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Jeanne  
d'ARC  
ORLÉANS

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**For over 600 years, Joan of Arc has been a source of fascination and inspiration. An important historical figure, who continues to be reinterpreted, she inspires bravery, faith, unity and hope.**



At the height of the Hundred Years' War, in 1425, a young Joan of Arc heard voices for the first time. Two years later, she marched into Orléans when it was under siege by the English. Within a few days, she changed the course of history. On 7 May her troops took the Tourelles Fort and the following day, on 8 May 1429, our city was liberated.

Since then, the Joan of Arc Festival, which became part of France's Intangible Cultural Heritage\* in 2018, has perpetuated this memory. This ten-day celebration brings together civil, military and religious traditions in a spirit of unity and jubilant festivity.

In a world marked by divisions and tensions, it is our collective responsibility to protect Joan of Arc from political squabbles and ideological exploitation. She belongs to all of us. She unites us all, regardless of age, belief or opinion.

More than 590 years later, she remains a precious symbol of liberty and unity. An infinite source of inspiration. A portrait of a timeless France.

Together, let us not forget how fortunate we are to celebrate her year after year.

**Wishing everyone an excellent Joan of Arc Festival 2026!**

Serge Grouard,  
*Mayor of Orléans*



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\* By Intangible Cultural Heritage we mean all the practices, representations, expressions, knowledge, skills – as well as the instruments, objects, artefacts and cultural spaces associated therewith – that communities recognise as part of their cultural heritage [...] and provides them with a sense of identity and continuity – Source: UNESCO.





# MUST-SEE MOMENTS OF Joan of Arc Celebrations



ALL  
JOAN OF ARC  
FESTIVAL EVENTS  
ARE FREE

## Wednesday 29 April

### The Presentation of the Sword ceremony

▶ 7:30 PM ◻ Sainte-Croix Cathedral

*The Presentation of the Sword ceremony attended by civic, military and religious representatives, with the participation of the city's Municipal Band.*

### "The Thistles and Lilies"

▶ 8:30 PM ◻ Sainte-Croix Cathedral

*Live performance presented by the Orléans Jeanne d'Arc society. An evening of Scottish music featuring three pipe bands: 91<sup>st</sup> Gâtinais Highlanders Pipe Band, Dihun Kiltieg and Celtic Orchestra Piping Society.*

### Commemoration of Joan of Arc's entry into Orléans

▶ 9:45 PM ◻ Porte Bourgogne

*The festival kicks off on 29 April, commemorating Joan of Arc's entry into Orléans through the porte Bourgogne in 1429.*

## Thursday 30 April

### Religious homage to Joan of Arc

▶ 6:30 PM

◻ Notre-Dame-des-Miracles Church, 3 rue des Cloches Saint-Paul

*Legend has it that in 1429 Joan of Arc came here to pray before going into battle.*



## Friday 1 May

### Joan of Arc's heroic ride

▶ 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

◻ Departs from place du Martroi

*With the participation of the Orléans Municipal Band, scout and girl guide groups, Harmonie Saint-Marc – Saint-Vincent music school and the Sainte Jeanne Hier, Aujourd'hui et Demain society.*

*Starting from place du Martroi, follow Joan of Arc's heroic ride through Orléans.*

## Saturday 2 May

### Concert by the Orléans Municipal Band

▶ 4:00 PM ◻ Théâtre d'Orléans

## Saturday 2 May and Sunday 3 May

### Argonne celebrates Joan of Arc

▶ MIDDAY TO 9 PM SATURDAY 2 MAY

MIDDAY TO 6 PM SUNDAY 3 MAY

◻ Parc du Belneuf

*Discover the Auld Alliance – the Franco-Scottish alliance that helped Joan of Arc liberate Orléans from the English – represented by the Auld Alliance society, the Chardons d'Orléans and Scottish clans and games. Take part in medieval workshops and sports organised by local associations and artisans.*

