

Practical information

Getting to Nantes

As a truly European city, Nantes has become a national and international destination, taking advantage of a highly efficient transportation network.

- **By train (Gare SNCF de Nantes Métropole)**

Frequent high-speed trains (TGV) connect Nantes with Paris (2hrs), Lille (4hrs), Brussels (4hrs 30), Lyon (4hrs 30), Strasbourg (5hrs)...

Roissy Charles de Gaulle also has direct TGV connections with Nantes (2hrs50).

More information on <http://www.tgv-europe.com>

- **By plane**

Nantes-Atlantique airport, with 67 domestic and international destinations, is the leading air travel hub in Western France. An hour from Roissy Charles de Gaulle airport and 34 regular direct business flights, including 19 international destinations such as Amsterdam, Barcelona, Dublin, London, Geneva, Madrid, Milan, Montreal...

More information on <http://www.nantes.aeroport.fr>

- **By car**

Motorways connect Nantes directly with Paris (3hrs 15) and other regional capital cities.



[View on Google Maps](#)

Pick-up and return Shuttles

Free pick up WIPR shuttles will be available from the airport and from the train station for the participants. In order to better manage the shuttles for the participants, please fill on line your time and location for your arrival and your return.

PICK-UP on July 6th, 2010.

From the airport, 2 shuttles will be available and will start at 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm to the conference meeting point

From the train station, 2 shuttles will be available and will start at 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm to the conference meeting point.

RETURN on July 9th, 2010.

Shuttles will start from the conference location to the airport and to the train station. Further details will be provided later regarding the schedule.

Welcome to Nantes



Loire Estuary

Nantes, France's sixth largest town, maritime capital of the French Atlantic coast, is a very lively and attractive place, regularly ranked top in terms of quality of life.

Opening out on Brittany and the Loire valley, Nantes fully intends to assert itself as an active industrial and academic city, together with a main tourist and cultural destination, Nantes offers a vast range of tourist attractions (the "Machines of the Isle" and its "Great Elephant", the "Dukes of Brittany Castle" and its multimedia museum, the "Loire Estuary 2007 2009 2011" and its artistic itinerary...)

As a maritime town, Nantes has an indisputable advantage - its environment of invigorating sea air, 1000 hectares of public parks and gardens and a tramway network stretching over 40 km.



The Dukes of Brittany Castle

The town's ambition is illustrated in the continuing programme of urban improvements and renovations: the Ile Feydeau and the 18th century restored buildings; the Law Courts marked (restored by the famous architect Jean Nouvel); the "Isle of Nantes" project - the largest urban development project in France; the entirely renovated Castel...

Not least, as befits the birthplace of Jules Verne, Nantes is a town of infinite surprises, forever seeking to invent new worlds. Its latest passion is the "Machines of the Isle".

The first phase of this undertaking dates from July 2007, in the shape of a Great Elephant roaming the Quai des Antilles with 45 passengers on board!

No, this is not science fiction. You will find all this in Nantes, and nowhere else!

Additional information on:

<http://www.nantes-tourisme.com>