



Discover  
**ISSOUDUN**  
(Indre)

## Discover the city

Be like Balzac, come and recharge your batteries in Issoudun!



Wander round the town of Issoudun and its gardens (p3), marvel at *the museum and art gallery Saint-Roch* (p4) and take a stroll around *the sculpture park*. (p5). Take in the view atop *the White Tower* (p6) and walk in the footsteps of *Richard the Lionheart* and *Honoré de Balzac* (p7). Cool down in the *swimming pool* (p8), have fun *bowling* with friends (p9), or skate around the *ice rink* (p9) then hop into a *canoe* and discover the *town's waterways* (p10), take to the skies in a *glider* (p11) or ramble the countryside on one of many *hiking trails* (p11). Taste local produce at the market or *restaurants* (p12) and return to Issoudun throughout the year for varied *events*. (p13).

*First stop...the Tourist Office.*





*Issoudun offers many green spaces and picturesque gardens to explore, particularly along the river Théols (including picnic areas).*

Nestled in the heart of the historic region of Berry, between Bourges and Châteauroux, Issoudun is an ancient town, as you can see at two remarkable sites: the Museum of the Hospice Saint-Roch and the Tour Blanche.

Issoudun is a dynamic town, which has been able to build on its historical and natural foundations to focus on a bright future.

The town of Issoudun hosts the Fêtes de la Tour Blanche, a street arts festival, an internationally renowned Guitar Festival, Summer Tuesdays, and numerous year-round musical, sporting and cultural events.



## *Museum of l'Hospice Saint-Roch*

*A large museum in a small town!*

Sculptures, paintings, objects related to Issoudun's history, a 17th century apothecary, permanent art exhibitions devoted to contemporary art (Fred Deux, Léonor Fini) and art from outside of Europe (Oceania, Africa), as well as regular prestigious temporary exhibitions.

*A museum free for everyone.*

Park and museum open from February to December



## *Sculpture Park*

*Art and nature*



*Set Theory - Vincent Mauger*



*The trees of Jesse*



*Contemporary rooms*

Stroll through the park in warm sunshine. A landscaped 5,000m<sup>2</sup> park, visible and accessible from the contemporary wing of the Hospice Saint-Roch museum. The sculpture park houses 27 works by 18 artists from the 20th and 21st centuries: including Jean Amado, César, and Mâkhi Xenakis.



**Saint-Roch Hospice Museum**  
Rue de l'Hospice Saint-Roch  
Phone. 02 54 21 01 76  
[musee@issoudun.fr](mailto:musee@issoudun.fr)  
[www.museeissoudun.tv](http://www.museeissoudun.tv)

## *Tourist Office*

*The House of Issoudun and Berry.*



*The Tourist Office, located in the town centre, has all you need to help you organise a quick visit or a longer stay.*

*Place Saint-Cyr - Phone : 02 54 21 74 02*

*tourisme@issoudun.fr - www.issoudun.fr*

## *The White Tower*

*12th century Keep*

Since the 12th century, la Tour Blanche has dominated the city with its slender silhouette. This beautiful building evokes the Middle Ages with Blanche de Castille, Richard the Lionheart and Philip Augustus. A unique panorama of Issoudun and its surroundings is visible from its rooftop



*Open from April to September.*

*Tourist Office ticket office  
[www.tourblanche.issoudun.fr](http://www.tourblanche.issoudun.fr)*



## Balzac @ Issoudun

### Trendy literature?

While visiting the town, why not immerse yourself in La Rabouilleuse, Balzac's novel set in Issoudun. To get the full experience use a phone and headset.

21 scenes from the novel,  
a route in the city  
[www.balzac.issoudun.fr](http://www.balzac.issoudun.fr)



## Looking for Richard

### Game - visit the city

Follow in the footsteps of Richard the Lionheart and relive history in a fun way through a quiz exploring the city center.



Ask for *Richard* at the Tourist Office

## Nocturnes

### In season

Visit the White Tower and navigate the Théols by night, during our night evenings with the canoe.



*Wave pool, bowling, squash*  
**Ensemble de loisirs sportifs**



*With its wave machine, two slides (70m and 30m), waterfall, solarium and aquafit and aquabike classes, the Ensemble de Loisir Sportifs pool has everything you need for an enjoyable swim.*



The *Ensemble de Loisir Sportifs* has 6 modern, soundproofed bowling lanes, ideal for leisure and relaxation.



