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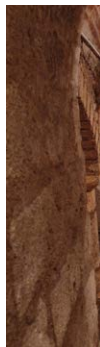
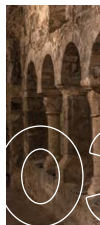
Exceptional
Heritage

Be surprised





Keep your eyes open and look for treasures



01 Cathedral of the Holy Cross

A grand lady 114 m high and 140 m long, Orleans Cathedral is one of the largest in France. Ranging from Gothic to neo-Gothic styles, its construction lasted over 600 years. It was inaugurated on 8th May 1829. Do not miss the 10 stained glass windows recounting Joan of Arc's history... as well as the must-see 360° view from the top!



Place Sainte-Croix, Orleans

02 Rue Jeanne d'Arc

Rue Jeanne d'Arc, which was dug in the 18th century and was initially called Rue de Bourbon, links Rue Royale to the Cathedral. It was extended after the Second World War up to Place du Général de Gaulle, offering a magnificent view on the building. Every year, the street is the scene of the Joan of Arc Festival parade!

Rue Jeanne d'Arc, Orleans

03 Saint-Aignan Crypt

The Romanesque crypt, a remnant from the 11th century, has retained some rare sculpted polychrome capitals. It is dedicated to the cult of the relics of Saint-Aignan, the town's Patron Saint, who, legend has it, overcame Attila's army in 451.



Rue Neuve Saint-Aignan, Orleans

04 Saint-Avit Crypt

The Saint-Avit Crypt, which is located below Collège Jeanne d'Arc and dates back to the 11th century, is dedicated to the cult of the relics of Saint-Avit. Discover the town's depths!



Rue du Bourdon Blanc, Orleans

05 Hôtel Groslot

The private mansion of Renaissance style, which was built in the 16th century for King Jacques Groslot's Bailiff, was a place of residence for the Kings of France



François II and Charles IX, as well as regent Catherine de' Medici. It was a city hall from 1790 to 1981, was restored during the 19th century and in 1862 was classified as a Historical Monument.



Place de l'Etape, Orleans

06 Old town

Its pedestrian streets harbour the Protestant Temple, the Cloister of Saint Pierre Empont, the Salle des Thèses (Thesis Hall), the Loiret Préfecture and the Halles Châtelet. You can enjoy the half-timbered houses and craft shops during the day, and eat and drink on the bar and restaurant terraces in the evening!



07 Campo Santo

Created in the 12th century, an arcade court from the 15th century onwards, it was Orleans's first

major cemetery. When the walled enclosure was extended during the 16th century, it was converted into a marketplace with its granary. Keep your eyes and ears wide open as nowadays it is the privileged venue for cultural events and open-air concerts!

16, rue Dupanloup, Orleans

08 Place du Martroi

Dating from the Middle Ages, the only vestige from this period is the incredible Porte Banner, an old fortified gateway located in the north of the town, below the square. The current Place du Martroi dates back to the 18th century, as shown by the plush buildings such as the old chancellery. You can admire the equestrian statue of Joan of Arc sculpted by Foyatier!



Place du Martroi, Orleans



Did you know?



Orleans, City of Art and History

In 2009, Orleans received the City and Country of Art and History label from the Ministry of Culture. Throughout the year, the City of Art and History department develops a number of awareness actions towards architecture and heritage.

09 Joan of Arc's House

Joan of Arc's House is a half-timbered house, rebuilt identically to the residence of Jacques Boucher, Treasurer General of the Duke of Orleans, who accommodated Joan of Arc during the siege of Orleans. Amongst other things, it features a multimedia room and the largest document library dedicated to Joan of Arc.



3, Place du Général de Gaulle, Orleans

*Guided tour subject to booking with the Tourist Office

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Plan your

trip

Joan of Arc Festival

Recognised as part of France's intangible cultural heritage, the Joan of Arc Festival pays tribute to the woman who liberated Orleans in 1429, as she is celebrated every year during ten days of festivities. Parades and commemorative processions, a medieval market at the Campo Santo, a sound and light show and an Electro Set bring the people of Orleans together, young and old.

Sound & Light

During the entire summer, an exclusive, free sound and light show is projected upon the façade of the cathedral for one hour of sound and light!

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Follow the guidebook!

Your feet will take you through the streets of the town's historic centre, to the cathedral uphill, and through Hôtel Grosloot, Orleans's crypts, Porte Bannier and many other must-see sites. Through them, learn about the key aspects of the history of Orleans...

Don't miss the train...

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