



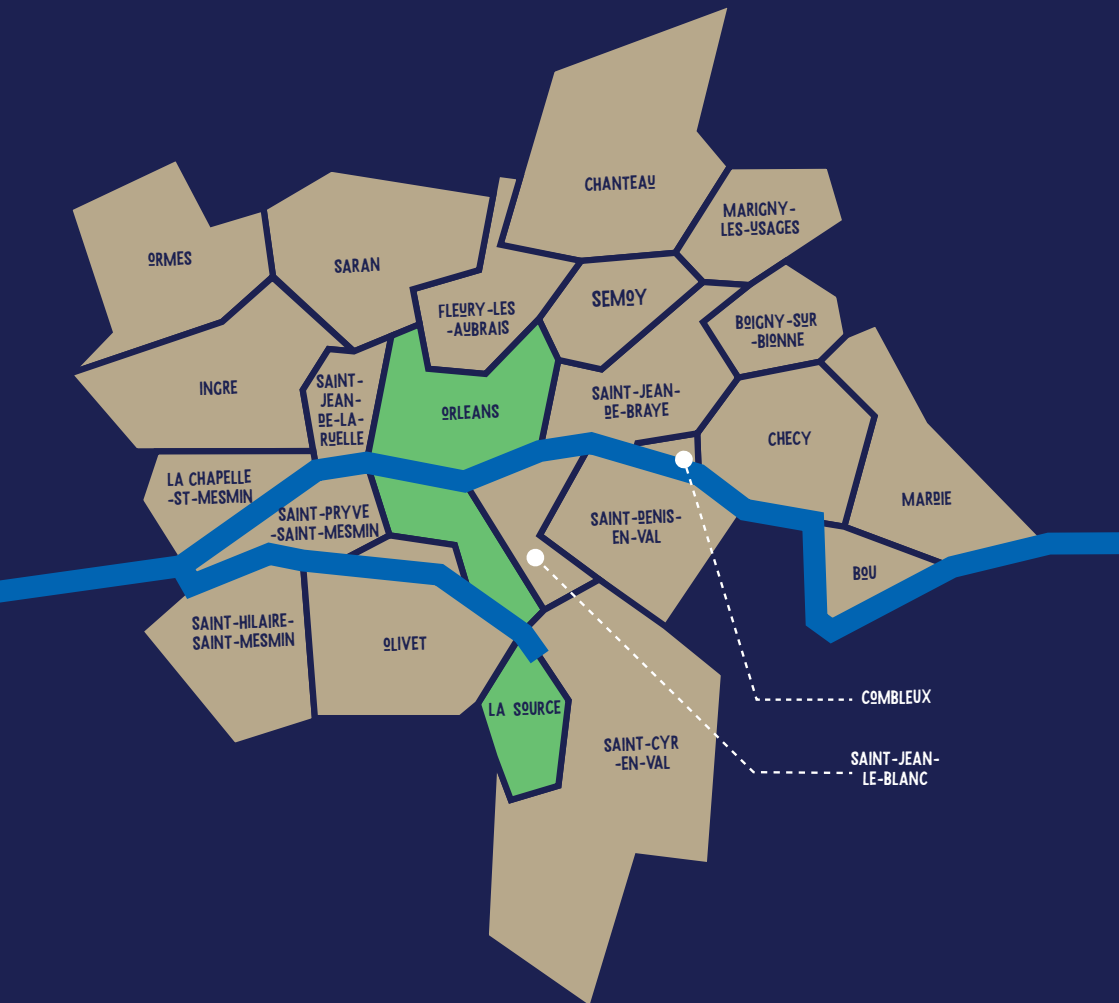
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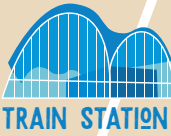
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THE LOIRE RIVER

ORLEANS CITY CENTRE



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TRAM A

RUE DE LA REPUBLIQUE

FRAC



RUE BILLIERS



MAIRIE
MUSEE DES BEAUX ARTS

CAMPO SANTO



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PLACE DU MARTROI



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CATHEdraLE

JARDIN DE L'EVACHE

AUBERGE DE JEUNESSE



PARC DE LA MOTTE SANGUIN

RUE DES CARMES

CINEMA DES CARMES



MAISON JEANNE D'ARC

CENTRE CHARLES PEGUY

RUE JEANNE D'ARC

MUSEE HISTORIQUE ET ARCHEOLOGIQUE



RUE DE BOURGOGNE

JARDIN DE LA CHARPENTERIE

CLOITRE ST-PIERRE LE-PUELLIER

CRYPTE ET EGLISE ST-AIGNAN

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MEUNG-SUR-LOIRE

BD JEAN JAURES



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QUAI DU CHATELET

QUAI DU FORT ALLEAUME

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to this second City Guide from Orléans Loire Valley Tourism!

The whole team of the Tourist Office has worked together to create it and offer you a new, practical, comprehensive guide which is both useful and user-friendly!

Indeed, far from being exhaustive, for each theme, travel advisor has selected their unmissables and the "Office Gems"!

Our website www.tourisme-orleansmetropole.com and smartphone app **Destination Orléans** are also at your disposal to complement this guide and offer you the most complete, up-to-date information possible!

As a second edition, this City Guide will expand and evolve!
Feel free to try it out and share your comments with us when you visit our beautiful city of Orléans, with a thousand experiences to enjoy!



From left to right : Laura, Guillaume, Marilyne, Benoît, Sabine, Marjorie, Julie, Axel, Brigitte, Mathilde L., Géraldine, Stéphane, Marie, Mathilde P., Victoria. Missing on the picture : Sébastien, Charlotte, Allison, Raphael and Mylene.

OUR CITY BREAK ROUTES

ORLEANS, MY CITYBREAK DESTINATION!

A guaranteed change of scenery and a range of experiences on your doorstep!
Whether you have half a day or a long weekend,
discover what Orleans has to offer!

CITYBREAK

HALF-DAY

MARILYNE'S HALF-DAY CITYBREAK ROUTE

Half a day in Orleans is a bit short!
This adapted tour lets you discover
the essentials, but will leave
you wanting to come back.

Start with **Hotel Groslot** and its garden,
a Renaissance setting that's actually
the old Town Hall.

Continue with **Sainte-Croix (Holy Cross)
Cathedral**, a magnificent building dating
back to 1601.

Then make an artistic detour
to the **Museum of Fine Arts**, one of the
oldest and richest in France, which
offers up its collections ranging from
the 15th to the 20th century.

A tasty mix of paintings, sculptures,
drawings and prints.

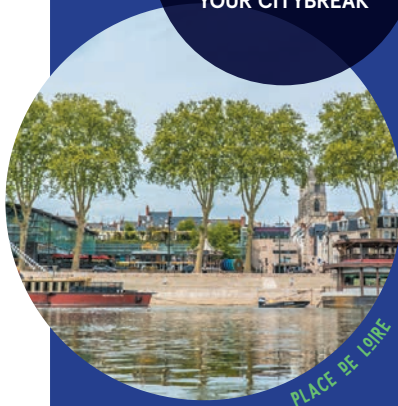
Take advantage of the proximity
of **the Loire** to take a stroll, while passing
through the old centre, rehabilitated
in 2001, and its half-timbered houses.

Arriving at **Place de Loire**, notice
on your right the George V Bridge,
alias **the Royal Bridge**. Photo stop!

Head for a gourmet break at **Les Halles
Châtelet** and leave with a culinary souvenir
from Orleans!

If time allows, make the most of your
combined museum ticket to discover
Joan of Arc's house and the Museum
of History and Archaeology, housed
in the splendid Hotel Cabu.

**DON'T FORGET
TO BUY THE
ORLEANS CITYPASS,
ESSENTIAL FOR
YOUR CITYBREAK**



Visit the city independently
with **an audioguide from the
Tourist Office**. A 2 hr 30 visit that
helps you discover Hotel Groslot,
Sainte-Croix Cathedral
and the old town centre.

*Booking available on the Orleans
Val de Loire Tourism website or at the
ticket office. Rates: €7 per person.*

CITYBREAK

1 DAY

MARILYNE'S ONE-DAY CITYBREAK ROUTE

On the agenda: an architecture and plant assortment, the coquettish combination of ancient and modern and, of course, a historical aspect. Breathtaking!

Start your day with a long stroll in **the Parc Floral**. Greenhouse with butterflies, pink flamingos and the source of the Loiret are yours to discover here. For more sporty types, you can play mini-golf. For food lovers, have lunch at **La Terrasse du Parc**.


Then come back to Orléans' central district and head straight for **Place du Martroi**. Guarded by its equestrian statue of **Joan of Arc**, you can take a break and have a drink in peace.

Then take Rue Jeanne d'Arc and make a first stop at **Hotel Groslot**, the former town hall, then past **Hotel Dupanloup** which takes you to **Cercil, the Memorial Museum of the Children of Vel d'Hiv**. Two places steeped in history!

The afternoon ends on a royal note: go down to the banks of the Loire, laid out for a refreshing walk.

Working up a thirst? No problem – head for **Rue de Bourgogne**, the main artery of old Orleans, for a drink on the terrace.

Right in the middle of **the old centre**, enjoy discovering architecture which has had all its glory restored by the refurbishment plan.



DON'T FORGET TO BUY CITYPASS ORLÉANS MÉTROPOLE, ESSENTIAL FOR YOUR CITYBREAK

Are you a fan of a good beer? IPA, Pale Ale or local beers await you at **206 Rue de Bourgogne**, at the bar **Les 10 fûts**.

A very friendly atmosphere with 10 barrels of beer just waiting for you.



RUE DE BOURGOGNE



CITYBREAK

2 DAYS

MARILYNE'S 2-DAY CITYBREAK ROUTE

Experience your Citybreak like a local with our selection of the best sites in Orléans Métropole.

The terraces of **Place Sainte-Croix** (breathtaking view of the **Cathedral**) welcome you all week long for breakfast or simply to enjoy a coffee. Use your late morning to go to the **Tourist Office** and book your **guided** or audio-guided tour of the city.

Many time slots are available: in the morning, like the famous "**Orléans from bottom to top**", in the afternoon for the classic "**Discovering Orléans**", or even in the evening for the secret "**Mystery of Saint-Aignan's crypt**". You prefer to be independent? We recommend you rent an audioguide.

If you arrive on a Saturday, make the most of your late morning to go **bargain hunting on Boulevard Alexandre Martin**.

A little peckish? Visit **Place du Martroi** for lunch under the watchful eye of **Joan of Arc**.

By walking to **Combleux**, a charming village further along the canal, you're sure to be impressed by the natural facilities this part of the metropolis offers.

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LE MUSÉE DES BEAUX-ARTS

Allow about three hours' walk for the round trip.

On the way back, you have the option to take a break, with a snack at **Bar de Loire**.

If you opt for a night visit, it's a good time to lose yourself in the old vinegar-making district.

At the exit from the Saint-Aignan crypt, head down and enjoy the Loire in the moonlight. Go up **Rue de la Tour Neuve** and turn into **Rue des Tanneurs**, go up **Rue Saint-Flou** then turn into **Rue de la Folie** to Place de **Saint-Pierre-le-Puellier**. Then go up **Rue de la Tour**, **Rue Saint-Gilles** and **Rue de l'Université**. You've arrived at **Rue de Bourgogne**, the nightlife district not to be missed for a wild evening!

If you're hungry, it's also a great place to eat.

The next day, get your strength back by going to have brunch. The rest of the day is up to you:

- **CULTURE:** **Museum of Fine Arts** and the **FRAC** are essentials for art lovers!
- **RESTFUL:** A **traditional boat trip** (reservation also at the Tourist Office or at www.tourisme-orleansmetropole.com) or a spa at the **Empreinte Hotel**.



