well-designed lodges, visitors can watch, polar bears, Arctic wolves, grizzlies, tigers, etc from behind large bay windows...

[www.safari-lodge.fr](http://www.safari-lodge.fr)



## Keeper for a day

Spend several hours with one of the keepers of The La Flèche Zoo to learn about their work experience the daily life of the keeper (feeding the animals and maintaining the enclosures).

<https://www.zoo-la-fleche.com/soigneur-un-jour/>



## The Western Rivers, new paths to freedom

The Sarthe, Maine-et-Loire and Mayenne joined forces to create the leading river destination in the west of the country. With 283 km of navigable waterways, it is the largest navigable basin west of Paris and the largest network of navigable rivers in France! It is very popular for the tranquillity and wealth of landscapes traversed by the rivers. They have retained all their natural charm, transporting travellers and strollers through a remarkable world of natural beauty and historical heritage.

<https://www.west-rivers.com>

## Canikart in the forest

If you like hiking and dogs, you'll love canikart! The canikart is a kind of sled on wheels attached to a dozen dogs.

[www.sleddogride.fr](http://www.sleddogride.fr)  
<http://nordic-sakha.com>



# Local products



## Le Mans and Sarthe Rillettes

Sarthe rillettes that are made with pork cooked in fat for a long time at a low temperature and seasoned with salt and pepper are deliciously melting and tasty.

## Le Sablé

First introduced at the court of Louis XIV by the Marquise de Sablé, Le Sablé is a small shortbread biscuit made with flour, butter and sometimes egg yolk.



## Jasnières and Côteaux-du-Loir



The south of the Sarthe is very favourable for wine growing. Two Appellations d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC), Jasnières and Coteaux-du-Loir, are produced here and have been awarded the Vignobles et Découvertes label.

# La Sarthe by bicycle

With 250 km of signposted routes from the north to the south of the department, gorgeous paths in nature plus self-service bikes, you no longer have any excuses for staying put! La Sarthe's rich natural and cultural heritage will open up before you on your travels. And should you fancy cycling a little further, La Sarthe à Vélo is located at the crossroads of the highly popular Veloscenic route that goes from Paris to Mont-Saint-Michel, and La Loire à Vélo, both major national cycle routes.

<https://www.sarthe-tourism.co.uk/sarthe-bicycle>



- La Vélobuissonnière (V44)
- La Vallée du Loir à Vélo (V47)
- Green Routes
- Regional Trail  
Noyen/Sarthe - Sablé/Sarthe
- Bike Loop Trails:
  - La Petite Reine (130 km)
  - La Ronde des Vallées et Forêts (185 km)
- Local Bike Loop Trails

# Activities at the most beautiful sites

## In the tufa cellars: wine tasting

The southern Sarthe is characterised by the quality of life along the Loir river and by its small boutique vineyards. The environment here has allowed the winemakers to produce the excellent AOC Jasnières (white) and Coteaux-du-Loir (white, rosé, red). Jasnières is the best known of La Sarthe wines. Henri IV was already a fan of this nectar and served it at the royal residence at Saint-Germain-en-Laye.

The Coteaux-du-Loir reds are lively with spicy aromas. Take the tourist Wine Route to discover and taste them. This 52-km circuit will take you to villages surrounded by vines such as Ruillé-sur-Loir, Poncé-sur-le-Loir, Chahaignes. Your starting point is La Chartre-sur-le-Loir.

[www.sarthe-tourism.co.uk/wines-loir](http://www.sarthe-tourism.co.uk/wines-loir)



## On the banks of the River Sarthe, the Sablé-Solesmes golf course



With the forest, the river and the countryside as a backdrop, the golf course at Sablé-Solesmes is a real gem. Golfers will enjoy testing their skills against the tactical difficulties of the 27 holes, all meticulously maintained (3 x 9 holes) and admiring the exceptional quality of this varied and complementary course.

<http://www.golfsablessolesmes.com/EN/>

## At the European Equestrian Complex: International Equestrian Competition Centre

This complex is home to a permanent training centre, professional meetings and multi-disciplinary competitions and welcomes more than 5,000 people every month at the various events such as international jumping and dressage contests. Participants and fans of the equestrian events are now able to sleep on site in one of the very trendy cottages

<http://pole-europeen-du-cheval.com>





# La Sarthe by motorbike

## 3 motorcycle routes

**From Le Mans to the Mancelles Alps (103 km)**, to discover the hidden beauties of La Sarthe, with its rich history and beautiful landscapes. The unmissable 24 Hours race circuit is your starting point.

**From the banks of the River Sarthe to the banks of the Loir (102 km)**, a route that takes the back roads along the banks of these rivers.

**From the forest of Bercé (134 km)** with its ancient trees, to La Ferté-Bernard, with its urban canals, travel through two centres of art and history; the Valley of the Loir and the Sarthois Perche.

You can download maps from <https://www.sarthetourisme.com/la-sarthe-moto>





# PREPARE YOUR STAY ONLINE at:

→ <https://www.lemans-tourisme.com/en/>

Le Mans will seduce you with its **incomparable quality of life** and its **wealth of historical heritage**. Take a guided tour from the Plantagenet City to the 24 Hours of Le Mans Circuit, or discover them on the little tourist train. Whichever you choose, your stay at Le Mans will be immensely pleasurable. The **Tourist Office**, located in the heart of the city, a few steps from the cathedral of Le Mans and the historic quarter, is open from **Monday to Saturday from 9am to 6pm** (from 10am to 6pm from 1 November to 30 April).

