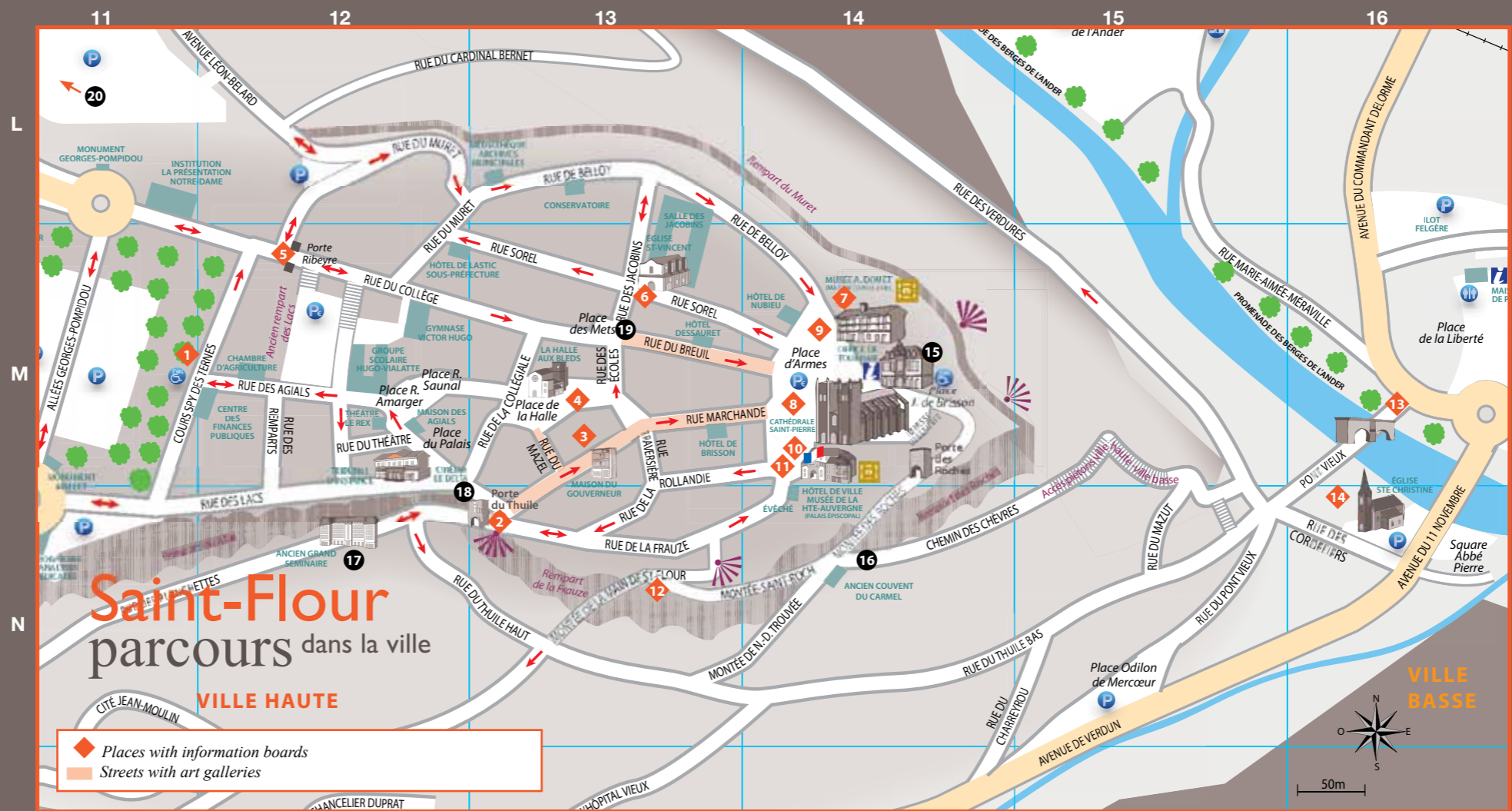


# Map and city tour

# Saint-Flour



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Overlooking the Ander River, Saint-Flour is located on a volcanic spur which serves as a natural wall and makes the town a fortified stronghold. Saint-Flour owes its origins to Florus, who came during the 5<sup>th</sup> century to evangelise the region. His tomb became a place of pilgrimage. But the small town truly developed around the 1000's with the building of a priory and impregnable ramparts, as per Odilon de Mercoeur's request, the Abbot of Cluny whose origins trace to Auvergne. When the town became the new head office of the diocese of Haute Auvergne in 1317, it acquired the status of religious capital.

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### 1 City entrance and Allées Georges Pompidou

The layout of this "promenade", now known as the Allées Georges Pompidou, is the work of Victor-Rouillon Spy, the first mayor of Saint-Flour in 1704 and an important urban planner. The Georges Pompidou monument was carved in basalt stone by sculptor Hadju in 1975. Georges Pompidou was born in Montboudif (North of Cantal) in 1911 and was the deputy of Saint-Flour's district before becoming President of the French Republic.

### 2 The Thuile Gate (Porte du Thuile)

Rebuilt during the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the origin of the name of this gate is "teule" which means "sewer". It was the main commercial and honorific access to the city. On the small square a monument honours the poet Camille Gandilhon Gens d'Armes and his poem "La Cité du Vent" (City of wind). You will find a fountain dating back to the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century nearby.

### 3 The Governor's house

Do make a stop at Rue Marchande and discover a remarkable Renaissance-style building that is the Governor's house (house number 31).

