



VILLE DE
MARSEILLE

8 AND 9 MAY 2024

MARSEILLE

PROUD TO WELCOME
THE OLYMPIC FLAME



EVENT PROGRAMME



Dear people of Marseille, dear visitors,

Forever the first! It will be historic: Marseille, the first city in France and the first in French football, will become the first place in the world to welcome the Olympic flame by sea. 2600 years after our city was founded and 3000 years after the first Olympic Games, the flame will cross the Mediterranean Sea and arrive at our beloved Vieux Port. It was at this very spot, when the port was still just a natural cove, that Greek sailors from Phocaea arrived and became the first inhabitants of Marseille by choosing this location to build a great seaside capital.

We are going to experience an extraordinary moment together. After the visit of Pope François in 2023, Marseille will once again be the centre of the world's attention. All eyes will be on this city of singular beauty, this city that fills us with so much pride and gives us such tremendous freedom. We're going to show the world the strength of our millennia-old city that built its existence upon the values that we share with the Olympics: diversity, solidarity, and fraternity.

Marseille is radiant, it is a beacon of light for the Mediterranean, a beacon of light for the five continents. We are reclaiming our place as a global capital. I want this to be a time for festivities, a time for sharing, a celebration for the people of Marseille and our visitors. The festivities will last from morning until night and we will embrace this epic event together on the quays of our Vieux Port and on the terraces of our cafés, under the warm Marseille sun that shines upon all the accents of the world.

Let us enjoy this time, let us savour this groundbreaking moment. Marseille is thriving and Marseille is resplendent.

Benoît PAYAN

Mayor of Marseille



Even if it now seems like an obvious decision to have the Olympic flame arrive in Marseille, this was actually not a foregone conclusion. With Benoît Payan, we were able to convince our partners that France's Olympic story should begin in Marseille. We're proud that they showed faith in our vision, and, together, we're going to live up to that trust. On May 8th, the people of Marseille, a people who are profoundly Mediterranean, will be ready to embrace this historic moment and bring the Vieux Port alive with our passion. On May 9th, people will be able to show they carry the torch for Marseille and for this grand sporting moment by joining an unprecedented Olympic Torch Relay that will criss-cross the city, from Notre-Dame de la Garde to the landmark Marseille sign to the Vélodrome stadium. We are a one-of-a-kind city and we will always be the first, in sports, in the Olympics, and in history.

Samia GHALI

Deputy Mayor for Major Events
for the City of Marseille

8 MAY 2024 THE ARRIVAL OF THE OLYMPIC FLAME

After 12 days at sea, the *Belem* will arrive in Marseille with the Olympic flame on May 8th. It will be a historic and exceptional moment for everyone to enjoy together.

The Vieux Port becomes a pedestrian zone and festivities start at 11h

The City of Marseille has planned an array of events and activities to make this an unforgettable day. There will be exhibitions, photoboosts, an escape game, a DJ set, dancing, wheelchair basketball, freestyle football, and musical entertainment that will thrill the young and old alike. Shops and restaurants will remain open and there will be giant screens showing the arrival of the Olympic flame.

11h Arrival of the *Belem* in the Bay of Marseille

The 19th-century three-masted ship will enter the Bay of Marseille with the Olympic flame.

11h/17h Sea parade

Nearly a thousand boats are expected to welcome the *Belem* and accompany its journey around the Bay of Marseille. The boats will pass as close to the coast as possible so that everyone can enjoy the spectacle.

19h Arrival of the *Belem* in the Vieux Port

The Olympic flame will be greeted at the port with a sensational welcome ceremony.

19h40 The lighting of the Olympic cauldron

This historic moment will take place in front of tens of thousands of spectators at the Vieux Port and millions more people around the world will watch the event on television or streaming. It will mark the official launch of the Olympic Torch Relay in France.

