

## Vegetarian France Updates

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France now uses the **euro** instead of the **Franc**. 1 euro is about 7 Francs or US\$1.30 or UK £0.90.

### PARIS

**NEW Paris 4th, Le Grenier de Notre Dame** has a new branch nearby in the middle of Isle St Louis at 17, rue des Deux Ponts 75000. Metro : Pont Marie. Tel: 01 46 34 60 41. Open: Mon-Fri 12.00-14.30, 18.30-23.00, Sat-Sun 12.00-23.00.

**NEW PARIS 3rd, Le Potager du Marais** 22 Rue Rambuteau, 3rd arrondissement. Open every day noon until midnight (Sun 1pm till midnight), last orders 10.30pm. Metro: Rambuteau (line 11), Hotel de Ville (1 and 11) Tel: 01-42 74 24 66. Finally Paris has a vegetarian restaurant in the 3rd arrondissement, next to the Pompidou Centre. And this one has a separate vegan page in its menu. Dishes from 7 to 12.50 euros or a set menu for 15 euros. Smoking allowed. *There is always at least one vegan soup. However, I decided on a cold starter, seaweed pate with salad and plenty of wholemeal bread, followed by a vegetable casserole with tofu and potatoes which was huge and very filling. With freshly-extracted carrot, celery and beetroot juice and fruit compote this made a very satisfying and warming lunch and came to just over 15 euros, service included. By 2pm the place was full with a seeming mix of tourists and locals. (Peter Freeman, Nov 2004)*

**NEW PARIS 1st, Saveurs Veget'Halles** replaces La Victoire Supreme du Coeur at 41 rue des Bourdonnais and is mostly vegan. Tel 01-40 41 93 95. Open Mon-Sat 11.30-15.00, 18.00-22.30, closed Sunday. Starters around 5-6.5 euros, main courses 12-13 euros. [www.saveursvegethalles.fr](http://www.saveursvegethalles.fr) (in French) (Roger Merenyi July 2008)

**NEW PARIS 19th, Le Marchand de Soupes**, 70 rue Rebeval, 75019 Paris. Tel: 01-42 41 79 64. Metro: Pyrenees. We hear this is a new organic vegetarian restaurant.

**Country Life, La Truffe, Piccolo Teatro and Aquarius** (p.17) in Paris have closed.

**MAOZ** new falafel bar at 8 rue Xavier Privas, 6th arrondissement. Metro: St Michel. Eat for 3.7 to 5.2 euros. Open: 11.30-midnight. Tel: 01-43 26 36 00. No smoking.

**Po Mana vegetarian** restaurant, 39 rue des Vinaigriers, 10th arrondissement. Metro: Gare de l'Est (near Eurostar). Open every day 12.30-14.30, 19.30-22.30. Tel: 01-40 37 19 19. Fixed menu 17-19 euros with dishes that change daily according to season. The food is delicate and delicious. You receive a large bowl of rice, salad, soup, vegetables, bread, chutney and dessert. The room is warm and welcoming. Note for vegans: some dishes are dairy based. 12 seats. No smoking.

**Tien Hiang** restaurant, 20 rue Nationale, 13th arrondissement (Chinatown). Metro: Porte d'Ivry. Tel: 01 45 82 99 54. Open: Wed-Mon 10.30-23.00, Sat 11.30-23.00, closed Tue. Meals 6 to 7.5 euros. No smoking.

### NORTH WEST

**NEW La Basse Louvetiere**, Courcite 53700 (53 Mayenne, Loire). Tel: France +33-2 43 04 71 24, England +44 (0)7092 311708, Fax England +44 (0) 7092 025973. 18th century vegetarian guest house and self-catering gite. [www.french-holidays-loire.com](http://www.french-holidays-loire.com) website in English. Email: [gitesinfrance@aol.com](mailto:gitesinfrance@aol.com)

**NEW La Haute Fariniere Retreat** 2 hrs from SW Caen, idyllic B&B well positioned to discover Le Mans (40 mins), Laval (40 mins), Mayenne, Loire, Chartres, Tours, Angers and Paris. Equally ideal for an overnight respite if continuing south. Home grown seasonal cuisine. Individual needs catered for i.e. vegan, juicing, detox, raw food prep classes and health coaching. Dawn & Robert look forward to making your visit special. Tel: +33-2-43902411 or [dawn@rainbowpromise.co.uk](mailto:dawn@rainbowpromise.co.uk) for details and photos. Dept 53 - La Haute Fariniere, Torce Viviers En Charnie, 53270 France Tel: 02 43902411 e-mail [dawn@rainbowpromise.co.uk](mailto:dawn@rainbowpromise.co.uk) Prices approx 60 euros pnp & 30 euros pp for eve meal. They plan to move further south, e.g. Carcassonne or Cognac. (July 2006)

### NORTH EAST

**NEW Domaine Chateau Bellevue in France-Compte (39 Jura)**, 39700 Chateaufort. Near Dole, Dijon and Besancon. 19th century chateau in a 5-hectare park, with ancient chestnut and lime trees where you can discover nature and meditate. Rich variety of rare and protected species of flora and medicinal plants. Vegetarian organic kitchen, mainly ayurvedic. French, English, German, Italian spoken. 11 rooms, one suite, apartment, separate house, and dormitory. Seminar rooms. Swimming pool.

