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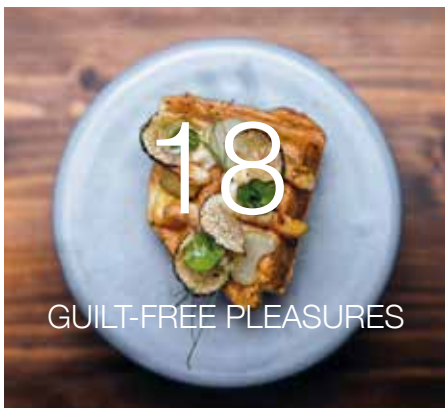


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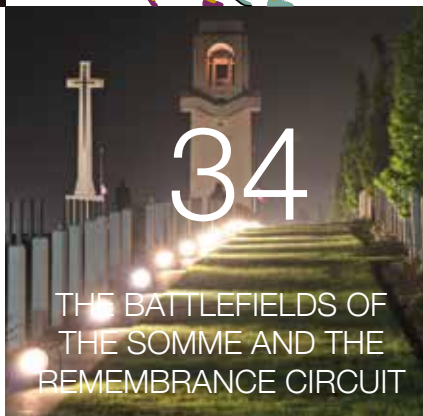


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TIRE OUT THE CHILDREN

(WITHOUT WEARING OUT THE PARENTS TOO!)

Watch them walk in the footsteps of Jules Verne! For children, the Aronnax tour is like a treasure hunt. For you, this is the ideal walk: a relaxed introduction to Amiens. Along the way, do some scouting for the rest of your stay: **Jules Verne's House, the Musée de Picardie, the cathedral** (seen from afar), and much more. As you walk, you'll discover opportunities for shopping, as well as the perfect places to satisfy your appetite: the organic and local burgers at Eden Burger are sure to delight everyone.

Of course, you'll have to take them to the **Amiens Zoo**. Without a doubt, you'll melt at the sight of a red panda, a meerkat or an otter, applaud the sea lions and post snaps of the tigers on Instagram. But more than that, along the way, your children will learn plenty about biodiversity (and maybe you will too). And to compare your top three favourite animals, don't hesitate to take a seat at the Le Pavillon Bleu – a beautiful spot with great food, right next to the zoo (no need to argue for hours about who wants to eat what and where).

Are your children curious about nature? Are they thirsty for culture? Or both? We have the answer for you. Set sail for **the Hortillonnages**. On foot, by bike or on the water, depending on how energetic you're feeling. No matter your choice, you'll discover a secret and restorative archipelago – unique in its kind. From May to October, you'll be able to tick off all the boxes of nature, culture and adventure in one go as you discover **the International Garden Festival**, from island to island on

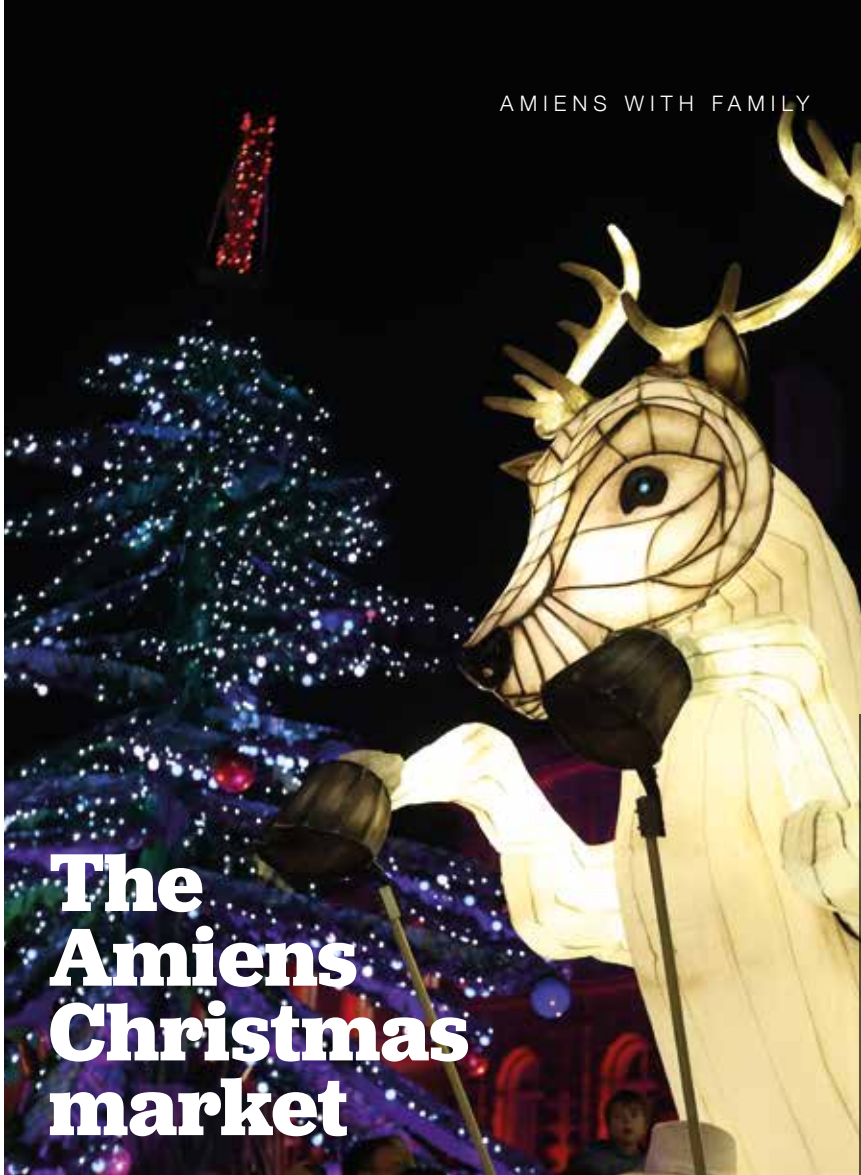
board your electric boat. In summer, you can also go above and beyond and exert yourself at Saint-Pierre Park: pedalo race, family mini-golf competition or a dizzying zip-line descent ...

Have you ever seen a real mummy? A copy of the Raft of Medusa (even brighter than the original)? **The Musée de Picardie** is like the Louvre, but cooler. It offers extraordinary collections covering the whole history of art, to be discovered at your own pace, in your own way – for scholars and amateurs alike. Little ones can enjoy drawing, while older kids tackle puzzles, and parents settle on the benches to daydream in front of their favourite painting.

