



The 10th European Night of Museums

Saturday May, 17th 2014

The annual event "the European Night of Museums" will take place on Saturday May, 17th, offering the possibility to visitors all over Europe to discover many museums' collections in an unexpected and festive way.

On Saturday May, 17th the European Night of Museums will be celebrated simultaneously in thousands of museums all over Europe.

More than 3 000 museums all over Europe from Vladivostok to Porto will open up late and organize special night-time events, mostly free of charge: performance, play, concert, film screening, treasure hunt, sleepover, illumination ...

A SHORT SELECTION OF EVENTS

In France

- *Grand Bal* for all ages at the Musée d'Orsay, Paris
- Optical toys and Art Nouveau drawing workshops for young visitors at the Petit Palais, Paris
- Visit of the recently renovated Apartments of Mesdames at the Château de Versailles
- Festive illuminations of the Château de Fontainebleau
- Huge treasure hunt 'The Night of Mysteries' in all the museums of Mulhouse (Alsace)
- Molecular Gastronomy masterclass in the Museum of Paper in Angoulême (Poitou-Charentes)
- Dance performance inspired by artworks and visits with headlamps at the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art (MAMAC) in Nice

Elsewhere in Europe

- **in UK**, over 600 fascinating events during Museums at Night Weekend, including a sleepover invitation at Kensington Palace in London ;
- **in Spain**, Robots competition in CosmoCaixa (Barcelona); 19th Century evening with a bolero concert and guided visits at the Museum of Romanticism in Madrid; 24-hour screening of the full version of *The Clock* by Christian Marclay at the Guggenheim Bilbao Museum ;
- **in Lithuania**, special activities for children displaying fantastical animals and creatures in Europe at the Zoological Museum of Vilnius ;
- **in Hungary**, concert by the Symphony Orchestra MAV of Budapest at the Hungarian National Museum in Budapest ;
- **in Serbia**, Paper Theatre workshop, capoeira demonstrations in the garden and jazz concert at the Pavle Beljanski Memorial Collection in Novi Sad ;
- **in Greece**, Multimedia visual theatre performance 'Sleepwalkers': contemporary dance shows, poetry recitals, a cappella songs, live music and video projections at the Macedonian Museum of Contemporary Art in Thessaloniki;
- **in Russia**, concert of the Bolshoi theater in the Tretiakov Gallery in Moscow; Treasure hunt 'The Fifth element : find 5 elements hidden in the museum and save the Earth !' at the Museum of Regional Studies in Saratov ;

- **in Turkey**, new exhibitions 'Stephen Chambers : Big Country and Other Stories' and 'Andy Warhol : Pop Art for Everyone' as well as DJ performance at the Pera Museum in Istanbul ;
- **in Ukraine**, origami and ancient photography workshop at the Kharkov Art Museum
- **in Romania**, over 200 museums participating, among which 30 museums in Bucharest are offering special late night events ;
- **in Italy**, during La Notte dei Musei, Percussion concert at the Museum San Marco in Florence; Sleepover with butterflies in Casa delle Farfalle in Ravenna; exceptional visit of the Museum's reserves at the Museum of Natural History in Verona.

Special digital event 'Kaleidoscope of the Night'

Celebrating the 10th European Night of Museums, the "Kaleidoscope of the Night" is designed to create a virtual link between museums participating in the Night throughout Europe. On Saturday May 17th, visitors are invited to send 'MuseumSelfie' pictures via the free application Mobilactif (code: NDM14 - available on App Store & Android Market). The pictures will be gathered on a digital wall which can be screened simultaneously in all participating museums in Europe.

Visions of the Nights in Moscow, Sofia, Riga, Torino, Genoa, Paris, London, Madrid, and many more can be shared with visitors everywhere.

The European Night of Museums is an initiative of the Ministry of Culture and Communication of France. It is placed under the aegis of the Council of Europe, of UNESCO and of the International Council of Museums (ICOM).

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