Music lovers, check out the programme for **the Astrolabe!** Current music in store and the whole of Orléans gathered there to dance until the end of the night.





CITYBREAK

3 DAYS

THE 3-DAY CITYBREAK ROUTE FROM MARILYNE

Enjoy your Citybreak like a local with our selection of the best sites in Orléans Métropole.

For the first two days, please see the **Citybreak - two days** programme.

Your stay lasts a bit longer to enjoy an unforgettable experience in Orléans? Whether you feel like a bit of greenery, history or just having fun, you're making the right choice!

Feel like getting some fresh air nearby?

Take the road to **Parc Floral**: there are several ways to do this: tram, car or bicycle (for the tram, the map of the Tao network is available at the **Tourist Office**, while for cycling, see the section "**on foot or by bike**").

This park, labelled a "**Remarkable Garden**" and created in 1963, is a haven of peace where you can picnic and relax in the deckchairs provided. The 35 hectares featured in a scene from the film *Parlez-moi de vous*.

Feeling rather royal?

Head for the **Tourist Office** where you'll find a selection of great ticket offers to visit numerous castles: **Blois, Chambord, Meung-sur-Loire, La Ferté-Saint-Aubin, Domaine de Chaumont and Saint-Brisson**.

Take advantage of reduced prices and queue-jumping tickets.

Go to the **Castles** section.

Fancy a bit of fun?

You'll find all the bowling activities, laserquest, escape games, laser games and virtual games in the Indoor section!



LE PARC FLORAL

DON'T FORGET TO BUY CITYPASS ORLÉANS MÉTROPOLE, ESSENTIAL FOR YOUR CITYBREAK

Cluedo at Château de la Ferté-Saint-Aubin: a life-size game in the heart of an enigmatic atmosphere! Will you be able to find the culprit?

To register, visit:
www.tourism-orleansmetropole.com

ORLEANS METROPOLE, A NATURAL SETTING

Orleans offers exceptional natural heritage,
with its mix of forest, Loire and remarkable gardens
on the Rose Route.



PARC FLORAL DE LA SOURCE

A major site on the Rose Route in Loiret, this Floral Park is part of an approach to environmental preservation and best practices. Enjoy a space covering 35 hectares of nature and be amazed by the diversity of plants: irises, dahlias, roses, fuchsias, wonderful trees, flowerbeds and thematic gardens. As well as no less than 350 animals: flamingos, exotic birds, ducks, mammals, tropical butterflies.

On site, there are numerous fun services available: the little steam train, minigolf and pedal cart hire, as well as loan of badminton and croquet games. You can spend a whole day discovering this place. Fast food, sweet or savoury snacks, ice cream and drinks are available. You can also bring your own picnic! Dogs are allowed on a leash.

📍 Avenue du Parc Floral - 45100 Orleans



PARC PASTEUR

Parc Pasteur is one of the three great gardens in Orleans. Of French inspiration, plant scenes make a wonderful show around the large lawn and fountain. Here, you'll find lots of statues, the door of the old Sainte-Samson Church and hundred-year-old trees bearing the "Remarkable Tree" label. Ideal for families, the site has a merry-go-round, playgrounds, sports facilities and the famous Wichita, a little steam train that children love.

📍 10 Rue Pierre Premier de Serbie · 45000 Orleans



THE ORLEANS METROPOLIS GARDENS

Having been awarded the 4 Flowers Label at the Villes et Villages Fleuris competition, Orleans boasts numerous parks and gardens. Along this route, you can discover all these green spaces for yourself. The Bishopric Garden (Jardin de l'Evêché), in classical style, offers a remarkable view of the Cathedral and 18th-century facade of the former Bishopric. The romantic-style garden of Hotel Groslot lets you discover the porch of Chapelle Saint-Jacques (chapel). The Jardin de la Charpenterie (Carpentry Garden) is a hanging garden from which you can observe the Loire and its quays.

- 📍 Jardin de l'Evêché:
Rue Robert de Courtenay · 45000 Orleans
- 📍 Jardin de l'hôtel Groslot:
3 Rue d'Escures · 45000 Orleans
- 📍 Jardin de la Charpenterie:
Rue de la Charpenterie · 45000 Orleans

ILE CHARLEMAGNE

Just a few minutes from the city, this large space invites you to relax. It's the ideal place to cycle, jog, do all manner of water activities or just walk around. The site offers a vast playground for children and lots of specialist activity areas. For the more daring, paintball and tree adventure climbing are also available.

- 📍 Levée de la Chevauchée
· 45650 Saint-Jean-le-Blanc



JARDIN HELENE CADOU

The latest addition to Orleans' gardens, nestled above the banks of the Loire, it's a little marvel of beauty... Created in 2014 on the banks of the Loire, this new classic garden covering 6000 m² has been developed along the lines of ancient ramparts dating from the 15th century and a 17th-century château. It offers a wonderful diversity of atmospheres and plants, and a shady part thanks to ancient, remarkable trees.

- 📍 Rue Robert de Courtenay
· 45000 Orleans



LA FORÊT D'ORLEANS

A true green lung for the region, the Orleans State Forest, which extends to the west of the city, is the largest in France. Pull your hiking boots on and prepare to walk along these footpaths which invite you to discover the natural wealth of the Loire Valley. Climb to the top of the Belvédère des Caillettes and admire the expanse of the site. Only a trained eye will see the towers of Sainte-Croix Cathedral among the treetops.



L'ARBORETUM DES GRANDES BRUYERES

In the heart of the Orleans Forest, the Grandes Bruyères Arboretum is a 14-hectare ecological site. Classified as a "Remarkable Garden" for more than 10 years, it offers a chance to discover rare species and seven classified collections.

📍 Chemin de la Grande Bruyère · 45450 Ingrannes

LE PARC DU POUTYL D'OLIVET

This is one of the most charming public gardens in the Orleans area. On the south bank of the Loire, this French-style park (3.5 ha), of great botanical diversity, has a terrace overlooking the Loiret River: the view extends past beautiful villas and their boat stations, "Belle Epoque" vestiges of a spectacular setting.

📍 Rue Robert de Courtenay · 45000 Orleans



JARDINS DE ROQUELIN

In Meung-sur-Loire just a stone's throw from the Loire, the Jardins de Roquelin offer a romantic break. A green setting where you can admire and smell the perfume of 450 varieties of established roses. Covering an area of one hectare, this English-inspired site on the Rose Route is a true sensory journey.

📍 Roquelin
· 45130 Meung-sur-Loire



PARC DE LA CHARBONNIERE

Back in Orleans, Parc de la Charbonnière is a true haven of peace and relaxation on the city's outskirts. During a break, admire the architecture of Château de la Charbonnière, standing proudly since the 19th century.

📍 750 Route Nationale 20 152
- 45800 Saint-Jean-de-Braye



LE JARDIN DES PLANTES

Formerly a botanical garden, created by the Apothecary Society in 1640, and an acclimatisation place for rare and exotic plants brought back by sailors from the Loire. The Jardin des Plantes is today a place for plant experimentation and discovery. Remarkable trees, beehives, climatic gardens, rose gardens... This 3.5-hectare site is ideal for families and those curious about nature, whether you're knowledgeable or not!

📍 Place du Jardin des Plantes - 45100 Orleans



LE LOIRET

A tributary of the Loire, which gives its name to the department, the Loiret is a small river which has its source in the heart of the Parc Floral in the south of the city in the Orleans la Source district. Bordered by magnificent 17th-century residences and old refurbished mills, you can enjoy this green space, far from the hustle and bustle of the city. On foot or by scooter, guides from the Tourist Office will be delighted to tell you the history of the mills and the past economic activity they witnessed.

ORLEANS METROPOLE, LOIRE FROM THE WATER

Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Loire Valley provides ever-changing scenery. Cast off for a voyage to discover the Loire landscape, the fruit of centuries of interaction between man and his environment.

LOIRE IN ORLEANS

PLACE DE LOIRE ET JARDIN DE LA CHARPENTERIE

Inaugurated in 2004, Place de Loire has become an essential part of Orleans' life. It opens onto the river with the paddle steamer Inexplosible moored alongside, as well as the Bateau-Lavoir (wash-house boat). Jardin de la Charpenterie offers an aerial view of the Loire and its islets. Sitting on a bench in the garden, under the pergola, is the ideal break to contemplate the river and activity below Place de Loire and its quays.

📍 Rue de la Charpenterie · 45000 Orleans

PONT GEORGE V

Built in the 18th century, the George V Bridge, formerly called the Royal Bridge, spans the Loire and its dyke in the middle with great elegance. It offers an incredible view of the docks from the Fort Alleaume lock in the east to the Europe Bridge in the west. Come and watch the birds resting on the islets and the incomparable light of the Loire at sunset.

QUAI DE PRAGUE

Cross the George V Bridge and take a step back to discover the "picture postcard" view of Orleans on the other side. In the foreground is the Loire River and the George V Bridge, with the Cathedral and old town centre in the background.



QUAI DU CHATELET ET FORT ALLEAUME

Since the quays were renovated in the early 2000s, this has become the place of choice for pedestrians and cyclists. Take the time to stroll and watch the birds and soak up the incomparable atmosphere provided by the special soft light of the Loire Valley.

LA CAPITAINERIE, SON ECLUSE ET LE CANAL D'ORLEANS

Sailing on the Loire dates back hundreds of years. At the height of the Loire Fleet in the 19th century, there were as many as 10 650 boats a year. With developments in transport, the canal and its lock were forgotten. In the early 2000s a "capitainerie" (harbour master's office) was installed and the lock renovated to bring pleasure boating new life.

📍 Quai du Fort Alleaume · 45000 Orleans

L'ILE CHARLEMAGNE

Situated on the south bank, it's a fun area entirely dedicated to sport, relaxation and swimming around a 28-hectare lake. The leisure centre offers multiple activities, making it a favourite place for family days out.

📍 Levée de la Chevauchée
· 45650 Saint-Jean-le-Blanc

LOIRET



PARC FLORAL, LA SOURCE DU LOIRET

For a long time, the source of the Loiret was a mystery and the subject of much speculation. Its main source is in the heart of the Parc Floral de la Source and corresponds to a resurgence of the Loire commonly known as "Le Bouillon".

📍 Avenue du Parc Floral · 45100 Orleans



LES MOULINS ET PROPRIETES DU LOIRET AVEC LES GARES A BATEAUX

Over about 15 km, there extends a succession of sumptuous properties dating from the 17th century, mills and boathouses, including the one at Quetonnaire, which was designed by Garnier, the architect behind the Paris Opera. The mill walk is a haven of peace for walkers and nature lovers.



A REAL GEM FROM STEPHANE

LA POINTE DE COURPAIN

Located west of Orleans in the Saint-Mesmin National Nature Reserve, Pointe de Courpain marks the confluence between Loire and Loiret. On the banks of the Loire, the 2.6 km long trail offers an enthralling walk through an alluvial forest that looks like a tropical forest. Pay attention to the gnawed or pencil-sharpened trees on the banks of the river that bear witness to the discreet presence of the European Beaver. When you arrive, the view of the Loire and its islands is truly beautiful, and it's hard to imagine that we're just a short distance from the city centre.

📍 Saint-Mesmin Nature Reserve
· 45770 Saint-Pryvé-Saint-Mesmin

THE LOIRE IN ORLEANS METROPOLE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

MUSEE DE LA MARINE A CHATEAUNEUF SUR LOIRE

An essential visit to better understand the history of the Loire, this museum located in the stables of a château contains a contemporary museography that brings navigation on the Loire back to life.

