Massy, where industry & leisure meet

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Over the past few years, Massy has become one of the top three regional centers in the greater Paris area. It now leads the Essonne in economic activity, a position that is bolstered by its ideal geographical location at the heart of a transportation hub.

Massy is both a breeding ground for business and a space for living. The town has thus developed, and continues to develop, while keeping a balance and maintaining a quality of life that makes it one of the most dynamic towns in the southern Paris suburbs.

At Massy, we have made the most of the town’s assets for the benefit of everyone, including business. Our wide range of amenities, accessible to all, include 120 hectares of green space, three train stations, 1 opera, 3 swimming pools (including one Olympic-size pool), 8 gymnasiums and two mediatheques.

The Tourism Office promotes the town’s many positive points beyond its frontiers. It works in close collaboration with the town’s movers and shakers. In the economic sector, it contributes to the development of both business tourism and recreational tourism. This brochure is a reflection of this cooperation and is designed to make you want to get to know Massy, if you don’t already, and become a key player in its growth. I sincerely hope we achieve these goals.

Vincent Delahaye
Mayor
Modern Massy

With a surface area of 943 hectares, Massy has undergone spectacular growth over the past few decades to the point of becoming the second commune in the Essonne with more than 40,000 inhabitants and the leader in terms of economic activity.

Located 12 kilometers from Paris (the Porte d'Orléans) and 15 kilometers from Notre Dame, Massy occupies a privileged position between the urban zone of the Paris suburbs and the 'green lung' of the area south of Paris (Île de France) that is the Essonne.

Massy, a touristic crossroads, benefits from all the advantages of being a stopover town for tourists who wish to visit the capital as well as the historical and cultural sites of our region.
Historical Massy

In the year 300, a Roman legionnaire, MASSIUS, was granted, in reward for his exploits, land on which he built a villa which even then bore the name Massy. In 600, a human settlement emerged which grew over the centuries despite the vicissitudes of time.

Little remains of this past except the bell tower of a 13th century church listed as an historical monument that survived the bombings in 1944. History tells us that in 1777 the baron of Massy married Prince Grimaldi of Monaco and that in 1852 Prince Jérôme Bonaparte took over ownership of the Château de Vilgénis.

The town’s center reminds us that Massy was an agricultural and rural village. Farm outbuildings still exist and are protected within a perimeter defined by ZPAAU (Zone de Protection du Patrimoine de l’Architecture et de l’Urbanisme Paysager – Protected Area for Architectural and Landscape Urbanism Heritage).

Among Massy’s celebrities are:

→ Jacques TENON: a surgeon after whom a hospital was named.
→ Denis Fustel de COULANGES: historian.
→ Nicolas APPERT: chemist and inventor of the canning process.
Artistic Massy

One of the major Massy advantages is the quality of its cultural life. It is the only town in the greater Paris area – excluding Paris itself – to have its own Opera. The symphonic orchestra contributes to the musical reputation of the town, in the same way that the Centre Culturel Paul Bailliart offers a new range of musical experience ... with the renowned 'Primeurs' festival.

The Festival International du Cirque is the must-see for fans of this popular art form. This is a show of exceptional quality lauded by all. Also worth noting is the Sports Book Salon which had its debut in November 2006.

The conservatory of music and dance - 750 members -
The three CinéMassy movie theatres with an eclectic program,
the Jean Cocteau mediathèque and the town’s two libraries
(including one which will soon become another mediathèque)
as well as the 50 or so artistic associations that contribute to
Massy’s cultural glory.

Very soon, a new Social-Cultural Center (Le Centre Lino Ventura) will open on the Square du Clos de Villaine. It is dedicated to music and open to everyone.
Sporty Massy

For a number of years now, Massy has had a reputation as a keen sports town and is known for its extensive sporting facilities, the number of different types of sports practiced by its increasingly growing population as well as the results obtained by its players. In this way, Massy inhabitants can enjoy almost every type of sport. Indeed, our list of impressive high-quality sports facilities is extensive: An Multi-Sports Centre, three pool complexes including one with an Olympic-size pool, tennis courts, football and rugby stadiums, a Basque handball court, a climbing wall (regional center), a golfing range, and a number of gymnasiums. Handball, gymnastics, fencing, archery, martial arts, boxing, volleyball, billiards and basketball are just a few of the sports ... not to mention bi-cross and roller-skating tracks, as well as petanque terrains.

The Office Massicois du Sport (OMS) supports 57 sections within 32 clubs that boast 9500 players. Among these, some practice sports that are feathers in Massy’s cap that, in addition to giving much satisfaction to supporters, enhance Massy’s reputation country-wide.

