

The Port Revealed on 27th and 28th October

Nantes – Saint Nazaire Port will be opening its doors to the public as part of the 7th edition of the Pays de la Loire Region's "Company Tours in Our Region Days" initiative. Unique visits will offer people the chance to discover the richness of the whole port and industrial complex by talking to those who work there.

Once again this year, Nantes – Saint Nazaire Port is giving a limited number of visitors the opportunity to meet port professionals in locations that are usually closed to the public.

In **Saint Nazaire**, two exclusive visits are being proposed to the public. The first will offer visitors the chance to step inside the **Harbour Master's Office**, the nerve centre which coordinates and supervises the arrivals and departures of merchant vessels. The people who sign up for the visit will be welcomed by an official for a special-access encounter. The second location that will be open to visitors on Thursday, 27th October only is the **central command station for the Saint Nazaire locks**, which helps to ensure efficient flow management in relation to the bridges and locks around the dock basins. The tour will continue with a **coach excursion** that will include a **presentation of the history of the Saint Nazaire port facility and the downriver terminals**, drawing on the in-depth knowledge of a guide from Stunning Saint Nazaire. These tours offering a total immersion experience behind the scenes at the Saint Nazaire port facility will be **open for pre-bookings on Monday, 17th October, with a limited number of places available.**

In **Nantes**, the Loire Pilots, who are key players for in-port vessel reception all along the Loire Estuary, will be opening the doors to their **navigation simulator** especially for the "Company Tours in Our Region Days" event. The group of people who have signed up for the visit, accompanied by guides from A Journey to Nantes, will then continue their **voyage of discovery of the history of the Nantes port facility and of the port installations at Cheviré**, partly on foot and partly by coach.

Nearly 250 businesses in the Pays de la Loire Region will be opening their doors to the public on the occasion of the 7th edition of the "Company Tours in Our Region Days" initiative, from 27th to 29th October 2022. Involved ever since 2016 and the very first edition of this regional event, to date Nantes – Saint Nazaire Port has welcomed nearly 500 visitors behind the scenes of the Port's activities thanks to this original event format.

Free tours

Caution: the number of places is limited, and visitors must sign up ahead of time

Tours of the Saint Nazaire port facility: Behind the scenes at the Saint Nazaire port facility

Dates: **Thursday, 27th October 2022 – 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.** – Tours last 2 and a half hours

Registrations open on 17th October

Pre-booking required on (+33) (0)228 540 640 – visite@saint-nazaire-tourisme.com

or at www.saint-nazaire-tourisme.com/

Tour of the Loire's upriver port facilities: The Port's imprint at the gateway to the City

Date: **Friday, 28th October 2022 – 9.30 a.m.** – Tour lasts 2 and a half hours

Pre-booking required on (+33) (0)892 464 044 – info@levoyageanantes.fr

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The Event Partners...

The Visit Our Businesses in Pays de la Loire Association

Founded in 2001, the Visit Our Businesses in Pays de la Loire Association (*Visitez Nos Entreprises en Pays de la Loire*), supported by Pays de la Loire Regional Authority and by the Pays de la Loire Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry, contributes to the development and to the promotion of industrial tourism. This dynamic collaborative network today comprises more than 60 active Loire Estuary member businesses, which choose to organize tours as a means of sharing their know-how and specialisms with the public. The Association provides assistance to each of those businesses, which all adhere to a jointly agreed quality charter. Since 2016, Visit Our Businesses in Pays de la Loire has organized the "Company Tours in Our Region Days" event, which takes place during the autumn half-term holidays.



A Journey to Nantes

A Journey to Nantes (*Le Voyage à Nantes*) is charged with promoting the cultural amenities available in Nantes, and more generally speaking the Nantes Metropolitan Area destination. Since 2012, A Journey to Nantes has endeavoured to promote all year round an enduring itinerary comprising some forty stages, and produces every summer an event that sets the City apart.



Stunning Saint Nazaire

Tourism is a lever for the development and the advancement of Saint Nazaire. Via the Stunning Saint Nazaire (*Saint-Nazaire Renversante*) brand, Saint Nazaire Tourism is the Saint Nazaire Urban Area's operator for tourism and the City of Saint Nazaire's agent for the management of the City's heritage, in particular the French National Museum collections. Stunning Saint Nazaire notably has responsibility for managing the Tourist Office, for running visitor attractions such as Escal'Atlantic, the submarine *Espadon*, the EOL Wind Power Centre and the Ecomuseum, for organizing tours of industrial facilities, and for preserving and promoting collections with the wider community. Over 300 000 visitors are welcomed to Saint Nazaire's amenities every year.



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