In Amiens, we take our afternoon snack seriously! If you're looking for something *healthy*, head to Colibri restaurant; if you're looking for something *cosy*, go to Maxime; and for something *tasty*, try DASI. We also have several excellent crêperies to offer. With your batteries recharged, you can walk to Saint-Leu to laugh together at the antics of **the Cabotans** – traditional Amiens puppets.

And if your children are a little older, you can even offer them the urban **ICONIC** art tour around Saint-Leu or a little Wake Board tour in **Amiens Cable Park** (between ski-lift and surfing, you have to see it to understand).

Finally, if, despite all this, they're still not tired, take them to **CHROMA**. This is an unforgettable experience to enjoy with family at night, in summer (before going to bed) or in December (after Christmas market).



The Amiens Christmas market

IN DECEMBER

Discover the magic of Christmas in the streets of central Amiens. Stroll among the 130 chalets, meet Santa Claus, discover the giant tree and all the new entertainment. Along a two-kilometre walk, crafts, entertainment, illuminations and rides promise visitors the chance to end the year on a magical note!

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AMIENS MÉTROPOLE ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN

Dedicated to protecting biodiversity, Amiens Zoo runs conservation programs, supports scientific research, and educates an ever-growing audience about the environmental issues facing our planet. Originally a botanical garden, the Amiens Zoo is a 7-hectare haven of greenery with winding waterways, home to nearly 700 animals. For those looking for something to eat, you can stop by the Pavillon Bleu, a romantic 19th-century riverside open-air café.

Don't miss out: summer evenings, after-work events where you can enjoy the zoo at twilight (it also applies to those who haven't worked that day!).

→ Parc zoologique d'Amiens Métropole | Allée du Zoo - esplanade de la Hotoie
+ 33 (0)3 22 69 61 12 | zoo-amiens.fr

→ The zoo is open every day from 01/02 to 15/11
• February, March, October and November: from 10:00 to 17:00
• April, May, June and September: from 10:00 to 18:00
• July and August: from 10:00 to 19:00

→ Closed annually from 16 November to 31 January, inclusive.



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AMIENS ALONG THE WATER

By boat, kayak or paddle, alone or with a guide, on the canals of the Somme or in the labyrinth of the Hortillonnages, the best way to discover Amiens is along the water.

→ visit-amiens.com/hortillonnages

THE HOUSE OF JULES VERNE

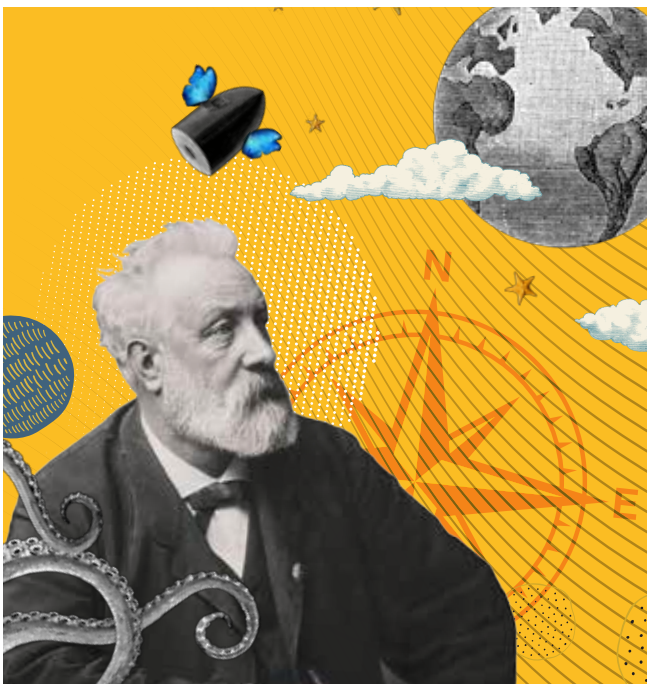
Jules Verne lived in this 19th-century mansion, nicknamed the Tower House, for 18 years and wrote most of his Extraordinary Voyages here. Discover his imaginary world and daily life. More than 700 objects evoke the personality, sources of inspiration and memories of Jules Verne.

And what could be better than to visit the house with Jules Verne himself, his publisher, his wife or a character straight out of one of his novels: Passepartout, Princess Aouda, or perhaps even Robur the Conqueror, who prefers to be known as «Master of the World»...

→ **The House of Jules Verne**
 2 rue Charles Dubois (corner of Bd J. Verne)
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amiens.fr/maisondejulesverne



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ARONNAX TRAIL

The Aronnax Trail is a 19-stop walking tour that highlights key locations tied to the creative genius and imagination of Jules Verne, both in the heart of Amiens and at Le Crotoy. Designed to be family-friendly and accessible to all, the trail offers a literary, cultural, and tourist experience. Thanks to QR codes installed on bilingual panels, visitors can enjoy immersive videos, actor-read excerpts from Verne's novels, quizzes for younger participants, and a few surprises along the way. Jules Verne's connection to Amiens began in May 1856 when he met Honorine Deviane, who would become his wife. He settled in the city in 1871, becoming a deeply involved member of the community. Not only did Verne live in Amiens, but he also joined numerous associations and served as a local councillor for sixteen years. He was even a member of the Académie d'Amiens. As you'll discover throughout this walking tour, Verne's life in Amiens was deeply significant. The city not only inspired him but also made appearances in several of his stories.

→ amiens.fr/aronnax

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Life as a couple is not (always) plain sailing. Whether you've already experienced many storms together or your journey as a couple just started, the little Venice of the North has everything you need for a romantic weekend getaway.

Set your luggage down in a cottage in the heart of the Hortillonnages, a room in the town or a chic hotel. Of course, you can stay in bed, but you could also set off for a stroll in the beautiful district of Henriville, starting your romantic walk in front of the church of Saint-Martin (romantic in the 19th century sense of the word, but also like something out of a Hugh Grant film).

Make your way down slowly to **Jules Verne's House**, the Boulevard Jules Verne and Jules-Verne Circus (this great and omnipresent writer was also a great lover of Amiens ... and of Honorine). Take a break at the **Musée de Picardie** – you've got the time. Love is everywhere, from the «Billet doux» (Love Letter) to «L'amour tourmentant l'âme» (Love Tormenting the Soul), to the basements where the Rivery Priapus is hidden (you'll either love it or you'll hate it). You might even be tempted to come back in the early evening for a «Night Tour»: a torchlit tour, both intriguing and intimate.

Hand in hand, get an eyeful before the Dewailly Clock's «Naked Mary» and then, as Saint-Exupéry would say, look together in the same direction: **Notre-Dame Cathedral** presents itself to you. Take the time to get to know it and settle onto one of the benches in the Parc de l'Évêché, which is ideal for confessions ranging from the most tender (like summer nights in the luminous setting

of **CHROMA**) to the most spectacular (such as the enterprising Duke of Buckingham throwing himself at the feet of the powdered Anne of Austria). The most enthusiastic will prefer the 307 steps of the Cathedral's towers, to treat themselves – out of breath and not far from the seventh heaven – to a loving selfie.

