

# Organization of the Grand Bal de l'Europe 2026

## Program and groups 2026

Official start on Friday 24 July at 8.30pm.

Programme and group list on our website : <https://www.gennetines.org/gennetines/programme-groupes-gennetines/>

## Presentation

For a fortnight, richness, diversity and magic of dance and music allow everyone to create their own Grand Bal de l'Europe in a spirit of freedom based on respect and consideration for oneself and others. The festivals are supported by regulation to ensure, in particular, collective and individual safety and respect for the neighbourhood.

We invite you to read the full description of our organisation.

We warmly thank the artists, organizers and participants who have built the Grand Bal de l'Europe and invite you to bring to life and share the 2026 festival with us.

## Festival « Grand Bal de l'Europe » Charter

The Association's aim is that everyone should be able to express their own music and dance with passion and pleasure, and enjoy their own special moments.

Respect, debate, solidarity, a culture of consent, experimentation and exchange are the foundations of the Grand Bal de l'Europe.

At Gennetines, we touch base with the irrationality of dance, we question artistic ownership, the sources and methods of transmission of dance. With rigour, kindness and humour, our aim is to produce quality dance that is accessible to as many people as possible.

All our members have the same rights and duties. In building the Grand Bal de l'Europe and respecting its constraints, the collective interest is always paramount. Respecting the codes of conduct and festival regulations is implicit in respecting the work of the Association and all those who carry it out.

## Registration is compulsory – Limited Places

Two options: in advance of the meetings via the internet, or subject to availability upon your arrival in Gennetines.

### **Registration/ticket purchase before the Grand Bal de l'Europe**

Online registration opens on 5 May (link available on our home page).

- **Until 10 July: pre-sale prices** with payment by credit card or French cheque, with registration confirmed upon receipt of payment.

- **After 10 July:** payment by credit card only via the website.

All registrations must be made via the website, even those with deferred payment (cheque).

Your registration is confirmed upon payment. Deferred payments must be received as soon as possible and no later than 13 July.

### **Purchasing tickets during the Grand Bal de l'Europe in Gennetines**

Online purchases are still possible on the registration website until the day before the event.

We regularly reach full capacity on many days. Be sure to check our website (news on the home page) to find out the latest trends and plan your stay.

**Please do not come if we are fully booked, as you will not be able to enter.**

On site, we accept payment by credit card, cash, French bank cheque.

## Tariff

Our activities are only open to members of our association.

**Individual annual membership** of the association from 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027 (non-refundable)

- › Membership fee for individuals aged 18 and over : **25 €**.
- › Membership fee for individuals aged 10 to 17 : **5 €**.

### Entrance fees, payment before 10 July

#### Daily prices

- › Full price : **21 €** per day ;
- › Reduced rate from 18 to 24 years old : **15 €** per day ;
- › Reduced rate from 10 to 17 years old : **10.5 €** per day ;
- › **July, 24th evening : 10 €** (5 € between 10 and 24 years old) ;
- › Children under 10: free for all festival.

#### Package prices

**14-days package from July, 25th to August, 7th (July, 24th evening is included)**

Only available before 10 July

- › Full price : **239 €** ;
- › Reduced rate from 18 to 24 years old : **174 €** ;
- › Reduced rate from 10 to 17 years old : **119 €** ;
- › Children under 10: free for all festival.

Upon presentation of documentary proof, we apply reduced rate for disabled people. Contact us on 0033 (0)4 70 42 14 42 on Tuesdays *from 10am to 3.30pm and from 8pm to 9.30pm.*

### Entrance fees, payment after 10 July

#### Daily prices

- › Full price : **25€** per day ;
- › Reduced rate from 18 to 24 years old : **17€** per day ;
- › Reduced rate from 10 to 17 years old : **12€** per day ;
- › **July, 24th evening : 12€** (6€ between 10 and 24 years old) ;
- › Children under 10: free for all festival.

Packages no longer available after 10 July.

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### Meal and refreshment tickets

- › Meals : **12 €** ;
- › Refreshment Tickets : **1,50 €** ;
- › Breakfast : 2 refreshment tickets.

### Identification, Payment methods

- › Please bring some form of identification with you to collect your wristband, including for children. You can present a paper version or a version on your smartphone (family record book accepted for children).
- › Minors must present the [authorisation of their parent](#) or legal guardian and must be accompanied by their referee during the gatherings.
- › We accept bank cards, cash or French cheques on site.

## **Other practical information**

### **The reception booth: from 9:00am to 11:00pm**

There you can collect your wristband, purchase meal or refreshment tickets, or buy additional days.

**Exceptional opening on Friday, July 24th from 11:00am to 11:00pm.**

### **Access control : 24 hours a day**

Anyone staying on the gatherings grounds (dance grounds, parking lots, campgrounds) will need to wear a daily wristband on his wrist or a ticket for the following day. The check-in control will be done 24 hours a day and **you will have to show your wristband and your ticket for that day.** We will also carry out checks on our various grounds.

### **Mealtime: from 9:00am to 10:30am / from 12:30pm to 2:00pm / from 7:00pm to 8:30pm**

The association serves self-service meals near the dance floors. The organisation offers choice, quantity and variety also for vegetarians.

Local merchants settle on the campgrounds in order to provide food for those who want to selfcater.

### **Snack bar: from 10:00 to 3:00am**

Drinks, ice cream, snacking and after 9pm sandwich are served.

### **Instrument room (“Consigne”): from 9:30 to 3:30am**

The “Consigne” is a free safe-keeping service for instruments in the centre of the gatherings grounds for all participants. Please note that only music instruments are accepted.

