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### EVENT – Aeroscopia: opens 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**The opening, on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015, of the museum of aeronautical, technical and scientific discovery « AEROSCOPIA »: more than a museum, it is a living space and a hub for human interaction!**

**A space that is alive, passionate and ambitious:**

- attract visitors thanks to a priceless aeronautical heritage,
- provide a centre for discovery, wonder and learning, most notably through themed educational zones (e.g. : aeronautical archaeology, interactive voyages, professions linked to aeronautics and airports, how to build and fly an airplane...), activities entitled « Immediate Boarding » based on board a plane or within display zones, a historical fresco (including a braille version!)
- offer a visit that can be combined with visits to the Airbus Toulouse sites (by reservation) that are already provided by Manatour (visit an A380, green visit, panoramic visit...)
- inspire people to take up these vocations.

**Based around four « icons » of aeronautical history, Caravelle, Concorde, Super Guppy and Airbus A300B, as well as more than 30 historic craft, Aeroscopia will provide a culturally rich programme:** exhibitions, activities, festivals, educational encounters... The new park will be made up of an exhibitions building (5000 m<sup>2</sup>), a reception block (1000 m<sup>2</sup>) and an outdoor presentation area = tarmac (4000 m<sup>2</sup>). **Visitors will have access to the 3 life size airplane models that are exhibited inside (Super Guppy, Concorde and A300B) via walkways linked to the historic exhibition gallery. An A400M and an A380 will be displayed on the tarmac in front of the museum** (potentially accessible! To be confirmed).

**Audio guides will be available** (+ possibility of a Visio guide), with commentary that is designed for adults or children, in English / French, as well as German and Spanish from spring 2015.

**Please note: sign language visits are available via the audio guide service.**

For groups, various themed guided visits are available; in particular, those adapted for schools in a variety of age groups.

**The museum visit finishes with a chance to discover the Boutique Aeroscopia** (which also stocks items from the Airbus range).

There will not be a restaurant on-site until 2016: Manatour is therefore studying the possibility of placing food trucks in front of Aeroscopia.

**Information-reservations:** [www.manatour.fr](http://www.manatour.fr) / [www.musee-aeroscopia.fr](http://www.musee-aeroscopia.fr)

Individual rates: €11.50 incl. VAT for adults. Reduced rates : €9.50 incl. VAT for children, family and students. Free for children under 6.

Reservations are not necessary for Aeroscopia.

Open every day, including bank holidays (9h30-18h)

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No cloakrooms available.

**At least 120,000 visitors are expected in 2015.**

*Please note – change of contact details and address: Manatour also manages, among other tours, a visit to the A380 through its sister company « Let's Visit Airbus ». The new official address for Aeroscopia will be home to all the offices of the group: Manatour – Rue Roger Béteille – 31700 Blagnac.*

Combined ticket for individuals: 1 + 1 admission to the museum tour Let's visit Airbus  
Individual rates: €23 incl. VAT for adults. Reduced rates : €19 incl. VAT for children, family and students. Free for children under 6.

**Toulouse-Blagnac Airport: a great many changes from now until 2017!  
and already 2 new international routes for 2015**

**1/ Two new regular routes from The Netherlands and Switzerland will take off from spring 2015, providing short break opportunities in Toulouse via Toulouse-Blagnac Airport:**

- **Amsterdam - Toulouse with Easyjet from 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015:** 3 flights per week (Wednesday, Friday, Sunday (seats already on sale).
- **Zurich - Toulouse operated by Swiss Air from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015:** 4 flights per week in rotation (Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday).

**2/ Transformation of the new Arrivals Area, creation of a multimodal zone, new facilities... Toulouse-Blagnac Airport will undergo a great many changes from now until 2017.**

The Arrivals Area of Toulouse-Blagnac Airport, the main point of entry within the airport, will be totally renovated. New ambiance, new services, simplified walk-through: the Arrivals Area will be brought up to date in order to cater for increased visitor flow and to offer greater comfort.

