

# Culture and leisure Guide



Office de  
**Tourisme**  
de Poitiers

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## *Poitiers, two thousand years of history, looking to the future*

*Set up on its rocky spur between two rivers, Poitiers boasts 2000 years of history. A rich past which has left its stamp everywhere to be seen, standing shoulder to shoulder with the contemporary city.*

*The regional capital and a university city, Poitiers is proud to welcome its visitors to its historic centre, home to over 80 listed buildings, set in a landscape largely dominated by a rich Roman heritage. Along the city streets, the beautiful houses, the carved dormers and the mullioned windows will stop the curious passer-by in his tracks, inviting him to come and discover them.*

*In the heart of the city, the modern buildings are in perfect harmony not only with the various eras of the surrounding buildings, but also with the history of the area in which they are built. This is because the modern buildings carry within them some of the memories of the site where they were built (see: the Sainte-Croix museum, the Regional Council, the Departmental Council, the François-Mitterrand Media Library, the Cordeliers quarter, the brand new Theatre Auditorium).*

*The work being undertaken as part of the "Coeur d'Agglo" project will revitalise the city centre, returning it to the pedestrians and cyclists. This is a whole new development plan (streets, squares and other embellishments, thanks to the renewal of street furniture, the cleaning of façades and the replanting of a better choice of trees. This new environment will be the ideal setting for the huge array leisure activities and cultural events, which are on offer throughout the year.*

*Thanks to the legacy of its past, and with both eyes set towards the future, the city of Poitiers combines a particular lifestyle, a gentle pace, urban innovation and a certain culinary tradition.*



# Tourist Information Office

## All the services you need for a successful stay

**H**oused in a 1900's building that has been beautifully restored and modernised, just a few steps from the Church of Notre-Dame-la-Grande, a famous gem in the crown of Romanesque art, the Poitiers Tourist Information Office (with the nearby Notre-Dame-Marché car park and its 673 parking spaces), welcomes you and provides you information all year round...

### HOTEL BOOKINGS

We can advise you in your choice of accommodation, so that it can best meet your criteria (budget, services, geographic area...) and we take care of the booking.

You can also book online  
[www.ot-poitiers.fr](http://www.ot-poitiers.fr)



### TICKETS

We sell tickets for...

- The Futuroscope Park,
- The guided tours
- Shows and concerts
- Travelling the city by bus ("Jour Découverte Ticket", cf. Page 5)



### SHOP

All year, we offer a selection of books and crafts (pottery, sculpture, jewelry ...) regional.

### AUDIO-GUIDED WALKS



Discover the city at your own pace! The audio-guided tours each include 7 stages of 3 to 4 minutes of audio commentary, with historical reconstitutions, interviews, music clips, news...

Available formats...

- **Audio guide for hire at the Tourist Office**
- **MP3, downloadable for free onto your mobile phone** from the interactive terminal at the Tourist Information Office, [www.ot-poitiers.fr](http://www.ot-poitiers.fr) or [www.zevisit.com](http://www.zevisit.com) (subject to compatibility with your equipment)

### SMARTPHONES APPLICATIONS

- Accommodation, restaurants and major sights... Download the e-Poitiers application now!



- For a fun, educational and interactive visit, why not enjoy a geo-location and augmented reality tour thanks to our new iPhone and Android compatible application. (From February 2011 on the Appstore and Android Market).



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# Getting here and travelling around

**P**oitiers is set south of the Loire, close to the beaches of the Atlantic Coast and the famous and always attractive Poitevin Marshes.

## BY ROAD

With the A10 motorway, Paris is 330 km away, Bordeaux 220 km, La Rochelle 130 km and Tours 100 km. The N10 trunk road also runs along the Paris-Bordeaux route.

By national trunk road, Lyon is 550 km away, Nantes 180 km and Limoges 120 km.

## BY TRAIN

The city is served by the TGV Atlantique, with a station in the

city centre and another at the Parc du Futuroscope. As it is just 1h30 from Paris, 1h45 from Bordeaux and 3h15 from Lille, the city of Poitiers has an enviable geographic reach.

More information on [www.sncf.com](http://www.sncf.com)

## BY PLANE

Poitiers-Biard operates regular flights to national or European destinations. There are several weekly direct flights to Lyon, London, Edimbourg and Bastia (summer). There is a car rental service in the airport lobby.

For more information  
Contact: +33 (0)5 49 30 04 40  
[info@poitiers.aeroport.fr](mailto:info@poitiers.aeroport.fr)  
[www.poitiers.aeroport.fr](http://www.poitiers.aeroport.fr)

## USEFUL NUMBERS

Poitiers City Hall +33 (0)5 49 52 35 35

### Emergency Services

Police 17

Fire service 18

Ambulance 15

Hospital +33 (0)5 49 44 44 44

European emergency number 112

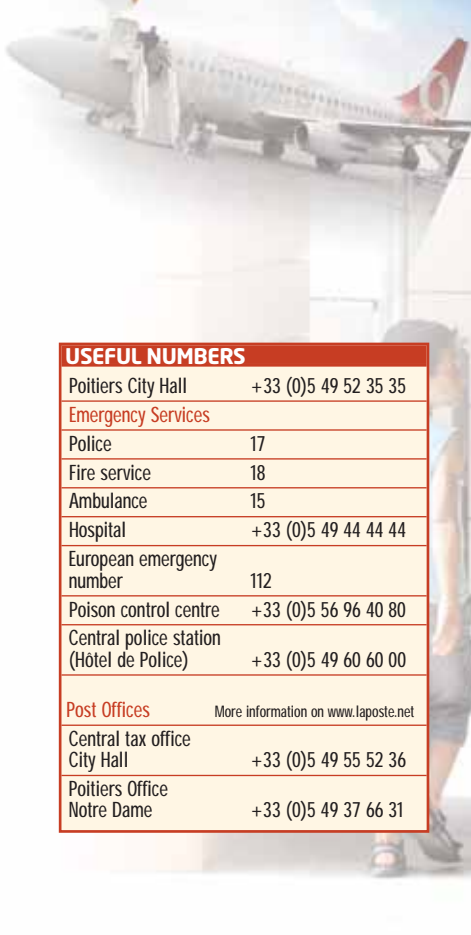
Poison control centre +33 (0)5 56 96 40 80

Central police station (Hôtel de Police) +33 (0)5 49 60 60 00

Post Offices More information on [www.laposte.net](http://www.laposte.net)

Central tax office City Hall +33 (0)5 49 55 52 36

Poitiers Office Notre Dame +33 (0)5 49 37 66 31



## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The city of Poitiers is not only easily reached by road or by rail, but is also well served by its bus network: with a dozen routes in total, the Vitalis network serves the entire territory of Poitiers and Grand Poitiers.

### Good to know

**Route 1** goes to the Futuroscope theme park, leaving from the city centre or the train station.

**For evening outings**, the two Noctambus lines serve the main routes through Poitiers until 3 o'clock in the morning.

The public transport also links the **Parcoba**, the city's park and ride areas on the outskirts, to the city centre.

### Fares

**Single ticket**, valid for 2 journeys within one hour (€ 1.30 - Sold on the bus or in the lobby of the train station - you can buy a book of 5 tickets for sale at Vitalis offices at a cost of € 4.90)

**Jour Découverte Ticket**, to discover and travel with family or friends all day across the bus network (€ 3.50 for 4 people).

More information on [www.vitalis-poitiers.fr](http://www.vitalis-poitiers.fr)  
For information on routes and timetables:  
Allobus +33 (0)5 49 44 66 88



## OTHER FORMS OF TRANSPORT

### Taxi

Several partners at your service:

#### Taxis Radio

+33 (0)5 49 88 12 34  
[taxipoitiers@wanadoo.fr](mailto:taxipoitiers@wanadoo.fr)

#### Les Artisans Taxis Indépendants

+33 (0)5 49 01 10 01

#### G.I.H.P. Poitou-Charentes

(Groupement Insertion Handicap Physique)  
[Group for the Integration of the Physically Disabled]

+33 (0)5 49 01 49 69  
[gihppc@free.fr](mailto:gihppc@free.fr)

### Bike - Electric Bike

Why not choose to tour the city of Poitiers and the towns of Grand Poitiers by bike? If you are tempted by this means of getting around, you can hire your bicycle for the day or the week and travel around at your own pace!

Rent possible:

The Hôtel de Ville car park (+33 (0)5 49 01 77 51),  
Notre-Dame-Marché car park (+33 (0)5 49 88 30 29),  
Multimodal Espace Toumai travel hub at the railway station (CAP Vélo) open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
(+33 (0)5 49 52 36 36 or +33 (0)6 82 66 88 42)  
[cap.velo@agallo-poitiers.fr](mailto:cap.velo@agallo-poitiers.fr)

Rental of electric bikes possible by the day, at the CAP Vélo at the travel hub at the train station.

## PARKING

There are easily accessible car parks all round the centre of the city.

### The little extra

**A special price of € 0.50** for evenings

from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 am, and for Sundays (mornings or afternoons).

For all the car parks in the city, find information on the site [www.mairie-poitiers.fr](http://www.mairie-poitiers.fr)

## THE CAR PARKS IN POITIERS

Blossac	20, place Henri Barbusse	+33 (0)5 49 88 74 18	<a href="mailto:parking.blossac@mairie-poitiers.fr">parking.blossac@mairie-poitiers.fr</a>
Hôtel de Ville	22, rue Carnot	+33 (0)5 49 01 77 51	<a href="mailto:parking.carnot@mairie-poitiers.fr">parking.carnot@mairie-poitiers.fr</a>
Notre-Dame-Marché	Place Ch. de Gaulle	+33 (0)5 49 88 30 29	<a href="mailto:parking.degaulle@mairie-poitiers.fr">parking.degaulle@mairie-poitiers.fr</a>
Clos des Carmes	Rue du 19 mars 1962	+33 (0)5 49 88 30 29	<a href="mailto:parking.degaulle@mairie-poitiers.fr">parking.degaulle@mairie-poitiers.fr</a>
Espace Toumai (Pôle d'échanges multimodal)	52, bd du Grand Cerf	+33 (0)5 49 41 91 65	<a href="mailto:parking.multimodal@mairie-poitiers.fr">parking.multimodal@mairie-poitiers.fr</a>
Théâtre Auditorium	Bd de Verdun	+33 (0)5 49 41 91 69	<a href="mailto:parking.theatre@mairie-poitiers.fr">parking.theatre@mairie-poitiers.fr</a>
Parking des Cordeliers	4 bis rue Henri Oudin	+33 (0)5 49 39 69 44	<a href="mailto:mohamed.nedoui@q-park.fr">mohamed.nedoui@q-park.fr</a>





# Marché NOTRE-DAME POITIERS

PLUS DE 30 ARTISANS-COMMERÇANTS  
VOUS ACCUEILLENT  
DANS LE CENTRE VILLE  
DU LUNDI AU SAMEDI DE 7H À 14H

ET TOUTE LA JOURNÉE POUR  
LA RESTAURATION À EMPORTER

[WWW.MARCHE-POITIERS.FR](http://WWW.MARCHE-POITIERS.FR)