Cobbled streets, a drink by the water, a kiss stolen on the bridge of the Dodane: soak up the Dolce Vita in **Saint-Leu**. For those who cannot live only on love and fresh water, we could not recommend the Le Quai restaurant highly enough – for its cuisine service and the view (or, if you're looking for a slightly different vibe, enjoy a snack in a convivial atmosphere next door at Le Port Saint-Leu).

Next, discover why they call our city the Little Venice. Hop on board a boat to venture into the natural maze of the **Hortillonnages** or play it safe by hiring the services of a boatman (here, they do not sing – or if they do, it's in Picard). Mysterious islands, lush gardens and wildlife, a timeless moment far from the raging crowd and hustle and bustle of everyday life – you will remember these moments for a lifetime. Or if you're not keen on water, head to the **La Madeleine Cemetery**. Hilly and wooded, it's sure to charm with its poetic atmosphere – sometimes fantastic, but always oh so romantic.

Chroma

FROM JULY TO SEPTEMBER AND DURING THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

An immersive journey, between shadows and lights – a real experience in which colour becomes the common thread of a story highlighting the western façade. From linen blue, calling back to the woader merchants who contributed to the monument’s funding, to the dazzling restoration of original polychromies, the highlight of this journey through time – the Cathedral, in turn luminous and mysterious – fascinates again and again.

→ Every evening at nightfall on the cathedral square



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PARC DE L'ÉVÊCHÉ

LE JARDIN DES LUMIÈRES

In the heart of a garden of lights, within the classified site of Parc de l'Évêché, CHROMA's impressive video mapping transforms into interactive, human-scale installations. The grand history of the cathedral makes way for the charming tale of whimsical little creatures that live within it, inviting visitors to leave reality behind and embark on a dreamlike adventure.

→ Every evening during the summer after the Chroma show



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Notre-Dame Cathedral

Built over about sixty years (1220–1288), the Amiens Cathedral of Notre-Dame presents a remarkable unity of style. The harmony of its proportions, the purity of its lines, its abundant collection of statues and veritable stone lacework make it one of the most beautiful examples of Gothic art. It is the largest Gothic building ever built. Twice inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List, Notre-Dame Cathedral is truly impressive!

→ FREE, SELF-GUIDED VISIT

- from 1 April to 30 September: 08:30 to 18:15 (until 19:30 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays - subject to reservation)
- from 1 October to 31 March: 08:30 to 17:15 (until 18:30 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays)

→ GUIDED & UNUSUAL TOURS:

Discover the story of Notre-Dame Cathedral in the company of a tourist guide qualified by the Ministry of Culture.

→ To book a visit :

visit-amiens.com/guided-tours

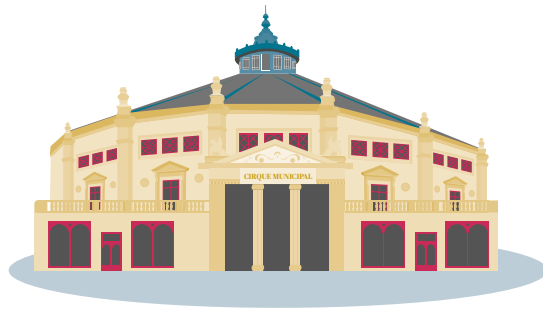
AUDIO-GUIDED TOURS

Year-round audio-guided tours in French, English, German, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Russian and Chinese.

- Available to rent at the Amiens Métropole Tourist Office
Between 45 min and 1 hour 15 min

DISCOVERING THE TREASURY

Since February 2016, after 20 years of work, the «treasury» of the cathedral of Amiens is once again open to the public. An exceptionally rich collection, both in terms of art and history, composed of objects of worship and reliquaries considered masterpieces of medieval goldsmithing.

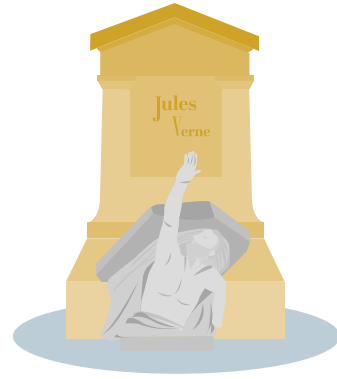


JULES-VERNE CIRCUS

This is one of the last permanent circuses in France! Its wooden version, inaugurated in 1889, was considered the most important provincial circus thanks to its 3,000 seats. Completely renovated in 2003, it took the name of Jules Verne, its most fervent defender at the time of its construction. This architectural gem has welcomed the most prestigious Circus families and has been chosen as a filming location by some of the greatest film-makers, such as Federico Fellini or Jean-Jacques Beineix. What's for sure is that its metallic architecture, imagined by Émile Ricquier, and its painted decoration by the contemporary artist Ernst Caramelle form a surprising alliance ... Today, we can visit it and, most importantly, marvel at its varied programming (circus, street arts, equestrian shows, music and more) staged by internationally recognised companies or by the great artists of tomorrow.

→ **Jules Verne Circus**

Place Longueville - + 33 (0)3 22 35 40 41
cirquejulesverne.fr



THE MADELEINE CEMETERY

The Père Lachaise of Amiens! The Madeleine Cemetery was created in 1796, developed as a romantic park. It is one of the most beautiful landscape cemeteries in France.

Remarkable trees mark the paths and invite visitors to walk and discover, as it stretches out over more than 18 hectares. The tombs of the great Amiens families testify to the city's prosperity in the 19th century.

The alleys of the Madeleine Cemetery can be discovered with a tourist guide from March to October.



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PICTURESQUE SAINT-LEU DISTRICT

In the Middle Ages, the streets of the Saint-Leu district resonated with the sound of 25 mills, powered by the arms of the Somme. Millers, dyers and weavers all got to work grinding grain, crushing woad leaves and beating fabrics. From this prosperous period, the magic of the canals and the charm of the colourful wood and cob façades remain today. The lapping waves, the historical riches and the poetic atmosphere all invite you to enjoy a timeless walk. Under the benevolent eye of Notre-Dame, the flowered terraces of the cafés and restaurants of Quai Bélu and Place du Don offer up the perfect setting for a romantic date.

