

Les Machines de l'île
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- - - Grand Éléphant's itinerary
 - - - 3 boarding points
 i Ticket office



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Support of Les Machines de l'île project

First phase:

- Nantes Métropole
- Pays de la Loire Region
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THE GRAND ÉLÉPHANT

THE GREAT ELEPHANT



When this majestic animal goes out for a walk, it is like architecture in motion leaving a steel cathedral. 50 passengers can embark on an amazing journey.

Once aboard, you will see the moving gears that power the legs. A machinist will tell you stories about the elephant and have it blast its trunk for your pleasure.

Being on the back of the Grand Éléphant is like being on the 4th floor of a travelling house, with a breathtaking view of the former shipyards.

12 m (40 ft.) high, 8 m (26 ft.) wide
and 21 m (70 ft.) long
48,4 metric tons of steel and wood (Tulip poplar)

Metal body lubricated with 2,000 litres
(530 gallons) of hydraulic oil

450 HP motor – Speed 1 to 3 km/h

Set in motion using 62 cylinders, 46 of which
are hydraulic, 6 pneumatic and 10 gas-powered

3 different itineraries

Grand Éléphant ticket office under the warehouses.

Some rides can be booked in advance:

www.lesmachines-nantes.fr or +33 251 17 49 89

Operation of the Grand Éléphant is subject to weather conditions.



GRAND ÉLÉPHANT RIDE

+

FILM AND WORKSHOP
TERRACES

+

PROTOTYPE BRANCH

Length: approx. 90 minutes –
60 min. tour (unguided),
plus a 30 min. trip (including
boarding – landing)

THE GRAND ÉLÉPHANT

THE GALERIE DES MACHINES

THE CARROUSEL DES MONDES MARINS

THE WORKSHOP, THE FILM AND THE PROTOTYPE BRANCH

THE GIFT-SHOP / THE CAFÉ DE LA BRANCHE

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THE GALERIE DES MACHINES

THE MACHINE GALLERY

The Galerie is a living space showcasing a veritable bestiary of machines.

The machines built in the workshops of theatre company, *La Machine*, are tested in this lab.

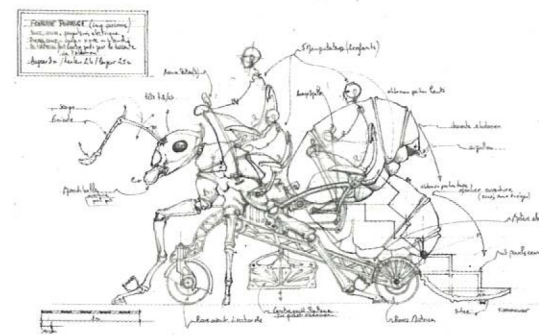
During your visit, the machinists will explain the history and workings of these strange creatures and breathe life into the imaginary world of the Arbre aux Hérons, major project of Les Machines de l'île.

A mechanical Spider joined the bestiary of the Heron Tree at the heart of the Galerie des Machines. Sleeping in its nest, it is awakened by the machinists who seat four people on its abdomen. It climbs up along its threads, and moves above the public.



High up in the rafters of the Galerie des Machines, you can see a heron with an 8 meter-long wingspan soaring gracefully. Then it's Giant Ant's turn to make his entrance. Here, real plants grow next to mechanical ones, creating a canopy for the animals... and, you might be invited to climb in and control one of them!

From the very first sketches to fully functioning machines, the entire creative process is on display in this Galerie/laboratory. It shows the construction of the Grand Éléphant, the Carrousel des Mondes Marins and the ongoing research being done for the Arbre aux Hérons.



GALERIE DES MACHINES
 +
FILM AND WORKSHOP TERRACES
 +
PROTOTYPE BRANCH

Approx. 90-minutes self-guided visit

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THE CARROUSEL DES MONDES MARINS

THE MARINE WORLDS CAROUSEL

Located on the banks of the Loire river, across from the Musée Jules Verne, the Carrousel des Mondes Marins seems to have been born in the belly of the Île de Nantes, the city's most maritime spot. **Adults and children are plunged into the same imaginary universe of this incredible mechanical aquarium, which you can discover at your own pace.**

This authentic 360° theatre is also an incredible sculpture dedicated to the sea. Visitors watch as strange and disturbing marine creatures revolve in a huge structure built on three levels. You will discover the sea like never before, from seabed and abyss to sea surface.

This giant carousel, almost 25 m (82 ft.) high and 22 m (72 ft.) in diameter, is a reinvention of fairground art. **Three carousels are stacked in concrete lacework,** crowned by a Big Top that is itself adorned with pedi-

ments, and guarded by 16 fishermen from all the world's oceans.

In the seabeds, discover the Giant Crab, the Reverse Propulsion Squid, the exploring Machine that dives deep into the machine room, or the Bathyscaphe that climbs up the central mast... and the latest arrival: the Box Fish. A total of 14 elements fixed onto a rotating plateau.

In the abyss, on the second level, 6 elements hang 5 metres above the seabeds: the Deep-Sea Lanternfish, the Manta Ray or the Pirate fish...

