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## GUIDED TOUR OF THE STADE DE FRANCE - The Stadium Opens Its Doors For You

### Behind The Scenes At the Stade De France

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Designed by 4 Architects, Michel Macary, Aymeric Zubléna, Michel Regembla et Claude Costantini, the Stade de France is considered to be the Stadium of the Third Millennium. It boasts 80,000 Sheltered Seating and is equipped with Exceptional Facilities : Restaurants open for Lunch everyday of the Week, Reception Areas, Conference and Exhibition Space, VIP Boxes with Private Terrace, Gourmet Restaurant, Gifts Shop... The Diversity and Quality of the Events organised at the Stade de France goes without saying. Every year, the Most Important Sporting Events take place : the 6 Nations Rugby Tournament, Football Finals, Athletics Meetings... These Events are the Best Guarantee for an Intense Experience to share with your Family and Friends.

The Discussion of a National Stadium in France came about as a Result of the Country's Selection to host the 1998 FIFA World Cup on 2 July 1992. As a Result of the Selection, the Country and the France Football Federation made a Commitment to construct an 80,000+ Capacity All-Seater Stadium with every Seat in the Facility being covered. It was the First Time in over 70 Years since the Construction of the Stade Olympique Yves-du-Manoir that a Stadium in France was being constructed for a Specific Event. Due to the Magnitude and Importance of the Facility, the Council of State was allowed First Hand Approach to how the Stadium would be constructed and paid for.

During the Developmental Phase, the Stadium was referred to in French as the Grand Stade ("Large Stadium" or "Great Stadium"). On 4 December 1995, the Ministry of Sport launched a Design Competition to decide on a Name for the Stadium. The Stadium was officially named the "Stade De France" after the Ministry heard a Proposal from French Football Legend Michel Platini, who recommended the Name. The Stadium was inaugurated on 28 January 1998 as it hosted a Football Match between France and Spain. The Total Cost of the Stadium was approximately €290 million. The Match was played in Front of 78,368 Spectators, which included President Jacques Chirac, with France winning the Match 1-0 with Zinedine Zidane scoring the Lone Goal, and the First-Ever in the Stade de France, in the 20th Minute. Six months later, France returned to the Stadium and defeated Brazil in the 1998 FIFA World Cup Final to earn their First World Cup Title.

The Stade de France has a Movable Stand which can be retracted to uncover Part of the Athletics Track. The Stadium was notably designed with the Assistance of a Software Simulation of Crowd in order to get an Accurate Observation of how it would look fully developed. The Facility was also intended to draw Interest in and develop the Area of the Plaine Saint-Denis, which straddle the Communes of Saint-Denis, Aubervilliers, and Saint-Ouen. The Primary Goal was to renovate the Area by building New Residential and Tertiary Sites. The Construction of the Stade de France's Roof cost over €45 million. Its Elliptical Shape symbolizes the Universality of Sport in France. Its Area of Six Hectares and Weight, 13,000 Tons, is considered a Technical Marvel by many. It was designed to easily protect the 80,000 Spectators without covering the Playing Field.

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