

DESTINATION
ORLEANS
LOIRE VALLEY



Loire, Loiret
and Canal

Take a break





Keep your eyes open and look for treasures



01 Quais du Châtelet and Fort Alleaume

The Quai du Châtelet, which leads to the Quai Fort Alleaume, was once the scene of a bustling river trade business, and is now a place favoured by strollers. Do not miss Place de Loire, which opens onto the river, and on the quay, the paddle steamer l'Inexplosible and the Bateau-Lavoir restaurant.

02 George V bridge

The George V bridge, also called Pont Royal, was built in the 18th century to replace the old medieval Pont des Tourelles. It offers a breathtaking panorama on the quays, from the Fort Alleaume lock in the east to the Pont de l'Europe in the west.

03 Quai de Prague

On the south side, on the Quai de Prague and in the shade of plane

trees, enjoy one of the best views of Orleans, from the Pont Royal to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

04 Île Charlemagne and Parc de Loire

A project backed by Orleans Métropole, the natural urban park of over 340 hectares showcases the ecosystem of the Loire, the forest and ponds. The area notably harbours the leisure base of Île Charlemagne, where one can practice nautical sports, running and mountain biking, along with a children's playground!

05 Orleans Canal

For over 3 centuries, the Orleans canal connected the Loire and the Loing and Briare canals going up to Paris. Nowadays, the old canal towpaths are used by walkers and cyclists. Starting point: the Orleans Canal lock.



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06 Combleux

Combleux is a real fief of the Loire marine. The village and its waterman houses, its lock, inn, bridges and traditional boats offer an exotic outing between the Loire and the Canal!

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07 Le Bouillon, the source of the Loire

The source called “Le Bouillon” is a Loire resurgence. It erupts seven metres deep, after circulating inside underground galleries. It takes its name from the characteristic bubbling of water. Uncover it in the heart of the Parc Floral.

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08 Moulins du Loiret (Loiret Windmills)

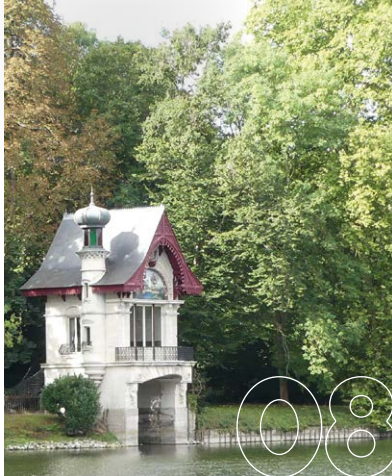
Take a stroll along the Loiret! The itinerary includes windmills, as a testimony of past economic activities, now converted into houses, as well as typical boat stations and large properties boarding the river.

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09 Pointe de Courpain

Located in the national nature reserve of Saint-Mesmin, at the confluence of the Loire and the Loiret, the Pointe de Courpain is the perfect location for nature lovers: white snowdrop carpet in March, bird concerto in May, mats of immaculate white water-crowfoot on the Loiret in June...

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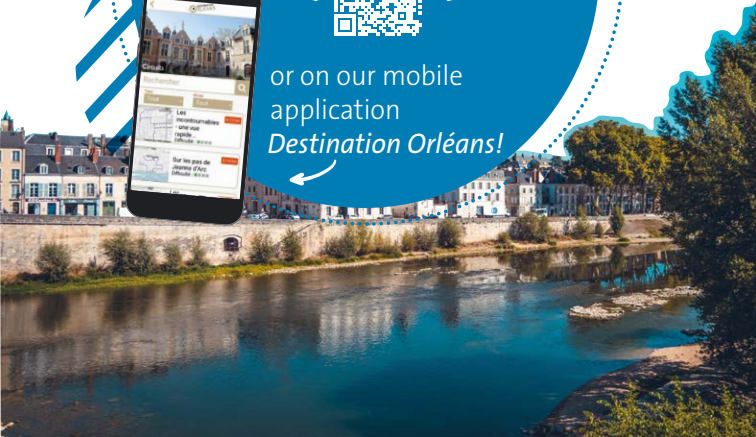
Did you know?

The Loiret, from its source at the heart of the Parc Floral to Mareau-aux-Prés, is 13 km long. Its fauna and flora are in perfect harmony with the windmills and beautiful residences along it, making it a favourite spot for numerous walkers.

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Destination Orleans Loire Valley

*also includes**

- 10 Place de Loire, Orleans
- 11 Hôtel Dupanloup, Orleans
- 12 Jardin de la Charpenterie (Carpentry Garden), Orleans
- 13 Remains of the Pont des Tourelles, Orleans
- 14 Pont de l'Europe, Orleans, Saint-Jean-de-la-Ruelle, Saint-Pryvé-Saint-Mesmin
- 15 Ecluse de Combleux (Combleux lock), Maison Eclusière (Lockmaster's House)
- 16 Lavoir de Chécy (Chécy wash-house)
- 17 Ecluse de Mardié (Mardié lock)
- 18 Pont Saint Nicolas, Saint-Pryvé-Saint-Mesmin
- 19 Les Mauves, Meung-sur-Loire
- 20 Musée de la Marine de Loire (Loire Marine Museum), Châteauneuf-sur-Loire
- 21 Pont-Canal de Briare (Briare aqueduct)
- 22 Balade du Marinier, Combleux

*Non-exhaustive list. Feel free to also browse our brochures on "Châteaux", "Culture", "Loire, Loiret and Canal" and "Parks, gardens and forests".





Fête des Duits (Festival of Dykes)

The Fête des Duits takes place every year in August,
in the middle of the Loire,
on the stone levees called dykes!

The event was created by Arnaud NANO Méthivier, who imagined
an artistic space at the heart of nature that would be entirely dedicated
to visual, sound and sensory creation.

Festival de Loire

The Festival de Loire, which takes place every other year in September,
is the largest river boating gathering in Europe. Over the course of
5 days, the port of Orleans and businesses of the Loire come alive with
over 220 boats and 700 seamen, in a festive family atmosphere!

Do not miss the programme of the **“open-air cafés” in Orleans**
(le Ponton, le Boui-Boui, la plage du BDL, La Paillotte)
and **their surroundings** (L'éphémère Café in Olivet,
L'Ilot 4 on Île Charlemagne, l'Ecluse in Combleux,
the Guinguette de la Capitainerie in Meung-sur-Loire,
the Guinguette du Parc in Saint-Jean-de-Braye...)

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Get away

- In a traditional “toue” boat, with the Tourist Office,
“Balades et Découvertes en Bateau sur la Loire”,
“Escapades Ligériennes” (Combleux),
“les Passeurs de Loire” (Sigloy)...
- In a canoe, with Aventure Outdoor, Absolument Canoë...
- On a bike, with Vélo'+ (TAO), Vélos Verts, Détours de Loire,
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