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# MARTINIQUE CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2009

## Fun-filled events blossom throughout the year on the ‘Isle of Flowers’

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**NEW YORK, NY** – (October 21, 2008) – Like any très chic exotic beauty, Martinique enjoys an active and exciting social schedule year after year. Of course 2009 is no exception, with a series of unique cultural, sporting and music events planned to delight visitors and locals alike. Among the more prominent events taking place in Martinique in 2009 are the following:

## January

### *Traditional and Cultural Events, Festivals*

#### **Matnik Caribbean Carnival**

Carnival parade with groups from Martinique and other Caribbean islands

## February

### *Traditional and cultural events, festivals*

#### **Carnival February 22-25**

Four days (fat sunday, fat monday, fat tuesday and Ash Wednesday) of revelry and joyous celebrations...

### *Sporting Events*

#### **Schoelcher Nautical Week February 20-24**

Internationale Sailing Competition  
Cercle Nautique de Schoelcher  
Address: Anse Madame, 97233 Schoelcher  
Tel: 011 (596) 596 61 20 83  
Fax: 011 596 596 61 57 51  
Email: cns@ais.mq  
Website: www.cnschoelcher.com

#### **The Mornes Challenge (Défi des Mornes) Feb 8**

Hiking competition from le Precheur to Grand-Rivière  
Club Tchimbe Raid  
Tel: 011 (596) 696 29 79 01  
Email: mail@tchimberaid.org  
Website: www.tchimberaid.fr

## March

### *Sporting Events*

#### **The Mornes Challenge (Défi des Mornes)**

March 8 in Schoelcher  
Hiking competition  
Club Tchimbe Raid  
Tel: 011 (596) 696 29 79 01  
Email: mail@tchimberaid.org  
Website: www.tchimberaid.fr

#### **Randonuit (Hike night)**

Torch-lit guided trek featuring scientific activities, dinner with music, and games.

Ce Cédille Association  
Address: quartierAKR - 97218 Basse Pointe  
Tel: 011 (596) 596 52 80 82  
Fax: 011 (596) 596 52 81 92  
Email: infoplus@cecedille.net  
Website: www.cecedille.net

#### **Theater festival**

Address: Atruim- 97200 Fort de France  
Tel: 011 (596) 596 60 78 78  
Fax: 011 (596) 596 60 88 20  
Web: http://www.cmac.asso.fr

## April

#### **City of Rivière-Pilote Agricultural Fair**

Exhibition, sale of local products, food courts and musical shows  
Address: Ancienne école maternelle, rue du Marronage, 97211 Riviere-Pilote  
Tel: 011 (596) 596 62 60 03  
Fax: 011 (596) 596 62 91 20

## **Sporting Events**

### **General Council IAAF Meet**

International Meeting of Athletics  
Conseil Général de la Martinique (General Council of Martinique)  
Address: boulevard Chevalier Sainte Marthe-97 200 Fort de France  
Tel: 011 (596) 596 63 89 84  
Fax: 011 (596) 596 63 25 18  
Email: dvls-sport@cg972.fr, brigittemurielle@cg972.fr  
Website: www.cg972.fr

### **The Mornes Challenge (Défi des Mornes)**

#### **April 5**

Hiking competition in Morne Rouge  
Club Tchimbe Raid  
Tel: 011 (596) 696 29 79 01  
Email: mail@tchimberaid.org  
Website: www.tchimberaid.fr

## **May**

### **Traditional and Cultural Events, Festivals**

#### **May 22 – Commemorations for the abolition of slavery**

#### **Mai de Saint-Pierre – May in Saint-Pierre**

Exhibitions, shows, lectures and commemorative walks.  
May 8 is the anniversary date of the 1902 Mount Pelée eruption  
OMNIAC (Saint-Pierre office of tourism and culture)  
Address: Hôtel de ville –rue Caylus – 97250 Saint -Pierre  
Email: mailto:omniac@voila.fr

#### **Lamentin Jazz Project**

Jazz Music Festival Lamentin Cultural Services  
Email: ocl-communication@wanadoo.fr

#### **Gastronomy Week**

International cooking competition, promotionnel menus, exhibitions and dinner-dances.  
Osatour (Sainte-Marie Tourist Office)  
Address: rue Ernest deproge - BP 62 -972030 Sainte Marie  
Tel: 011 (596) 596 69 13 83  
Fax: 011 (596) 596 69 40 62  
Email: osatour@wanadoo.fr