**The first change has logically been brought about by the arrival of the tramway in April 2015. The terminus of the Envol line, opposite Hall C, will lead numerous visitors to this zone on foot. With this in mind, work has begun in order to offer visitors a wider and more secure pathway, making arrival and departure to the airport easier. For passengers that are coming to catch their flight, access to the new Departure Area (1<sup>st</sup> floor) will be easier, with new escalators and lifts in Halls B, C and D. For passengers that would like to travel to the city centre, they will be able to choose between the bus, the airport shuttle, the taxis and the Tramway that will take them to Arènes station on line A of the Toulouse metro.**

But the changes won't stop there, because the idea is to create a new ambiance in the Arrivals Area between now and 2017. The façades of Hall C will be replaced by glass walls

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that will allow daylight to enter the space; the walk-through after landing will be modernised and simplified for passengers, adopting a system that corresponds with the standards at Europe's other major airports (with luggage belts in Halls B and C integrated into the arrivals walk-through circuit and no longer accessible from the outer zone); baggage services will be moved to Hall D, with counters that are designed to improve passenger welcome; car rental counters will be moved and transformed into a variety of agencies, offering a personalised welcome; a great many of the lavatories within the halls will be completely renovated and additional new ones will also be built.

[www.toulouse.aeroport.fr](http://www.toulouse.aeroport.fr)

**The development of visits on offer from City Tour Toulouse  
In partnership with Duclos transport services and Paysdoc.com guides**

**&**

**The creation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Hop-On Hop-Off tour!**

Thanks to **City Tour**, an **open top minibus** (very low CO2 emissions / 32 seats) will take tourists to discover the main sites and historic monuments of the Ville Rose, equipped with audio guides available in the language of their choosing.

**In 2015, the City Tour circuit will include the unmissable Place du Capitole.**

For 2015, the languages on offer have been extended and **commentary will be available in Catalan, Dutch, Arab (United Arab Emirates), Brazilian, Swedish**, as well as French, English, Spanish, German, Japanese, Italian, Russian and Chinese.

**A « child » version of the tour is also available in French/English/Spanish**, with special commentary that is more fun. There is also a **booklet with colouring crayons given free** to each child taking part.

**For summer 2015, unique to Toulouse, City Tour also offers the very first Hop-On Hop-Off tour**, with stops at several of the main tourist sites of Toulouse (information will soon be available).

Finally, in **December**, **families can make the most of the City Tour Toulouse Christmas special**. Snuggled up in the warmth, they will be accompanied by one of « Father Christmas' » helpers who will guide them on an enchanting 35 minute tour where they will be told the most beautiful stories about Christmas in Toulouse. Young and old alike will fall under the spell, snaking through Toulouse on Father Christmas' motorised sleigh and sampling some sweet treats on board. The tour finishes with a stop at the chalets of the Christmas Market on Place du Capitole in order to try some hot chocolate and hot wine as a special treat!

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Many daily departures all year round – information / reservations:

[www.citytour-toulouse.com](http://www.citytour-toulouse.com)

### Terre de Pastel, a unique concept

Created in 2013 and directed by Jean-Jacques Germain, alongside his associate Sandrine Banessy, the **Terre de Pastel group is a holding company whose activities are all centred on Pastel**: cultivation and extraction of the pigment, creation of pastel based products and the opening of establishments that sell the brand.

**Terre de Pastel's activities will be centred on 2 main areas in 2015:**

#### **1 : Creation and innovation of products**

- Terre de Pastel aims to **launch a wide range of textiles in 2015**, Fashion and Decoration ranges, where **vegetable based dyes made from pastel pigment** will enliven these materials that are made and reworked in France, within the framework of **ethical practices employed by Terre de Pastel**. These creations will be incorporated into the Haute-Couture collections.
- **Terre de Pastel will set up its Research and Development laboratory** on the Terre de Pastel site in Labège and, from 2015, will undertake a programme of R&D at this factory, in particular focusing on the specific properties of this plant.
- **Throughout 2015 Terre de Pastel will bolster its line of natural beauty treatments made with pastel plant extracts, known as « Bleu de Toulouse », in conjunction with its R&D laboratory and its spa.**

#### **2 : Terre de Pastel Resource Centre in Toulouse-Labège**

- International opening within the framework of a European project for which Terre de Pastel has been selected as a resource centre for this natural dye and its use in the creation of textiles.
- **Creation of a wide range of touristic offers (BtoB and BtoC) in 2015, which share the theme: « Meetings with a modern day pastel craftsman ».**
- The **Tourisme et Handicap label** is in the process of being validated.

