



**LOURDES**  
1858-2018

*160 years of emotions*

**2018 EVENTS/ENTERTAINMENT  
PROGRAMME**

*(may be subject to change)*

*Lourdes*

L'INSPIRATRICE





# GET READY FOR THE 160<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES!

Since 1858, Lourdes has brought together women and men from every continent, people of different cultures and languages, to share their stories, encounters and emotional experiences. Lourdes is home to an ethereal aura that you will find nowhere else.

A spiritual retreat from which to draw strength, a beneficial ritual passed on from generation to generation, a return to one's origins, the inspiration to make a fresh start in life, or simply a place to come and see the sights, Lourdes invites you to experience this scintillating place for yourself...

2018 is set to be an unforgettable year, with a host of events on offer throughout the year.

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# FEBRUARY



## PROGRAMME 2018 ÉVÈNEMENTS / ANIMATIONS

- Friday 9 February:
  - *Pre-opening night of '160 ans d'émotions'*  
**Concert by Westminster Cathedral Choir**  
8pm, Palais des Congrès
- Saturday 10 February:
  - *Official opening of '160 ans d'émotions', 12pm, Place Peyramale :*  
**Unveiling of the historical mural ' Lourdes, 1858-2018'**
  - Torchlight procession to the Sanctuary, 9pm
- Sunday 11 February: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
  - 10am: **International Mass at the Sanctuary** (Basilique St Pie X)
  - 8pm: **Firework display from the Castle over the Sanctuary**
  - 8.30pm: **Oratorio «Aquero»** on the Bernadette Spiritual Path  
by the Fideles et Amati choir from Rome (Church of St Bernadette)
- Friday 16 February: : **Inauguration of the mobile app 'Patrimoine en balade : Chemin de vie de Bernadette, au fil de l'eau'** 4.30pm, Place de l'Office de Tourisme
- Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 February: **St Valentine's weekend at the Sanctuary**  
(Prior booking required at the Sanctuary site)
- Saturday 17 February: Feast of Saint Bernadette
  - 5.30pm: **Conférence-Rencontre**  
Father Cabes (Rector of the Sanctuary) in conversation with the historian JF Labourie,  
at the Palais des Congrès: **'No, Bernadette did not deceive us'**
    - Presentation of the 2018 cycle of talks
    - Film showing of the musical Bernadette de Lourdes
  - 8.30pm: **Marian Procession** from the Parish Church to the Grotto of the Apparitions.



# MARCH

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- **14 to 24 March: 29th Art and Film Festival** at the Palais Cinema  
*Films in competition and talk 'Lourdes in Film'.*
  - **24 and 25 March: 27th 'Hivernale des 7 Vallées'**  
*motor rally organised by Lourdes Auto-Passion (pleasure rides by arrangement)*
  - **25 to 31 March: - Holy Week at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes**  
*A host of celebrations are being held throughout Holy Week by the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.*
  - **25 March to 2 April: 51th Lourdes International Festival of Religious Music**  
*Now in its 51st year, this festival has a wonderful programme in store, and this year is innovating with a fringe festival!*







- **Sunday 25 March: Invitation on a Journey by Duo Sonate** (saxophone and piano), at 6pm in the lobby of Tarbes-Lourdes-Pyrénées Airport.
- **Monday 26 March: Journey through the 18th century with the Ensemble Actio** Actio (violins and Baroque violoncello), at 8.30pm at the Church of St Jacques, Cotsdoussan.
- **Tuesday 27 March: Journey through the 17th century, violin and harpsichord recital**, at 8.30pm in the Chapelle de Piétat, Barbazan-Debat.
- **Wednesday 28 March: Easter Orthodox Liturgy** with the Russian Patriarchate Choir of Moscow, at 8.30pm in the Basilica of the Rosary (Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes)
- **Thursday 29 March: Mass in B by Johann Sebastian Bach** with the Ensemble and Baroque Choir of Toulouse, at 8.30pm, Auditorium Padre Pío (Cité St Pierre de Lourdes)
- **Saturday 31 March: 3 Mystical Pieces for Orchestra** dby Abdel Rahman El Bacha, plus the New World Symphony by Antonin Dvorak, performed by the Orchestre de Pau Pays de Béarn, 6pm at Espace Robert Hossein in Lourdes.
- **From 30 March to 29 April: Exhibition at the Castle :** «Boules de prières... Des histoires émouvantes !»  
Exhibition of rosaries and prayer beads from religions all over the world, presented by Julia Lourenço.





# APRIL

**- Sunday 1 April: Antonio Vivaldi's Four**

**Seasons** performed by the Conservatoire Henri Duparc String Orchestra of Tarbes, 6pm at the Palais des Congrès, Lourdes.