### **Fairs and Trade Shows**

#### **Contemporary Art Fair**

Exhibits and sale of art works  
Address: 2 rue Osman Duquesnay – 97 290 le Marin  
Tel: 011 (596) 596 74 90 02  
Fax: 011 (596) 596 74 96 60  
Email: ville-marin@wanadoo.fr

#### **Madiflora**

Plant and flower fair  
Saint Pierre Rotary Club  
Tel: 011 (596) 596 61 93 34 Email: cristian.rapha@wanadoo.fr

## **Sporting Events**

### **Regional Council Caribbean pétanque Grand prix**

International Pétanque Competition (French Bocci ball)  
Club Bouliste de Saint Pierre  
Address : Rue Royale 97 250 Saint Pierre  
Tel / Fax: 011 (596) 596 78 85 84

### **The Mornes Challenge (Défi des Mornes)**

#### **May 9**

Hiking competition  
Club Tchimbe Raid  
Tel: 011 (596) 696 29 79 01  
Email: mail@tchimberaid.org  
Website: www.tchimberaid.fr

#### **Tchimbé Raid Matnik**

Club Tchimbe Raid  
Tel: 011 (596) 696 29 79 01  
Email: mail@tchimberaid.org  
Website: www.tchimberaid.com

## **June**

### **Traditional and Cultural Events, Festivals**

#### **Festival de Haute Taille et des Quadrilles du Monde**

Traditional dances: Haute Taille and Square Dance Festival  
Ville du François – City of François  
Address:mairie du François - place Charles de Gaulle  
Tel: 011 (596) 596 54 84 31  
Fax: 001 (596) 596 54 84 29  
Email: culture@ville-francois.fr

#### **Fête de Fin de Récolte de la Canne à sucre – Sugar cane harvest festival**

Musée du rhum  
Address: Le Bourg - 97230 Sainte Marie  
Tel: 011 (596) 596 69 30 02 / 69 50 37  
Fax: 011 (596) 596 69 29 60  
Email: rhums.st.james@wanadoo.fr

#### **Fête de la musique**

##### **June 21**

National and international day of music, free concerts in streets.  
(d.r.a.c-Tel : 011 (596) 596 60 05 36)

## **July**

### **Traditional and Cultural Events, Festivals**

#### **City of Rivière-Pilote Cultural Nights**

Dance, music, theater, lecture  
OMPACS (Rivière Pilote Cultural Services)  
Address: Boulevard septembre 1870 97 211 Rivière Pilote  
Tel: 011 (596) 596 62 70 06  
Email: ompacs@wanadoo.fr

## Fort-de-France Cultural Festival

Exhibitions, concerts and shows  
SERMAC (Municipal Cultural Services of Fort-de-France)  
Address: place José Marti – 97 200 Fort de France  
Tel: 011 (596) 596 71 66 25  
Fax: 011 (596) 596 71 90 14  
Website: [www.fortdefrance.fr](http://www.fortdefrance.fr)

## Sporting Events

### International Bicycle Race

Comité Régional de Cyclisme de la Martinique (Martinique Cycling Committee)  
Address: Avenue Salvador Allende - cité Dillon - bat T, esc 3, Porte 2 - 97200 Fort de France  
Tel: 011 (596) 63 21 39  
Fax: 011 (596) 60 05 41  
Website: [www.martiniquetour.com](http://www.martiniquetour.com)

### Martinique Tourism Authority Yawl boat race “Grand prix”

Address: Maison des sports – Pointe de la vierge - 97200 Fort de France  
Tel: 011 (596) 596 61 48 50  
Fax : 011 (596) 596 72 02 53  
Email: [ecrire@yoles-rondes.org](mailto:ecrire@yoles-rondes.org)  
Website: [www.yoles-ronde.org](http://www.yoles-ronde.org)

## August

### Sporting Events

#### 25th edition Tour des Yoles Rondes, a spectacular Yawl Boat Race.

Curved-bottomed craft thus called as opposed to flat-bottomed boats. It is a week-long regatta of traditional racing sailing boats run around the island of Martinique in seven stages. *The Tour des Yoles Rondes* of Martinique is probably the most popular event on the island as it is followed by the whole population and by an increasing number of visitors and journalists from abroad.