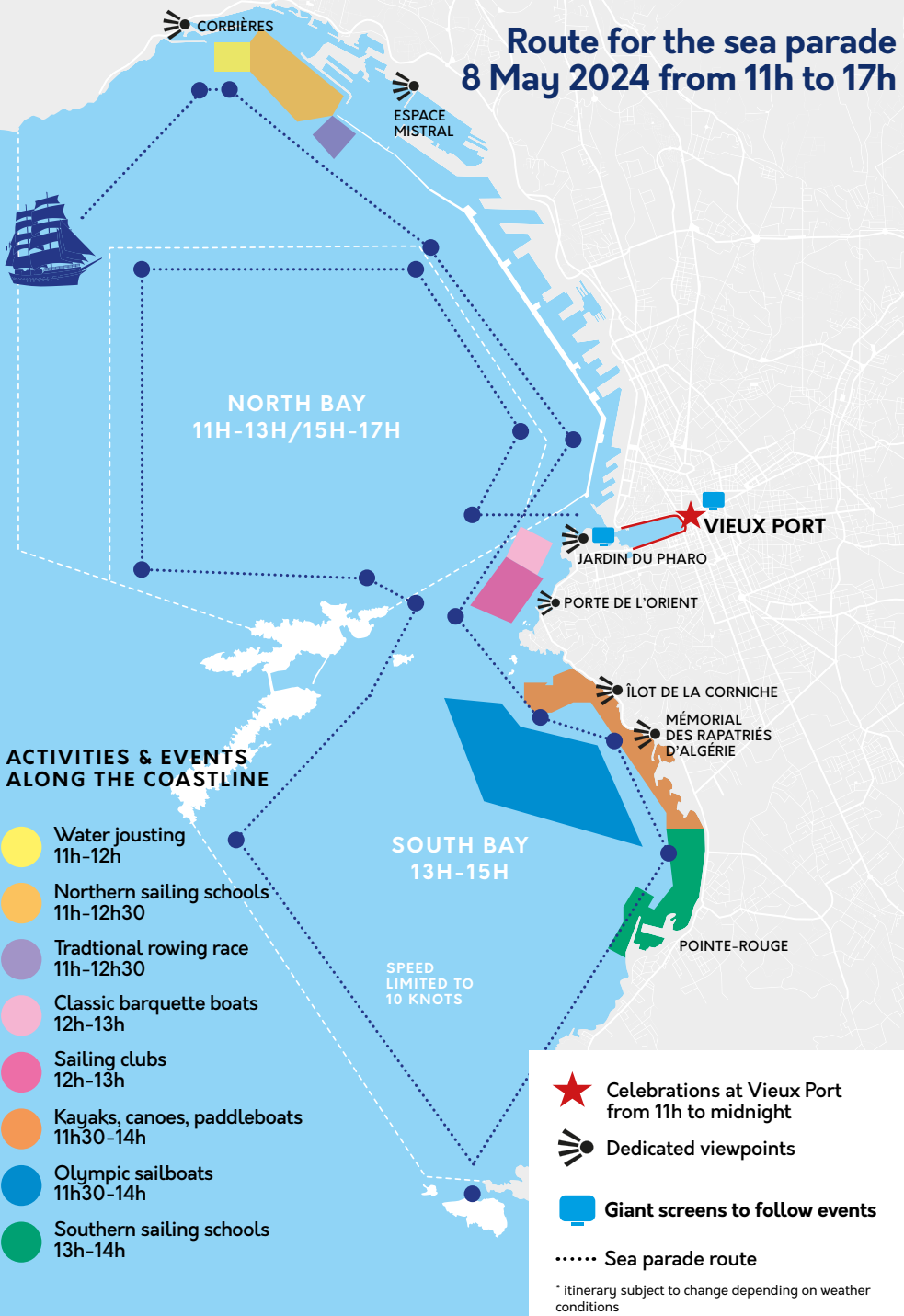
The festivities will conclude with a free concert by Alonzo and Soprano

so everybody can celebrate the arrival of the Olympic flame at the Vieux Port together.



