

THE TREASURES OF SAINTE-BAZEILLE

This *visitor trail* will immerse you in more than twenty centuries of history !
Through the numerous archaeological discoveries made beneath the commune, let us chart, together, the periods of human occupation and treasures that can still be seen today. Enjoy your visit !



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THE BELLE ÉPOQUE

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The village was **especially lively at the beginning of the 20th century**. Numerous shops, restaurants, cafés and hotels enlivened the locals' lives.

On the corner of rue Lévy was **the Grand café Quintaa**. Many «Bazeillais», i.e. inhabitants of Sainte-Bazaille, still remember its lively terrace !

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BURIED TREASURES

As a place passed through by **neolithic groups**, the occupation of Sainte-Bazaille has been continuous since the second Iron Age (3rd - 1st centuries BCE).

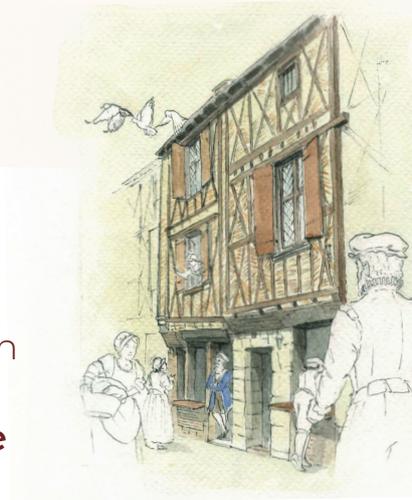
Many **archaeological discoveries** have been made in this commune over the years thanks to a **group of local archaeologists**. Discover some **archaeological treasures!**

TWIN HOUSES

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These two buildings date from the 17th century. They retain their **medieval style** façade.

The main structure is built of **limestone, sandstone, rubble** and **hewn stone**.



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THE MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

The **former shower baths** of the town were transformed into a museum by the **Committee of Historical and Archaeological Studies** of Sainte-Bazaille.

It bears the name of **André Larroderie** (1901-1986), **a passionate citizen**, who worked all of his life on the history of his town.

THE SUBURBS OF THE TOWN

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Over the centuries, **the population** grew **inside the walls** and housing became denser.

From the end of the Middle Ages, **the population grew** and **suburbs** were created outside of **this protective belt**.

Before the advent of running water **in homes**, **each family would fetch water** from the town's fountains.

The water from the fountains was piped in the 19th century to supply the laundry.

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THE LAUNDRY



THE RAMPARTS

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The historic fortified village (**vicus in Latin**) dates from the Low Roman Empire (3rd - 4th centuries). It was built along the east-west road (**decumanus**), currently known as rue Saint-Pey-d'Aaron. Sainte-Bazille was described as a stronghold (**munitione**) in 1253.

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THE FOUNTAINS AND THE THERMAL BATHS

A popular meeting place, **the water fountains** are important for the residents of Sainte-Bazille, symbolising life.

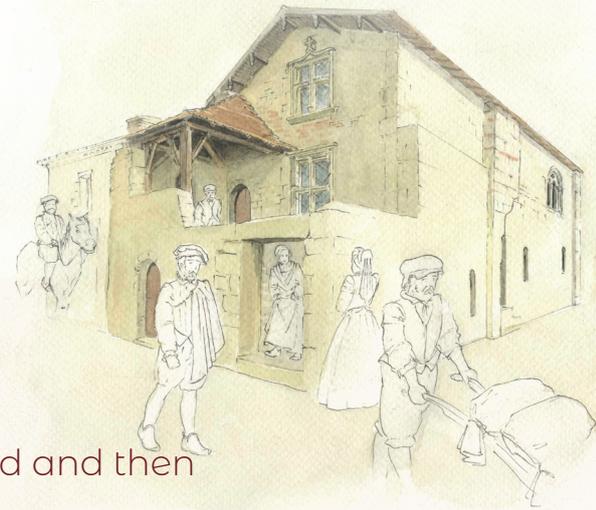
They have **supplied the village with water since its foundation**, meeting the needs both of the inhabitants and the operation of the thermal baths during the **Lower Roman Empire** (from the 3rd to the beginning of the 5th century).

NOTRE-DAME CHUURCH

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Constructed on the site of an **earlier Romanesque chapel** called Saint Mary Magdalene and dating from the 11th - 12th centuries, **Notre-Dame Church** stands at the heart of the village overlooking what was once the **riverbed of the Garonne**.

It was rebuilt between 1890 and 1901, in the **neo-Gothic style** according to plans by architect **Albert Courau** from Agen.



ROIGT HOUSE

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This **fortified house** has been partially destroyed and then reconstructed numerous times.

Apparently dating from the **12th - 13th centuries**, **Roigt House** is built on the site of a **rich ancient settlement**, indicated by the presence of a **polychrome mosaic** from the Lower Roman Empire (3rd – 5th centuries).

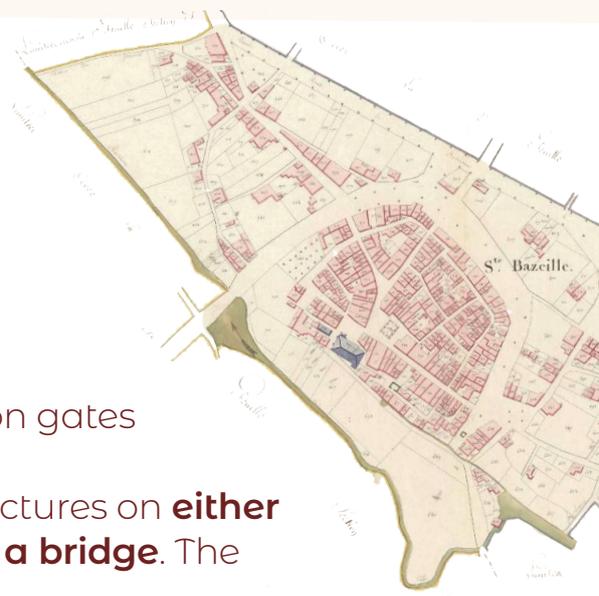
It was registered in the **Supplementary Inventory of Historic Monuments** in 2018.

A WALLED CITY

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The Porte des Barris and the Porte de Pey-d'Aaron gates **protected the entrances to the town**.

They were made up of two advanced stone structures on **either side of a moat**. They were reached by **crossing a bridge**. The city developed inside the walls.



ACTIVITIES IN THE SUBURBS

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The **street names** remind us of **the organisation and history** of the village. **At the beginning of the 20th century**, there was a wide range of economic activities in Sainte-Bazelle. **A tannery, an abattoir and even a liqueur maker** were located in this area.



THE ANCIENT CHURCH DEDICATED TO SAINTE-BAZEILLE

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Located in **the west of the town**, in the present-day cemetery, this building is outside of the walls of **the medieval town**. Chosen from the outset as a parish church, it is **the oldest in the town**. Although largely overhauled in the 11th century, its foundation is mentioned as early as **1121**.

