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CALENDAR

L'ENVOL DES PIONNIERS IN TOULOUSE: NEW EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED IN 2027

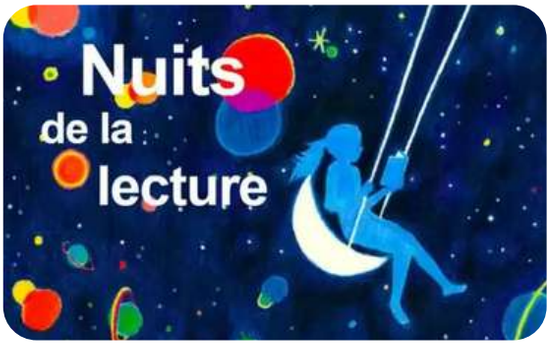
In early April 2027, L'Envol des Pionniers in Toulouse will host a new special exhibition, 'The Little Prince, Tell Me About Saint-Ex', which will invite visitors of all ages to discover the life of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry through the eyes of his iconic character. Ahead of this, from 26 February 2027, L'Envol des Pionniers will host an immersive installation by visual artist and scenographer Cécile Léna, which will immerse visitors in the history of the major stopovers of the Latécoère Airlines. Please note that there are only a few weeks left to enjoy the exhibition "Air France: A History of Elegance", which closes on 14 February 2027. The season will be punctuated by festive, family-friendly events throughout the year, inviting the public to explore the early days of civil aviation at the historic Toulouse-Montaudran site.

FROM 2 DECEMBER 2026
OPENING OF THE TOULOUSE PIONEERS SPACE



L'Envol des Pionniers is opening the Toulouse Pioneers Space at the heart of its permanent exhibition to honour those who keep the pioneering spirit alive in Toulouse. Through the Toulouse Pioneers collective, L'Envol des Pionniers ensures that the values of daring, innovation and team spirit – which were the driving force behind the Aéropostale – are passed on to future generations. A film gives a voice to the members of the collective, these modern-day pioneers who are shaping the transport of tomorrow and embodying the continuity of Toulouse's forward-looking history.

> Access included in the admission ticket



SUNDAY 24 JANUARY 2027
THE NIGHTS OF READING

On Sunday 24 January 2027, L'Envol des Pionniers will be taking part in the 11th edition of Reading Nights, which will have 'Childhood' as its theme. The programme will be specially tailored for young audiences, with dramatised readings suitable **for children aged 3 and over**. The full programme will be available soon...

> Free event / admission to exhibitions is charged

SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2027
LAST DAY OF THE EXHIBITION "AIR FRANCE: A HISTORY OF ELEGANCE"

Just a few weeks left to discover 'Air France: A Story of Elegance'! Already enjoyed by over 85,000 visitors, the exhibition reveals how the French airline has, decade after decade, shaped a unique travel experience, blending comfort, design and the French art de vivre. Every day, 'L'Envol des Pionniers' also offers visitors the chance to continue their journey into the world of Air France through a guided tour. As they make their way through the exhibition, they discover the stories that have shaped the airline, the iconic aircraft that have spanned the decades, and the revolution brought about by the arrival of the first flight attendants – the very epitome of French elegance.

> Exhibition included in the admission ticket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FROM 26 FEBRUARY TO 18 APRIL 2027
"POSTE RESTANTE, ESCALES SUR LA LIGNE"

From 26 February 2027, L'Envol des Pionniers presents the installation "Poste restante, Escales sur la Ligne" by the artist Cécile Léna. The exhibition invites visitors to explore eight scenic spaces – veritable miniature architectural creations – which bring to life stories centred on the Aéropostale and its various stopovers: Toulouse, Casablanca, Cap Juby, Saint-Louis in Senegal, Mendoza and Santiago de Chile.

> Admission charged; booking required

FROM 3 APRIL 2027
NEW EXHIBITION EVENT!
"LITTLE PRINCE, TELL ME ABOUT SAINT EX"

A brand-new, never-before-seen exhibition! Spanning 250m², the exhibition 'The Little Prince, Tell Me About Saint-Ex', designed in the form of giant pop-up books, offers a poetic and humanistic journey. Through an immersive setting and numerous interactive features designed for families, this temporary exhibition recounts the key moments in the life of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry as seen through the eyes of the Little Prince. Come and discover it with your family from 3 April 2027.

> Exhibition included in the admission ticket



Visuel : Groupe Le Petit Prince


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SATURDAY 22 MAY 2027
EUROPEAN MUSEUM NIGHT

L'Envol des Pionniers is taking part in the 23rd European Museum Night and will be open to visitors from 7 pm until midnight. Visitors of all ages will be able to view the new exhibition 'The Little Prince, Tell Me About Saint-Ex' free of charge, as well as the permanent exhibition. Throughout the evening, a host of activities are planned to take visitors on a festive journey back to the Roaring Twenties.