**ELS - Ensemble de Loisirs Sportifs**  
Parc des Champs d'Amour  
Phone. 02 54 21 55 99 - [els@issoudun.fr](mailto:els@issoudun.fr)





*Leisure day: swimming pool, bowling, squash and ice rink*  
2 activities of your choice = € 6.80

## *Ice rink*

### *Winter sports*

The ice rink is one of the city's most emblematic sports facilities. A welcome escape while discovering the pleasures of ice skating.



Patinoire - Avenue du Père Noir  
Phone. 02 54 21 78 77  
[patinoire@issoudun.fr](mailto:patinoire@issoudun.fr)

## *Another way*

To discover the town **DISCOVER THE TOWN**



Take a canoe trip and discover the city (and its countryside) in a different way with Objectif Sport Évasion.

Rental available for mountain bikes, tandems and electrically assisted bikes.

*May, June and September :* weekends and holidays.

*July and August :* every day.



For more information contact the Tourist Office  
[www.objectif-sport-evasion.fr](http://www.objectif-sport-evasion.fr)

## Gliders

### Glide at Issoudun-Fay aer



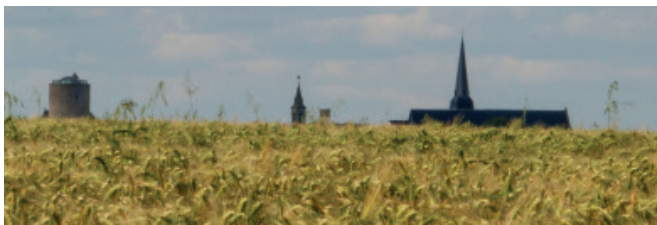
The Issoudun Aeroclub offers spring and summer courses in glider piloting (and motor gliders in winter), glider and plane flights for first-time flyers, and leisure, sport and competitive flying for more experienced gliders.



[www.aeroclub-issoudun.fr](http://www.aeroclub-issoudun.fr)

## Through the fields

### Hiking trails



The countryside around Issoudun is called Berry Champagne. Three hiking trails departing from the city center + GR Champagne Berry.

[Information Tourist Office.](#)

*Let's go to the table*

*Local products*



*The characters from Balzac's novel met for their feasts at La Cognitione, still today one of the most prestigious restaurants in Berry.*

*All the good addresses on  
[www.tourisme.issoudun.fr](http://www.tourisme.issoudun.fr)*

Taste the local products: green lentils from Berry, goat cheese, potato pancakes, Berry pâté and marzipan. Without forgetting of course the fruity and delicate Reuilly wines.

In recent years, local farmers have relaunched the production of black truffles and are organizing a market in December.

## *Market*

*Friday morning  
All-day Saturday*



Fresh produce, local products, textiles and accessories, fish and much more.



