



ANNUAL EVENTS

CARNIVAL, BASED ON "THE JUNGLE BOOK"

Procession through the centre of the village, followed by food and drink in the *salle polyvalente*.

FRIDAY 18 MARCH, FROM 15H00.

THE "BELLE EPOQUE" FESTIVAL

Historical reconstructions, processions and games, organised by the "Culture and pastimes" association. Detailed programme available at the tourist office.

FROM 2 JUNE TO 5 JUNE.

GARDENING EVENTS

"The garden: source of contemplation and inspiration"

FROM 3 JUNE TO 5 JUNE.

CANIGOU - AT A LEISURELY PACE

A week in which to discover Canigou - mostly at an easy pace: walks, strolls, entertainments, with, as a climax, the celebrated Canigou mountain race, initiated in 1905.

FROM 1 AUGUST TO 7 AUGUST.

NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEKEND 2011

"Rudyard Kipling in Vernet-les-Bains".

SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER & SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER.

PAINTING COURSE & EXHIBITION

Course in watercolour painting (open to everyone) and exhibition by local artists organised by the association "1001 colours" and by local artists.

FROM SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER.

CENTENARY OF ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

A day of commemorations, secular and religious, organized by the Anglican parish of Vernet-les-Bains, in the presence of Bishops from various parts of Europe.

SUNDAY 10 JULY.

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

Several local associations will organise entertainments and other special events as part of the Vernet-les-Bains Kipling Centenary.

LOCAL SHOPS AND BUSINESS

Workshops, restaurants and shops will offer goods, services and menus adapted to the Kipling centenary theme.

Saturday 19 March 16h00:
inauguration at the tourist office of
the exhibitions and self-guided trails.



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A hundred years ago Rudyard Kipling and his wife spent a month in Vernet-les-Bains...
...Today, a century later, the town pays tribute to the author of The Jungle Book...

FURTHER INFORMATION
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PROGRAMME

Walks • History trails • "Theatrical" guided tours • "Evening stories"
Concerts • Films • Talks • Exhibitions ...



EXHIBITIONS

AT THE TOURIST OFFICE

“SILHOUETTES”

Exhibition by British artist Hannah Thompson, inspired by characters in the town at the time Kipling wrote his short story, *Why snow falls at Vernet*.

“PYRÉNÉISME”

The Pyrenees mountains have given inspiration to mountaineers, writers, artists, scientists and many others. This exhibiton, prepared by a leading local history society, explores these various themes.

SELF-GUIDED HISTORY TRAILS

“THE KIPLING WALK”

This short walk introduces the "belle époque" section of Vernet-les-Bains. It has been adapted for partially sighted people.

“THE WINTER GARDEN WALK”

This former landscaped garden lies on the steep hillside opposite Vernet's spa. It was here that Kipling found inspiration for his short story about Vernet.

SATURDAY 19 MARCH 16H00: INAUGURATION AT THE TOURIST OFFICE OF THE EXHIBITIONS AND SELF-GUIDED TRAILS.

TALKS AND LECTURES

TALKS PRESENTED BY SENIOR LECTURERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PERPIGNAN.

THE TALKS WILL BE HELD IN THE WINTER GARDEN, THE CASINO PARK AND THE CASINO THEATRE.

📅 FRIDAY 17 JUNE, FROM 14H30. CASINO PARK.

“VERNET-LES-BAINS SEEN FROM THE HIMALAYAS”,

By Hélène Guillaume, specialist in 19th century English literature.

“KIPLING AND WAR”,

By Jean Louis Trouillon, specialist in English literature (terminology and lexicology).

“KIPLING AND THE VICTORIANS”,

By Isabelle Cases, specialist in English civilization (Victorian England).

“THE MAN WHO WOULD BE KING”,

Film by John Huston (1975), followed by a discussion led by Jocelyn Dupont, specialist in English studies.

VERNET-LES-BAINS AND “HIGH SOCIETY” AT THE START OF THE 20TH CENTURY. A SERIES OF TALKS IN THE CASINO THEATRE, PRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PYRÉNÉES-ORIENTALES HISTORICAL SOCIETY.
📅 CASINO PARK.