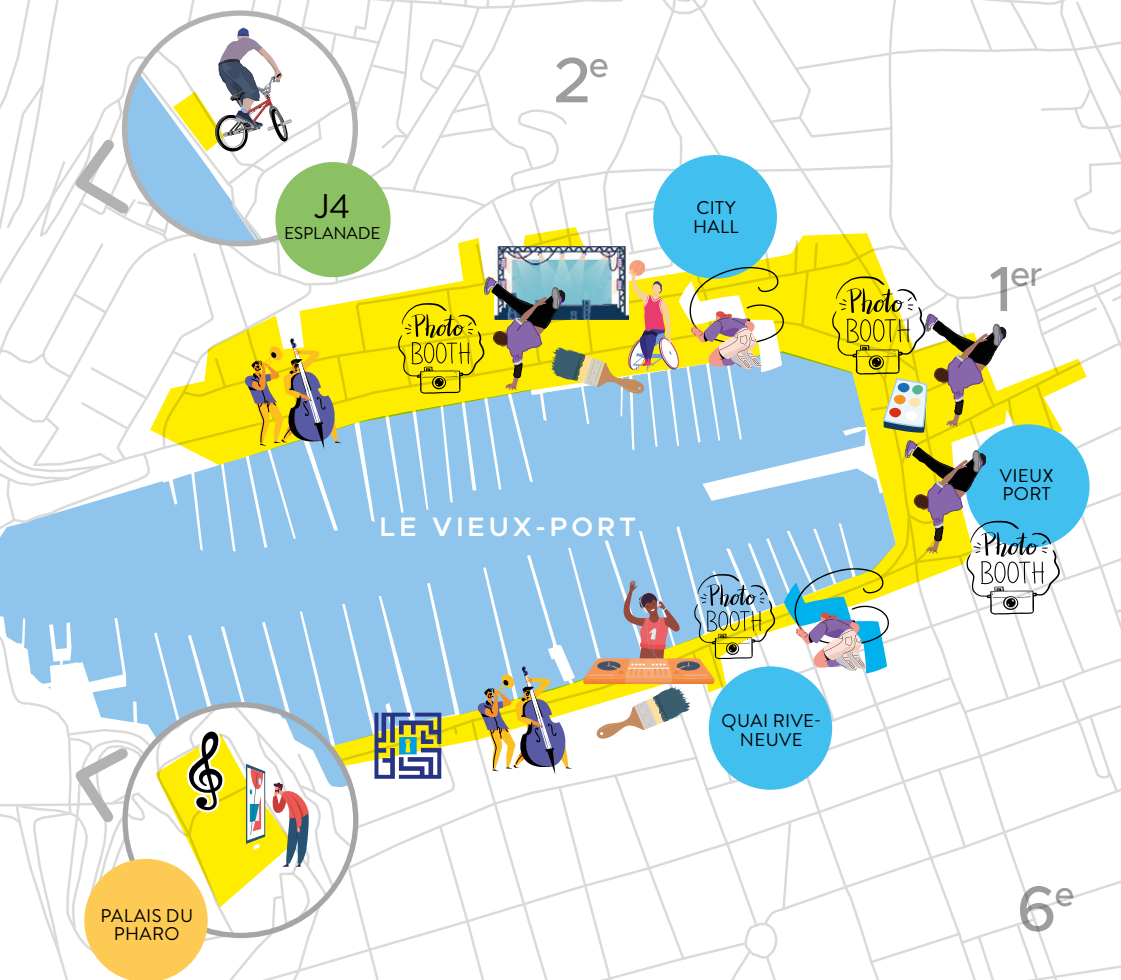
There will be traffic and parking restrictions on May 8 and 9, 2024. To find out more, go to: www.bouches-du-rhone.gouv.fr/Actualites/Toute-l-actualite/JO-2024 (site in French)

Route for the sea parade 8 May 2024 from 11h to 17h



8 MAY 2024 ACTIVITIES AT THE VIEUX PORT, PHARO AND THE J4

THE VIEUX PORT WILL BECOME A PEDESTRIAN ZONE AND THERE WILL BE GIANT SCREENS THROUGHOUT THE AREA SO YOU CAN FOLLOW THE ENTIRE OLYMPIC FLAME CEREMONY FROM THE SEA PARADE TO THE CLOSING CONCERT.



Provisional programme (times and locations subject to change)

FREE EVENTS FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

**FROM
11H TO 17H**

ALL DAY LONG AND THROUGHOUT THE VIEUX PORT PEDESTRIAN ZONE

Shops and restaurants are open all day and evening.

- **Photobooths:** take home a souvenir of this historic day
- **Escape Game:** can you retrace the history of the Olympic and Paralympic Games and prove they are open to everybody?
- **Festive fanfare**
- **DJ set**
- **Mobile face-painting stands:** proudly wear the colours of the Games!