**- Monday 2 April: Suite Nos. 1, 2 and 5 for violoncello by Johann Sebastian Bach** with Christian-Pierre la Marca, 6pm at Saint Savin Abbey Church.

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**- 13 to 15 April: -MTB Cross-Country French Cup**

For the first time, Lourdes is hosting a leg of the FFC MTB XC French Cup. Two disciplines will be represented: Olympic Cross-Country (OXC) and Eliminator Cross-Country (EXC), which is even more spectacular.

**- Friday 20 April: Festi'Frat** : street entertainment in the town centre as part of 'Le Fraternel' Pilgrimage

Nearly 10,000 school pupils from eight dioceses in the Paris region will gather in Lourdes from 18 to 21 April 2018. This pilgrimage, which takes place every two years, symbolises the dynamism of our Christian youth.



**- Sunday 29 April : Les Toqués d'Oc** at Espace Robert Hossein

A celebration of the region's culinary heritage, featuring our top chefs.





# MAY



- **Friday 04 May : The 'Pope's Pizza'** (from 7pm, Lourdes Market Hall)

- **Friday 18 to Sunday 20 May : 60th International Military Pilgrimage**

**PMI**

*This international gathering is unique worldwide, bringing together more than 12,000 military personnel from more than 50 countries. The 60th edition will be packed with events: processions, brass bands, and the Patrouille de France aerobatic aircraft display team.*

- **Sunday 27 May : San Sebastián Pilgrimage Tamborrada Basque drum festival**

*To celebrate their annual pilgrimage, the Basque pilgrims will present, for the first time in Lourdes, a spectacular procession of drummers.*

- **Sunday 27 May : Spring Concert by the Ensemble Musical de Lourdes,**  
5pm at the Palais des Congrès

- **from 31 May to 3 June : NightScapades Festival**

*The first edition of this international festival celebrating science, culture and art aims to spark interest in everything to do with the night: nocturnal landscapes, literature, music, painting, street art, projections, storytelling, heritage and more...*





# JUNE



- **1, 2 and 3 June: Rendez-Vous aux Jardins (2018 edition)** : on the theme of the Gardens of Europe



- **5, 6 and 7 June: National Young Farmers Congress**

*More than 800 young farmers from all over France and more than 300 volunteers will gather in Lourdes for this 52nd National Congress to discuss farming issues.*

- **Saturday 9 June at 8.30 pm: Concert by Wadowice Symphony Orchestra**  
(60 musicians - Poland) at the Espace Robert Hossein

- **16 to 17 June: Bikers' Pilgrimage**

*The sociable and friendly annual event when bikers gather to reflect and pray for others. The blessing of biker squads at the Sanctuary and the procession and show in the town are the highlights of this exciting event.*

- **22 to 26 June: Military Veterans' National Pilgrimage and Gathering**

*This year, veterans from campaigns in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia will be celebrating their 16th pilgrimage with ceremonies, vigils and marching band processions.*





# JULY

- 29 June to 2 July:

## FÊTE DE LOURDES

*With a village of casetas, fun fair, concerts and events for both children and adults.*

- Saturday 14 July : **Bastille Day Celebrations on 14 July**  
with firework display to music

- Thursday 26 July: **Showcase**  
*première of extracts from the musical 'Bernadette de Lourdes'*

