

The castle - town-hall

The royal "new castle" from the 11th century was transformed into a mini "Versailles" in the 17th and 18th centuries. The Duke de Penthièvre, grandson of Louis XIV, the "Sun King", had a hand in this transformation.

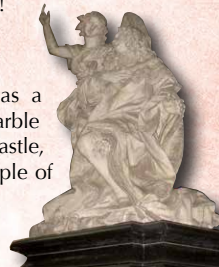
A large part of the castle was destroyed after the French Revolution but the rotunda, with its remarkable dome, still survives and now houses the town hall. In the entrance hall, painted decors and a theatrical forged iron stairway from the 19th century can still be seen.

The town hall is open from Monday to Friday.



Unusual religious buildings

- The chapel "Notre-Dame de l'Épinoï" is possibly the oldest sanctuary in Châteauneuf and it is associated with the legend of the "Good Lady". A recent restoration project revealed a few secrets!
To visit the chapel, inquire at the Tourist Information Office.
- The church of Saint Martial, the building has a striking lowered porch tower and inside, the marble tomb of a local dignitary associated with the castle, the Marquis de La Vrillière, a remarkable example of Classical Italian funerary art.
Free entry (when no religious service being held).



A dynamic market town

The town possesses two interesting market halls:

- "La halle Saint Pierre", a former boat house which was transported up from the edge of the Loire (market of local produce held on a Saturday once a month).
- The "Nouvelle Halle", in the famous 19th century "Baltard" style (weekly market held here on Fridays).
- The town centre boasts 80 different shops and services.



The Museum of the "Marine de Loire" Navigation on the Loire

This museum is located in the magnificent castle stables and explains the history of navigation on the river Loire, which was used for transporting men and goods from Ancient times right through to the arrival of the railway in the 19th century.

Come and see the daily lives of the sailors, fishermen, ferrymen and washerwomen who worked on or along the shores of the Loire.

National museum open all year round
closed on Tuesdays and the 01/01, the 01/05 and the 25/12.
Guided visits on request



The castle park and gardens

Situated in the heart of the town, around the castle, are the English-style landscaped gardens (which replaced the original French-style ones). They cover several hectares with remarkable 200 year-old tree specimens and alleys of magnolias and giant rhododendrons (flowering end of May). You can walk to the "Love Temple" and the "Sailor's Gate" leading out to the Loire, going through a newly restored wetland area with remarkable biodiversity.

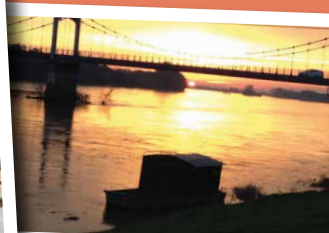
Free entry until dusk.

Map available at the Tourist Information Office, the Town Hall or at the Museum.



The sparkling Loire on foot or by bike...

In all seasons, the banks of the Loire are a relaxing place to be. There are various paths to follow on either side of the elegant, ironwork suspension bridge. On the quayside, you can find examples of the river's wrath in olden times.



Prepare your visit with
the Tourist Information Office
in Châteauneuf sur Loire between
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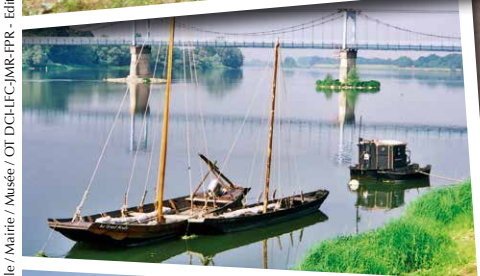
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A professional welcome all year round:

- From Monday to Saturday (9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.)
- In July and August: Sundays and the 14/07 and the 15/08 (9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)
- From October to April: closed on Monday and Tuesday afternoons

- Brochures in English and other languages available at the Tourist Information Office,
- Free WiFi available.

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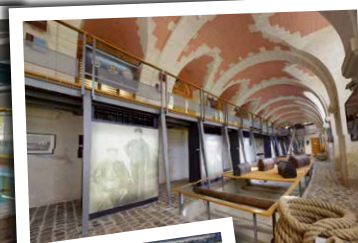
Walks and pathways

From the attractive half-timbered Tourist Information Office, situated opposite the iron gates of the castle, you can set off on various paths to discover Châteauneuf and its treasures.

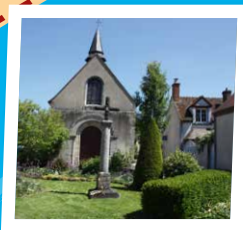


Relax and Enjoy!

Make the most of your stay with a hike along the Loire, a visit to the swimming-pool, a gourmet meal or a good night's rest in a hotel, a guest-house or a self-catering "gîte" or even a stay at the campsite.



- Loire navigation museum
- Children's playground
- Restaurants - Brasseries
- Bus stop for Orléans
- Recommended route for campervans, caravans, buses
- The sailor's promenade - 5kms
- Flowers and gardens path - 5kms
- The castles of the Loire hiking trail (GR 3)
- The Loire cycle route - to Germigny 5kms, to Jargeau 9kms
- The forest of Orléans by bike 15kms



Campsite "la Maltournée"

pitches with a view of the Loire
waste water disposal facilities for campervans
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