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Al fresco films

Watch some of your favourite films under a starry Paris sky this summer at the **Cinéma Plein Air** in Parc de la Villette from **20 July to 20 August**. For its 27th edition, the open-air film festival has a theme of 'à la table' and is showing films with a foodie link, from Disney's *Ratatouille* to Billy Walter's

Sabrina starring Audrey Hepburn. All movies are shown in their original language with French subtitles. Deckchairs are available to rent from 7.30pm for €7 or you could just sprawl out on a picnic basket. Don't forget to swap the popcorn for cheese and wine! lavillette.com

Centre stage

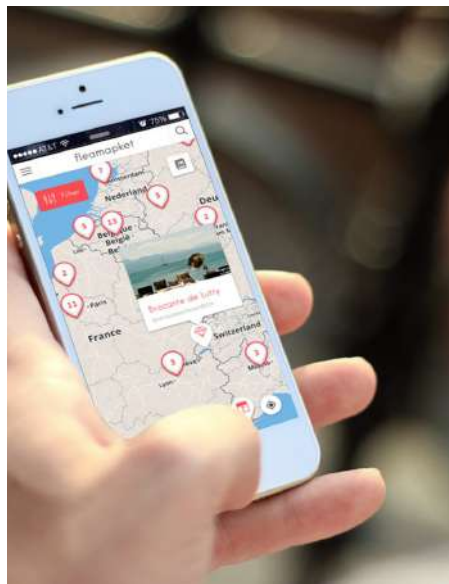
Each year in July, theatre-goers in their thousands make their way to the Provence department of Vaucluse for the Festival d'Avignon, which has

been taking place in the town since 1947. One of the biggest international contemporary live performance events, the festival features a

programme of music, dance, art and theatre performed in venues across the city, including the historical Palais des Papes. festival-avignon.com

TREASURE TRAIL

I love rummaging through the weird and wonderful offerings at the *brocantes* in France, even though I end up weighed down with things I probably don't need - yet. If, like me, you stock up on bits and bobs for your future dream home in France, you'll love the new fleamarket app that lists France's best flea markets with an interactive map and calendar. There are currently 31 markets listed in France with categories including 'foodie markets', 'fleas in the park' and markets that are free to enter that you can download on the app store. I'd better make more space in the attic... fleamarket.com



Travel news



IN THE DRIVING SEAT

SNCF has teamed up with car rental company OuiCar allowing travellers to hire a vehicle at train stations across France, including Bordeaux, Tours, Nantes, Toulouse and St-Malo. Discounted weekend rates will appeal to those on city breaks. The vehicles can be picked up upon arrival at the train station at the cost of €15-20 per day and can be rented through a smartphone.



CYCLE SCHEME

People in Lille are being encouraged to get on their bikes with a 25% discount on the purchase of a new bike. The grant is being offered by the European Metropolis of Lille in a bid to cut pollution in the city and to promote the bike as the preferred mode of transport around the city. Vice President of EML, Anne Voituriez said the scheme is designed to "raise awareness among metropolitans to change their behaviour". The city has seen a 42% increase in the number of bikes in the city since its new cycle-friendly layout was implemented last September.



SURVEY SAYS

French airports have not come out well in a satisfaction survey led by consumers' association Que Choisir. Paris Orly and Charles-de-Gaulle appear at the bottom of a chart scoring the best airports with over 15 million passengers. Although the two Parisian airports scored well in terms of information display, both were criticised for the poor quality of bars and restaurants, and for the lack of seats and electrical sockets in their waiting areas.



TRAVEL FINES

British drivers could face fines of up to £640 for traffic offences while driving in Europe, following a change in UK law. Under the new rules, European governments can access vehicle ownership records held by other countries, which they can then use to prosecute drivers. Previously, UK motorists were only fined if they were stopped by police or if they were in a hired vehicle. The new regulation is due to cover offences such as speeding, passing through a red light, use of a mobile phone while driving, and driving without wearing a seat belt.