### "Joan of Arc through stained glass" guided tour

▶ 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM ◻ Sainte-Croix Cathedral

*Learn about the history of Joan of Arc through 10 remarkable stained glass windows from the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the work of artist Esprit Gibelin and master glassmaker Jack Galland.*

*Free tours led by cathedral guides. Tours start every 15 minutes. Maximum 20 people per group.*



## Monday 4 May

### Concert for peace

► 6:30 PM 📍 Jardin Jacques-Boucher

*School choirs join the Cathedral Choir to perform a concert exploring their vocation as artists of peace. In the event of bad weather, the concert will be held at Saint-Donatien Church.*

## Thursday 5 May

### “Build like Joan of Arc: the ideal of cathedrals” talk by Henri d’Anselme

► 8:00 PM

📍 Salle de l’Institut at the Conservatoire d’Orléans, place Sainte-Croix

*Henri d’Anselme was on a pilgrimage to visit all of France’s 180 cathedrals when, on 8 June 2023 in Annecy, he bravely prevented a tragedy armed with just his bag. Since then, the “backpack hero” has been an advocate for our built and living heritage. Limited places, subject to availability.*

## Wednesday 6 May

### 10<sup>th</sup> edition of Orléans La Source celebrates Joan of Arc

► MIDDAY TO 6:00 PM

📍 “La Clairière”, Orléans La Source

*Enjoy a wonderful day out discovering the fashions of the Middle Ages. Don’t miss the birds of prey displays at 1:00 PM, 2:15 PM and 4:45 PM. Expect plenty of activities inspired by history, organised by various local associations.*

## Thursday 7 May to Sunday 10 May

### The Medieval Market – Campo Santo

► THURSDAY 7 MAY, 10:00 AM TO 10:00 PM

► FRIDAY 8 MAY AND SATURDAY 9 MAY, 10:00 AM TO 11:00 PM

► SUNDAY 10 MAY, 10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

*Prize awarded to the best stall as voted by the public, Saturday 10 May – 6:00 PM.*

### OFFICIAL OPENING:

THURSDAY 7 MAY AT MIDDAY

*Immerse yourself in the traditions of yesteryear as you learn all about the skills of medieval artisans and medieval cuisine. The programme includes dancing, theatre, music, a farmyard and medieval games promising fun for all the family!*

## Thursday 7 May

### Twin towns’ tribute to Joan of Arc

► 3:00 PM 📍 Hôtel Groslot courtyard

### Concert by the Orléans Val de Loire Choir

► 7:30 PM 📍 Saint-Paterne Church





## The Presentation of the Standard ceremony

▶ **10:00 PM** 📍 Sainte-Croix Cathedral

*Presentation of the Standard by the Mayor of Orléans to Monseigneur Jacques Blaquart, Bishop of Orléans, followed by a sound and light show projected onto the cathedral.*

## “Joan and the River” sound and light show

▶ **10:30 PM** 📍 Place Sainte-Croix

*Through the epic story of Joan of Arc, the show explores the importance of the Loire and other rivers, whose waters connect cities, peoples and centuries, reflect châteaux and bridges, and shelter precious yet fragile biodiversity.*

## Concert by the Chorale johannique

▶ **11:00 PM** 📍 Sainte-Croix Cathedral



## 17<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Electro Set

▶ **11:00 PM TO 1:30 AM**

📍 Outside the Théâtre d'Orléans, boulevard Pierre-Ségelle

▶ **11:00 PM** Warm-up from the winner of “Orléans DJ Cast 2026”

▶ **11:30 PM** VENGA

▶ **12:15 PM** SHOWTEK



## Friday 8 May

### Commemoration of the victory of 8 May 1945

▶ **9:00 AM**

📍 Monument de la Victoire, esplanade du Souvenir Français, boulevard Alexandre-Martin

### Formal religious service for Joan of Arc

▶ **10:00 AM** 📍 Sainte-Croix Cathedral

*Featuring the Chorale johannique and the Cathedral Choir, accompanied by the cathedral's two organs.*

