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Just a few steps to cross over **the bridge**. Dating back to the 12th century, it was used as a toll. Nowadays, this area is particularly appreciated by fishermen.



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To go and see the «**Roc Branlant**», head towards the dam. Hidden by vegetation, the rock is on the opposite bank of the river. A legend says that the rock moves every Christmas, at midnight.



## THE FONT GALLOU

The « Font Gallou » is part of the many devotion fountains in Saint-Germain. Located in the woods, bordering the road to Esse, this fountain cured human and animal colic. Renovated a few years ago, it now sits next to a hiking path.

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### For more information

Scan the QR code or get hold of the leaflet "Laissez-vous conter Saint-Germain-de-Confolens" from the Pays d'Art et d'Histoire, available at the tourist office (Communauté de Communes de Charente Limousine) or at the mairie in Confolens.



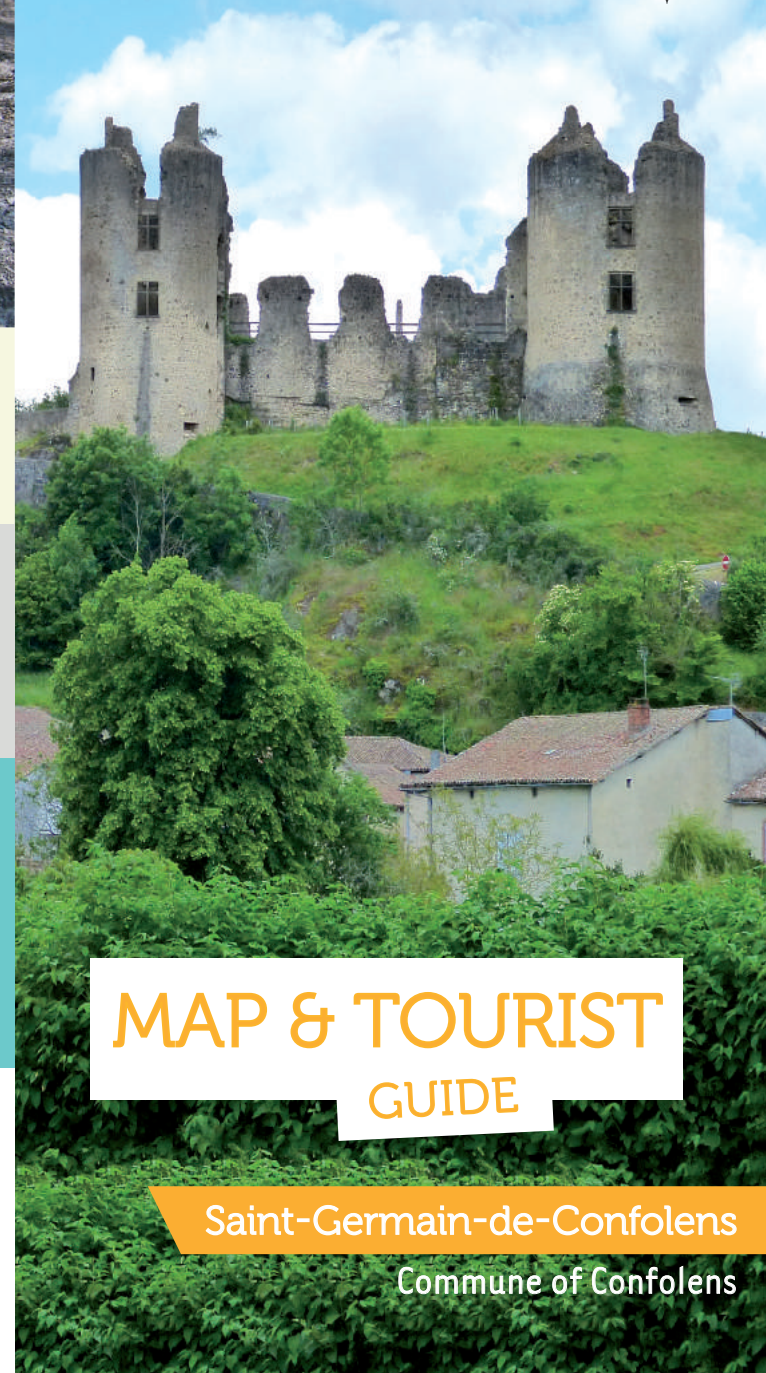
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### Saint-Germain-de-Confolens Town Hall Annex :

- Open Monday to Friday : from 2 p.m to 5 p.m

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## MAP & TOURIST GUIDE

Saint-Germain-de-Confolens

Commune of Confolens



## ISSOIRE VALLEY

Protected by  
the Natura 2000 network

Make the most of your time in Saint-Germain-de-Confolens by taking a stroll along the Issoire valley, classified as a Natura 2000 zone.

The Natura 2000 network gathers natural or semi-natural sites in the European Union, that hold great patrimonial value thanks to the fauna and flora they house.





## A stroll from one place to another

The proposed route will allow to discover the history of the village in 12 steps



Saint-Germain-de-Confolens



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Overlooking the Vienne and Issoire rivers, come and discover **the Saint-Vincent church**, which is first mentioned in 1185. This church has 2 distinctive characteristics : it has a greek cross design and retained a cemetery, next to its apse.



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**The Saint-Germain castle** adjoins the church. This site, with parts dating back to the 12th century, was an outpost for the Marche province, near Confolens. Used as a quarry during the 19th century, the castle is now in ruins. Since 1925, the castle has been registered as a historical monument.



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If you go down the castle street, you will be able to observe, at the village entrance, the remains of a **granite quarry**, exploited between the 1920's and the 1970's.



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Take a break at the village entrance, you will find a rest area on the banks of the Vienne. This bucolic place used to be **the village's fairground**. The rest area was baptized in 2016, during the "commune nouvelle" celebrations.



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From the castle street, take a right on **the Marchedieu Street** to enter the village centre. This used to be the main medieval street, along with the Verre de Gris Street. Up until the 19th century, this street harboured the village gate. Nowadays, you find a string instrument maker there.



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The village had many **chapels**. The one you find in this street is recognizable, thanks to its door and its two arched windows, made out of bricks (openings walled up nowadays).



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Head towards **place Jean Teilliet**, make a stop in front this house, dating back the 16th century. Formerly a school, but also a doctor's house, it was occupied by the mairie between 1920 and 2016. Today, it houses the "Boutique des créateurs".



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Next, reach **the medieval bridge**, sole point of passage on the river in the village centre. Built during the 12th century to replace a ford, it was formerly a toll bridge. It is approximately 115 meters long, and has nine archways.



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**The Verre de Gris Street** was the main street during medieval times. Its name apparently comes from one of the cafés, which used to serve grey wine. You also find in this street, a porch, used by washerwomen to reach the river.



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Heading north, you will come across **old tanneries**. They are recognizable thanks to the bovine horns fixed to the walls, which tanners used to dry the animal's skin.