

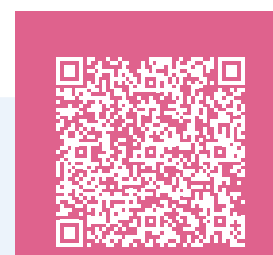


Heritage TRAILS

Listed as a "City (then Land) of Art and History" by the French Ministry of Culture since 1987, Angoulême benefits from a rich heritage which it preserves and showcases. The **three trails guide visitors towards the most recognisable places in the heart of the city and its walls, down to the Charente River**. Enamelled lava stone heritage signs offer a wealth of information on the monuments and places to discover. The "heart of the city" trail is also signposted with metal studs pinned into the ground to help visitors find their way around more easily. The various trails reveal a rich and diverse heritage, serving as an ode to a prestigious past with detours to squares and narrow streets. From the city walls you can enjoy magnificent views of nature and the Charente Valley, before heading down towards the Charente River.

A journey INTO THE HEART OF THE CITY

Duration 1.5 hours
Start Jardin de l'Hôtel de Ville Rue du Général Leclerc



A journey WITHIN THE CITY WALLS

Duration 2 hours
Start Jardin de l'Hôtel de Ville Rue du Général Leclerc



A journey ALONG THE CITY'S WATERFRONT

Duration 2.5 hours
Start Jardin de l'Hôtel de Ville Rue du Général Leclerc



L'Hôtel de Ville



Les Halles



La cathédrale Saint-Pierre



Statue de Marguerite de Valois



Les Chais Magellais

- 1 THE OLD TOWN OF ANGOULÊME
- 2 HÔTEL DE VILLE
- 3 HÔTEL SAINT-SIMON
- 4 LES HALLES COVERED MARKET
- 5 SAINT-ANDRÉ CHURCH
- 6 PLACE FRANCIS LOUVEL
- 7 MUSÉE D'ANGOULÊME PUBLIC MUSEUM
THE FORMER RESIDENCE OF THE BISHOP OF ANGOULÊME
- 8 SAINT-PIERRE CATHEDRAL
- 9 PANORAMIC VIEWS FROM THE SADI CARNOT STATUE

THEATRE

- 5 PLACE DU PALET
- 8 PLACE DU MINAGE
- 9 OLD CARMELITE CONVENT
- 10 RUE DE BEAULIEU
- 11 PLACE BEAULIEU
- 15 PREFECTURE
- 16 RUE DE BELAT
- 16 REMPART DE L'EST
- 17 CHAMP DE MARS
- 18 SAINT-MARTIAL CHURCH
- 19 PLACE MARENGO

- 6 PLACE DU GÉNÉRAL RESNIER
- 7 JARDIN VERT
- 8 MUSÉE DU PAPIER MUSEUM
- 9 CITÉ INTERNATIONALE DE LA BANDE DESSINÉE ET DE L'IMAGE
(CIBDI - INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR COMIC BOOKS)
- 10 FOOTBRIDGE - MARQUET ISLAND
- 11 MUSÉE DE LA BANDE DESSINÉE - COMICS MUSEUM
- 12 THE ALSATIAN HOUSE AND DAMPIERRE CASTLE
- 13 PLACE MULAC
- 14 WORKING-CLASS HOUSING IN SAINT-CYBARD
- 15 BOURGINE ISLAND
- 16 PORT L'HOUMEAU
- 17 SAINT-JACQUES CHURCH AND SQUARE
- 18 FOND RÉGIONAL D'ART CONTEMPORAIN
(FRAC - REGIONAL CONTEMPORARY ART FUND)
- 19 JARDIN DES JUMELAGES

Legend

TRAILS OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

- Showcasing heritage
- In the footsteps of Lucien Rubempré, *Lost Illusions*
- Heritage in the footsteps of Wes Anderson
- City walls trail



COMICS

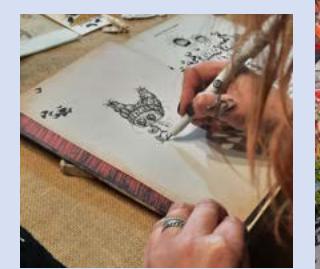
For several decades, Angoulême has built its reputation on bande dessinée (comics). Beyond the international comic festival, which has been held every year since 1974, the heart of the city beats all year round to the rhythm of bande dessinée, or the «ninth art», as it is known in France. During this trail, you will discover virtually all the facets that have helped shape the identity of Angoulême. The city is home to over thirty painted walls and several statues, paying tribute to the great comic book authors and depicting various themes and famous characters. La Cité Internationale de la Bande Dessinée et de l'Image (International Centre for Comics and Images) plays a unique role thanks to its museum, exhibitions, conservation missions and dedication to creativity. For its part, the Pôle Image Magelis regionally funded office contributes to the sector's economic development, namely by supporting comics, animation, film shooting and video games. You can discover this rich ensemble on the trail, which can be completed in several stages and complemented by artworks located outside the city centre.

