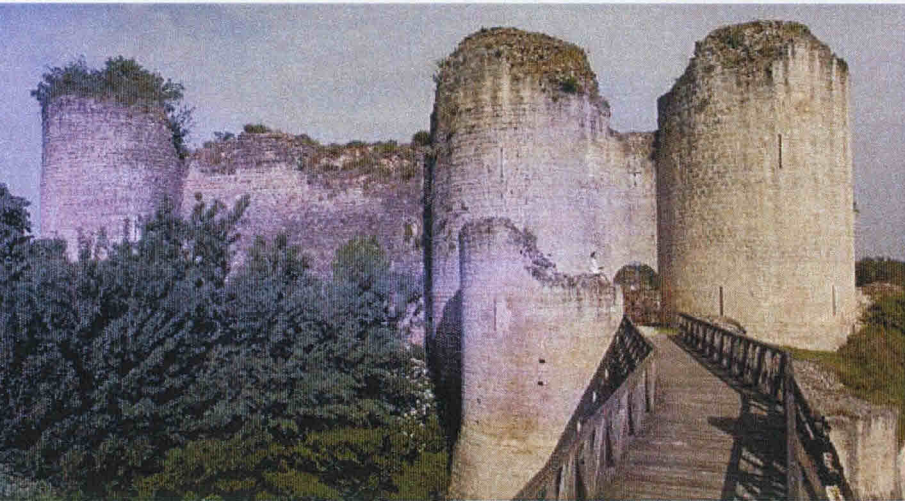


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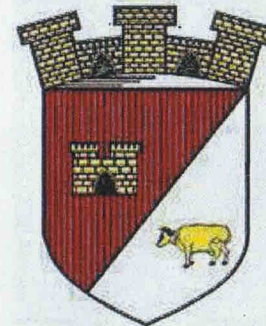
GENÇAY



**A project by the 10th grade pupils of
our middle school, Jean JAURES,
located in GENÇAY.**

Gençay is in France. Gençay is located in the region of Poitou-Charentes. Gençay is a small town in the department of Vienne. It is near Poitiers. Gençay is the chief town of the district. There are 1804 inhabitants.

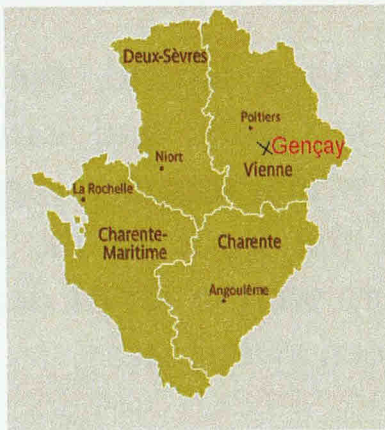
According to a legend, the origin of the name Gençay is Gaelic and Roman. It comes from *jhençae*, which means *sweep*. There was a battle between the lords in the town. It was bloody and there were a lot of dead bodies as if the lords had been swept away.



This is the coat of arms of our town.

Climate:

In the Poitou-Charentes, we have an oceanic climate. In summer it is hot and in winter there are mild temperatures.



In Gençay there is a river called La Clouère. If you take a walk in our town you will be accompanied by wonderful animals such as butterflies and dragonflies that will fly by your side. Birds will be listening to your footsteps, in the early hours of the morning and of the evening. A variety of mammals will admire you during your strolls in the stretch of water, in the Liardière stream. Do not hesitate to admire these wonders of nature which cheer up the urban and rural landscape.

In Gençay there are sheep, donkeys, cows and many more, including pets and farm animals.

