



What to see in Lourdes

Sites and cultural sites

The Sanctuary Our Lady of Lourdes

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www.lourdes-france.org

The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes is open all year round 24 hours a day. The 22 places of worship are used to celebrate Mass in different languages.

- From April to October: the major liturgical events take place: International Mass, Eucharistic Procession (every afternoon), the Torchlight Marian Procession (every evening).
- From November to March: masses, confessions, baths ...

The main places of worship in the Sanctuary are:

The grotto where the Virgin Mary first appeared to Bernadette, the Crypt, the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, the Basilica of St. Pius X, the Church of St. Bernadette, the Tent of the Adoration, the Chapel of Reconciliation, and the Ways of the Cross (including an accessible path for disabled people).

Group leaders, tour-operator, travel agents

- Reservation of a chapel, a mass at the Grotto
- Guided visits of the Sanctuaries, station of the cross
- Guided tours for "In the footsteps of Bernadette": a walking tour about the most important places of Bernadette's life
- A video about the life of Bernadette and an explanation of the Message of Lourdes

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Planification Groups Service

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Download the booking form for groups of pilgrims as well as the calendar of pilgrimages : www.lourdes-france.org

For individuals

Programm « Pilgrim for one day », celebrations and times, baths, fountains, sent water, candles

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Centre Information

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2 unmissable sites in Lourdes :

The Pic du Jer and its funicular

Standing at an altitude of 948 metres, the Pic du Jer overlooks the Bigorre plain. Sports fans can choose to go up or down it on foot or by mountain bike. Others can take the open-air funicular, which has taken visitors to the top since 1900. The panoramic viewpoint offers an impressive 360° view. An orientation table indicates viewpoints and identifies the main peaks in the Pyrenees mountain range: Vignemale, Pic du Midi, Montaigu, etc.



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Main interests:

- Guided tour inside the caves: the geological relief explains the history of the formation of the Pyrenean massif
- A botanical trail
- Bar-restaurant « Le haut de Lourdes »
- After dark, an immense cross lights up at the top of the Pic

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The fortified castle and the Pyrenean Museum

Proudly towering over the town, the castle fort, which was listed as an Historic Monument in 1995, is a major reminder of the town's history from the 10th to the 19th centuries.

The fortress

It was built according to the needs of men: residence of the Counts of Bigorre, stronghold of mercenaries, royal prison and garrison. Its three successive lines of defence, along with the modifications made by Vauban in 1685 and by the military engineers in the 19th century, give this military architecture a proud appearance.

From the keep, the site offers a rare panoramic view of the town, the Sanctuaries and the Pyrenean massif.

The Pyrenean Museum, where "nothing Pyrenean must be unknown to us"



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In keeping with the motto of its founders, Louis and Margalide Le Bondifier, the Pyrenean Museum is one of the finest museums of art and popular traditions in the Pyrenees. It displays the richness and variety of the mountain cultures with a range of costumes, furniture, funeral rites, agricultural, pastoral and artisanal practices. Other more recent mementoes bring bygone times back to life, such as the beginnings of Pyreneism with the first ascents by Ramond de Carbonnières and Henry Russel.

Main interests:

- The « Notre-Dame » Chapel
- The botanical garden
- Models representing traditional habitat and some forms of religious architecture along the Pyrenees mountains from the East coast to the West one.

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Numerous private museums

The « Visa for Lourdes » which enables you to visit 7 museums at a better price (the « Musée de Cire », the « Musée de Lourdes », the « Musée du Petit Lourdes », the « Musée de la Nativité », the little tourist train, the Fortified Castle and the funicular of the Pic du Jer), the « Musée Christhi », the centre of miraculous medal, the Crèches du Monde.

Information: www.lourdes-infotourisme.com