On the sea surface, on the third level, a rotating plateau, protected by a Big Top, sweeps away boats, marine harnesses and other flying Fish, a storm Boat, Nutshells and Jellyfish, in a raging whirlpool of 24 big mechanical waves.

TWO OPERATING MODES ACCORDING TO PERIODS:

FAIRGROUND MODE

Visit with or without ride(s)

Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 pm,
every weekend and during French school holidays

DISCOVERY MODE

Animated visit

During French school terms: on Tuesdays,
Wednesday mornings, Thursdays and Fridays

Operation of the Carrousel des Mondes Marins is subject to weather conditions.



2nd RIDE IS OFFERED
IN FAIRGROUND MODE

Every morning
from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Every Wednesday, except
for school holidays, from
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

CARROUSEL
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THE WORKSHOP

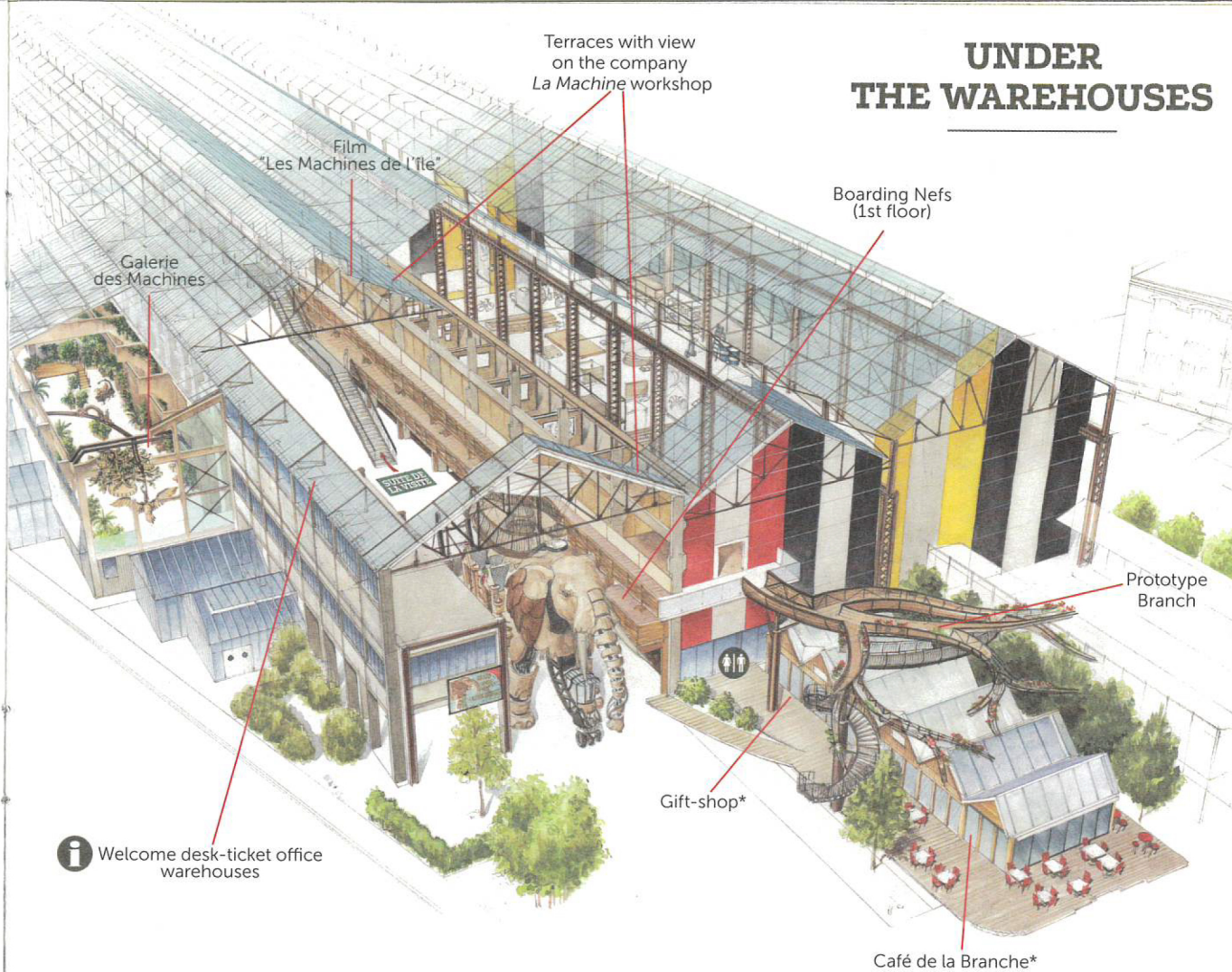
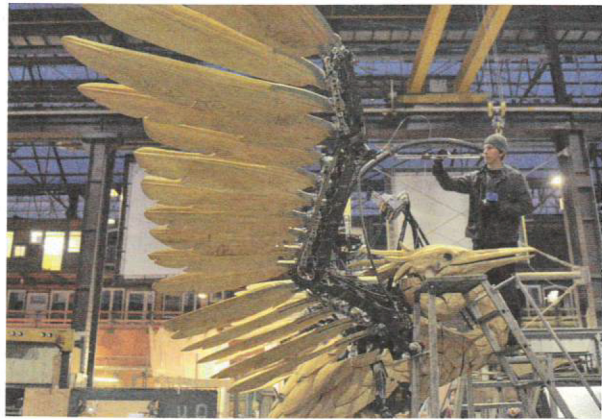
In the street of the warehouses, head over to the terraces via the grand staircase. From the belvederes, you will discover the workshop of the company *La Machine*. You can watch builders working in a universe of wood and steel. Their hands mould and create the fantastic creatures of Les Machines de l'île, as well as the company's other projects.