**We advise you to customise your instrument cases:** distinguishing mark on the outside and address on the inside.

### **First Aid Station**

First aid is provided in medical emergencies, 24 hours a day. A list of pharmacists, doctors, and hospitals is available on site. Please bring a first aid kit.

### **Prevention and management of violence and harassment**

We have put in place a system for the prevention and management of sexual and/or sexist violence and harassment, and other forms of discriminatory violence. For more information, visit our website:

<https://www.gennetines.org/dispositif-de-prevention-et-de-gestion-des-violences-et-harcelements-sexuels-et-ou-sexistes/>

### **Information point**

We recommend a daily visit to the info point, where you'll find the programme, organisational information and a message and car-sharing area.

### **Children**

**The gatherings grounds are not intended for a specific reception of children.** We ask that young people under the age of 18 should always be under the supervision of an adult.

Every child must be registered, even if admission is free. Proof of identity is also required (family record book accepted).

[Parental authorisation](#) have to present it, filled in and signed, upon arrival at Gennetines, in the presence of their referee for the gatherings.

## Medical certificate and insurance

We suggest that you consult a doctor to know if you are able to practice dance during the festival. We also strongly recommend that you take an insurance policy to cover the physical injuries you are exposed to during your activities.

## Animals

We are not able to accommodate pets at the festival for reasons of noise, hygiene and responsibility. **Animals are therefore prohibited on the festival site, the parking lots and the campsites.**

## Useful tips

You can personalise your rucksack to make it easier to find including at night and bring:

- a snap hook to hang your bag;
- a glass, tumbler or water bottle;
- a cloth napkin;
- A small independent light;
- a small first-aid kit (insects, minor injuries, contractures, sun cream, etc.).

## Gennetines geographical location

Gennetines is situated 300 km south of Paris and 10 km north of Moulins, in the Allier Department. The Grand Bal de l'Europe takes place on an old Bourbonnais farm, Les Gauthiers, situated on the D288, halfway between the villages of Gennetines and Trévol.

By train, the nearest station is 10 km away at Moulins-sur-Allier ; there is no regular transport to get to the festival site. Possible solutions for completing your journey:

- a taxi, tell the driver you are going to the Grand Bal de l'Europe, « aux Gauthiers, 13 Route de Trévol », at Gennetines, on the D288 ;
- On-demand return transport from the station Monday to Saturday from 9am to 6pm: select the Gennetines-Les Marcons stop (500 metres from the festival), practical information on the website <https://www.moulins-bus.com/tad-aleo-a-la-demande/>

## Car park and campsites

**Car park and campsites are both situated on private property and are only available to participants wearing a festival bracelet.** They are free.

The campsites are on farm fields, near the festival site, provided with hot showers, toilets, drinking water taps, sinks for washing, and electric outlets for razors and hairdryers only.

They will be available from 23th July.

## Peace and Quiet and Safety on our campsites

Pay attention to your neighbours. Please drive slowly and use your vehicle as little as possible. **Do not sleep in the car park.** Speak softly.

Our campsites are big enough to accommodate all the participants. We do not reserve any spaces, you will need to find an available space when you arrive. Please ensure you select the correct type of accommodation (tent, motorhome, caravan, car or camper van).

All of us must respect the legislation and the festival regulations, and the inhabitants of Gennetines, where we should be as quiet as possible.

**To ensure everyone's safety, the following rules are fundamental** and must be obeyed **without discussion.** We give on this page other lodging possibilities.

- Sealed-off areas must be kept free for use by security or emergency workers. There must be a reasonable space between tents in order to prevent the spreading of fires.
- No dangerous or toxic products should be stored in tents.

- Our campsites do not cater for smokers or gas cookers (we recommend extreme caution on the part of smokers and cookers – they should have a fire-extinguisher and have a stock of water nearby their tent).
- Do not camp or park under trees. In the event of a storm, evacuate if you are near trees.
- Please make sure your tent and other material are securely fixed.
- The grounds are bumpy and there is very little light or none. We recommend bringing your own torch and taking care when walking.
- The Association will not be held responsible if our rules are not respected (please check that you have personal insurance).

## Hotels, Bed & Breakfast

The **tourist information centre of Moulins** and its region can help you with accommodation or in discovering our region. Book your accommodation in good time.

– Office de Tourisme de Moulins et sa région

11 rue François-Péron – 03000 Moulins

Tel: +33 4 70 44 14 14

[www.moulins-tourisme.com](http://www.moulins-tourisme.com)

## Gîtes de France

You can contact the Gîtes de France departmental offices for Allier and Nièvre.

– Gîtes de France Allier

[www.gites-de-france-allier.com](http://www.gites-de-france-allier.com)

Tél. +33 4 82 75 68 55

– Gîtes de France Nièvre

<http://www.gites-de-france.com/fr/>

[bourgogne/location-de-vacances-nievre](http://www.gites-de-france.com/fr/bourgogne/location-de-vacances-nievre)

Tél. +33 3 86 36 42 39.

## Contact

**A.E.A.D.T. – Grand Bal de l'Europe**

13 Route de Trévol - Les Gauthiers

03400 Gennetines - France

**0033 (0)4 70 42 14 42**

on Tuesdays between **10 am and 3.30 pm and 8 pm and 9.30 pm**

(except in July and August)

## Contact during the meetings

- During the festival, we do not answer the phone. In order to get through, please send an email ([grandbal@gennetines.org](mailto:grandbal@gennetines.org)).
- We have an information point at the central Meeting Point and **all participants should check the news and messages several times per day.**
- There is a post box at the entrance to the car park, opposite the sales point, where you can post your letters. The postman will collect them every day except Sundays.