# The streets of Poitiers

Rue du	19 mars 1962	D3
Rue du	125 <sup>e</sup> Régiment d'Infanterie	C5
	A	
Rue du	Abbesse (Pré l')	E3
Boulevard du	Achard (Pont)	C5
Boulevard	Albert (François)	D5
Rue	Alexandre (Jean)	C5
Rue	Alléon d'Aquitaine	B5
Rue d'	Alsace Lorraine	B5
Rue de l'	Ancienne Comédie	D4
Place de l'	Appel du 18 Juin 1940	B5
Rue de l'	Arceau	D5
Rue des	Arènes Romaines	C5
Rue d'	Argent	D5
Rue	Augouard (Mgr )	D3
	B	
Boulevard	Bajon	F3-F4
Rue des	Balances d'Or	D4
Place	Barbasse (Henri)	B6
Rue	Barballe	E4
Boulevard du	Barthal (Colonel)	F4-F5
Rue du	Bas des Sables	C6
Rue	Basse	F6
Place	Berry (Jean de)	C1
Rue	Bert (Paul)	C2
Rue du	Berton (Général)	D3
Boulevard	Blossac (sous)	A6-B6
Rue de	Blossac	B5
Rue	Boncenne	C3
Rue	Bouchet (Jean)	D2
Rue	Bourbeau	C3
Rue	Bourcani	C5
Rue de la	Bretonnerie	D2
Place	Briand (Aristide)	B4
Chemin de la	Brouette du Vinaigrier	E6
Rue	Brouillet (André)	B1
	C	
Place de la	Cathédrale et du Cardinal Pie	E4
Place	Charles VII	C3
Rue du	Caille (Puits de la)	E5
Rue des	Caillons	F3
Plan du	Calvaire	C5
Rue des	Carmélites	C2-C3
Rue des	Carnes	E3
Rue	Carnot	C5
Rue des	Carolus	F5
Rue de la	Cathédrale	D3
Plan de la	Celle	D4
Rue de la	Celle	D4
Rue le	Cesve	A5
Rue de la	Chaine	D2
Rue de	Champagne	C2
Rue du	Chanoine Duret	B5
Boulevard	Chasseigne	D1
Impasse	Chasseigne	D2
Rue du	Chaudron d'Or	C4
Rue de la	Chaussée	C1
Rue du	Chêne (Général)	B6
Allée de la	Cité Sainte-Jeanne	B1
Rue de la	Cité Sainte-Jeanne	C1
Impasse du	Clain Nouveau	F3
Rue	Claveurier	C4
Rue	Cloche Perse	D3
Rue du	Clos de la Roche	A2
Allée du	Clos des Cours	D6
Rue du	Col d'Enfert	D4
Boulevard	Colligny	F5
Impasse	Condorcet	A1
Rue	Condorcet	A1
Rue	Coq (Pascal le)	E4-E5
Rue des	Cordeliers	C3
Rue	Cornet	F5
Promenade des	Cours	C6
Chemin des	Crêtes	E1-F2
Rue de la	Croix Blanche	C3
Rue de la	Croix Rouge	F3-4
Rue	Curzon (Alfred)	B2
Rue du	Cuvier	A5
	D	
Rue des	Dames des Roches	B1
Rue du	Demarcay (Général)	B5
Rue	Descartes (René)	D3
Rue du	Doyenné	A5
Rue des	Dunes	F5-F6
Rue	Drault (Sylvain)	D2
Place	Du Guesclin	C2
	E	
Passage des	Écossais	B4
Rue des	Écossais	B4

Rue de l'	Éperon	C4
Avenue de l'	Europe	F1
	F	
Rue	Faguet (Emile)	E4
Place	Ferrières (Charles-Elie de)	A2-B2
Rue	Ferry (Jules)	A6
Rue des	Feuillants	E3
Rue des	Flageolles	D3
Impasse du	Foch (Maréchal)	C5
Rue du	Foch (Maréchal)	C5
Rue	Fonteneau (Dom.)	C2
Rue de	Foucault (l'Intendant)	C1
Boulevard	France (Anatole)	D5-E5
Rue	Franklin	D2
Boulevard de	Frémont (l'Abbé)	D1
	G	
Rue	Gabillet (Honore)	D1
Rue des	Gaillards	D3
Rue	Gambetta	C3-C4
Place de	Gascogne	F1
Rue	Gauffier (Louis)	B1
Place	Gaulle (Charles de)	D3
Rue	Gide (Charles)	C4
Rue	Girouard	C5
Rue	Grailly (Jean de)	B3
Boulevard du	Grand Cerf	B3-C2
-	Grand Rue	D3-F4
Rue des	Grandes Écoles	C4
Rue	Grimaux (Edouard)	C3
Rue	Guillaume VII le Troubadour	D2
Rue	Guillon (Paul)	C4
Rue de	Guymer	A5
	H	
Boulevard des	Hauteurs	F1-F2
Rue du	Haut des Sables	D6
Rue des	Herbeaux	F3-4
Rue de l'	Hotel-Dieu	D2
Rue	Hugo (Victor)	B4
Rue	Hulin (Gaston)	C3
	J	
Rue du	Janequin (Clément)	A1
Rue du	Jardin des Plantes	E2
Rue du	Jardinet	E5
Rue	Jaurès (Jean)	D4
Boulevard	Jeanne d'Arc	C1-C2
Impasse des	Jésuites	C3
Boulevard du	Joubert (Pont)	F4
Pont	Joubert	F4
	K	
Rue	Kestner (Scheurer)	B5
	L	
Rue du	Lattre de Tassigny (Maréchal de)	E2
Rue	Lebasclès	C4
Place du	Leclerc (Maréchal)	C4
Place	Lepetit (Alphonse)	C3
Rue de la	Levéé	A2
Place de la	Liberté	D2
	M	
Rue	Macé (Jean)	C2-D1
Rue	Magenta	C5
Rue de	Maillochon	A3-A4
Voie	Malraux (André)	E2
Rue du	Marché Notre-Dame	D4
Impasse de la	Marne	C4
Rue de la	Marne	C4
Rue	Mauvinière (Arthur de la)	E4
Rue des	Minimes	E3
Rue	Montfort (Grignon de)	C2
Rue	Montgautier	D4
Place	Montierneuf	D1
Rue du	Moulin à Vent	C3
Rue du	Mouton	D1
	N	
Avenue de	Nantes	A1-A3-C1
	O	
Rue d'	Oléron	D4
Chemin des	Oreillères	C6-D5
Rue	Orillard (Arsène)	D4
Rue	Oudin (Henri)	D4
	P	
Avenue de la	Paix	B1
Allée du	Parc	F1
Rue	Pasteur (Louis)	E6
Rue de	Penthlevre	D4
Rue du	Petit Bonneveau	C5
Impasse de la	Petite Roue	D3
Rue	Pettonnet (Henri)	C3
Rue du	Pigeon Blanc	F4
Rue	Piorry	E4

Rue du	Plan de la Roche	A2
Jardin des	Plantes	E2
Rue du	Plat d'Étain	C4
Avenue	Pompidou (Georges)	F1-F3
Boulevard de	Pont Achard	A5
Faubourg du	Pont Neuf	F5
Allée	Porée (Gilbert de la)	E1
Rue des	Pouppes	F3
Chemin du	Pré Roy	C6-D6
Rue de la	Prévoté	D2
Rue	Puellier (Pierre de)	D5
Rue	Puits Cyprès	C2
Rue du	Puygareau	C4
	Q	
Rue des	Quatre Roues	E1
Passerelle des	Quatre Roues	E1
	R	
Rue	Rabelais	C5
Impasse	Ranc (Arthur)	B3
Rue	Ranc (Arthur)	B3
Rue	Rat (Pierre)	D2
Rue de la	Regratterie	C3-D2
Rue	Renard (Louis)	C4
Rue	Renaudot (Théophraste)	B4
Square de la	République	C4
Rue	Riffault	D3
Impasse de la	Roche	A2
Rue de la	Roche	A2
Rue	Roche d'Argent	E5
Boulevard des	Rocs	A2-B1
Passerelle des	Rocs	B2-B3
	S	
Pont	Saint-Cyprien	D6
Rue	Saint-Cyprien	D5
Rue	Saint-Denis	E3
Rue	Saint-Fortunat	E4
Rue	Sainte-Opportune	D3
Rue	Sainte-Thérèse	A1
Parvis	Saint-Germain	D2
Rue	Saint-Germain	D2
Rue	Saint-Grégoire	B6-C5
Rue	Saint-Hilaire	A5
Rue	Saint-Louis	C3
Rue	Saint-Maixent	E4
Impasse	Saint-Michel	E4
Rue	Saint-Nicolas	C4
Rue	Saint-Porchaire	C4
Plan	Saint-Simplicien	E5
Rue	Saint-Simplicien	E5
Rue	Saint-Vincent de Paul	D4
Petite rue	Sainte-Catherine	D5
Rue	Sainte-Catherine	D5
Place	Sainte-Croix	E4
Rue	Sainte-Croix	E4
Impasse	Sainte-Radegonde	F4
Rue	Sainte-Radegonde	E4
Rue du	Sarrail (Général)	C1-D1
Place	Sarzec (Chocquin de)	B1
Rue	Savatier	C3
Rue	Scevole de Sainte-Marthe	D3
Rue	Servant (Georges)	E3
Boulevard	Solférino	B3
Rue du	Souci	E4
	T	
Avenue des	Terrasses	E6
Rue de la	Tête Noire	D3
Rue	Thézaud (Léopold)	D3
Rue	Thibaudreau	B3
Rue	Thibault	B3
Rue	Tiraqueau (Andre)	C6
Boulevard de	Tison	B6
Chemin de	Tison	B6
Rue de	Tison	C5
Rue du	Tourniquet	F4
Rue de la	Tranchée	A6-B5
Impasse de la	Traverse	B5
Impasse de la	Trinité	D5
Rue de la	Trinité	D5
Rue des	Trois Rois	C2-D2
Rue du	Trottoir	D2
	U	
Rue de l'	Université	D3
	V	
Rue	Vauvert	D3
Boulevard de	Verdun	B4/3
Rue des	Vieilles Boucheries	C03
Rue	Vierne (Louis)	A1



# Map of Poitiers

A full-page photograph showing three people (two women and one man) standing outdoors on a cobblestone path, looking at a map. The man in the center is wearing a green FILA t-shirt and blue cargo shorts. The woman on the left is wearing a black sleeveless top and a black skirt. The woman on the right is wearing a yellow tank top, blue jeans, and a polka-dot headscarf. They are standing in front of a large green hedge. A white sign with the letters 'MU' is visible on the right side of the image.

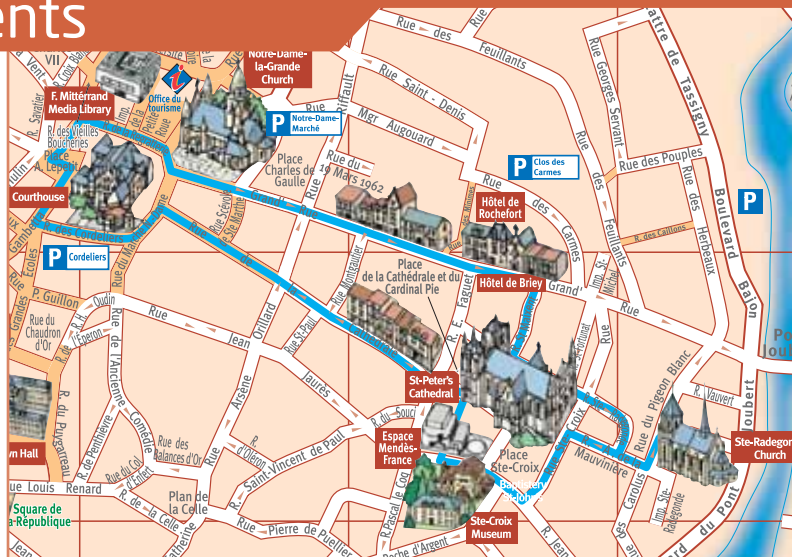






# Sites & Monuments

**T**here are more ways than one to enjoy the rich heritage of the city of Poitiers. There are three main circuits to ensure that visitors will discover the most representative monuments. Then there are a whole host of other nearby sites



## THE EPISCOPAL QUARTER

This route follows the ancient Grand 'Rue, which runs down the eastern slope of the spur to the River Clain. Lined with timbered houses, narrow façades of carved stone and beautiful mansions, it is around this road that the whole of the Poitiers promontory is structured and for long it was one of the sole means of access, running from east to west.

