

# Vienne

## Where the past and future meet

This “green” destination, located between Paris and Bordeaux, offers a full range of activities for tourists. Poitiers, a city of art and history, and Le Futuroscope are at the heart of a whole multitude of adventures!



## Natural curiosities!

Explore **La Vallée des Singes**, where 450 primates live in complete liberty, including the only group of bonobos in France. Or savour the thrill of coming face-to-face with the largest reptile in the world at **Planète Crocodiles**: 1 tonne in weight and 8 metres long! If you are looking for something calmer, the 12-hectare **parc de la Belle** is the perfect spot for an idle stroll and for your children to play, in the midst of its collections of ancient plants and trees.

## Discoveries and thrills and spills

The slogan of **Futuroscope** is “Expect the unexpected!” so the easiest is to go and find out for yourself. For a different kind of family enjoyment, the dizzying waterslides at **Gliss-up Water Jump Parc** will let you try your hand at airborne acrobatics! Free entry for visitors. Alternatively, test your balance and agility at **Fun Forest** as you explore its treetop adventure course.



## A magical voyage into the past

The church of **Notre-Dame-la-Grande** in Poitiers is an essential highlight of your trip to the city, which is **audio-guided** thanks to a free application. The architectural heritage in the Vienne is very rich and will fascinate both young and old. Sights worth seeing include Saint-Savin Abbey, the medieval town of Chauvigny and the castels of Harcourt and Touffou.

## Our other favourites

- **Treasure hunts:** Terra Aventura offers nine trails guided by GPS or smartphone, where you can encounter some surprising characters,
- **Sports:** set out on a 2-hour trip on an unusual vehicle called a rail bike...
- **Delicacies:** the local guest stars are goat's cheeses, such as “Chabichou”, with its mild, creamy taste, and the “Bûche du Poitou”, which has a hazelnut flavour. They are best enjoyed with a white, red or rosé wine from the Haut-Poitou region. Another delicacy, grown on limestone clay soil and harvested by hand, is the Haut-Poitou melon, a star ingredient in any aperitif.





La Vallée des Singes



Canoë à Lusignan et Vivonne



Bougon burial mounds

To Niort

Celles-sur-Belle royal abbey

Melle

Kings of Frankish silver mines



Notre-Dame-la-Grande in Poitiers

# La Rivière

Couhé  
Valence-en-Poitou

La Vallée des Singes park

Ruffec

Nanteuil-en-Vallée

To Angoulême

Chauvigny



Aven'Thuré fun park

Châtellerault



futuroscope

Poitiers

Church of Notre-Dame-la-Grande

Fun Forest

Gliss-up Water Jump Parc

Parc de la Belle

Chauvigny medieval city

Saint-Savin abbey



Planète Crocodiles park



To Tours

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