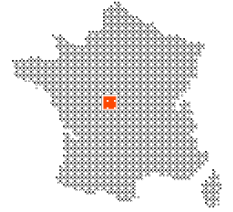


# Palais Jacques Coeur à Bourges



Visit the Jacques Cœur palace located in the historic centre of Bourges, a town of art and history, and one of the most sumptuous examples of 15th-century Gothic civil architecture. Find out about Jacques Cœur, an extraordinary figure who was a merchant, adventurer and the great master of the mint to King Charles VII.

## Visiting the Jacques Cœur palace in Bourges

- **A masterpiece of Flamboyant Gothic.** The palace combines elements from the Gothic repertory (decorations based on plants and miniature architectures), royal symbolism (lilies), and the arms of Jacques Cœur (shells, hearts) together with realistic scenes of everyday life.
- **A palace with bourgeois comfort.** The building was inspired by the aristocratic residences of Duke Jean de Berry and has fireplaces in every room and a steam-room for washing. Circulation between the ceremonial receptions rooms is separated off from the private quarters.

## Understanding Jacques Cœur and his palace in Bourges

- **Like a character from a novel.** Jacques Cœur was a merchant and had a huge network of trading counters, and became master of the mint to King Charles VII in 1438. He was ennobled in 1441 and became the King's right-hand man. The palace (1443-1451) is testimony to his rank. Court jealousies led to his arrest in 1451. He escaped from prison and took refuge in Rome. He died of disease when leading a Crusade in 1456. Jacques Cœur became a legendary figure and the French poet François Villon sang of his life and deeds.
- **A public building.** The building was used as the town hall in the 18th century, as a tribunal and finally law courts from 1820. It was included on the first official list of historic monuments in 1840.

## Practical information

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## Going there

### Localisation

At the intersection of the 3 following main roads: Orléans/Lyons from Clermont-Ferrand, Troyes/Poitiers and Beaune/Tours



## Visits and admission fees

### Opening / Closing

Times may vary

Open every day

2 May to 30 June : 9:30 am to 12 and 2 to 6:15 pm

1 July to 31 August : 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and 2 to 6:30 pm

1 to 30 September and 1 to 30 April : 10 am to 12:15 pm and 2 to 6 pm

1 October to 31 March : 9:30 am to 12 and 2 to 5:15 pm

**Last admission 30 mins before closing**

Closed

1 January, 1 May, 1 and 11 November, 25 December

## Prices

Adults : 7 €

Concessions (18 to 25) : 4,50 €

Rate for groups (minimum 20 people) : 5,50 €

Free for children under 18

Free for people under 26 years old who are citizens of one of the 27 countries of the EU or are non-European permanent residents of France

## Visit with commentary

français, anglais, allemand, espagnol, italien

sur réservation : français, anglais

Office du tourisme : tél. (33) 02 48 23 02 61

durée : 1h30

## Guided visit

français

sur réservation : 15 jours

durée : 1h

## Services

Librairie-boutique Toilettes Support de visite adapté Location de salles



Gift and book shop



Guide Dog allowed



Dogs excluded

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## Disabled visitors



Moteur

Accès partiel : cour intérieure (sur demande)  
et librairie.

Parking : un emplacement

réservé aux abords du palais (rue Jacques Coeur)



## Déficients intellectuels

Visites de groupes adaptées sur demande. Prenez contact avant votre venue.



## Auditif

Notices de visites en français, anglais, allemand, italien à demander au guide.



## Visuel

Livret de visite à demander au guide.

Planches tactiles en relief.

Visites tactile pour les groupes sur réservation



## Poussettes

Laisser la poussette à l'accueil. Pas d'accessibilité dans le monument.

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# Renting the monument

## Description

Built in the 15th century by Jacques Coeur, the Treasurer of Charles VII, the palace is one of the most beautiful examples of the final period of Gothic architecture, incorporating elements of the French Renaissance. The house is organised around an inner courtyard. The austerity of the western facade, built into the city's Gallo-Roman wall, contrasts with the rich elegance of the eastern facade on the street.

## Period of location

All year :

meeting room

After visits :

feast room and court

## Particularities

Cocktails, dinners, meetings, seminars, conferences...

## Services

Room for delicatessen, material for exhibition, furniture, heating

## Capacity

> salle des Festins

(feast room) :

Area : 140 m<sup>2</sup>

Number seated : 100

Number standing : 140

> salle de réunion

(meeting room) :

Area : 100 m<sup>2</sup>

Number : 50

> cour

(court) :

Area : 500 m<sup>2</sup>

Number : 500

## Contact

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