Guided tours

Toulouse



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Discover Toulouse in the Renaissance

Stroll through the narrow streets of the historic center in search of the private mansions built during **Toulouse's Golden Age** by "pastel" merchants and the city's Capitouls.

By the 14th century, Toulouse had grown so much that it became one of the most populous and dynamic cities in the kingdom, thanks in particular to the watermills along the Garonne. Largely built of wood and cob, the city suffered in 1463 the most devastating fire in its history: more than seven thousand houses went up in smoke... and paradoxically, this is where "Toulouse in the Renaissance" begins!

In the heart of the historic quarter, you will trace the fascinating destiny of a city reborn from its ashes like a phoenix. **At the end of the 15th century, several events reshaped Toulouse's history:** following the influence of the medieval university, King Charles VII decided to establish a Court of Justice in the form of a Parliament. Soon after, the fashion for blue cloth among the nobility — the color of both the King and the Virgin Mary — anchored a unique savoir-faire at the heart of the **"blue gold" triangle.**

From then on, gifted sculptors, merchants, dyers, and magistrates took advantage of the post-fire rebuilding to shape the famous city of red brick and white stone, with **sumptuous townhouses, churches, and even a new bridge.**

Your guide will lead you past façades and portals, revealing details that marked the headlines of the time: **the discovery of ancient Tolosa** remains, King Francis I's fabled admiration for the beautiful Paule, the rivalry of towering façades... Step by step, this tour across a dozen remarkable sites unveils the city's architectural evolution and sheds light on the economic context that made Toulouse a flourishing center of artistic brilliance.

2 HOURS

30 PEOPLE MAX.

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