This walk is ideal for getting to grips with the heritage of Poitiers, as on it you will find some of the major buildings of the city:

**The Church of Notre-Dame-la-Grande** (11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> centuries), a veritable jewel of Romanesque architecture.



Its famous carved façade, which used to be brightly coloured, is illuminated every night during the summer. These light-based frescoes are designed by the artist Skertzó.

Open every day from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Le palais de Justice [The Courthouse]**, (12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> centuries), the former palace of the Counts of Poitou and Dukes of Aquitaine. This priceless testimony to the civil architecture of the Middle Ages, with its Great Hall, takes the visitor back to the time of Eleanor of Aquitaine.

From 8:30 to 12:00 and 1:30 to 5:30 (except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays).

**St Peter's Cathedral** (12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> centuries), the earliest Gothic building in Poitiers. It is home to some exceptional furniture and fittings: a set of 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> century stained glass windows (including the remarkable window of the Crucifixion), some 13<sup>th</sup> century stalls, a classic 18<sup>th</sup> century organ by F.-H Clicquot.

Every day from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Open all year round



**The Baptistry of St. John** (5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> centuries), one of the oldest Christian monuments dedicated to baptism. Its octagonal baptismal pool stands in the heart of this small building, which also houses a fine collection of Romanesque and Gothic frescoes.

From 1 October to 31 March: daily from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed: Tuesdays.

From 1 April to 30 September: daily from 10:30 to 12:30 and 3:00 to 6:00. Closed: Tuesdays (except July and August), Closed 1 January, 1 May and 25 December.



**The Church of St Radegund** (11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries), a composite of Gothic and Romanesque architecture. The tomb of Radegund, who founded the first monastery for women in the city in the 6<sup>th</sup> century, is to be found in the crypt.

Every day from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



## THE MONTIERNEUF QUARTER

The "backbone" of this circuit is the rue de la Chaîne, around which all of the north-west quarter of the spur revolves. It is a fairly steep and slightly sinuous slope that combines charm and character, with its narrow street frontages and the glimpses of interior courtyards and gardens.

This is a route for gentle strolling, at your leisure, to discover squares (including place de la Liberté with a replica of Bartholdi's famous statue), churches and mansions:

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Open every day from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



**The Hôtel Fumé** (15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> centuries), a testimony to the city's flamboyant Gothic architecture. Built by two generations of the Fumé family, this old mansion has carved decorations of the greatest refinement, chiselled into cornices, string courses, window frames and skylights.

Courtyard only

Winter: Mondays to Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Summer: 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July to 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August:

Mondays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

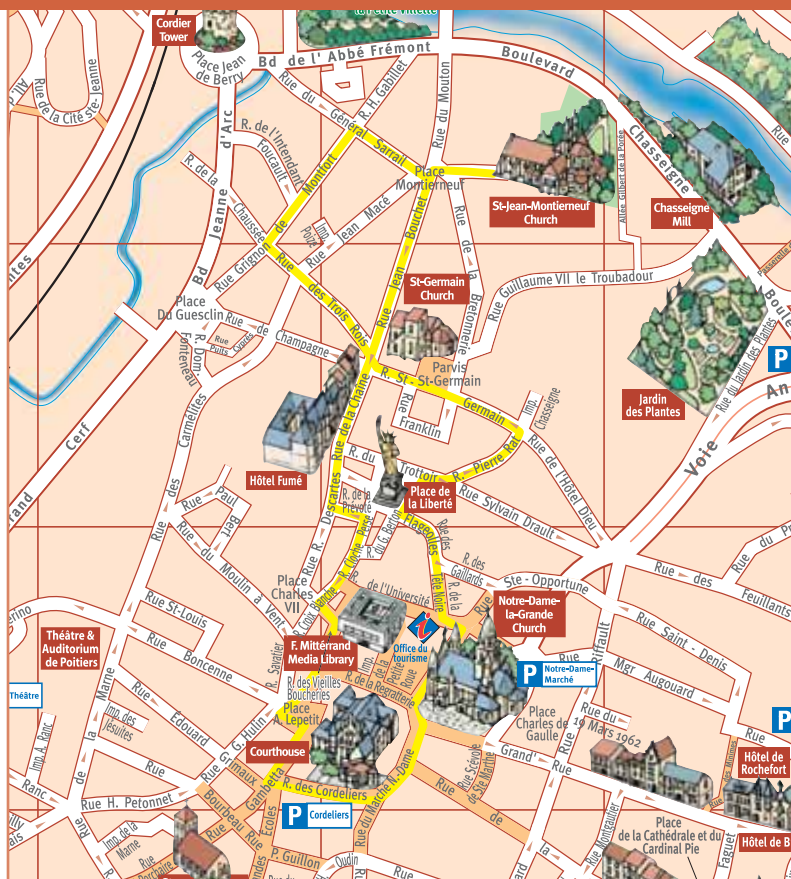
**The Hotel Berthelot** (16<sup>th</sup> century), and its beautiful Renaissance decorations. Just a stone's throw from the previous site, this mansion set at the far side of a courtyard abounds in sculptures of Italian inspiration: scrolls, medallions, shells, candelabras, and more besides...

Courtyard only

Winter: Mondays to Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Summer: 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July to 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August:

Mondays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



**The church of Saint Germain** (12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> centuries), built on the site of ancient thermal baths. This charming little building, which has been beautifully restored, is used as an auditorium for the Regional Conservatoire which stands opposite.

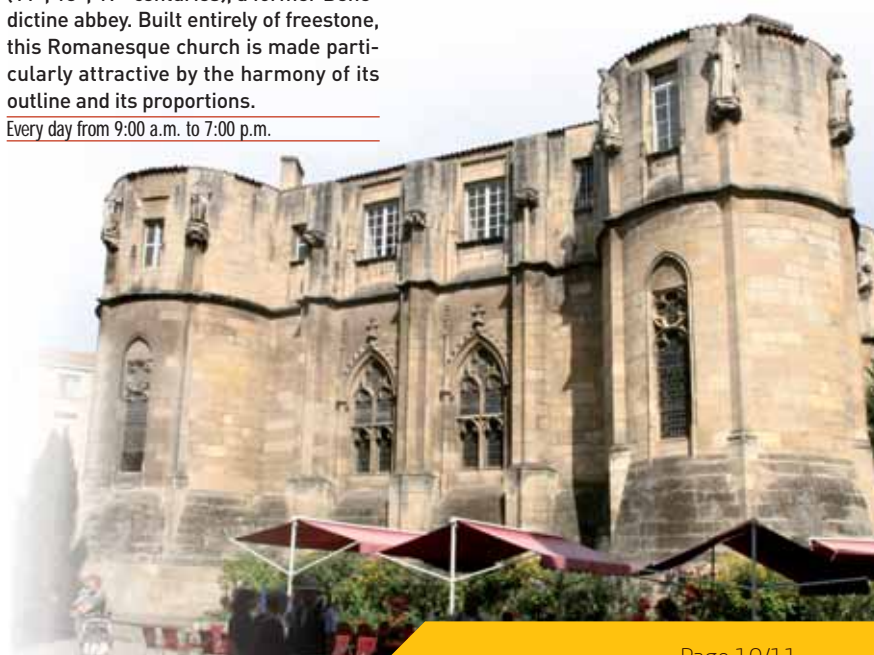
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Special opening during guided tours and National Heritage Days.



**The church of Saint-Jean-de-Montierneuf** (11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> centuries), a former Benedictine abbey. Built entirely of freestone, this Romanesque church is made particularly attractive by the harmony of its outline and its proportions.

Every day from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.





## THE SAINT-HILAIRE QUARTER

Unlike the other two circuits, this one goes up to the summit of the spur – which the people of Poitiers call "the plateau". Its starts on the pedestrian streets before leaving the heart of the city to take visitors to the southern end of the promontory, passing alongside the remains of a Gallo-Roman amphitheatre:

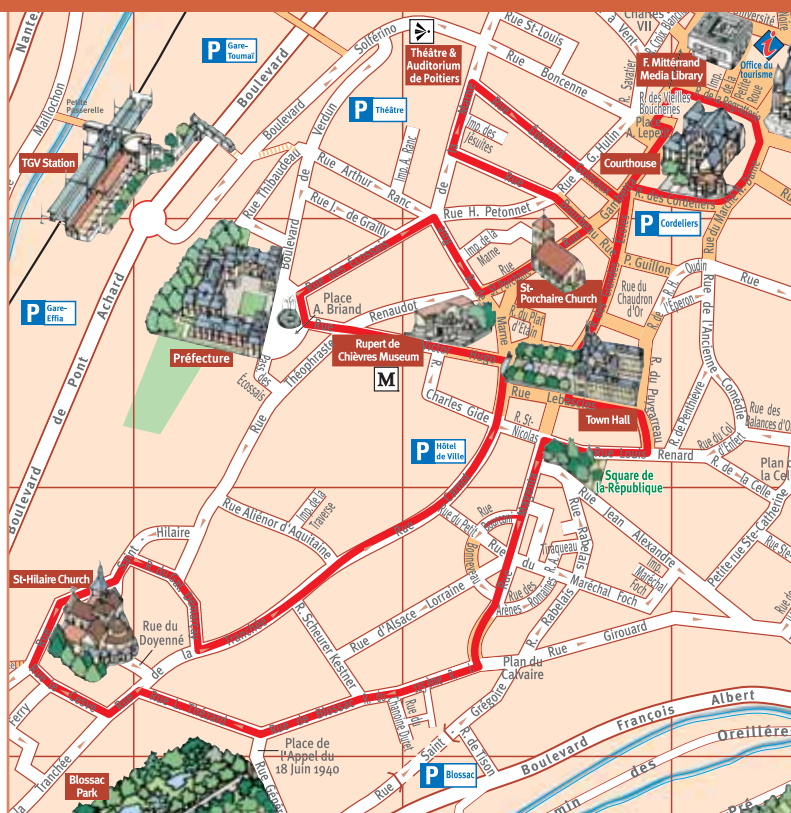
**The Church of Notre-Dame-la-Grande** (11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> centuries), a veritable jewel of Romanesque architecture. Its famous carved façade, which used to be brightly coloured, is illuminated every night during the summer. These light-based frescoes are designed by the artist Skertzó.

Open every day from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



**The Church of St. Porchaire** (11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries), in the pedestrian area. Quietly entrenched behind its Romanesque gatehouse, the beautiful two-aisle nave dates from the early 16<sup>th</sup> century.

Every day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (winter),  
from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (summer)



**The City Hall** (19<sup>th</sup> century), a fine Second Empire construction. The façade of the City Hall, built directly in line with the prefecture, is of Renaissance inspiration. The interior, dominated by references to great figures of the past, reflects a desire for prestige and solemnity.

From Mondays to Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**The Prefecture** (19<sup>th</sup> century), in the heart of a Second Empire urban planning project. This elegant Louis XIII style building (combining brick and stone) now stands alongside the contemporary architecture of the buildings of the Department Council.

File only, Special opening during guided tours and National Heritage Days.



**The Church of Saint-Hilaire-le-Grand** (11<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries), a sanctuary for pilgrims on the road to Compostela. Classed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, this remarkable Romanesque building (nave partly rebuilt in the 19<sup>th</sup> century) is dedicated to the first attested Bishop of Poitiers.

Every day from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.





## AND ALSO IN POITIERS

**The Chapel of Saint Louis** (17<sup>th</sup> century), home to some remarkable painted decoration. Built in 1608 by the Jesuits, to serve their newly established college, this chapel has a magnificent altar and a marquetry tabernacle. Also worth a visit is the sacristy, decorated with paintings set into the woodwork.

