

Saint-Galmier (Loire-42)



Discovering Saint Galmier



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St-GALMIER
LA VILLE QUI PÉTILLE !



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Only 12 miles away from Saint-Etienne, between Lyon and Clermont-Ferrand, Saint-Galmier welcomes you as a getaway destination. The town keeps its promises of a picturesque, pleasant and sunny place. You will just feel like on holidays ! The village has received the "Place forte du Forez" label thanks to both its rich historic heritage and appealing architecture. Saint-Galmier is a pleasant town, offering sports and leisure facilities in pleasant surroundings.

Those attractive features were officially recognized in 1998 as Saint-Galmier received the "4 fleurs et villages fleuris" label. Then, in 2008, Saint Galmier was included into the "Guide Michelin" book of the "100 plus beaux détours de France" (the 100 most beautiful villages in France). Last but not least, St Galmier obtained the "Station Verte" label in 2013.



Galmier



Saint-Gabrier, Discover...



■ The Badoit Factory

In 1778, the personal doctor of King of France Louis XVI officially recognizes the virtues of the Badoit water.

The Badoit spring was discovered in 1884 ; the water comes naturally carbonated.

Let's discover the museum and learn about the whole process: plastic bottles manufacturing, bottling, packaging and shipping worldwide.



This is the story of one of the most prestigious French table waters!



■ The Badoit visitor centre

Before entering the Badoit Museum, take a while to admire the historical building where the bust of Saturnin Badoit, its creator, sits imposingly. Right there is the kiosque where you can have a glass of our precious natural sparkling water.



■ The Provence in Miniature exposure

The "Provence en miniature" is a 1076 ft² model created with an extreme attention to detail and authenticity. It presents santon dolls in everyday life aspects of an early XX^e century village in Provence. 100% handmade, this exhibition is free of access.

Visitors will be carried away by the Provence-like atmosphere, and will discover the various traditional works, the market day, everyday life in the countryside...

■ The municipal park and the Lion Blanc casino

The town park is a charming lawned area nearby the old village, an unspoilt place to relax. The various species of trees surrounding the casino offer a natural, shaded place. Come and have a rest beneath one of the hundred years-old trees!

Discover here all about the open-air activities in this flourished place!



■ The activities

- The minigolf offers an 18 holes golf course, right in the middle of the park.
- The playground is provided with slide, swings... Kids will love it!
- The esplanade of the park is suitable for the pétanque - the famous French sport - and for outdoor events.





■ The municipal swimming pool

Let's enjoy, in summer time, a swim in this very large heated pool, located in a quiet and pleasant tree-filled site!

Come and relax on the sun lounge provided with deckchairs.

Kids will enjoy the diving board, while small children will play in the paddling pool.





■ The Hippodrome

The racecourse of Saint Galmier will celebrate its 115th anniversary in 2014. It is currently regarded as a major racecourse of the Centre-East of France for trotting races. The equestrian society provides hosts 15 events a year, including one for the national Quinté+. The lightning of the racecourse also allows night-time meetings. The site also welcomes numerous events such as the "Tour de France" in 1999 and the Cross Country World Championship in 2005.

**You will be carried
right into the heart of
the race meeting!**







■ Leisure time

Let's discover Saint-Galmier with the Tourist Office... Ride through the village with the Vélo Baldo electrical bicycles. Let's follow our guides to discover the old streets , the church's bell tower...

Saint Galmier also offers a downtown market with local products every Monday morning and Friday afternoon.

Will you then fancy a rest?

Enjoy a moment of peace and calm, fishing at the Vêrut dam or by the banks of the river Coise (provided with picnic tables). Fishing authorisations are available at the Tourist board.

The aerodrome area is offering various activities all year long (model airplanes, parachute jumps, hot-air balloons...)

Then, let's follow the horse riding club instructors, and enjoy a ride along the paths to discover the unspoilt green areas.







■ The natural areas

Saint Galmier benefits from numerous natural areas such as the Vêrut dam, the banks of the River Coise, the Vernay woods, the ponds..... we care about preserving biodiversity.

Paths and lanes are safe for walking or riding bikes.

Let's reach the "Trois Croix" , and admire the amazing sight over Saint Galmier, the hills and the plain of the Forez.

Let's take a lovely breath of fresh air in the wood of Fontford, a natural area people used to go through from lower to upper part of the village.



Walking, riding a bike or a horse, let's enjoy those natural green areas!



■ The rose garden

The Rose Garden is a natural heritage, by the banks of the river Coise.

Let's have a walk in this 71'000 ft² oasis and enjoy colours and smells. There we grow more than 400 varieties of roses, and a great collection of perennial plants. The site also welcomes several different events all through the year. Free entry 24/7...

Let's then have a peaceful break and a drink at the "La Fraicheur" tearoom.



■ The Children's farm

Nanny goats, sheeps, hens, peacocks and other fowls live in perfect harmony nearby the Rose Garden.

■ The Barou woods

The river Coise flows through the Barou woods...it is a perfect place for a nice and calm walk. All along the botanic path, you will enjoy the soothing effects of the Barou Woods.





■ Saint-Galmier Where does this name come from?