THE FILM

Make sure you don't miss the 12-minutes film shown on one of the terraces. It tells the story of Les Machines de l'île, from its genesis to today. And don't forget the photo exhibition: *Long Ma Jing Shem : retour de Chine* by the company *La Machine*, which can be seen from the gangway!

THE PROTOTYPE BRANCH OF THE FUTURE ARBRE AUX HÉRONS

This branch (20 metric tons and 20 m/65 ft. long) is the first part of a monumental tree that will have 22 branches in all. One of Les Machines de l'île's major projects, the Arbre aux Hérons will be a steel tree 50 m (164 ft.) in diameter and 35 m (115 ft.) high, topped by two herons. Once complete, you will be able to walk from branch to branch in the amazing hanging gardens, and take a ride under the herons' wings. This project, presented in the Galerie, is expected to open to the public in 2021, in the Chantenay quarry, along the Loire.



*The spaces will be expanded in 2017

UNDER THE WAREHOUSES

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THE GIFT-SHOP

Located under the prototype Branch of the Arbre aux Hérons, the gift-shop offers a wide range of drawings and books, inspired by Les Machines de l'île. Most of them are originally designed creations, and exclusively available here.

A privileged space for passionate readers, the bookshop offers a various collection of books with themes like elephants, sea and nature conservation, architecture and sustainable development, the art of gardening, orchids, the machines used in theatre and film, novels and travel stories. For kids, the children's section will give your little ones a taste for art books.

Our e-boutique allows you to continue shopping for its emblematic products.

<http://boutique.lesmachines-nantes.fr>

THE CAFÉ DE LA BRANCHE

Have your lunch while watching the Grand Éléphant stroll by, and enjoy the chef's "back from the market" menu, with a choice of fish, a traditional dish or grilled meat, as well as homemade pies.

Or, have a snack on the weekend. Depending on the season, you can enjoy: homemade quiche, fresh vegetable soup, meal-sized salads, homemade sandwiches... as well as hot dogs and panini sandwiches in the summer. For your four o'clock coffee break, muffins, brownies, shortbread, or donuts are available.

You can also purchase locally produced regional specialties (beer, wines, ciders...).



CALENDAR 2017

TICKET OFFICE OPENING TIMES

The visit continues one hour after ticket offices closing-time

- 14:00 - 17:00
- 14:00 - 18:00
- 10:00 - 17:00
- 10:00 - 18:00
- 10:00 - 19:00
- Carrousel on discovery mode
Animated visit
On Wednesdays: mornings only

26-30 June: no Grand Éléphant rides
4-8 September: no access to the Carrousel des Mondes Marins
6 November-7 January 2018: maintenance, no Grand Éléphant rides

FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL							MAY							
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OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER							JANUARY 2018						
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- Galerie not recommended
Stroller park and baby carriers are available
- Except guide dogs
- In the context of reinforced security measures:

WAREHOUSES TICKET OFFICE

GRAND ÉLÉPHANT RIDE*

Non-stop ticket sale for the same day
Some rides can be booked on

www.lesmachines-nantes.fr or +33 251 17 49 89

From 5,50€ to 8,50€ / Free: < 4 years old

GALERIE DES MACHINES

Non-stop ticket sales and access, immediate entry
Animated visit

From 5,50€ to 8,50€ / Free: < 4 years old

Ticket sale within the limit of the available places. Tickets cannot be returned, exchanged, or refunded. General terms and conditions of sale available at the reception-ticket offices or downloadable on www.lesmachines-nantes.fr. For any complaints regarding tickets already purchased, please contact: +33 2 51 17 49 48 / contact@lesmachines-nantes.fr

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GROUPS: RESERVATIONS & INFOS

Monday: 9:00 - 12:00 / 14:00 - 18:00

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Adult groups: reservation@lesmachines-nantes.fr

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CARROUSEL TICKET OFFICE

CARROUSEL DES MONDES MARINS*

Non-stop ticket sales and access, immediate entry

Fairground mode

• Visit with ride

From 3€ to 8,50€ / Free: < 1 year old

2nd ride is offered: every morning from 10:00 to 14:00

Every Wednesday, except during school holidays, from 14:00 to 17:00

• Visit without ride

From 4€ to 6,30€ / Free: < 4 years old

Discovery mode

Animated visit

From 4€ to 6,90€ / Free: < 4 years old

Les Machines de l'île
General Management: Pierre Orefice
Operations Management: Petra Kollner
Technical Management: Laurent Lahaut

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