Open only during exhibitions and national heritage days

**The panorama of the Dunes**, an unparalleled introduction to Poitiers. Overlooking the bed of the River Clain, this is a site which enables visitors to see all of the city in one fell swoop, with all of its major monuments and its beautiful grey slate or red tile rooftops.



The city bus network runs up to the panorama, which can also be reached by a staircase which starts close to the Pont Joubert.

**The banks of the Clain** are ideal for an urban stroll closer to nature. The river forms a large meander, along which a gentle ball is always a pleasure. It is here, on these beautifully managed banks, that you will be able to see some very interesting flora and fauna. The trail comes to an

end at the Chasseigne Mill, the ruins of the ancient triangular Poitiers Castle, near the confluence of the Clain and its small tributary, the Boivre.



## AND ALSO IN GRAND POITIERS

**The former abbey of Saint Benedict**, in the heart of the town. All that remains of this Romanesque abbey, founded in the 7<sup>th</sup> century by St. Achard, is the Church of St. Andrew, as well as the eastern wing of the convent buildings, with the monks' dormitory and chapter house. The interior of the church reveals a number of riches: a precious Limoges enamel crosier from the 13<sup>th</sup> century and 12<sup>th</sup> century sarcophagi.

**The ancient abbey of Fontaine-le-Comte**, in its lush green landscape. Founded in 1130 by William VIII, the Count of Poitou and Duke of Aquitaine, the abbey was first home to a community of Canons of St. Augustine. This initial period, which proved highly prosperous, came to an end with the Hundred Years War and the Wars of Religion. While parts of the abbey suffered damage, the church with its wooden arches is well preserved. The abbey stood on the Way of St James and was a place of passage for pilgrims.

**The Fleury aqueduct**, a vestige of antiquity. First built in the Gallo-Roman era, the aqueduct follows the bed of the Boivre for about twenty kilometres to supply the city of Lemonum (the former name of Poitiers) with water from the source in Fleury. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, a new structure was built almost exactly where the previous one had run, traversing the towns of Béruges, Vouneuil-sous-Biard, Biard. Beautiful ancient ruins of the Basse-Fontaine aqueduct can also be seen in the town of Saint-Benoît.

**The Norée Caves**, a natural site that has been listed since 1934. The guided tours of the cave will enable you to discover a number of wonderful geomorphological concretions (stalagmites, draperies, petrified waterfalls), in an original and fun way.



Groups limited to 14 people (by prior arrangement only).  
Length of the visit: 45 min.  
Information and bookings: +33 (0)5 49 41 30 30  
[grottesdelanoree@orange.fr](mailto:grottesdelanoree@orange.fr)



## THE HERITAGE ROOM

**On the first floor of the Tourism Information Office, the Heritage Room is a permanent exhibition which offers an ideal prelude to discovering the city of Poitiers.**

The history and urban development of Poitiers are set out in 22 illustrated and thematic showcases. In addition to these, there is an aerial view of the city centre, a sculpture of the region's topography and a film lasting around

20 minutes (available in 6 languages, device equipped with an inductive loop). It is possible for the blind or visually impaired to get an understanding of the city's most emblematic monuments thanks to the Braille maps and elevations.

The Heritage Room is also the venue for the temporary exhibitions which the Tourist Information Office often hosts.

Tourist Information Office: +33 (0)5 49 41 21 24  
[accueil@ot-poitiers.fr](mailto:accueil@ot-poitiers.fr)



# Parks & Gardens

## IN POITIERS

### Jardin de la Petite Villette

Boulevard de l'Abbé Frémond POITIERS

Ideal for enjoying the charms of the river-side, the Petite Villette Gardens also offer a welcome stopping off point for visitors who want to take a quick break after discovering the Montierneuf quarter.

### Jardin des Plantes

Rue du Jardin des Plantes POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 41 39 37

From 1 April to 30 September: from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
From 1 October to 31 March: from 8 a.m. until dusk



Today, the botanical part of the garden provides a wide range of aromatic, medicinal and garden herbs, all of which are carefully catalogued and labelled. The garden also contains a vast area of flower

beds, planted with centuries-old trees and rare species (Ginkgo biloba, Deodar, Bald Cypress, etc.). A tropical greenhouse is home to various species of cacti and orchids.

### Garden of the Senses

Pont Saint Cyprien POITIERS - +33 (0)5 49 85 11 66

Open all year round from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (unguided).

Guided tours on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month between March and late October.

cpie-seuil-du-poitou@wanadoo.fr  
www.cpie-poitou.fr

Created by two landscape architects, the objective of this natural area is to awaken your five senses and to enable each visitor to discover more about his environment.

### Parc de Blossac

Rue Léopold Thézard POITIERS - +33 (0)5 49 41 39 37

From 1 April to 30 September: 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.;  
from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the landscape garden

From 1 October to 31 March: from 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.;  
from 7 a.m. until dusk for the landscape garden

Designed by the Steward of the King in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, this park offers a wide variety of different areas to relax: a formal garden, a landscape garden, a rock garden, a small zoo, a garden of light and shade and an outdoor theatre.

### Roseraie Flower Garden

11, rue Salvador Allende - POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 41 39 37

From 15 April to 15 October: every day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

From 16 October to 14 April: from 8:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and  
from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; except Saturdays, Sundays and  
holidays



Nearly 400 varieties of roses alongside many other plant species (iris, peonies, dahlias, clematis,...) and around a hundred different trees or shrubs. The exhibition area contains gazebos, pergolas, a pond and rockery, making this beautifully fragrant park an ideal place to come and unwind.

## The Hikes

For nature lovers, 400 km of marked trails offer a different way of getting to know Poitiers and Grand Poitiers. At your leisure, discover the natural and architectural riches of the 12 nearby municipalities: the cliffs of Beauvoir, the Dry Valleys of Buxerolles or Montamisé, the village centre of Saint-Benoit, the former abbey of Fontaine-le-Comte...

A guidebook on Poitiers and its surrounding area has been drawn up in partnership with the French Hiking Federation and the French Cycling Federation: it lists 23 different routes (from 8 to 26 km), each of which starts off, on foot or on mountain bike, from the centre of each municipality or of Poitiers itself. This guidebook is available in book stores and the tourist offices of Grand Poitiers (€11.50).

### Good to know

The Ville-Nature activity centre offers mountain biking or hiking excursions with a qualified guide. It also organises various activities (night hikes, orienteering, etc.)

Info / contact: +33 (0)5 49 43 51 89

basevillenature@mairie-poitiers.fr / www.grandpoitiers.fr





## Parc des Prés Mignons

Rue Blaise Pascal POITIERS - +33 (0)5 49 41 39 37

From 1 October to 31 March from 8 a.m. until dusk

From 1 April to 30 April: from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

From 1 May to 31 August: from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

In September: from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.



This 7 hectare park contains a number of buildings such as the mansion built in 1882, or the "La Ferme" recreation centre, managed by CAP SUD.

### IN GRAND POITIERS

## Botanical Garden of the University of Poitiers - Deffend

1108, route des Sachères MIGNALOUX-BEAUVOIR  
+33 (0)5 49 45 37 95

From 1 September to 31 May: Mondays to Fridays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., every other weekend from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

From 1 June to 31 August: Mondays to Fridays from 8 p.m. to 8 p.m., every weekend from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This university-owned land is home to a huge number of fruit and vegetable species and varieties from the region. Free visits all year, guided tours by appointment.

## Forêt de Moulière (Forest Centre)

Le Grand Recoin MONTAMISÉ +33 (0)5 49 56 59 20

The 4000 hectares of Moulière Forest make it the largest wooded area in Poitou Charentes. The site, which has been Natura 2000 listed since 2004, preserves a great diversity of fauna and flora. You can enjoy this beautifully preserved the natural area on foot, horseback or by bicycle. A number of trails and footpaths leave from the Forest Centre, many of them marked out and commented, enabling you to learn more about the flora and fauna. You can also read about the legends of the site, such as the "Tomb of the Child."

## Parc du Triangle d'Or

Rue Jean de la Fontaine SAINT-BENOIT  
+33 (0)5 49 41 39 37

From 1 October to 31 March from 8 a.m. to dusk

From 1 April to 30 September: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Bois de Saint-Pierre

86240 SMARVES

Free and open access all year

Zoo +33 (0)5 49 41 64 70

From 1 October to 30 April: from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

From 1 May to 30 September from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Pony Club +33 (0)5 49 52 89 10

From 1 October to 30 April from 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and from 1:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

From 1 May to 30 September: from 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and from 2:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Swimming pools +33 (0)5 49 88 55 41

From 1 July to 31 August

Open from Monday to Friday from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Weekends and holidays from 12 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Located 7 km from Poitiers, the woods are divided into two distinct parts, a managed area and a wilderness area, with a total area of approximately 248 hectares.

The wilderness area, which is reserved for walking, includes 8 km of footpaths which run through the forest, which is mostly made up of oak and chestnut trees.



The developed area of 75 hectares, is composed of a zoo with 250 animals over 5 hectares, a recreation centre, outdoor pools (open from June to September), a pony club, an orienteering trail, playgrounds, picnic areas, a rockery garden and water features including a 2 ha pond open to fishing every weekend, from 1 June to 1 October.

**The richness and diversity of its cultural events (theatre, music, cinema, performing arts, dance...) are proof of the dynamism of the city of Poitiers.**

The programmes of the cultural centres, the festivals and the various other events that occur throughout the year mean that inhabitants and visitors can come together to share their emotions. These various events, which are aimed both at the wide public and for the more demanding audience, also make it possible to discover new venues. For example, a new theatre auditorium (the TAP) was inaugurated in the autumn of 2008, complementing the other facilities that the city has to offer, providing the municipality with the resources to develop a cultural policy of artistic creation.

Extend your discovery via the Rupert de Chièvres Museum (city centre, closed until late 2012) or the Sainte-Croix Museum (episcopal quarter), or the Espace Mendes-France, a scientific cultural centre which boasts a planetarium.

## March

### Carnival

City Centre

+33 (0)5 49 50 73 49  
www.poitiers-jeunes.com



M<sup>r</sup> Carnival will be born again from his ashes to lead dozens of bands, floats, jugglers and passers-by behind him, all dressed up in tune with the theme of the year.

### Voix publiques Festival

City Centre

www.festivoixpubliques.free.fr

A festival of expression: debates, conferences, exhibitions, concerts...

## May

### Museum Night

City Centre

+33 (0)5 49 41 07 53  
musees@mairie-poitiers.fr  
www.musees-poitiers.org

Guided tours and events...



## June

### Music Day

City Centre

+33 (0)5 49 60 07 93  
www.mairie-poitiers.fr

Out on the streets, amateur musicians ply their trade.

## July / August

### Poitiers in the summer

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accueil@ot-poitiers.fr  
www.ot-poitiers.fr  
www.mairie-poitiers.fr

Throughout the summer, Poitiers invites residents and visitors to enjoy more than a hundred different events. On the programme: outdoor cinema, concerts (world music, gospel, classical, vocal and instrumental), dance, theatre, multimedia shows, entertainment for young audiences, unusual visits...

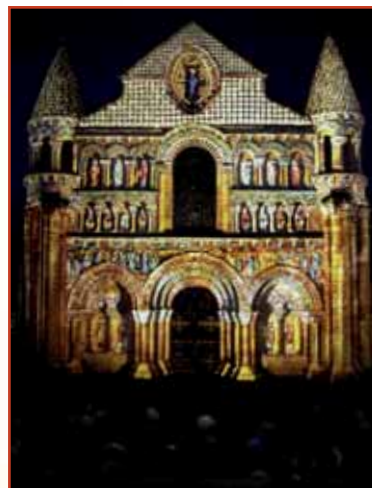
From one show to the next, the venues will be different, ranging from churches to parks, museums to cultural centres, to ensure a wealth of different atmospheres.

