



# Discover Poitiers: The city of a thousand bells

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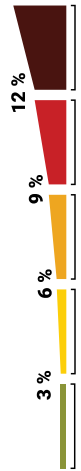
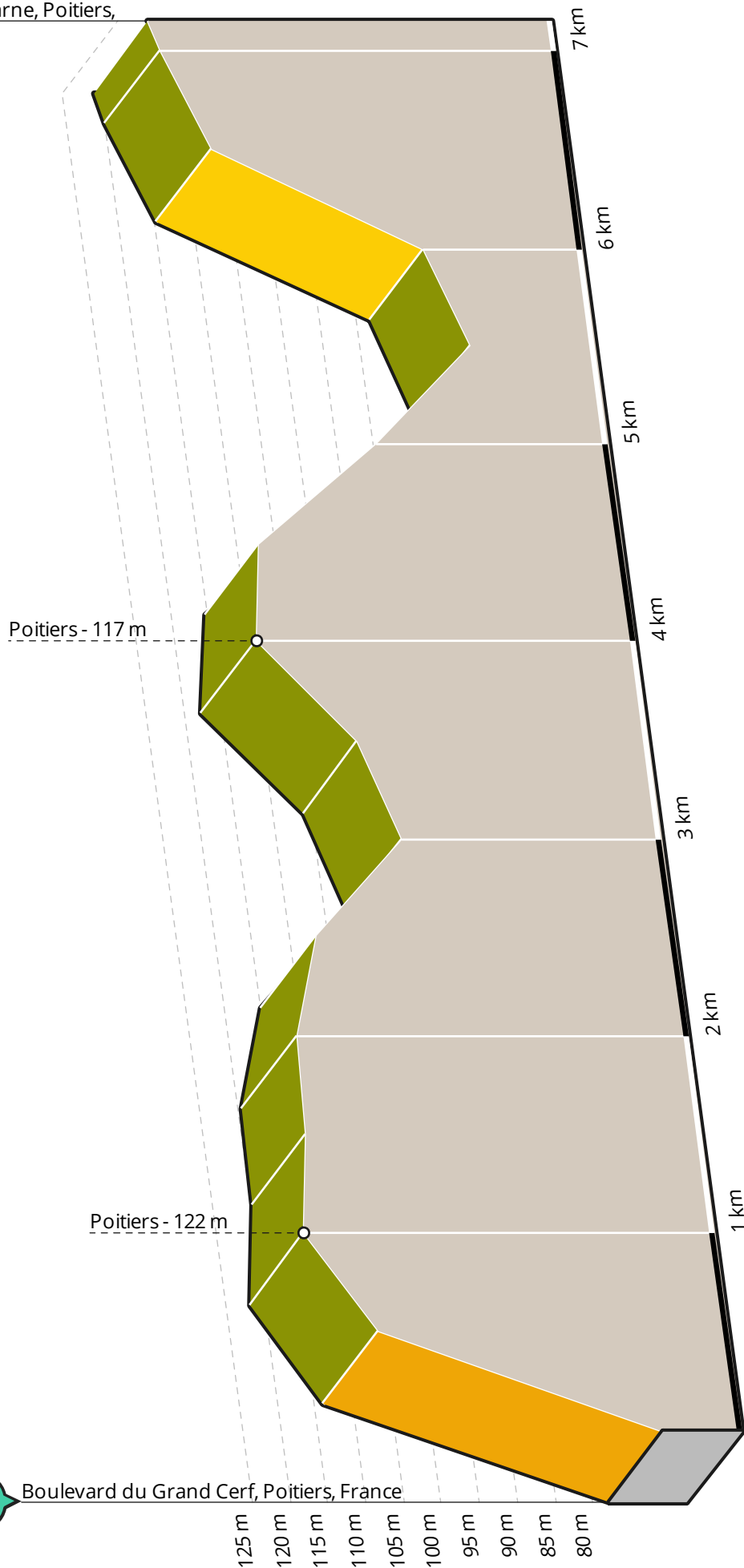
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Rue de la Marne, Poitiers,  
France



