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PARTHENAY

Medieval

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P PARKINGS

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▲ SLOPING STREETS

▨ PAVED STREETS

⋯ ALLEYS AND TRAILS TO DISCOVER

⤵ RAMPARTS

📖 HERITAGE DISCOVERY PANELS



CHECKLIST

- QUARTIER ST-JACQUES** *Mercato & Quartier*
- 1 Saint-Jacques gate and bridge
 - 2 Rue de la Vau-Saint-Jacques (Maisons à pans de bois)
 - 3 Place du Vauvert
 - 4 Medieval-style Férolle garden
 - 5 Antique rose garden
 - 6 Maison du patrimoine
 - 7 Centre d'interprétation de l'architecture & du patrimoine
 - 8 Maison des Cultures de Pays - Musée d'art et d'histoire
 - 9 Cordeliers Church
 - 10 Relics of Saint-Jean Church
 - 11 Maison de la Vierge noire
 - 12 Maison des Antiquaires
- QUARTIER ST-PAUL** *Tanneries & Quartier*
- 13 Saint-Paul Church
 - 14 Rosaire Chapel
 - 15 Saint-Paul bridge
 - 16 Thouet banks (former tanneries)
- FAUBOURG DU SEPULCHRE**

- QUARTIER DE LA CITADELLE** *Strategic Quartier*
- 17 Citadelle gate
 - 18 Prison garden
 - 19 Former civil court
 - 20 Sainte-Croix Church
 - 21 Château
 - 22 Notre-Dame-de-la-Coudre Church
- QUARTIER ST-LAURENT** *Shopping area*
- 23 Saint-Laurent Church
 - 24 Place des bancs
 - 25 Media centre
 - 26 Covered market
 - 27 Conference Centre - Tourist Information
 - 28 Magnolia garden
 - 29 Bandstand
 - 30 Sub-prefecture
- FAUBOURG ST-JACQUES** *Pilgrims & Quartier*
- 31 La Maison-Dieu
 - 32 Saint-Jacques church

SELFIE SPOTS

- Prison gardens 1
- Top of Saint-Jacques gates 2
- Citadel esplanade on the Vauvert side 3
- Rosaire path 4
- Poudrière tower postern 5
- Wall walk on the ramparts beneath Saint-Jean Church 6
- Top of Rue Château Mailloche 7
- In the castle courtyard 8

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CHALLENGE

- Stroll around Férolle garden
- Get lost in the alleyways
- Meet a pilgrim
- Greet a passerby
- Take photos of the goats on the ramparts
- Go up or down the Citadel stairs without stopping
- You've fallen in love with the medieval town
- You'll recommend Parthenay



NOT TO BE MISSED

- Saint-Jacques gate
- Cordeliers Chapel
- Maison des Antiquaires
- Ramparts
- Saint-Laurent Church
- Media centre
- Covered market
- Conference Centre Tourist Information
- Citadelle gate
- Sainte-Croix Church
- Notre-Dame-de-la-Croix Church
- Poudrière tower
- Rosaire Chapel
- Saint-Paul Church
- Maison-Dieu
- Saint-Jacques Church

THE « COUNTRY OF ART AND HISTORY » LABEL

A label designed as a laboratory for heritage awareness



The "City and Country of art and history" label was founded by the Ministry of Culture in 1985. It applies to areas, towns or boroughs which, aware of the challenges involved in the appropriation of local architecture and heritage by their inhabitants, are committed to an active policy of knowledge, conservation, mediation, support and the upkeep of the architecture and living environment.

The label isn't an award; it's a platform to build a project involving the area's cultural set-up, the protection and promotion of the architectural and landscape heritage, pooling figures, research and knowledge, quality activities and qualified professionals, multi-disciplinary work etc. Our region was awarded the "Country of art and history" label in 1993.

Tours and events for everyone!

We provide guided tours with tour guides who share their passion for local culture and history. We provide a wide variety of tours and things to do to explore the incredible wealth of Parthenay's medieval town and its "Country of art and history" labelled area: sensory guided tours, night tours with lanterns, gourmet hikes etc.



Discover the medieval city while having fun!

One morning in June 1259, a master dyer is found dead at his home in the Saint-Jacques district. Leads the investigation during a 2.5 km fun walk, accessible from 8 years old, in the medieval city. Game booklet available for sale at the CIAP and the Tourist Office.



CIAP (ARCHITECTURE AND HERITAGE CENTRE)

The CIAP is a great way to explore the Land of Art and History. It is located in the Heritage Centre (a former flour mill on the Thouet riverbanks) and explores the area's culture and history in a range of local and regional themes.



Exhibition to discover: "Sculpture, decoration for architecture"

The exhibition "Sculpture, decoration for architecture" offers you an original and fun discovery of the sculpted decorations adorning certain buildings in our region, thanks to beautiful photographs allowing you to see them at eye level!
Note: all texts are translated into English!



USEFUL INFORMATION

- APRIL, MAY, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER**
- Tuesday to Thursday: 2pm-6pm
 - Friday and Saturday: 10am-1pm & 2pm-6pm
- JULY AND AUGUST**
- Everyday: 10am-1pm & 2pm-6pm
- Free entry**

DID YOU KNOW ?

- The fortifications are 3.5km long.
- Parthenay is home to 18 Monuments Historiques.
- The town is on the Plantagenet Way leading to Santiago de Compostela and Mont-St-Michel.
- The Pilgrim's Guide was written by Brother Aimery Picaud in the 12th century in Parthenay and is the first-known tourist guide.
- The medieval town has been listed as a remarkable heritage site.



GET YOUR BEARINGS

22 blue signs on the main landmarks and heritage sites in Parthenay and Châtillon-sur-Thouet detail each one's history and architecture.



MUSEUM OF ART AND HISTORY

Parthenay Museum of Art and History, which benefit from the appellation "Museum of France", is packed with treasures and testament to the wealth of our region. It lies in the heart of the medieval area and details the history of Parthenay with models and collections of local art and archaeology.

USEFUL INFORMATION

- Wednesday-Friday: 10am-12pm & 2pm-6pm
- Sunday: 2.30pm-6pm
- Saturday June-September: 2.30pm-6pm

Closed on bank holidays
Free entry

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