

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

Young and old will be able to test "the power of attraction" at **Futuroscope**. For a different kind of family enjoyment: first flights at the **flying club in Valence-en-Poitou**, indoor free falls at **ZérOGravity**... 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. For dessert, the local "tourteau fromager" cheesecake, made from fresh goat cheese...



Poitevin marshes





La Vallée des Singes



Canoe in Ruffec, Lusignan and Vivonne



Notre-Dame-la-Grande in Poitiers



Chauvigny