



DISCOVER GIEN - A TOWN SHAPED BY HISTORY AND THE LOIRE

In Gien, the Loire accompanies every walk. The town bears the marks of a long history, from its earliest settlements in Gien-le-Vieux to the upheavals of war. Today, the château, the streets of the centre and the riverfront invite you to explore a town that has kept its character. Take a moment by the water: the river also tells the story of Gien's trading past.

Not to be missed

- **The château museum**

Overlooking the town, the château recalls Gien's rich past and invites you to explore further.

- **The Loire riverfront**

A lovely walk with views of the river and its traditional flat-bottomed boats.

- **Gien earthenware**

Discover this signature local craft at the Gien Earthenware Museum.

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A TURBULENT PAST

- Gien-le-Vieux: the earliest signs of settlement date back to prehistoric times.
- A fortified town: a fortress once sheltered its inhabitants.
- Through the centuries: Gien endured conflicts and wars, then rebuilt itself.

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A TOWN SHAPED BY THE LOIRE

- Riverfront quays recall Gien's former river trade.
- Fûtreaux, toues and bachots: traditional flat-bottomed boats still preserved today.



On foot, stroll from the château to the riverfront and let the Loire guide you through the many sides of Gien.