Information: [www.terredepastel.com](http://www.terredepastel.com)

**+ Scoop – opening of a 50 m<sup>2</sup> boutique** in the vicinity of the Capitole, with a concept that is unusual in Toulouse. Its name: **« Fleurs d'Histoire »**, because **2 flowers that enjoy iconic status in Toulouse, the violet and the pastel**, will be present here in a space

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that is dedicated to both shopping and discovery (Terre de Pastel and La Marchande de Violette products).

### PASS Tourisme So Toulouse 2015

**In 2015, the Pass Tourisme So Toulouse will be adding 15 new partners!** With Pass Tourisme, valid for 24h, 48h or 72h, visitors will benefit from free entry or a reduced rate at over 40 major tourist attractions and partners of the Ville Rose (subject to availability).

#### New partners 2015 :

- Jardins du Muséum (free)
- Musée Aeroscopia (reduced rate)
- Aviasim, flight simulator (reduced rate)
- Happymoov, transport city cruiser (reduced rate)
- La Bicyclette Electrique (reduced rate + free helmet, bike lock and a panier available for use).
- La Maison du Vélo (reduced rate)
- Navicanal, boat hire (reduced rate)
- Mobilboard, gyropod / segway (reduced rate + helmet and instruction included).
- Calicéo, aquatic relaxation (reduced rate / cheques not accepted)
- Travelex agency at Matabiau station (-3% on the rate of commission)
- Paysdoc.com, guided visits (€2 off all themed visits)

**Thanks to the Pass Tourisme, visitors can use the Tisséo public transport network free of charge in the Toulouse area (metro, bus, tram) and benefit from a return journey on the airport shuttle.**

**On sale at the tourist office and in Tisséo agencies** (Airport, Arènes, Jean-Jaurès, Marengo-SNCF, Basso-Cambo, Capitole) – rates for 2015: **24H: €19,50 - 48H: €26,50 - 72H: €33,50.**

<http://www.toulouse-visit.com/All-events/Pass-tourisme>

**+ Also on sale during 2015 via the on-line reservations service of So Toulouse – Tourist Office:** <http://www.toulouse-visit.com>

**New activities offered by the Reservations Service of  
So Toulouse – Tourist Office**

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**AviaSim:** a special way to enjoy a realistic flight simulator experience in the cockpit of an Airbus A320! AviaSim allows you to enjoy a unique experience: take command of one of the world's most high performance aircraft!

With family, friends or on your own. For people who love new sensations, it is time to experience the thrill of piloting an aircraft and feel what it's like to fly. **With three different packages, Aviasim lets you become a pilot for the day at the controls of an Airbus A320 and alongside a qualified instructor.** Thrill-seekers, novices, expert pilots or lovers of flight simulators will find 3 offers especially created to delight them. **Depending on the package chosen, it is possible to fly by day or by night and in a range of weather conditions.** The simulators faithfully reproduce the equipment you would find in a real Airbus A320 cockpit. With visuals provided by a 180° high definition screen and a sound system that reproduces the sounds made by a real airplane and its engines, pilots can feel what it is really like to fly. Ultimate thrills are guaranteed!

The AviaSim Centre in Toulouse is located in Beauzelle, opposite the Airbus factory and the Aeroscopia museum.

**Reservations** (from €99): <http://www.toulouse-visit.com/Citybreak/Activities>

**Toulouse-Loisirs – Mobilboard:** experience an extraordinary moment aboard a gyropod Segway!

**Original and eco-friendly,** Mobilboard allows visitors to try a new way of getting around. Accessible to all and very easy to use, this new mode of transport allows people to discover the Ville Rose in a different way. **Four different packages and routes are suggested:**

- **Initiation** (30 minutes)
- **Toulouse Discovery** (1h00)
- **Toulouse Grand Tour** (2h00)
- **Toulouse Challenge** (2h30) is different: would you like to enjoy a challenge with friends, colleagues or with your partner? Mobilboard provides an unrestricted Segway gyropod for a tour that is out of the ordinary from the Canal du Midi to the Cité de l'Espace!

### Practical Information:

- 15 minutes training is provided for each tour by a Mobilboard instructor.
- Helmets are supplied and are obligatory.
- Minimum 2 persons per tour - Maximum 7 persons – You can join up with an existing group.
- This activity takes place even when it rains (rain ponchos supplied).
- Accessible to anyone over 14 years of age. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Weight: 45kg min and 118kg max. Not recommended for people who are pregnant or have inner ear disorders.

