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Haute-Vienne



2018-19

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Editorial

This 2018 edition of Inspiration Haute-Vienne invites you to discover the treasures of a territory and introduces you to our heritage, our way of life, our landscapes, but also the men and women that bring them to life.

Whether you prefer walking, heritage, festivals, tasty treats, shopping or lounging about you will certainly find what you're looking for.

Fill up your diary with good addresses, discoveries, things to experience and take the time to recharge your batteries in our beautiful Haute-Vienne.

We hope you enjoy this magazine and welcome!

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Porcelain, *the white gold* of the Haute-Vienne

Porcelain production is the result of chance! Produced for many centuries in China, the procedure was imported to Europe in the 18th century. At first developed in the Saxony region of Germany, Louis XV, King of France wanted a porcelain production closer to home, but lacked an important element:

kaolin. This white clay is indispensable in the production of porcelain. And it's at Saint-Yrieix-la-Perche that it was found. A surgeon, Jean-Baptiste Darnet, noticed his wife whitening their linen with a white stone that, on closer examination, turned out to be kaolin. The wheel of destiny was rolling and Limoges had sealed its future with porcelain.

Nowadays, the département has even more manufacturers that produce quality porcelain and independent artisans and artists who perpetuate its know-how. To protect this craft, Limoges porcelain was awarded the Geographical Indication label at the end of 2017. An exceptional acknowledgement for the work of these porcelain makers because in order to be called "Limoges porcelain", the products must be made and decorated in Limoges or in the Haute-Vienne.

Information: www.routes-porcelaine-limoges-hautevienne.fr



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A festive year



Le Cirque, Circus festival in Nexon

Festivities all year round in the Haute-Vienne! With music, theatre, sports events, gastronomic encounters, street art, local producers markets... There's something for all tastes. Here are 3 vital events for 2019. Only one thing to do: have fun!

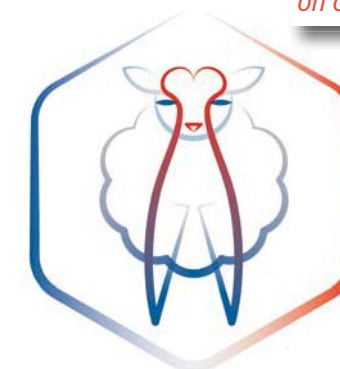
Find all our events in the "Outings" heading on our web site: www.tourisme-hautevienne.com

8 and 9 June 2019 - Ambazac

The Gendarmes and the Time Thieves Trail

Passionate about trails or hiking? Then put on your trainers and head for the centre of Ambazac. The start is accompanied by the sound of horseshoes and the thousands of enthusiasts who launch themselves along the circuits of 5, 11, 20, 32 and 52 km. A beautiful, but physically demanding setting, that will enchant both enthusiasts and beginners.

Information: +33 (0)5 87 21 31 86
www.gendarmes-et-voleurs.com



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4 to 7 July 2019 - Le Dorat

International sheep shearing competition

Hundreds of sheep shearers from the four corners of the world come together in Le Dorat, a small municipality in the north of the Haute-Vienne, to indulge in their favourite sport: sheep shearing. Around 500 animals will be shorn of their sheepskins in a few seconds. Enough to knit several pullovers!

Information:
www.mondialdetonte-france2019.com

20 to 22 September 2019 - Limoges
Toques and porcelain

Toques and Porcelain spotlights, in equal parts, the container and the contents, the wealth of table arts and the quality of regional, gastronomical products, the creativity of porcelain makers and the inventiveness of chefs. On the menu: public demonstrations of recipes by invited chefs, masterclasses, tastings, porcelain exhibitions, children's workshops, local produce markets, gala dinner, conferences, musical events, guided visits...

