



Summer festivals in the Lot Valley

THEATRE

Marcoles Nights (Cantal) In the delightful setting of a little medieval village, the streets come alive as soon as night falls with costumed shows which present traditional stories and musical creations. (23rd to 26th July 2014)



Festival *Détours du Monde* at Chanac (Lozere) Carried forth by an ultra motivated team of volunteers, “Ca S'ouïe” puts Chanac really at the centre of the Universe as the place to get together, and where the difference, in opinions and colour of skin are banished. Sponsored by the French actor Richard Bohringer, the philanthropist Pierre Rabhi and Attefoc Amo, President of the festival L’Air au Niger, this festival takes a look every year at the world’s cultures and brings together more than 4,000 festival goers. (17th – 19th July 2014)

Figeac Theatre Festival (Lot) Every summer this festival brings life to the most beautiful parts of the town. Public readings, open air shows, ... A rendez-vous full of surprises with the participation of companies from Midi-Pyrénées. (19th July to 2nd August 2014)

Bonaguil festival theatre (Lot-et-Garonne) takes place the first week-end of August at both Bonaguil Castle and Fumel Castle.

Romeo & Juliet in the Lot Valley



Acclaimed London based theatre company Antic Disposition comes to the Lot Valley this summer with their vivid and passionate production of the world's most famous love story : Romeo & Juliet. Presented in English against the backdrop of some of the region's most beautiful open-air locations, the show promises to be a magical evening of entertainment for the whole family.

In the Lot Valley, enjoy the show in Monflanquin – Lot-et-Garonne (6th August), Lherm – Lot (7th August) and Puy l’Evêque – Lot (14th August).

TRADITION

« **Hier un village** » at **Flagnac (Aveyron)** Relive the history of this village in the fabulous son et lumière show presented by its inhabitants. 31st July and 11th August 2014

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The "Médiévales d'Estaing" For one week-end, the whole village of Estaing is transported back to mediaeval times. Here we are in the 13th century, the mediaeval market abounds with local produce, craftsmen display their works and groups of troubadours liven up the streets with their juggling and traditional music. There's a banquet on Saturday evening and the winner of the Tristan challenge will be dubbed knight under the watchful eye of the *Estagnols* in period costume. (13rd and 14th September 2014)



The "Festa Del País" at Saint Flour (Cantal) When Agriculture has a party, with all sorts of entertainment : milking demonstration, cheese making, horse harnessing, threshing in the old style, local produce and crafts market. A gorgeous window on the rural world. (2nd and 3th August 2014)

International Folk Festival of the Rouergue (Aveyron) World folklore week in the Aveyron from 3rd to 10th August 2014.

MUSIC

Blues in Cahors (Lot) Ever since 1981, this large blues get together has drawn in the greatest : Ray Charles, James Brown, BB King. And once again this year, the legendary guitars of Popa Chubby and Joe Louis Walker. (14th to 19th July 2014)

Vallée d'Olt Music Festival (Aveyron) The Vallée d'Olt Music Festival will hold its 18th edition of culture and music in the Lot Valley. Each year, features soloists from the renowned Opéra Bastille and many more will gather at Saint-Geniez d'Olt for 10 days of chamber music concerts : THE event for all soloists. 15th to 25th July 2014.

"The Roman light", Conques Summer Music Festival (Aveyron) There couldn't be a better acoustic setting than the Romanesque abbey church of Conques for this major event. The Roman Light aims to valorize the rich heritage of Conques with a cultural and artistic program of quality. It is an exceptional and memorable way to discover Conques!

The unique acoustics of the Romanesque Saint-Foy Abbey-church, lighten up by Pierre Soulages' stained-glass windows and the auditorium in the Centre Européen, are the stages for the major concerts. The 27 years old Festival invites the public to visit the musics from the 16th century to more contemporary creations, with various repertoires and different groups. 29th July to 4th August 2014

Belaye events (Lot) Started in 1988 to liven up a sleepy village, they all take place around Roland Pidoux, one of the greatest current cello violinists, musicians and music lovers in a close knit atmosphere. (1st to 8th August 2014)

GOURMET

Festival de la Tourtière (Lot-et-Garonne) The Tourtière is a traditional pastry that is long and difficult to prepare. It has an apple or prune filling and is flavoured with a touch of Armagnac before it is cooked. Come and celebrate this traditional fruit pie at Penne d'Agenais and at Tournon d'Agenais during the gourmet festivities organised by the Brotherhood of the Tourtière. On the menu, competitions and tasting sessions. 13th July at Penne d'Agenais and on the 15th August 2014 at Tournon d'Agenais

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The Prunes festival (Lot-et-Garonne) A fitting homage to this fruit at Saint-Aubin. In the program: plum and prune market, farm produces, cakes, arts and crafts, non-stop events, folk groups, games on the theme of prunes. (14th September 2014)

RELIGIOUS

Sainte-Epine Festival and Procession at Sainte-Eulalie-d'Olt (Aveyron) Not to be missed! The church of Saint-Côme d'Olt houses a reliquary containing a fragment of Christ's crown of thorns that gives rise to a **procession** held each year on the second Sunday in July. All the village's inhabitants, in period costume, re-enact the main phases of the crucifixion of Christ. The festival lasts the whole weekend with a traditional dance, meal and fireworks. 12th and 13th July 2014

OUT OF THE ORDINARY

Africajarc at Cajarc (Lot) You love Africa? Go to Cajarc! During 4 days, discovery of its art, literature, theater, humor, cuisine and, of course, its music on the banks of the Lot. 24th to 27th July 2014



Square bowls European Championship (Cantal) Is there really such a thing as square bowls? Yes, at Pierrefort. It's played like "pétanque", in teams of two, and the aim is to roll them in the little sloping streets without them leaving the road. Children competition as well. 9th August 2014

Earth Festival at Bozouls (Aveyron)

Rendez-vous at the bottom of Bozouls, one of the 7 wonders of the Rouergue for some get togethers on the subject of Earth and Human Sciences. Workshops, conferences, exhibitions, guided tours. Now events from April to September with main events in July and August.

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