GUILT-FREE PLEASURES

« **B**ut, when nothing subsists of an old past [...] alone, frailer but more enduring, more immaterial, more persistent, more faithful, smell and taste still remain for a long time, like souls, remembering, waiting, hoping, on the ruin of all the rest, bearing without giving way, on their almost impalpable droplet, the immense edifice of memory.» »

These are the words of Marcel Proust (who said it much better than any of us), but we've all experienced it – whether with a madeleine or a macaron. From our trips, we always take home memories of food. That dish we ordered, not knowing what to expect. The divine surprise of a little restaurant that didn't look like much from the outside. The kindness of the waiter. That flavour you could never find anywhere else. So, to ensure that your stay creates its very own fireworks display in your limbic system (the centre of emotions and pleasure in our brains), we've pulled out all the stops.

HERE & NOW

The chefs of Amiens offer a cuisine of their time, with local products according to the seasons. This is true of Thomas Dumont at Hyacinthe, a dedicated chef who knows each of his growers and vegetables by name, as well as of Stéphane Bruyer at l'Ail des Ours, whose menu changes as much according to his boundless inspiration as it does to his daily harvest, or of the restaurant Instinct, where the vibrant cuisine showcases innovative flavors.

And it's not just a man's game: Claire Chaumeil at Robin Room and Café Pinson offers a meat or vegetarian menu, always tasty and never out of touch and Margot Servoisier, on the other hand, sweetens her organic and vegan pastries with honey from the Hortillonages ...

TRADITION & CREATION

Gâteau battu, duck pâté, macarons ... So many unmissable delights from the Amiens repertoire, which you'll have no trouble finding during your stay, whether in one of our delicious eateries or in the shops. Without

a doubt, you'll be surprised to be served a Ficelle Picarde with fries, or to see that the Amiens andouillette looks nothing like how you imagined it.

In any case, you'll discover a rich and flavourful culinary repertoire, just waiting to be rediscovered. Many Amiens artisans are committed to bringing these traditions to life, and even reinventing them. It is in this spirit that Julien Planchon offers up his creations at the Belfry market hall: Picardy tricorné (raw-milk cheese matured with a homemade beer), salicornia tomme, wild-garlic butter and more. Just beside him, Daniel Héripré is both the guardian of the duck pâté temple and the inventor of the white pudding with gâteau battu or the Antan pork sausage with tomme au foin. You're sure to melt for Jean Torgneux's unmissable Amiens macaron. Enjoy this sweet little almond biscuit on the terrace, in an incredible date with the Notre-Dame. And how could we forget Ambiani and Charles & Vianney, who bring our regional brewing tradition back to life in the form of beers with evocative names and original flavours?

EXCELLENCE & GENEROSITY

Who could be better than Frédéric Barette, at Les Orfèvres, or Eric Boutté, at l'Aubergade, to embody the soul of Amiens gastronomy? Each in their own style reflects a precise and inventive cuisine, going out of their way to surprise us or, instead, to offer us a date with the unmissable haddock ravioli or the «real cabbage stuffed leaf by leaf with a traditional foie-gras filling».

Nicolas Medkour at Quai, trained by top chefs in gastronomy, excels in all culinary styles, from bistronomy to haute cuisine.

Looking to gather even more flavorful and aromatic experiences? Let's not forget the brasseries (Chez Jules, les Bouchées doubles, l'Horloge, la Coupole...) or the bistros like le Capuccino, the quick-service restaurant like Petits délices entre amis... Yes that's a lot to choose from. But don't worry, good memories don't add any extra pounds!

Some delicious spots

The Amiens art of living is embodied by good products, sublimated by the incredible work of inventive and generous chefs passionate about their terroir. Read on to discover a brief selection (head to visit-amiens.com/restaurants to discover the full offer).



LES ORFÈVRES

A stone's throw from the Cathedral, the gourmet restaurant of Les Orfèvres reveals its cosy atmosphere and cuisine that is both exquisite and subtle.

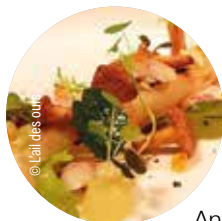
→ 14 rue des Orfèvres, 80000 Amiens
lesorfèvres.com



LE QUAI

A favorite among locals and tourists this restaurant located along the Somme River in the heart of the historic Saint-Leu district offers a unique culinary experience, featuring regional specialties and even more.

→ 15 Quai Belu, 80000 Amiens
restaurant-lequai.fr



AIL DES OURS

An elegant setting with an open kitchen, inspired and instinctive menus based on top-quality, seasonal products, where the explosion of flavours prevails.

→ 11 rue Sire Firmin Leroux, 80000 Amiens
aildesours-restaurant.fr



L'AUBERGADE

Not far from Amiens, in Dury, Chef Eric Boutté, former head waiter for Joël Robuchon, offers up gourmet cuisine in his restaurant – in the great French tradition, yet always with a touch of creativity. There, local products are made to shine.

→ 78 route nationale, 80480 Dury
aubergade-dury.com



LA PEÑA

An excellent restaurant located close to the cathedral, offering up quality cuisine – both modern and gourmet. The added extra: one of the most beautiful brunches in Amiens.

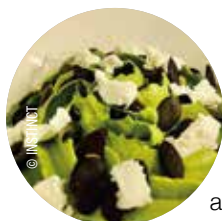
→ 45 rue Robert de Luzarches, 80000 Amiens
bistrotlapena.fr



HYACINTHE

Here everything is fresh, seasonal, organic and local. The Chef, Thomas Dumont, offers up the concept of a gastronomy committed to discovery through his subtly presented plates.

→ 11 rue Dusevel - 80000 Amiens
restaurant-hyacinthe.fr



INSTINCT

Instinct invites you on a captivating culinary journey, where creativity and respect for ingredients take center stage. It's a place where gastronomy becomes a true work of art, awakening your senses with every bite.

→ 44 rue Jean Catelas, 80000 Amiens
instinct-restaurant.fr



PETITS DÉLICÉS ENTRE AMIS

For small delights among friends, this is the favourite canteen of Amiens locals. Here, everything is good for your health, good for your wallet and good for your mood (and, what's more, it's local). Lunch only, on site or to take away.

