



Summer festivals in the Lot Valley

THEATRE



Street festival at Mende (Lozere) The 7th edition of this festival will bring together 25 companies giving a total of 80 performances over three days : burlesque theatre, sketches, marionettes, clowns solos, acrobatic displays. All of it in a joyful musical atmosphere, with a background of electro-jazz and world music. And ... it's free! (6th – 8th July 2013)

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. (18th to 21st July 2013)

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 Attefocq 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. (18th – 20th July)

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. (20th July to 3rd August 2013)

Bonaguil en Fête (Lot-et-Garonne) During 3 days, come and discover life in the Middle Ages with entertainment, dances, food testing, lectures, visits and parade. The festival takes place from 5th to 7th July 2013 at both Bonaguil Castle and Fumel Castle. The **Bonaguil theater festival** takes place the first week-end of August at both Bonaguil Castle and Fumel Castle.



TRADITION

« **Hier un village** » at **Flagnac (Aveyron)** Relive the history of this village in the fabulous son et lumière show presented by its inhabitants. Last week-end of July and first of August 2013

The High Lands at Saint-Flour (Cantal) You can see everything that is grown in the mountains in the cité cantalienne, and for the 10th year running. Program includes: concerts, street entertainment, balls, theatre, exhibitions, the chance to meet stringed instrument makers, craftsmen and producers. (28th-30th June 2013)

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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. (7th and 8th of September 2013)



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. (3rd and 4th August 2013)

International Folk Festival of the Rouergue (Aveyron) World folklore week in the Aveyron from 4th to 11th August 2013.

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 20st July 2013)

Vallée d'Olt Music Festival (Aveyron) The Vallée d'Olt Music Festival will hold its 17th 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. End of July 2013.

"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 2013

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. (2nd to 9th August 2013)

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. 2nd Sunday of July at Penne d'Agenais and on the 15th August 2012 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. (8th September 2013)

RELIGIOUS

Procession of Saint-Fleuret at Estaing (Aveyron) Each year, a procession in period costume, which is both a historical reconstitution and religious act, passes through the village streets to glorify Saint Fleuret (patron saint of Estaing). The extras, the Estagnols, in period costume represent characters from the church, the heavens and the earth alongside the olden day Compostelle pilgrims in their monk's robe covered with shells. 7th July 2013

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. 14th and 15th July 2013

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. 25th to 28th July 2013



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. 10th August 2013

International Pyrotechnics Festival (Aveyron) At the heart of the former Decazeville mine, the best pyrotechnicians in the world come together for you to experience all the magic of an all too short-lived spectacle rich in colours. In 2013, come and admire German, North American, French and Indian fireworks. July 2013

Earth Festival at Bozouls (Aveyron)

Rendez-vous at the bottom of Bozouls, one of the 7 wonders of the Rouergue for some get together 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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