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Libraries, Citizens, Societies: Confluence for Knowledge

Lyon the ideal french city!

As France's second largest urban area, Lyon proposes a journey back in time to discover the traditional French art of living. From its cuisine to its historical heritage, not forgetting its lights and silk, the city boasts numerous advantages making it a charming destination for visitors!

Lyon: World heritage

A living work of art with more than 2000 years of history behind it, the city has a remarkable cultural heritage and no fewer than 500 hectares of the city centre have been registered as UNESCO world heritage.

The Capital of french cuisine

Lyon is a leader in the culinary arts. It has around 12 Michelin star-rated restaurants and more than 1600 restaurants in all, including 'Bouchons' (traditional restaurants) and bistros, etc.

A lively cultural scene

Lyon has numerous museums including the Lumière Museum (where cinematography was invented by the Lumière brothers) and the Museum of printing (in the XVth and XVIth century Lyon was a major city of the printing industry) always something going on, all year round, with examples being the biennial Contemporary art and Dance festivals and the Grand Lyon Film Festival.

An attractive shopping destination

In the city centre, the 'Carré d'Or' district offers a wealth of luxury brands (including Vuitton, Hermès, etc.) while further to the east, the Part-Dieu shopping centre is the largest in Europe with 230 stores.

A city of light

Thanks to a popular tradition, Lyon has enjoyed a very special relationship with light since December 8, 1852. This local festival has gone on to become an international event, today known as the Fête des Lumières (Festival of Light).

Congress Theme



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Confluence is the name given to the Lyon's borough where the Rhône and the Saone, the two rivers that cross the city, do meet. It is also a constant **Feature in the History of Lyon** that through ages has received flows of migrants from neighbouring countries.

A **Librarians' Congress** is not like any other kind of congress. Beyond the gathering of professional representatives of a given branch of knowledge, a WLIC is actually a confluence of thousands of different cultural traditions, universes of thought and social projects.

Libraries are at the convergence of their patrons, the citizens they serve and the societies in which they operate.

All the librarians worldwide do champion and promote these values every day: anti-discrimination, **Access to Knowledge**, freedom of information, lifelong learning...

Therefore Lyon, crossroads of civilizations, of riches and people, is proud to promote the profession's values and welcome, 25 years after Paris, librarians from all over the world, with all their diverse languages, across all generations, all genders, all religions, all nationalities, all professional status...

TRUTHFUL TO ITS TRADITION, LYON WILL BE WELCOMING THE WORLD.

LYON

Lyon is France second biggest city and the capital of the Rhône-Alpes region, which is considered as a symbol of dynamism in the heart of the European Union. It is situated literally at the crossroads of Europe, between Paris and the Côte d'Azur, on the border with both Switzerland and Italy, and offers access to two international airports Lyon and Geneva.

Lyon is a green city, constantly on the move and hosting more than 144 000 students. It has the most beautiful and attractive urban destinations in Europe, bringing in more than 5 million visitors every year.

A stage for more than 2000 years of history, the city has a remarkable architectural heritage. Expanding towards the east throughout the centuries, without destroying the existing areas, 500 hectares of its city centre became a Unesco World Heritage Site in 1998. Wandering around Lyon is like embarking on a fascinating journey through time.

All types of French libraries and documentation institutions have been developing since the 80's, due to a joint effort of local authorities, universities and national French governments. They now comply with the highest international levels and will be proud to welcome you!

Moreover, in many sectors, they have been promoting experiments and innovations, such as in audacious architectural projects, large range of digital resources, outreaching and cultural actions.

The IFLA WLIC 2014 is organized thanks to the total commitment of the city of Lyon and the Greater Lyon and the large support of all the concerned national ministries. The main national librarians associations are part of the National Committee and mobilized.



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