

Experience the town...

Discover **the old medieval town**; admire the collegiate church St Etienne, the statue of Joan of Arc. In the 19th century Jargeau becomes an open city and the ditches surrounding the town are filled in. They make way nowadays for the boulevards.



Follow the specialized guides of La Maison de Loire (Loire dedicated House) to discover **the flora and fauna** of the River Loire or see the many exhibitions about the river at the House.

Stroll around... Enjoy...

... the pedestrian shopping street.

... the pleasures of the Loire in a canoe or a kayak or going fishing on the banks of the river.

Taste...

... the marvellous local pastries and the famous "chitterlings of Jargeau (Andouille de Jargeau) promoted by "la Confrérie des Chevaliers du Goûte Andouille" (local brotherhood).



Have fun !

Jargeau is well known for the various festivals and events it offers and particularly for **its Carnival**. You can join in the parades with King Carnival on the 2 Sundays before and after Shrove Tuesday and you can also join in the night parade in early summer.



Take part to **Jargeau European Festival** every year at the beginning of May; Jargeau is twinned with Corsham, Wiltshire-England (1981) and Reilingen, Bade-Wurtemberg-Germany (1989)

On the second week-end of June enjoy local gastronomy. The local "chitterlings brotherhood" invites other brotherhoods to join in "**la Foire à l'Andouille**" (the "chitterlings festival").

In June take place **Joan of Arc Festival** and the commemoration of those who died in **the fighting for the bridge in 1940**.

"**La Grande Table**" is a tremendously long table set from one end to the other of the pedestrian Grande Rue (High street) in July.

"**Jargeau-Plage**" offers shows, concerts and activities for children and adults for 3 weeks in the summer on the beach.

On the first week-end of August visit the Second Hand Market (Foire à la Brocante) and enjoy the **fireworks**.

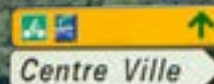
At the end of October taste the **gastronomy** at "**la Foire aux Châts**", chestnut festival ('châts' being the local shorter for châtaignes and not cats...)

Loire by bike

The Loire à Vélo is a 800-kilometer cycle route accessible for all. 280 km the Loire is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Enjoy the marvellous landscapes riding and have a **true natural experience** sticking closely to France's last great wild river. It is part of the EuroVelo 6 route that links Nantes to Budapest and part of "**la Scandibérique**" route linking Norway to Saint James of Compostela and following the rivers.

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From June to September

open from Wednesday to Saturday
10:00-12:30 and 14h-18h

From October to May

open Wednesday and Saturday
10:00-12:30 and 14:00-17:00



1 La Chanterie

Character house from the early 20th century. The cantors who sang for the Mass used to stay at La Chanterie. It houses now the tourist information center and La Maison de Loire (Loire House). www.maisondeloire45.fr

2 The Market place

Built in 1884 on the location of the old Hôtel Dieu (alms-houses). It is now the market place. The market is held on the Wednesdays.

3 St Etienne collegiate church

Erected in 12th century in a roman style it has been consecrated by Manassès de Garlande, Bishop of Orleans. The wrought iron and sheet metal pushed back pulpit is listed Historic Monuments.



4 Oscar Roty Museum

It is dedicated to the life of Oscar Roty, the engraver of « la Semeuse » (the Sower) (the French euro coins and ex French francs). www.oscar-rotty.fr

5 Joan of Arc

The statue of Joan of Arc is dated 1898 by Alfred Lanson. The maid of Orleans is sculpted putting her hand on her temple to recall she was wounded at her head on the assault against the English in Jargeau on June, 12th, 1429. (cf 10).

6 High water marks

At the bottom of La Porte Neuve (New Gate) they show the highest level of the Loire each time the river floods the town.

7 The Port

In the years 1990 traditional boats started to reappear on the river like "la toue cabanée" Rémy des Rauches (covered boat) which was built in commemoration of the centenary of the birth of the famous local writer Maurice Genevoix.

8 The Belvédère

Slightly ahead from the present bridge imagine there was the former old bridge. The old medieval stone bridge was then first replaced by a ferry then by suspended bridges grounded on this belvedere. The present bridge was built in 1988.

9 Loire wall / dam "Le cordon de Loire"

The wall has been erected as a protection against floods and offers a nice walk along the river.



10 Madeleine Gate "Porte Madeleine"

This is exactly where Joan of Arc was wounded in 1429 when she fought against the English to free the city. The gate has been opened in the city ramparts in the 17th century.

11 The house rue du Puits Grenon

The house situated between numbers 4 and 8 in the street is from the 17th century. The front is decorated with medallions.

12 High Street "Grande-rue"

This is a typical and friendly street in Jargeau. Take a stroll or do some shopping or have a gourmet break and enjoy yourselves.

13 The former prison camp

During the last world war a prison camp had been settled on the present location of the comprehensive school Clos Ferbois, rue Serin-Moulin,3. Gypsies and dropout people used to be detained there.