Our team will be more than happy to help you prepare your visit so that you can discover the many events hosted by the city each year. Come and make your reservations and **buy your tickets** to the 24 Hours of Le Mans, to concerts, shows and theatre events, at our ticket office or online at: [www.jesorsaumans.com](http://www.jesorsaumans.com)

## POST YOUR PHOTOS, VIDEOS AND COMMENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



[tourisme.le.mans](http://tourisme.le.mans)



[lemanstourisme](http://lemanstourisme)



[amazinglemans](http://amazinglemans)



Chaîne Youtube  
Office de Tourisme

→ <https://www.sarthetourisme.co.uk>

## SEARCH SURROUNDING AREAS AND ITINERARIES

Prepare your visits from where you are staying depending on how far you want to travel. We will send you a list of places to visit, activities and restaurants in the vicinity.

## ALREADY HERE?

Find out what La Sarthe has to offer in the vicinity of your accommodation -speedily and simply.. Enter what you feel like doing, where you are and when you want to do it (~now~, ~this lunchtime~...), We will base our suggestions on sites that are open at that moment or will be opening soon.

## WANT TO SHARE MEMORIES OF YOUR STAY?

Post your photos, videos and comments on the Tourism in Sarthe social media sites.



[sarthetourisme](http://sarthetourisme)



[livesarthe](http://livesarthe)



[www.instagram.com/tourismeensarthe](http://www.instagram.com/tourismeensarthe)



Sarthe Tourisme youtube Channel

**#Sarthe Tourisme**

# PANORAMIC VIEW OF TOURISM IN LA SARTHE

## Amazing cultural heritage

More than **380** sites of historical interest:



**53** Castles & architectural gems

**52** Museums & permanent collections

**122** Religious buildings including **1** cathedral & **2** abbeys

**11** Petites Cités de Caractère®

**4** Archaeological sites

**1** Roman wall  
The best preserved of the entire Roman Empire

**2** Villes et Pays d'Art et d'Histoire

- Le Mans  
**City of Art and History**

- Malicorne-sur-Sarthe

**Arts & Crafts Town**  
Malicorne Museum of Earthenware and Ceramics  
*Musée de France*



## Green space



**14,600** hectares

of **state owned forests**

**1 Protected** Natural Site  
« Les Alpes Mancelles »

**1 Regional** Nature Park  
« Normandie Maine »

**5 Regional** Nature Reserves

**4,000** km  
of waterways

of which **86** km  
navigable



**+ de 10,000** ha  
of rural bocage  
protected European law

## Nature activities

**3,600** km  
of signposted trails  
and maps

More than **700** km  
of **GR**

**+ de 1 000** km  
of cycle routes:

La Vélobuissonnière, la Vallée du Loir à vélo,  
**16** local loop trails

**2** rental companies  
for live-aboard boat



**50** Parks & gardens  
including  
**7** Remarkable Gardens

**24**  
water sports centres  
&  
aquatic leisure centres

**3** safari  
parks



## The competitive drive

**1** internationally renowned  
organisation

**The ACO**  
**4** racing cars schools

**3** go-kart circuits  
including the Le Mans go-kart circuit



**1** Porsche Experience Centre  
among 7 in the world monde  
and 4 in Europe  
the **only** one in France

**1** MSB (Basketball) Training Centre  
(Champion of France 2018 and Finalist in the Leaders Cup)

**1** Pôle Européen  
du Cheval  
(leading organiser of French show jumping and  
dressage competitions - almost 50 000 participants)

**4** golfs courses  
**2** swingolf courses

## The 24 Hours of Le Mans

**No. 1** Sporting event  
event ahead of the Olympic  
Games and the World Cup,  
according to 2012 ranking by National Geographic.

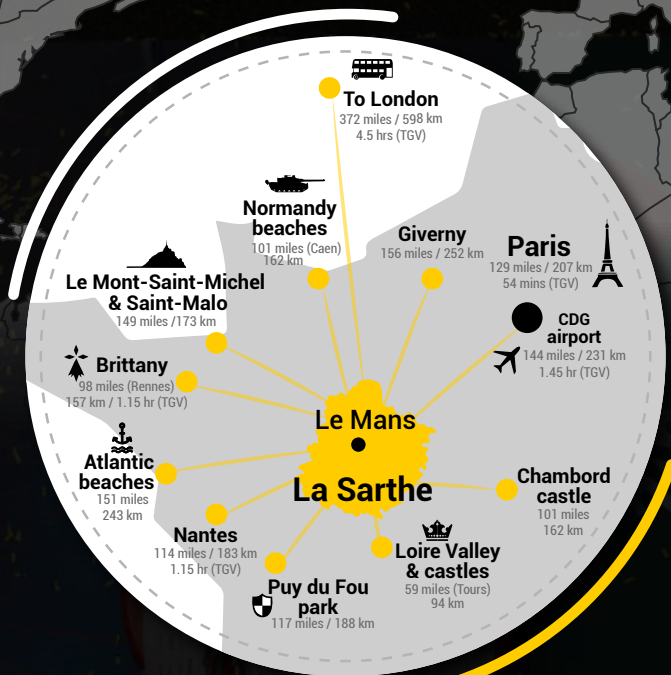


**252 000**  
spectators in 2019

**100** millions  
TV spectators

## Key events

24 Hours of Le Mans - car, truck and motorbike, Grand Prix de France Moto, Le Mans Classic, Cross Ouest France, Festival de l'Epau, Bebop Festival, Europa Jazz Festival, La Nuit des Chimères, Le Mans fait son Cirque (Circus Festival), Sablé Baroque Music Festival, Festival des Affranchis (Street Festival), Puls'Art, «Mamers en Mars» International Film Festival, Entre Cours et Jardins, Festival Rock Ici Mômes.



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