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Fax: 011 (596) 596 72 02 53  
Email: [ecrire@yoles-rondes.org](mailto:ecrire@yoles-rondes.org)  
Website: [www.yoles-ronde.org](http://www.yoles-ronde.org)

## September

### National and International Celebrations

#### Heritage Days

Open doors event in the nation's historical monuments and government buildings including those that are not traditionally open to the public.  
Regional Office of Cultural Affairs  
Tel: 011 (596) 596 60 05 36  
E-mail: [melezan@culture.gouv.fr](mailto:melezan@culture.gouv.fr)

## October

### Sporting Events

#### Fête de la Science – Science Festival

Carbet des Sciences  
Tel : 0596 59 75 02 Fax : 0596 59 75 08  
Email: [carbet-des-sciences@martinique.univ-ag.fr](mailto:carbet-des-sciences@martinique.univ-ag.fr)  
Website: [www.carbet-des-sciences.org](http://www.carbet-des-sciences.org)

## November

### Religious Holidays

#### La Toussaint – All Saints Day Novembre 1 and 2, 2007

Religious holiday honoring the dead and the saints  
Cemeteries are illuminated.

#### Traditional and cultural events, festivals

Festival des Sens – Festival of the Senses  
The largest 24-hour arts « marathon » with non-stop shows, performances and exhibitions by over 200 artists  
Organizers : Chouval Bwa Kiltirel Association  
Tel: 0596 74 69 27  
Fax: 0596 74 96 60  
Email: [calebasse@wnadoo.fr](mailto:calebasse@wnadoo.fr)  
Website: [www.calebasse.com](http://www.calebasse.com)

### Sporting Events

#### The Marin International Deep-sea Fishing Competition

Martinique Billfish Association  
Address: Yacht club de la Martinique – boulevard chevalier  
Sainte Marthe - 97200 Fort de France  
Téléphone: 06 96 45 83 58  
Fax: 05 96 55 25 67  
Email: [duplan@cg972.fr](mailto:duplan@cg972.fr)  
Website: [www.martinique-billfish.org](http://www.martinique-billfish.org)

### **La Belle Martinique November 11, 2008**

Cycling event open to all cycling fans – more a cycling tour of the island than a competition

Comité Régional Cycliste de la Martinique (Martinique Cycling Committee)

Tel: 05 96 63 21 39

Fax: 05 96 60 05 41

Website: [www.martiniquetour.com/cyclisme](http://www.martiniquetour.com/cyclisme)

### **International Half Marathon of Fort-de-France**

Fort de France

Address: Direction des Sport de la Jeunesse et de la Vie Associative

Espace Nicole Zaré- Dillon

Tel: 05 96 39 31 02

Fax: 05 96 39 48 51

Website: [www.semimartinique.com](http://www.semimartinique.com)

## **DECEMBRE**

### ***Traditional and Cultural Events, Festivals***

#### **Rum Fest in Sainte Marie**

Celebrating the making of Rum at Rum St James distillery

Tel: 011 (596) 596 69 30 02 / 011 (596) 596 69 50 37

Fax: 011 (596) 596 69 29 60

Email: [rhums.st.james@wanadoo.fr](mailto:rhums.st.james@wanadoo.fr)

#### **Arlésienne Cultural Week**

Multi-forme artistic events

Municipal Office of Culture

Tel: 0596 68 63 93

Fax: 0596 68 68 35

Email: [oma5@wanadoo.fr](mailto:oma5@wanadoo.fr)

#### **Jazz festival**

Address: Atruim- 97200 Fort de France

Tel: 011 (596) 596 60 78 78

Fax: 011 (596) 596 60 88 20

Web: <http://www.cmac.asso.fr>

### ***Sporting Events***

#### **Grand Raid Manikou**

80-mile hiking competition from Sainte-Anne to Grand Rivière

Club Manikou Organisation Association

Tél: 05 96 60 85 01 / 06 96 74 12 10

Email: [pacha.chapelle@wanadoo.fr](mailto:pacha.chapelle@wanadoo.fr)

Website: [www.grandraidmanikou.com](http://www.grandraidmanikou.com)