📍 1 Place Aristide Briand
· 45110 Châteauneuf-sur-Loire



LES BORDS DE LOIRE A BOU ET MAROIE

Taking time to stop off in the tiny village of Bou, take the small embankment where the old port used to be to discover a magnificent viewpoint over one of the Loire's many meanders.

CHECY

The recent renovation of the wash house on the canal is worth a detour. Built at the end of the 19th century, this makes it a picturesque place.

📍 Chemin du Lavoir · 45430 Chécly

COMBLEUX, ANCIEN VILLAGE DE MARINIER

A few kilometres from Orleans, along the towpath, the village of Combleux retains all its charm. Its canal, lock and swing bridge make it a very quiet place to walk or eat.

LE VIGNOBLE D'ORLEANS CLERY

On the south side along the banks of the Loire, follow the "Route des vignobles d'Orléans" (Orleans Vineyard Route) from Saint-Hilaire-Saint-Mesmin to Cléry-Saint-André, land of the Orleans and Orléans - Cléry AOCs.

LA CHAPELLE-SAINT-MESMIN

For a moment, stop at Place de l'Église. This place offers a pleasant view of the Loire.

📍 Rue À Pic · 45380 La Chapelle-Saint-Mesmin

MEUNG-SUR-LOIRE

Crossed by a series of small rivers, the Mauves, Meung-sur-Loire has an air of miniature Venice which gives its town centre real charm.

BEAUGENCY

The medieval town hides a superb bridge, the oldest on the Loire. Its château and keep located in the centre of town give it a proud appearance.

📍 2 Place Dunois · 45190 Beaugency

BALADE ET LOCATION DE BATEAU

On the Loire, from Orleans town centre, Combleux or Sigloy, the Bargemen are waiting for you to climb aboard and discover the royal river. You can also choose a trip on the canal starting from Combleux or Mardié. If you're tempted to take the helm yourself, it's also possible to rent an electric or rowing boat from the Orleans harbour master's office.

📍 Quai du Fort Alleaume · 45000 Orleans

AVENTURE EN CANOE

For a day or a weekend, with or without bivouac, a canoe is the ideal boat to discover the fauna and flora of the Loire. A guaranteed change of scenery!

MONTGOLFIERE

Take to the skies for an unforgettable experience from the air. At dawn or dusk, the view of the Loire Valley and its châteaux is simply magical.

THE LOIRE IS ALSO...

LE FESTIVAL DE LOIRE

Organised every two years in September, the Loire Festival is the largest gathering of river boats in Europe. Boat trips, entertainment on the quays, concerts and open-air dance cafes are all on offer. For 5 days, more than 220 boats and 700 bargemen bring the port of Orleans and all the activities in the Loire back to life.

LA GAMME FESTIVAL DE LOIRE A LA BOUTIQUE DE L'OFFICE DE TOURISME

Every two years, the Tourist Office dresses up in the Festival colours and offers an exclusive range of products: postcards, magnets, T-shirts, bags etc.



ORLEANS METROPOLE, IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JOAN OF ARC

Celebrated every year, Joan of Arc, the Liberator of Orleans in 1429, has come down the centuries, becoming a symbol of courage and freedom. This route invites you to discover many places that evoke the memory of her passing.



HOTEL GROSLOT

Enter the courtyard and a bronze statue of Joan of Arc welcomes you. On closer inspection, it reveals shrapnel from a World War II bomb. Inside, a statuette, stained glass windows and an imposing, luxurious fireplace illustrate the great episodes in the life of Joan of Arc.

📍 2 Place de l'Étape · 45000 Orleans

LE MUSÉE DES BEAUX-ARTS

Cross Place Sainte-Croix to get to the Museum of Fine Arts, part of whose collection is dedicated to Joan of Arc. It illustrates the representation of Joan from the second half of the 19th century.

📍 1 Rue Fernand Rabier · 45000 Orleans

CATHE'DRALE SAINTE-CROIX

Like a comic strip, the Cathedral's stained-glass windows are an open book on the life of Joan of Arc. You'll also find a chapel dedicated to her. As you leave the square, linger on the two bas-reliefs which are the work of sculptor Paul Belmondo, father of the film actor. And when you hear the bells ringing, tell yourself that the biggest one, a 6-ton great bell, is named after Joan of Arc.

📍 1 Place Sainte-Croix · 45000 Orleans

LA PORTE BOURGOGNE

In the past, Porte Bourgogne (Burgundy Gate) closed the city walls to the east. It symbolises Joan of Arc's entry into the city in 1429 and marks the beginning of the commemorations of the festivities of Joan of Arc.

HOTEL CABU

MUSEE D'HISTOIRE ET D'ARCHEOLOGIE

Retrace your steps to Place Sainte-Croix and walk down Rue Jeanne d'Arc towards Hotel Cabu. One room is dedicated to Joan of Arc, with a chronological tour. You will find both works of art as well as popular objects from the Renaissance to the present day.

📍 21 Rue Sainte-Catherine · 45000 Orleans



PLACE DU MARTROI

Cross Rue Jeanne d'Arc to take Rue Sainte Catherine, which takes you to the iconic Place d'Orléans, where Orleans really comes alive. In the centre stands the most famous statue of Joan of Arc. This monumental equestrian bronze statue, 4.40 m high, inaugurated during the festivities of Joan of Arc in 1855, is the work of Denis Foyatier. Come closer and take time to walk around this statue to admire the bas-reliefs depicting the life of Joan of Arc.



LES TOURELLES ET LA STATUE DE JEANNE D'ARC

To finish this tour in the footsteps of Joan of Arc, we invite you to cross the George V Bridge, formerly called the Pont Royal, which leads you to the south bank. Head for the Saint Marceau district and 2 Rue des Tourelles, where the statue of Joan of Arc was originally installed on Place du Martroi, formerly known as Place Saint-Pierre. This warrior Joan of Arc, the work of Edme Gois, was first moved on 27 April 1855 to the approach to the Pont Royal, and then installed on 18 May 1955 in its present location. Take your time for a leisurely stroll along Quai de Prague and Fort des Tourelles. By day or night, enjoy a splendid view of the north bank of Orleans.

LA CHAPELLE NOTRE DAME DES MIRACLES

Cross the Jacques Boucher Garden located just behind Joan of Arc's house to reach the Chapel of Our Lady of Miracles. Despite the damage suffered during the Second World War, Our Lady of Miracles, where Joan of Arc probably passed through, has been preserved. Inside, a large mosaic fresco shows six scenes from Joan's life.

📍 8 Ruelle Saint-Paul · 45000 Orleans



LA MAISON DE JEANNE D'ARC

Former home of Jacques Boucher, who played host to Joan of Arc during the siege of Orleans from April to May 1429, it was destroyed by bombing in June 1940. Reconstructed identically in the 1960s, the ground floor offers a multimedia room, a large chronological frieze and touch-sensitive terminals. Upstairs, the research and documentation centre, created in 1974, is today the largest collection about Joan with more than 35 000 documents.

📍 3 Place Général de Gaulle · 45000 Orleans

JOAN OF ARC IS ALSO...



THE FEAST OF JOAN OF ARC: DAYS OF POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE TO CELEBRATE ORLEANS' HEROINE

The festivities traditionally begin on 29 April and end on 8 May. There are many highlights over these ten days: the entrance of Joan of Arc into the city, the handing over of the sword, the banner, sound and light show, the electro set. All in a wonderful Orleans atmosphere! Don't miss the medieval market that sets up in Campo Santo and takes you back in history.

THE JOAN OF ARC RANGE AT THE TOURIST OFFICE SHOP

Magnets, books, mugs, postcards, games ... original creations by local artists such as Iconys or Hissez Haut. Don't forget to pick up a souvenir while you're there!

ORLEANS METROPOLE, BETWEEN HERITAGE AND ARCHITECTURE

From antiquity to the urban restructuring of the 21st century, Orleans can be discovered through its heritage and its exceptional architecture through its districts.

CATHEDRALE SAINTE-CROIX D'ORLEANS

Built on the remains of a Romanesque church, this 114-metre high grand old lady is one of the largest in France. With its flamboyant Gothic style, you can admire the details of its architecture from Place De Gaulle. Throughout the summer, a Sound & Light display telling the history of the city is shown on its facade. The guides from the Tourist Office will be delighted to show you the different chapels, passageways and the terrace of this great monument. They can even take you up to the heights!

📍 Place Sainte-Croix · 45000 Orleans



L'HOTEL GROSLOT

Jacques Groslot's mansion is a proud emblem of Orleans. Built with Sologne bricks in the Renaissance style, this building has hosted many illustrious people passing through the city. With our audioguides, you can discover the tragic story of François II, husband of Mary Stuart Queen of Scotland and son of Catherine de Medici, and the work of Pierre Dupuis in the King's chamber.

📍 2 Place de l'Étape · 45000 Orleans



ORLEANS

Entirely refurbished, the Old Centre of Orleans has (again) become a dynamic neighbourhood. During the day, this vast pedestrian area lets you enjoy its half-timbered houses and designer shops. In the evening, the terraces of the bars and restaurants take over and really bring the district to life, recalling the fervour of the time. Around the corner, you'll find the Temple, the Salle des Thèses, and the Loiret Prefecture. Not forgetting the cloister of Saint Pierre-Empont: the most romantic place on the block.

LE CAMPO SANTO

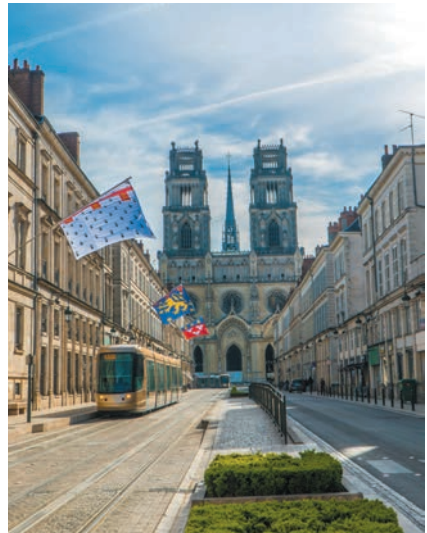
Large city cemetery, grain market... The Campo Santo, dating from the 12th century, has managed to adapt to the various needs of the people of Orleans. Today classified as a historical monument, its architecture takes you back a few centuries. Especially

during the medieval market, a high point of the festivities and traditions which take place during the Joan of Arc festivals.

📍 16 Rue Dupanloup · 45000 Orleans

EQUESTRIAN STATUE OF JOAN OF ARC. PLACE DU MARTROI

Freed from the grip of the English in 1429, Orleans never ceases to express its admiration for its famous heroine. Throughout your visit, you can discover many representations of Joan of Arc, including the equestrian statue on Place du Martroi dating from 1840. Did you know? The statue would have been cast from English cannons, recovered from the Ministry of Defence by Arthur d'Illiers. A second statue is hidden away in the city. You can find it south of the Loire, at Quai des Augustins. At the same place, the Chancellery building is one of the few in the neighbourhood that managed to resist the German bombing.



RUE JEANNE D'ARC

Dating from the 18th century, this street leading to the Bourbon Cathedral was first named "Rue des Bourbons" to pay homage to the Kings of France. It remains

a real attraction for shops and traffic routes. During the French Revolution in the 18th century, the street was named "Rue Jeanne d'Arc" to honour the Maid of Orleans and replace the king's name. In this same street, the Joan of Arc parade takes place every year.

QUARTIER DES CHAMPS ELYSEES

The district known as "champs Elysées" or "de l'Étape" was developed from 1921 to 1935 on the site of the former artillery barracks of l'Étape (Duportail barracks). Start from the malls (Boulevard Alexandre Martin) and the mythical Place Halmagrand and head down towards Hotel Groslot and the Cathedral.