Information: +33 (0)5 55 34 46 87
www.limoges-tourisme.com

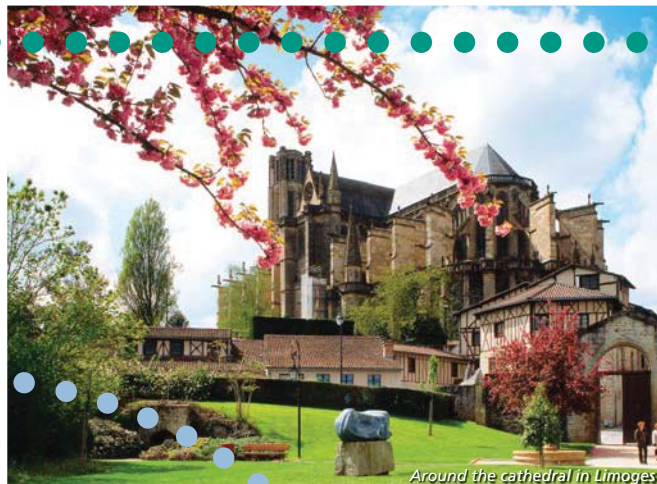


Your stay in the Haute-Vienne

1 Limoges for a city break

The town is the capital of the fire arts, but not just that! After having discovered the exceptional places that spotlight this know-how like the Bernardaud manufacture, the Four des Casseaux Museum or the Adrien Dubouché Museum, why not jump onto the little tourist train to explore the town's architectural heritage? Or, you love nature, escape for a moment in one of the numerous parks or walk along the banks of the Vienne. For a 24, 48 or 72-hour break, think about getting a City Pass which entitles you to numerous special offers.

Find informations about Limoges on the web site: www.limoges-tourisme.com



Around the cathedral in Limoges

2 A gourmet département

Generous and gourmet are the two ways you would describe the Haute-Vienne. Land of animal rearing, its terrain is ideal for the herds of Limousin cows of which the meat is appreciated well beyond our borders. Less well-known, but just as delicious, Baronet lamb, Cul Noir pork that is reared only near Saint-Yrieix-la-Perche and, due to our proximity to the Périgord, foie gras. Saint-Yrieix-la-Perche is renowned for another well-known delicacy: madeleines (a delicious, small cake). And after a delicious meal, nothing's better than a good dessert with a choice between the Dorat macaroon, the Saint-Junien Arena, the Saint-Léonard massepain... a tasty moment for gourmets.

Find all our Haute-Vienne specialities on the web site: www.tourisme-hautevienne.com

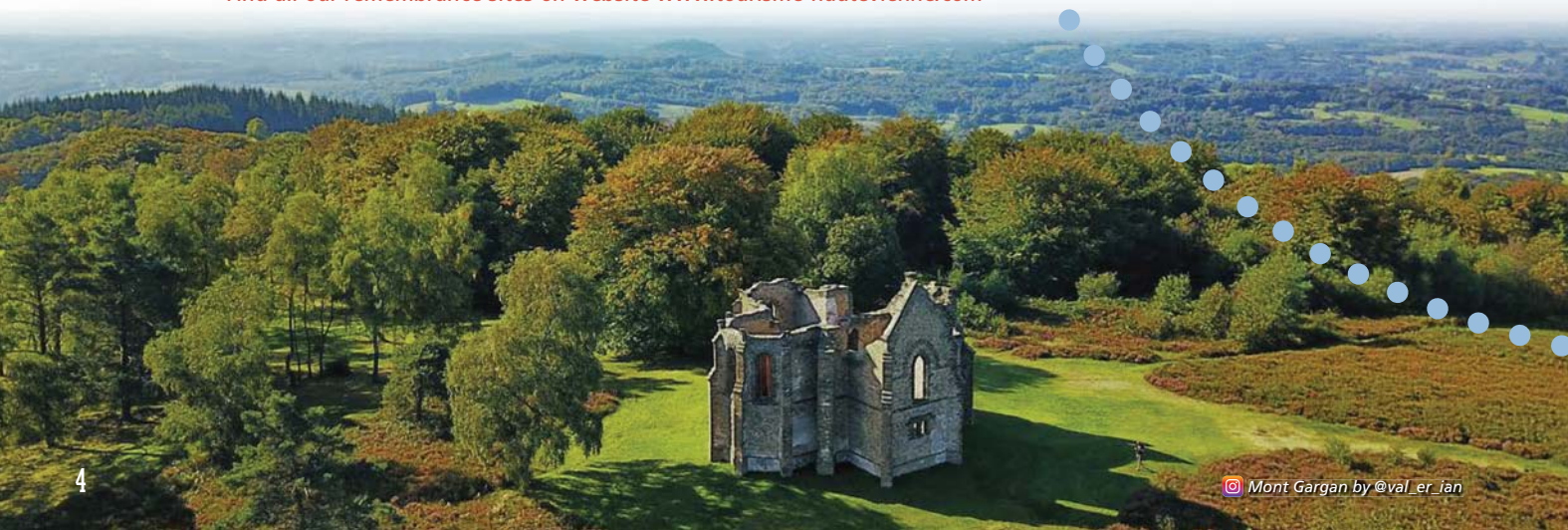


6 Land of remembrance

The Haute-Vienne, like much of France, was touched by the barbarism of the Nazis during the Second World War. 10 June 1944, a division of the Waffen SS entered into the small village of Oradour-sur-Glane and massacred 642 men, women and children. In an effort to understand this dark period, a Memorial Centre was opened in 1999 next to the martyred village.

