



**TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES**

- Office de Tourisme du Pays de George Sand - LA CHÂTRE  
134 rue Nationale - Tél. 02 54 48 22 64  
accueil@pays-george-sand.com  
Open all year round
- Bureau d'Informations Touristiques - NOHANT  
Place Sainte-Anne - 36400 NOHANT  
Tél. 02 54 97 06  
tourisme.nohant@gmail.com  
Open from April to November
- Maison du Tourisme du Val de Bouzanne - NEUVY-SAINT-SÉPULCHRE  
2 rue Emile Fortchon - 36230 NEUVY-SAINT-SÉPULCHRE  
Tél. 02 54 48 08 59  
maisondu tourisme.vdb@gmail.com  
Open from April to November
- Bureau de Tourisme - AIGURANDE  
8 rue Jean Marlen-Messant - 36140 AIGURANDE  
Tél. 02 54 06 38 07  
ot-aigurande@wanadoo.fr  
Open throughout the year
- Relais d'Informations Touristiques - Sainte-Sévère-sur-Indre  
Place du marché - 36160 SAINTE-SÉVÈRE-SUR-INDRE  
Tél. 02 54 30 21 78  
contact@maisondujourdefete.com  
Open during the Autumn, Christmas and winter school holidays, and from April through September

**WELCOME TO OUR REGION**

Enjoy a romantic getaway in George Sand country, away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Diving into the literature of the 19<sup>th</sup> century where idyllic scenery will help you reconnect with nature.

**We are here!**

**TRAVEL DESTINATION**

**George Sand COUNTRY**

- George Sand's house
- Church frescoes at Saint-Martin de Vic
- Angibault Mill
- Prune tart
- The Jour de fête film centre
- George Sand Museum
- Géocaching

**Legend:**

- Tourist office
- Information point
- Sites evoking George Sand
- Museum of France (Musée de France)
- Museum
- Castle
- Religious heritage
- Mill
- Festival
- Remarkable view
- Swimming pool
- Bridge
- Dolmen
- Market
- A UNESCO World heritage monument
- Painters' valley
- Sensitive natural areas
- Outstanding garden
- Historical tour

**WALKING TRAILS**

- GR 654: Santiago de Compostela
- GR 100: the route of the Hundred Years' War
- GR trail in the footsteps of principal characters from George Sand's novel "Les Maitres Sonneurs"



# Markets

From Saint-Août to La Châtre, Sainte-Sévère-sur-Indre, Aigurande or even via Montpouret or Neuvy-Saint-Sépulchre, find gastronomic markets on the map. So you don't miss out on any of our region's specialities: citrouillat (pumpkin pie), galette de pomme de terre (pancake of potatoes), tarte aux barriaux (prune tart), radillat (butter biscuit) Berry Easter pie... In George Sand country, you may combine tourism and discover art of the table.

<p><b>Saturday</b> La Châtre, Briantes</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> Neuwy-Saint-Sépulchre Montpouret: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, from March to November Montgivray: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> Saint-Août: also small poultry market and special themed markets at Easter, Christmas, and during the summer</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> Sainte-Sévère-sur-Indre, Orsennes</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> La Châtre</p>	<p><b>Friday</b> Aigurande</p> <p><b>Summer</b> Saint-Christophe-en-Boucherie, Saint-Août, Sainte-Sévère-sur-Indre, La Châtre, Briantes, Aigurande, Orsennes, Montgivray, Neuwy-Saint-Sépulchre, Montpouret</p>
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# Must see places

# Outdoor activities

# Land of inspiration

## GEORGE SAND'S HOUSE IN NOHANT


A true haven of peace, George Sand's 18<sup>th</sup> century house in Nohant is THE place to discover in this beautiful region. A story of the love between George Sand and her home, being apart and joyful reunions. She used to welcome friends – faithful "Berrichons" and Parisians such as Liszt, Balzac, Chopin, Delacroix – and wrote much of her work there.

Guided tours only. Advanced booking recommended on [www.maison-george-sand.fr](http://www.maison-george-sand.fr)  
Tel.: +33 (0) 2 54 31 06 04  
Free parking and free access to gardens and exhibitions.  
English Tour 



## LA MAISON DE "JOUR DE FÊTE", A FILM DIRECTED BY JACQUES TATI WHO ALSO STARS – SAINTE-SÉVÈRE-SUR-INDRE

La maison de "Jour de Fête" retraces the adventure of the film "Jour de Fête", the meeting between Jacques Tati and the inhabitants of Sainte-Sévère-sur-Indre. Scenovision show tour – 70 minutes of laughter and emotion in the burlesque world of the film-maker.