Landscape and Nature :

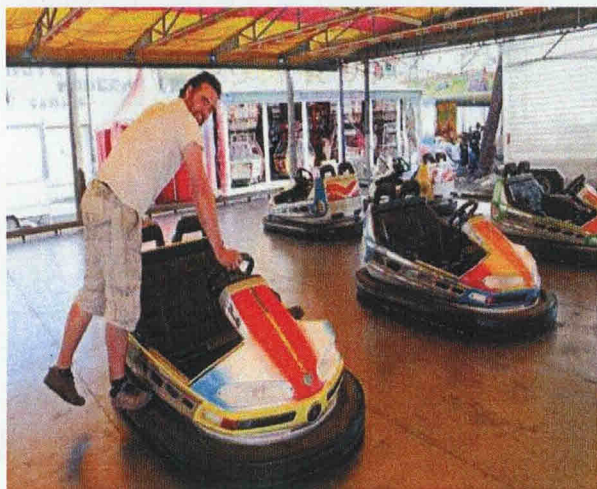


Our landscape is rather rustic. One has an infinite view of fields full of crops. In this

region, strolls in the forest are welcome.

Tradition:

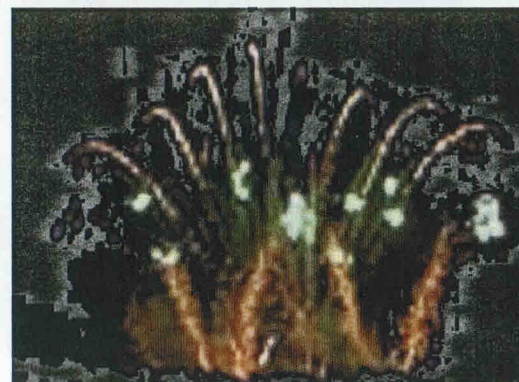
Every year, there is a carnival or there are bumper cars during our autumn break which falls during All Saints and Halloween.



The tractor exhibition takes place every year in August.



The fireworks on July 14th on the National Day.



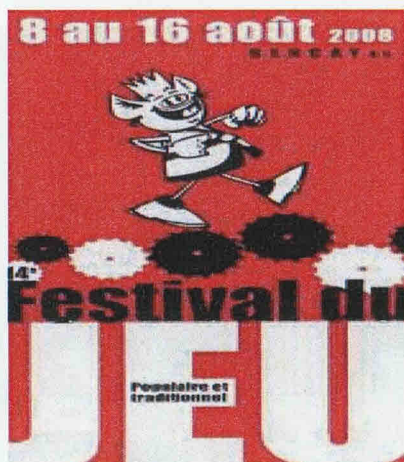
Our cross-country race: every year on the last Friday before our autumn break, our middle school organises a big foot-race.



Art:



The game festival takes place in summer.



Our local artist is Pascal Audin. His workshop is open to visitors. Many of his works and creations are displayed there. His work represents a univers of colours and materials.

His workshop is situated 15, Place du Marché 86160 Gençay. He can be reached at 05 49 03 26 63

Visit and animations on request.



Recipe :

1-Prepare pastry by mixing flour, butter and salt, then kneading well until obtaining a ball of dough. Put aside.

2-Mix the cottage cheese with sugar, then add egg yolks, cornstarch, baking powder, vanilla flavoru, and finally the egg whites beaten stiff

3-Spread the mixture into a mold in the semi-sphere, so as to thoroughly cover all edges uniformly.

4-Pour the cheese mixture into the mold.

5-Bake in a preheated oven at 356°F (180°C) for about 45 minutes. The top should be lightly burned onto a thin layer.

6-Let cool a few minutes before serving.

Gastronomy specialities :

- The “Tourteau” is a cheesecake, it is burnt on top.



- The “Farci Poitevin” is a like a pâté. It is a typical dish of the Poitou-Charentes.

Recipe :

1-Remove the veins from the leaves of 1,5 kg of sorrel. Wash, drain. Then wash and drain 7 to 8 large cabbage leaves.

2-Boil water in a large cooking pot. Put in the sorrel. Half-cook the leaves then put into a calender to drain overnight. Follow the same procedures for the cabbage leaves.

