

## THE MACHINES DE L'ILE

The Machines Gallery, The Great elephant, The sea-worlds Merry go round



It's a monumental living menagerie that escapes from the naves of the former nantes ship building yards. set off on an amazing trip on board the 12-metre high Great elephant; discover the Machines Gallery where exhibits are brought to life in a universe of vegetation and the Heron Tree. The sea-worlds Merry-Go-Round (25m high and 20m diameter) is a fabulous sculpture dedicated to the sea.



**THE MACHINES GALLERY**

MAXIMUM CAPACITY  
 200 PEOPLE 



**LA RUE + THE PÔLE 3**

MAXIMUM CAPACITY  
 900 PEOPLE   
 3 000 PEOPLE 



**THE MERRY-GO-ROUND  
 + THE DÉFERLANTE**

MAXIMUM CAPACITY  
 80 PEOPLE\*   
 80 PEOPLE\*   
 300 PEOPLE\*   
 35 PEOPLE\*   
 \*IN THE DÉFERLANTE ROOM

## The Machines Gallery



A team of mad builders led by Pierre Orefice and François Delarozière (Compagnie La Machine) have set up their workshop under the warehouse. Their imagination has run wild exploring the tree-tops, the savanna and the bottom of the deep blue sea, while their menagerie of machines roams free...

They used to build ships here, and now they make monumental mechanical animals for the young and old to enjoy. Take a ride on the Great Elephant, visit the Machine Hall, discover the Sea Worlds Merry-

Go-Round and take a walk along the prototype branch of the giant Heron Tree, one of the major projects to emerge from the 'Machines de l'Île' workshops.

An imposing 8m heron carries passengers and flies over the model of the Heron Tree planted in the middle. Vegetation rubs up against mechanical plants and animals from the tree top anopy. You could be invited to take control of animals from the tree top canopy and admire the flight of the heron flying above the model of the Heron Tree. Sketches of the machine in use as well as covering the whole creative design process are on display in this Gallery-Laboratory.

New in 2014: A giant ant integrates the mechanical menagerie. The 5 passengers onboard take control of the legs, head and jaws.

## The great Elephant

When this majestic beast emerges from its steel cathedral, it is a walking piece of architecture that sets off for a walk. The passengers on board can see what makes the engine and moving feet tick. A machinist will welcome you on board, tell you about its life and set off its trumpeting. As part of the crew, this is an invite for timeless travel in the town of Jules Verne.

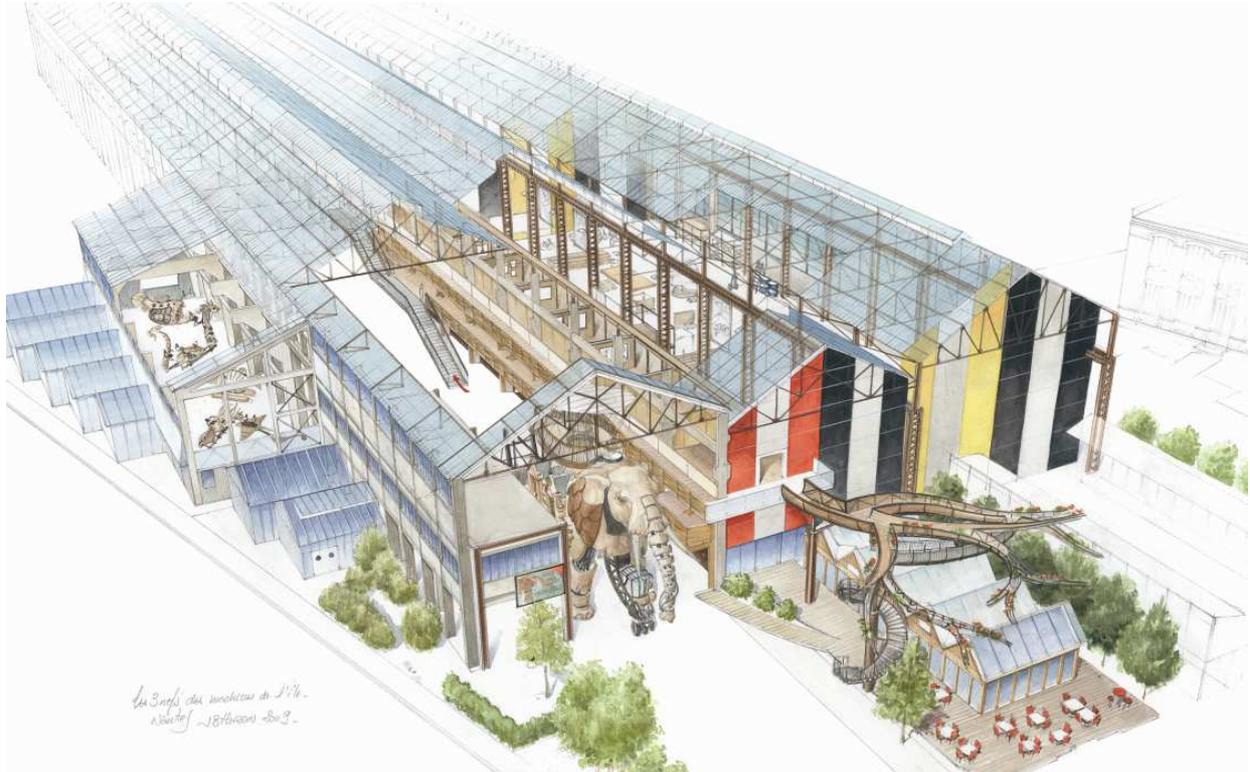


## The Sea-worlds Merry-Go-Round



A genuine 360° theatre, nearly 25m high and 22m in diameter has been implanted on the banks of the Loire. Its 3-tier concrete lace design under a big top is decorated with pediments and guarded by 16 fishermen from every ocean in the world.

You climb onto an incredible sculpture where you are spectator to strange and worrying sea creatures in a colossal 3-tiered cake. Witness the sea every which way, from the depths of the bottom, through the abysses, right up to the surface of the sea.



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