



SAINT-SAUVEUR DE CHARROUX

Abbey

Splendour and influence in the Middle Ages.

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GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A glorious example of Benedictine architecture.
- Superb 13th-century sculptures from the Gothic doorway.
- A priceless treasure composed of ancestral relics.

Discover this Benedictine abbey founded in 783 under Charlemagne, on the route to Santiago de Compostela, and once a major seat of medieval Christianity in Carolingian Europe.

Its reputation spread throughout the 11th and 13th centuries thanks to the pilgrims who came to see the holy relics. The abbey enjoyed both power and fame at the time, but its influence declined over the following centuries and successive wars. Having been left in ruins after the French Revolution, it was used as a stone quarry until the lantern tower was listed as

a historic monument and the remains saved.

DID YOU KNOW...?

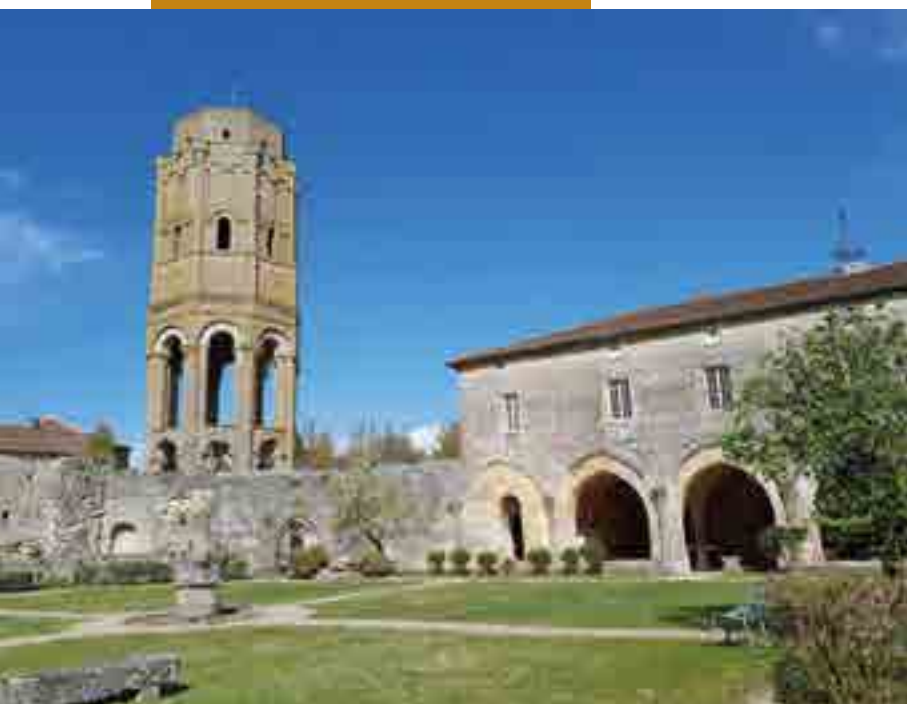
In the 11th century the monumental church measured 114m in length and had a huge Gothic doorway added in the 13th century.



2025 ADMISSION PRICES

CATEGORY 6

- FOR 20 adults + /
RESELLER PRICE €4
- INDIVIDUALS €5
- FREE for under-26s*



GETTING HERE

- Poitiers (53 km).
- Saint Saviol (16 km).
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• Angoulême (67 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 1hr.
Reservation required.

GUIDED TOUR

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FACILITIES



500 m.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Group visits permitted year-round by reservation only with the monument.

* FREE admission: minors under 18 and 18-25 years old (EU nationals and regularised EU residents) excluding school groups, extra-curricular groups or groups of visitors under the age of 26.

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st April to 30th June: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- 1st July to 31st August: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- 1st September to 31st October: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Last admission 30 minutes before closing time.
- Closed Mondays & Tuesdays year-round.
- Closed 1st November to 31st March and 1st May.

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