📍 Place Halmagrand · 45000 Orleans



QUAIS D'ORLEANS

It's hard to believe that the most important port in France once stood here. And yet, in the 19th century, nearly 11 000 ships arrived annually in the city of Joan of Arc to trade in the port of Orleans. The dyke, easily observable in the summer period, split the Loire in two, allowing access to the city. The Loire Festival is the ideal opportunity to relive the fervour that once existed on the quays of Orleans.



A REAL GEM FROM MATHILDE

LES CRYPTES SAINT-AIGNAN ET SAINT-AVIT

Feel free to come and discover Orleans' underground passages, dating from the 10th to the 11th century, with a guided tour organised by the Orleans Tourist Office.

LA PORTE BANNIER

An incredible treasure lies hidden under your feet when you're in Place du Martroi. It's the Porte Bannier (Banner Gate), built in the 14th century. A must-see you can discover with a guided tour courtesy of the Tourist Office!

Make sure you discover all the historical, heritage and architectural wealth of Orleans seen from below!

PONT GEORGE V

Named Pont d'Orléans, Pont Royal, Pont National and, since then, Pont George V in homage to the English King during the War, the oldest bridge in Orleans boasts classical architecture. Built in 1750, it replaced the Pont des Tourelles, whose remains can still be seen. At the southern end, the two large stone towers are also the remains of the Port des Tourelles, the first place liberated by Joan of Arc. Anecdote: the turrets we see today are the old bridge tolls!

LE PONT DE L'EUROPE

Dating from the 2000s, this modern bridge built by the famous Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava is the 5th road bridge joining the two banks of the Loire. It is also one of the last bridges built over the river, passing through two towns: Orléans and Saint-Pryvé-Saint-Mesmin. We invite you on 14 July each year to go to its surrounding area to watch the magnificent fireworks that await you on the quays.

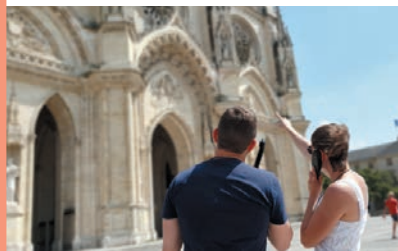


ORLEANS WITNESSES

Want to discover Orleans in a fun way? Discover the "Witnesses" to venture out on a treasure hunt of puzzles and a stroll through the heart of the city centre. The map is available at the Tourist Office.

More information
at www.lestemoins-orleans.fr

VISITS TO DISCOVER THE TRUE SPLENDOUR OF ORLEANS METROPOLIS'S HERITAGE



GUIDED TOURS

Take advantage of the themed guided tours offered by Orleans Val de Loire Tourism!

THE LITTLE TRAIN

Want to discover Orleans in a different way? Listen to the comments to learn about the city aboard the Little Train.

GEOMOTIFS

GEOMOTIFS
DONNER DU SENS AU DÉCOR

This app helps you explore Orleans through motifs adorning the city's heritage buildings. Download it at www.geomotifs.fr

DESTINATION ORLEANS

Want to live like a local? This app is made for you if you want to live to the frantic pace of Orleans for a day or more!

orleans.franceturistic.com

ORLEANS METROPOLE, A STAY WITH FAMILY

Orleans offers a multitude of sites to discover as a family, as well as activities that allow young and old alike to visit while having fun.

A NATURE BREAK IN ORLEANS METROPOLE

LE PARC FLORAL DE LA SOURCE

With 35 hectares dedicated to nature, plants and animals, the Floral Park invites you in for a fun botanical break. Everyone can marvel at its splendid greenhouse with butterflies of a thousand colours.

📍 Avenue du Parc Floral · 45100 Orleans

LES PARCS ET JARDINS D'ORLEANS METROPOLE

In the heart of Orleans city centre, Jardin de l'Evêché, Jardin de Jacques Boucher and Parc Hélène Cadou offer wonderful open-air playgrounds. Parc Louis Pasteur invites you to travel back in time aboard the Wichita miniature train, a must in summer. Just a few kilometres from the city centre,

Parc du Poutyl, Parc du Château de la Charbonnière and the Jardin des Plantes are green spaces which are great for families to relax. If you would like more information on the Parks and Gardens of Orleans, please see the "Plant" section.

L'ILE CHARLEMAGNE

Located on the south bank of the Loire, Ile Charlemagne has a leisure base and a play park, the Léo Parc Aventure. As well as its sandy beach, it has a playground and specialist activity fields: with beach volleyball, basketball, adventure tree climbing course, paintball and more, every member of the family will enjoy this special space to relax.

📍 Levée de la Chevauchée
45650 Saint-Jean-le-Blanc

HAVE FUN WHILE YOU'RE OUT AND ABOUT

TRES'ORLEANS

Created like a fun investigation, the trés'Orleans treasure hunt lets you discover the heritage of Orleans and its surroundings, as well as local shops, with your family.

📍 Bella Ciao • 8 Rue Croix de Malte • 45000 Orleans



EXPLORERS

Follow Étienne to discover the story of Joan of Arc, a key character from Orleans, and find the items to decode Joan's mysterious message. Printable booklet at www.tourisme-orleansmetropole.com or available free of charge at the Orleans Métropole Tourist Office reception desk.

QUIZ BOOKLET

Discover Orleans as a family with the help of a quiz booklet specially designed for you, combining fun and discovering the city through a range of varied questions about the whole city. Discover all the riches Orleans has to offer in a quiz booklet. On request at the Tourist Office.

THE MUSEUMS OF ORLEANS

The museums of Orleans offer a multitude of items for a fun visit: family guided tours, educational booklet, artistic creative workshops. A varied programme to keep the whole family happy. The booklets can be picked up at the reception desk of the various museums. See the "Culture" section.

SHARE A WALK



THE LITTLE TOURIST TRAIN

From April to the end of September, climb aboard the "Petit Train" for a discovery tour of Orleans. Trip lasts about 40 minutes. Tickets can be bought at the Tourist Office.



A REAL GEM FROM MYLENE

DOMAINE DU CIRAN

For a day in Sologne, Domaine du Ciran invites you for a refreshing break in the heart of preserved nature: ponds, moors and forest, not forgetting the fauna which lives there in complete freedom. If you wish to extend your stay, a holiday home is a great way to do so.

📍 2915 Route de Marcilly
• 45240 Ménestreau-en-Villette

BOAT TRIPS

On board a traditional boat, share a special moment with your family along the Loire or the canal. The little ones will enjoy the ride, while the not-so-young will be delighted to discover the history of the Loire. Accompanied by a guide aboard a traditional boat or independently on a rowing or electric boat, let yourself fall in love with the beauty of the landscapes. If you would like to take a river trip with your family on France's largest river, please see the "Loire from the water" section in the City Guide.

DISCOVERING THE LOIRE VALLEY

CHATEAUX

Just a few kilometres from Orleans, the châteaux of Meung-sur-Loire and La Ferté-Saint-Aubin offer a range of activities for young and old alike: treasure hunts, Giant Cluedo, costume tours... You can find them in the "Châteaux" section.

BEAUVAL ZOO

Beauval Zoo offers an unforgettable journey with more than 10 000 animals and species unique in France: giant panda, koala bear, Tasmanian devil. What's new for 2020: a 12 000 m² equatorial dome in a breathtaking setting! Not forgetting a flight over the park aboard the gondola lift. So many reasons that will amaze every member of the family.

📍 Avenue du Blanc · 41110 Saint-Aignan

SHARE A MOMENT WITH YOUR FAMILY

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Orleans also offers a wide range of stimulating indoor activities to immerse you in another world while having fun with your family: bowling, laser quest, virtual games, escape game, laser game... Check out the "Indoor" section.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Want to get some fresh air while having fun with your family? The Cosson swimming pool in La Ferté-Saint-Aubin, with its water games, the water mirror on Place du Martroi or the swimming pool in Meung-sur-Loire and the one at Parc du Poutyl in Olivet are specially adapted for you and your family.

- 📍 **Le Cube - Aquatic complex:**
10 Avenue Löwendal
· 45240 La Ferté-Saint-Aubin
- 📍 **Meung-sur-Loire swimming pool:**
Chemin des Grèves
· 45130 Meung-sur-Loire
- 📍 **Poutyl swimming pool:** Rue du Général de Gaulle · 45160 Olivet

You can also enjoy routes along the Loire on foot or by bike with your family. See the "Walking or Cycling" section of the City Guide.



ORLEANS METROPOLE, THE GOURMET DESTINATION

Discovering Orleans also means experiencing the local way of life. With its regional culinary traditions and local products, the Orleans region is full of flavours.

LE VINAIGRE

Orleans is above all a multitude of different skills. Known for its vinegar-making tradition, the port of Orleans used to receive Loire wines transported by boat, which had often "gone off" on arrival. Thus, these sour wines were transformed into delicious vinegar. Nowadays, Orleans vinegar offers many different flavours to delight locals' taste buds. While this persists as one of the flagship products of local gastronomy, it's mainly thanks to the Martin Pouret vinegar maker, which keeps on developing new flavours.

LA MOUTARDE D'ORLEANS

Maison Martin Pouret is also largely responsible for the return of Orleans mustard. A recipe forgotten in 1580, it reappeared in 2002. Made from a tasty blend of top-quality ingredients including Guérande salt and Orleans vinegar, its paste remains smooth and delicate. Today, it's available in several flavours, as smooth and tasty as ever.



ORLEANS IS ALSO A QUEST FOR FLAVOURS

By browsing the lands of Cléry (Saint-Hilaire-Saint-Mesmin, Mareau-aux-Prés, Cléry-Saint-André...), you can meet the producers on their farms. Fruits, vegetables and Loire wines are waiting just for you!



LE COTIGNAC

This delicious quince jelly is presented in a small round spruce box. Made with peeled quince juice and sugar, this jelly takes its name from the village of Cotignac in the Var. In the Middle Ages, a pastry cook from this village settled in Orleans and continued its production. Popular among the greats of the court, cotignac has become a gift offered to all distinguished guests passing through the region. Follow the traditions! Break the lid and use it as a spoon to taste the jelly hidden inside!

LES MACARONS AUX FRUITS D'ORLEANS

Orleans is full of surprises. In 2006, the city launched a new speciality made exclusively from local products: "Fruit macaroons". Strawberries deglazed in Orleans vinegar, pear and ginger compote, creamy hazelnut or candied rose petals ... dozens of flavours ready to win you over.

LA POIRE D'OLIVET

Made since the 6th century by the monks of Micy, this alcohol appeared after the foundation of a fruit growers' cooperative in 1933 by the olive growers. The stock of unsold pears was distilled. That's how Poire d'Olivet was born. A genuine local product, the pears used to make it are produced in the very canton of Olivet, in the heart of the orchard of France.

L'ANDOUILLE DE JARGEAU

Originally from Jargeau, this speciality sausage is known throughout a large part of the Loiret. Several varieties exist: raw, dried, smoked or cooked in broth. The Andouille de Jargeau Fair is organised by the Confrérie des Chevaliers du Goûte-Andouille on the second Sunday in June. It's an opportunity to taste not just andouille sausages, but also to discover other regional gourmet products. An international competition for the best andouille also takes place on the second Saturday in March.

LES CHOCOLATIERS

Chocolate craftsmen: S. Papion, La Chocolatière, La Chocolaterie Royale, Cordier (P'tit grain de Chécy: crunchy chocolate with a fondant grape juice centre, powdered with icing sugar and potato starch). Many of their products can be found in the Tourist Office shop.