Talks and lectures (continued)

“THE PYRENEES AND THE ARTS”,

By historian Laurent Fonquernie.

📅 FRIDAY 24 JUNE, 17H00.

“THE CONQUEST OF VERNET-LES-BAINS BY THE EUROPEAN ÉLITE”,

By historian Edwige Praca.

📅 FRIDAY 01 JULY, 17H00.

“THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST GEORGES, VERNET-LES-BAINS”,

By historian Madeleine Souche.

📅 FRIDAY 08 JULY, 17H00.

SHOWS AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENTS

“Theatrical” guided tours

“AS KIPLING MIGHT HAVE SAID...”:

A village stroll with tales and songs, by the *Eparpille company* (three actors, including a violin-player...)

📅 MONDAY 25 APRIL, 16H00.

SATURDAY 14 MAY, 16H00.

SATURDAY 28 MAY, 16H00.

SATURDAY 18 JUNE, 16H00.

SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER, 17H00.

SATURDAY 08 OCTOBER, 16H00.



Films

Films and cartoons adapted from the works of Rudyard Kipling, screened at the Casino Theatre.

“LE LIVRE DE LA JUNGLE”

Film by Walt Disney.

📅 APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY IN THE CASINO THEATRE.

“THE MAN WHO WOULD BE KING”

Film by John Huston. See Talks and lectures, above.

📅 FRIDAY 17 JUNE, 21H00. CASINO THEATRE

FILM.

📅 SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER, 21H00. CASINO THEATRE.

Classical music concerts

“MELODIES INSPIRED BY KIPLING”

Songs adapted from poems by Kipling, presented by pianist Michel Peus (former deputy director of the Perpignan Conservatoire), violinist Jean Verdier (former member of the National Orchestra of France) and lyric soprano Marielle Vizentini (Perpignan Conservatoire).

📅 MONDAY 18 APRIL, 16H00. CASINO THEATRE.

SATURDAY 30 APRIL, 17H00. CASINO THEATRE.

FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER, 21H00. CASINO THEATRE.

Classical music concerts (continued)

CONCERT BY THE STRING ENSEMBLE OF THE CHICHESTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Organized by members of the British community in Vernet-les-Bains.

📅 THURSDAY 04 AUGUST. CASINO THEATRE

“Evening stories”

Spend an evening with "The storytellers of Sahorre" as they re-create "Kipling's imaginary world".

“KIPLING'S IMAGINARY WORLD”.

📅 SATURDAY 19 MARCH 21H00. SALLE POLYVALENTE.

THURSDAY 05 MAY, 17H00. CASINO THEATRE

THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER, 21H00. SALLE POLYVALENTE.

(WITH VIN NOUVEAU AND ROAST CHESTNUTS)

Historical reconstruction

“KIPLING IN VERNET-LES-BAINS”,

By the Vernet-les-Bains association which organizes each year the "Belle Epoque" festival.

📅 SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER, 21H00. CASINO THEATRE.

Guided tours

“THE WINTER GARDEN” »

A landscaped garden formerly attached to the Spa, it was laid out at the end of the 19th century.

📅 THURSDAY 28 APRIL.

THURSDAY 19 MAY.

“THE VILLAGE-ARBORETUM”

This historic collection of more than 2000 trees, made up of around 320 different species, is spread throughout the village.

📅 THURSDAY 16 JUNE, 16H00.

THURSDAY 25 AUGUST, 16H00.

Walks

“THE ENGLISH VISITORS' WATERFALL”

The classic walk from Vernet-les-Bains.

📅 WEDNESDAY 18 MAY, 14H00.

WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE, 14H00.

WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER, 14H00.

Mystery trail

“IN SEARCH OF PUCK THE ELF”

Follow the clues to discover on foot Vernet's natural heritage and Kipling's magical world.

📅 THURSDAY 21 JULY.

THURSDAY 18 AUGUST.