The Resistance Museums in Limoges and Peyrat-le-Château show visitors another face of this war in focusing on the actions of the Resistance. They concentrate on the activities of Colonel Georges GUINGOUIN's Francs-Tireurs and Partisans. The Colonel was in office notably at Mont Gargan where it is now possible to have a 360° view over the benevolent nature, far from those turbulent times.

Find all our remembrance sites on website www.tourisme-hautevienne.com



Mont Gargan by @val_er_ian



Saint-Pardoux Lake

3 A big, open-air playground

When exploring on foot or on horseback you can open yourself up to nature and its wide, open spaces. Follow in the footsteps of the painter, Corot, at Saint-Junien. See the lovely fountains at Bussière-Galant or discover the menhirs and dolmens in the Monts de Blond and experience the mysterious as in the legendary Brocéliande forest. You can take advantage of the numerous lakes and rivers to go fishing or canoeing, particularly in the lakes of Saint-Pardoux and Vassivière. Get caught up in a game treasure hunting with family or friends with Terra Aventura, the geocaching made in Nouvelle-Aquitaine. Go for a cycle ride along the "green lane" between Châlus and Oradour-sur-Vayres or follow the 400-km route between the Périgord and the Limousin on Lawrence of Arabia's wake...

Find all the outdoor activities on www.tourisme-hautevienne.com

4 Saint-Pardoux Lake

The 330-hectare Saint-Pardoux Lake is found north of Limoges, in the heart of a green setting. Other than the tranquillity that reigns there, the place is, above all visited for its outdoor activities. Whether you're keen on water sports or prefer land-based activities, there's something for everybody: sailing, water skiing for lovers of speed, canoeing or pedal boats for those who like travelling serenely. Swimming and fishing are also possible.

If you prefer not getting wet, the area around the lake is ideal for outings on foot, MTB or horseback. If you love thrills, try the forest acrobatic park with its zip line over the lake. Don't hesitate to finish this sports-orientated day in La Piscine and relax in the well-being space or take advantage of the outdoor, aqua leisure space.

Maison du Lac de Saint-Pardoux - Santrop site - 87640 Razès
Tel : +33 (0)5 55 71 04 40 - www.lacsaintpardoux.fr

5 Picturesque villages

Taking side roads that cross the Haute-Vienne countryside, you'll come across some typical villages: small, granite houses gathered together around a square, church or hall. Our picture-postcard villages are discovered by wandering: Mortemart listed as one of "France's Most Beautiful Villages" and its Ducs Château, Saint-Léonard de Noblat with its Vienne riverbanks and its UNESCO-listed abbey-church, Le Chalard with its gold hunters and its unusual cemetery, Saint-Sylvestre in the Monts d'Ambazac witness to the grandeur of the Grandmont religious order... There are so many more things to discover, amongst them, Le Dorat with its succulent macaroon and its thousand-year-old abbey-church listed in the Picturesque Small Town network...

Find our picturesque villages on website www.tourisme-hautevienne.com



Mortemart

Knights and princesses



Bonneval Château

Bonneval Château overlooks the centre of Coussac village. It is the estate of the Marquis de Bonneval, one of the oldest noble families in France. It was a strategic location in the line of defence that protected access to Aquitaine. To see: the eastern façade with a central, squared tower and its double portcullis, the internal courtyard embellished during the Renaissance with a columned gallery, the elegant west façade and its terrace. This furnished château houses tapestries from Aubusson and Fontainebleau.

*Bonneval Château - Tel: +33 (0)5 55 08 45 81
www.chateaudebonneval.com*

The Richard the Lionheart Route

It's the lion who met his fate that you are invited to follow: Richard, King of England, Duke of Aquitaine and son of Eleanor! Relentless warrior that crossed numerous lands, it was during the 1199 siege of Chalus Château, owned by the Viscount of Limoges, that he was fatally wounded. He was buried at Fontevrault, his heart was deposited in Rouen and his entrails were left in Chalus.

