

# AN IMMENSE



# SPORTS ECONOMY PLATFORM



# **COVERING MORE THAN 500 HECTARES**











**This concept of Sports Economy Platform** provides the urban area of Vichy Communauté with a coherent and structured tool offering the best range of sporting activities concentrated in one place in the center of France and one of the best sporting sites in Europe.

The management team is well recognized in the industry for its experience organizing high level training camps, courses and major competitions.

Vichy and the surrounding areas form an attractive, top class sporting venue. If you love sport, whether as a professional or an amateur, then you'll love coming here!

# An multisport complex covering 120 ha





Providing facilities for around 30 different sporting disciplines with top level equipment, frequented by major teams and athletes :

- Eight football pitches, including a synthetic pitch
- Two rugby pitches
- Athletics stadium with a 6 lane 400m track and an8 lane 100m section
- Eighteen tennis courts
- Top level boulodrome with indoor and outdoor facilities
- Canoe-kayak and rafting whitewater course
- Archery shooting ground
- Indoor and outdoor rock climbing wall
- Sports center with ; two gymnasiums, one being the home of the JAV basketball team, seating 3,200; dance studio ; gymnastics
- gym ; fencing salle d'armes ; two martial arts dojos ; boxing gym ; indoor pistol shooting range ; weight training room and medical sports center
- 2,000m<sup>2</sup> multipurpose, moldable sports hall opening onto the River Allier ; used for sporting competitions, trade fairs, shows, exhibitions.

#### International Training Camp Centre

Accommodation and Meals: 230 on-site beds, 400 seat restaurant with self-service and brasserie. Several 2, 3 nd 4 stars hotels are only five minutes away.



## The CREPS Vichy

The Centre de Ressources d'Expertise et de Performance Sportive (CREPS Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes/Vichy) sits in over 9 ha of grounds adjacent to the sports complex. The CREPS provides new courses each year for students in Sports and Sport Management, adapted to the real world of professional sporting activities, with a mix of coursework and practical work-related experience.

• National Centre of Excellence for Sport and Health whose mission is to promote healthy living through physical activity and sport, along with risk prevention through good practices (hygiene, security, safe use of medicines ...)

• Organizing training camps and courses sponsored by local councils, sporting Associations and youth groups, supported by various Government Ministries.



# A fully equipped 100 ha watersports centre

**The River Allier** provides a wonderful setting for boating and all other types of water sports. **Each year the widened river in the heart of Vichy** is the theatre for major rowing, canoe-kayak, water skiing and





motorized watersports competitions. The site is certified as an **international venue** for rowing and canoe- Kayak competitions: 2,000m with 6 lanes, a finish tower, timing equipment, video control and security system.



# The Racecourse

The programme at Vichy is one of the most attractive and varied in France, with Trotting and Harness racing, Flat racing and Jump racing...

From May to September there are 40 meetings with over 300 races, most of which are PMU certified for off course

betting. The highlights of the season are the Trotting Festival and the Grand Flat Racing Week during July, which regularly attract more than 120,000 race goers.



### Latest generation swimming centre

It's certified to hold major swimming competitions, with a 50m x 21m stainless steel indoor pool.

The American Swimming Team came in 2012 to take advantage of these facilities in preparation for the 2012 Olympic Games.

The Centre also has an indoor sports and games hall, fitness area with weight training facilities, Turkish bath, sauna, Jacuzzi and a restaurant.

# Two 18 hole Golf Courses

The Sporting Club de Vichy Golf Club, along the banks of the River Allier is playable by golfers of all levels. This is a great place to discover during the Grand International Week of Golf in August.

The Golf Vichy-Forêt de Montpensier is completely different, a country club, carved out of a forest of hundred year old oaks. Open all year, also a place to relax for non-golfers.



### Vichy welcomes the last weekend of August IRONMAN since 2015 -

The area also has : a show jumping stadium with regular competitions including the well-known Jumping International: the Darragon Stadium for football and rugby ; an aerodrome with events in sky diving, parachuting, light aircraft, micro lights ... ; swimming pools at Cusset, Saint-Yorre, Mayet de Montagne and Saint-Germain-des-Fossés ; the Community University Stadium ; a 1,400 seat Opera House with both Summer and Winter seasons ; the Palais des Congrès for seminars, conferences, congresses and trade fairs ; three Thermal Spas for health, fitness and beauty treatment; the Sporting Rive Gauche with tennis courts, outdoor pool, restaurant, accrobranche tree top adventure course ; Paint-ball ; model car racetrack ; BMX track ; shops open 7/7 ; casino ; a town center with a 7 screens cinema complex, and many more...

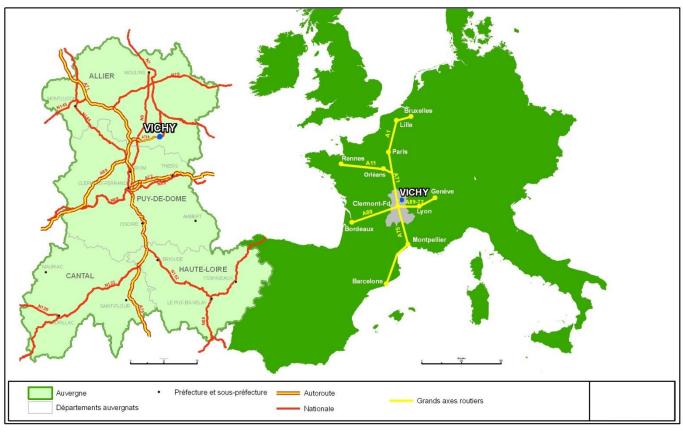








Vichy Communauté benefits from a privileged location in the centre of France, and successfully combines quality of life with accessibility, being at the heart of the French railway system and at the crossroads of a motorway network with links to Paris, Lyon, Montpellier and Bordeaux, and with Clermont-Ferrand's International Airport only 45 minutes away.



### Motorway Links

The urban area is accessible by the Highway A719

Clermont-Ferrand, Highway A719 – A71 (45 km – 35 mn) Paris, Highway A71 (342 km – 3h30) Lyon, Highway A89 (200 km – 2h) Montpellier, Highway A75 (410 km – 3h30) Bordeaux, Highway A89 (430 km – 4h)

### Rail Links

Daily services to Paris (2h50) Direct daily return services to Lyon (2h00) Trains to Nîmes, Béziers, Marseille, Bordeaux and Nantes

### Airports

•Vichy is 45 min from Clermont-Ferrand's International Airport, which counts with 6 daily direct connections with the big French cities and 244 destinations

•Vichy-Charmeil's airport, located at 5 kilometers from the city center, receives private and business flights thanks to its high-quality infrastructure.

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