



LA ROCHELLE...25 May 2017

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Lunch at the Station Cafe 19th century)

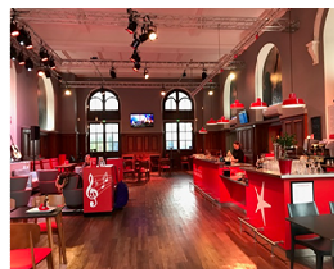
Café des Francofolies

La Rochelle station opened in 1857

under the ownership of the Paris Orleans railway company

It is inside the city walls near St Nicholas Gate

and on the banks of the marina (under construction) which will make it possible to integrate rail and boat travel



15.00

Visit the Port and the Maritime Museum

The Maritime Museum is a floating museum situated in the Old Port in the former trawler basin.

The museum was completed in 2015 and has rammed earth in small pavillions covered with coloured cloth.



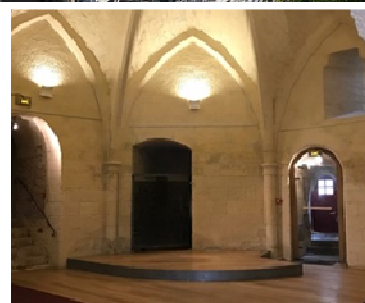
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Tour de la Chaîne

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Presentation by Thibault DINI – bursar presentation

The 3 towers, St Nicholas, la Chaîne and Lantern all on the seafront are symbols of the old Port which they defended with a chain stretched across the entrance to the port

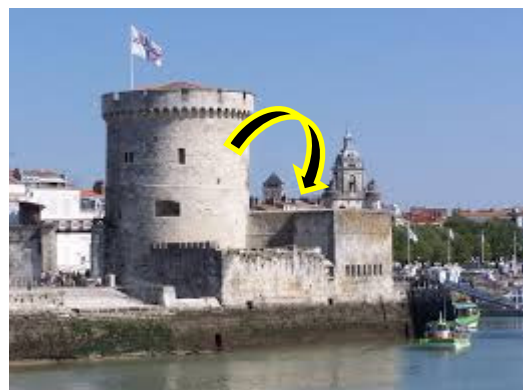


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Welcome aperitif on the terrace in front of the Tour de la Chaîne

Followed by dinner chez Andre

(a local institution)



A day out in ROCHEFORT

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08.45 Bus leaves for Rochefort

09.30 Visit the Fort de Fouras

A maritime district within a strategic site :

The road on the island of Aix at the mouth of the Charente river protected by the Fouras peninsula, a strait and 6 forts (Enet, Boyard, Rade, Liedot, Madame and Louvois) which provide the perfect protection of the Arsenal de Rochefort



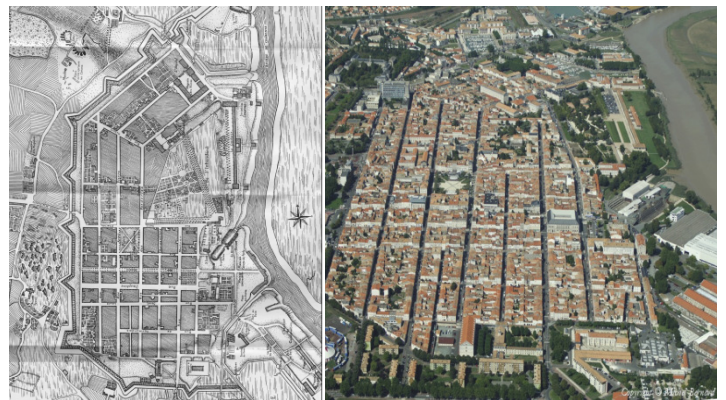
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Café and presentation about Rochefort

by M MATHIEU, curator of the Marine Museum

... a 17th century Royal town founded in 1666 to house the maritime and military arsenal – a place of refuge, defence and supply

Rochefort was a link in the line of defence along the Aunis coast, Saintonge and the valley of the Charente.



10.30

Museum of Art and History

Restructured by PL Falloci in the Hôtel Hèbre de Saint-Clément (3D of the house of P. Iot)

Marine Museum;

An collection of buildings from the 17th and 18th centuries

The house of Cheusse, the Marine Hospital and

The School of Medicine



13.00

Lunch next to the railway bridge

At La Belle Poule or picnic at the Lupin Fort



17.00

The town grid

St Louis church, the market, individual houses Tilly,

Visit to the arsenal

Along the Charente, The Royal Rope factory, the Old Port, The provisions shop, the shape of the repairs

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Apéritif and Evening Meal on the Hermione

*With songs and recitations of your sailing exploits
Max 2mm preparation for laughter...*





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Visit the construction site of the Town Hall

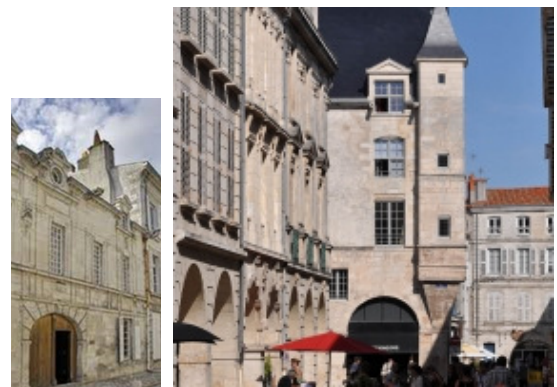
M. Villeneuve, chief architect for historic monuments. It consists of a block of flats in the renaissance style, protected by a gothic wall with a walkway on top, built at the end of the 15th century. The ensemble encloses an interior courtyard which is characterised by the influence of antiquity. Work is under way following a fire in 2013.



11.00

Town Walk and visit of the historic core

*Led by two guides from the SDAP Charente Maritime – M Jacques Boissière & M Christophe Bourel-Guilloux
La Rochelle « the rebel », citadel and protestant capital acquired the status of free town. In 1627 the mayor fired a cannon on the royal troops and the town was put under siege for 13 months, the town capitulated and the English fleet retreated. In the 17th and 18th centuries the old Port drained more than half the colonial trade towards the 'New France'.*



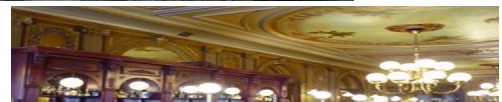
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Lunch at the Café de la Paix, place de Verdun

15.00

Free time to visit

*- Muesum of the New World in the l'hôtel Fleuriau;
Aimé-Benjamin Fleuriau is a member of the bourgeoisie of arms makers and traders made rich by the maritime trade and the products of their plantations in St Dominique.
-Natural History Museum, zoological gallery from the 19th century and documents from the science library are all testament to the history of science and culture.*



19.30

Apéritif and Gala Dinner in a mysterious location

Bring your swimsuits...



A day in LA ROCHELLE 28 May

09.30

Tour of the Port of La Rochelle

Either by bus round the commercial port, its steps and
its Atlantic bunker dating back to the 2nd World War
Or by bike through the pleasure port and the university
quarter

12.30

Lunch at the Club 400 de la SIRENE,

*With its contemporary music, stage consecrated to
Pop music and its actors
(hip-hop, punk, métal, rock, punk, jazz, song, electro...)*

*Visit the Salle d'Equipeement designed by Patrick Bouchain,
3000 m2 on 3 levels with a view onto the port de La Pallice*

15.00

DEPART by bus:

To the airport arrives at 16.00

To the station arrives at 16.30