Numerous activities are on offer free of charge.

### Notre-Dame Polychromies

City Centre

Admiration of the Polychromies at 10:30 p.m. in July and August.



### Starfall Parade

City Centre

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accueil@ot-poitiers.fr  
www.ot-poitiers.fr  
www.mairie-poitiers.fr

Accompanied by a "City of Art and History" guide-lecturer, discover monuments and sites of Poitiers (Saturday) and Grand Poitiers (Friday subject) in their nighttime slumber.





### Summer season put on by the tourist office

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www.ot-poitiers.fr

### Let us tell you a tale of Poitiers and Grand Poitiers

Poitiers: from Monday to Thursday at 3 p.m.  
The Notre-Dame quarter: Friday at 11 a.m.  
A commune of Grand Poitiers: Sunday at 3 p.m.

From 21 June to 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of September, explore step by step the history of famous monuments, streets and squares, in the company of a City of Art and History lecturer-guide.



### Explore the city and have fun at the same time

From 6 to 11 years old

From mid-July to late August: Enjoy a fun tour of the city with a lecturer-guide. The event ends with a snack. In case of bad weather, a substitute activity will be proposed.

### Evening craft market

Place Charles de Gaulle

24/25 June and 16/17 September 2011



### September National Heritage Days

+33 (0)5 49 41 21 24  
accueil@ot-poitiers.fr  
www.ot-poitiers.fr

Two days to discover the city's historic monuments, including those which are exceptionally open for the weekend.

### Make Art

TAP

+33 (0)6 71 07 36 91  
<http://makeart.goto10.org>

An international festival dedicated to digital art, free software and open source practices, offering performances, exhibitions, presentations and workshops, somewhere at the intersection between art and software programming.

### October

### Festival des Expressifs

City Centre

+33 (0)5 49 50 73 49  
pj@poitiers-jeunes.com  
www.lesexpressifs.com

A festival of street arts and circus acts, based on an eclectic choice of events bringing together many different kinds of audience.

### December

### Henri Langlois Festival

TAP

+33 (0)5 49 03 18 90  
festival.rhl@tap-poitiers.com  
www.rhl.org

International Festival of Film Schools, offering a selection of films that are representative of young international creation.



### Christmas in the City

Place du Maréchal Leclerc,  
rue des Cordeliers, place Charles de Gaulle

+33 (0)5 49 60 98 22  
www.commerces-poitiers.fr

Christmas market. Live Nativity scene. Illumination of the façade of Notre Dame.



# Cultural sites



## MUSEUMS

### Musée Sainte-Croix

3, bis rue Jean Jaurès - 86000 POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 41 07 53  
musees@mairie-poitiers.fr  
www.musees-poitiers.org

From 1 Oct. to 31 May: Tuesdays non-stop from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays to Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1:15 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

From 1 June to 30 September: Tuesdays to Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1:15 p.m. to 6 p.m. (late opening until 8 p.m. on Tuesdays until 31 August); Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Museums closed on holidays except 11 November, Ascension Thursday, 14 July and 15 August

Sainte-Croix Museum is the leading museum in the whole of the Poitou-Charentes region, both in terms of its size and the quality of its collections. It has two departments with some fabulous heritage on display: the archaeological vestiges (prehistoric, ancient Gallo-Roman, medieval), and Fine Arts (the 14<sup>th</sup> to early 20<sup>th</sup> century), including sculptures by Camille Claudel.

### Ruppert de Chièvres Museum

9, rue Victor Hugo - 86000 POITIERS +33 (0)5 49 41 42 21  
musees@mairie-poitiers.fr  
www.musees-poitiers.org

**Closed for renovation until late 2012.**

### Chez Manuel Folk Art Museum

37, avenue de Châtelleraut RN 10  
86440 MIGNE-AUXANCES  
+33 (0)5 49 52 70 05 (daytime)  
+33 (0)6 05 39 01 11  
jean-claude-ribeiro2@wanadoo.fr  
www.musee-chez-manuel.com

Every day from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

A folk art museum of more than 2000 m<sup>2</sup> (interior and exterior), presenting everyday or unusual objects from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to today. Agricultural equipment, automobiles, motorcycles, bicycles, toys, and many other curiosities.

### The house of yesteryear

3, rue de la Poste - 86360 CHASSENEUIL-DU-POITOU  
+33 (0)5 49 55 98 63

From May to September: every day from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., except Tuesdays Out of season by prior arrangement.

Museum of art and traditions with 9 themed rooms: reception hall, costumes room, headresses, hall, chapel, classroom, toy room, laundry room, carpentry. Radios, reconstruction of a blacksmithery.

## CINEMAS

### CGR Le Castille

24, place du Maréchal Leclerc - 86000 POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 41 12 75  
www.cgrcinemas.fr

### Le Dietrich

34, boulevard Chasseigne - 86000 POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 01 77 90  
cinema@le-dietrich.fr  
www.le-dietrich.fr

"Art & Essai" ("Arthouse") cinema with "Recherche & Découverte" ("Search and Discovery") label

### Méga CGR

ZAE du Pas Saint-Jacques  
Rue des frères Lumière - 86180 BUXEROLLES  
+33 (0)5 49 38 10 75 - +33 (0)8 92 68 85 88  
www.cgrcinemas.fr

### TAP Cinéma

1 place du Maréchal Leclerc - 86000 POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 39 50 90  
cinema@tap-poitiers.com  
www.tap-poitiers.com

"Art & Essai" ("Arthouse") cinema with "Recherche & Découverte" ("Search and Discovery") and "Jeune Public" ("Young Audiences") label, member of the Europa network Cinemas with a programme of 140 films and over 1,800 screenings per year.

## AUDITORIUMS EXHIBITIONS

### Cap Sud

28, rue de la Jeunesse - 86000 POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 62 97 47  
cap-sud@wanadoo.fr  
www.cap-sud-poitiers.fr

From Mondays to Fridays from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (closed Saturdays during the school holidays)

A cultural programme: theatre, dance, concerts...

### Carré Bleu

1 bis, rue de Nîmègue - 86000 POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 45 88 78  
programmation@mjcaa-poitiers.fr  
www.mjcaa-poitiers.fr

A regular programme of contemporary jazz and new improvised music (contemporary music, ethnic music, folk, old, electronic, etc).

### Beaulieu Cultural Centre

10, bd Savari - 86000 POITIERS - +33 (0)5 49 44 80 40  
accueil@centredebeaulieu.fr  
www.centredebeaulieu.fr

Reception and registrations: Mondays from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Tuesdays to Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (except school holidays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.)

A cultural programme: theatre, dance, concerts. "The little ones at the front, big ones at the back", various shows for young audiences.

### La Blaiserie sociocultural centre

Rue des Frères Montgolfier - 86000 POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 58 05 52  
accueil@cscblaiserie-csc86.org  
www.cscblaiserie-csc86.org

Mondays and Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Fridays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A cultural programme: theatre, dance, concerts, puppetry, street arts... "The Montgolfière evenings" (contemporary music concerts).

### Les Trois Cités sociocultural centre

1, place Léon Jouhaux 86000 - POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 01 29 97 - accueil@3cites-csc86.org  
www.3cites-csc86.org

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 1:45 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1:45 p.m. to 7 p.m. (not during the school holidays)

Cultural programme (concerts, theatre, cinema, dance, exhibitions...). "Ecoutez Voir" ("See Hear") Festival in December

### La Hune

1, av. du Champ de la Caille - 86280 SAINT-BENOIT  
+33 (0)5 49 37 77 88  
lahune@ville-saint-benoit.fr  
www.ville-saint-benoit.fr

From Mondays to Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It plays host to all kinds of events: shows, concerts, conferences, congresses, exhibitions, banquets, annual general meetings, parties... Exceptional architecture, with high-performance sound and light equipment.





## La Rotative Projects Centre

48, avenue de la Liberté - 86180 BUXEROLLES

+33 (0)5 49 01 05 89

accueil@maisondesprojets-csc86.org

www.maisondesprojets-csc86.org

Mondays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; from Wednesdays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Saturdays from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (by prior arrangement)

During the school holidays: closed at 6 p.m.; closed on Saturdays

Line-up of concerts, public meetings, forums...

## Le Confort Moderne

185, rue du faubourg du Pont Neuf - 86000 POITIERS

+33 (0)5 49 46 08 08

box@confort-moderne.fr • www.confort-moderne.fr

From Mondays to Fridays from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and evenings, when concerts are on. Exhibition gallery from Wednesdays to Sundays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Cultural events: contemporary music concerts. The warehouse gallery is a venue exclusively dedicated to exhibitions (Contemporary Art).

## The Monks' Dormitory

Abbaye de Saint-Benoît rue Paul Gauvin

86280 SAINT-BENOÎT

+33 (0)5 49 47 44 53

abbaye-saint-benoit@wanadoo.fr

www.ville-saint-benoit.fr

Mondays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; from Tuesdays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A beautiful and magical room with its stained glass windows and wooden beams, the Monks' Dormitory houses both prestigious exhibitions and intimate concerts. Its exceptional acoustics and lighting make this an extraordinary place to enjoy art.

## Le Local

16, rue Saint Pierre Le Puellier - BP 228

86006 POITIERS

+33 (0)5 49 62 84 83

lelocal@lelocal.asso.fr • www.lelocal.asso.fr

From Mondays to Tuesdays from 1:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.; Wednesdays non-stop from 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.; Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.; Fridays from 1:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Culturally diverse programming (theatre, concerts...).

## Le Toit du Monde

31, rue des Trois Rois - 86000 POITIERS

+33 (0)5 49 41 13 40

accueil@toitdumonde-csc86.org

www.toit-du-monde.net

From Mondays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

A socio-cultural centre which focuses on developing cultural diversity thanks to its very varied programme: concerts, lectures, festivals, children's entertainment, intercultural exchanges...

## Maison des Trois Quartiers

23 / 25 rue du Général Sarraill - 86000 POITIERS

+33 (0)5 49 41 40 33

info@m3q.org www.m3q.org

Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (closed during the Christmas holidays)

A venue for exhibitions (paintings, photographs...) "Voix de Fait" et "Hip Hop & Co" Festival and numerous shows all year round.

## MJC Aliénor d'Aquitaine

37, rue Pierre de Coubertin - 86000 POITIERS

+33 (0)5 49 44 12 48

accueil@mjcaa-poitiers.fr

www.mjcaa-poitiers.fr

From Mondays to Fridays from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (to 6:30 p.m. during the school holidays)

Varied cultural programme: theatre, dance, concerts...

## Exhibition Centre

11, rue Salvador Allende - 86000 POITIERS

+33 (0)5 49 61 23 86 - +33 (0)5 49 30 81 22

pmp@mairie-poitiers.fr

www.mairie-poitiers.fr

From Mondays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Modular rooms for concerts, exhibitions, trade fairs...

## TAP Scène Nationale (Théâtre & Auditorium de Poitiers)

6, rue de la Marne - 86000 POITIERS

Booking information +33 (0)5 49 39 29 29

accueilpublic@tap-poitiers.com

www.tap-poitiers.com

From Mondays to Fridays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

During the school holidays, from Mondays to Fridays from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed Saturdays

Located in the heart of the City, the Auditorium Theatre is the largest cultural institution in Poitiers. It includes a 720-seat theatre, an auditorium with 1,050 seats, a venue that is on a European scale because of its size and exceptional acoustics, its restaurant and numerous meeting places.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Espace Mendès France

1, place de la Cathédrale - BP 80964

86038 POITIERS CEDEX

+33 (0)5 49 50 33 08

secretariat@emf.cstti.eu

www.maison-des-sciences.org

From Tuesday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, Monday and public holidays from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Closed 1 January, 1 May, 24 May, 14 July, 15 August, 1 November, 11 November, 25 December

The Espace Mendès-France, the centre for scientific, technical and industrial culture, is open to all. It offers exhibitions, lectures, debates, scientific demonstrations and more besides... Its planetarium is unique in the region.