14H-16H

- **Wheelchair basketball demonstration**

14H-17H

- **Live graffiti:** a giant live fresco featuring symbols of Marseille and the Olympic Games
- **Breakdancing demonstration** (3 crews)

LIVE EVENTS ON THE CITY HALL STAGE

14h-14h45
Sports quiz

15h-15h15
Just Dance

15h30-15h45
Sports quiz

16h30-16h45
Flash Mob

14h45-15h
Flash Mob

15h15-15h30
Freestyle football
demonstration

15h45-16h30
"The People of
Marseille and
Sports"

16h45-17h
Just Dance

AT THE JARDIN DU PHARO

11H-19H

- **Exhibition:** "The People of Marseille and Sports"

19H

- **The Marseille philharmonic orchestra** will give a performance that will delight the young and old alike

14H-17H


AT THE J4


- **BMX Water Jump:** watch an incredible BMX jumping show


ACCESS TO THE VIEUX PORT

On Wednesday May 8, 20

Legend


 Traffic and parking bans

 Parking bans only

 Events and activities

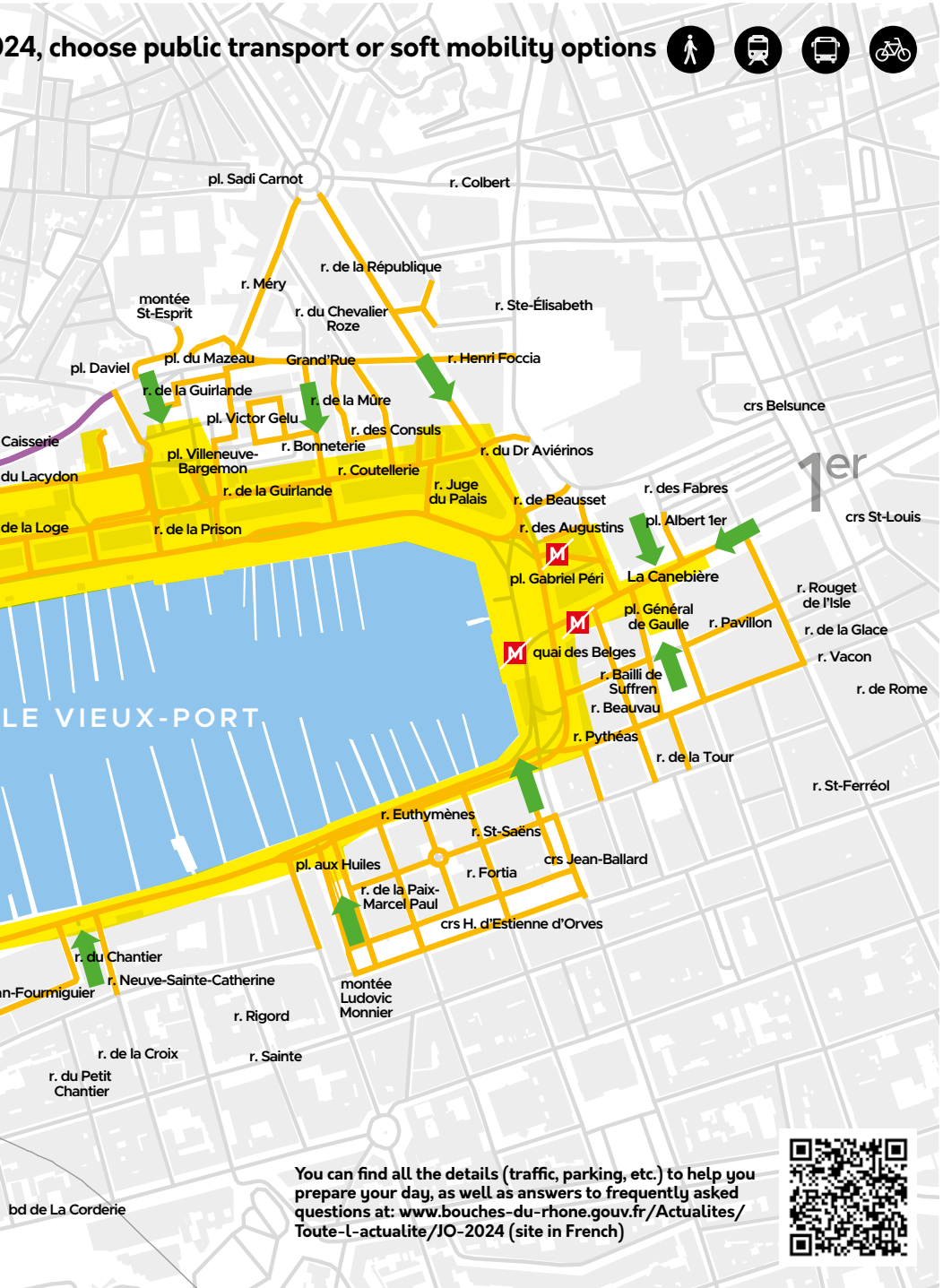
 Entry points

**Visitor checkpoints from
7h to midnight**

 The Vieux Port metro station will be closed



2024, choose public transport or soft mobility options



You can find all the details (traffic, parking, etc.) to help you prepare your day, as well as answers to frequently asked questions at: www.bouches-du-rhone.gouv.fr/Actualites/Toute-l-actualite/JO-2024 (site in French)



9 MAY 2024

THE OLYMPIC FLAME RELAY

Hundreds of runners, including many renowned figures from Marseille, will take turns carrying the Olympic flame. The official route goes past numerous iconic locations and follows a path that takes it to the four corners of Marseille to ensure that all the people of the city will have a chance to see and celebrate the Olympic flame.

THE ROUTE

1 Notre-Dame de la Garde to Estrangin

The Olympic flame will head for Place Estrangin via Boulevard Vauban and Rue Breteuil. It will arrive at its destination after a 2.2-km run.

Departure: 8h20

Arrival: 9h05

2 Parc Borély to Palais du Pharo

The relay will start from the Corniche Kennedy and cover 6.25 km until it reaches the Palais du Pharo.

Departure: 9h20

Arrival: 11h

3 Lettres Marseille

There will be a 500-metre run around the MARSEILLE sign from 11h10 to 11h20.

4 Palais du Pharo to Arenc