Playground. No pets. Non smoking. Prices with breakfast: double or twin room 58 euros, single 46 euros, suite 107 euros, dormitory 20 euros. Apartment (4.5 rooms) 610 to 687 euros per week. Small house 382 euros per week. Extra charge for partial board 12.5 euros, full board 23 euros. Tel: +33-3-84 72 82 35. Fax: +33-3-84 82 67 48. Lots more on their website [www.arche-novum.com](http://www.arche-novum.com). Email: [contact@arche-novum.com](mailto:contact@arche-novum.com)

**NEW Les Battees Guesthouse, Burgundy (71 Saone et Loire)**, opening Easter 2004, vegetarian and vegan guesthouse. Formerly a wine-grower's mansion in its own wooded park, on a rise overlooking the canal port of St Leger-sur-Dheune. Situated in beautiful countryside on the main route to the tourist centre of Autun, within easy reach of Beaune, the wine capital of Burgundy. Dating from the 19th Century, the house retains many original features, such as moulded plasterwork on the ceilings, marble fireplaces, and terracotta floor tiles. All rooms have en suite facilities. The house also possesses its own extensive orchard, enabling them to offer homemade jams and fruit-based desserts such as plums in brandy to enjoy with breakfast and the Table d'Hote on an elegant terrace. They will cater for children of all ages, but cannot accommodate pets. For further details phone Val Patchett on +33 (0)3 85 45 47 09. [www.lesbattees.com](http://www.lesbattees.com) Email: [lesbatees@wanadoo.fr](mailto:lesbatees@wanadoo.fr)

## SOUTH EAST

**NEW in LYON, Soline vegetarian restaurant.** It has a very modern and colorful appearance and friendly ambience. International dishes are served lunchtime Mon-Fri and Thu evenings. 7.50 for one dish, 12 euros for a menu. Mainly organic products. 89 Rue Paul Bert, 69003 Lyon, Tel: 04-78 60 40 43. (*Wayne Featherstone July 2006*)

**NEW Hotel Les Fleurs, Auvergne (63 Puy de Dome)** Vegetarian hotel with vegetarian restaurant, 367 Avenue Geneau de Mussy, 63150 La Bourboule. Tel: +33-4-73 81 09 44, Fax: +33-4-73 65 52 03. 18 rooms, 35-60 euros per person. Lots of organic ingredients. Dogs welcome. [www.hotellesfleurs.com](http://www.hotellesfleurs.com). [hotel.lesfleurs@wanadoo.fr](mailto:hotel.lesfleurs@wanadoo.fr)

**NEW in NICE, Le Speakeasy** vegan restaurant, 7, rue Lamartine, in the centre of Nice's financial and shopping district. Menus or carte, around 12 euros. Open: Mon-Sat 12-14.15 (last order), and Fri-Sat 19-21.15 (last order); closed Sun. Reservations advised tel: 04-93 85 59 50. Run by a Californian. Specialties include vegetable p,tde from potatoes, olive oil and local herbs; vegetable pies made with kneaded grains instead of flour; macrobiotic casseroles, pastries (also without flour) and fresh banana ice cream without the cream, calories or cholesterol. The tourte au potimarron, made from a local gourd the color of egg yolk which tastes like scrambled eggs is a local favorite. The walls are covered in quotations from famous vegetarians. (Jeffrey M. Freedman)

## SOUTH WEST

**NEW Tomlins Vegetarian Guest House & Cookery School** Opened May 2004 in Charente-Maritime. 23 Rue Du Fief Gourmand, 17290 Chambon. Tel: +33-5-46 35 65 42. Fax: +33-5-46 35 69 46 [www.tomlinsinfrance.com](http://www.tomlinsinfrance.com) Email: [info@tomlinsinfrance.com](mailto:info@tomlinsinfrance.com) (*Kari Manovitch, May 2004*)

**NEW Les Jardins d'lesse** Organic vegetarian restaurant in Montignac in the Dordogne, open every day July till September. Superb food. Very welcoming host, good English spoken. Sometimes concerts on Friday or Saturday evening in July and August. 28 rue de Juillet, Montignac. Tel: +33-5-53 50 18 51.

**NEW Le Guerrat** Veganic non smoking bed and breakfast in stone farmhouse, run by an English couple. Room from 40 euros per night for a couple, evening meal 14 euros per person. Sue and Trevor, Le Guerrat, 09420 Rimont, France. Tel: +33-5-61 96 37 03. [leguerrat@aol.com](mailto:leguerrat@aol.com). <http://vegan.port5.com/flashvegangite2.html> (This website is not always live.)

## CONTACT FELLOW VEGGIES

**Aequalis** is now called One Voice and is based in Nantes. See [www.onevoice-ear.org](http://www.onevoice-ear.org)  
There is a big animal rights demonstration in Paris on the Saturday in the middle of May, See [www.vegiepride.org](http://www.vegiepride.org)

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