Boulevard du Grand Cerf, Poitiers, France





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- ↔ Lengte: 7.2 km
- ↗ Stijging: 109 m
- 📶 Moeilijkheidsgraad: 7/10
- 📍 Boulevard du Grand Cerf, Poitiers, France
- 📍 Rue de la Marne, Poitiers, France

### Routebeschrijving

Poitiers is a western French city about 180 kilometers southeast of Nantes. The city often gets the nickname "city of the thousand bells" and when you walk through Poitiers it soon becomes clear why that is the case. During the walk, the most notable sights of Poitiers will be visited, such as the Église Notre-Dame-la-Grande, the Baptistère Saint-Jean, the Place du Maréchal-Leclerc, ... and a whole host of other beautiful places.

### Bezienswaardigheden



**Poitiers station**  
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- Afstand langs route: 0.0 km



**Afbeelding 1:** Poitiers station (Bron: Lamelune)

The Gare de Poitiers is a major railway station in the French city of Poitiers, in the department of Vienne and region of Nouvelle-Aquitaine. The station is situated on the Paris–Bordeaux railway. It was built in the 1850s.

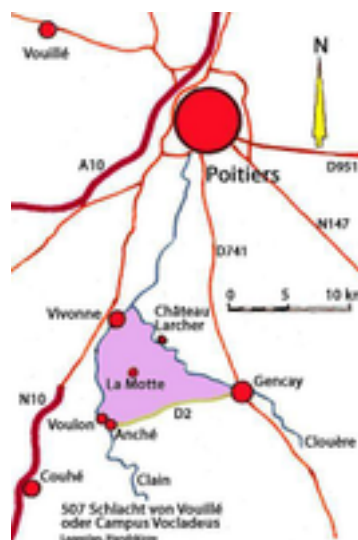
A wide array of rail services serve Poitiers, including TGV Atlantique services from Paris Montparnasse to Bordeaux. Other rail services operate under the Transport express régional brand, and run from Poitiers to Angoulême, Tours, Limoges, Niort and La Rochelle. The station is also served by a TER bus service to Parthenay and Nantes.



**Battle of Vouillé**



- Afstand langs route: 0.06 km



**Afbeelding 2:** Battle of Vouillé (Bron: Jochen Jahnke)

The Battle of Vouillé was fought in the northern marches of Visigothic territory, at Vouillé, near Poitiers, in the spring of 507 between the Franks, commanded by Clovis, and the Visigoths, commanded by Alaric II. It resulted in the Frankish conquest of Gallia Aquitania and the death of Alaric II.



### Battle of Poitiers

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2 - Afstand langs route: 0.06 km



**Afbeelding 3:** Battle of Poitiers (Bron: *AnonymousUnknown author*)

The Battle of Poitiers was fought on 19 September 1356 between a French army commanded by King John II and an Anglo-Gascon force under Edward, the Black Prince, during the Hundred Years' War. It took place in western France, 5 miles south of Poitiers, when approximately 14,000 to 16,000 French attacked a strong defensive position held by 6,000 Anglo-Gascons.



### Viaduc Léon-Blum

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3 - Afstand langs route: 0.13 km



**Afbeelding 4:** Viaduc Léon-Blum (Bron: *Vulcain1610*)



### Unité urbaine de Poitiers

4 - Afstand langs route: 0.39 km



### Poitiers

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5 - Afstand langs route: 0.51 km



**Afbeelding 5:** Poitiers (Bron: *StelliAngel*)

Poitiers ; Poitevin: Poetàe) is a city on the Clain river in west-central France. It is a commune and the capital of the Vienne department and the historical centre of Poitou. In 2017 it had a population of 88,291. Its agglomeration has 130,853 inhabitants in 2016 and is the center of an urban area of 261,795 inhabitants.



### Hôtel de préfecture de la Vienne

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5 - Afstand langs route: 0.57 km



**Afbeelding 6:** Hôtel de préfecture de la Vienne (Bron: *JacquesLavignotte*)



6 - Afstand langs route: 0.78 km



**Afbeelding 7:** Musée Rupert-de-Chièvres (Bron: Arseni Mourzenko)



7 - Afstand langs route: 1.69 km



**Afbeelding 8:** Église Saint-Hilaire-le-Grand (Bron: KBWEi in der Wikipedia auf Deutsch)

The Église Saint-Hilaire-le-Grand is a church in Poitiers, France. It was named after Hilary of Poitiers. The church dates back to the 11th century, and was consecrated in 1049. It was damaged during the French Revolution and was restored in the second half of the 19th century. The church received a new portal, and the nave was partly reconstructed. The church was listed as Monument historique in 1840. It was also listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1998 as part of the Routes of Santiago de Compostela in France.