THE CITY'S MARKETS

Find the list of markets in the city area on our website:
www.tourisme-orleansmetropole.com/les-specialites-locales-orleanaises



ORLEANS METROPOLE, THE CULTURAL TREASURES

A concentration of Orleans culture for the most diverse tastes. Whether you're an art or architecture lover, you're bound to find something to impress you!

LE MUSEE DES BEAUX-ARTS

The Museum of Fine Arts is one of the city's jewels. This museum is one of the richest and oldest in France. It contains more than 7000 works of art, including drawings, paintings, prints and sculptures from the 15th century to the present day. Allow two hours for the entire museum. The Museum of Fine Arts also hosts many conferences and temporary exhibitions.

📍 1 Rue Fernand Rabier · 45000 Orleans



LE FRAC CENTRE-VAL DE LOIRE

The FRAC Centre-Val de Loire is an architectural marvel. Mixing design and modern art, visitors are immersed in a new experience in a place of innovative architecture.

📍 88 Rue du Colombier · 45000 Orleans

L'HOTEL CABU

MUSEE D'HISTOIRE ET D'ARCHEOLOGIE

Hotel Cabu is an outstanding example of a Renaissance mansion. Here, you'll discover a wonderful collection of Gallo-Roman archaeology: the treasure of Neuvy-en-Sullias. Along with medieval sculptures, ceramics and earthenware, popular images, the work of goldsmiths, pewter and clocks. So many different things that plunge you into a secret and unforgettable world! Temporary exhibitions.

📍 21 Rue Sainte-Catherine · 45000 Orleans



LA MAISON JEANNE D'ARC

The Joan of Arc House is a half-timbered house rebuilt in 1960 on the site where Joan of Arc stayed from 29 April to 9 May 1429 during the Siege of Orleans. On the ground floor, you can watch a film and discover an explanatory frieze about her famous life. Upstairs is the resource centre: more than 35 000 documents. Whether you're a researcher, enthusiast or even a child (special collection), you can devour this mine of books and documents (free consultation by reservation). Temporary exhibitions.

📍 3 Place Général de Gaulle · 45000 Orleans

LE CENTRE CHARLES PÉGUY

Souvenirs, autographs, correspondence ... Charles Péguy will hold no more secrets for you. Even if you're not an enthusiast, take a little time to discover the Euverte-Hatte mansion that houses it. Temporary exhibitions.

📍 11 Rue du Tabour · 45000 Orleans



LE CERCIL, MUSEE MEMORIAL DES ENFANTS DU VEL D'HIV

Discover this place of remembrance which offers various interactive media that explain the history of the three internment camps in the Loire Valley and the terrible life of their prisoners. At the back of the room: the memorial. A poignant place where you can read all the names of the children of the Vel d'Hiv roundup. In the courtyard, a fragment of a wooden shack, found in Beaune-la-Rolande, witness to a time not so long ago. Cultural programme, meetings and archive centre.

📍 45 Rue du Bourdon Blanc · 45000 Orleans

CITYPASS ORLÉANS MÉTROPÔLE

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A REAL
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CITYPASS

Discover the museums with the Citypass and its many advantages. From €18 per day per adult. On sale on the website www.tourisme-orleansmetropole.com and at the Tourist Office counter.



L'HOTEL GROSLOT

A witness to Orleans' history, a private mansion built at the instigation of the Grosloot family in the 16th century, it's the old town hall. It played host to the French kings François II and Charles IX, as well as the regent Catherine de Medici. It has been classified as a Historic Monument since 1862 and has kept its superb appearance over the centuries. Discover paintings, furniture and many tributes to Joan of Arc there.

📍 2 Place de l'Étape · 45000 Orleans

SAINT-PIERRE-LE-PUELLIER

Saint-Pierre-le-Puellier Cloister is a former French Catholic church. The building, deconsecrated in 1958, is currently used as a concert or art exhibition hall. This is the oldest church in the city which has not been destroyed! While the exterior retains all its heritage aspect, admire the interior, which houses more than a dozen exhibits each year.

📍 13 Cloître St-Pierre-le-Puellier · 45000 Orleans

LA MEDIATHEQUE D'ORLEANS

With its ultra-modern architecture, the contrast with its contents is astonishing: the media library houses a rich heritage collection of medieval manuscripts, rare printed matter, artists' books, regional works and documents from the Legal Printer's Depot. Numerous activities are organised for both young people and adults.

📍 1 Place Gambetta · 45000 Orleans

LE MOBE

The Museum of Orleans for Biodiversity and the Environment presents an updated tour of the fauna and flora in our society over the centuries. Reopening in 2021.

📍 6 Rue Marcel Proust · 45000 Orleans



STREET ART ROUTE

In a district far from the tourist hustle and bustle, immerse yourself in Orleans' street art. You can discover this route during the guided tours offered by the Tourist Office.

LE MUSÉE CAMPANAIRE BOLLEE

Discover the art of bell-making, including tenor bells. By appointment only.

📍 156 Rue du Faubourg de Bourgogne · 45800 Saint-Jean-de-Braye

TOUR TIPS

Most museums are closed on Mondays (Museum of Fine Arts, Hotel Cabu, Joan of Arc House and the Charles Péguy Centre), while the FRAC is open from Wednesday to Sunday. The Cercil offers night opening until 8.00 pm on Tuesdays, and the Museum of Fine Arts is open until 8.00 pm on Fridays.

ORLEANS METROPOLE, ON FOOT OR BY BIKE

An ideal environment for a bike ride or walk!
Orleans and the cities of its Metropolis are great places
for discovering on foot or by bike. Take time to discover
the towns at a different pace!



ORLEANS METROPOLÉ

CAPITAL OF LOIRE À VÉLO

428 kilometres of cycle routes in the Orleans metropolitan area and 4740 places to park your bike! Lovers of cycle tourism and/or nature, Loire à Vélo is made for you. Away from the hustle and bustle of the city, you can pedal in peace. You can find the map of the Loire à vélo cycle network departing from Orleans on the Tourist Office website, in the Discover section, Cycling then Tours, Circuits and bike rides around Orleans. Then download the two Eurovélo 6 routes for Loire à Vélo.



ONE ROUTE AMONG MANY

From Orleans, you can go as far as Meung-sur-Loire to discover its château, outdoor dance cafe and lovely town centre. And why not push on to Blois, where you'll find its famous château in the heart of town (see the "Châteaux" section). If you wish, you can come back by train, as some TER trains are equipped to accommodate and store your bikes.



Numerous cycling and walking circuits are available on the Tourist Office website: Stay section, then Walking and Cycling Routes.
Available at the Office: a map of the department with loops to do on foot or by bike.

THE BANKS OF THE LOIRE AND THE CANAL D'ORLEANS, A MIX OF TOWN AND NATURE

Discover the redesigned banks of the Loire on foot or by bike, and take time to observe the fauna and flora. After the effort comes the comfort: stop for lunch at Cabinet Vert, and if you have time, push on to the wild beach of Combleux.

📍 1 Chemin de Halage · 45000 Orleans

PROMENADE DES MOULINS, ON YOUR OWN OR AS PART OF A GUIDED TOUR

Bucolic yet really close to the city centre, you can easily get there to discover the now private but no less idyllic mills. Guided tour by reservation at the Tourist Office and map available.

POINTE DE COURPAIN, A NATURAL SETTING JUST A STONE'S THROW FROM THE BUSTLE OF THE CITY

A place to stroll and relax, it offers an incredible landscape on the Loire. Located at the confluence of the Loiret and the Loire, it is also part of the Saint-Mesmin nature reserve. Explanatory panels on the local fauna and flora.

📍 Saint-Pryvé-Saint-Mesmin in the Saint-Mesmin nature reserve

APPS TO HELP YOU GET AROUND THE CITY WITHOUT MISSING A THING

Géovélo Orléans offers several loops, and all you have to do is pedal. Your smartphone acts as a real GPS: voice and visual route guide! To download it: www.geovelo.fr

Destination Orléans is a real travel guide, available free of charge, and offers 6 themed routes to do on foot. You will also find information about Vélo+, Loire à Vélo and Géovélo Orléans. To download it: orleans.francetouristic.com



THE LITTLE EXTRA

It's a nice day, so why not ride your bike to the Poutyl swimming pool? Make the most of this lovely route and take a refreshing dip in this discovery pool located in the heart of Poutyl Park! If time permits, take 5 minutes to download the Geomotifs app. Play around with the architectural elements, and explore the city in search of its many details.

BIKE HIRE

You don't have a bike? Option of renting a Vélo+ at low cost at the bike terminals for the day or longer, if you wish. Don't be put off by the amount of the deposit, which is returned quickly.

Some contacts for bike rental companies:

- Wheel Free offers bike rentals to discover Orleans and its near surroundings.
- Vélo Val de Loire, located in Jargeau, has a reception and rental point in Orleans from June to the end of August. For a longer stay on the Loire by bike, it offers bike rental and a return service from many towns located on the Loire à Vélo route.

- 📍 **Wheel Free**: 44 Rue du Général de Gaulle · 45650 Saint-Jean-le-Blanc
- 📍 **Vélo Val de Loire**: 6 Grande Rue · 45150 Jargeau

ORLEANS METROPOLE, IN THE HEART OF THE VALLEY OF THE LOIRE CASTLES

Orleans stands in the heart of the Loire Valley.
Between the unmistakable Château de Chambord
and the dreamlike lands of the Loiret, staying in Orleans
offers a whole range of perspectives.

THE CASTLES IN THE LOIRET

LE CHATEAU MUSEE DE GIEN

At the eastern-most point of Orleans, this building offers a magnificent collection on the techniques of bird and hound hunting and shooting in a museography accessible to all.

📍 1 Place du Château · 45500 Giens

LE CHATEAU DE CHAMEROLLES

To the north-east of Orleans, the famous "Château des parfums" (Castle of Perfumes) stands proud. Indeed, Château de Chamerolles traces the evolution of hygiene and the use of perfumes over the centuries, a theme rarely addressed.

📍 Gallerand · 45170 Chilleurs-aux-Bois

LE CHATEAU DE SULLY-SUR-LOIRE

Situated a few kilometres east of Orleans, Château de Sully-sur-Loire is known for its famous structure. This château is both a fortified monument intended to defend the bridge over the Loire, and a ceremonial place to organise sumptuous receptions given by the lord. On the way to Sully-sur-Loire from Orleans, you can visit the Carolingian Oratory of Germigny-des-Prés and Fleury Abbey in Saint-Benoît-sur-Loire.

📍 Château de Sully sur Loire:

Chemin de la Salle Verte · 45600 Sully-sur-Loire

📍 Carolingian Oratory: Route de Saint-Martin

· 45110 Germigny-des-Prés

📍 Fleury Abbey: Place de l'Abbaye

· 45730 Saint-Benoît-sur-Loire



LE CHATEAU DE MEUNG-SUR-LOIRE

To the west of Orleans, on the road to Blois, is the "Château with two faces". Château de Meung-Sur-Loire with its two magnificent facades: one's medieval and the other classic. It's one of the largest and oldest châteaux in the Loiret. With more than 20 furnished rooms and 2000 objects in situ, this château charms all its visitors. On the way, stop off at the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Cléry-Saint-André, known to house the tomb of Louis XI.

📍 16 Place du Martroi
· 45130 Meung-sur-Loire



LE CHATEAU DE LA FERTE-SAINT-AUBIN

About twenty kilometres south of Orleans the Sologne opens its doors to you with this splendid château. Surrounded by its forest estate, this château offers, in addition to tours, countless activities and family entertainment for young and old alike.

📍 7 Route d'Orleans · 45240 La Ferté-Saint-Aubin

DISCOVERING LA VALLEE DES ROIS

Orleans offers easy access to most of the Loire Valley's châteaux, from Blois to Tours via Amboise.