Heading towards Arenc via the Vieux Port, the Olympic flame will pass in front of the City Hall and then continue along the Boulevard Jacques Saadé and the Quai du Lazaret.

A 6.3-km route.

Departure: 11h40

Arrival: 13h15

5 Parc de Font Obscure

There will be two loops run through the park between 14h10 and 14h30.

6 Dôme to Palais Longchamp

Leaving from the Dôme and then travelling along Boulevard Françoise-Duparc (Jarret), this stage will cover a total distance of 3 km.

Departure: 15h30

Arrival: 16h20

7 Parc de La Moline

There will be two loops run through the park between 16h45 and 17h05.

8 Périer-Mazargues

For this final stage, the flame will set off from Avenue du Prado towards Boulevard Michelet. It will arrive at the Vélodrome stadium for the lighting of the Olympic cauldron on the Esplanade Ganay.

Departure: 17h40

Arrival: 19h20

There will be traffic and parking restrictions on May 8 and 9. To find out more, go to: www.bouches-du-rhone.gouv.fr/Actualites/Toute-l-actualite/JO-2024 (in French)

When and where to see the Olympic flame

MARSEILLE

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Lettres Marseille

11h10

Parc de Font Obscure

14h10

5



Parc de La Moline

16h45

7

Le Dôme

15h30

Arenc

13h15

6

Palais Longchamp

16h20

Hôtel de Ville

Palais du Pharo

11h

4

Notre-Dame
de la Garde

8h20

1

Estrangin

9h05

Périer

17h40

Stade Vélodrome

19h20

8

Marina Olympique

Parc Borély

9h20

2

Obélisque
de Mazargues

Discover the full programme at:
www.marseille.fr/jeux-2024 (in French)

9 MAY 2024 ACTIVITIES & EVENTS ACROSS THE ENTIRE CITY

Throughout the day, the district town halls will be organising events to ensure that the people of Marseille can enjoy a full menu of public festivities to mark the start of the Olympic Torch Relay.

Town hall - 2nd & 3rd arrondissements

 Place de La Joliette
Starting at 10h30

Capoeira, giant chess, zumba, and games for the whole family. Food and drink will be available on-site.
The flame will arrive at 11h45.

Town hall - 4th & 5th arrondissements

 Parc Longchamp
Starting at 13h

Wooden games, exhibitions, a chance to learn more about historical figures, diverse theatrical activities, and a massive treasure hunt with sporting challenges.
The flame will arrive at 16h20.

