# ANGERS

# WHERE WE EXPLORE, CULTIVATE, SAVOUR, AND LIVE NATURE.



## **EXPLORING NATURE**

Angers is a flagship city for research

## and for training programs

dedicated to plants.

## Angers is the number 1:

- Training center for plant-based jobs.
- Center for horticultural research Angers with its 450 scientists and experts.

## INNOVATION

- The "Campus du Végétal" is a community of stakeholders taking on the plant challenges of today and tomorrow – to improve crops and their adaptation to a changing climate.
- Angers is nationally and internationally renowned for its **research projects**.
- "Climate-neutral and smart cities": Angers Loire Métropole is among the 100 European regions selected for this Horizon Europe mission.

### A REPUTED DESTINATION FOR PLANT PROFESSIONALS

### Its recurring events and trade shows:

The SIVAL (world-class international fair trade for plant production), the Salon du Végétal, the Wine trade fairs, "ESAconnect" (AgTech), "Les Rencontres du végétal" (horticulture) Angers.

## Host-City for international events:

IHC 2022, Francophone Leguminous Plant Fair 2020, Greensys Symposium 2019 (innovation for sustainable greenhouses), Chenin Blanc International Congress 2019, International Blackcurrant Conference 2018...

## **CULTIVATING NATURE**

## Angers is a leader in horticulture.

## ANJOU REGION

- Among the world **leaders in seeds.**
- Ornamental horticulture and nurseries are ranked number 1 in the country.
- 1<sup>st</sup> in Europe for Hydrangea production.
- **Renowned business center** for medicinal plants (production and marketing).

## **HEADQUARTERS OF MAJOR INSTITUTIONS**

- Végépolys Valley, competitiveness cluster plant sector.
- **Community Plant Variety Office**, European Union agency - EU plant variety rights system.
- Variety and seed study and control group- GEVES, French official expert all cultivated plant species.





## SAVOURING NATURE

Angers is a delicious region,

hungry for innovation and transition.

### **WELL-KNOWN CROPS**

- Creation of new fruit varieties: Ariane and Antarès apples, Angys pears.
- **Arboriculture:** Maine-et-Loire ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in France for production.
- Loire Valley Vineyards: Internationally known for the Chenin grape variety, a world leader in the domaine.

### SUSTAINABLE FOOD PRODUCTION

- Local Food Action Plan: To develop and promote food that is both healthy and locally produced by all and for all.
- Ecological issues: Actors committed to research, training, and planning events.
- Gastronomy Campus: training programs offered in all areas of food, from agriculture to gastronomy, "Farm to fork", from professional diplomas to PhD programs.

## LIVING NATURE

Angers is France's Number 1 "Green City"

and is ranked Number 1

for "Quality of Life".

### NATURE IN A CITY SETTING

- "Tree cities of the world", Angers is internationally recognized for the sustainable management of its heritage trees.
- Outstanding green spaces: 100 sq. meters of green space per person – that's double the national average.
- Headquarters of Plante & Cité, A national organization dedicated to landscaping and urban agriculture.



### LOVING NATURE

- **Terra Botanica**, the 1<sup>st</sup> European theme park dedicated to plants and biodiversity.
- In Angers, there is a **unique microclimate** where Nature is nurtured by the waters of the Loire River and its tributaries giving substance to the expression "la douceur Angevine" (literally "the sweetness of Angevin life").
- Angevins take part in the greening of their city through competitions, workshops, and community action...

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