



Its origins date back to the Middle Ages : its strategic location allowed the use of the first floating mills during the 12th century. Floating mills were originally used to produce flour. They will later be useful to produce pastels, tanneries, and also for the paper industry and even gunpowder, oils, starch, tool factories, and for a tobacco manufacture. It's the industrial area of the city center.

In 1888, Toulouse Electrical Company converted the mill into an hydroelectric plant to provide energy for public lighting in the centre of Toulouse.

During the 20th century : the plant generated electricity thanks to machinery installed in 1911 and 1930. EDF became the owner in 1946.

Today, the "EDF Bazacle complex" is one of the must-see cultural spots in Toulouse : meeting place of technical inventions, river poetry and artistic animations for young and old.



Practical information

11 quai Saint-Pierre
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Opening times
Tuesday to Sunday
10 am till 6 pm

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ENTRY AND TOURS FREE

Average time of visit: 1 hour

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Visit, see and discover

The EDF bazacle complex

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Toulouse - 11 quai Saint-Pierre

FREE ENTRY



In the heart of Toulouse, get off the beaten track

Right at the Garonne's edge, the "EDF Bazacle complex" is a curiosity where hydropower generation, cultural heritage and biodiversity are as one.

Find out for free its architectural singularity and its history.
Different exhibitions are held all year long.





Behind the scene, the engine room

The engine room gives you to see and hear! Feel the heartbeat of the hydroelectric plant and vibrate with the power of the generators in operation (only during a guided tour).

Reveal the past

On the Garonne riverside, in front of the "Hotel Dieu", the panoramic terrace reminds the historical dimension of this place. Discover its relationship with the city and the river, the development of the cottage industry around the Bazacle, the fords paths and the mills' operation.

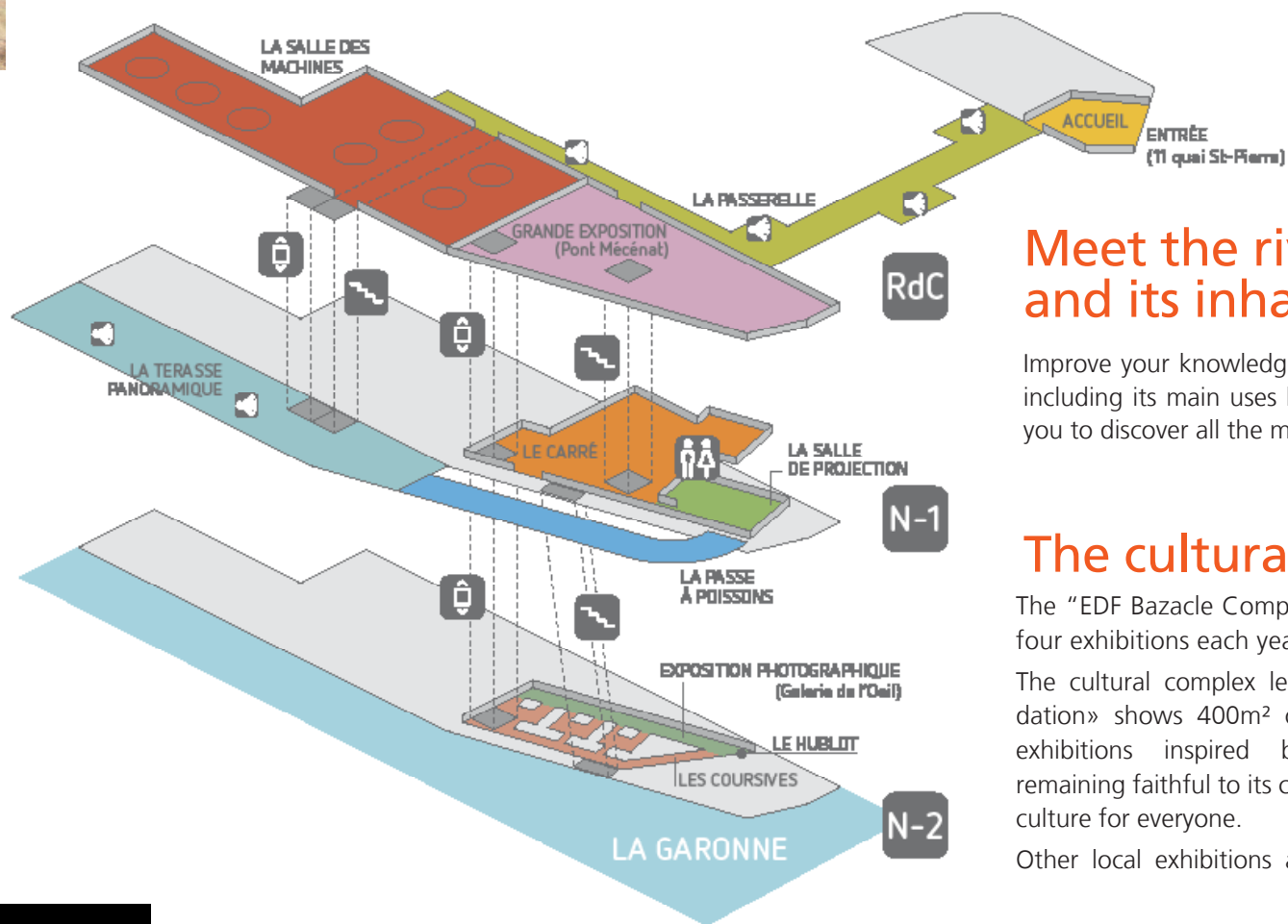


A majestic view

Beyond the welcome desk, on the outer bridge leading to the engine room, take a moment to admire the view and listen to the story of the place.

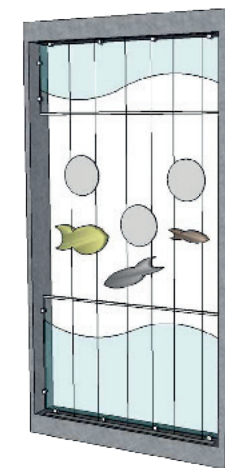
Understand the electricity

Visit the exhibition about renewable energies with a focus on hydroelectricity. The production, climate issues, sustainable development and biodiversity will be explained with interactive and pedagogic tools.



Meet the river and its inhabitants

Improve your knowledge of the Garonne : its geography and hydrography, including its main uses by humans, fauna and flora. The «fish pass» allows you to discover all the migratory fish of the Garonne in real size and volume.



The cultural exhibitions

The "EDF Bazacle Complex" presents three to four exhibitions each year.

The cultural complex led by the «EDF Foundation» shows 400m² of its own temporary exhibitions inspired by artistic creation, remaining faithful to its commitment to provide culture for everyone.

Other local exhibitions are also presented by

partners (Science Animation, The Toulouse University, Toulouse Town hall...)

The underground of the building is exclusively devoted to photographic exhibition. This area, located under the Garonne, introduces work of both professional and contemporary artists, as well as amateur photographers.



Look at the architecture

Inside the underground of the historic building, beneath the arches, discover the architectural and technical features of the site.