

PRESS RELEASE

81^e LEMON FESTIVAL®

« 20 000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA »

From 15th February 2014 to 5th March 2014

From a mere citrus fruit show set up in 1933 to an internationally renowned event, the Lemon Festival® is today attended by some 160,000 visitors.

At this 81st edition, with the «20,000 Leagues under the Sea» theme, John Lemon, the event mascot, assists Maud Fontenoy, an icon of biodiversity.

From 15th February to 5th March 2014, the Lemon Festival® immerses visitors in the world of the Nautilus, to meet Captain Nemo and Professor Aronnax of National Museum of Natural History and his faithful assistant.

Stilt walkers, musicians, actors and acrobats provide both daytime and evening entertainment during the float processions.

Narwhals, whales, giant squid and other creatures take over the Biovès Gardens and reveal all their secrets in the spotlights of the Gardens of Light.

To immerse yourself completely in the Festival, packages with or without accommodation are available for lemon enthusiasts (more information on www.feteducitron.com)

Feel like something exotic ? Alongside the Lemon Festival®, the Palais de l'Europe is hosting the Festival of Orchids and Crafts.

John Lemon has just whispered a little detail in our ear:
The Mentonese horizon will be lit up in the evening of 2nd March 2014!

THE EVENT IN FIGURES :

Number of lemons:

100 tonnes of citrus fruit for the gardens /
30 tonnes for the floats / 10 tonnes for
changing any spoiled fruit.

500,000 elastic bands

75m3 of braided boxwood

30 kilos of fruit to cover 1m2

19 days of festival

About 250,000 visitors

10 floats and 11 structures in the
Gardens

+ 20,000 hours of work by the teams to
set up the Festival

Detailed Programme :
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