**Reservations** (from €17): <http://www.toulouse-visit.com/Citybreak/Activities>

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### New accommodation (or completely refurbished properties)

#### Hôtel Mercure Wilson 4\*

**In 2014, this high-end and charming hotel entirely renovated all its areas, from the reception to the rooms, from the bar to the breakfast room. Hugely popular with all members of the public, it offers decoration that is unique and carefully thought out, both contemporary and warm, recalling femininity and the Ville Rose.**

In the centre of Toulouse and in close proximity to the train station, the 4\* Mercure Toulouse Wilson is a beautiful red-brick building, characteristic of the architecture of Toulouse. The hotel Mercure Wilson is one of the only city centre hotels to benefit from a private, underground car park that provides direct access to the rooms. Its proximity to the metro makes visiting Toulouse and its environs easy. The majority of sites to visit in Toulouse are accessible on foot from the hotel. Once night falls, relaxation is guaranteed at the hotel's « L'Entracte » bar or in the comfort of a fully equipped room. - [www.mercure-toulouse-wilson.com](http://www.mercure-toulouse-wilson.com)

#### Résidence Suite Home 3\*

**This new tourist residence, opened in 2014,** is situated near the Garonne river in Toulouse city centre (just a few minutes' walk from the Place du Capitole, 5 min from the metro stations of Esquirol, Carmes and Palais de Justice). Its 32 modern apartments (from 30m<sup>2</sup> to 56m<sup>2</sup>), all fitted with a well-equipped kitchenette, provide a comfort that makes guests feel « right at home ». They can be rented at low prices all year round, for a short or medium length stay, for business or pleasure. Hotel services are available, such as: bathroom linen, beds made on arrival, welcome basket, maid service, courtesy tray, business corner with Wi-Fi, fitness room. Other services are available a la carte: buffet or take away breakfast served daily, additional linen and cleaning kits, coin-operated laundry, seminar rooms. A public car park is located 500m from the residence, charges are applicable - <http://www.hotel-suite-home.com/fr/hotels/suite-home-toulouse.html>

### New gourmet addresses in Toulouse

#### **Le Clapotis** - <http://www.restaurantleclapotis.com>

Open since 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014, Le Clapotis, an iconic site from the 60's, writes a new chapter in its history with a concept that remains true to its definition: « delicately handled fish and shellfish that are subtly selected based on freshness and irresistibly arranged on your plate ».

Enveloped by an immense bay window, the restaurant seats 140 guests in a variety of spaces that can be adapted to suit all requirements (business lunches, client hosting, celebrations, tête-à-tête...). The room is made up of 4 spaces, two of which are raised, so that every table enjoys a superb view of the Garonne. It provides maximum comfort with its carefully selected furniture, its colours, lighting and music. Every single dish is created on site using



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fresh produce. The fish dishes on the blackboard change daily, depending on what arrives fresh that same morning. Deserts are also made by the team and ice creams are supplied by Philippe Faur. From spring 2015, a new Terrace Menu will allow guests to enjoy the garden on the banks of the Garonne.

146 Chemin des Etroits - 31400 Toulouse / Tel : 05 61 75 86 58

### **La Cantine de l'Opéra (formerly Taverne de Brennus)**

Michelin starred chef Stéphane Tournié, already the owner of the iconic restaurant Les Jardins de l'Opéra (Place du Capitole), opens a second restaurant in December 2014 that is a brasserie style establishment, with open kitchens, based on traditional classics and more contemporary dishes created with quality ingredients: like veal à la ravigote, spaghetti with cockles or a spiced burger, for example. The ambiance lends itself to conviviality, in a simple and elegant setting where family and friends can come together and enjoy themselves. With the open kitchens, gourmets can watch chef Polo Fructuoso, formerly Stéphane Tournié's second (he remains in charge of Jardins de l'Opéra). Prices vary between €18 and €30.

