

Angoulême..... comic books, culture and old-timers

The beautiful fortified city of Angoulême is the capital of the Charente and located approximately 45 minutes drive from Aubeterre. The old town is beautifully situated on a high plateau above the river Charente and is surrounded by ancient ramparts, which offer fantastic views over the surrounding area. Angoulême is traditionally the centre of the paper and printing industry, which the city has been known for since the 14th century. For lovers of comic books, a visit to the "Musée de la Bande Dessinée" (the National Comics Museum) is recommended. Also worth visiting is the 19th century "Hôtel de Ville" (city hall), built on the spot where the fortress of the Counts of Angoulême was established. The old centre is again very well preserved and offers many restaurants and cafes, art galleries and shopping areas. Since 2010 the centre also boasts an ultramodern shopping mall. During the summer season the city offers various events and festivals, with great attention to art and live music. An absolute must and a joy for lovers of car racing, is the annual classic car race, where antique cars are allowed to race around the ancient streets of Angoulême.....

Detailed information about the city of Angoulême, the sights and a calendar of festivals is offered on the following website.

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