→ 55 rue des Jacobins, 80000 Amiens
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A FEW USEFUL ADDRESSES FOR SHOPPING



AMIENS MACARONS AND CHOCOLATE TILES

Confiserie Trogneux

Chocolatier for 5 generations
Cathedral forecourt and Rue Delambre
+ 33 (0)3 22 71 17 17
trogneux.fr

Show'colat Vasseur

7 rue Henri IV
+ 33 (0)3 22 91 24 23
showcolat-vasseur.fr

Les chocolats de Nicolas

17 Bd Faidherbe
+ 33 (0)3 64 26 48 86
leschocolatsdenicolas.com

OTHER TREATS

Le Petit Poucet

34 rue de la République
+ 33 (0)3 22 91 42 32
le-petit-poucet.fr

Tropez'In

7 rue Gresset
+33 (0)3 22 09 68 92
tropezin.fr

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Les spécialités de Quesnoy-le-Montant -

Maison Fréville
6 Rue des Vergeaux
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Table et Saveurs

3 rue de Beauvais
+ 33 (0)3 22 92 16 13

PICARDY CHEESES

(TOMME AU FOIN, CIDER TOMME, FLAXSEED BRAY PICARD)

Julien Planchon - Belfry Market Hall

+ 33 (0)3 22 91 96 22

Philippe Olivier - 21 rue de Metz

+33 (0)3 22 92 61 54



VEGETABLES FROM THE HORTILLONS MARKET GARDENERS

They thrive in the rich soil of the Hortillonnages. Meet the stars of the show: radishes, cabbages, turnips, lettuces, carrots, leeks...). Their usual spot? The market stalls, especially the bustling Saturday morning market in Saint-Leu. Their superpowers? Competing for the freshest produce and the best nutritional value. Their mission? To help you enjoy healthy, local, and delicious food at a fair price.

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THE GÂTEAU BATTU

The gâteau battu is a Picardy institution. Somewhere between a cake and a brioche, it's rich in eggs and butter (let's face it). Its pastry is nevertheless airier and softer than traditional brioche (and boom!). It's baked in a high, cylindrical, fluted mould, giving it the shape of a chef's hat. We recommend you snap it up quickly, as its life expectancy is no more than a snack.

THE FICELLE PICARDE

Everyone knows (or thinks they know) this classic of Picardy cuisine: a crêpe, a thin slice of ham, mushroom duxelles ... The Compagnons de la Ficelle Picarde association keeps a watchful eye on this speciality. However, that hasn't stopped the somewhat rebellious people of Amiens from reinterpreting it. Be careful though, there is a red line that must not be crossed: no béchamel. The secret of the Ficelle Picarde (the real one, of course) is crème fraîche.

AMIENS DUCK PÂTÉ

Amiens duck pâté was created in 1643. This tasty speciality takes the form of a meat pie, with a few passionate craftsmen perpetuating this great tradition today. With a delicious melt-in-the-mouth texture, you can serve it as a gourmet starter with a small Hortillonnages salad, or even take it away for a chic picnic.



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THE AMIENS MACARON

The Amiens macaron is a Picardy speciality recognised since the 16th century. What makes it unique is a traditional recipe based on almond, sugar, eggs and honey, without colouring (so completely unlike the Parisian macaron ;-). Just like its partner the chocolate tile, this sweet and slightly addictive cookie is the ideal companion for a coffee break at the foot of the cathedral.

THE BELFRY MARKET HALL: THE MEETING PLACE OF AMIENS GASTRONOMERS

A real village in the heart of the city, the Belfry Market Hall is a covered market that brings together traders recognised for their fresh, top-quality products: cheesemongers, bakers, pastry makers, market gardeners, butchers, fishmongers, caterers and wine merchants, all promoting tradition and taste. Here, you'll find everything you need to prepare a traditional local meal – as well as products from further afield.

→ Open Tuesday to Sunday lunchtime



L'ÎLE AUX FRUITS

L'Île aux Fruits is an organic vegetable farm in the heart of Amiens, on one of the many rivers dotted along the Somme river. Here, we grow fruits and vegetables, following the principles of permaculture. However, every Thursday evening, L'Île aux Fruits also becomes a market packed full of producers and their local products, craftsmen and their creations from the area and concerts of local musicians ... A real illustration of the Amiens art of living.

→ **L'Île aux fruits**
325 rue de Verdun
ile-aux-fruits.fr



WATERFRONT MARKET

In the shade of the trees, here, you'll meet friendly local producers and end up taking home a basket overflowing with: fruits and vegetables (from the Hortillonages, of course), as well as traditional bread and jams, local beers and cheeses to go with them, honey and gingerbread for those with a sweet tooth, bisteux tarts, ficelles, Vimeu snails and traditionally reared pork. Put simply, life itself!

→ Saturdays in Saint-Leu from 08:00 to 13:00



BEERS, WINES AND SPIRITS!

Here, we offer some excellent craft beers that really stand out. Whether it's Lafleur, Bear'maid, or the Blanche d'Amiens, each one has its own story to tell. And did you know that in the Somme, we also produce great wine? From Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in the vineyards of La Cour de Bérénice to the 50^{ème} Parallèle, the latest release from Collectif Les 130, Northern wines are becoming increasingly popular and could be the trend in the coming years!

For those who enjoy spirits and traditional craftsmanship, Hautefeuille's range of whiskies and gins, made from barley grown right here in Picardy, will delight even the most discerning palates. Awarded at the Concours général agricole, these exceptional drinks are sure to find their way into your glasses!

Remember, excessive alcohol consumption is dangerous for your health.

Spines





Celebrate

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AMIENS IS A PARTY

How long has it been since you've gone out? When did you last really let loose, forget about work, find your friends and, sometimes, even find yourself? For all those forced

to count the months (or years) on their fingers, Amiens offers a simple and effective solution: a weekend with friends.

Okay, we can't find your friends for you. Although ... As you make your way along the water, whether in the festive **Saint-Leu district**, in an open-air café along **the towpath** or at L'Île aux Fruits, you'll find that in Amiens we quickly make friends: music, local beers and sharing platters can help.

When it comes to culture, that should do it too: open bar at the **Musée de Picardie**, full of beauties to consume without moderation, à la carte theatrical evenings at the **Cultural Centre** and the **Comédie de Picardie Theatre**, or wild nights at the **Lune des Pirates** (a concert hall that's small by size but mighty in enthusiasm).

Otherwise, June is the month of festivals in Amiens – with plenty of them: **Les Tentaculaires** (Street Arts), **Minuit avant la Nuit** (Current music in the heart of nature) and **the Rendez-vous de la Bande Dessinée comics- festival** (an old industrial hall full of exhibitions and, above all, artists). Two things are shared by all of our events: first-rate programming and an incredibly friendly atmosphere.

Between May and October, we present **the International Garden Festival**: about fifty landscape works in the heart of the Hortillonnages, to be discovered on foot and by electric boat (our alternative to scooters).

In summer, it's time for **CHROMA**, a monumental experience that brings colour back to the cathedral (and much more), the **Voyage au Coeur de l'Été** (world dance and music, so get practising your chassés) or **Un été à Amiens** (sports, outdoor cinema and concerts – in short, everything for a perfect holiday).