54 allées Jean Jaurès – 31000 Toulouse / Tel : 05 61 20 52 85 / <http://lesjardinsdelopera.fr/>

### **Les Fils à Maman Toulouse - <http://www.lesfilsatoulouse.fr/>**

Once upon a time there was Julien, Laurent, Alban and... HENDRICK, manager and director of Les Fils à Maman Toulouse who welcomes you every day to his restaurant that has the air of childhood and of the 1980's. He explains how and why he decided to become a Fils à Maman, or Mummy's Boy: « As a student in Brussels, a city where I spent 6 years, I worked as a waiter in Les Fils à Maman. There I met Nicolas and Audrey, the managers from Brussels. I discovered the ambiance of the restaurant, as well as its concept: retro, childhood, good ingredients, conviviality. That was THE thunderbolt for me. I wasted no time in setting up a meeting with Julien in Paris to discuss the project of opening a Les Fils à Maman in my home town, somewhere that is close to my heart. A few months later I left Brussels and set off on my adventure, whilst being close to my family and childhood friends. I rediscovered the sunshine, the ocean nearby, the mountains and a party spirit that is particular to southern France! ». Every first Tuesday of the month, our dear mothers come and bring their culinary talents, serving up one of their specialities. On that day, a unique menu is on offer: Mum's starter, two mains that were loved by her kids and her signature desert. Everyone there will see these recipes brought back to life and our mothers will be there to share the little secrets of how they are made. If you'd like to suggest your mother to come and cook or if you are a mother and you would like to share the secrets of your cuisine, please get in touch. To be enjoyed without moderation.

1 rue Pharaon – 31000 Toulouse / Tel : 05 62 26 40 12

### **Monsieur Marius - <http://www.marius-toulouse.com/>**

Opened at the end of 2013 by Nicolas and Margaux (who had experience of the big Michelin starred establishments and who originates from Languedoc-Roussillon), this is a bistronomic



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spot set up in the Carmes quarter. It has become an essential stop-off for gourmets and gastronomes. Young chef Nicolas serves carefully thought out cuisine and revisits the great classics with lots of flavour, and great value for money!

40 rue des Filatiers - 31000 Toulouse / Tel : 05 61 25 07 07

### **La Soupe au Caillou** - <https://www.facebook.com/soupeaucaillou?fref=nf>

This restaurant, a pleasant and carefully decorated house with a multitude of ambiances and a small garden, is located in the area at the mouth of the river, in between the Ponts Jumeaux and the entrance to the Minimes quarter. Anne and Denis serve a market cuisine that is family style, simple and seasonal, and they do it with a smile. Open for lunch during the week.

15 Rue Charles Gounod - 31000 Toulouse / Tel : 05 62 72 81 46

### **Cosmopolitain (formerly Colmado)** - <http://www.cosmopolitain-toulouse.fr/>

Trendy restaurant and bar with decoration that blends design and retro chic, started by Atanas, François and Louis. A good-value lunchtime menu and a bustling ambiance in the evenings, this is a great place for over 30's!

1 rue des 3 Journées – 31000 Toulouse / Tel : NA

### **Cooky Woogy** - [https://www.facebook.com/cookywoogy/info?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/cookywoogy/info?ref=page_internal)

Cooky Woogy is "the meeting of Rock'n Roll and good produce". Near the Place Saint-Georges, come and sample some surprising ice creams in a cosy and creative ambiance. 48 original flavours of sweet and savoury ice creams are created by the winner of a Meilleur Ouvrier de France award, Pierre Geronimi. You can also try Damann teas and Nespresso coffee, lunchtime salads accompanied by savoury home-made ice creams, milkshakes and smoothies, cookies and biscuits. Cooky Woogy is also a cultural centre with a creative corner, library and constantly updated exhibitions.

12 rue Alexandre Fourtanier – 31000 Toulouse / Tel : 0662854339 ou 0561234236

### **Slow Concept** - <http://www.slowconcept.fr/>

Welcome to the SLOW site, a concept-store set up in the centre of Toulouse by Audrey Teran. At once a boutique, café and events workshop, Slow is a dynamic living space with ethical design. The Toulouse concept-store Slow stocks decorative items, jewellery and accessories, as well as stationary combining design and ethics. Quality creations that are original and are hand made in small quantities by the talented creators of Toulouse, Paris, New York... SLOW is especially connected with « upcycling », working to recover materials and objects that have fallen out of use. Slow also boasts a small tea room and regularly organises workshops, exhibitions and other events (programme available on-line at their blog).

10 rue Sainte-Ursule – 31000 Toulouse / Tel : 05 81 60 34 12

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### **Solides (and Solides comme cochons) - <http://www.solides.fr/>**

After opening his first restaurant « Solides » a short distance from the Capitole (49 rue Pargaminières – 31000 Toulouse / Tel : 09 67 36 58 16 / since renamed « Solides comme cochons »), chef Simon Carlier (Masterchef 2012) has opened a second « Solides » that reaches the standards demanded by his clients and that he himself sets for his gastronomy.

