



# Plan Général

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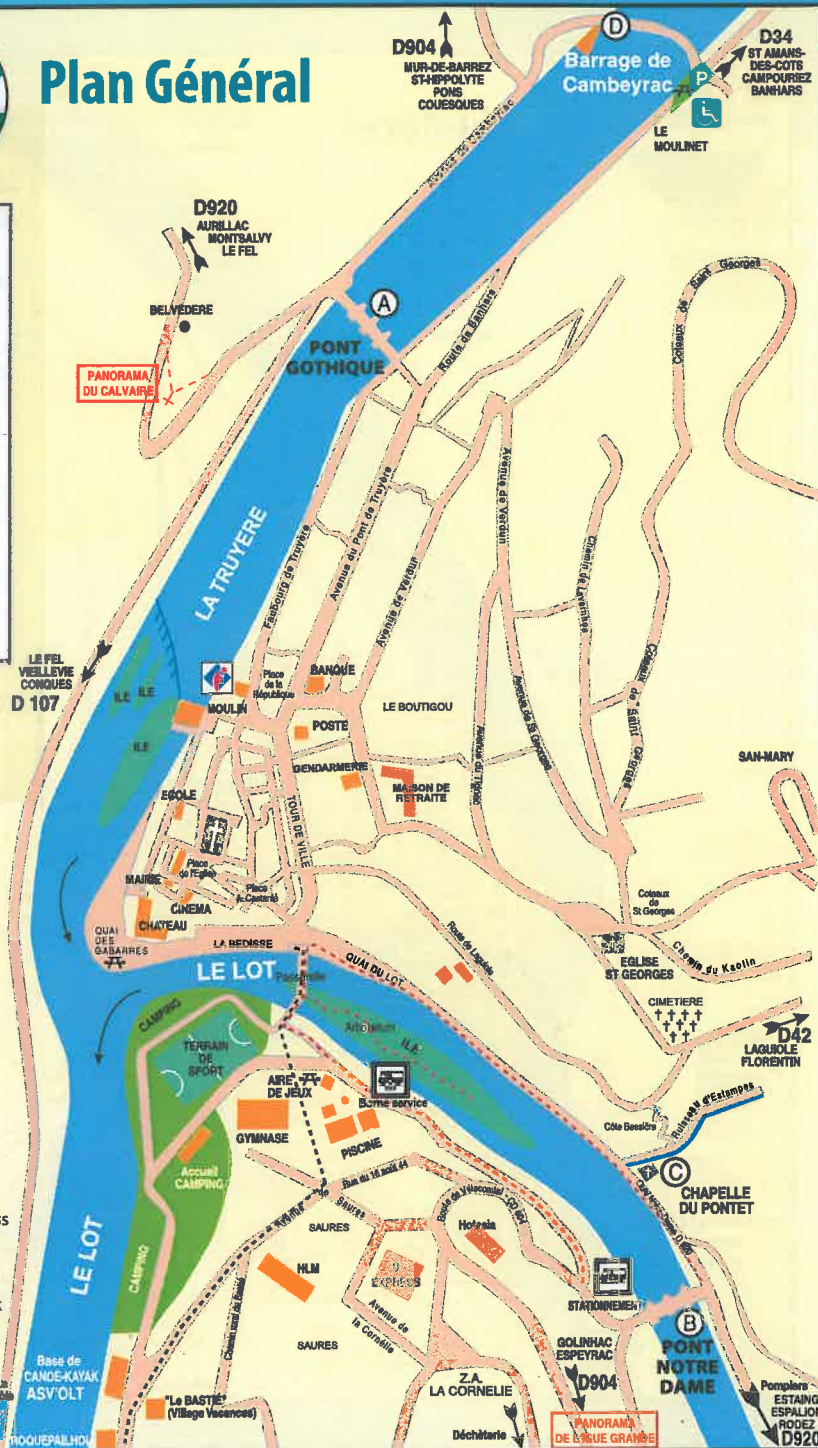
- **Wood carving**  
8 Tour de Ville
- **Pottery du Merle**  
Etape de la Reine Margot
- **Minéraux et Fossiles**  
Passage Marcou
- **Knives of Laguiole shop**  
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Tour de Ville

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# ENTRAYGUES sur Truyère

English



## Visiting the Old Town

### The meeting of 2 rivers: the Lot and the Truyère

#### A brief history...

**Entraygues** ("between the waters"), was founded in the 10<sup>th</sup> century at the place where the River Truyère flows into the River Lot. However, the original settlement was on a hillside above the town where the remains of the old parish church of Saint Georges can still be seen today.