### The media library

4, rue de l'Université - 86000 POITIERS

+33 (0)5 49 52 31 51

mediatheque@mairie-poitiers.fr

www.bm-poitiers.fr

From 1 October to 31 May: Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

From 1 June to 30 September and during the end of year holidays: Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The library, which is the City's largest cultural establishment, was opened in 1996. The combination of concrete and glass make this a pleasant and interesting place to come to visit, a fine example of contemporary architecture in the heart of the city centre. In the middle of the children's library are vestiges of the Gallo-Roman city walls.

# Sports & Recreation

**The city of Poitiers and Grand Poitiers provide endless opportunities**

**for enjoying recreational sports. Depending on the season and your own desires, discover the joys of the local lakes, water sports centres, swimming pools and ice rink.**

Want to test your fitness by combining physical activity and fun? Then come to one of the many canoeing clubs, skateboard tracks, tree climbing courses or rock climbing walls close to Poitiers.

Then give yourself a treat and take some time out to enjoy the thrills and spills of the famous Futuroscope theme park; dynamic seminars, giant screens and 3-D images await you for an unforgettable experience.

## AQUATIC CENTRES AND SWIMMING POOLS

### LA PÉPINIÈRE WATERSPORTS CENTRE

95, rue des Deux Communes - 86180 BUXEROLLES  
+33 (0)5 49 43 53 53  
centreaquatique@agglo-poitiers.fr  
www.grandpoitiers.fr

School period  
Every day from 10:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.; non-stop on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays

A play area (slide, wave pool, 25m pool, lazy river), a relaxation area (sauna, steam baths, cold baths, spa, cardio room) in a tropical setting.

### LA GANTERIE SPORTS CENTRE

57, rue de la Ganterie - 86000 POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 46 26 59  
ganterie@mairie-poitiers.fr  
www.grandpoitiers.fr

Undergoing building work, to reopen in July 2012

Two dedicated pools for swimmers to enjoy in both summer and winter.

### ABYSSSEA AQUATIC CENTRE

Route du Fond d'Orveau - BP 7 - 86320 CIVAUX  
+33 (0)5 49 48 09 09  
abysssea@vert-marine.com  
www.vert-marine.com

Aquatic and multi-activity centre: pool for sport and recreation, spa centre, diving centre, bowling alley, snack bar

### BELLEJOUANNE SWIMMING POOL

3, allée Roger Tagault - 86000 POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 58 02 85  
piscine.bellejouanne@agglo-poitiers.fr  
www.grandpoitiers.fr

School period

Mondays from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday afternoons from October to May

This amenity is located in the heart of the Bellejouanne quarter, close to the youth hostel and the Ville-Nature recreation centre.

### LA BLAISERIE SWIMMING POOL

17, rue Dieudonné Costes - 86000 POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 58 18 88  
www.grandpoitiers.fr

School period

Mondays from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Fridays from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Sundays from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday afternoons from April to June and September

This "Tournesol" pool can also open as soon as the weather turns fine (May).

### LES BOIS DE SAINT-PIERRE SWIMMING POOL

Les Bois de Saint-Pierre - 86240 SMARVES  
+33 (0)5 49 88 55 41  
www.grandpoitiers.fr

Summer holidays only (1 July to 30 August): From Mondays to Fridays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

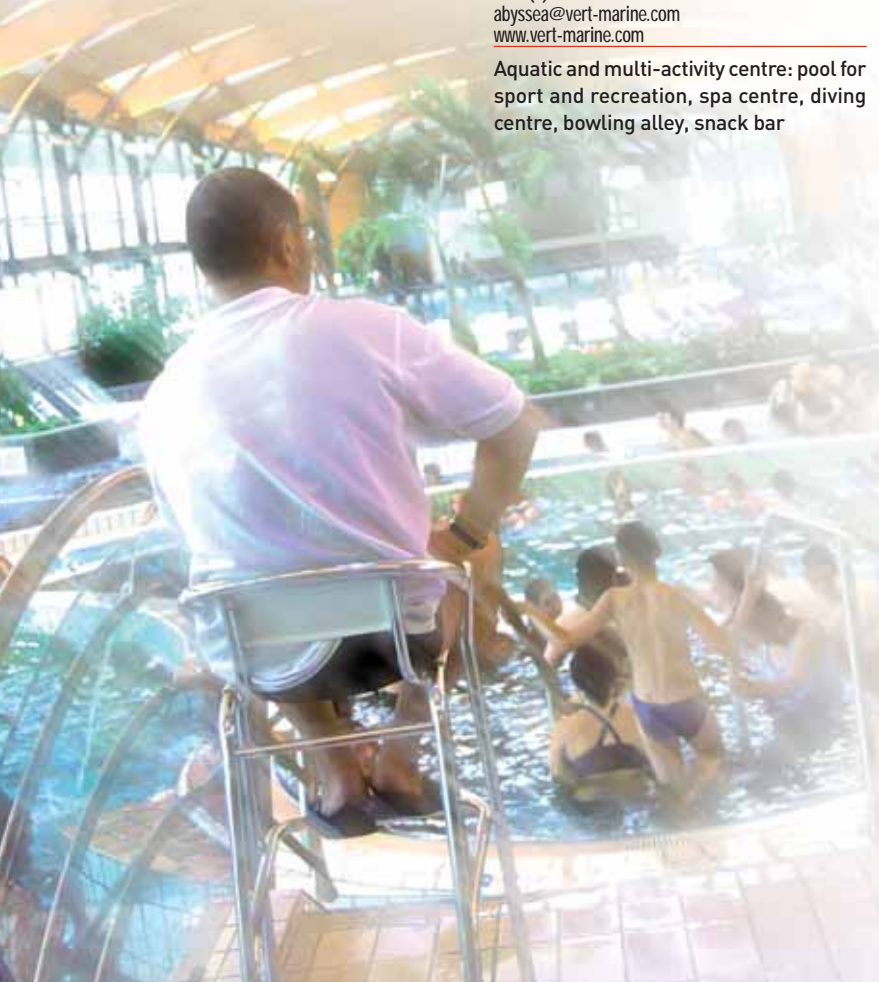
Two pools and a paddling pool for the whole family to enjoy open-air swimming in a beautiful natural setting.

### RELAXEO

142, rue des Artisans - 86550 MIGNALOUX-BEAUVOIR  
+33 (0)5 49 52 77 74  
info@relaxeo-spa.fr  
www.relaxeo-spa.fr

From Mondays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The centre has a swimming pool, a hammam, a sauna and cardio training room. Relaxéo offers face and beauty care as well as massage therapy, but also wellness classes with aqua gym, aqua-biking and keep-fit.





## BOARD SPORTS

### SKATEPARK

Hall des sports de la Cassette 39, rue de la Cassette  
86000 POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 43 73 86  
[www.grandpoitiers.fr](http://www.grandpoitiers.fr)

#### School period

From Mondays to Saturdays 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Sundays  
from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Short school holidays

From Mondays to Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2  
p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Saturday from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.;  
Sundays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Summer holidays

Mondays to Sundays from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### THE ICE RINK

54, avenue Jacques Cœur - 86000 POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 01 60 59  
[www.grandpoitiers.fr](http://www.grandpoitiers.fr)

#### School period

Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:45 p.m. to 11:15 p.m.; Wednes-  
days from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 8:45 p.m. to 11:15  
p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and  
from 5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; Sundays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and  
from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.



#### School holidays

Mondays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and  
Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and  
from 8:45 p.m. to 11:15 p.m.; Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12  
p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12  
p.m., from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.;  
Sundays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For bank holiday times, contact us

## MOTORSPORT

### KART CENTER

38, avenue de la Loge - 86440 MIGNE AUXANCES  
+33 (0)5 49 51 23 71  
[contact@lekartingdepoitiers.com](mailto:contact@lekartingdepoitiers.com)  
[www.lekartingdepoitiers.com](http://www.lekartingdepoitiers.com)

From Wednesdays to Saturdays from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.;  
Sundays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Floodlit outdoor track, 650 m long and 7 m  
wide with 22 4-stroke karts for adults and  
children (loan of helmets and overalls).

### PROMO SPORTS

30, rue Impériale Le Grand Breuil - 86480 ROUILLE  
+33 (0)5 49 43 55 54  
[promosports@wanadoo.fr](mailto:promosports@wanadoo.fr)  
[www.promosportsfrance.net](http://www.promosportsfrance.net)

Open daily from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., except Mondays

Thrills and spills area: quads, cross-cars,  
paint-ball (prior arrangement), mini bikes,  
karting, subaru driving...

## RECREATIONAL SPORTS

### ASSOCIATION CINABRE TAI CHI CHUAN

Bat G - Appt 24 - 23, bvd sous Blossac  
86000 POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 56 85 31 - +33 (0)6 70 82 91 55  
[richard.porteil@cinabre.fr](mailto:richard.porteil@cinabre.fr)  
[www.cinabre.fr](http://www.cinabre.fr)

Classes from Mondays to Fridays at different times

Traditional Chinese art: you learn over time  
with patience and perseverance. For people  
just passing through, it is better if you already  
have some experience of the activity.

### LE CLUB 86

Complexe sportif - 138, rte des Colombiers  
86550 MIGNALOUX-BEAUVOIR  
+33 (0)5 49 44 01 37  
[contact@leclub86.com](mailto:contact@leclub86.com)  
[www.leclub86.com](http://www.leclub86.com)

From Mondays to Fridays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturdays  
from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Opportunity to enjoy badminton, squash,  
indoor and outdoor tennis... Children's vil-  
lage on Wednesdays and Saturdays, tram-  
polining, go-kart, video games, fun squash...  
Snack bar on site

### FUTBOL FUTBOL POITIERS

Z.A des Portes d'Aquitaine  
86240 FONTAINE-LE-COMTE  
+33 (0)5 49 01 32 97  
[info@futbolfutbolpoitiers.com](mailto:info@futbolfutbolpoitiers.com)  
[www.futbolfutbolpoitiers.com](http://www.futbolfutbolpoitiers.com)

From Mondays to Sundays 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Annual closure  
on 25 December and 1 January

Come and discover indoor football.

### FOOT & BALLS

Route de Châtellerault RN 10 Nord  
86440 MIGNE AUXANCES  
+33 (0)5 49 88 39 90  
[reservations@footandballs.fr](mailto:reservations@footandballs.fr)  
[www.footandballs.fr](http://www.footandballs.fr)

From Mondays to Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sundays:  
3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

3 indoor turf pitches, one multisport pitch (PVC  
surface) for play basketball, handball, foot-  
ball. This pitch is also suitable for handisports.  
The Club House is the venue for all the major  
sporting events shown on two giant screens.

### THE BOWLING ALLEY

Centre Commercial Géant Casino Rue Lafayette  
86000 POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 01 92 33  
[bowlieu@wanadoo.fr](mailto:bowlieu@wanadoo.fr)  
[www.bowling-poitiers.com](http://www.bowling-poitiers.com)

From Mondays to Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. and  
Sundays from 2:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Bowling and pool room with 10 tables.

## MONTGOLFIÈRE SENSATION

8, route de Champigny 86110 MIREBEAU  
+33 (0)6 09 93 95 40  
[contact@montgolfiere-sensation.fr](mailto:contact@montgolfiere-sensation.fr)  
[www.montgolfiere-sensation.com](http://www.montgolfiere-sensation.com)

Flights all year, every day.