38 rue des Polinaires – 31000 Toulouse / Tel : 05 61 53 34 88

### **Les 2 font la paire - <http://www.restaurant-les2fontlapaire.fr/>**

In the pleasant and historic Saint-Etienne quarter, Fanny and Damien have chosen to establish « Les [2] font la paire » that offers gourmets a simple and creative cuisine with a locavore spirit and great prices.

11 Grande Rue Nazareth – 31000 Toulouse / Tel : 05 82 75 78 66

### **Deux sur la balançoire - <http://www.deuxsurlabalancoire.fr/>**

« Welcome to Mathieu and Nelly's place! Step over the threshold of this restaurant-home and enter a place where time stands still. For a few moments you can give in to the gourmet in you. Mathieu will help you discover his selection of fresh products that are traditional, with a touch of folly. His menu changes daily in accordance with his mood and the seasons. Nelly, for her part, welcomes you into her cosy world. Choose your room, relax and let yourself be tempted by the patisseries of the house ».

96 boulevard Pierre et Marie Curie - 31200 Toulouse – Tel : 09 83 76 50 00

### **Père & fils (formerly Coulisses)**

Alexandrine and Nicolas Ginisty have taken over this former musical bar and transformed it into a restaurant with a family feel, offering traditional cuisine and a wine and champagne bar. The menu highlights 100% home-made dishes and fresh produce.

5 boulevard de Strasbourg – 31000 Toulouse / Tel : 05 61 38 25 99

### **Ferme et Gourmande - <http://www.fermeattitude.fr/ounoustrouver.php>**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Ferme Attitude regional farm shop, opened at the start of 2014 in the Saint-Cyprien quarter, also boasts a restaurant called « Ferme et Gourmande » that serves healthy and ethically produced food! Open for lunch from Monday to Friday, Saturday at midday for brunch. Tea room open every afternoon.

4 rue Villeneuve – 31300 Toulouse / Tel : 05 34 51 37 51

### **Les Fortes Têtes - <http://lesfortestetes.com/>**

Céline and Pierre are two natives of Toulouse that work together as a family, one in the restaurant and the other in the kitchens. They are tough characters who love their job and swore to themselves: “if we open a restaurant one day, we will only serve home-made dishes made with quality ingredients, and that is a promise!” Les Fortes Têtes serves tasty cuisine based on fresh produce in order to satisfy your taste buds, carefully selected wines,

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with a covered terrace in the very centre of town with « Tasting » soirees every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. It is somewhere you can share a moment with a glass of wine, a private Toulouse wine cellar or a Sunday brunch with recipes fresh from the United States, enhanced by a bit of Toulouse sauce.

4 avenue Honoré Serres – 31000 Toulouse / Tel : 05 61 54 14 14 55

### **Caves du Capitole (formerly La Bohème) :** <http://www.lescavesducapitole.fr/>

In a corner of the Capitole, in a vaulted cellar made of red brick from the XVII Century, the restaurant Les Caves du Capitole gives its very personal interpretation of the traditions of the South-West, with a few sorties into the Iberian region. When making their daily dishes, Audrey & Camille in the kitchen serve a varied menu built around fresh products of the terroir, offering excellent value for money. At 3 Rue Lafayette on the corner of Place du Capitole, dont hesitate to drop in and discover this authentic Toulouse restaurant and its red-brick cellars.

3 rue Lafayette – 31000 Toulouse / Tel : 05 32 0302 13

### **Au bon servant (formerly Casanou)**

<https://www.facebook.com/aubonservant31>

Opened in mid-September 2014, the blackboard of this intimate restaurant with 20-25 covers lists a creative menu that changes with the seasons and the arrival of fresh ingredients that are always of the highest quality. Young chef Nicolas Servant, in his very first sole venture, cooks up a cuisine that is inspired and is served in a refined setting. It is worth remembering the address if you would like to sample excellent dishes at very reasonable prices.

22 rue des Couteliers - 31000 Toulouse / Tel : 05 62 75 58 25

### **Victor (formerly Villa Tropézienne) -** <http://www.levictortoulouse.com/>

In the very heart of the Place Victor Hugo, the new establishment « Victor » plays a daring double role. On one hand it is a restaurant open for lunch and dinner, and on the other hand it is a wine bar with DJ that offers some memorable nights. Customers enjoy the decoration created by the best architects, a carefully created menu that is accessible to all and concocted by chef Jacques Depeyre (holding a Michelin star for 16 years), a bar area with a very wide selection of wines, snacks to share and an original musical programme.