In autumn, discover the **IC.ON.IC** festival of Visual Arts (to be discovered in the streets and galleries of Amiens), the **International Film Festival** (with 400 films on the programme, you're sure to find something of interest).

Throughout the month of December, **CHROMA** returns (just in front of the restaurant) while, in the city centre, one of the largest Christmas markets in France is unveiled (so large that you'll need several snack breaks to discover it).

Discover the true meaning of party on match days too! Head to **«La Licorne»** to support Amiens SC, to the **Coliseum** to cheer on the Gothiques (the ones playing ice hockey, not the ones dressed all in black) or make your way to the **Racecourse**: we bet you'll have a very cool and vintage evening.

Normally, in a weekend, you'll have shared more laughter than you have in the last six months, forgotten your complicated relationship with Hervé from accounting and published your share of stories for the year. But, just in case, remember that the **FRAC Picardie** offers some of the best exhibitions of contemporary art in Europe, that the Perret Tower (highest skyscraper in Europe at the time of its construction!) is particularly photogenic at night, and that the plates of our chefs are eminently Instagrammable, in addition to being inventive, based on local products and, incidentally, delicious.

And if you can't find the friends with whom to share all this, come and see us at the Tourist Office, right next to the cathedral: we'll discuss it over a coffee.



MINUIT AVANT LA NUIT

IN JUNE

Minuit avant la Nuit is a festival like no other, held just before summer in unique places between the grass and the water. In a veritable invitation to travel, Minuit avant la Nuit leads us into a magical world where artists escape in boats to the islets of the Hortillonnages, for intimate concerts where the venue becomes an actor in its own right. At the Saint-Pierre Park, the atmosphere of the concerts is more intense and more festive too, but always cool and good natured.

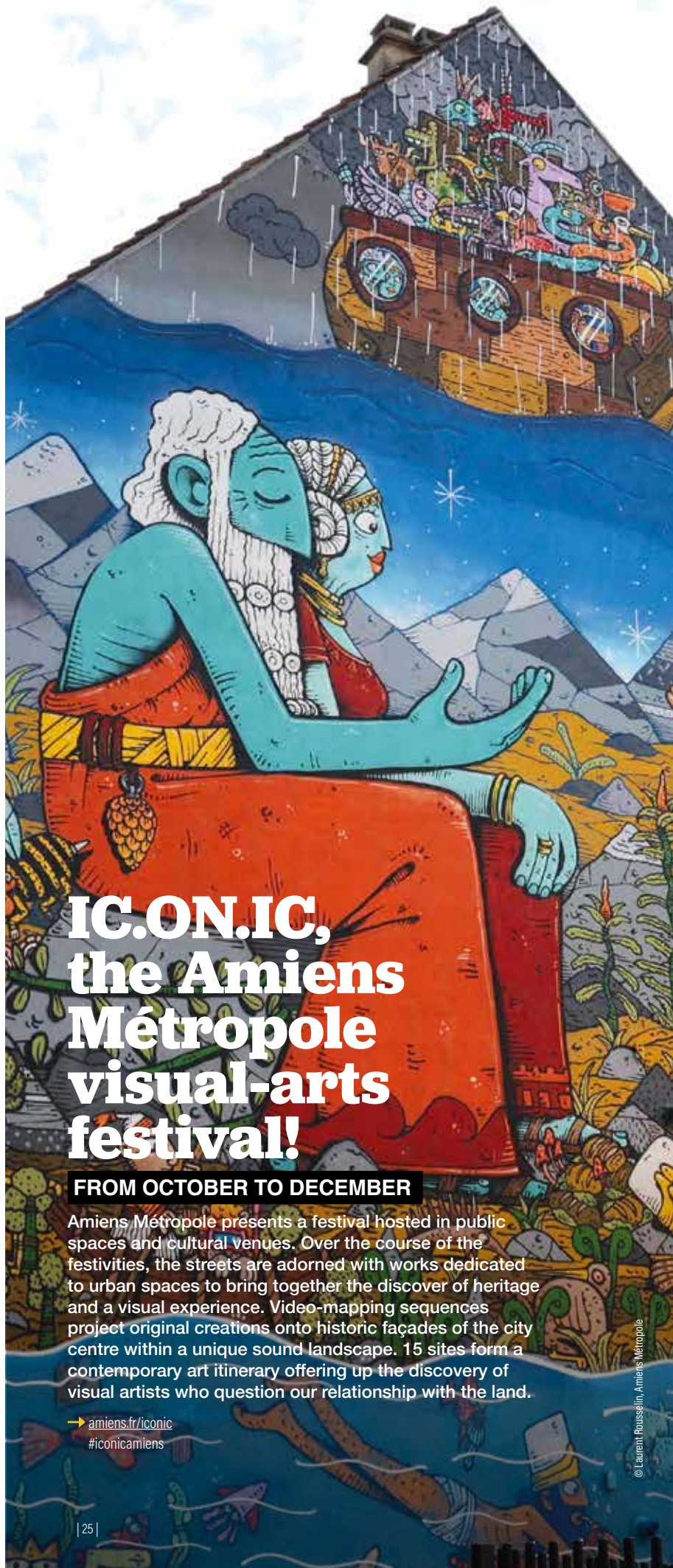
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LE FRAC PICARDIE HAUTS-DE-FRANCE

Founded in 1983 and based in Amiens, le Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporaine (FRAC, the Regional Fund for Contemporary Art) of Picardie is the only Frac to have built a collection focused on contemporary drawing, one of the largest in France and Europe. Today, it holds over 1,300 works by 250 artists, showcasing the diverse expressions of contemporary drawing, including iconic figures from the French and international art scene such as Pierrette Bloch, Jean-Michel Albérola, Giuseppe Penone, William Kentridge, Sol LeWitt, and Jean-Michel Basquiat.

→ **Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain Picardie Hauts-de-France**
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IC.ON.IC, the Amiens Métropole visual-arts festival!

FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER

Amiens Métropole presents a festival hosted in public spaces and cultural venues. Over the course of the festivities, the streets are adorned with works dedicated to urban spaces to bring together the discover of heritage and a visual experience. Video-mapping sequences project original creations onto historic façades of the city centre within a unique sound landscape. 15 sites form a contemporary art itinerary offering up the discovery of visual artists who question our relationship with the land.

→ amiens.fr/iconic
 #iconicamiens



27TH COMICS FESTIVAL

JUNE

A major event for the ninth art in the Hauts-de-France

→ « On a marché sur la bulle » Association

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LES TENTACULAIRES – FESTIVAL OF STREET ARTS

JUNE

Each year, «Les Tentaculaires» transforms the city. The artists – actors, dancers, circus performers and musicians – invade the streets, squares and gardens for a weekend and present the diversity and originality of their creations for the public space.

