



L` Oliverie is an old 18<sup>th</sup> century family farm situated in the heart of the Poitou-Charentes region, on the Kings of England Way. Following five years of restorative work and renovation, Alex and Mélanie have opened the doors to a naturist's paradise.



The naturist centre extends over 2 hectares with ease of access from which one can admire the Gatinaise countryside. Here you will feel very much at home staying in a Gîte or in one of four Bed and Breakfast rooms, or, for a real sensation of complete freedom, there is a campsite with 25 places.

The "Pays de Gatine " is above all a region of hospitality and tradition.

Due to " L` Oliverie's " great location you can easily visit the many tourist attractions  
In the area :

The Futuroscope, the " Puy du Fou "

The " Marais Poitevin", the medieval town of Parthenay

Mouton-Villages, the " Nombriil du Monde " ( " Birth place of the World " )...so many

places of interest to astound you !

## TOURISM

Our region is called " Le pays de Gâtine " ( or la Gâtine Vendéenne ) and forms part of the Central Administrative area of France. Several rivers wind through enclosed valleys which offer a wide choice of quiet, pretty havens for fishermen.

We invite you to explore the Thouet Valley where you will discover fascinating towns, villages full of history, castles and gardens. " Le Pays de Gâtine " is also well-known for livestock farming.

Stop-in Mouton-Village to encounter strange kinds of sheep : spectacled sheep, Rabbit's-head sheep, wool-free sheep... In season there are lots of different events with sheep-dog trials and sheep-shearing. Budding young shepherds can also try their hand at feeding the lambs.



In the medieval town of Parthenay there are a host of events not to be missed : world music and dance festivals, games festivals, themed guided tours, traditional markets, jousting and chivalry tournaments, and a wide



variety of sports (" pétanque " ( French bowls ), cycling tours of the Deux-Sèvres department, etc...)

From the green countryside of the "Marais " to the walled town of Parthenay, the " Deux-Sèvres " will literally leave you enchanted !

Parthenay, a listed French " Pays d` Art et d` Histoire " ( " Country of Art and History " )

due to the richness of its heritage, has preserved the atmosphere of a medieval town.

The castle, with its massive fortifications seemingly growing out of the granite bedrock contrast with the delicate sculptures of Romanesque churches, cut out of the limestone. The pilgrim's way of Saint-Jacques de Compostel traverses the town. From the XII century onwards there were many pilgrims passing through and the memory of their passing is still prevalent in Parthenay`s streets today.

Parthenay offers a year-round programme of events, festivals and cultural visits, for example : In August the festival " De Bouche à Oreilles ( literally " from Mouth to Ear" or " Word of mouth " ) is a crossroads for renewing popular culture, open to all, with diverse artistic and creative activities.

In early July, not to be missed is the Parthenay Festival of Games : " Le FLIP". Imagine a whole town transformed for twelve days into a huge 30,000 m2 board game with something for all, young and old. Just let yourself be carried away in the fantasy play-area that is " Le Flip "

The 7-9 ( Deux-Sèvres French department 79 ) saw the building of Pyramids in Neolithic times, the invention of graffiti in the Middle Ages, and was home to burgeoning powerful townships well before the Renaissance. You will certainly be surprised!

Finally, the tourist information office in La Ferrière en Parthenay is only 5 minutes from L` Oliverie, and there you will find a warm welcome and lots of help with choosing what to see in the area. From June to September their staff can propose a variety of exclusive guided tours and day trips ( for example the " Logis de Saurais ", the vineyards and cellars of Haut Poitou in Doux, the organ-builder in Thénézay, etc...)



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