### 4 The grain market (Halle aux bleds)

Built in the beginning of the 14<sup>th</sup> century with a flamboyant gothic style, the collegiate church of Notre-Dame was one of the architectural gems of the city, even before the construction of the cathedral. It was initially surrounded by monastic buildings (chapter house, cloister...) which were destroyed during the French revolution. In 1791, the old shrine was changed into a grain market, where cereals cultivated on Saint-Flour's Planèze were sold. Eventually acquired by the state, the chapels adjacent to the nave were walled in in order to establish shops and houses (for example in the left part of the main façade).

The church has been used as a covered market until the 1980's. From 2005 to 2008, the building underwent a full restoration: rehabilitation of vaults and pavement, reopening of the chapels ... Parallel to that, contemporary stained glass designed by artist Marino di Teana were added to complete the restoration.

### 5 The Ramparts and rue du Collège

Located on top of a basaltic spur, 15<sup>th</sup> century Saint-Flour was a fortified stronghold protected by crenelated walls.

### 6 Saint-Vincent's church

Built in 1424, this remarkable gothic building is a testimony of the intense religious life in the Middle Ages. It was the main part of the Jacobin's convent and also used to be a courthouse after the Revolution, a masonic temple, a monastery...

### 7 Consular House / Alfred Douët Museum of art and history

With its Renaissance facade, this building dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century has served as the house of the town's three consuls since 1354. They represented civil authority until 1760, next to the religious power embodied by the bishop's palace. Today the building houses collections gathered by Alfred Douët (1875-1952).

### 8 Saint Peter's Cathedral

Major landmark of the city, St Peter's Cathedral was consecrated in 1466. With its castle-like towers and stark basaltic colour, it is more reminiscent of a fortress protected by its walls than of a religious building. Inside are most notably the black romanescque crucifix (12<sup>th</sup> c.) and the Saint Florus Reliquary (19<sup>th</sup> c.)

### 9 Arms Square (Place d'Armes)

Formerly known as "Grant Plassa", then "Place Gambetta" from 1870 to 1921, the Weapons Square is the main square, sitting at the centre of the city where all the streets meet. The most important monuments and buildings are arranged around the square.

### 10 Former Bishop's palace, Haute-Auvergne Museum

The Bishop's Palace was constructed next to the cathedral under order of Charles de Noaille in 1610, on top of the former castle of Brezons. It now houses the Haute-Auvergne Museum where major collections of art are exposed alongside items pertaining to local traditions.

### 11 The Chapter's Terrace (Jardin du chapitre)

This small square, adjoining the former bishop's palace, provides a striking view of the city.

### 12 The Hand of Saint-Flour

In the 5<sup>th</sup> century, Florus came from Lodève to evangelise the "Upper Auvergne" and climbed up a hill known as Indiciae. Stopped by a basalt boulder; he then knelt and started to pray, his hand lain on the rock. A miracle then occurred: an opening appeared in front of him, allowing him to erect a shrine atop the hill.

### 13 The Old Bridge (Pont Vieux)

The only bridge over the Ander River in the Middle Ages, the history of the Old Bridge is linked to the "recluserie de Saint-Flour" dating back to 1371. There used to be a structure above the central beam where someone known as "the cloistered one" ("la recluse") agreed to shut themselves in, with the task to pray for the town.

### 14 Sainte-Christine's church

Dedicated to Christina, patron saint of the lower town, it was built from 1851 to 1854 in neogothic style, both sober and modern.

### 15 The old Savings bank and Maison du Patrimoine

This building, now used for the Tourism Office, was built from 1892 to 1896 to serve as both the Savings bank created in 1837 and the Town Hall. When the city acquired the premises of the bishop's palace in 1910 to serve as the new townhall, the savings bank was extended to the entire building.

### 16 The goat track (chemin des chèvres)

The goat track is a pedestrian path which leads to the lower part of town, former suburb of the medieval town. On your way you can admire the remains of the city walls and the Chaumette plateau up to Sainte-Christine's church.

### 17 The Seminary (ancien grand Séminaire)

This large complex was built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century to house the city's Seminary, founded in 1651. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the bishop de Marguerye ordered that another wing be built to shelter the seminary's Great Library (la grande bibliothèque).

### 18 Palace Square (place du Palais)

The imposing façade of the former courthouse dominates the square. Saint-Flour was the prefecture (county seat) of Cantal. Notice the niched statue of saint Barbara (Sainte Barbe) protecting the town from fire and lightning.

### 19 Place des Mets

The "centre square" housed a brotherhood of white penitents who honoured the Passion of Christ. Around house number 3, you can see the remains of the chapel.

### 20 Calvaire Chapel

Until the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Calvaire chapel, situated outside of the city walls, was the "asylum" of infected people when plagues occurred. In 1629, it became a place where people were shut in. The mound on top of which the chapel was built was called "Mont Calvaire" when Penitents began to get in procession. Thanks to them, it recovered its former glory and was well maintained until the Revolution.

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	BAUDART (RUE JEAN).....	H-I-6	MERCOEUR (PLACE ODILON DE).....	N-O15
	BELARD (AVENUE LÉON).....	L11-12	METS (PLACE DES).....	M13
	BEL AIR (RUE).....	L10	MIGNE (RUE JACQUES-PAUL).....	N-O12
	BELLOY (RUE DE).....	L13-M14	MONTAIGUT (RUE DE).....	K-L10
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