LE CHATEAU DE CHAMBORD

Known by all for its splendid French-style gardens, its majestic architecture and double revolution staircase, it is the most famous château in the Loire Valley.

📍 41250 Chambord



LE CHATEAU ROYAL DE BLOIS

In the heart of Blois, you can discover the Château Royal de Blois, the favourite residence of the kings of France during the Renaissance. This château is a real panorama of architecture and history of Loire châteaux.

📍 6 Place du Château · 41000 Blois

LE CHATEAU DE CHEVERNY

A few kilometres south of Blois, you'll be charmed by the superb Château de Cheverny which inspired the author Hergé to create the famous Château de Moulinsart. Its botanical park, 3D museum "Les secrets de Moulinsart" and its kennels ... so many reasons to succumb to its charms.

📍 41700 Cheverny



LE DOMAINE DE CHAUMONT SUR LOIRE

For its gardens and parks of a thousand colours, the Chaumont sur Loire estate will have you dreaming of escape. With its park and château, the estate invites you to discover its garden festival, which changes every year (April to November).

📍 478 Le Château · 41150 Chaumont-sur-Loire

LE CLOS LUCÉ

Home of Leonardo da Vinci, Clos Lucé houses the ingenious models, canvases and giant machines created by the genius. Its vast park invites you on a fun journey to discover its fabulous inventions.

📍 2 Rue du Clos Lucé · 37400 Amboise

LE CHATEAU D'AMBOISE

In the heart of Amboise, you can stroll along the promenade of the panoramic gardens of the medieval fortress. Having become a royal residence, the château dominates the city and the Loire River.

📍 Montée de l'Emir Abd el Kader · 37400 Amboise

LE CHATEAU DE CHENONCEAU

A true example of the refined art of living, this château is one of the most visited in France. Its romantic, wooded environment is a coming together of sky and water. Known as the "Ladies' Château", this château successively belonged to six women.

📍 37150 Chenonceau

OTHER CASTLES

The Loire Valley is home to so many castles, such as Villesavin, Troussay, Beauregard, Azay-Le-Rideau, Villandry and Langeais. So we advise you to explore, discover and let yourself be carried away to the rhythm of the Loire Valley.

📍 Villesavin: Château de Villesavin
· 41250 Tour-en-Sologne

📍 Troussay: 12 Route de Troussay
· 41700 Cheverny

📍 Beauregard: 12 Chemin de la Fontaine
· 41120 Cellettes

📍 Azay-Le-Rideau: Rue de Pineau
· 37190 Azay-le-Rideau

📍 Villandry: 3 Rue Principale
· 37510 Villandry

📍 Langeais: Place Pierre de Brosse
· 37130 Langeais

GET OUT

Orleans and the towns of its Metropolis offer a multitude of ideas for outings to meet everyone's expectations: theatres, bars, discos, open-air dance cafes...

It's simple, just get out of the house and find something to do!

Whether you're a clubber, movie buff, food lover or a jazz or opera fan, you're sure to find something to keep you busy in Orléans Métropole!

Concerts, shows, festivals, exhibitions ... all the metropolitan events can be found on the portal "On sort": sortir.orleans-metropole.fr

By dates and themes, enjoy hundreds of great experiences!

FANCY A GOURMET BREAK

Many venues are there to delight you, like *MAGA*, *Jane A*, *Polpettone*, or *Rose et Léon*. They are, among many others, places where you can have lunch in charming, friendly settings! If you're looking more for gastronomic restaurants, the menus on offer at the restaurants *Le Lièvre Gourmand*, a Michelin-starred restaurant, the *Lift* up above the Loire or *La Laurendière* in Olivet will delight your taste buds. Whatever you choose, you're sure to be won over! Romantic atmosphere *Chez Eugene*, at *Ver di Vin* and at *La Dariole*, places from a long list of cosy places where it's good to meet.

www.tourisme-orleansmetropole.com/restaurants



FANCY A COFFEE BREAK

Numerous sunny terraces let you admire the architecture like that of *La Pipe de Bois* or the cosy, colourful interior of *Marco Polo* to enjoy a pastry.

FANCY BRUNCH



There's nothing like a good brunch to start the day off right. Sweet or savoury, the restaurants *Chez Jean Léon*, *Café du Théâtre* or *Le Lutetia* will be delighted to welcome you early in the morning.

LOOKING FOR A TERRACE

Friendly atmosphere on the banks of the Loire, the numerous outdoor dance cafes, such as *Boui Boui* and *La Sardine*, offer an exceptional view of the river and George V bridge. In the heart of the city, the restaurants at *Place du Martroi*, as well as *Studio 16*, are a must for their sunny, lively terraces all day long.

FANCY A DRINK



Relaxed atmosphere with a large choice of beers, good advice, a smiling, pleasant team, *Le Delirium* and the *V and B* are bars where it's good to meet. If you push on to Olivet, stop off at *L'Absinthe!* For delicious cocktails, make a detour to the bars *Les Ventres Jaunes* or the *Mojito Bar*. Platters of cold meats or cheeses keep you going until dinner. Sip a long drink while dancing at *Moog* or *L'Antidote!*

FANCY SOME TOGETHERNESS



Why not have a game of petanque on Place Saint-Aignan or a Mölkky on the landscaped grounds on the banks of the Loire? Treat yourself to a board game at *La Bonne Pioche*. If you prefer to play billiards, head for the *Hendrix Pub*. Get carried away to the live music at *Java Pop*.

FANCY SOME CLUBBING



The discotheques *Nova Club*, the *Georges*, at *La Dune*, the *3040 club*... in Orleans, as well as the *Nemo* in Saran and many others, welcome you for all musical tastes and styles!

FANCY A CABARET

Voulez-Vous, a superb dinner show where the stage performance is mixed with special effects! *L'Insolite* offers a show in the purest tradition of drag cabaret, in the heart of a cosy, hushed setting.

FANCY A CONCERT OR PLAY



To discover all the theatres in Orleans, visit this link: <https://www.tourisme-orleansmetropole.com/salles-de-spectacle>

FANCY GOING BOWLING, AN ESCAPE GAME ... OR INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Please refer to the dedicated "What to do if it rains? Indoor activities" section in this guide.



OUTDOOR DANCE CAFES

And in summer, discover Orléans Métropole's "guinguettes" (outdoor dance cafes): BouiBoui, Bar de Loire and its deckchairs, the Sardine, the Paillotte, or the Ephémère Café ... spend your evening on the banks of the Loire while listening to music in Orléans' "guinguettes". Relaxed, summery atmosphere!

📍 Find more addresses for a night out at: www.tourisme-orleansmetropole.com/vie-nocturne

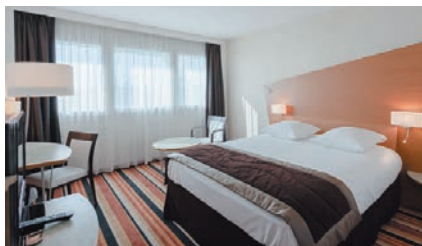
WHERE TO STAY IN ORLEANS METROPOLE

From the most amazing hotel to the most charming holiday home,
from the cosy bed and breakfast to the campsite by the water ...
Orléans Métropole is full of rooms for all tastes!

HOTELS

From 2- to 4-star, city centre hotels with views of the Loire (Mercure Orléans Centre Bords de Loire, Empreinte Hotel & Spa, Océania), or located in the shopping streets (Best Western Hotel d'Arc, Abeille Hotel, Grand Hotel d'Orléans, Hotel d'Orléans), as well as near the train station (Hotel des Cèdres, Ibis Orléans Centre Gare, Ibis Orléans Centre Foch), or out in the countryside with gardens (Novotel Orléans Saint-Jean-de-Braye, Novotel Demeure de Campagne Chemin de Sologne, Mercure Orléans Porte de Sologne, Villa Marjane in Saint-Jean-le-Blanc), the choice is extensive!

📍 Find all the hotels
at www.tourisme-orleansmetropole.com,
accommodation section



RESIDENCES / HOLIDAY HOMES / FURNISHED ACCOMMODATION

From tourist residences (Adagio Aceso Orléans, Apart'city Orléans, Séjours et affaires Jeanne d'Arc, Suite Home Saran) to furnished tourist accommodation (La Marine in Combleux) to charming holiday homes (at Domaine du Ciran), to incredible guest rooms (Aureliana, Cabinet Vert), the choice is yours!

YOUTH HOSTEL



A new youth hostel is now open in Orléans! More than 600 square metres completely renovated to welcome our tourists and young visitors... 26 rooms, 50 beds, TV room, dining room, secure bicycle storage... located at 3 Rue Croix-Pêchée, just a few metres from the banks of the Loire and the town centre!

CAMPING

Several campsites welcome you to Orléans Métropole, including the unmissable Camping d'Olivet waterside campsite and the Pâtures in Chécy... to name but a few!

📍 Find all accommodation
on www.tourisme-orleansmetropole.com
under the accommodation section

MOTORHOME SITES



For the 6th consecutive year, a reception area for motorhomes welcomes you at Chaptit'O. Open free of charge from Monday 6 July to Friday 28 August 2020, it provides a welcome point for those who prefer this type of holiday.

📍 Practical campervan info

Rue Fernand et Marcelle Rivière
- 45400 Fleury-les-Aubrais

📍 Information from Orléans Loire Valley Events:

02 38 56 97 10, from Monday
to Friday from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm and from
2.00 pm to 4.30 pm

Attention: administrative offices closed
from 1 to 9 August 2020.

During its opening period, technical assistance
can be found on 06 82 87 52 74 from Monday
to Thursday Friday from 8.30 am to 12.00 pm
and from 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm

**In case of emergency in the evening
and on weekends:**
02 38 53 41 30

📍 Access to Orléans town centre:

Bus line 11 - Monday to Saturday Stop:
Petit Pré - Towards Gare des Aubrais
Tram A - Stop Gare des Aubrais -
Towards Gare d'Orléans

ORLEANS METROPOLE, LEISURE SHOPPING

Orléans and the towns of its Metropolis are overflowing with great places to go for "leisure" shopping, meeting everyone's expectations.



In Orléans alone, elegant department stores, luxury brands, major ready-to-wear chains, Parisian design houses, jewellers, designers, craftsmen, perfumiers, leather goods retailers and specialist shops are all waiting for you! A simple stroll through the city centre and its arcades is all it takes to grasp the extent of what's on offer! Still not satisfied? The central districts of Orléans' surrounding towns are also full of treasures to discover! On your marks, get set, shop!

WANT TO CHANGE YOUR WARDROBE

You'll be spoilt for choice! From large shopping centres and shopping galleries (*Halles Châtelet*, *Place d'Arc* in Orléans, *Cap Saran* shopping centre, *Chécy Belles Rives* shopping centre, *Les Trois Fontaines* in Saint-Jean-de-la-Ruelle) to the big names in the town centre (*Galleries Lafayette* on 5 levels, *Lacoste*, *Longchamp*, *Hackett*, *Gant* etc) to independent shops, you'll find all the major international brands, as well as a large number of concept stores, to make sure you leave with your arms full of shopping bags! To buy vintage, examples of second-hand shops: *Loup Ange*, where you'll find a selection of articles, each one more old-school than the next! For the little ones, *Le Dressing de Louise*!

WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR INTERIOR DESIGN

Decoration shops such as *Bouchara*, *Sostrene Grene* or *Eureka* to give as gifts or treat yourself. *Factory* in Orléans offers a multitude of local creations, as does *Maison Cas Rare*, a selection of elegant decorative objects which are also, as its title suggests: rare! Or *Le Moule à Gaufre*, which is a space dedicated to local artisans.

