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BLUSH OF SPRING

Savour La Ville Rose with a round-the-clock gastronomic tour of Toulouse at these exciting new eateries

estling between the bend in the Garonne river and the mighty Canal du Midi you will find 'The Pink City' of Toulouse brimming with exciting eateries. Chefs from all around Toulouse have taken their passion for creating quirky dining to the next level by experimenting with local ingredients to offer entirely new concepts. From fine dining in the early hours, to an urban jungle with vegetables aplenty, there's a gastronomic experience for all visitors, any time of the day or night.

Des Roses et des Orties

Located in a picturesque spot overlooking the city's aeronautic district, Des Roses et des Orties comprises a restaurant, bistro, trattoria, pâtisserie and wine cellar under one roof. Opened last year by Michelin-starred chef Yannick Delpech, Des Roses et des Orties offers a wine list of more than 800 options. The eatery will offer tastings from the best winemakers in the region for self-service, on-site or to take away. Aside from Mondays, Des Roses et des Orties opens daily at 9am until 11 pm.

desrosesetdesorties.com

Ô Faim de Nuit

Designed for the night owl or the early riser, Ô Faim de Nuit's doors remain open at unusual times. Serving until 2am on Thursdays and Fridays and then from 5am to 8am, city-breakers planning to frequent Toulouse's top bars and



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Capsule

café

clubs or cultural venues will then have the opportunity to indulge in fine dining rather than relying on fast food. The establishment offers meat, fish, pasta and cheese platters. Located at 24 Rue de Bayard, Ô Faim de Nuit is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 7-11pm and Thursday and Friday from 7pm to 2am and 5am to 8am. Saturday's hours are from 7pm to 3am and then from 5am to 8am.

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Capsule

Part garden café, part urban jungle, Capsule is a hybrid destination where customers can buy plants and local products and take part in creative workshops. This urban greenhouse describes itself as a veritable green bubble where vegetables entertain, relax and feed the guest. Guests are invited to grab a cup of tea or an evening drink as they explore this new garden concept. Find Capsule at 7 Rue Temponières. capsule-vegetale.fr

Café des Marronniers

Paris café

Experience spring in Paris with an aperitif at Café des Marronniers, which nestles in the heart of the Jardin des Tuileries.

This park café is a delightful haven of peace and tranquillity tucked away from the hustle and bustle of Rue de Rivoli and the Place de la Concorde.

Ideally located in the formal 28-hectare Tuileries Garden you will discover an area filled with fountains, ponds and sculptures. This iconic space was laid out in its present form in 1664 by André Le Nôtre, architect of the gardens at Versailles.

After a stroll admiring the flowers, retreat to this true Parisian café which offers a refined and natural setting under the shade of the chestnut trees.

You can choose from the breakfast menu, business lunch or gourmet snack. Open from 12-6pm Monday to Sunday, you can tuck into everything from a Parisian baquette XL with white ham and thin slices of comté cheese (€9) to sampling a dish of Red Label Burgundy Snails (€9.40) before lingering over an espresso coffee (€3.20).

Café des Marronniers offers that perfect combination of fine French cuisine you can savour, along with a memorable view.

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