Town hall - 6th & 8th arrondissements

 Parc Borély
Starting at 9h30

Introduction to Nordic walking, boxing, rollerblading, a Basket Santé accessible basketball game, giant tennis, Indian dance exhibition, and juggling shows. Musical entertainment will be provided by a bicycle-driven float and DJ Solaire.
The flame will arrive at 9h20.

Town hall - 9th & 10th arrondissements

 Obélisque de Mazargues
Between 18h and 19h

Performances by the Cheerdance Leader dance team and the Treize en Portée batucada drum group with activities organised by a range of local sports clubs and cultural organisations.
The flame will arrive at 18h30.

Town hall - 11th & 12th arrondissements

 Parc de La Moline
Starting at 14h

An Olympic Village organised in partnership with sports associations in the area. Savate (French boxing), boxing, archery, medieval fencing, taekwondo, rugby, breakdancing, etc.
The flame will arrive at 16h45.

Town hall - 13th & 14th arrondissements

 CMA Font Obscure/Parc Font Obscure
Starting at 13h

Discover a range of different sports with the help of coaches and even some local champions, graffiti workshop, recycling awareness activities, breakdancing, an urban trail, stilt walkers, demonstrations by professional skateboarders, and musical entertainment.
The flame will arrive at 14h10.

Town hall - 15th & 16th arrondissements

 Parking de Grand Littoral
From 10h to 14h

Food stalls and sports activities such as a mobile climbing wall, double-dutch jump rope, and scooters. A large screen will let people follow events and there will be a surprise entertainment event.

And even more events at the Parc de Font Obscure:



A DAY OF FESTIVITIES
Starting at 13h30

A carousel built by the Sud Side workshops with residents from 20 neighbourhoods will showcase local sports and heritage.

FLAGS UP
Starting at 14h30

A parade of flags created by the people of Marseille.

THE OLYMPICS IN MARSEILLE

To prepare for the Olympic flame, from May 2nd to 5th, Marseille is organising a week of sports-related events in many different neighbourhoods. As part of this initiative, three Olympic villages will be open to the public from 10h to 18h. Visitors will be able to participate in a wide range of activities.

Place du Général-de-Gaulle (1st arrondissement)

Badminton/Basketball/Table tennis/Skateboarding/
Multisport field/Wooden games

Plages du Prado (8th arrondissement)

Climbing/Biathlon/Badminton/Table tennis/Basketball/
Wooden games/Multisport field

Place Mistral l'Estaque (16th arrondissement)

Climbing/Biathlon/Badminton/Table tennis/Basketball/
Wooden games/Multisport field

Full programme: www.marseille.fr/jeux-2024 (in French)



CULTURAL OLYMPIAD ALL SUMMER LONG

Through the Cultural Olympiad programme, the City of Marseille offers people of all ages the chance to benefit from exceptional cultural and artistic projects that have been organised in connection with this historic moment that we will experience together.

What is the Cultural Olympiad? It's a programme of events designed to explore the links between art and athletics while accentuating the values they share: friendship, respect, excellence, inclusion, cultural diversity, and a universal spirit.

Who is it for? The Cultural Olympiad welcomes everybody and has been designed so that every resident in every neighbourhood of Marseille can take part. Young people will be able to discover projects developed with cultural and artistic associations. More than 10 000 children and numerous schools are participating.

What's on the programme? Circus, theatre, cinema, photography, music, dance, workshops, artist residencies, street performances, graphic design, sporting activities... The Cultural Olympiad showcases Marseille's vibrant creative scene and the dynamic spirit that resulted in it being awarded the official "Active and Sporting City" designation.

The full programme can be found at www.marseille.fr/jeux-2024 (in French)

FOCUS

BALLET JOGGING



FRIDAY 10 MAY 2024 - 19H30

Length: 45 minutes - Organised by LE ZEF – National Theatre of Marseille

A former high-level athlete who is now a dancer and choreographer, Pierre Rigal set himself the challenge of combining sport and dance with *Ballet Jogging*. This meticulously choreographed performance has been designed for 200 runners and features interconnections, spirals, and movements set to music.

Registration required: balletjogging@lezef.org

 [Stade Delort - Impasse de la Ola, 13008 Marseille](#)



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More information about the festivities:
www.marseille.fr/jeux-2024



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