8 - Afstand langs route: 2.35 km



**Afbeelding 9:** Blossac Park (Bron: Arseni Mourzenko)

The Blossac Park is a historic private garden, now a public park, in Poitiers, France. It was established by Paul Esprit Marie de La Bourdonnaye, Count of Blossac, in the 18th century. It is the largest park in Poitiers.



9 - Afstand langs route: 3.78 km



**Afbeelding 10:** Anfiteatro de Poitiers (Bron: Mainlymazza)



10 - Afstand langs route: 3.92 km

Grand-Poitiers is the communauté urbaine, an intercommunal structure, centred on the city of Poitiers. It is located in the Vienne department, in the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region, western France. It was created on 1 January 2017 as a communauté d'agglomération and transformed into a





**Afbeelding 11:** Grand Poitiers communauté urbaine (Bron: *Tschubby*)

communauté urbaine on 1 July 2017. Its population was 195,044 in 2014, of which 90,115 in Poitiers proper.



**Chapelle Saint-Louis de Poitiers**  
Poitou-Charentes



- Afstand langs route: 4.06 km



**Afbeelding 12:** Chapelle Saint-Louis de Poitiers (Bron: *Danielclauzier*)



**Hôtel de Ville**  
Poitou-Charentes



- Afstand langs route: 4.29 km



**Échevinage de Poitiers**



- Afstand langs route: 4.33 km



**Afbeelding 13:** Hôtel de Ville (Bron: *Whn64*)



**Afbeelding 14:** Échevinage de Poitiers (Bron: *MarieBlugeon*)



**Poitiers Cathedral**  
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- Afstand langs route: 5.11 km



**Afbeelding 15:** Poitiers Cathedral (Bron: *ArnoLagrange*)

Poitiers Cathedral is a Roman Catholic church in Poitiers, France. It is the seat of the Archbishop of Poitiers. Its construction began in 1162 by Henry II of England and Eleanor of Aquitaine on the ruins of a Roman basilica, and work was well advanced by the end of the 12th century. It is the largest medieval monument in the city of Poitiers.



### Musée Sainte-Croix

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- Afstand langs route: 5.15 km



**Afbeelding 16:** Musée Sainte-Croix (Bron: *Danielclauzier*)

The Musée Sainte-Croix is the largest museum in Poitiers, France. Planned by the architect poitevin Jean Monge and built in 1974, it stands at the site of the former Abbaye Sainte-Croix, which was moved to Saint-Benoît, Vienne. It is constructed of concrete and glass, in the 1970s style. The museum hosts a permanent exhibition on periods from prehistory to the contemporary art, through the medieval period and the Fine arts. Major works include sculptures of Camille Claudel and Auguste Rodin, a reliquary vase from Saint-Savin-sur-Gartempe, paintings by Piet Mondrian and Odilon Redon and the stone sculpture of L'Âme de la France by Charles Marie Louis Joseph Sarrabezolles.



### Baptistère Saint-Jean

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- Afstand langs route: 5.25 km

The Baptistère Saint-Jean is a Roman Catholic church in Poitiers, France. It is reputed to be the oldest existing Christian building in the West and one of the most prominent examples of Merovingian architecture.

The central part of the building was constructed around 360, atop the substructures of Roman buildings that were demolished in 276, in what



**Afbeelding 17:** Baptistère Saint-Jean (Bron: *Rigolithe*)

subsequently became the episcopal quarter of the town of Poitiers, near the residence of Saint Hilary and the future cathedral. Many changes have been made to the original structure. A baptismal tank was added in the 6th century, as at that time baptism was conducted by total immersion.