WANT TO PICK UP A GOOD BOOK

The area loves books and is full of magnificent independent bookshops which rub shoulders with the big national brands (*FNAC* etc). If you feel like reading, feel free to browse the shelves of *Chantelivre*, *Les Temps Modernes*, *Librairie Nouvelle* and more. If you're more in the mood for comic books, go for example to *Legend BD* near the banks of the Loire and the Halles Chatelet in Orléans. Don't miss: *The book exchange* on Place du Martroi is an unmissable place to find rare books, as well as vinyl records and beautiful period photos.

NEED TO LOOK AFTER YOUR WELL-BEING OR A BEAUTY TREATMENT

Cosmetic shops (*Rituals*, for example) and beauty institutes are at your disposal, offering massages or beauty products whose incomparable scents take you on a voyage around the world while ensuring you fully look after your well-being. The Cosmetic Valley (*Dior*, *Shiseido*...) located in Orleans isn't there for nothing!



ART GALLERIES, ANTIQUES, ANTIQUÉ DEALERS

There are many private, commercial or associative galleries. They exhibit and promote amateur and established artists in fields such as painting, sculpture and photography.

NEED SPORTS ITEMS

Big brands (*Decathlon* Orléans, *Intersport* in Saran, Chécy or Olivet) to local shops (*Mountera*, *Gervais Sport*) are all there to equip you for any sport!

FORGOTTEN YOUR CAMERA OR FILM

Images Photos near Orléans Cathedral can answer all photographers' questions!

WANT A TASTY TREAT



And after the effort, the comfort! Treat yourself to local products and visit the numerous gourmet venues. Sweet or savoury, let your desires speak for themselves. After all, holidays are meant to be fun! Delicatessens such as *Rose et Léon*, or *Vinithèque* in Orléans let you pick up some culinary treasures. *Les Halles*

Châtelet is there to serve you the best fresh and prepared products in the region! You can find other covered markets across the metropolis, as in Olivet: *La petite Villette*. For local products, please refer to the dedicated section in this guide!

WANT SOMETHING ORGANIC

Several shops like *Etik et Bio*, *Day by Day* or *Biocoop*!

WANT SOME WINE

Want to bring back Loire wines, Orléans beers or spirits (*Poire d'Olivet*)? Here is a non-exhaustive list of shops: *Les Becs à vin*, a wine bar with cellar where you can taste what you've bought, but don't forget *Nicolas* at the Halles Châtelet, or *L'Ange Vins cave (Ver di Vin)*! Take home your beers from *10 Fûts* or *Terroir Alternatif* – you won't be disappointed by their respective selections! If you're looking to taste whiskies or rums, you'll be delighted by the selection from *Rose et Léon*.

WANT TEA/COFFEE

The oldest coffee roaster in Orléans puts all its know-how at your disposal. Go direct to *Les Cafés Jeanne d'Arc*. Rewarded as Meilleur Torrefacteur de France (Best Worker in France), *Les cafés d'Eric* offer a tasty selection of teas and coffees!

The Tourist Office shop welcomes you every day and offers a selection of special local culinary products, souvenirs and decoration at very affordable prices!

ORLEANS METROPOLE, INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Orléans Métropole is bursting with indoor play activities!



THE MUSEUMS OF ORLEANS METROPOLIS

Joan of Arc's House, Museum of Fine Arts, Hotel Cabu, FRAC, Cercil ... there's something for everyone. For more information, please refer to the "Culture" section.

THE CHATEAUX OF THE LOIRE VALLEY

A jewel of the Loire Valley, Orléans Métropole is the starting point for many châteaux. For more information, please see the "Châteaux" section

FUN ACTIVITIES IN ORLEANS METROPOLE

VIRTUAL ROOM

The first centre dedicated to collaborative virtual reality exclusively on the Loiret in the north of the Orleans Metropole. Using the full potential of virtual reality, Virtual Room offers an ultra-immersive experience with unparalleled gaming comfort.

📍 231 Route Nationale 20 · 45770 Saran

VR ZONE 45

Virtual reality does away with the physical boundaries within which reality contains us. Take on the machine or your friends in solo or multi-player in different games (shooting games, discovery games etc).

📍 11 Rue Jean Moulin · 45100 Orléans

LASER QUEST

An action game where you're the hero. Equipped with a vest and high-tech laser

gun, head off on a mission in the middle of a 700 m² maze.

📍 11 Rue Jean Moulin · 45100 Orléans

ESCAPE YOURSELF

Are you looking for a new, unique form of entertainment in Orléans to get your brain working and have fun? That's exactly what Escape Yourself offers. Gather a few friends or family members and come and discover our secrets...

📍 24 Boulevard Rocheplatte · 45000 Orléans

BANK ESCAPE

Escape game with 3 adult game rooms and 2 children's scenarios.

📍 24T Boulevard Marie Stuart · 45000 Orléans

GET OUT

The Live Escape Game Get Out! in Orleans is designed to test your cohesion and team play skills. In this life-sized escape game, your detective acumen and team are your best chance of getting out of the room full of clues.

📍 4 Rue du Faubourg Madeleine · 45000 Orléans

LIVE ESC'APE GAME

A game where you have to successfully escape from a room in less than an hour by searching for scattered clues and then put them together to solve the puzzle as quickly as possible. With family, friends or colleagues, come and take up the first challenge on the aerotrain.

📍 384 Rue des Moulins · 45750 St-Pryvé-St-Mesmin

ESCAPE TIME ORLEANS

The new Escape Game in Orléans! 3 rooms, 3 settings: a far west train that can accommodate 3 to 6 players / a circus that can accommodate 3 to 10 players / a manor that can accommodate 4 to 10 players. Ideal for team building, stag/hen parties, with family or friends.

📍 50 Rue de la Batardière
· 45140 Saint-Jean-de-la-Ruelle

MYSTERY ESCAPE ORLEANS

Leader in Escape Games, the 100% French franchise Mystery Escape is now in Orléans!

📍 Allée de l'Orée de la forêt · 45770 Saran

THE CHAMBER OF MYSTERIES AT CHATEAU DE LA FERTE-SAINT-AUBIN

A new and exciting concept for all those who once dreamed of being locked in a secret room in a castle. Put aside your books and video games, forget about the cinema and come and try this unique concept in France - the Chamber of Mysteries!

📍 7 Route d'Orléans · 45240 La Ferté-Saint-Aubin

JUMP VIRTUAL ARENA

JUMP Orléans is a sports leisure concept based on 700 m² of trampoline, e-sport and, now, virtual reality!

📍 25 Avenue de la Libération · 45000 Orléans

NEW GEMS TO DISCOVER

THE HOOPS FACTORY

2200 m² of basketball courts, a "sport bar" for refreshments and a "French burgers" restaurant, all of which add up to a great day's sports.

📍 Rue de l'ormeteau Parc d'Activités des Vallées
· 45770 Saran

L'HACHEZ-VOUS LANCER DE HACHE

French No.1 in axe throwing, come and discover this new activity and awaken the Viking in you!

📍 6 Rue au Lin · 45000 Orléans

GAMING COMPLEXES

FACTORY BOWLING

An avant-garde bowling concept with a Factory, Lounge and Modern style.

📍 3055 Route de Sandillon
· 45560 Saint-Denis-en-Val

THE SARAN COMPLEX

A place that lets you go from relaxation to partying, this is the aim of the owners of this huge complex. No less than 24 bowling lanes, plus 12 billiard tables and now 2 laser mazes.

📍 Rue de la Tuilerie · 45770 Saran

BOWLING D'ORLEANS

A bowling alley with a lounge atmosphere!

📍 2 Rue Moreau · 45100 Orléans

BOWLING DE LA PLACE DE LOIRE RIVER LANES

In the heart of Orléans, enjoy a special setting with views of the Loire for relaxing afternoons or festive evenings at the new Orléans bowling-bar!

📍 Place de Loire · 45000 Orléans

LE BARTINGTON

Billiards and darts areas in the heart of Orléans.

📍 3 Rue du Colombier · 45000 Orléans

CINEMAS

GAUMONT PATHE - PLACE DE LOIRE

Located in a wonderful environment on the banks of the Loire, your Pathé Orléans cinema is delighted to welcome you 7 days a week. A Häagen-Dazs stand and coffee shop are also there for you to enjoy, every day from noon.

📍 3 Rue du Colombier · 45000 Orléans

GAUMONT PATHE IN SARAN

The Saran cinema welcomes you every day and offers some films in their original language and 3D. Allow €2 extra for 3D sessions and €1 for a pair of reusable glasses.

📍 1010 Route Nationale 20 · 45770 Saran

CINEMA LES CARMES

We must salute the remarkable programming and promotional work followed and produced by the entire Cinema team. It's rare, it's a fact, that arthouse cinema is still defended in this way. And what a joy it is to be able to enjoy a film on a screen worthy of the name.

📍 7 Rue des Carmes · 45000 Orléans

Check the times and addresses of these sites on the Tourist Office website in the section: Stays then Leisure and fun activities.

RELAXATION

LES BALNEAIRES

A relaxation centre at the gateway to the Sologne region.

📍 275 Allée des 4 Vents · 45160 Ardon



THE SPA AT THE EMPREINTE HOTEL

L'Empreinte Hôtel offers the services of a professional practitioner. She welcomes you with a cabin attached to the hotel's Spa. You can choose from a variety of à la carte treatments: body and facial treatments, relaxing massages, traditional massages...

📍 80 Quai du Châtelet · 45000 Orléans



ORLEANS VAL DE LOIRE TOURISM A TAILOR-MADE STAY

Our Tourist Office offers a wide range of products and services to make your stay easier and more enjoyable: an attractive shop with a variety of modern items and exclusive ticket offers.

Orléans Val de Loire Tourisme cares for its visitors!



THE SHOP

Orléans Val de Loire Tourisme invites you to discover its shop. Whether it's a treat for yourself or a present for someone else, for young and old alike, for citybreakers or locals, and for all budgets, discover a wide choice of local and artisanal products.

Books, postcards, posters ... with the image of Orleans, its city area and its greatest symbols, rest assured there's something for everyone.



OUR TICKETS

Discover Orléans and its surroundings



GUIDED AND AUDIO-GUIDED TOURS

We offer a multitude of guided tours to help you discover Orleans and its surroundings. Our guides will tell you more about the greatest mysteries of the territory and will make you fall under the spell of its heritage.

See "Guided tours" section.

Want to explore Orleans at your own pace ? Just hire our audio guide and let yourself be surprised by commentaries rich in anecdotes about the city and its history. Orléans Val de Loire Tourisme is also the point of sale for City of Art and History tours.



PARKS AND MUSEUMS

The Tourist Office offers a wide selection of tickets to take advantage of the many activities between nature and culture. The floral park is the ideal place to enjoy a bucolic break in a green and relaxing setting. Lovers of Orleans art or history will be delighted by the city's various museums.



SPECIAL EVENTS TICKETS

Throughout the year, the Tourist Office offers you to enjoy of the various events. Through numerous concerts, shows or workshops, we invite you to make the most of your stay in Orléans.



SUMMER TICKETS

Every summer, Orleans comes alive and invites you on an unforgettable journey through its metropolitan area. This is why the Tourist Office offers you to take part in boat trips or even in the touristic train, not to mention visits to the Organ of the Sainte-Croix Cathedral. Book your tickets with us and let yourself be guided !



THE PARKS AND CASTLES OF THE LOIRE VALLEY

Gateway to the Loire Valley, the Orleans Tourist Office invites you to explore the castles (Meung sur Loire, Chambord, Chenonceau, etc.) and the leisure parks (Beauval Zoo, etc.). Thus, we propose you many castle tickets and Castle Pass at reduced prices or skip-the-line.