Tel.: +33 (0) 2 54 30 21 78 – [www.maisondejourdefete.com](http://www.maisondejourdefete.com)  
Open from February to December  
English Tour 


## THE HISTORIC TOUR OF LA CHÂTRE

The town's history and its illustrious inhabitants may be discovered through twenty-one sections and its route may be found in a free leaflet in English at the tourist office.

Tel.: +33 (0) 2 54 48 22 64  
[www.pays-george-sand.com](http://www.pays-george-sand.com)  
English Tour 

## AN EXCEPTIONAL RELIGIOUS HERITAGE: FRESCOES IN THE CHURCH OF SAINT-MARTIN DE VIC

In the 12<sup>th</sup> century, the building was covered with frescoes displaying the refinement and scholarly culture of monks from the Benedictine abbey of Déols upon which this church depended. The scale of the programme and the richness of the decoration make it one of the jewels of French religious heritage. A digital interactive device is available.

Open seven days a week  
La Châtre tourist office – Tel.: +33 (0) 2 54 48 22 64  
English Tour 



## FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN – SEVEN SUMMERS IN NOHANT

At Nohant, George Sand never ceased to organise artistic and sociable evenings where Chopin, her partner of nine years (1839-1847), had a privileged place. The two artists divided their time between Paris in the winter and Berry in the summer, the inspiration for his most beautiful works: the Berceuse, numerous Nocturnes, twelve Mazurkas, three Impromptus, etc.

## THE BASILICA OF NEUVY-SAINT-SÉPULCHRE

This 11<sup>th</sup> century edifice, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, features a rotunda in imitation of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century, the basilica gained a privileged place among the most important stages of the Camino de Santiago – the Way of Saint James, when Eudes of Châteauroux brought back three drops of the precious blood of Christ from the Crusades. Download the visitor application in English on-site (QR Code) – Tourist office of Val de Bouzanne in Neuvy-Saint-Sépulchre.

Tel.: +33 (0) 2 54 48 08 59  
English Tour 

## HIKING TRAILS

From a simple walk to a sports hike, find in download on [www.pays-george-sand.com](http://www.pays-george-sand.com) and Cirkwi more than 100 themed and signposted trails from 6 to 22 km. Tourist office in La Châtre.  
Tel.: +33 (0) 2 54 48 22 64

## MAJOR WALKING ROUTES



## GR 654 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

From Vézelay towards the Creuse valley, 110 km through the country of George Sand. Guidebook published by Fédération Française de Randonnée Pédestre.

[www.chemins-compostelle.com](http://www.chemins-compostelle.com)



## GRP, IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MASTER PIPERS

Over 175 km of hiking through the countryside that was home to the heroes of George Sand's novel "Les Maîtres Sonneurs" (The Master Pipers), between the Berry and the Bourbonnais.

[www.sentiermaîtresonneurs.com](http://www.sentiermaîtresonneurs.com)



## GR 100: THE PATHS OF THE HUNDRED YEARS WAR

This GR connects Montluçon to Poitiers through 3 regions (Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, Centre-Val-de-Loire, Nouvelle-Aquitaine). 450 km connecting iconic places recalling the recapture in 1372 by Bertrand Du Guesclin and the Duke of Berry of English possessions. Guidebook published by Fédération Française de Randonnée Pédestre.

## CYCLE ROUTES

10 bike loops of 13 to 47 km (not signposted) on roads with light traffic, allow the discovery of major tourist sites. Also available, 9 signposted mountain bike routes, starting from La Châtre and Poulligny-Notre-Dame. Routes to download on [www.pays-george-sand.com](http://www.pays-george-sand.com) and Cirkwi; Routes downloads are available from tourist information centres in the region.

## MAJOR CYCLING ROUTES



## BIKE ROUTE "CYCLO BOHÈME" (V49)

A fully signposted tourist route of 300 km allows you to explore the "Cyclo Bohème" by bike. Between Touraine and Berry, the route connects Bréhémont (connecting with La Loire à Vélo) to Chambon-sur-Voueize. It crosses the département de l'Indre and takes you to tourist sites like the George Sand estate in Nohant and la Maison de Jour de Fête in Sainte-Sévère-sur-Indre.