Restaurant : 8-10 Place Victor Hugo – 31000 Toulouse / Tel : 05 61 22 58 58

Wine bar & DJ : 9 rue d'Austerlitz – 31000 Toulouse / Tel : 05 61 22 58 58

### **+ Criollo Chocolatier -** [http://www.criollo-chocolatier.com/Plaquette\\_CriolloBD.pdf](http://www.criollo-chocolatier.com/Plaquette_CriolloBD.pdf)

Criollo Chocolatier opened its third shop in Toulouse in October 2014, a new location in the very heart of the historic Saint-Etienne quarter, near the Cathedral, where you can choose your chocolates and benefit from a new service: « a chocolate café » where you can enjoy an excellent hot drink, accompanied by a selection of Criollo chocolates. For its new winter

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collection, they have decided to call to mind gastronomic memories based on the streets of Toulouse. So thanks to Criollo, you can rediscover the scents and memories of the city, such as orange flower of the rue des Tourneurs, the aroma of the cafés of place Victor Hugo, a trip to China at 16, rue Cujas... A gourmet range brimming with emotions!

2 Place Saint-Etienne – 31000 Toulouse / Tel : 05 62 18 31 72

**And many more besides!**

### Celebrations – Anniversaries

- The **Natural History Museum** in Toulouse (= the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in France after Paris) celebrates its **150<sup>th</sup> anniversary** - <http://www.museum.toulouse.fr/>

- The **festival Rio Loco celebrates 20 years**, from 17 - 21 June 2015 - <http://www.rio-loco.org/>

In 2015, for its 20th birthday, Rio Loco promises a major retrospective and a journey along the rivers of the world, on the Ebro, the Arno, the Mississippi, the Volga, the Nile, the River Plate, the Danube, the Ganges... It's all about reliving the best moments of this festival, since it was started in 1995 – when it was called The Garonne – right up until the present day. Riffing on its memory and reconnecting with the river of Toulouse, the world music festival is looking to invite the most iconic artists of the last 20 years, and much more besides. It's still too early to give you all the names, although a concert by that gem, Edmar Castañeda, was announced for 2015 (the New York Times called him « almost a world all of his own »). The young Colombian harpist played here in 2014 on the banks of the Garonne, providing an incredible musical break. Another artist that has been invited is the Senegalese sculptor Ousmane Sow – his Massai warriors and Noubas fighters were displayed on the Pont-Neuf during the 1996 festival.

Programme of festivities: available soon.

### Temporary exhibitions that should not be missed in Toulouse – Cultural calendar

#### Major events and festivals in Toulouse 2015. Not to be missed.

**Details of Toulouse's cultural offerings are available via:**

- A special cultural edition of the magazine "A Toulouse" that covers the festive and cultural highlights and the major exhibitions (from September 2014 to June 2015) – view it on-line or download it at: <http://www.toulouse.fr/web/publications/-/a-toulouse->

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- The So Toulouse – Tourist Office on-line events calendar : <http://www.toulouse-visit.com>

### **1/ Jorge Pardo at the Musée des Augustins until May 2016 - [www.augustins.org](http://www.augustins.org)**

The Toulouse International Art Festival (FIAT) and the Augustins have commissioned Jorge Pardo to create a work that is at the crossroads of architecture, art and design. This project will totally transform the column hall of the museum that houses XI and XII century columns and bas-reliefs from the three most important religious buildings in Toulouse: the basilicas of La Daurade and Saint-Sernin, and Saint-Étienne Cathedral. It is an astonishing clash of the exuberance of a talented contemporary artist and the power of the art of Roman sculptors.

### **2/ Living Rooms from 20<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015 – Musée des Augustins and Les Abattoirs**

[www.augustins.org](http://www.augustins.org) – [www.lesabattoirs.org](http://www.lesabattoirs.org)

Stage director and visual artist Robert Wilson will install his private collection in Toulouse, bringing it from its regular home in Watermill (Long Island). This is a surrealist installation featuring several hundred objects and artworks, souvenirs from contemporary artists, design chairs, modernist heritage, tribal masks, photographs and videos. Welcome to Mr Wilson's place!

