



Les 24 Heures du Roman

Embark on an unforgettable Franco-Japanese literary adventure

In October 2025, a captivating and unprecedented literary event will take place in Japan: the second edition of *Les 24 Heures du Roman*. This unique project will offer an immersive and mysterious experience aboard an enigmatic train. **Twelve internationally renowned writers, six French and six Japanese**, along with **six Franco-Japanese translators**, will collaborate to write and translate a novel in just **24 hours** on a train without knowing the final destination until the day before departure. Is the train real? Good question. It could be, it might not be. Who knows? It's a mystery novel!

An exceptional literary and cultural journey

Set against the backdrop of the France Pavilion at **Expo 2025, Osaka, Kansai, Japan**, the plot will unfold in a fascinating setting where reality blends with deceptive appearances. Get ready for a succession of subtle dramas and mysterious events, where the worlds of fashion and gastronomy take centre stage. Passions ignite, and love enriches the narrative with unique flavours and styles. **Fashion and gastronomy** intertwine for the duration of a novel, where passions run wild until the climax.

A collaboration transcending borders

This project aims to transcend genres and boundaries, creating a unique connection between France and Japan. For 24 hours, the twelve writers, including some members of the **OuLiPo**, such as Hervé Le Tellier, winner of the 2020 Prix Goncourt, will join their talents to compose a novel in which each secret revealed conceals another, immersing the reader in a world that is both enchanting, captivating, and highly engaging.

An event not to be missed

The 2025 edition of *Les 24 Heures du Roman* promises a new literary adventure full of mysteries and cultural discoveries. Do not miss this unique event where literature becomes a bridge between two cultures, and where every page you turn brings you a little closer to the unknown.

Join us in **October 2025** to discover the fruit of this exceptional collaboration and let yourself be swept away by a story where the everyday mixes with the strange, and where enigma becomes art.

A look back at the first edition

The first edition of *Les 24 Heures du Roman* took place in Canada in October 2015, marking the 400th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's arrival in North America. Twenty-four French-speaking writers travelled from Halifax to Toronto, working together for 24 hours to write "**Sur les traces de Champlain : Une aventure extraordinaire en 24 tableaux.**" Published in November 2015, the novel has been acclaimed for its literary success and cross-cultural experience.