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PRESS RELEASE

New flight route launching between Edinburgh and Nîmes with Ryanair

Low-cost carrier Ryanair is launching a new direct flight route between Edinburgh and the southern French city of Nîmes, set to run three times per week from May 2nd to October 28th 2022 (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays).

The new route joins 8 existing routes to French cities from the Scotland capital: Beziers, Bordeaux, Carcassonne, Marseille, Nantes, Paris-Beauvais, Poitiers, and Toulouse. A southern French city in Occitanie between Provence, the Cevennes mountains (UNESCO-listed) the Camargue region and the Mediterranean coast, Nîmes is all about contrast.

Together with Rome, Nîmes is one of the most complete urban remains of the Roman civilisation in the Western world and it possesses an exceptional ensemble of Roman monuments: The Arena (amphitheatre), the Maison Carrée (application to Unesco label 2023), a majestic restored temple, the Jardins de la Fontaine which were laid out on a Roman site in the 18th century, the temple de Diane, the Castellum aquae and the Tour Magne.

But Nîmes is also a city anchored in modernity, with urban works and buildings designed by great contemporary architects such as Lord Norman Foster, Jean Nouvel, Philippe Stark...

And a sparkling town too with large-scale events all over the year: the Flamenco festival in January, « the Roman Week » in May, the Pentecost Feria, a music festival in June & July and sound and light historical re-enactment shows in the majestic amphitheater in August, a Street Art Festival in September...

For gourmets, Nîmes is "the place to be" with more than 12 P.D.O. (protected designation of origin) products, one of the oldest and largest vineyards in France (Les Costières de Nîmes) and 4 Michelin starred restaurants.

In addition to that, the central location of the city makes Nîmes an ideal base camp from which to explore the South of France by daily excursions without changing accommodation. Some of the most beautiful natural sites in the region, UNESCO-listed sites such as the famous Pont du Gard aqueduct or the abbey of Saint Gilles, the picturesque villages of Provence and the beautiful cities such as Arles, Avignon or Montpellier are less than an hour's drive from the center.

Nîmes Tourism' Team offers you a variety of ways to explore the city: train rides, guided tours with exclusive access, or entire made-to-measure itineraries.

For Franck Proust, President of Nîmes Métropole, "This is a great success for our two territories, because here in Edinburgh, as in Nîmes, tourism and the cultural offer are major axes of our economic dynamism! Our destination has a lot to offer the Scots, and this route is the new gateway to Greater Provence."

Jean-Paul Fournier, Mayor of Nîmes, is delighted with the opening of this line. *"It is important for a city to open up to the world and exchange with those who wish to discover it. The candidacy of "La Maison Carrée", the best-preserved Roman temple in the world, to the UNESCO World Heritage List, is part of this desire that I have. Our city, which looks to the future and is marked by its history, is rich in its ancient heritage, its cultural offer and its four Michelin-starred restaurants."*

For Pascale Fortunat-Deschamps, President of Gard Tourism, *"This new line is an accelerator of tourism for the Gard and the strong brands that are its tourist flagships. If the Cevennes, Nîmes, the Pont du Gard, the Camargue, the Provençal part of the department or the resort of Grau du Roi - Port Camargue have no difficulty in being visited by tourists from all over Europe, the Gard has many assets that will undoubtedly seduce Scottish tourists."*

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