Between performances, plastic installations and participatory projects, 30,000 spectators come to enjoy three days of festivities through funny, intimate, poetic or spectacular events.

→ **Pôle régional des Arts du Cirque**
(Regional Circus Arts Centre)

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cirquejulesverne.fr



AMIENS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

IN NOVEMBER

The largest film event in the north of France rolls out the red carpet! The Amiens International Film Festival presents a host of films from all around the world, with various artists and professional to meet, spectators welcomed like friends, fantastic ceremonies and the feeling that cinema is, above all, a story of sharing.

→ **Amiens International Film Festival**

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MARCHÉ DES CRÉATEURS (CREATORS' MARKET)

FROM MAY TO SEPTEMBER

Overlooked by the cathedral every last Saturday from May to September, or close to the City Hall on the weekends of the Christmas Market, the Creators' Market brings together a multitude of local gems made by talented hands. Art, sewing, jewellery, leather goods, ironwork, mosaics, eco-responsible products and zero waste ... Shop made in Hauts-de-France!

→ from 10:00 to 19:00

Open until midnight on select nights: visit our website for details

SPRING AND AUTUMN FLEA MARKETS

ON APRIL AND OCTOBER

An event bringing together nearly 2,000 amateur and professional exhibitors, with visitors from all across Europe all searching for that perfect item to complete their collection. Don't miss out.

→ **Association des commerçants du quartier des halles et Fédération des commerçants du centre-ville (Les Halles district traders association and Federation of city-centre traders)**
grande-rederie-amiens.com



LES PUCES AMIÉNOISES

Stop by the Amiens flea market and discover a hidden gem among the 20 or so professional exhibitors who are present every third Saturday of the month.





Slow down

LITTLE JOYS ... AND LOW CARBON

We've lived through lockdown. We have seen the climate deteriorate. Digital has taken over almost everything. And so we aspire to something else. Something simple, something real. Nature the way it is, and authentic people to meet. This experience, rich in emotions and low in carbon, offers itself up to you in Amiens.

Start by landing, at the Les Cygnes campsite or in a cabin, on an island in the **Hortillonnages**. In Amiens, water is everywhere. It offers up the perfect environment for daydreaming, outings and tours, by boat, kayak, paddleboard, bike or simply on foot. Our 300 hectares of floating gardens can be discovered in a solo adventure or guided by a Hortillon market gardener with plenty of interesting stories to share with you.

Nature is also present where you might not expect it. With Sabine Robin, passionate about history and with a PhD in pharmacy, you'll discover the plants that surround us in the smallest corners of the city, along with all their virtues and legends.

What's more, the gardens of Amiens can't wait to tell their story. At **Saint-Acheul**, the story is that of humanity, at the **Botanical Garden**, it is the tale of the infinite variety of species and their uses, and at the **Hotoie** and **Saint-Pierre** it is of the sweetness of life in one of the greenest cities in France. Even our cemeteries are gardens: lose yourself in their tree-lined alleys where you'll meet the fathers of Bécassine and Phileas Fogg and, with a little luck, a few squirrels.

In terms of wildlife, the 700 animals of the Amiens Métropole **Zoo** are a great place to start: 7 hectares of water and greenery, calm and nature, as well as conservation and the promotion of biodiversity. The animals of the **Ferme d'Antan** farm, on the edge of the great Creuse forest, are a little more old

school than the star sea lions at the zoo, but no less adorable. With the help of farmers, you'll also discover rural traditions and learn how to make bread and butter for a fantastic day out.

In Amiens, our heroes don't wear capes, they grow vegetables. If you want to meet them in real life, head to Rivery to explore the **Hortillonnages Museum**, embodied loud and clear by Thérèse and René, do your shopping right next door on Friday nights at Jean-Louis' L'Hortillon de Lune, or on Saturday morning at the traditional **market on the water**, a tradition preserved from long ago when the Hortillon market gardeners descended the Somme on their *barque à cornet* (horn-shaped boat) loaded with vegetables. There, you'll find old-fashioned bread from a young baker, Ficelles Picardes from a talkative butcher, duck pâté from a cheeky farmer, organic market gardeners and local vegetables, cheeses and honey, apples and cider. You will also meet chefs, many of whom work with fresh and local products.

A quick pedal away, you'll be welcomed as friends on the cosy terrace of the lockhouse of Picquigny and enjoy the breathtaking view of the Somme and the castle. A true ode to slow living and silence, embark on one of the Nièvre and Somme Tourist Office's electric boats for a ride along the water, punctuated by a tasting of local products.

And for memories that cannot be eaten (and that haven't been around the world in 80 containers)? At the **Musée de Picardie**, we offer you scarves dyed with woad (the dye plant upon which Amiens' fortune was built in the Middle Ages) and soaps carved with the effigy of Amiens monuments from the Savonnerie des Hauts-de-France. But what you'll take home is much more valuable: the feeling of having travelled in a different way, respecting nature and people (and, most likely, the desire to set off again).

NATURALLY REFRESHING

The Hortillonnages : a unique site in France

Cultivated since the Middle Ages by Hortillons, these floating gardens constitute a mosaic of 300 hectares of vegetable and leisure gardens in the heart of the city of Amiens. Encased by the arms of the Somme and the Avre, these plots are separated by small canals known as «rieux» in the Picard language. They can be discovered via a traditional «bateau à cornet» horn-shaped boat.

→ Association for the Protection and Conservation of the Hortillonnages

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INTERNATIONAL GARDEN FESTIVAL - HORTILLONNAGES AMIENS

A unique natural and cultural experience. At the heart of the Floating Gardens of Amiens, Les Hortillonnages, experience some fifty creations by landscapers, architects, artists and designers around the world. Their works, which can be poetic or comic, but are always startling, question our relationship with the environment in a recreational way. The itinerary from island to island, in a small boat, can be done autonomously or with an English-speaking guide.

→ visit-amiens.com/hortillonnages



CYCLE PATH IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

The towpath is probably the simplest and most authentic way to find your way into the heart of the Somme. This gentle route for pedestrians and cyclists offers up the chance to discover all the tourist, natural and cultural riches of the Somme Valley. To the west, you can pedal to the Bay, while to the east, you can cycle along the Véloroute de la Mémoire remembrance path or make your way back to the source of the river.