**The fortified castle** was built by the count of Rodez, (Henri the 2<sup>nd</sup>), between 1278 and 1290. Once the castle was finished, work started **on the fortified town walls** with its niches/recesses, round defence towers, and town gates. There would also have a moat and two drawbridges.

Located as it was at the crossroads of the routes to the Auvergne and to the Lot Valley, Entraygues grew into an important town. The **two bridges**, one across the Truyère, the other across the Lot, date from the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

In 1587, the **castle** was looted and destroyed. Partially razed in 1604, the castle was rebuilt in the 17<sup>th</sup> century by Henri de Montvallat, the new lord of Entraygues. Today, all that remains of the original 13<sup>th</sup> century castle are the bases of the two towers, the stairwell, and the left-hand side vaulted room on the ground floor.

As **for the fortified town wall**, only parts of it are still standing today. For example, the backs of the 19<sup>th</sup> century houses of the current Tour de Ville, are supported by it. However, the arches of the former town gates were removed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and used, along with the stone from the round defence towers, to build the new church. But the **old medieval town**, with its narrow streets of 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century timbered and corbelled houses, is extremely well preserved.

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## Visiting the Old Town

From n°1 to n°21

Starting from the Tourist Office  
(Site of the plaques on the circuit)



**N°1: North Gate:** Site of the medieval north gateway to the town with (imposing) square watchtower and drawbridge

**N°2: Former Circular Way :** Circular covered walkway along the fortified town wall.

**N°3: 'Descombels' Tower:** Former defence tower which was part of the fortified town wall (we can still see an arrow slit)

**N°4: Clock Alley:** This alleyway connected the Covered Way to the town's main street

**N°5: 'Straight Street':** Former main street. All the town's tradesmen and craftsmen had premises in this street.

**N°6: Valette Door:** Listed 16<sup>th</sup> century doorway at the entrance of a former inn, with 2 door knockers: one for patrons travelling on foot, the other for those travelling on horseback!

**N°7: Albert Castanié Square:** This was the town's main square in the Middle Ages.

**N°8: Nobleman's Residence:** Marguerite de Valois (Henry IV's wife) is said to have stayed here on September 27th, 1585.

**N°9: Valiech Tower (South Gate):** Site of the former south gateway to the town with a square watchtower and a drawbridge

**N°10: Willow Embankment:** Owes its name to the small willow shrubs which used to grow before the quay/embankment was built by Spanish prisoners under Napoleon I

**N°11: The Castle:** See notice board at castle entrance.

**N°12 : Gabarres Quay , La Peyrade (pebble beach) :** Former thriving river port and shipyard from where wine, cheese and wood were loaded onto 'Gabarres' (special wooden boats) and shipped down the Lot and Garonne Rivers to Bordeaux (we can still see where the mooring rings used to be)

**N° 13: Walking Tour this way...**

**N°14 : small portal :** Site of a former small gateway and remains of the fortified town wall. (14<sup>th</sup> century)

**N°15: Iot Tower:** Well preserved remains of a former defence tower.

**N°16: Lower Street:** Altitude 219m, houses with half-timbered and corbelled features. Number 9 was the house of a boat master.

**N°17: Former Franciscain Convent:** Nuns cared for sick people here

**N°18: Roman gateway (1570):** In the past, this was the entrance to the 'Espital' chapel, later the Ursuline convent and then a school.

**N°19 : Truyère Mill:** Built in 1373, in 1902 it became the first electricity producer in Aveyron .

**N°20: 'Al Caire' (Corner) Tower:** Site of the former town prison, located in the corner of the ramparts.

**N°21: Cantou (Covered Way):** Covered lane by which the townspeople got around the town. Waste water was channelled into the alleyways. Several covered lanes can be seen all along the covered way.