

CULTURE AND HERITAGE, YVERDON-LES-BAINS

## GUIDED TOURS IN YVERDON-LES-BAINS

For effortless exploration of a rich and varied heritage, the Tourist Office, the Museum of Yverdon and Region, the Contemporary Art Centre and the Maison d'Ailleurs offer thematic guided tours. On foot, by bike or solar-powered boat, by torchlight, in song, through a dedicated escort, the choice of the means of discovery is multiple.

Thanks to its geographical location the town of Yverdon-les-Bains has always played a strategic role as an economic and military crossroads. The oldest traces of human presence date back to the Neolithic Age, as evidenced by the field of menhirs of Clendy, as well as the numerous menhirs in the region and the palaphitic UNESCO site (unfortunately invisible).

Later the Romans built a Castrum and exploited the thermal spring that survives today. From the 13th century, Pierre de Savoie had a castle built as well as a new town. The 18th century was a prosperous period for Yverdon-les-Bains, which hosted the work of the famous encyclopaedist Fortunato Bartolomeo De Felice. Thanks in particular to the salt trade between Arc-et-Senans and Berne, many spectacular buildings of this period have been preserved.



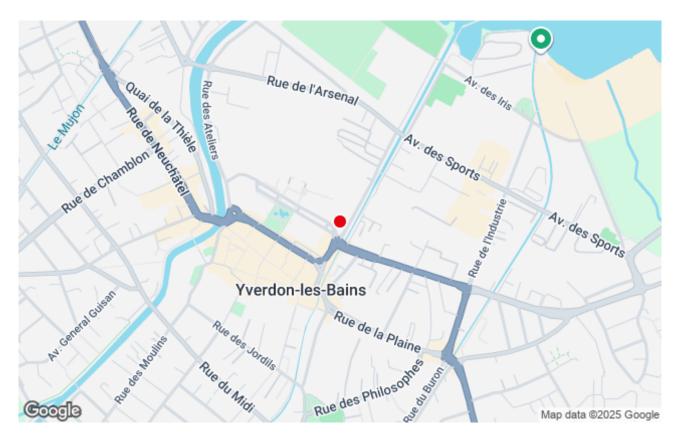
Guided tours for groups on request



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