A lovely way to discover Vienne and Poitou-  
Charentes with the magic of a balloon flight!  
Basket up to 4 people, for more passengers,  
contact us. Montgolfière Sensation has a  
basket for disabled passengers.

## LEISURE PARKS

### FUTUROSCOPE

86130 JAUNAY-CLAN  
+33 (0)5 49 49 30 80  
[www.futuroscope.com](http://www.futuroscope.com)

From February: daily from 10 a.m. to dusk (night show  
included).

As both a spectator and participant, you can  
enjoy intense creative experiences ideal for  
all the family. More than 30 attractions to  
have fun and explore the world differently.

### ST-CYR LEISURE PARK

86130 ST CYR  
+33 (0)5 49 62 57 22  
[contact@lacsaintcy.fr](mailto:contact@lacsaintcy.fr)  
[www.lacsaintcy.fr](http://www.lacsaintcy.fr)

From April to September: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to  
6 p.m. Lake of 85 hectares in a nature area of 300 hectares

- Beach volleyball, football, multi sports,  
basketball, playgrounds;
- Canoeing, swimming, tennis, fishing,  
windsurfing, sailing sports;
- Picnic areas, barbecue;
- Hiking and cycling trails;
- Bird sanctuary.

On site camping, golf, snack bar, restaurant

### CHOUETTE LAND

6, route des Carrières ZA La Croix de la Cadoue  
86240 SMARVES  
+33 (0)5 49 55 19 56 - +33 (0)6 35 59 14 31  
[chouette.land@neuf.fr](mailto:chouette.land@neuf.fr)  
[www.chouette-land.com](http://www.chouette-land.com)

Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, bank holidays and school  
holidays from 1:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; summer holidays 10 a.m.  
to 8 p.m.

Indoor amusement park for children 2 to 12  
years (inflatables, a ball pool, adventure  
courses, fast food ...). The Port of socks are  
mandatory.



Futuroscope

# Outdoor activities

## CANOE KAYAK

### BASE DE SAINT-BENOIT

Le moulin av. de Lorch - 86280 SAINT-BENOIT  
+33 (0)6 81 27 59 06  
ckcp86@gmail.com  
www.poitierscanoekayak.com

In April, May, June and September: Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In July and August: daily from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Just minutes from the city centre, the Club welcomes you to the Moulin de Saint-Benoit leisure centre in its superb lush greenery. After Easter, rent canoes and kayaks to discover the River Clain and all of its wildlife. Various packages are available.

### CANOE KAYAK CLUB

Moulin d'Anguitard - 86360 CHASSENEUIL-DU-POITOU  
+33(0)6 81 53 02 47  
club@ckccp.org  
www.ckccp.org

In July and August: daily from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. (by reservation only) and at the Chasseneuil Tourist Information Office

Guided walk, canoe and kayak rentals, hiking, night walk (information and reservation at the Chasseneuil Tourist Office +33 (0)5 49 52 83 64).

## HORSE RIDING



### CENTRE ÉQUESTRE DE LA GOURAUDIERE

Association du Centre d'Education Equestre  
86580 Vouneuil-sous-Biard  
+33 (0)5 49 53 31 02

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.;  
Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The equestrian club is located in a wooded area 5 minutes from the city centre. It offers a holiday card that allows you to take classes individually (€22).

### CENTRE EQUESTRE LE CLOS DES GROGES

34, route de Flée - 86280 SAINT-BENOIT  
+33 (0)5 49 52 53 54  
+33 (0)6 83 43 20 48

Open all year except on Sundays

Located just outside Poitiers, in a natural wooded area of 5 ha with an adjoining lake, the equestrian centre offers many activities.

Guided or unguided rides by the hour or for 2 hours. (advance booking required).

## HORSE-RIDING CENTRE

1, route de Chauvigny - 86550 MIGNALOUX-BEAUVOIR  
+33 (0)5 49 46 28 38  
centre.equestre@agglo-poitiers.fr

From Mondays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Activity schedule:  
Outside school holidays 4:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. During the school holidays from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Community horse-riding centre offering the general public a chance to discover the world of horses.

### PONEY CLUB DES BOIS DE SAINT-PIERRE

86240 SMARVES  
+33 (0)5 49 52 89 10  
espaces.verts@mairie-poitiers.fr  
www.grandpoitiers.fr

School period:  
open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays and by appointment on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

During school holidays:  
open every day except Tuesday and Friday mornings. From 1 May to 30 September: 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. / 2:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.. From 1 October to 30 April: 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. / 1:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The pony club invites you to discover the woods of Saint-Pierre in a horse-drawn carriage or with our ponies, free or accompanied.

## ROPES COURSES AND CLIMBING

### APEM (Association Poitevine Escalade et Montagne)

OMS office  
22, place Charles de Gaulle - 86000 POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 57 06 98  
apem-poitiers@club.fffme.fr  
www.apem-poitiers.fr

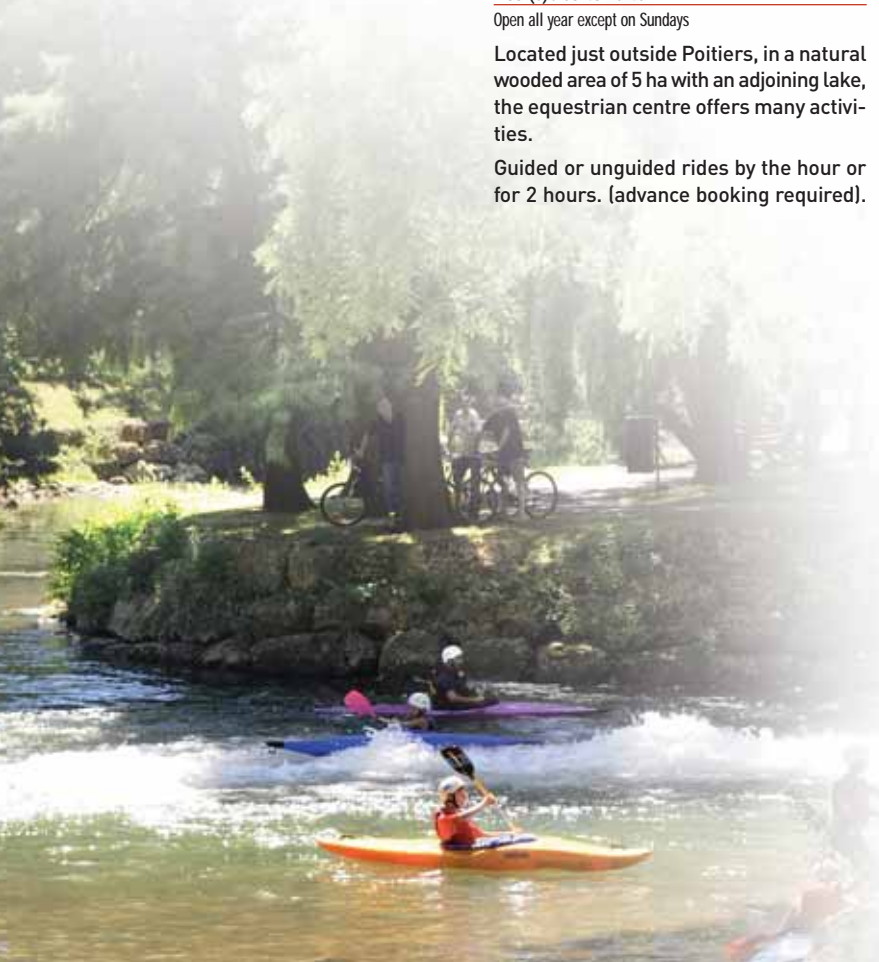
Information from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dimbing indoors (Bellejouanne Migné Auxances gyms) and on the cliffs of Beauvoir and Béruges... Licenses possible for the day

### GRAVION AVENTURE

86280 - SAINT-BENOIT  
+33 (0)5 49 56 97 20  
gravite@wanadoo.fr  
www.gravite-86.com

Ropes courses in the trees for all the family, chance to discover Gravion by night. These activities are supervised by qualified personnel from the GRAVITE company (safety equipment provided).







## GRAVITE

27, route de l'Ormeau - 86180 BUXEROLLES  
+33 (0)5 49 56 97 20  
gravite@wanadoo.fr  
www.gravite-86.com

Open 7 / 7 depending on the time of year

Climbing, canyoning, adventure trails and via ferrata in this area devoted 100% to climbing.

## SITE DE BEAUVOIR

86580 VOUNEUIL SOUS BIARD  
+33 (0)5 49 52 35 35 (sports department of the mairie (town hall) of Poitiers)  
www.mairie-poitiers.fr

All year, free access

Exceptional rock-climbing site on the banks of the Auxances. The very hard limestone rock with real pieces of flint that make indestructible outcrops. The equipment is very comprehensive and solid, with a chain at the top. There are about 110 routes of a length of 5 to 20m with a majority of 6's and a number of 5's.

## GOLF

### GOLF DU HAUT POITOU

Base de loisirs (Leisure Centre)  
86130 SAINT-CYR  
+33 (0)5 49 62 53 62  
contact@golfduhautpoitou.com  
www.golfduhautpoitou.com

From 1 October to late November from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; in December from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; in January, February and March from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; April, May, June and September from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; in July and August from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Closed 25 December and 1 January

18 hole golf course. 9 holes on the 18-hole course, pitch and putt course.

## DISCOVERY AND NATURE WALKS

### THE CAVES OF THE NOREE

2, rue de l'Ermitage - 86580 BIARD  
+33 (0)5 49 41 30 30  
grottesdelanoree@orange.fr  
www.grandpoitiers.fr

Subject to change

#### Low Season

From 1 May to 30 June and 1 to 30 September: Saturdays, Sundays, 2 and 13 June from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and bank holidays

For groups, midweek visits possible by reservation (48 hours before the visit), depending on the time slots made available by the service provider.

#### High Season

From 1 July to 31 August: Open daily from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (except Mondays) open Monday 15 August

Booking strongly recommended for individuals and required for groups

Only 10 minutes from the historic heart of Poitiers, the Caves of Norée - a listed site since 1934 - are the only natural caves in the department open to the public. enhanced by the beautiful lighting, they are home to many geomorphological marvels and curious concretions. The Macaroni Chamber will delight young and old alike...

### VILLE-NATURE ACTIVITY CENTRE

Base d'activités Ville-Nature (Activity Centre, Youth Hostel) 1, allée Roger Tagault - 86000 POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 43 51 89  
basevillenature@mairie-poitiers.fr  
www.grandpoitiers.fr

From Mondays to Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; weekends and bank holidays by prior arrangement

The Youth Hostel offers mountain bike and hiking excursions in the company of a qualified guide (lessons, refresher training, beginners' classes, rent of equipment possible for guided excursions), night hikes and multi-activity outings, canoeing, orienteering... For people with reduced mobility, there is the possibility of renting an all-terrain module (a wheel that can be

adapted to many armchairs) to make it possible to travel along even more paths, thanks to an eight fold increase in its manoeuvrability (also possible to add a traction bar, 5 to 8 modules available).

The equipment can be rented freely without a guide (€ 4 per module). Hikes with a guide can be arranged.

### VILLE-NATURE CIRCUIT

45 place Charles de Gaulle BP 377 - 86007 POITIERS  
+33 (0)5 49 41 21 24  
accueil@ot-poitiers.fr  
www.ot-poitiers.fr

See box on page 14.

## BOAT TRIPS

### LA MAISON JOUTEAU

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Open: during May to late September. Closed Mondays, Saturday lunch and Sunday evening

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**The robust and generous cuisine of Poitou takes its roots in an ancient culinary tradition and local produce: Charentes-Poitou butter (AOC), walnut oil, goat cheese, cabbage, "mojhettes" (white beans), lamb and goat meat, river fish, crabs, eels... Local cuisine favours slow simmered dishes which are healthy and simple, a tradition that will never become old-fashioned.**

The Haut-Poitou melon is known for its orange flesh which is firm and delicately fragrant. You will find it in shops and on market stalls from mid-July to mid-September. It was granted the Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) label in 1998.