COMICS Trail

Duration 1.5 hours Start Place de l'Hôtel de Ville



«Le Cosmos d'Uderzo»



«Les Héros de la BD»



«Mémoire du XX^e Siècle»



Showcasing HERITAGE

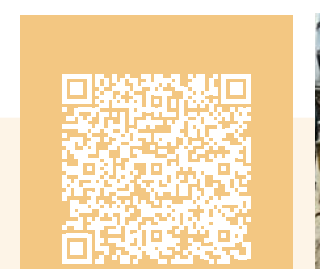
While strolling along the streets of Angoulême, you will come across the city's most spectacular monuments. Beyond this remarkable heritage, a myriad of architectural elements from all eras are well worth observing, such as ornate balconies, different styles of doors from various periods, discreet sculptures and many other details, which can easily be overlooked. At just over 2 km long, this trail will take you off the beaten track and invite you to uncover hidden details as you wander through the city's more understated yet remarkable heritage.

SHOWCASING HERITAGE Trail

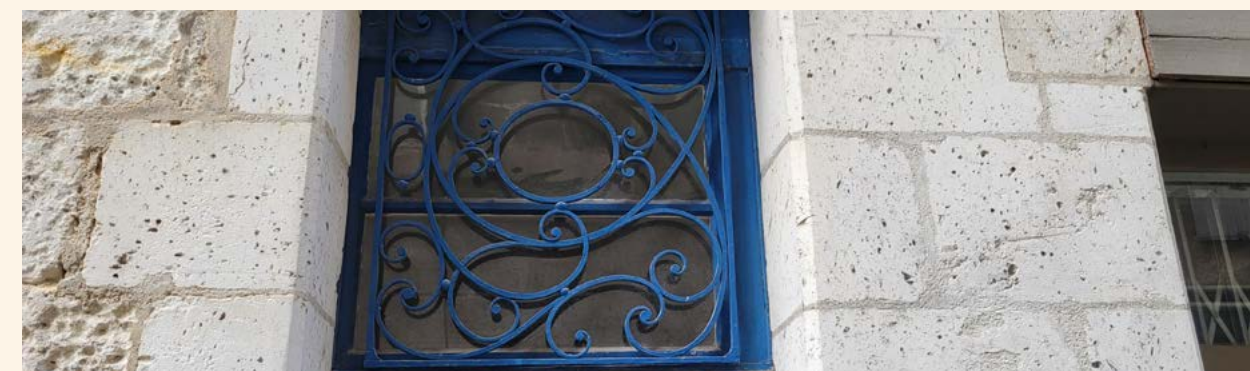
Duration 30 to 45 minutes Start Place de l'Hôtel de Ville



L'Hôtel Saint-Simon



Le théâtre



Follow the footsteps of LUCIEN DE RUBEMPRÉ

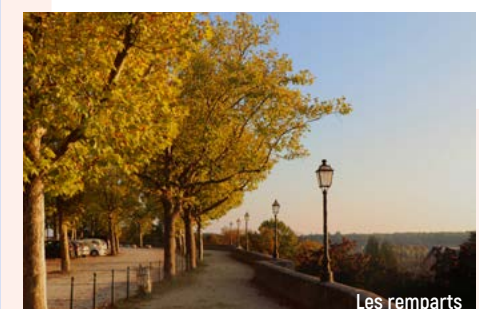
Between 1831 and 1833, the French writer Honoré de Balzac (1799 - 1850) stayed in Angoulême three times. He even chose this provincial city as the location for the first part of his novel *Lost Illusions* (1836-1843). The story unfolds between 1820 and 1825 and portrays Lucien Chardon, a.k.a. de Rubempré, a young, famous writer in the Angoulême region who dreams of Parisian glory. This literary trail in the footsteps of Honoré de Balzac and his character will take you on a discovery of the various districts of Angoulême where the author describes his perceptions of the city and Lucien's life there.

FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS OF LUCIEN DE RUBEMPRÉ

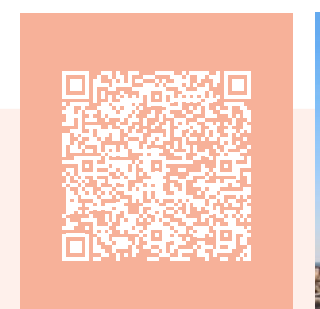
LOST ILLUSIONS BY HONORÉ DE BALZAC



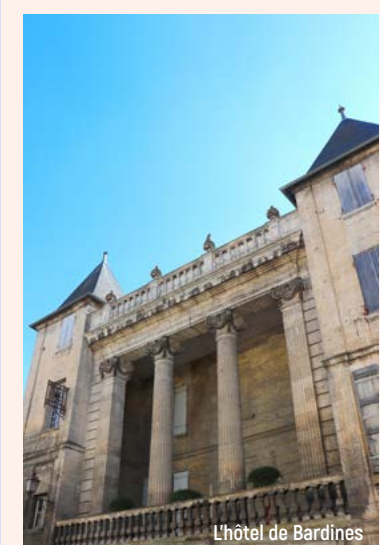
Duration 35 minutes Start 141 rue de Paris



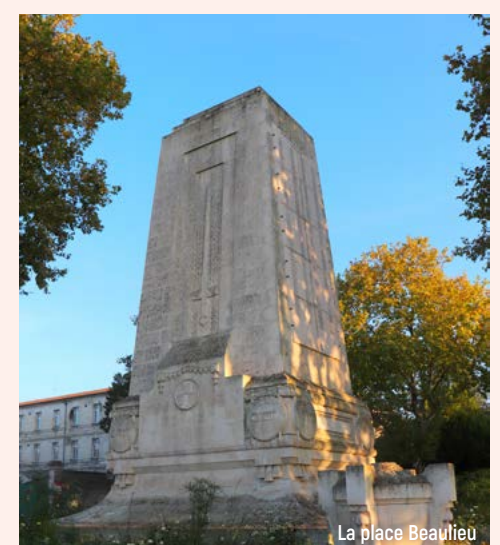
Les remparts



La statue Carnot



L'hôtel de Bardines



La Place Beaulieu



La chapelle des Cordeliers



A journey in the footsteps of WES ANDERSON

From a selection of several French cities, the American film director Wes Anderson chose Angoulême in late August 2018 as the setting for his film *The French Dispatch*, which pays tribute to journalists. Here, Wes Anderson brought together the biggest names in cinema, including Benicio del Toro, Tilda Swinton, Timothee Chalamet, Mathieu Amalric, Christoph Waltz and Léa Seydoux. However, Angoulême stole the show with its 900 extras and sets, reminiscent of post-war France. Angoulême transformed its alleys, stone staircases, squares and monuments into a pop-up film set. This ode to the French New Wave movement reveals a fantasy vision of Angoulême.

Several years after its release, film fans from around the world now come to discover the place where Wes Anderson filmed *The French Dispatch*. The texts and photos of Pascal Lefort and Odette Fouché illustrate the various film locations and show Angoulême behind the scenes.

