Twin cities are to bare all

GLASGOW and Marseille always made a lovely pair. Now the Scottish and French twin cities are to bare all.

That is because naturists in the two ports have followed their politicians and teamed up, not least because the Scots fancy somewhere warm to undress.

Eric Stefanut, vice-president of Marseille's naturist association, came up with the idea as he watched Scotland suffer a rained-off summer.

The Scots, he told La Provence, Marseille's paper, "have actually shown themselves very interested in our naked rambles and will soon come to take part. They are amazed by the beaches and the number of holiday centres dedicated to naturism that exist in the south".

Mr Stefanut also plans to adopt a Scottish tradition: the Ne'er's Day Dip. His association wants to see in the New Year in the nude and turn one of the Calanques or inlets near the city into a naturist zone for the day.

Glasgow and Marseille twinned in 2006, one of several such arrangements made by the city's Labour administration.

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