Don't miss the opportunity to taste the famous Poitevin stuffing: there are various different ways of making this dish, but it always involves vegetables, breast of pork, bread crumbs or flour. It can be eaten cold or warm.

"Lumas", which are eaten with sauce, sautéed with garlic, in terrines or pâtés, are none other than snails - called "cagouille" in Charente.

A good Poitevin meal would not be complete without a cheese platter, on which figures, in pride of place, the excellent chabichou. It is one of the most characteristic goat's cheeses from a region where goats run into their thousands. With its typical barrel stop shape, it can be enjoyed either fresh or mature. It is an ideal accompaniment for a salad sea-

soned with darkly fragrant walnut oil.

If you are more of a sweet tooth, you won't want to miss out on a dry broyé (a butter flat and golden butter biscuit), a tourteau fromager (a circular, domed cake, with a very light texture, covered with a very characteristic brown crust) or the speciality of south-east Vienne: the Montmorillon macaroon, a soft almond cake which always goes down a treat.

The local cuisine is enhanced by the wines of Haut Poitou, among which are four traditional varieties: Sauvignon and Chardonnay for the white wines, Gamay and Cabernet for the reds. Certified AOVDQS since 1970, they obtained the AOC label in 2010 (Cave opened to the public: Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 14 p.m. to 19 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)\*.



## SHOPS & CRAFTS

Poitiers is small enough to be easy to get around, and has a dynamic city centre revolving around its large pedestrian zone, making it a joy to stroll round and enjoy a spot of shopping. From Notre-Dame-la-Grande to City Hall, the cobblestone streets are lined with historic monuments and old houses, and a variety of lively shops, where major national and international brands stand alongside independent businesses.

Adjacent to the pedestrian district is the Grand 'Rue, the place to come for more original shops and crafts:

Among the book dealers and antique shops, discover an umbrella factory, with its own boutique, a Chandler, founded in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, who combines the traditional output in his workshop and his own retail area, as well as several art galleries. A luthier works nearby, in rue de la Cathédrale.

In the heart of town, the Îlot des Cordeliers shopping mall is home to around thirty shops, set on two levels, and also includes several places to eat.



# Markets



## The market of Notre Dame

In the heart of town, this is a covered market operating from Tuesdays to Saturdays, from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday mornings, is also the site of an open air market.

On this same square, by the apse of Notre-Dame-la-Grande, a flea market is held every Friday morning from 7 a.m.

### *Good to know*

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, you can attend the Market Concerts in Notre-Dame-la-Grande. These musical events, run by the organists, run from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (except in January and August). Admission is free.

## Rue Magenta et square Magenta

Every Friday, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Pride of place here goes to farm grown and organic produce.

## Place Alphonse-Lepetit

The area around courthouse is the meeting point for booksellers, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Couronneries

On Wednesdays and Sundays, this large bustling market welcomes all traders, between 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. (Place de Provence, Place de Coimbra, rue Marbourg). Bric-à-brac sellers are here on Sunday mornings.

## Christmas market

For a few weeks before Christmas, a series of small wooden chalets spring up across the pedestrian area, providing a festive and friendly atmosphere. On sale are gift items, Christmas decorations, food, craft items from around the world... Open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., from late November to the first days of January.

## Nocturnes evening craft market

Held on 24/25 June and 16/17 September 2011, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., in front of the Tourist Information Office (Place Charles de Gaulle), the Nocturnes host 30 artisans from the Poitou-Charentes region from various different fields of activity: sandblasting on glass, jewellery, mosaics, stone carving, metal work, restoration of upholstery, gilding on wood, painting, watercolour...

### OTHER LOCAL MARKETS

## Trois Cités - Clos Gauthier

Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., all merchants.

## Bel Air - Place Bel Air

Fridays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., all merchants.

## Bellejouanne - Rue de la Jeunesse

Tuesdays and Fridays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., all merchants.

## Saint Cyprien - Place de France

Tuesdays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.





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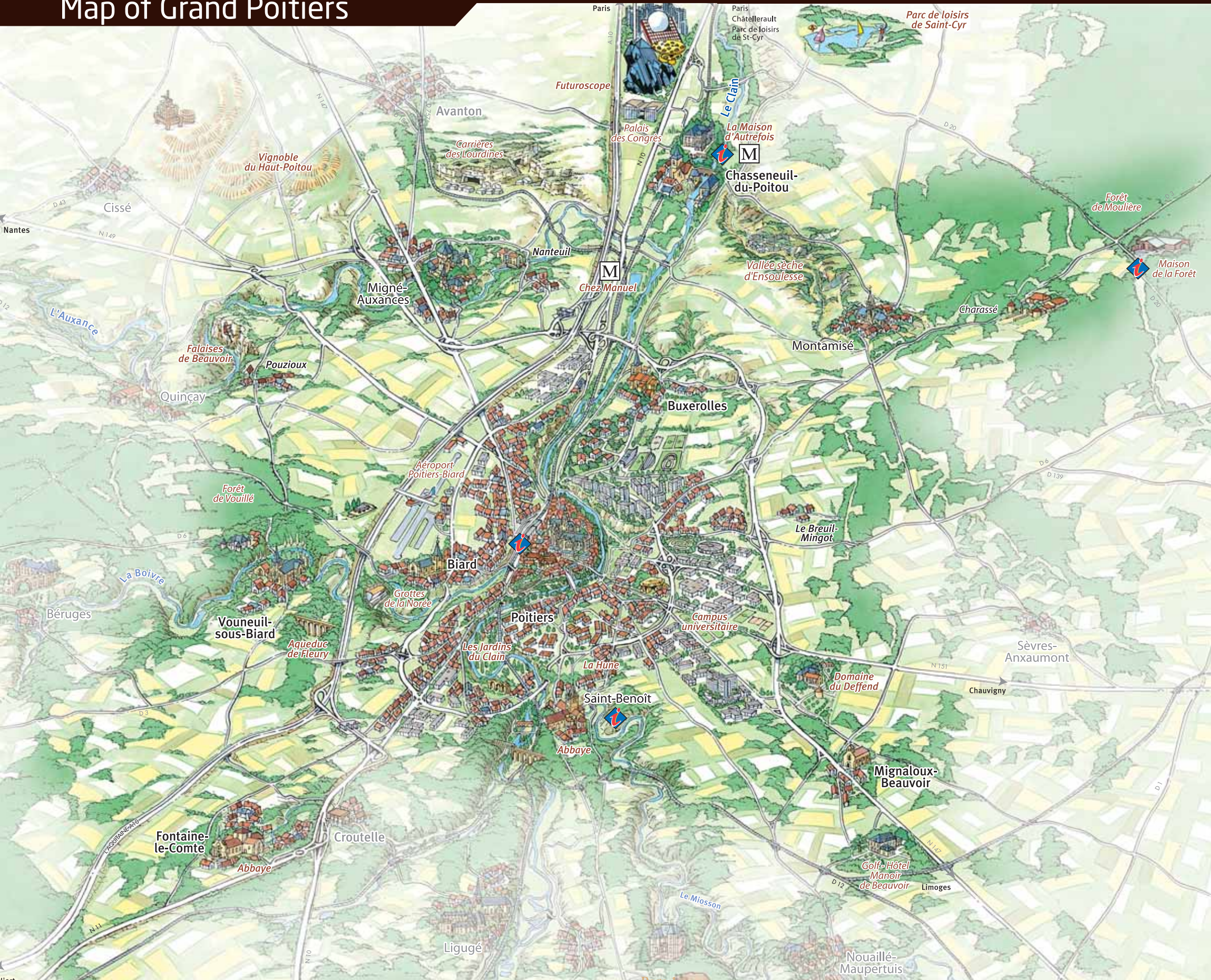


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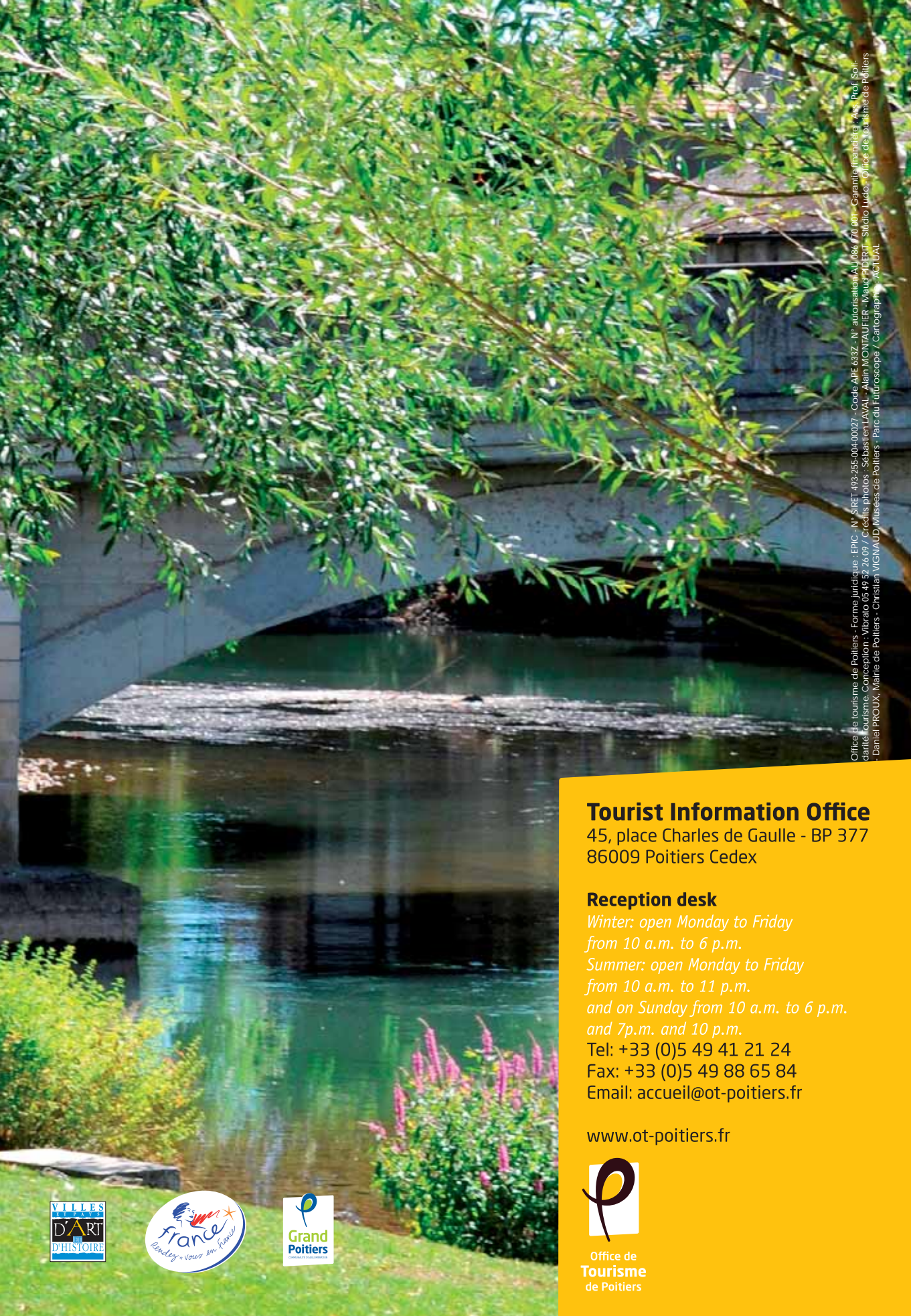
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### Reception desk

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