

11^e CARREFOUR Bois

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International Timber Tradeshow Nantes, France www.timbershow.com

3 months before the opening of the show the Carrefour du Bois is fully booked and the visitors can, at present register at www.timbershow.com so as to participate at the largest timber market in Europe. Four halls dedicated to wood and its byproducts.

The Carrefour du Bois - the meeting place for the industry:

With its 100% timber concept, the **Carrefour International du Bois** is the only tradeshow of its kind in Europe. Organised by Atlanbois (association for the promotion of timber for the Pays de la Loire Region) and the Nantes – Saint Nazaire Port Authority, the event attracts great interest both in France and abroad. It has established itself as the leading trade show amongst timber professionals, bringing together over 500 exhibitors and almost 10,000 trade visitors from 60 countries over the course of three days.

The show has always been the place for the timber industry to come together, but this edition will be particularly important for 2 reasons: The importance of timber in the race for sustainable constructions and the desire for the industry to come together and brave the storm.

Being organized during the show are:

- The 2nd edition of Research and innovation in Timber on the premises of the Wood Academy of Science on Tuesday 1st June 2010
- The 'France Bois Forest' French forestry and timber association will be reiterating their presence on the show
- The CIBE – the National Wood Energy Committee will be organizing their annual congress on Wednesday 2nd June 2010- with for theme: Wood Energy in Industry
- The Commerce du Bois (the importers association) will be organizing their General Assembly on the Thursday 3rd June 2010
- French Timber (the exporters association) will be organizing the "French Journalist's Week" with visits of companies and of the tradeshow.

And last but certainly not least the cycle of conferences that will be taking place in the Hall 3 – the Timber Techniques and Solutions Area, organized by the Carrefour for architects and the building trade. The conferences will alternate French and International presentations with the theme of timber Solutions for:

- Collective and Social housing
- Renovation of existing constructions
- Where hardwoods fit in within timber construction systems

Lorenzo Felder and Beat Kämpfen, Swiss architects will come and explain their latest creations. Presentations about French creations will also be taking place explaining the progression in timber construction in France.

A note about Nantes:

In addition to visiting the show, come over for a pleasantly surprising stay in Nantes. Visit the Dukes of Brittany Castle, the Machines de l'Île, an extraordinary artistic project which was born from the imaginations of François Delarozzière and Pierre Orefice. The machine de l'île are a blend of the invented worlds of Jules Verne, the mechanical universe of Leonardo da Vinci, and the industrial history of Nantes, on this exceptional site of the former shipyards. Nantes is the place to come for antiques, designer goods and fashion outlets. Taste the Loire valley wines and seafood with the traditional beurre blanc' sauce. A stone's throw away from Nantes are the famous seaside resorts of La Baule and Pornic.

The city's heyday was during the 18th-century slave trade, when it was the premier port in France for human traffic. This gave way to shipbuilding in the 19th and much of the 20th centuries, but since that industry sailed away billions of euros have been ploughed into rejuvenation projects. For decades Nantes was known amongst locals as *une belle endormie* ("a sleeping beauty"). But after a massive regeneration programme, the birthplace of Jules Verne is blooming.

Nantes has, over 250 hotels, daily direct flights from all the major European Cities and is only 2hr by TGV (high speed train) from Paris, making it an ideal location to do business.