[www.cycloboheme.fr](http://www.cycloboheme.fr)



## SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA BY BIKE (V56)

For approximately 1,750 km GR<sup>®</sup> 654 follows the Vézelay route and connects Belgium to the South-West of France Via Lemovicensis. This listed route crosses South Indre over 110 km, from Châteaumeillant towards the Creuse Valley.



## BIKE RENTAL

Electric bike rental: <http://kavelo.fr>  
Rental service at the campsite reception in Poulligny-Notre-Dame:  
<http://poulligny-notre-dame.fr>



## LEISURE CENTRE

## LIGNY LEISURE CENTRE IN POULLIGNY-NOTRE-DAME

Thanks to a cable wakeboard, Ligny's lake is a challenge to lovers of board sports. A comprehensive centre offering activities for everyone: Disc-golf; outdoor table tennis; badminton court; boules court; children's play area; bathing area and a snack-bar.

Tel.: +33 (0) 2 54 06 94 30.  
[www.poulligny-notre-dame.fr](http://www.poulligny-notre-dame.fr)



A comprehensive list of built and natural heritage is available in the tourist office.

DISCOVER SO MANY SITES THAT INSPIRED GEORGE SAND TO WRITE HER RUSTIC NOVELS IN THE SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE.



## PARC DES PARELLES – CREVANT

Classified as a "Sensitive Natural Area" and bordering on the Limousin region, with ten micro-settings the Parc des Parelles offers visitors a range of landscapes typical of Berry. It can be discovered alone, with family or friends, using thematic and signposted trails. At its heart, a green amphitheatre comes alive in the summer with storytelling and music.

Open throughout the year  
9 route de La Châtre  
Tel.: +33 (0) 2 54 30 17 17  
[www.parcdesparelles.fr](http://www.parcdesparelles.fr)



## MOULIN D'ANGIBAULT – MONTIPOURET

A rural setting including a seven-hectare meadow through which runs the Vauvre a river which feeds the millstream turning the water wheel. Within, you can see the lovingly restored mechanism as well as an exhibition on the life of a miller. This is the actual mill where George Sand's novel "Le Meunier d'Angibault" is set. Picnic area.

Open from Easter to Halloween  
Tel.: +33 (0) 2 54 31 11 46  
<http://moulin-angibault.com>



## SARZAY CASTLE – SARZAY

An ancient feudal fortress dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries, Sarzay appears as if by magic at the bend in a road. From under the superb roof structure at the top of its towers, there are views of the "Black Valley" and the surrounding countryside. George Sand's novel "Le Meunier d'Angibault" is set here.

Open throughout the year  
Tel.: +33 (0) 2 54 31 32 25  
[www.sarzay.net](http://www.sarzay.net)

A comprehensive list of built and natural heritage is available in the tourist office.

# Tour of villages

A STEEPLE STANDING PROUD IN THE CENTRE OF THE VILLAGE, SURROUNDED BY GROUPS OF HOUSES, IN THE DISTANCE COWS IN GREEN FIELDS, HERE IS THE COUNTRY OF GEORGE SAND!



## SAINTE-SÉVÈRE-SUR-INDRE

Sainte-Sévère-sur-Indre is a charming little town of character overlooking the Indre Valley. It has preserved several vestiges of its past, including a ruined keep from the 12<sup>th</sup> century, a fortified gate from the 15<sup>th</sup> century and La Halle – a covered market – from the 17<sup>th</sup> century. A historical tour includes man-made heritage as well as locations for the shooting of the film "Jour de Fête".

Tel.: +33 (0) 2 54 30 21 78  
[contact@maisondejourdefete.com](mailto:contact@maisondejourdefete.com)



## CLUIS

This destination takes you to the site of the fortress of Cluis-Dessous and via historic dwellings, to the La Halle – a covered market – (18<sup>th</sup> century) and the castle of Cluis-Dessous (currently the town hall). Nearby, from the old railway viaduct a very beautiful panorama unfolds.

[cluis@rempart.com](mailto:cluis@rempart.com)



## LYS SAINT GEORGES

Walking through the village, you will see the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century castle "where Ludovic Sforza languished for eighteen months", the church of Saint-Léger, the Parliament House, and a stall for shoeing oxen. The gardener's cottage has been renovated with a typical local interior from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Privately-owned chateau.  
Tel.: +33 (0) 2 54 30 91 30  
[www.lys-saint-georges.fr](http://www.lys-saint-georges.fr)



Historical tour to discover the villages of Aigurande, Neuvy-Saint-Sépulchre, Montgivray, La Châtre and Briantes.

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