

4.1.1.2 Accessible city routes; Bordeaux; Athens; Venice; Padua

Bordeaux, Destination for all; Bordeaux: In Bordeaux, inclusion is at the heart of public policies, so that the region is accessible for all. Bordeaux 'Tourism and Handicap' certified routes are accessible for those with mobility or hearing disabilities, and four map displays for the visually impaired have been installed. The Bordeaux Tourist Office has also developed a dedicated guide for those with disabilities and contains all the services available to people with reduced mobility. The guide is regularly updated, considering the feedback and needs of users. Additionally, the 'City and Handicap' task force has helped to make major cultural events such as the Bordeaux Wine Festival and the Bordeaux River Festival accessible for visitors with special needs. The municipality has paid particular attention to adapting sites where these events take place with e.g., access ramps, adapted sanitary facilities, zones reserved exclusively for use by persons of reduced mobility and human assistance.

Find out more at: <https://www.bordeaux-tourism.co.uk/accessibility>

"The Grand Walk of Athens"; Athens:

In summer 2020, Athens implemented an initiative called "The Great Walk of Athens" that transformed streets into walking and biking paths in areas heavily utilized by cars. The pilot phase of a long-term redevelopment program, the Grand Walk generated wide discussion about urban infrastructure as a public good. Helping residents participate in the design of public spaces helps raise awareness of streets that need to serve many different purposes and populations with differing privileges and abilities.



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