

TRAVEL

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in the Rouen's Cathedral Notre-Dame (with sword) and candy.

The Maid of Orleans (La Pucelle d'Orléans) never lost favor in Orleans, the city she saved. Every May, she is recognized in fetes Jeanne d'arc Orleans as part of medieval days.

Fetes de Jeanne D'Arc is a fascinating event in Orleans at the end of April and beginning of May, with lots of people dressed in medieval wear from all walks of life. These folks take their re-enactments seriously. Even their footwear is medieval. We did catch one "native" on his cell phone, however.

While Joan was declared innocent in 1456, she did not become really popular in France until the post-Napoleon 1800s. Today, chateaus and towns along the Loire Valley frequently mention Joan passing through or encamping near by.



Church of Sainte Jeanne d'Arc.



Medieval riders preparing for the Medieval Day Parade in Orleans, 8 May 2010.

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