VISIT THE METROPOLIS SPECIALISTS WITH OUR LOCAL

So that you don't miss anything, feel free to visit our town with an audioguide or paper guide, of course ... but discovering Orléans and its urban area with a friendly guide is even better! In this way, the Tourist Office offers a comprehensive way to discover its heritage, its architecture, the banks of the Loire and Loiret and its breathtaking history! And for groups, all our tours and stays can be tailored to your needs. Our team of guides, all real specialists and enthusiasts, will be delighted to welcome and support you! Thrills and enjoyment guaranteed!



TAKE TO THE HEIGHTS

Rising to a height of 45 metres, the majestic cathedral offers an exceptional panorama of the city of Orléans and its surroundings. It's the focal point of the city that buzzes around it. The street which runs in line with it and ends at the forecourt frames it splendidly. The stained-glass windows are magnificent and filter a truly beautiful light. For this alone, Orléans is worth a detour.

The tours offered by the Tourist Office are very varied and let you focus on each of the many sites present in our metropolis.

As such, in the very heart of the city of Orléans, you can explore our underground areas by discovering our crypts and the remains of our city walls! At a height of over 41 metres, enter the inner sanctuary of Sainte-Croix Cathedral and find yourself out on the terrace at the foot of the spire, where a unique view awaits over the city on the Loire.

Do you prefer the thrill of walking in the tranquillity of nature, lulled by the sound of water and birds along the Loire or Loiret? Join us at Moulins d'Olivet, Chécy or Combleux. These towns and villages will amaze you with all they have to offer.

Meet us at nightfall in the maze of city streets to admire the architect's houses from the early 20th century by the light of the lanterns that guide your journey. Join our stroll around our city's illuminations which bring out the architectural details not visible in daylight. Love night-time thrills? Then head down into the depths of the Saint-Aignan crypt to unravel its mysteries, whose secret only Brother William holds.

Finally, go back in time! Set off with Wilhem, a medieval knight who was the guardian of the city and its gates; he will also tell you the epic story of Joan of Arc. Or meet a Renaissance nobleman who will tell you about the life and customs of the time.

And so many other tours await you!

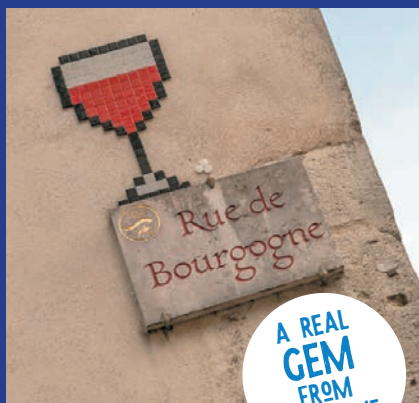
For any information or to book your guided tour: www.tourisme-orleansmetropole.com or by phone on 02 38 24 05 05
Registration is mandatory for all visits.



A REAL GEM FROM MARIE

PORTE BANNIER (THE BANNER GATE)

What a privilege it is to be in this unique place, the Banner Gate. Who would imagine while strolling around Place du Martroi that under the feet of the statue of Joan of Arc are the remains of a medieval enclosure, accessible through a secret trap door? Use this underground tour to discover a piece of Orléans' history!



A REAL GEM FROM GUILLAUME

STREET ART

A marker of modern activity and a city in perpetual motion, our Street Art tour is ideal for meeting Orléans' street artists through their works. Admire their play with the details and architecture of our heritage, the nods they give each other and, above all, their often caustic humour!



GREETERS

In Orléans, 13 Greeters offer a unique discovery of the city and its surroundings. They offer their time and share their passion for their neighbourhood or region during a free stroll and a really friendly meeting. Are you in? So prepare your stay in Orléans by signing up for a stroll with a Greeter!
www.tourisme-orleans.com



THE ORLEANS METROPOLE CITYPASS, YOUR PASS FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE CITY BREAK

A HUNDRED EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS AND SPECIAL ACCESS!

With more than a hundred exclusive benefits for all tastes and desires, the Orléans Métropole CityPass gives special access to a wide range of experiences to discover in and around the Orléans metropolis!

By simply presenting your CityPass, you have free access to the CityPass essentials:

- CityTours (guided tour by the Tourist Office),
- Trip
- River trip on the Loire lasting 30 min
- Boat rental for 30 min
- Free entrance to the unmissable attractions in and around Orléans (metropolitan museums, as well as the Parc Floral and more)
- Unlimited free CAT public transport for the duration of your CityPass.

As well as a hundred or so exclusive benefits with numerous tourist partners:

Great deals and discounts for leisure activities, as well as at restaurants, hotels and shops.

Check out the offers you get with CityPass (as well as the conditions of access): CityTours, museums, châteaux, river trips, nature canoe getaways, cycling, gyropod or hot-air balloon, fine dining, shopping, relaxation, escape and laser games, playgrounds ... and lots more!

And because the CityPass offer is expanding every day, you'll find the complete list of all the must-see attractions and great deals, as well as events and seasonal offers plus the cultural programme in the Orléans Métropole CityPass digital guide!

CITYPASS RATES

24H

CITYPASS
24H

€18

48H

CITYPASS
48H

€28

72H

CITYPASS
72H

€35

	WITHOUT CITYPASS	WITH CITYPASS
Guided tour by the Tourist Office	€7 to 8	€0
Mini-train ride	€7	€0
30-minute river trip	€6.50	€0
Group ticket for the Museums of Orléans	€6	€0
Entrance to the Parc Floral de la Source	€6	€0
Entrance to Cercil - Memorial Museum of the Children of Vel d'Hiv	€4	€0
Guided visit to the FRAC	€4	€0
Entrance to the Campanaire Bollée Museum	€5	€0
TAO transport ticket	€4**	€0

MORE THAN €50 SAVINGS!

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[www.tourisme-orleansmetropole.com/
citypass-orleans-metropole](http://www.tourisme-orleansmetropole.com/citypass-orleans-metropole)



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

PREPARE YOUR STAY IN ORLÉANS METROPOLE



BY BIKE

- **Where can you rent or have your bike repaired?** On request at reception, our holiday advisers can provide you with a list of bike renters and repairers, such as: Détours de Loire, Wheel Free, Cyclable Orléans or Frédo Orléans. You will also find many Vélo+ stations (bikes provided by the Metropolis). For more information, visit <https://www.reseau-tao.fr/>.
- **Where to park your bike?** The city region has many bike parking spaces. On every street corner, you'll find the necessary equipment to safely park your two-wheeler.



BY CAR

- **Where to park your car? Where can I find the parking rates?** You'll find the different parking spaces with a P symbol on the city centre map. If you have specific needs, you can contact Orléans Gestion on 02 38 73 38 06 or visit <https://www.stacionnement-orleans.fr/>. You can also park your vehicle safely in one of the city's four park-and-ride facilities. More information is available at <https://www.reseau-tao.fr/46-Parcs-Relais-Tram.html>.



BY CAMPER VAN

- **Where to park it in summer?** You can park your motorhome in the designated area all summer long at Chapit'O: Rue Fernand et Marcelle Rivière - 45400 Fleury-les-Aubrais.

- **Where to park from September to June?** You can contact our stay advisers who will provide you with a list of parking spaces.



ON FOOT

- **Where can you find the map of the tram and bus network?** On request at the reception desk, the travel advisers can provide you with a map of the tram and bus network. If you would like more information about the city area's transport network, please go to the TAO Agency located at 4 Rue de la Hallebarde or its website: <https://www.reseau-tao.fr/index.php>.
- **Where can you buy your ticket?** You can buy your bus and tram ticket at the terminals located near the stops. This ticket is valid for one hour. We recommend you buy the 24hr ticket to travel around the city freely. If you need more information about the different packages, you can contact the TAO Agency located at 4 Rue de la Hallebarde or on its website: <https://www.reseau-tao.fr/index.php>. **Good to know: a travel ticket is included with every purchase of the CityPass!**
- **Where are the train stations?** There are two main stations. One located on Avenue de Paris in Orléans and the other on Rue Lamartine in Fleury-les-Aubrais. Both these stations are served by tram line A.
- **Where to rent a car?** Near Orléans train station, Europcar, Sixt Location and Avis Location Voiture offer a choice of practical vehicles to take you around the metropolis and/or surrounding area.



YOU WANT TO SEE THE CITY

- **How to register for a guided tour or rent an audioguide?** You can register on the website or at the Tourist Office reception desk. To rent an audioguide, an identity document will be requested as a deposit for the duration of the visit.

- **What's on offer in Orléans today?** You can contact one of our stay advisers and/or consult the <https://sortir.orleans-metropole.fr/> website and/or the Orléans Loire Valley Tourism website: <https://www.tourismeorleansmetropole.com/>



YOU'RE LOOKING FOR ACCOMMODATION

Find your hotel, holiday home, bed and breakfast or camp site in Orléans and its region directly on our website <https://www.tourisme-orleansmetropole.com/hebergements>

A NEW SPACE

Orléans Youth Hostel has moved and is now accessible to all tourists! You'll find it at 3 Rue Croix Péchée, 45000 Orleans.



YOU'D LIKE A PICNIC

The Metropolis has many parks for walking, resting or picnicking. The stay advisers will be happy to guide you. To the south of the city, Ile Charlemagne is a pleasant place outside the urban area to enjoy a lunch break.



YOU HAVE A DOG

- **Which parks allow it in?** Pets are allowed on the paths of green spaces unless otherwise indicated at the entrance to the park (for example: Parc de la Charpenterie). They must be kept on a leash.
- **Which châteaux allow it in?** Many châteaux admit dogs in their gardens (for example: Domaine National de Chambord, Château de Meung-sur-Loire...). You can get in touch with our stay advisers for more information.



MISCELLANEOUS

- **The opening times of the Tourist Office?** We welcome you every day from April to September inclusive from 9.30 am to 7.00 pm. From October to March inclusive, we're open from Monday to Saturday from 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm on Sundays and public holidays. Closed 25 December and 1 January.
- **The essential apps?** Discover Orléans in a different way with our mobile apps: Destination Orléans, Géomotifs and Témoins d'Orléans.
- **Where can I find free wifi?** The city of Orléans provides users with free wifi throughout the city: Wifi_Orleans. You will also find internet access within our premises thanks to the Wifi Centre network.
- **Where are the public toilets?** You will find on the map of the city centre (available as an e-brochure on our website) the different locations of the toilets (a few examples: Place du Châtelet, on the Cathedral's outside car park, Place du Martroi, Place Gambetta, Place Croix Morin, at the Capitainerie, Place Halma-grand, Parc Pasteur...).
- **Where can I change my currency?** The exchange office located at 20 Rue Jeanne d'Arc can provide you with the currency you need.
- **Where can I find a luggage deposit service in Orléans?** For the sum of €7 per day, Hotel d'Orléans offers a luggage deposit service where you can leave your luggage while you're in Orléans.
- **You want to attend a mass at Sainte-Croix Cathedral:** Masses are held every Sunday morning at 10.30 at Sainte-Croix Cathedral.
- **Emergency contact:** Emergency doctors - 44 Rue Chanzy - 45000 Orléans.

THE RECEPTION TEAM



*From left to right : Mathilde L., Stéphane, Marilyne, Victoria et Mathilde P.
Missing on the picture : Allison, Mylène and Raphaël.*

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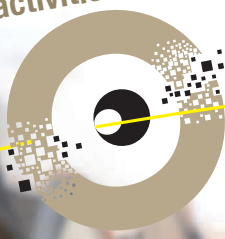
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