3-The next day: Put the drained sorrel into a bowl then add the diced bacon (about 250g), 10 to 12 eggs, a reasonable amount of chopped parsley and chopped chives then incorporate 500g of sourcream. Mix all the ingredients well. Finish by adding salt and pepper.

4-Line the bottom and the sides of a baking pan with cabbage leaves, well drained. Pour the mixture into the pan. Use the rest of cabbage leaves to complete the wrapping of the mixture.

5-Bake at 356°F (180°C) for 3 hours.

6-Leave to cool thoroughly for the pâté (stuffing) to set firmly. Turn out on a dish, remove the cabbage leaves, leaving only the sheet below and above.

Activities :

There is no time to get bored in Gençay.

Fishing in the pond next to the ball room:



Reading in the library:



Address: 16 route de Civray

Schedule :

Wednesday: 9h00 am to 12h00 pm

14h00 pm to 18h00 pm

Friday: 15h00 pm to 18h00 pm

Saturday: 10h00 am to 12h00 pm.

Shopping:



Site-seeing:



Attractions :

-The parc of « la Belle », this is near Gençay, in Magné. You can sleep in the treehouses and visit the big garden.



-The valley of the apes (La Vallée des Singes) is a reserve for apes and primates. It is in Romange, about a half-an-hour drive from Gençay.



-The fair twice per month.



Dining:

- Yoyo Piz'

Yoyo piz' is a pizzeria that makes very good pizza to take away or to eat on site.

Address: Tel.: 05 49 51 56 74
5 Bis route de Poitiers
86160 Gençay.

- Le Cochon Gourmand

Le Cochon Gourmand is a caterer who propose delicious dish to take away.

Address: Tel.: 05 49 36 31 68
10 route de Civray
86160 Gençay.

- Le Vieux Chateaux

Le Vieux Chateaux serves traditional and refined dishes with a seasonal menu in its two dining-rooms or on its terrace. The restaurant serves grilled and barbecued meats in summer, but proposes nice warm meals by the fireplace in winter. Le Vieux Chateau organises banquets, weddings, receptions, and offers a catering service with fast and free quote.

Address: Tel.: 05 49 36 17 17
10 route de Poitiers
86160 Gençay

- Le Commerce

Le Commerce restaurant specializes in traditional cooking. It is also a brewery and a grill. It is located on the square of Gençay.

Address: Tel.: 05 49 59 31 02
Place du Marché
86160

- Au bistrot familial

Au bistrot familial is a restaurant, its a caterer, it organizes banquets and receptions on order. But it's also a roadside restaurant.

Address: Tel.: 05 49 54 34 90
Chemin Verneuil
86160 Gençay

- Charbonnier

Le charbonnier is a café, a bar and a brewery . It is located on the site of Gençay.

Address: Tel.: 05 49 59 32 09
2 Place du Marché
86160 Gençay.

- Christie's

It is a cosy tea room where you can meet and make friends in an English atmosphere. It is also a bookshop and a giftshop. It is quite charming.

Address: Tel.: 05 49 50 61 94
17 Place du Marché
86160 Gençay.

Accommodation :

Le Vieux Chateaux has twelve sound proof rooms with independent entrance and equipped with very comfortable bathroom with separate toilets, flat-screen TV and Canal+ (private French channel).

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Transport :

In Gençay, there are school buses and public buses.

From Gençay, you can go to Couhé , Vivonne , Iteuil , Nouaillé-Maupertuis and other towns by bus. You can also take the bus to go to the airport in Niort, 62.2 km from gençay.

There is a small train station in Anché-
oulon 12.2 km from Gençay.



urrency :

he currency used in Gençay is the euros (€).

his currency was adopted in 2000.

can be used in shops, at the markets and at the
irs.

Euro = 1.28 Dollars

€ = 1,2370€

WE HOPE YOU
ENJOYED YOUR
READING AND THAT
YOU'LL COME AND
VISIT US SOON.

See you in Gençay!