

INTRODUCTION



Visit L'Arbresle, and discover the former stronghold of the Savigny abbey and a stopover town situated on an ancient route from Lyon to Paris (currently the RN 7). The circuit includes 15 points of interest which are sign-posted on the buildings themselves : renaissance buildings, churches dating from the XVth and XIXth centuries and their classified stained windows, remains of the enclosure and dungeon from the XIth century...

PRACTICAL INFORMATION



PRACTICAL INFO ACCESSIBILITY FOR DISABLED

The circuit may require some assistance for persons with disabilities (difficult passage over the Madeleine bridge, along a path running under the bridge of the Turdine river, a moderate slope to access the PM Durand square and the church surroundings).



RECOMMENDED PARKING

Blue zone free parking (for 2 hours) on Sapéon Square (excepting Friday mornings) and JJ Sinclair Square



BY ROAD

Using the A 89 motorway then taking the D302 and D389



BY TRAIN

Local train service (TER) from Lyon - Roanne or Lyon - Sain-Bel



BY BUS

Number 216 from Lyon - Tarare



PUBLIC TOILETS

On Sapéon Square



STARTING POINT

Besides the Tourist Office, 18-20 Sapéon Square



CIRCUIT LENGTH

Just over a miles walk



ESTIMATED VISIT TIME

1 hour



15 SIGN POSTS



OTHER ACTIVITIES IN L'ARBRESLE

- > **Geological treasure hunt** - « Les Gnomus »
- > **Historical tour of L'Arbresle** of L'Arbresle
- > **On requested guided visits (at least 48 hours notice) by the "Amis du Vieil Arbresle", on chosen themes :** Medieval L'Arbresle, the ancient Route Nationale 7, «Mister » Philippe...



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L'Arbresle town hall

Place Pierre-Marie Durand - 69210 L'Arbresle
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Communauté de Communes du Pays de L'Arbresle (CCPA)

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L'ARBRESLE 1000 YEARS OF HISTORY

HERITAGE TOURS



Please consult the Tourist Office site for further information concerning other heritage tours.

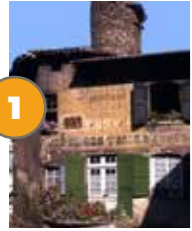
THE CIRCUIT



Sapéon Square besides the Tourist Office and Discovery centre

0 Presentation of the tour with a brief introduction to the history of L'Arbresle

Cross the Turdine river and walk along Michelet Street



1 The hotel of the Three Moors (Trois Maures)

Turn around and follow Michelet Street

STOP TO OBSERVE (no sign-post); Philippe-Auguste Gonin Square. Vestiges of the past have been found in the bed of the Turdine river (a millers grindstone, wooden piles, fragments of the defensive wall)

Return to Sapéon Square



2 The defensive wall (XIth c.)
3 Milestone of the Royal Road – the « grand chemin » from Paris to Lyon

Follow the old bypass channel (the béal) under the Turdine bridge



4 The De Valous house : a renaissance country farmhouse of a family from the Lyon nobility

Now proceed down the Colonel Prevost street

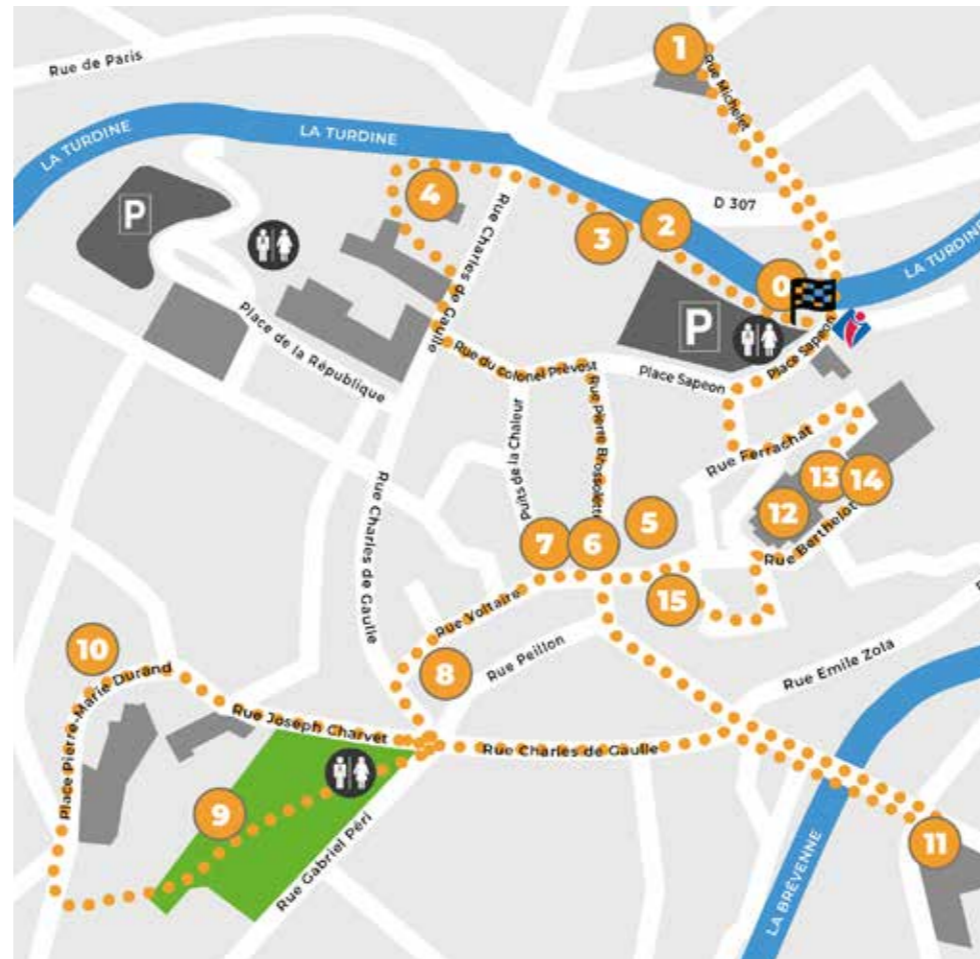


5 House named after Jacques Coeur : notice the renaissance facade and courtyard

Walk down Pierre Brossolette street.



6 Observe the half-timbered walls



7 The communal oven : which belonged to the princely abbots of Savigny



8 The Savigny Gate : the only remaining gate of the towns medieval walled enclosure

Take the Voltaire street

Walk down the Charles de Gaulle street



9 Claude Terrasse memorial plate : composer of operettas

Walk up to the town hall

STOP TO OBSERVE : Pierre-Marie Durand square : several memorials to the 1870 war, André Lassagne, Barthélemy Thimonnier



10 Pierre-Marie Durand Square : local industrial and town benefactor (1861-1951)

Walk down Joseph Charvet street and proceed by Charles de Gaulle street

STOP TO OBSERVE : The Madeleine bridge and the splendid view of the old town



11 The Church of Madeleine : ancient hospital for the poor and needy

Proceed through Pierre Brossolette street and then Berthelot street



12 Saint John the Baptist church (XVth-XIXth c.)



13 The castle of L'Arbresle. Stronghold for the Savigny abbey with its towering keep or dungeon dating back to the XIth c.



14 The Odieu tower : renaissance building

15 The turret of the «Mure» dead end street
Take the Ferrachat street and return to Sapéon Square to finish the circuit in the Discovery space which offers further information concerning the region around L'Arbresle, and also the museum workshop of the Canuts silk workers.