

## The Porte du Croux

A defensive gate on the city walls at the end of the 14th century, this medieval edifice was also used for collecting the octroi, an excise duty charged on entering the town. The Porte du Croux was one of the four entrances into the city, and it protected the pottery district. Today, it houses the precious stones of the Archaeological Museum.



The ideal place for those who love to travel back in time. The long, refitted staircase in the remains of this ancient abbey leads to a labyrinthine path: the hidden collections are there to surprise you. The atmosphere becomes even more magical during the Wednesday nocturnal visit. The museum gardens encourage you to daydream during your coffee or tea break.





Almost 500 years of existence and it remains unchanged. Nevers pottery still looks good with two families of potters continuing the savoir-faire of their craft. If you prefer a floral decoration to the old style, you will find something to please you in the variety of items on display at the Faiencerie d'Art in Nevers. At the Faiencerie Georges, the commitment to a contemporary decor has been a great success.

Fayencerie d'Art de Nevers - 1, rue Sabatier, Nevers Open Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m.-12.30 p.m. and 3 p.m.-7 p.m.

Faïencerie Georges - 7, quai de Mantoue - Nevers Open Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2 p.m.-7 p.m.



# Shopping Area

## The N7 road at the heart of the city.

The golden age of this iconic road was the 50s and 60s. when children could see a veritable motor show by watching the cars pass through the city centre. Nowadays you can still see this during the «Faites de la N7» which takes place at Pougues-les-Eaux every two years in April. Nostalgia auaranteed.

## Saturday morning means the market in

**Place Carnot.** Small producers set up every Saturday morning in rue Saint-Didier, Place Carnot and in the covered market. For a local aperitive don't forget to try a local beer and a «galette aux griaudes» (a galette with small pieces of grilled bacon inside). It's a winning duo!



Saint-Pierre Church

This outwardly austere church,

built by the Jesuits, contains

frescoes in the trompe l'oeil

style forming an internal sky.

They were created in the 17th

approximately 20 minutes

For Information on opening

hours: (00 33) 3 86 68 46 00

Ouration of the visit:

century by Italian painters.

## Sainte-Marie Chapel

In 1641. Jeanne de Chantal. founder of the Order of the Visitation, had a shock. The ornately decorated facade of the new chapel was not in keeping with the austere principles of this religious order.



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Duration of the visit: approximately 20 minutes

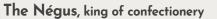


## Saint-Arigle area

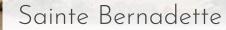
The magnificent Baltard pavilion at the Saint-Arigle market was destroyed in 1976, but in this area, you will find independent shopkeepers, real collectors of all sorts of treasures.

approximately 30 minutes

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In 1902, a special visitor, Ménélik the Abyssinian emperor, known as Le Négus, passed through Nevers. The Maison Grelier marked the occasion by creating a caramel with a soft chocolate or coffee flavoured centre with a hard sugar topping. The Negus, at 96 rue François Mitterrand is the only shop in Nevers to offer this melt-in-your-mouth sweet.



This is a sanctuary open to both believers and non-believers. The former engage in private prayer with Sainte Bernadette in the chapel, while the latter go to the museum to understand a little better the life and message of Bernadette. Walking around the gardens encourages both spirituality and relaxation. Cyclists using the Loire cycle route and who sleep at the sanctuary also appreciate this peaceful break.

**Open**: every day **Open**: every day **Open**: every day For information on opening hours: (00 33) 03 86 71 99 50

## A little story

Why did Bernadette Soubirous choose the congregation of the Sisters of La Charité? Bernadette had a dream of becoming a nurse. This religious order was the only one who could give her the necessary training to do so.



## Sainte-Bernadette du Banlav Church

Its rough exterior may leave you indifferent, but once you are inside the appearance of light will amaze you. The architecture of this 20th century parish church was designed to recreate the inside of the grotto at Lourdes.

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Ouration of the visit: approximately 30 minutes













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on the Way of Saint James. Indeed, pilgrims could sleep

there, and its interior decoration was guite different with

its floor mosaics and walls decorated with pictorials. This







Since the end of the 15th century this castle has seen counts. dukes, magistrates, local councillors, and young married couples pass through IT. It owes its name «Palais ducal» to the fact that it was a court of law for 130 years. This was up until the dramatic move by the mayor Pierre Bérégovoy (1983 - 1993), who converted it into a place of cultural and municipal activity.

#### A Centre of interpretation of architecture and heritage • CIAP

A castle is still the ideal place to | even more alive. This new tool is house a centre of interpretation not without originality; you will of architecture and heritage (CIAP). This approach to the city's history is both fun and appeals to the senses. The people of Nevers have also had their say in this presentation which will make it

understand why when you use it.

For opening times call: 00 33 (0)3 86 68 46 00

approximately one hour

Ouration of the visit:



# The Municipal Theater



A favourite of the people of Nevers, the «Petit Théâtre» (little theater) came very near to closing down for good. This jewel of Italian 19th century theater reopened its doors in 2018 after years of meticulous renovation work. Seeing a show here is a thing of joy, so ask for the programme.

Programme:





The streets named «Casse-cou», «des Belles-lunettes», «des Ratoires», «Grelu», and others take you from the Loire to the top of the hill called 'La Butte'. They are definitely worth getting lost in.

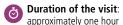


Do you dream of sleeping in a mediaeval house? Rendez-vous in «rue des Ratoires» and «rue de la Parcheminerie». Take a look at the start of this street next to the square. Today it is a medical centre, but it used to be a shop that stocked skins or hides for tanning in its cellar. These were then made into parchment. When the shop was open, the shutters served as stands on which the goods were displayed.



## A little story

You are advised to have a good look at what is happening in the «rue des Belles-Lunettes» (Pretty glasses street). Unfortunately, nothing to do with optics! In days gone by this slippery and smelly road was used as a public toilet. Why glasses? It is a reference to the round openings in the private seats, so as not to mention the WC!





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reasons: the cathedral has two choirs, a Romanesque one and a Gothic one. As you can see, this is a cathedral unlike others. Fifteen centuries of history and treasures!



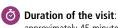
### 🌅 The most beautiful view of Nevers!

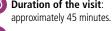
The cathedral's Bohier tower of the cathedral. stands out like a town lighthouse. For those who have always Its facade, dating from the wanted to touch gargoyles, it is fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, a challenge: 285 steps to climb, looks like a pop-up book with carved figures from the Old and New Testaments. The contemporary Alberola stained-glass windows for itself. Ask at the tourist office

52 metres high, a 360° view, your guide will not give you 3D glasses. There is no need, the view speaks tell their stories from the inside for details about visiting the tower.

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