→ visit-somme.com/ride-bike

The bay of Somme and the Picardy coast

Just 70 km from Amiens, the Bay of Somme is considered one of the world's most beautiful bays. It spans 70 km², stretching from the Pointe du Hourdel in the south to the Pointe de Saint-Quentin-en-Tourmont in the north. A haven for birdwatchers, it hosts Europe's largest seal colony and is a key stopover for migratory birds in France. This unique landscape of water, marshes, dunes, and salt flats

lies between land and sea. At low tide, guided walks take you across golden sandbanks shaped by shallow ponds. Its enchanting light has long inspired artists and writers, including Delacroix, Degas, Corot, Colette, Jules Verne, Victor Hugo, Alfred Manessier, and many others.

→ somme-tourisme.com/la-baie-de-somme visit-somme.com/somme-bay



The Musée de Picardie

The first museum built in France in the 19th century, the Musée de Picardie is a must-see place for Amiens heritage. Recently renovated and enlarged, it offers a magnificent setting for its rich and eclectic collections, which allow visitors to travel back through Western history from Prehistory to the present day. Immerse yourself in its unique atmosphere: there's something to fascinate and amaze everyone!

→ Musée de Picardie
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FOLLOW THE GUIDE ...

Our knowledgeable guides are good people, who genuinely love sharing their passion for both Amiens and its people. From the Citadelle, reimagined by Renzo Piano, to the Perret Tower, Europe's tallest skyscraper when it was built, you'll discover the city's rich history, from its medieval roots to its Art Deco gems. They'll also introduce you to the charming villages nearby, eager to share the cultural treasures of French Towns and Lands of Art and History with you.

→ visit-amiens.com/guided-visits



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Remember:
The Belfry opens its doors every Friday night at 23:00 in July and August

PATRIMOINE MONDIAL DE L'UNESCO



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THE WAYS OF SAINT JAMES

In May 2018, two studs representing «Mont Saint-Michel» and «Santiago de Compostela» were embedded to mark the starting point of a new route between Amiens and Rouen.

This Way forms part of a route that runs from Bruges to Santiago. In Amiens, walkers or cyclists can choose from the Paris, Beauvais or Rouen routes.

LE BEFFROI (THE BELFRY)

Registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in July 2005 alongside the 23 belfries of Nord-Pas de Calais and Picardy, the Amiens belfry has stood strong since the Middle Ages. It symbolises the independence of the municipality of Amiens from the Comtal power. Originally serving as the City Hall, it is best known for its time as a prison. An ascent of one hundred steps gives way to the terrace, which offers a panoramic view of the city and the 18th-century bell tower. Discover the story of the Belfry in the company of a tourist guide qualified by the Ministry of Culture.

THE BATTLEFIELDS OF THE SOMME AND THE REMEMBRANCE CIRCUIT

The Somme suffered greatly during the First World War, with the infamous Battle of the Somme in 1916. The wounds of the Great War are still visible today, more than 90 years later: trenches, mine holes, destroyed vegetation and even completely razed villages. The main sites (memorials, ruins, museums, cemeteries) can be discovered by following the Remembrance Circuit, connecting Albert and Péronne.

→ somme-tourisme.com



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ANZAC DAY

EVERY 25 APRIL

Every year, at the end of April, Australians and New Zealanders visit the Somme to commemorate ANZAC Day in memory of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps that landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey on 25 April 1915, and which distinguished itself during the battles of the Somme, particularly at Villers-Bretonneux. On 25 April 1918, after intense fighting, Australian Brigade Number 13, led by General Glasgow and based south of Villers-Bretonneux, and General Elliott's Brigade No 15 from the north of the city repelled the Germans and joined forces. Villers-Bretonneux was released on the anniversary of the defeat of Gallipoli. The Battle of Villers-Bretonneux ended the German offensive launched in March and saved Amiens from occupation.

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THE SIR JOHN MONASH CENTRE

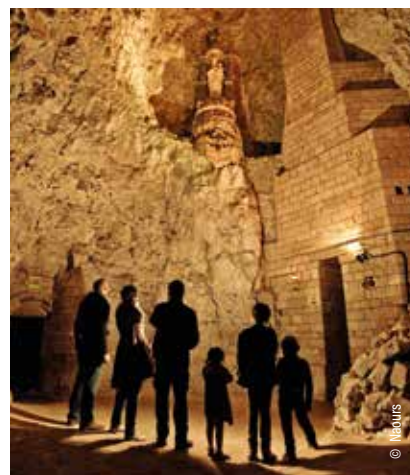
Open since 25 April 2018, the centenary of the Battle of Villers-Bretonneux, the Sir John Monash Centre is a key location on the Australian Way of Remembrance on the Western Front. Located on the site of the Australian National Memorial and adjacent to the Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, this centre recounts the Australian experience on the Western Front through a series of interactive multimedia installations and immersive experiences.

→ sjmc.gov.au

UNDERGROUND CITY OF NAOURS

The Underground City of Naours hides a whole host of secrets! For centuries, Picardy suffered a series of wars and invasions, forcing villagers to seek refuge. The quarries, then used for the extraction of chalk for drawdown or construction, would serve as shelters for the inhabitants, their property, their livestock and their crops. From these quarries, entirely dug by hand, true underground refuges (mûches in the Picard language) would be born. At its peak, the Underground City of Naours featured 28 galleries and 300 rooms. Falling into oblivion after the 17th century, the underground was rediscovered in 1887 by Abbé Danicourt and later welcomed many Allied soldiers during the First World War. The latter would leave their graffiti on the walls of the City, a raw testimony imbued with emotions.

→ citesouterrainedenaours.fr



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Coming to **Amiens**



BY ROAD

From	Access via	Distance
Beauvais	A16	61 km
Brussels	A2, A1 et A29	225 km
Calais	A16	159 km
Lille	A1 et A29	180 km
Paris, porte de la Chapelle	A16	142 km

Ideally located near Paris, Benelux and the UK, Amiens is a city that is easy to reach.

The city is also a starting point for other destinations you can reach within an hour by car:

- To the west, the imposing Somme Bay with its wide open spaces bathed in soft, yet ever-changing light,
- To the east, the battlefields of the First World War,
- Amiens is on the Picardy cathedral route.



BY TRAIN

Paris (1h10) | Lille (1h20) | Londres (2h30)

BY TGV

(HAUTE-PICARDIE TGV STATION)

Roissy (20 min) | Nantes (4h) | Marseille (5h30)

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Aéroport Paris-Beauvais (30 mn) | Lille-Lesquin (1h30)



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Discover
the Amiens
art of living

The Amiens art of living is about enjoying afternoon tea in the heart of the Hortillonnages, raising a glass at the foot of the cathedral, being pleasantly surprised by the generosity and creativity of chefs, rediscovering the seasons, and celebrating local flavors. It's also about sharing special moments in a warm, welcoming atmosphere... the perfect way to spend an ideal weekend.



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