Today, a non-profit organisation that unites 19 sites, has chosen this well-known, historical figure as their emblem. These sites can be found along the 200-km tourist route



that passes through the Haute-Vienne, the Corrèze, the Charente and the Dordogne. The châteaux, churches, fortresses and abbey-churches all existed at the end of the 12th century and certain amongst them made up the southern, fortified defences of the Limoges viscounty.

The itinerary of the lion knight will take you on a discovery of Les Salles-Lavauguyon and its church frescoes, Montbrun Château with its military architecture, Chalus Château, the mediaeval town of Saint-Yrieix-la-Perche... So, "follow the lion" and have a good trip!

*Information:
www.routerichardcoeurdelion.com*

Châlus Château

This 12th century, mediaeval fortress is part of the Ligoure estate's forest park. While visiting "high Châlus" you can admire its impressive façade as well as the remains of its former grandeur. In "lower Châlus", climb to the top of the Jeannette tower in order to discover the superb panorama of the Briance Valley.

*Guided visits April to November.
Virtual visits via the free,
mobile app "Châlus Fortress".
Châlus site - Welcome House
TEL: +33 (0)5 55 00 96 55
www.chaluset.com - www.haute-vienne.fr*



Châlus



Medieval festival in Lastours

Top 6

Delicacies Made in Haute-Vienne

Sweet inspirations... We've chosen for you 6 sweet specialities that you must taste.

For those with a sweet tooth, this page is for you!

Burgou:

With chestnut and almond, soft in the centre and lightly crispy on the outside, this cake can be eaten at anytime of the day. It takes its name from a brigand that ravaged our counties.

Treipaïs:

This is the Limousin's luxurious and crunchy desert: chestnut mousse, dark chocolate mousse, hazelnut dacquoise and a crispy, hazelnut praline... the three ingredients for which our "3 countries" are known for.

Macaron:

No, no! This isn't a "rocher", but really a macaroon from Le Dorat. The main ingredient of almond powder gives it both a crunchy and creamy texture. Legends say that Catherine Medici brought this recipe from Italy... Oh my!

Massepain:

Crunchy on the outside and creamy on the inside, the Massepain is made with egg whites, almonds and sugar. The secret recipe was created thanks to the Santiago Compostela pilgrimage, when a pilgrim brought almonds from Spain.

Madeleine:

Don't come and tell us that madeleines only come from Commercy! Just as fluffy and golden as its cousin, at Saint-Yrieix and Dorat they've also been enriched: with chocolate, apple, curry, tomato... so we can enjoy them for afternoon tea or for an apéritif.

Arena:

Almonds, egg whites, butter and sugar make up this patisserie created by the pastry chef Paul ARENA. This travel cake, which keeps well, was even awarded a prize in 1908 during the National Pâtisserie Competition in Paris.

Find our gastronomy on our web site:
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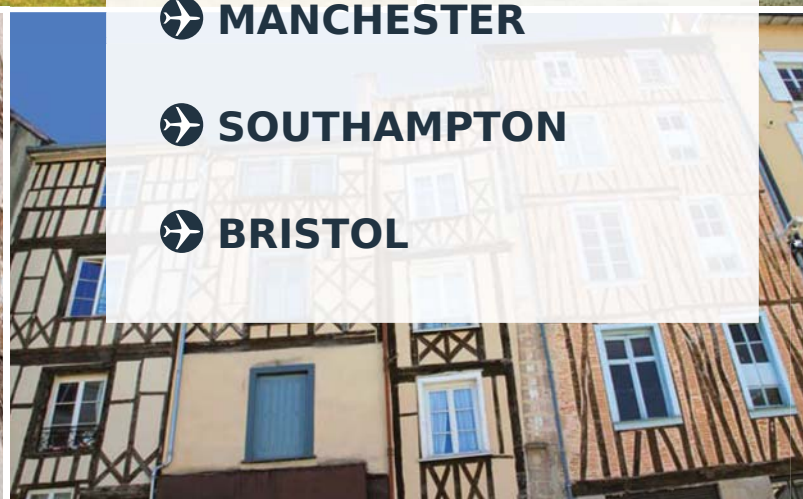
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