Back in the VII^o century, a craftsman was noticed by archbishop Tetricus for his great talent in ironwork. He was called in Saint-Just-De-Lyon abbey and ordained sub deacon by bishop Gauderic. He died there on February 27th 650.

As a tribute, the city where he was born was named after him: Waldomar.

This named changed into Baldomar, then into Galmier and, eventually, Sanctus Baldomerus i.e. Saint-Galmier. Since then, inhabitants have been named Baldomeriens.





■ *The village centre*

Learn everything about the architectural heritage which allowed Saint Galmier to become a major stronghold of the Forez!

- La Porte de Saint-Etienne (XIV^{ème})
- L'Eglise (XV^{ème})
- La Maison Renaissance (XVI^{ème})
- La Chapelle Notre-Dame des Pauvres (XVI^{ème})
- La Porte de la Devise (XVI^{ème})
- La Place des Roches (XVI^{ème})
- Le Cloître (XVII^{ème})
- Le Manoir Phillip

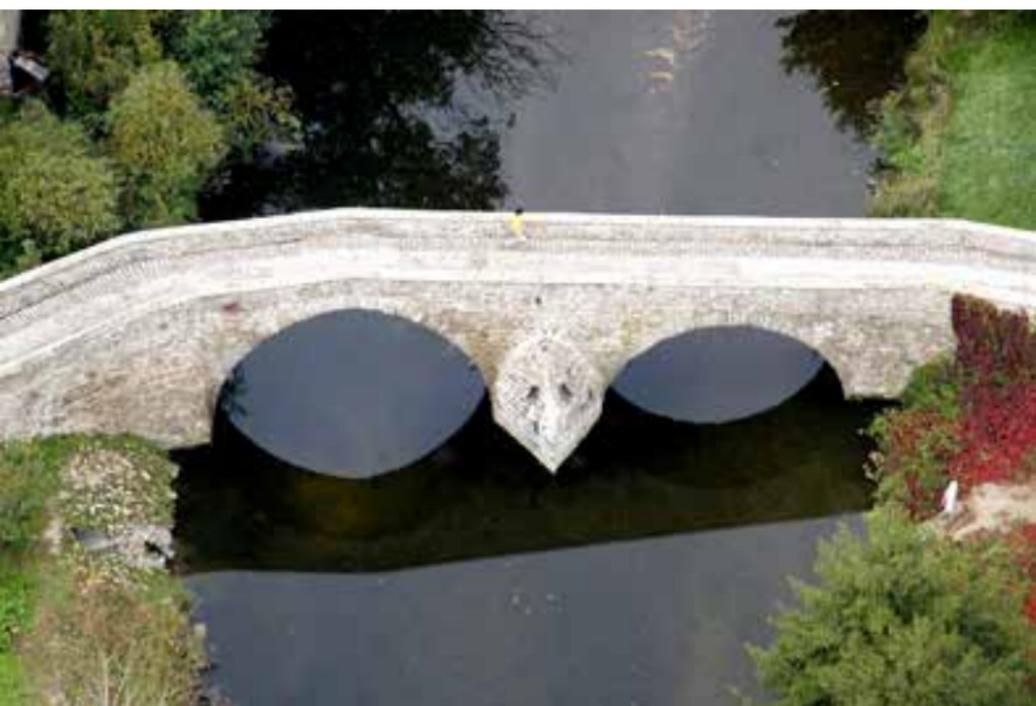
Saint-Galmier, Heritage...





The footsteps of History echo upon the paving stones of the small and winding streets.

Let's walk along the "Rue Sainte Catherine" and its very old cobblestones, stop under the "Saint Etienne" door, the only one remaining from the old bailey.... Have a look at the "Pont Gavé" (XIV^o century, from the old Celtic "plunging river")





■ The artists house

The Artists House is dedicated to St Galmier creative artists.

Let's have there a foretaste of their work before going and meet them in their workshops.



■ The gallery Caveau des Arts

Right under the Town Hall, in a XIX^e century building, those arched rooms are dedicated to Art !

Temporary exhibitions are taking place all year long : painting, sculptures...





■ Summer shows

The "Estivales du Cloître" summer program offers concerts and live entertainment.

This is a great opportunity to have access to the charismatic walled garden from the XVII^e, in a historical and secret setting.

The church of St Galmier also hosts several times a year concerts of different music styles.





Saint-Gabriel, Animation...



■ The important dates

You will definitely like the Painters' Day (early July), summertime events, theme happenings : "La Loire aux Trois Vignobles" (wine tasting week-end in November), "Festi'Bois" (wood art exhibition) ...

...and all sport and cultural events organized by the local associations.

Every 25th of November, Saint Galmier welcomes you for Sainte-Catherine's Day, with its traditional farming trade show, the 2nd biggest one in Rhône-Alpes.

December is traditionally celebrating Christmas and New Year's day, with Christmas Lights and merrymakings.



■ A Warm welcome

A large panel of accommodations is available, including many newly renovated hotels, several B&Bs and a 4 stars municipal campsite.

You will find in Saint Galmier more than a dozen of restaurants where you will enjoy the diversity of food styles: haute cuisine, French traditional cuisine, fast food...



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POINT INFO DU CENTRE VILLE

Samedi, dimanche et jours fériés - 14h30 / 18h30

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