### Official homage to Joan of Arc

▶ **2:30 PM** 📍 Place Sainte-Croix

*Speech by the Mayor of Orléans and the chair of the festival committee.*

### Military homage to Joan of Arc

▶ **2:50 PM** 📍 Place Sainte-Croix

### Commemorative procession

▶ **3:20 PM** 📍 City centre

*Procession featuring Joan of Arc and her retinue, medieval figures, and representatives of the French provinces, official bodies and local associations.*

### Presentation of the Standard

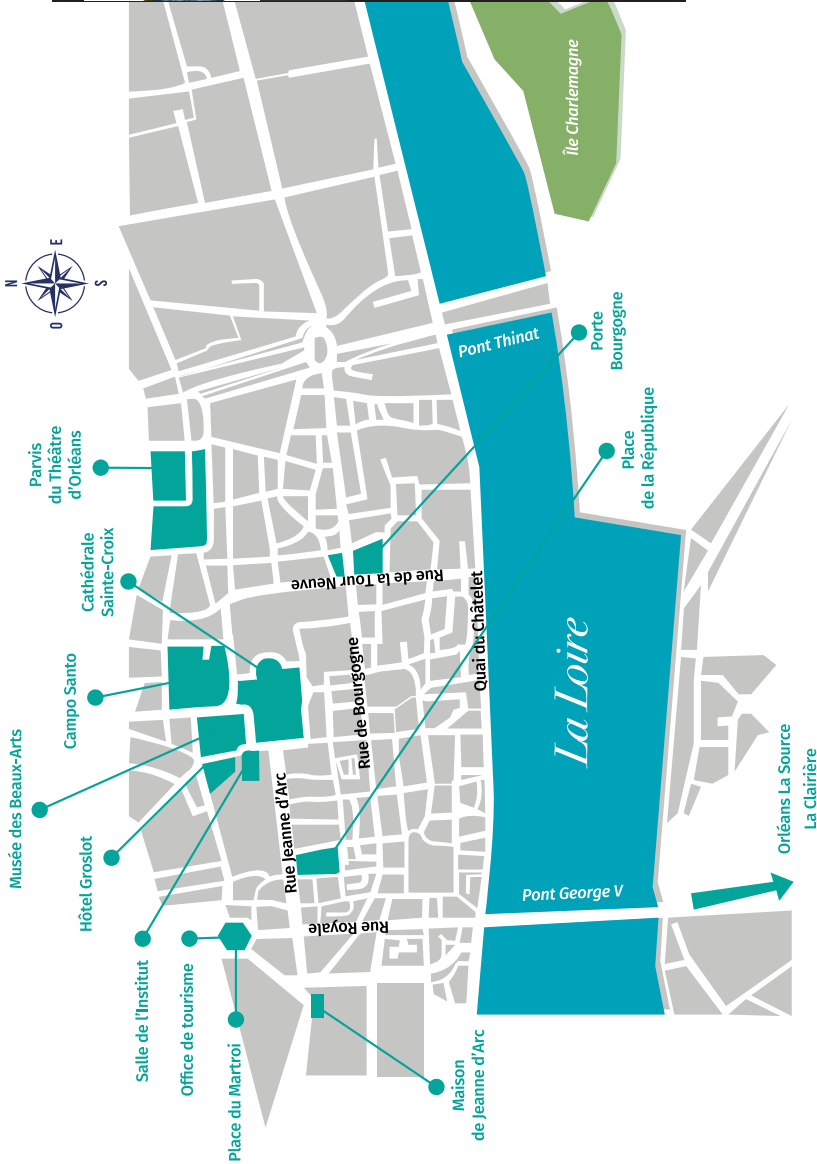
▶ **6:30 PM** 📍 Place Sainte-Croix

*Presentation of the Standard ceremony by Monseigneur Jacques Blaquart, Bishop of Orléans, to the Mayor of Orléans.*





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