## *The appointments Find us all year*

**Spring:** National meet for country and line dancing, motorcycle market, Fêtes de la Tour Blanche.

**Summer:** Summer Tuesdays, night-time canoeing, visit the Tour Blanche.

**Autumn:** Foire du Tout et de la curiosité (antiques fair and flea market), Guitar Festival, Heritage Days...

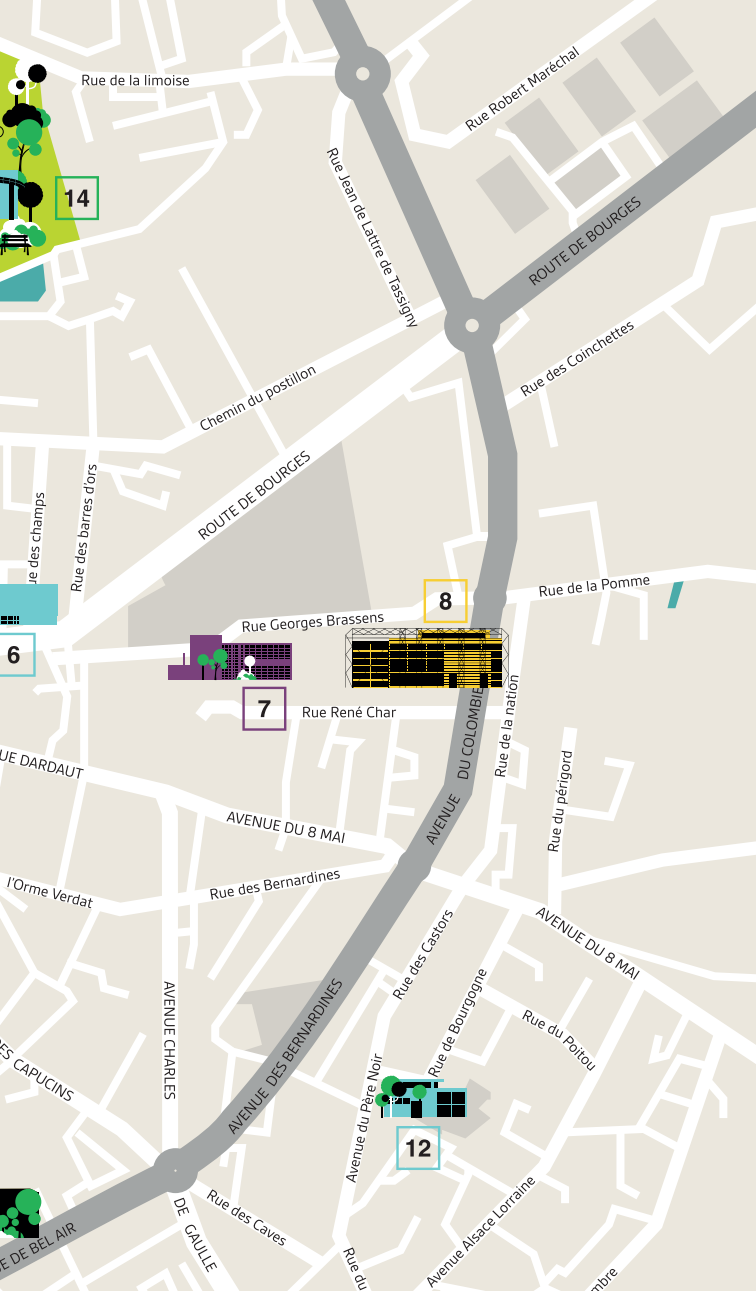
**Winter:** Truffle Market, Book festival! Antique fair...

***Cultural season of the Albert-Camus Cultural Center and the Music Box:  
info on [www.ccacissoudun.tv](http://www.ccacissoudun.tv)***

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- 2 Tour Blanche
- 3 Beffroi
- 4 Office de Tourisme
- 5 PIAF (Pôle Images Arts Formations)
- 6 Centre de Congrès / Cinéma
- 7 Boîte À Musique
- 8 PEPSI (Palais des Expositions et des Sports)



- 9 Centre Culturel Albert Camus / Médiathèque / Meli
- 10 Cité des Métiers d'Art
- 11 Ensemble de loisirs sportifs (piscine...)
- 12 Patinoire
- 13 Parc François-Mitterrand
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# TOURIST OFFICE



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Phone : 02 54 21 74 02

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[www.issoudun.fr](http://www.issoudun.fr)

## HOURS



### APRIL - MAY - JUNE - SEPTEMBER

From Tuesday to Saturday : 9.am - 12.pm / 2.pm - 6.pm

Sunday and off day : 2.pm - 6.pm

### OCTOBER TO MARCH

Tuesday and Thursday : 2.pm - 6.pm

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday : 9.am - 12.pm / 2.pm - 6.pm

### JULY - AUGUST

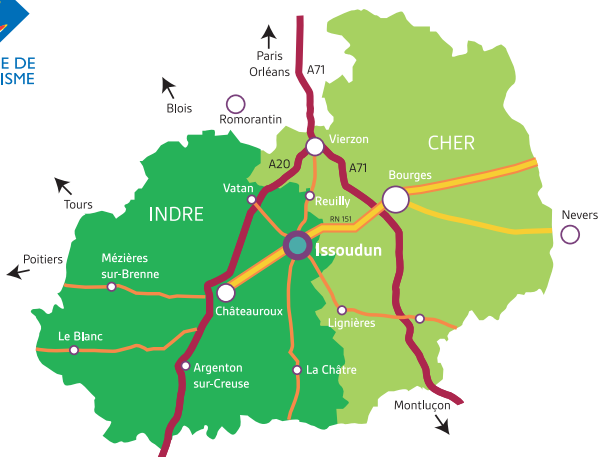
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Close 15 days in December



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