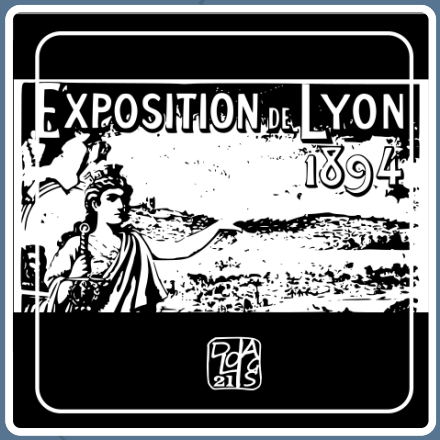


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Exposition universelle de Lyon – 1894

The Lyon Universal, International, and Colonial Exposition was held in 1894 at the Parc de la Tête d'Or. Organized between the Paris World's Fairs of 1889 and 1900, it aimed to showcase the industrial, scientific, and commercial advances of the time. The event opened on April 29, 1894, and attracted numerous French and foreign exhibitors. Large pavilions were dedicated to industry, agriculture, the arts, and transportation. A major colonial section showcased the territories of the French Empire. Visitors discovered products, technologies, and cultures from around the world. The exposition also served as a venue for entertainment, featuring shows, concerts, and attractions. An electric tram provided transportation within the grounds. Lyon's infrastructure was modernized to accommodate the millions of visitors expected. Mayor Antoine Gailleton played a key role in organizing the event. Among the exhibitors were the Michelin brothers, André and Édouard Michelin, who showcased their innovations in the field of tires and helped raise awareness of developments in the automobile and cycling industries. The exhibition was a huge popular success, attracting approximately 3.8 million visitors. However, it was marred by a tragic event. On June 24, 1894, the President of the French Republic, Sadi Carnot, was assassinated during an official visit to Lyon.