### Our Lady the Great



- Afstand langs route: 5.34 km



**Afbeelding 18:** Our Lady the Great (Bron: *Wikipedia*)

The church Notre-Dame la Grande is a beautiful example of Romanesque architecture due to its harmonious proportions and perfect play of lines. Above the main portal and the arcades on either side are bas-reliefs depicting, among other things, the birth of Christ, the infant Jesus in a bath, and Joseph in prayer. The arches showcase particularly beautiful sculptures, with plants and mythical creatures. The nave has a barrel vault and two side aisles. The statue behind the main altar dates from the sixteenth century and represents Notre Dame des Clefs: Our Lady of the Keys, commemorating the fact that in 1202 it was just possible to prevent a traitor from handing over the keys of the city to the English.





## Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Poitiers

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- Afstand langs route: 5.35 km



**Afbeelding 19:** Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Poitiers (Bron: *ArnoLagrange*)

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Poitiers is an archdiocese of the Latin Rite of the Roman Catholic Church in France. The archepiscopal see is in the city of Poitiers. The Diocese of Poitiers includes the two Departments of Vienne and Deux-Sèvres. The Concordat of 1802 added to the see besides the ancient Diocese of Poitiers a part of the Diocese of La Rochelle and Saintes.



## Church of Sainte-Radegonde

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- Afstand langs route: 5.43 km



**Afbeelding 20:** Church of Sainte-Radegonde (Bron: *Arseni Mourzenko*)

The Church of Sainte-Radegonde is a medieval Roman Catholic church in Poitiers, France, dating from the 6th century. It takes its name from the

Frankish queen and nun, Radegund, who was buried in the church. Considered a saint, the church became a place of pilgrimage by those devoted to her heavenly intercession. The current church, constructed from the 11th to 12th centuries, was built in a combination of Romanesque and Angevin Gothic architectural styles.



## Pont Joubert

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- Afstand langs route: 5.72 km



**Afbeelding 21:** Pont Joubert (Bron: *Danielclauzier*)



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- Afstand langs route: 5.72 km

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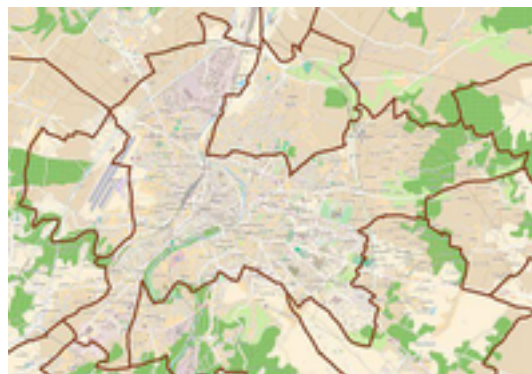


## University of Poitiers

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- Afstand langs route: 6.62 km



**Afbeelding 22:** University of Poitiers (Bron: *XIIIfromTOKYO*)

The University of Poitiers is a university in Poitiers, France. It is a member of the Coimbra Group, as one of the oldest universities of Europe. As of July 2015 it is

a member of the regional university association Leonardo da Vinci consolidated University. Founded in 1431 by Pope Eugene IV and chartered by King Charles VII, the University of Poitiers was originally composed of five faculties: theology, canon law, civil law, medicine, and arts.



### Palace of Poitiers

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- Afstand langs route: 6.79 km



**Afbeelding 23:** Palace of Poitiers (Bron: Flickr)

The palace of the Counts of Poitou/Dukes of Aquitaine in Poitiers in Poitou in western France is a medieval testimony of the Plantagenet style of architecture. The former Merovingian kingdom of Aquitaine was re-established by Charlemagne for his son Louis the Pious; in the 9th century, a palace was constructed or reconstructed for him, one among many, above a Roman wall datable to the late 3rd century, at the highest spot of the town. Louis stayed there many times as a king and then returned to the palace after becoming emperor, in 839 and 840. The palatium was specifically called a palace in the reign of Charles the Bald. After the disintegration of the Carolingian realm, the palace became the seat of the Counts of Poitiers. The first palace of Poitiers was completely destroyed by a fire in 1018.



### Église Saint-Porchaire de Poitiers

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- Afstand langs route: 7.01 km



**Afbeelding 24:** Église Saint-Porchaire de Poitiers (Bron: Christophe.Finot)

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