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The Medieval Heart
Châteaubriant

Nearby...

Eglise Saint-Jean de Béré at Châteaubriant. The oldest Romanesque church in the Département (11th century). Visiting free all year round; guided tours for groups available. Contact the Office de Tourisme for information.

The Châteaubriant **Musée de la Résistance**. Permanent exhibition dedicated to the hostages of Châteaubriant. Open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 14.00 to 17.30 or on reservation. Tour free of charge (1 hour) Tel: 02 40 28 60 36

Biche de Béré at Châteaubriant (heading towards Bain de Bretagne). A factory shop selling jewellery, women's clothing and accessories. The workshops can be visited (1 hour). Open from 10.00 to 13.00 and from 13.30 to 19.00 except Sundays. Tel: 02 40 81 51 65.

La Voie Verte / The green Way. A stroll through pleasantly different scenery in the Castelbriantaise countryside along a 13 km trail laid out for cycling, roller-skating and walking. Start from Châteaubriant or Rougé 10 km away. Contact the Office de Tourisme for information.



La voie verte / The green Way

Useful Addresses

Châteaubriant Tourist Office

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A castle and a town...

From the imposing, multi-faceted castle, this little walk takes you to the lively, flower-decked streets of the medieval heart of Châteaubriant.



The castle

Visitors will see many houses with surprising architecture, and if you take time, you will discover pleasing subtle details in the ornamentation and sculpted

frontages on some facades. The cobbled streets and narrow alleyways are an open invitation to a pleasant stroll through the history of one of the most powerful fortresses on the 11th century borders of Brittany.

To find out about other walks or make a suggestion about the itinerary, contact the **Comité Départemental du Tourisme** :

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Explore

the town and its château...

Getting to the starting point

Castle carpark

- From Nantes (70 km): heading towards Rennes, take the Châteaubriant exit (N 171). When you arrive at the town, follow signs for the "centre ville", then the castle, and you will come to the carpark.
- From Rennes (55 km): heading towards Nantes, take the Bain de Bretagne / Châteaubriant exit (D 772). When you arrive at the town, follow signs for the "centre ville", then the castle, and you will come to the carpark.

Accessibility

Accessible all year round.

Signposting

Follow the street names

The Pluses

- Tour of the château (1 ¼ hours). Open all year round. Tel: 02 40 28 20 20
- Guided tour of the town (1 ¼ hours) – book with the Tourist Office
- Lively market on Wednesday mornings
- Shopping in the town centre. Take the opportunity of trying a "Châteaubriant"!

At the foot of the fortress

From stronghold to Romanesque church, many architectural features tell the story of the town.

Of particular interest: the *Porte de la Torche* (A), the *corbelled house* (B), the *house with the sculpted windows* (C), the *Hôtel de la Houssaye* (D), the *Maison de l'Ange with its staircase tower* (E), the *Passage S. Trébuchet* (F) the *Tour du Four Banal* (G), the *Porte Neuve* (H), the *Bilig* (I), the *wood-panelled house* (J), the *Théâtre de Verre* (K), and the *square tower of the Porte Saint-Michel* (L).

Along your walk

Starting point : from the car park, make your way to the castle and go round it to the right, either following the alley or through the public garden. Go down along the river, and take the Rue du Duc d'Aumale on the left.

1 Take the Rue Rigale to the left, then turn right onto the Grande Rue, and carry straight on down the Rue de Couéré.

2 You can see the staircase tower behind the Maison de l'Ange on your right. Take the Passage Sophie Trébuchet.

3 Turn left, go behind the church of Saint-Nicolas and along the boundary of the Place de la Motte à Madame.

4 At the end of the square, go under the Porte Neuve to the left, and come back to the Place de l'Eglise. On the left you can see the Bilig, and the glass of the notary's building. Take the second street to your right, the Rue des Quatre œufs.

5 Go up the Rue Aristide Briand to your right, and at the cross roads turn left into the Rue Pasteur to come back to the castle. Where you cross the Rue du Château, you will find a viewpoint to the left of the square tower of the Porte Saint-Michel.