### **3/ First major exhibition of summer 2015 at the Fondation Bemberg / Hôtel d'Assézat**

[www.fondation-bemberg.fr](http://www.fondation-bemberg.fr)

The Fondation, which lends its works to some of the greatest museums, is a veritable centre of art. Thanks to an active policy of acquisitions and temporary exhibitions, in conjunction with the most prestigious collections in France and from around the globe, it presents the first major exhibition of the summer. Situated in one of the most beautiful buildings of the Renaissance period, the Hôtel d'Assézat, it is home to the Fondation Bemberg that presents the extraordinary art collection of Georges Bemberg. Known for its ensemble of tableaux by Pierre Bonnard and its works by Matisse, Degas, Monet... the Fondation also showcases nearly two hundred ancient tableaux. Visitors can admire works by the Venetian School (Veronese, Tintoretto...), a portrait of Charles IX attributed to the studio of François Clouet, works from the Flemish and Dutch Schools and even XVIII Century French works. Collections of bronzes from the Renaissance, rare books and porcelain from China all add to the enchantment.

### **4/ Extreme Exploration until December 2015 at the Cité de l'Espace**

[www.cite-espace.com](http://www.cite-espace.com)

In order to allow as many people as possible to share the space adventure, since 2014 the Cité de l'Espace has allowed its visitors to follow two ongoing missions: the Rosetta probe's

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destination is a comet and the other mission aims to reach the planet Mars with the now famous Curiosity rover. This unusual sensory exhibition takes visitors to unknown lands, exploring our Solar System and other forms of life. You can even capture a comet and drive on the surface of Mars. A real-time study programme allows you to follow these Extreme Explorations live!

It is worth noting that the Cité de l'Espace is unique in Europe! With its recently renovated displays, the Cité de l'Espace reaffirms its desire to offer as many visitors as possible a chance to discover space and the very latest science in the most interactive way possible! No less than 2000 m<sup>2</sup> of permanent exhibition space is dedicated to space exploration across six different themes: launch centre, spaceship Earth, weather, the solar system, the training hall and the observatory. In 2014, the Cité reinforced its astronomical theme by offering a visit to an observation dome to view the planets and the Sun, even during the day! Don't forget: the IMAX shows— one of the world's largest planetariums— and the Grand Nature displays that are set up in the park.

### **5/ Baby Animals until 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at the Museum d'Histoire Naturelle de Toulouse - [www.museum.toulouse.fr](http://www.museum.toulouse.fr)**

The Museum d'histoire naturelle de Toulouse highlights baby animals in its new temporary exhibition that is specially designed for very young children to come and experiment, handle, play, wonder and be inspired. The exhibition plunges children and adults alike into the fascinating world of 73 baby animals (through 125 specimens of stuffed animals), from their birth to independence. True and apocryphal tales, specimens to observe, fun and education activities all combine to transport visitors into a different and surprising universe that will astound thanks to its immersive scenography and quirky information. With installations set up at child level, the exhibition takes visitors through 6 discovery spaces: birth, dangers and safeguards, learning, bodily functions, development and independence. Baby Animals is a collaboration between the Museum of Toulouse and the Natural History Museum of Belgium. The display set-up of the exhibition has been created to be adaptable for various different configurations and spaces so that it can be shown elsewhere in the future.

### **6/ Toulouse à Table from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015 - [www.toulouseatable.com](http://www.toulouseatable.com)**

The 1<sup>st</sup> edition in 2014 of the new Toulouse à Table event was a genuine success in terms of visitor numbers and events! Within the backdrop of the Fête Nationale de la Gastronomie, the Toulouse à Table association brings the people of Toulouse together through values that strike a chord with them: Taste, Sharing, Generosity, Solidarity, Conviviality and, above all, Pleasure. It is made up of a multitude of events organised by professionals, or under the initiative of businesses and local people. This celebration of good living, put together in the style of a festival, will once again set up home in the Ville Rose and its different quarters in September 2015. To be enjoyed without moderation!

**EVENT 2016: Toulouse is a host city for UEFA EURO 2016 (from 13<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June)**

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Toulouse is one of the 10 cities in France and will be hosting 4 matches of Euro 2016! Fans can attend 3 group games (13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016) and a last sixteen game (26<sup>th</sup> June 2016), whilst taking the opportunity to explore Toulouse.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WEAQ7zaBC1U>

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