

# EUROPEAN SHORT COURSE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS CHARTRES 2012

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## CHARTRES 2012, THE ADVENTURE HAS ALREADY BEGUN !

Since the 13<sup>th</sup> century, Chartres has been boasting its world-recognized Gothic cathedral, as a chef-d'oeuvre of human creative genius.

In 2009 and thanks to the will of Chartres Métropole representatives, another state of the art equipment, made of glass this time, was built on the land that overlooks the old town: the aquatic complex L'Odyssée, with its 3 500m<sup>2</sup>, is the biggest aquatic complex in France.

Hardly opened, had it already hosted the French SC championships. This competition was so successful that the French swimming federation and its president, Francis Luyce, decided to organize it again in Chartres in 2010.

In November 2012, all European TVs will focus their attention on L'Odyssée during the European SC Championships.

This renewed confidence honors us all the more so as France has not organised any international competitions for the last 25 years. In this context, the French swimming Federation as well as us will have to deploy their utmost efforts to live up to your expectations.

I would like to say to all the delegations expected in Chartres next year how the Chartres Métropole representatives are delighted to take part in this wonderful adventure. I already thank you all for the positive messages you are going to convey to the worldwide youth. We are looking forward to seeing you in Chartres.

Jean-Pierre Gorges  
Député-Maire de Chartres  
Président de Chartres métropole

France is happy and proud to host the 2012 European short course championships. The last edition on the French ground was organized 25 years ago. The least we can say is that we are all looking forward to this event.

I would like to thank the French swimming federation along with Chartres metropole to commit themselves in this great adventure which will undoubtedly teach us a lot. I am also convinced that this competition will show our ability to organize large sports events. These championships will be an opportunity for our swimmers to perform in front of their public and swimming fans. This will be the perfect time to celebrate our London medalists.

For all these reason The French state was willing to support the French Federation with a contribution amounting to 400 000 €. I would like to thank all participants that are involved in this project and that will enable this competition to become an unforgettable moment for the sport.

See you in Chartres for a top level competition.

David DOUILLET

## WELCOME IN FRANCE

French Swimming Federation is very happy to welcome you in France, in Chartres.

Today, it is a great pleasure to organise in France the first post-Olympic European competition. This competition will allow us to make a successful transition between London and Rio. An Olympiad is ending, another starts...

It is also for France a new start on the international scene, after its swimmers' success and previous Open EDF's organizations.

This event will also represent a new start as organizer of official international competitions. On this occasion we will renew our close collaboration with LEN to whom we are grateful for the confidence entrusted.

We will do our best to be kind to all, so as to offer to each of you the optimal conditions to express their passion and involvement in favour of swimming.

We are waiting for you!

With our partners that I sincerely thank for their support : French State notably its Sport Department and the National Centre for SportDevelopment (CNDS), the Region Centre, the Department Eure-et Loir, and of course Chartres Métropole, together, we are glad to say: « Bienvenue ! ».

Francis Luyce  
Président de la Fédération Française de Natation



## CHARTRES

Only 90 km away from Paris, the city of Chartres is a nest of history halfway through the French capital and the famous Chateaux de la Loire. Chartres is mainly famous for its **medieval gothic Cathedral**. Considered as one of the finest examples in France, the Cathedral has been attracting Christian pilgrims for centuries. Its original stained glass windows and the height of its towers allowed the building to be added to UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites in 1979.

Since the Middle-Ages, Chartres is the capital of La Beauce. Between the Seine and the Loire rivers, these fruitful plains are often called the « **granary of France** » of which Chartres is the commercial centre. Nowadays, the city is the headquarters of the **Cosmetic Valley**; the most important cluster specialized in the production of perfume and cosmetic goods in the world. 500 companies, 6 universities and 200 laboratories develop synergies to prepare the beauty of the future.

Chartres is also well-known for its **gastronomic heritage** and its art of living. Do not hesitate to take some time to stop in one of the finest restaurants, lounge outside cafés or roam on the Place Billard and along the river Eure.



## PRESENTATION OF THE VENUE

Built in 2009, L'Odysée is the biggest aquatic complex in France. It already welcomed the French SC Championships for two consecutive years (2009 and 2010). Chartres is also candidate for the French Masters Championships 2013 and the French LC Championships 2014.

**Indoor 50m pool with tribunes**  
50m x 25m, 10 lanes, 2.5m deep

**Indoor 25m pool**  
Training pool 25m x 12.5m, 1.35m deep

**Fitness Area**  
A High-tech area will be available for the athletes  
> Weightlifting, Cardio-training, Biking  
> Saunas, Hammam, Jacuzzis



## HOTELS



## ACCOMMODATION

The Organizing Committee set up a strategy bringing together comfort, negotiated prices and easy access to the competition venue. You will have a wide choice between 2 \*, 3 \* or 4 \* hotels. Every hotel is located less than 20 mn from the Odyssee. Frequent shuttles will be organized to transport you from your hotels to the pool. A personal welcome will be organised at your arrival at the airport/train station.