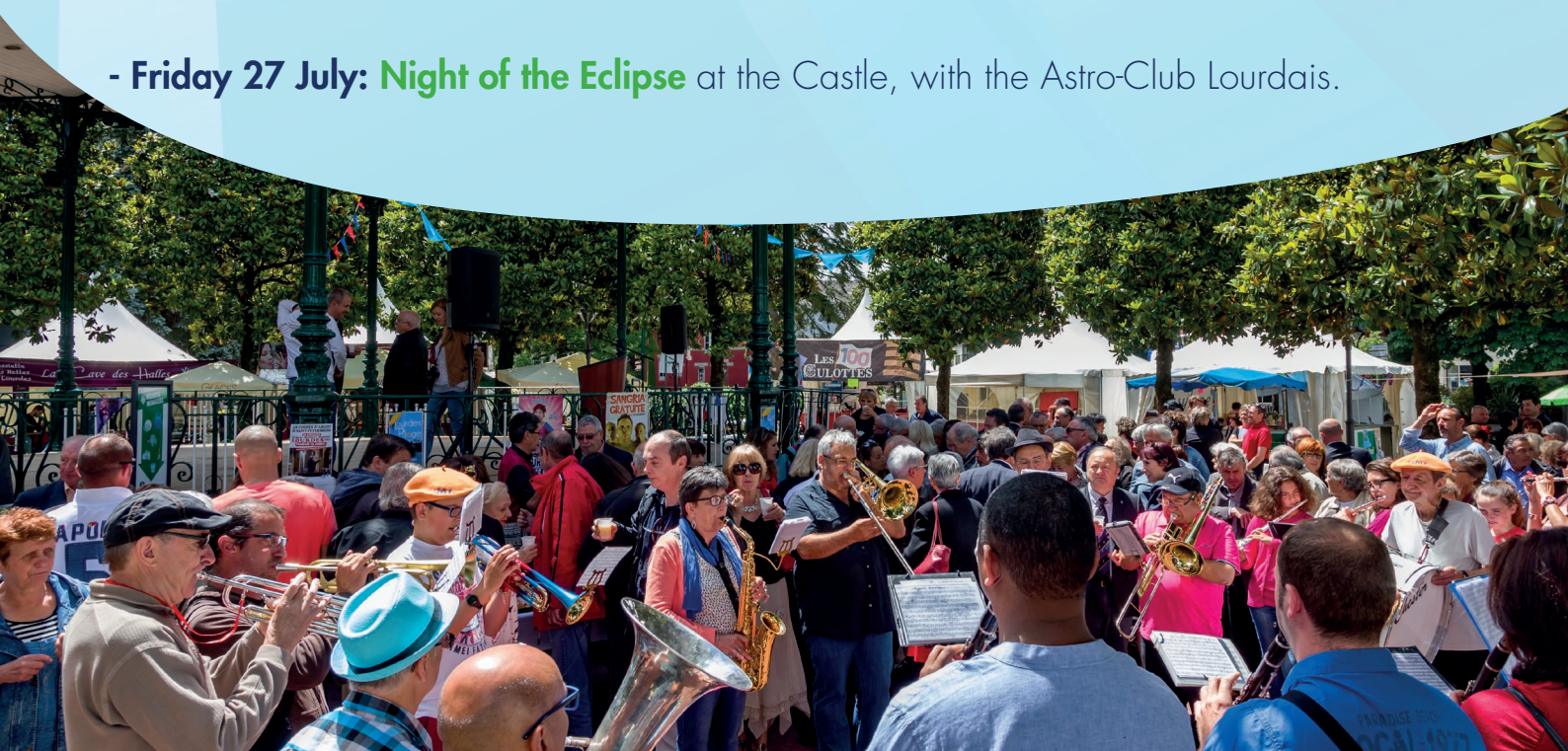
- 26 and 27 July: **Pyrenean Franco-Spanish Gastronomy event**  
*Tastings of local produce, cookery demonstrations*



- Friday 27 July: **Start of the 19th stage of the 2018 Tour de France**  
«Lourdes-Laruns»

*Seventy years after the memorable start from the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in 1948, the racers will again set off from the esplanade of the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary before taking on the legendary cols of the Pyrenees... A must-see 200km mountain stage just before the Tour reaches the Champs-Élysées on Sunday 29 July.*

- Friday 27 July: **Night of the Eclipse** at the Castle, with the Astro-Club Lourdais.





# AUGUST



**- 2 to 6 August: 1st 'Vélo for Kids/Lourdes-Tourmalet' cycle meet**

*A charity cycling event held to raise money for disadvantaged children, in partnership with the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes: lots of road cycling and mountain biking events open to everyone.*

**- Sunday 5 August: Medieval falconry display** at the Castle - Musée Pyrénéen  
*The falconer Valéry Marche presents his medieval falconry spectacle featuring a dozen diurnal and nocturnal birds of prey, including a steppe eagle and an eagle owl.*

**- 10 to 12 August: Astronomy Week and Night of the Stars**  
*Come and gaze at the night sky from the Castle and top of the Pic du Jer: lots of fascinating facts and an amazing spectacle guaranteed!*

**- 11 to 16 August: French National Pilgrimage of the Assumption**  
*More than 10,000 pilgrims from every region of France will gather to celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.*

**- Wednesday 22 August: Our Lady of Lourdes Family Festival**  
*Entertainment, children's games and picnic open to everyone on the Sanctuary meadow.*







# SEPTEMBER

## - 1 and 2 September: 'Pyr'Epic Pic du Midi-Cauterets-Lourdes' MTB race

*This two-day 120km mountain biking event runs from the Pic du Midi to the Pic du Jer, stopping off at Cauterets along the way. The entire race is timed, with a total vertical drop of 9,000 metres and a total vertical ascent of just 4,500 metres.*

## - 15 and 16 September: European Heritage Open Days

*The town and Sanctuary of Lourdes will be opening the doors of their historical buildings over these two days, with events on the theme of sharing.*



## - 18 to 22 September: Lourdes Hope for Cancer Pilgrimage

*For more than 25 years, the association 'Lourdes Cancer Espérance' has invited cancer patients and their families to help each other and to gather for their great annual pilgrimage.*

## - 25 to 29 September : Italian National Pilgrimage

*Several thousand pilgrims from all over Italy will gather to enjoy a unique experience of togetherness and communing with sick worshippers, with celebrations and festive evenings in store.*





# OCTOBER

A group of pilgrims on horseback at night, holding lit candles. They are wearing traditional hats and dark clothing. The scene is illuminated by the warm glow of the candles and some background lights.

