



# THE CATHEDRAL COMPLEX OF PUY EN VELAY

## Discovering the hidden treasures of Le Puy.

Attached to the northern end of the cathedral, the 12th-century cloisters are largely Romanesque. This space was reserved for the cathedral's canons, or secular clergy. It displays a wide variety of capitals, some with pictorial imagery, allowing us to see how styles have changed. Its 12th-century gate is a rare example of Romanesque ironwork.

A 13th-century fresco in the chapter room depicts the crucifixion. There is also a Museum of Religious Art in the machicolation building which has been redesigned to house the recent arrival of an important collection of embroidered liturgical artefacts dating from the 15th to the 19th centuries.

The visitor circuit also takes you through the basement areas of the cloister to the lower room of the machicolation, where a film traces the development of the site. The baptistry and the choristers quarters have been included in the guided tour since 2018.

**Designated world heritage site by UNESCO as routes of Santiago de Compostela in France**

## RECEPTION

Subject to modification.

### Open

15th May to 15th September: from 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

16th September to 14th May: from 9.30 a.m. to 12.15 a.m.  
and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Last admission 30 minutes before closing time.

### Closed

1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November  
and 25th December

Mondays from 16th September to 14th May

### Accessibility

Number of floors visited during the tour: 1

## FACILITIES

- Seating available during tour
- Lavatories
- Gift shop / bookshop
- Parking for coaches subject to charge 800 m (Michelet or St-Laurent square), very steep approach to reach the monument

## ACCESS



Between the main roads Clermont-Ferrand/ Montpellier and Lyon/Avignon, 78 km south-west of Saint-Etienne

From Clermont-Ferrand: A75, exit 20, then RN102, Le Puy

From Lyon: A6 to the motorway A47, Saint-Etienne, then RN88, Le Puy

Access to the cloister is through the Cathedral. The cloister is contiguous to the cathedral at its northside, in the direction of the statue of Our Lady (Rocher Corneille)

## INFORMATION

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# AUVERGNE-RHÔNE-ALPES / CLOISTER OF PUY-EN-VELAY CATHEDRAL

## SOUTH EASTERN FRANCE

### TOURS

#### Unaccompanied tour with guide booklet

French, German, English, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Japanese

Duration: 1 hr

#### Guided tour

French, English, Spanish (depending on the availability of the guides)

Reservations: 1 week

Duration: 1 hr

Booking required: tour of the seminarians' quarters and the baptistry



### RATES 2020 CATEGORY 5

Rate for groups (minimum 20 people)  
**5 €**

Adults  
**6 €**

Free admission: minors under 18\*

Free admission: 18-25 years old

(EU nationals and regularised EU residents)

\* excluding school groups

### USEFUL ADDRESSES

#### Le Puy-en-Velay Tourist Office

tel.: (33) (0)4 71 09 38 41

Lecture tours French, English, German  
[www.ot-lepuyenvelay.fr](http://www.ot-lepuyenvelay.fr)

#### Haute-Loire Tourist Office

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#### Nearby national monuments:

90 km - Château of Villeneuve-Lembron

110 km - Château of Aulteribe