### Official accommodation for LEN staff

The leaders of LEN are invited to stay in one of the finest hotel in Chartres: le Grand Monarque. Located in a plush building in Chartres' old town, the hotel is a calm and unique location with a hushed ambiance and a beautiful decor.

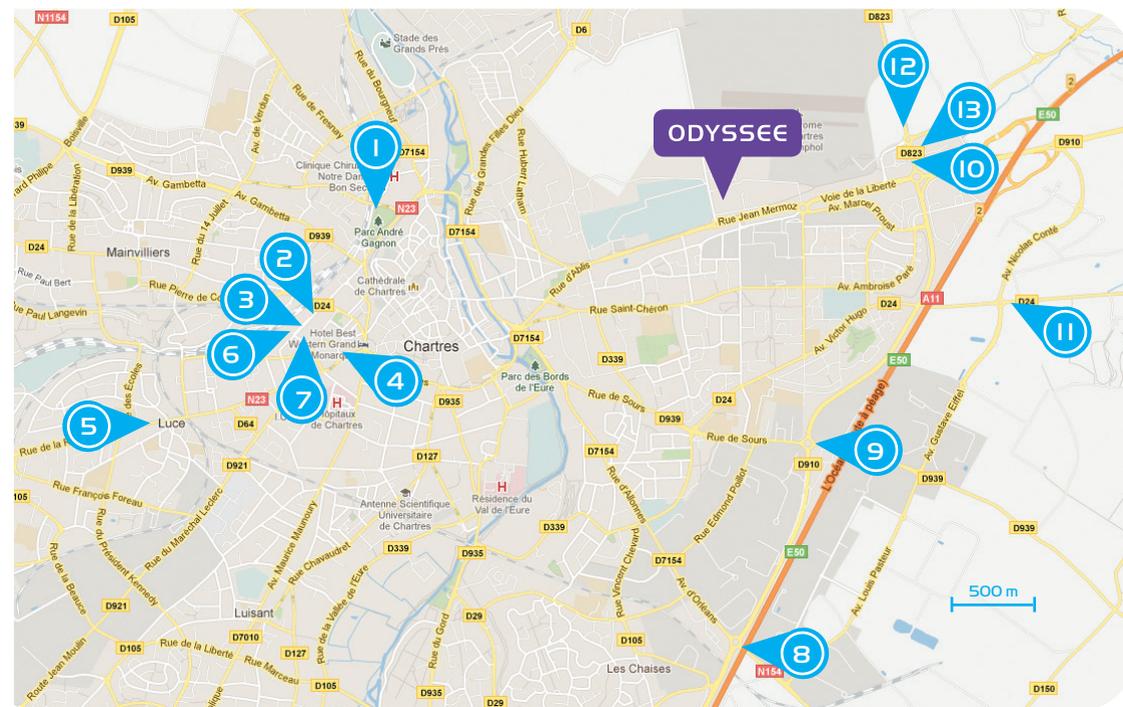
### Official accommodation for the participants

Twin-room prices are between 110€ and 185€ per person, full board (inc. VAT).

A first cluster of 4 hotels is situated very close to the venue. Each hotel is located 5 to 10 minutes by bus from the swimming pool. You will have the choice between the Novotel (4 \* - 100 rooms), the Kyriad (3 \* - 77 rooms), the Campanile (3 \* - 40 rooms) and the P'tit Dej'(3 \* - 44 rooms).

Another group of hotels is situated in Chartres city centre. They are a bit farther but in a nicer environment. Less than 300m from the train station and 500m away from the Cathedral, you will sound out the city of Chartres. You will be welcomed by the Mercure (4 \* - 61 rooms), the Ibis Centre Ville (3 \* - 55 rooms), the Chatelet (3 \* - 40 rooms) or the Jehan de Beauce (3 \* - 42 rooms).

In case no rooms are available in the previously listed hotels, the following hotels are available: Ibis Lucé (3 \* - 50 rooms), Comfort Hotel (2 \* - 30 rooms) and Marmotte Hotel (2 \* - 30 rooms).



1. Ibis Centre
2. Jehan de Beauce
3. Mercure
4. Grand Monarque
5. Ibis Luce
6. Châtelet
7. Bœuf Couronné
8. Comfort Hotel
9. Marmotte
10. Novotel
11. Kyriad
12. Campanile
13. Ptit Dej