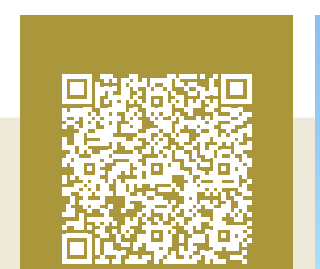


IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF WES ANDERSON

Duration 45 minutes Start Place Saint-Pierre



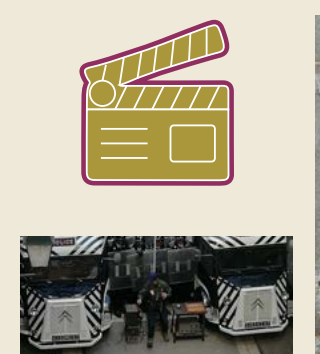
Rue du Père David



THE FRENCH DISPATCH

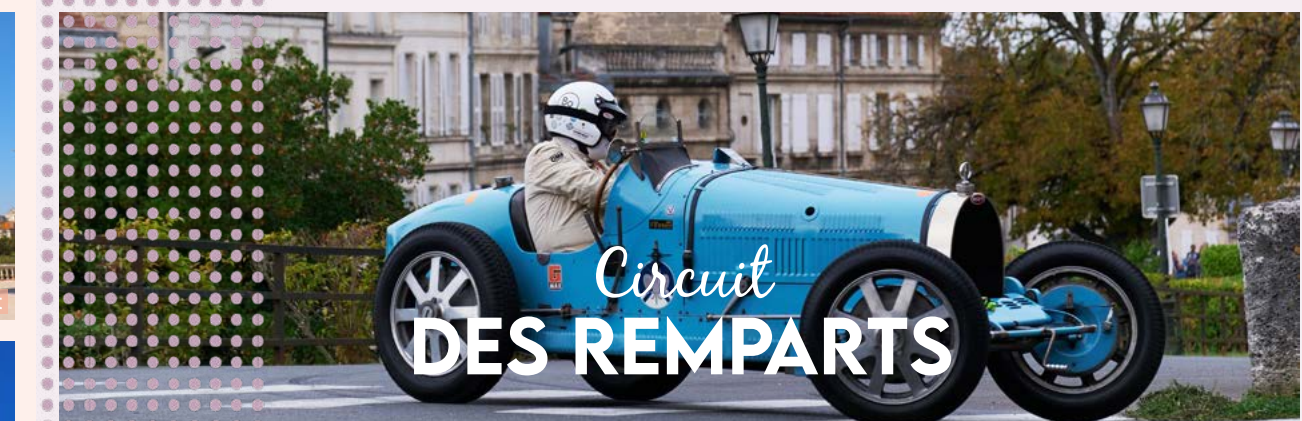


Place du Minage



Angoulême WALKING TOURS

2025 - 2026 EDITION



Circuit DES REMPARTS

A not-to-be-missed event for fans of classic cars and car racing, the Circuit International des Remparts transforms Angoulême into a veritable motor museum.

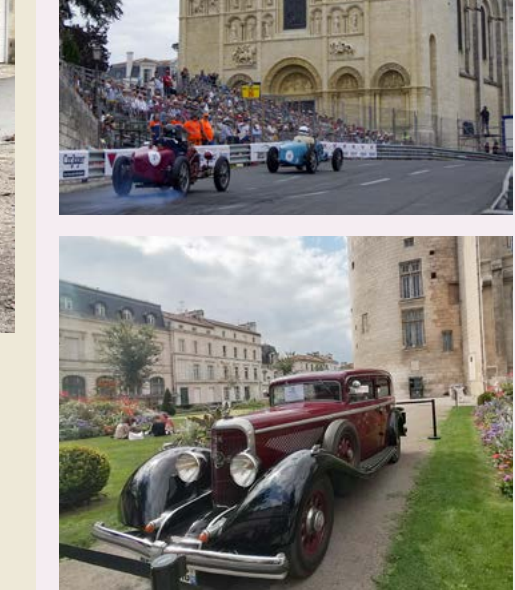
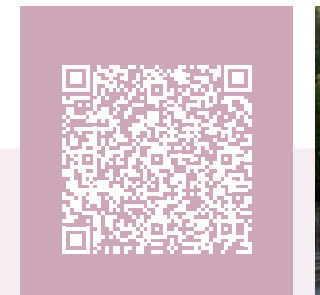
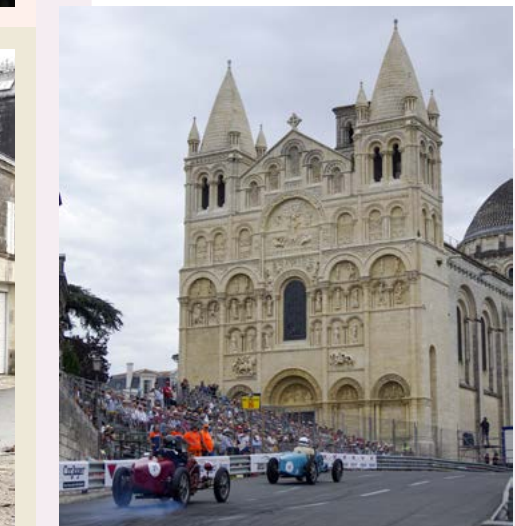
The event takes place during the third weekend of September on a 1279-metre racetrack with 7 bends, remaining unchanged since the first edition on 2 July 1939. Fangio, Trintignant and brands such as Ferrari, Bugatti, Alfa Romeo, Motobloc and Ballot have all made their mark during the races.

The circuit also pays tribute to the French car racing comics series Michel Vaillant, as a nod to Angoulême's status as the French capital of comics.

CIRCUIT DES REMPARTS



Duration 45 minutes Start Rempart Desais



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