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## Towns and Villages

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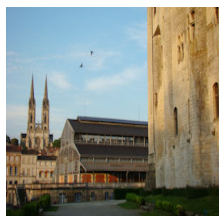


### **PARTHENAY, a town of art and history**

Come and discover the medieval town of Parthenay, with its 13th century castle, its medieval houses along the winding streets of the Saint-Jacques district.... Town of art and history, its rich heritage will tell you a story through the centuries.

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### **Niort, Guardian of Marais Poitevin**

Niort, a medieval citadel where the Marais Poitevin takes life in the meanderings of the river Sèvre, will seduce you with its riches and eclectic architecture. During your visit, you'll be able to see Richard the Lionheart's dungeon (XIIth century) one of the most beautiful sets of twin Roman dungeons in France, just after that of Vincennes, the medieval houses of Saint André's hill, the

Baltard-style covered market...

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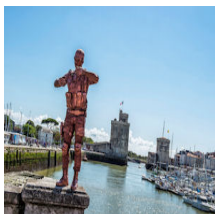


## **Vouvant, a village full of character**

Situated on a hill overlooking the river Mère, Vouvant is a medieval town marked by the stamp of the powerful Lusignan family. Mélusine, the legendary wife of Raymondin, escaped from the tower which is now named after her. Visit this village, which has become a village of painters, roam its narrow lanes, the ramparts, its church and its portal, a fine example of Roman architecture, step through the gateway of this characteristic little village...

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