> Free event / free admission to the exhibitions

8 & 22 JULY AND 4 SEPTEMBER 2027
THE OPEN-AIR DANCE HALLS

This summer, the open-air dance halls are returning to the courtyard of L'Envol des Pionniers. From 6 pm to 11 pm, the atmosphere of the Roaring Twenties will be brought back to life in the Toulouse-Montaudran neighbourhood through a programme of festive, family-friendly events: 'flash' guided tours of the permanent exhibition, a dance, wooden games, swing concerts and more. And to extend the evening under the lanterns, visitors can enjoy a spacious dining area and savour a menu specially created for the occasion by Le Café des Pionniers.



> Free event / exhibitions closed to the public


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SATURDAY 18 AND SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2027
EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS

On 18 and 19 September 2027, L'Envol des Pionniers will open its doors free of charge to mark European Heritage Days. As well as free access to the exhibitions, including the new exhibition "The Little Prince, Tell Me About Saint-Ex", L'Envol des Pionniers is offering a brand-new programme of events designed especially for the occasion. European Heritage Days also provide an opportunity to explore areas usually closed to visitors, such as the postal carriage and Didier Daurat's office.

> Free event / free access to exhibitions



SATURDAY 6 AND SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2027
"STARS & WINGS" FESTIVAL

On Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 November 2027, L'Envol des Pionniers will host the 11th edition of the Stars & Wings Aerospace Festival. This event offers enthusiasts and the general public the chance to discover (or rediscover) the history of aeronautics and the worlds of aviation and space through a packed programme: activities, flight simulators, film screenings, talks, and a book and comic book fair.

> Ticket-only event / access to exhibitions included

SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER 2027
THE 'ENVOL DES PIONNIERS' CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

On Sunday 19 December 2027, L'Envol des Pionniers will open its doors free of charge from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm for a festive day entitled "Le Noël de L'Envol des Pionniers". Celebrating the anniversary of the Aéropostale and L'Envol des Pionniers, the event offers an immersion in the retro atmosphere of the Roaring Twenties in Toulouse, blending the spirit of Christmas with the history of aviation pioneers. A bespoke programme for the whole family has been put together to make this day a magical and enchanting experience.

> Free event / free admission to the exhibitions



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

L'ENVOL DES PIONNIERS

Excluding French school holidays
Wednesday from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Saturday and Sunday from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm

French school holidays
Tuesday to Sunday, 10.00 am to 6.00 pm

L'Envol des Pionniers
6 rue Jacqueline Auriol, Toulouse

Bus : Linéo 12 (Auriol) / Linéo 8 (Piste des Géants) / Lignes 23, 27 et 80 (Latécoère)

TER : Toulouse–Carcassonne line (Montaudran station)

NEW! FOR THOSE LOOKING FOR A TASTY BREAK, THE CAFÉ DES PIONNIERS IS OPEN ON DAYS WHEN L'ENVOL DES PIONNIERS IS OPEN.



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Open to all, Le Café des Pionniers welcomes food lovers into a setting reminiscent of a Roaring Twenties bistro, offering a selection of tapas, drinks and other hot dishes evoking the countries traversed by the pioneers of the Line.

ABOUT 'L'ENVOL DES PIONNIERS'

Dedicated to the early days of aviation, the founding of the Lignes Aériennes Latécoère and the Compagnie Générale Aéropostale, and the birth of Air France, 'L'Envol des Pionniers' is situated in Toulouse Montaudran, on the historic site from which, between 1918 and 1933, the Aéropostale aircraft set off for Africa and South America. 'L'Envol des Pionniers' brings to life this human adventure, which contributed to the birth of civil aviation and ultimately made Toulouse one of the world's aviation capitals. 'L'Envol des Pionniers' is a facility run by Toulouse Métropole, which opened in late 2018 with the support of the Occitanie Pyrénées-Méditerranée Region and the ERDF, and with the involvement of the Ministry of National Education and partners Altran, Ailes Anciennes de Toulouse and the INA.
L'Envol des Pionniers, like the Cité de l'espace, is managed by SEMECCEL, a semi-public company established on the initiative of Toulouse City Council, whose shareholders are Toulouse Métropole, Toulouse City Council, the Occitanie Pyrénées-Méditerranée Region, the CNES, Airbus Defence and Space, Météo-France (founding members of the Cité de l'espace), as well as Thales Alenia Space, the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations and the Caisse d'Epargne de Midi-Pyrénées. L'Envol des Pionniers counts among its partners MGEN, Banque Populaire Occitane, the Latécoère Foundation, Aura Aero, Delair, Latecoere, OpenAirlines and Ascendance, and is also supported by the association Les Amis de L'Envol des Pionniers.

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