Foremost of these is rugby, with one of best-renowned training centres in France and the training ground for a number of international players [Marlu, Lamboley, Marchois etc.], followed by handball, whose former player Olivier Girault is the current captain of the European champion team, climbing with world champion Emilie Verdier, boxing with Gabriel Mapouka Europe vice-champion, fencing [Olympic champion Philippe Omnès sharpened his swords here], and last but not least, swimming [Sophie de Ronchi participated in the world championship at Shangai].
Massy, easy to access

Massy occupies an enviable location with easy access due to its ultra-modern train stations with TGV interconnections, but also via its RER B and C stations.

Connected to this most modern of transportation, the TGV, means Massy has a direct link to Nantes, Lyon, Marseille, Grenoble, Toulouse and as of June 2007, with Strasbourg. These connections open its horizons to capitals such as London and Brussels, thus increasing its possibilities for growth in business and tourism.

Moreover, its road system has convinced a number of companies to choose Massy as their base.

15 minutes from Paris via the RER, with direct links to the Stade de France, the Orly and Roissy international airports, the Villepinte business center and Eurodisney contribute to the growth of our city.

Buses also crisscross the city enabling citizens to circulate from one part of the city. Varying itineraries offer a number of possibilities to outside business activity zones from the Massy-Palaiseau station.
Young Massy

- 26 primary schools,
- 3 junior high schools,
- 3 high schools,
- 1 engineering school
- and one training center.

Massy offers a wide range of schools and higher education institutions. We place a premium on reading and writing, combined with time consecrated to extracurricular activities.

Associative and municipal structures also for 12-25 years offer various activities linking recreation, education support and customized solutions.

Massy, a welcoming town

Massy has extensive commercial equipment and services adapted to the needs of everyone. With a number of shopping complexes (the Franciades, Cora, -X %, Leclerc, etc.), neighbourhood markets and many other businesses in the area, it offers a quality of life much appreciated by its residents.

Its housing possibilities – the most wide-ranging in the area – and its variety of restaurants attract tourists to Massy as a stopover town to discovering Paris and the surrounding areas.

Moreover, the Institut Hospitalier Jacques Cartier, banks, real estate agents, garage dealerships, freelance consultants, and others, are always ready to meet the needs of Massy’s residents.
Entrepreneurial Massy

A leading economic center in the Essonne, Massy has met the 21st century head-on. With its dynamism, multi-modal access and significant real estate development potential, it is increasingly proving to be a magnet for companies wishing to set up headquarters in the Paris area.

Its five industrial zones attract large companies with international scope. To this day, there are more than 1500 public and private companies that have chosen to locate in Massy, including: Alcatel, Ericsson, Alstom, Areva, NCR France, Thalès, Ricoh, Sagem, Bouygues Immobilier, Sanofi-Synthelabo, Compagnie Générale de Géophysique, Carrefour, SFR Call Center, Bull Training Center.

By 2015, the business area of Champs Ronds – rebaptized Massy Atlantis- will constitute a first-rate commercial zone.

An apartment-hotel is now available to companies to welcome employees while travelling on business and their visitors for longer periods of time.
The town’s associative fabric is very rich and local houses used by all generations offer a plethora of activities thus adding to an environment where friendliness, openness and tolerance are key words.

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Massy and its green spaces

The ‘green alley’ in the southern Paris suburbs that stretches from Montparnasse to Massy is a link between the town and the country. Indeed, located at the gates of Paris, Massy is close to the Chevreuse and Bièvre valleys. Dynamic ‘flowered town’ (three flowers) in full growth with its numerous parks, gardens, waterways, and walking trails, it provides a high quality of life.

Moreover, its proximity to some 30 sites (Versailles, Rambouillet, Fontainebleau and Chamarande, for example) cited in numerous guides makes Massy a touristic crossroads.

In December 2005, the town launched the Agenda 21 program leading to a certain number of initiatives within the framework of sustainable development.

Massy, a friendly town

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Access

Railway access:
- RER B-RATP (Massy Palaiseau or Massy Verrières)
- RER C-SNCF (Massy Palaiseau or Massy Verrières)
- TGV (Massy TGV interconnection railway), West, North, South-east, Atlantic

Road access:
- A6/A10
- RN20

Airport access:
- ORLY West and south:
  - RER B + Orlyval via Antony (13 minutes)
  - RER C + bus via Pont de Rungis (27 minutes)
- Roissy Charles de Gaulle:
  - Direct RER B (1h)

Bus:
- 9 lines RATP lines (119, 196, 197, 199, 299, 319, 495, 496)
- Noctilien (N21, N63, N122)
- Le Paladin
- Other lines to the Saclay Scientipôle (Scientific and Technological Research Center), The Courtaboeuf industrial estate, etc.

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