

Let us learn about the Loire river's past history!

Musée Historique et Archéologique of Orléans

Orléans Musée Historique et archéologique presents the history of Orléans and Loiret with its collection of decorative arts and archeologic discoveries. The museum currently spreads over the entire Hotel Cabu and it was put in that old construction built by the architect Jacques Androuet Du Cerceau in 1862.

Orléans Musée Historique et archéologique dedicates to the audience numerous iconographic representations and medieval and modern eras reconstitutions, among others. Those eras are also referred to with models and different objects relating to craft, industrial and fluvial activities near the Loire river until the end of the XIXth century. An ideal exhibition to understand, learn about the past of the Loire River and amuse yourself at the same time.

More information in the Museum section of the website.

<http://www.tourisme-orleans.com/en/orleans-sortir-a-orleans/6-musees-5-10.html>



Musée de la Marine de Loire in Châteauneuf-sur-Loire

A museum for a better understanding of the river

The city of Châteauneuf-sur-Loire which was made thriving by trade and Loire's navy now hosts the Musée de la Marine de Loire, dedicated to the life, the practices of mariners and the evolution of material and techniques throughout the Loire glorious times, from the XIth to the middle of the XIXth century with the Loire river's desertion in Orléans.

A modern and educational museum

Modern, educational and aesthetic, the museum, comprising three levels, displays the different aspects and eras of people's life around the River. In an artistic, technic, geographic, but also sociological way, the museum illustrates its comments with an exceptional and rich collection of instruments and knowledge of those times. Finally, there is a current section about Maurice Genevoix, writer and naturalist of the fauna and flora of Sologne, who lived in Châteauneuf-sur-Loire.

Exceptional exhibitions

The important discoveries made during the digging of A19 are the key object of an exhibition, particularly rich and impressive, about the Loire river and its life from Paleolithic times to the Gallic, Roman and medieval eras. It is an exhibition of tools, varied depictions of the different life modes of each era, as to pictures of the main classified places along the highway A19 and which aspects teaches more precisely about the rich history of the Loire Valley since prehistoric times.

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