## - 2 to 7 October: French National Pilgrimage of the Rosary

For more than 100 years, the Pilgrimage of the Rosary has enabled more than 20,000 pilgrims from all over France to gather together every year and share a very special experience.

## - 13 and 14 October: 2nd International St James's Way Pilgrims' Convention

Talks and round table discussions, walks and social gatherings of pilgrims.

## - Monday 15 October : Café Waiters' Race

## - Saturday 27 October : The 25th Hour

France's Sanctuary Towns come together to celebrate the day when we pass from summer time to winter time, with this event on the theme of light, open to everyone

## - 27 to 28 October: Pilgrimage of the Guardians of the Camargue

Every two years, the Guardians, breeders of the Camargue horse breed, come to Lourdes on a pilgrimage. This year more than 5,000 pilgrims and 90 horse riders in traditional costume will gather at the Sanctuary and process through the town.





# NOVEMBER

- **29 October to 3 November: Lourdes Dance Festival**

*The world famous professional contemporary dancer and choreographer Julien Desplantez is organising his sixth festival, featuring choreography workshops for amateurs and professionals followed by performances.*

- **Saturday 10 November : Concert by the Choirs of Lourdes and Tarbes**

- **Sunday 11 November : 100th anniversary of the Armistice**  
(256 men of Lourdes died for France)



# DECEMBER

- **Saturday 1 December: 4th Book Fair**

- **Saturday 8 December: Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

*Dear to the pilgrims of Lourdes, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception attracts 5,000 to 6,000 pilgrims to pray to the Virgin Mary, who appeared to Bernadette 160 year ago.*

***Closure of '160 ans d'émotions'***



# 18 CONFÉRENCES-RENCONTRES

## «Il était une fois Lourdes...»

- Jeudi 15 mars 18h : **Les Lourdais, témoins des Apparitions en 1858** par J-F Labourie, *Médiathèque*
- Dimanche 18 mars 15h : ciné conférence **Lourdes au cinéma**, par M. Azot, J-F. Labourie et J-C Borde, *au cinéma Le Palais*
- Jeudi 12 avril 18h : **Le Musée pyrénéen, atout majeur de la ville de Lourdes**, par S. Cazenave, conservateur en chef du patrimoine au Musée d'Orsay, *au Château fort*
- Jeudi 19 avril 18h : **La restauration de la basilique du Rosaire**, par Mgr Perrier, *Médiathèque*
- Jeudi 17 mai 18h : **Lourdes, une source constante d'inspiration** par B. Pécassou, *Médiathèque*
- Jeudi 24 mai : **Les Résistants lourdais**, par J. Cubéro, *au cinéma Le Palais*
- Jeudi 31 mai 18h : **Les guérisons de Lourdes**, par le Dr. Alessandro de Franciscis, président du Bureau des constatations médicales de Lourdes, *Médiathèque*
- Jeudi 14 juin 18h : **Les risques naturels : la force de résilience de Lourdes**, par M. Azot, *Médiathèque*
- Jeudi 28 juin 18h : **L'épopée du FCL** par M. Corsini et J. Abadie, *Médiathèque*
- Jeudi 05 juillet 18h : **L'écrivain Francis Jammes et Lourdes**, par J. Le Gall, *au Château fort*
- Jeudi 19 juillet 18h : **Les archives du Sanctuaire**, par P. Leroy-Castillo, archiviste du Sanctuaire, *Médiathèque*
- Jeudi 02 août 18h : **Lourdes et les écrivains**, par J-F. Labourie et lecture de J. Montaigu, *Médiathèque*
- Jeudi 23 août 18h : **Figures de la Vierge** par A.J. Lévrier-Mussat, *au Château fort*
- Jeudi 06 septembre 18h : **Lourdes et l'architecture**, par J. Colonel, Architecte des Bâtiments de France, *Médiathèque*
- Jeudi 20 septembre : **Lourdes en musique**, par A. Penet, *au cinéma Le Palais*
- Jeudi 04 octobre 18h : **Bernadette, un prophète**, par le Père Cabes, recteur du Sanctuaire, *Médiathèque*
- Jeudi 18 octobre en soirée 18h : **René Laurentin, historien de Lourdes** par J-F. Labourie et lecture de J. Montaigu, *au cinéma Le Palais*
- Jeudi 22 novembre 18h : **Les Alsaciens-Lorrains au fort de Lourdes pendant la Grande Guerre**, par J. Cubéro, *au Château fort*



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